HE'S WARDEN DAVIDSON NOW

York County's Honor Went by Acclamation,

THE OTHER MEN WITHDREW

First Meeting of the Council Under the New Ontario Act.

There Were Many Visitors in Attendance—The Grounds Upon Which the Candidates Sought the Support of Their Fellow-Councillors—The New Warden's Speech—The Standing Committees—Communications and Claims Against the County.

The County Council elected under the new system assembled yesterday at the Court House for the first time since the election. Having taken the oaths of qualification and deposited the necessary certificates, Mr. George Eakin, the County Clerk, as required by law, took the chair at 2 o'clock precisely, when the roll was called and the following members were found to be present:

Alexander Baird and James Chester, Scarboro Division.

R. J. Gibson and John Fisher, York Division.

W. J. Bull and J. D. Evans, Etobicoke Division.

W. H. Pugsley and George W. High, Richmond Centre Division.

F. K. Reesor and W. H. Hall, Markham Division.

L. L. Hartman and Seneca Baker, Hartman Division.

J. C. Stokes, and Robert Norman, King Division.

T. J. Woodcock and J. A. Ramsden, Sharon Division.

J. D. Davidson and W. H. Johnson, Simcoe Division.

VISITORS PRESENT.

Unusual interest appeared to be taken in the proceedings. Among those present as spectators were: Ald. Sheppard, Ald. Leslie, Ald. Saunders, John Richardson, M.L.A., Ex-Warden Slater, Reeve Hill (York), Reeve Scott (Markham), Mayor Davis (North Toronto), Deputy Reeves Sylvester and Bull, J. W. Moyes, John Fogg, G. R. Vanzant, J. F. Davidson and John Stephenson (Unionville), A. L. Willson and F. W. Garvin.

SELECTING THE WARDEN.

After thanking the Council for having appointed a deputy clerk during the period of his recent illness, and stating his intention to provide a substitute at his own expense if he found himself unable to attend throughout the session, Mr. Eakin called for nominations for warden.

George High (Vaughan), proposed by J. C. Stokes and W. H. Hall.

James Chester (Scarboro), proposed by W. H. Hall and James Baird.

J. D. Davidson (North Gwillimbury), proposed by W. H. Pugsley and J. D. Evans.

F. K. Reesor (Markham), proposed by John Norman and W. H. Johnson.

Seneca Baker (Whitchurch), proposed by J. A. Ramsden and L. L. Hartman.

John Fisher (North Toronto), proposed by R. J. Gibson and W. J. Bull.

Fifteen minutes was allowed for the reception of nominations and five minutes to each proposer, but the speakers were commendably brief in their remarks and were able to extol the virtues of their respective candidates in less than ten minutes.

GROUNDS FOR SUPPORT.

Apart from their personal merits the grounds on which they were supported were these:

Seneca Baker, that Whitchurch has not for 20 years and more had a representative in the warden's chair.

Mr. Davidson, on the same ground, so far as North Gwillimbury is concerned and the fact that it was generally understood last year when he withdrew his nomination that he would be the next warden.

Mr. Fisher, that North Toronto and York have not been fairly treated in the election of wardens.

Mr. Chester, as being the senior member who had not filled the chair.

The general opinion seemed to be favorable to Mr. Davidson and Mr. Chester, as stated in The World of the 20th inst. Mr. Gibson produced an outline map on which he had marked the wardens since 1865, showing how generously Vaughan has been treated and the indifferent treatment York has met with.

As the ballots were being distributed, all but Mr. Davidson withdrew, Mr. Fisher saying he would gain a year's experience before seeking the office, and Messrs. Chester and Baker announcing they would be candidates at the next election.

MR. DAVIDSON BY ACCLAMATION.

Mr. Davidson's election by acclamation, a most unusual proceeding, was received with great applause, and he was conducted to the warden's chair by his proposers, Messrs. Pugsley and Evans. After thanking his proposers and the council, he said things appeared to be coming his way this year. Mr. Johnson had been returned to the council without opposition and now he had been elected to the chair by acclamation. He referred to the faces which were missing at the council this year. Last year had been an eventful one—the Ardagh case had been settled, the tollgates abolished and the Metropolitan Railway line extended to Richmond Hill. The tollgate still remaining was the one at the Rouge and he suggested that Pickering Township should be asked to assume control of the road, York retaining the maintenance of the bridge. The finances of the county were not in an altogether satisfactory condition in consequence of the outlay on bridges and increase in the cost of the courts. Within a year the county would probably move to its quarters in the new Court House and he besought the assistance of the members and was sure he should receive it.

A committee of seven was balloted for to strike the different committees and these were elected: Messrs. Evans, Hucsley, Baker, Woodcock, Ramsden, High and Stokes.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

In view of the reduction in the number of councillors some of the standing committees were amalgamated and these five were decided on: Finance, Education, County Property, Roads and Bridges, Equalization of Assessments, Printing and Contingencies, By-laws and Legislation.

A motion by Mr. Woodcock that the committees should meet daily at 10 a.m. and the council daily at 2 p.m. was lost by 8 votes to 7.

LETTERS READ.

Among the communications were a letter from the Ontario Rifle Association asking for the usual grant and pointing out that those shooting last year were over 400, as against 300 the year before.

One from L. L. Hartman, resigning the position of High School trustee on the Aurora Board.

A letter from Anthony Forster of Locust Hill, applying to be appointed one of the County Auditors.

A claim by W. M. Case of Newmarket for damages from a closed culvert.

A claim of $40 by Edmund Bell for a damaged buggy on Yonge-street.

A claim of $400 by Mrs. Bell for personal injuries sustained on Yonge-street.

A letter from the Wentworth County Council in reference to County Registrar's fees.

One from Mrs. Georgina Bond re Dundas-street tolls, school accounts, the presentment of the grand jury and communications from the County Councils of Lambton, Kent and Simcoe.

The council adjourned till 10 this morning.

The members are arranged according to the numerical order of the County Council divisions, the two members for each division sitting at one desk.

Mr. J. D. Davidson, the new warden, is a farmer, farming a large extent of land in North Gwillimbury. His postoffice is Belhaven. He has been eight years a reeve or deputy reeve of the municipality and five years a member of the County Council and is a very businesslike man.

ASTRONOMY AND PHYSICS.

The Work of the Toronto Society Reviewed—Instrument Making.

In the course of the annual address delivered by President Paterson before the Astronomical and Physical Society, reference was made to some local work accomplished.

Mr. Paterson said: This society is open to both gentlemen and ladies. We require no test of erudition, no scientific reputation, but only a sincere love for Urania and an earnest desire to know her better and offer some devout acknowledgment at her shrine. None of us are professionals, we are at the best merely humble seekers for Truth; we feel honored by touching the hem of her garment, and it must not be supposed that what we do here is to attract the attention of astronomers, but it is rather to instruct each other.

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific is a very famous society. It comprehends in its 398 members such eminent astronomers as Holden, Schaeberle, Perrine and Campbell (who have made the Lick Observatory famous), Garrett P. Serviss, Burch, Kalter, Prof. Weimer of the Imperial Observatory, Prague; the Earl of Rosse, E. P. Crossley and Miss E. Brown, the directrix of the Sun section of the British Astronomical Association, and even a gentleman of our own Ottawa. But, notwithstanding this magnificent roll call, I find that its president did, on the occasion of his last annual address, gently chide the members in not being sufficiently active and co-operative in the work and purpose of this great society. They may be resting on the splendid reputation of their observatory, the greatest and most splendidly equipped in the world, but bear in mind that we have yet to lay the foundations of our observatory, and do not therefore lag or faint in the preparation for that building yet to be. If it ever is to be, it will lie with this society and its friends to stimulate the public mind and prompt the public and private purse to take some forward step that Ontario may hold her proper place in the ranks of that glorious battalion of astronomers and physicists that ever battle for the conquest of those secrets that our good Mother Nature so jealously hides.

Now what work have we ourselves done? Surveyor-General Deville, in the prosecution of the great work of fixing the boundary line in the far Northwest, devised an instrument to largely reduce the work of triangulation and lay off the country with more accuracy. The execution of this design he intrusted to one of our members, Mr. James Foster, which he executed with remarkable success. The Collins brothers have proved their ability in the figuring and polishing of parabolic mirrors for reflecting telescopes, and recently they have invented a telescope of an entirely new design, which will attain a maximum result at a minimum cost, measuring only half the length of the ordinary design, bearing at the same time the same magnifying power and possessing the virtue of achromatism by the use of two lenses, both of crown glass. By changing the relative position of the chief lenses the achromatism can be under-corrected or over-corrected. A short achromatic telescope with two lenses of the same material sounds like an impossibility. We have three members, Messrs. Elvins, Lumsden and Dr. Wadsworth, who map out most sedulously and systematically certain portions of the moon's disk; while another, Mr. Pursey, watches and most carefully records day by day the wonderful panorama of sun spots with the attendant phenomena. Others contribute valuable matter to astronomical journals, English and American, or bring to us at our fortnightly meetings, valuable papers, or enliven with point and value our order of business, entitled, "Notes and Queries," and not the least distinguished of these is our chairman, Mr. Arthur Harvey, F.R.S.C., while another of our officers of daring ambition, has, in the city or in provincial towns, been actually caught open-mouthed in the hazardous performance of delivering addresses on astronomy.

INSPECTOR HUGHES ABROAD.

The Toronto Man Was a Big Bug in the Hartford, Conn., Celebration.

Mr. James L. Hughes, Public School Inspector, attended the celebration of the eighty-seventh anniversary of Hon. Henry Barnard, which took place in Hartford, Conn., on Monday. The State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford united in one great gathering in the State capitol.

In the morning speeches were delivered by Inspector Hughes and Dr. Harris, Commissioner of Education at Washington, and by Dr. Barnard, whom Inspector Hughes speaks of as the greatest educational legislator, orator, constructive organizer and publisher living.

In the afternoon addresses were delivered by President Adams of Wisconsin University, Col. Parker of Chicago, State Superintendent Skinner of New York and the Bishop of Hartford.

The State Department of Education in Connecticut published two weeks ago a sketch of Dr. Barnard's life, prepared by Inspector Hughes, and sent a copy of it to every school in Connecticut as a forerunner of the celebration.

Funeral of Barrister Ince.

The remains of the late T. Henry Ince, who succumbed to injuries sustained by a fall on the slippery pavement, were yesterday interred in the family vault in St. James' Cemetery. Rev. A. J. Broughall conducted the service at the residence of Mr. William Ince, Huron-street and Prince Arthur-avenue, and Rev. A. W. De Pencier officiated at the cemetery. The six nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers—William and James Ince, Darrel Warren, Rev. Charles Inglis, Henry Patterson and A. B. Langmuir. The chief mourners were Mr. William Ince, brother; Dr. George Warren and Capt. John W. Anderson.

Hard Times in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 26.—Overseer of the Poor Arnold said this afternoon: There are a greater number of deserving poor in the city of Buffalo today than there has been in several years. There are 2864 beneficiaries in our books to-day, or 764 more than there were a year ago. The next highest within my immediate recollection was 2607. That number was recorded in January, 1895.

The Frost Makes Grandeur.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 26.—For the first time this winter the lake is frozen over from shore to shore. Along the American banks the sight is a grand one. The snow and ice pyramids formed by the recent strong winds are sights to behold. In some places between Woodlawn Beach and Angola these miniature mountains reach a height of 30 feet. Fishermen are preparing for their harvest.

STATEMENTS CORROBORATED.

There Will be Some Explanations Offered at the Meeting of the Board of Works.

At the Council meeting on Monday two statements were made by aldermen on the floor of the Council Chamber, which reflected severely upon the methods of the Works Department. Ald. Gowanlock asserted that he had seen a weekly pay sheet upon which the sum of $22.50 had been charged against the "Daniel Lamb" dredge during this month and protested against two men, one of them receiving $14.40 per week, being kept on during the winter months, when the dredge is laid up.

Chairman Saunders denounced the statement as untrue, and produced copies of the pay sheets, which had been furnished him by the officials of the Works Department in support of his contention. Yesterday morning it was learned at the Treasurer's Department that the statement by Ald. Gowanlock was absolutely correct and the only explanation offered is that the chairman had been misled by the incorrect report made to him.

The other statement was by Ald. Scott to the effect that he had been informed by Mr. McQuillan of McQuillan & Co. that he had never been afforded an opportunity to accept a contract for castings, which the City Engineer reported that the firm had refused to sign. Ald. Gowanlock corroborated Ald. Scott by repeating a statement which Mr. McQuillan had made to him whilst Ald. Scott was speaking. It was learned yesterday that the City Engineer had acted upon the verbal statement of Mr. John Laxton, who is a partner in the firm of McQuillan & Co., that he would not accept the contract for castings unless he got the contract for pipe, for which he also tendered. Mr. McQuillan denies that the firm refused to accept the contract, which, he says, they are willing to sign. The misunderstanding appears to have arisen from the looseness of the methods adopted by the department in dealing with the contract. Had the firm been notified in writing the reply would have been received in the same manner and the unpleasantness would have been avoided.

It is reported that the secret of the trouble is that overtures were made by the lowest tenderer to the next highest (the difference being $81.50) for an amicable division, which fell through.

The whole matter will probably be threshed out at the next meeting of the Board of Works.

TO REDUCE THE LICENSES.

A notice of motion has been handed in by Ald. J. J. Graham for the preparation of a bylaw reducing the number of tavern and saloon licenses from 150 to 125. The notice will go on the order paper and come up for discussion in due course, which is as soon as it can be reached in the ordinary course of business.

NOTES.

The level of the water in the bay has fallen from 15 to 19 1-2 inches below zero. There has been quite a fall recorded during the past two days, caused principally by the heavy westerly gales. The lowering of the water is only temporary, and a change of the wind to the east will be liable to raise the level as rapidly as it has fallen.

The appeal against the judgment obtained by the Scottish Ontario Investment Company for damages to their elevator by sand in the city water supply has been dismissed.

The Parks and Gardens and Property Committees will meet at 3 and 2.30 o'clock respectively on Thursday. The chairmen of the respective committees are evidently anxious to take up the year's business, when the two meetings are called for the same hour.

City Relief Officer Taylor has the sympathy of the civic officials in the loss by death of his wife, which occurred yesterday afternoon.

The City Council meets at 3 o'clock to-day to take up the report of the Committee on Legislation, authorizing the City Solicitor to give notice of intention to apply for legislation upon various matters. Interest will centre chiefly around the clauses relating to the construction of the Island railway and the Sunday car service.

The Fire and Light Committee meets at 1.30 to-day, when Chairman Hubbard will bring down his message relating to the reforms which he deems necessary to bring about in the brigade.

The Board of Control will hold a special meeting on Thursday, when it is understood that an offer will be forthcoming from the Bell Telephone Company to make an agreement for an exclusive franchise on the basis of payment of a percentage of receipts, without any restriction being imposed as to the rates paid by subscribers.

A proposition has been received from Mr. Matthew Hutchinson of Oakville to donate $1000 to the city if his claim of $12,000 is paid promptly. His demand is based upon his alleged ownership of a portion of the ground upon which the new city buildings stand.

Dr. Sheard will pay his annual visit to Ashbridge's Bay on Thursday morning for the purpose of staking out the locations upon which the various ice men may cut ice for cooling purposes only.

At the next meeting of the Council Ald. J. J. Graham will move for the re-appointment of a special committee to encourage manufacturers to locate in Toronto. Ald. Allen, Spence, Rutter, Crawford, Preston and J. J. Graham are on the slate for the committee.

A Fine Painting.

Mr. Charles McPherson, passenger agent of the C.P.R., corner King and Yonge, has on exhibition a painting of the eastern terminus of the C.P.R., at St. John, N.B., the picture was painted by Mr. J. N. Sutherland, general freight agent at St. John, and shows artistic taste and finish of a very high character. The view is taken from the Government pier, on the east side of the harbor, showing the Canadian Pacific elevator, also part of the Town of Carleton, with the Old Martello Tower on the hill overlooking all. The schooner in the middle distance is the typical Bay of Fundy trader, the small boat in the foreground being a dead-ringer of the salmon fishing boats in use at this port. The time of day is early morning, which gives to the painting unusual warmth of color.

Business Embarrassments.

Assignee Clarkson expects to declare the first dividend on the McMaster estate on Feb. 15.

G. F. Burns & Co., men's furnishings, London, have assigned to C. B. Armstrong.

W. J. Grant, grocer, Blenheim, has assigned to G. Thompson.

W. W. Rampling, grocer, London, has assigned to A. Robinson.

P. W. Bates, general store, Merrickville, has assigned to J. Smart.

The creditors of Woodcock & Co., grocers, Cobourg, will meet on Friday.

S. Parish of Brooke has assigned to G. H. Harrison.

A meeting of the creditors of W. J. Fenton, real estate agent, this city, was held in Assignee Clarkson's office yesterday, when a statement was presented showing assets and liabilities nominally the same at $46,000. The assets consist mostly of real estate. D. Williams and Mungo Nesmith were appointed inspectors.

The J. D. Tait Dry Goods Company, Ltd., of St. Catharines is asking for an extension of time.

J. & J. Straitch, general merchants, Teeswater, have assigned to E. J. Henderson. The assets amount to about $5000 and liabilities somewhat less. The creditors will meet here on the 8th inst.

M. O'Brien, general merchant, Whitebash, has assigned to F. Lemieux of Sudbury.

E. Zeller, general store, Merlin, has assigned to C. B. Armstrong.

Only those who have had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure. ed

THE BALLOTS ALL COUNTED

Men Who Head the Toronto Board of Trade.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

Ex-President Osler Talks About the Crow's Nest Railway.

And Says It Is an Immediate Necessity for the Development of Canada—Miners Are Good Customers and Canadians Ought to Get the Business, Which at Present Goes to Aliens — President Gurney Favors an Insolvency Act to Relieve Worthy Debtors.

The annual election of the Board of Trade was held yesterday, but the interest was not as great as usual, which is accounted for by the fact that the four leading officers—president, first and second vice-presidents and the treasurer—had been elected by acclamation a week ago. The officers for 1897 are as follows:

President, Edward Gurney; first vice-president, Elias Rogers; second vice-president, A. E. Kemp; treasurer, W. D. Alexander.

Council—E B Osler, D R Wilkie, William Christie, W D Matthews, H N Baird, W G Gooderham, J G Sping, S Caldecott, M C Ellis, J Herbert Mason, J H G Hagarty, John Carrick, Ed W Cox, George Keith, John Flett.

Industrial Exhibition—John L Coffee, W B Hamilton, George A Chapman.

Harbor Commission—W A Geddes and William Galbraith.

Board of Arbitration—Thomas Flynn, J D Laidlaw, J H Sproule, C W Band, R S Baird, Noel Marshall, W Ross (Port Perry), W Cooke, D O Ellis, J E Pearen (Brampton), C Goode, J J Higman.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts—Balance of annual subscriptions, 1895, $7,786; annual subscription account for 1897, $3876; transfer fees, $27; rents, 1895 account, $3843.06; rents, 1896 account, $18,476.58; bank overdraft, excess of expenditure over receipts, $12,442.65; total, $46,451.29.

Expenditures—Bank overdraft—Dec. 31, 1895, $6828.98; debentures redeemed, $1100; coupons redeemed, $19,196.25; interest on bank overdrafts, $523.14; office expenses, $158.86; salary account, $2950; library account, $40; typewriter machine, $87.50; postage and telegraph account, $145.20; ticker reports, $770; printing and lithographing, $549.45; petty accounts, $15.12; telephones, $87.50; delegates' expenses, etc., $175 [$4987.68]; taxes, $4525.70; fuel, $1,078.53; light, $157.68; water, $264.25; building wages account, $3696.71; engineering supplies, repairs and renewals, $746.99; janitor's department, supplies, $66.90 [$10,536.73]; special expenditure re building, $235.15; auditor's fees, $100; fire insurance, three years' premium, $2962.41 [$3297.56]; total $46,451.29.

EX-PRESIDENT OSLER'S ADDRESS.

The year 1896 has been an anxious one to all engaged in business or finance in Canada, and I believe that most business men breathed more freely when the New Year of 1897 was ushered in. This board has not escaped its share of the troubles, financial difficulties and anxieties that have been so prevalent, and in my review of the past year's work of the Board of Trade of Toronto, I must deal with one or two unpleasant matters concerning the board itself, viz.: the necessity there was for the rearrangement of the mortgage and debenture debt and the rearrangement of the gratuity fund. These were unpleasant and thankless tasks, requiring much time and careful consideration from the council. On the other hand, I think that the board has done good work, and has proved its value and importance to the community, particularly in connection with the meeting of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire held during the year in London.

GRATUITY SCHEME.

The gratuity scheme, has, I think, been of great service in the past in helping to keep up the large membership of the board. However, on its present basis, while it may possibly not be so attractive a feature in the future at all events it is now on a financially sound basis, and can be dealt with by the members at any time if it does not answer its main purpose of added attraction to Board of Trade membership.

SITUATION IN CANADA.

The year 1896 will be memorable in Canada through the advent to power of the Reform party after more than 18 years in Opposition. The dread of serious change in the fiscal policy of the country by the new Government has to some extent checked enterprise, but I am sure that the general belief is that there will be no damage done to our industries, and that changes in the tariff will be made only after most careful consideration, and with due regard for established industries. I believe that all parties recognize fully the great importance to this country of having a large and prosperous manufacturing community within itself.

Much is expected of the present Government. If they can advance the prosperity of the country, increase immigration, help to develop our industries and our national wealth, they will receive full credit and support from all true Canadians.

THE CROW'S NEST ROAD.

I believe that, first and above all other immediate necessities for our development, is the building of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway to let our merchants and manufacturers into our own mining district, East and West Kootenay, etc. British Columbia is to be in the immediate future one of the great mining regions of the world, and the Rainy River District in Ontario bids fair to even rival British Columbia. Miners are always good customers to merchants and manufacturers. As a rule they buy high-class goods at full prices and pay cash. At present the bulk of the miners' trade in British Columbia is with Americans. It belongs to Canada, and we must have it. The opening up of the mines in British Columbia and the Rainy River District will give Manitoba and Ontario farmers a market, give our merchants and manufacturers a market, and generally do much to promote the interests of Canada. I believe that the trade with the mines is going to develop to an enormous extent, and to our merchants and manufacturers, if they are enterprising and energetic, a splendid field is opening up, and a period of expansion and success is before them.

PRESIDENT GURNEY'S ADDRESS.

Candidates for office are usually expected to make profuse promises precedent to an election. You have been good enough to place me at the head of your executive body without pledge, and this induces the feeling that I should be both frank and careful, not only in making promises, but also in expressing opinions; and, as I can better assure this by a written than by an oral communication, I have determined to ask you to bear with me in this less interesting method of expression. Regarding the domestic affairs of the board, I would say respectfully that members of the board should be extremely careful in their expressions of opinion concerning the status of the board, and especially about its internal economy, its status as a public body and its public policy.

FACTS ABOUT TRADE.

The Government, Provincial and Federal, have always been keenly alive to the value of Boards of Trade as a means of securing facts, technical information about trade, and the opinions of the leading men of the country regarding questions of legislation affecting trade; and, happily, the attitude of Boards of Trade has not been affected by party politics in any instance within my recollections, so as to invalidate their influence; and it shall be my aim to have this board, during my administration, maintain this character; and, perhaps, there never was a time in our history when it was so desirable that advice tendered to the Government should represent the business views of the members, unfettered by their political affiliations and prejudices. The Federal Government has given every public pledge possible that there is to be a business administration, and that revolutionary action is not contemplated or to be expected; as a result of these pledges, a degree of confidence is entertained which could not otherwise have existed, and, although there must be in the nature of things some apprehension, there is not any such hopelessness as I feared at one time. The publication of the new tariff rates will define pretty clearly the issue as between the several parties on the tariff question, and enterprise will not be limited, as hitherto, by complete uncertainty as to the meaning of certain political shibboleths which have been capable of almost any construction; definiteness will be of extreme value to trade.

BANK RATES.

Bank rates, while they are more level in Canada, are not so low as they are in New York and Boston, and were it not for this point of interference on the part of the Government with our banking, whereby they allow a higher rate of discount than is desirable, the money which feeds the people, which is active, which pays wages and which is borrowed from the bank, is charged for at a rate at least 1 per cent. higher than it would be. The Board of Trade stands ready to co-operate with all Boards of Trade in the direction of freeing the country from this evil, or at least so much of it as will in effect reduce the value of money to the average user.

A BANKRUPTCY ACT.

While I do not approve of a permanent bankruptcy law, thereby justifying in the minds of traders of the baser sort the idea that somehow some unknown sum less than 100 cents is right, and that such a law is an indication of the expected in commercial affairs, I know that I stand pretty nearly alone in this view, the general feeling being that the equitable distribution of the proceeds of an estate is the main thing to be attained. I do, however, so far agree in the immediate necessity of such an enactment as to advocate it, and shall urge the council to take the matter up with the Government at as early a day as possible for the relief of many worthy debtors who have been, or may be, driven from the country by the renewal of judgments against them year after year, even when it is conceded that they have been just in their treatment of their creditors.

A CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE.

Strong Resolution Passed by the Executive of the British Empire League.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held yesterday afternoon at the office of the president of the British Empire League in Canada, Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"That the British Empire League in Canada desires respectfully to urge upon the Government of Canada the early establishment of a fast line of vessels between Canadian and English ports for the carriage of mails and passengers, as the Canadian route offers the shortest passage across the North Atlantic, and the establishment of such a service would offer an immediate opportunity of calling into existence a royal naval reserve of Canadian seamen, to be established on the lines indicated in the accompanying memorial of the Navy League in Canada to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, which this committee regards as an Imperial work of the highest importance."

It was also resolved that the Executive Committee of the British Empire League in England be requested to co-operate with the league in Canada for bringing about the establishment of this fast Atlantic service.

YORK COUNTY LAWYERS.

The Law Association Met at Osgoode Hall Yesterday and Elected Officers.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Law Association of the County of York was held in the barristers' room at Osgoode Hall on Monday afternoon last, a large number of barristers and solicitors being present. The president, Mr. Bigelow, Q.C., occupied the chair, and after the presentation of a most satisfactory report by the treasurer, Mr. Barwick, the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows, President, Charles Richele, Q.C.; vice-president, W N Miller, Q.C.; treasurer, Walter Barwick; secretary, E E Barker; curator, Angus MacMurchy; historian, D B Read, Q.C.; board of trustees, Mortimer Clark, Q.C., Edmund Bristol, W D McPherson, R J Macdonald, E E Middleton, D Faskin and C D Scott; auditors, D B Clark, Q.C.; D W Saunders; committee on legislation, John Hoskin, Q.C.; B Jones, E D Armour, Q.C., D W Saunders, D Armour, E T English, T Langton, Q. C., W H Blake, W E Middleton and C A Masten.

Father Small's Funeral.

St. Basil's was crowded yesterday morning by the relatives and friends of the late Rev. Father Laurence Small, when a requiem high mass was sung. The celebrant was Rev. Dr. Teefy, principal of St. Michael's College; Rev. William McCann was deacon; Rev. Richard O'Brien, sub-deacon; Rev. Dr. Tracey, master of ceremonies. Archbishop Walsh presided, attended by Vicar-General McCann, Dean Egan, Fathers Ryan, Rohleder, Bergin, Hand, Brennan, McMahon, Lamarche, Grogan, O'Malley, Carbery, Monahan, Donoghue, Coyle, McEachern and Canning. Rev. Father McBrady of St. Michael's College paid a high tribute to the character of Father Small. The remains were interred in St. Michael's Cemetery, the pallbearers being Fathers Whelan, Phelan, Hart, Minehan, Carbery and Dollard.

The Wabash Railroad.

With its superb and magnificent through car service, is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in the world. It is the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico, the Egypt of the New World; Texas and California, the land of sunshine and flowers. Passengers going by the Wabash reach their destination hours in advance of other lines. The Wabash Santa Fe special, leaving Chicago every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m., and St. Louis same evening at 8 p.m., reaching Los Angeles in just three days. This is the best California service in existence. Full particulars from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

Merchant's Sudden Death.

Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, late of MacPherson, Grills & Co., wholesale hat dealers, 20 Front-street west, died suddenly at his residence, Huron-street, yesterday morning. Recently the firm failed, and business worries affected Mr. MacPherson's health. He died of an epileptic fit. He was 39 years of age, and was formerly a member of the firm of Dunnett, MacPherson & Co. Deceased was brother-in-law of Mr. Bruce Brough, who disappeared from Toronto a few days ago.

Salaries of Police Magistrates.

The Police Magistrates of Ontario will be heard by the Ontario Government on Feb. 9 inst., the day before the session, in reference to the present statutory regulations regarding salaries.

Wants Britain's Co-operation.

Rome, Jan. 26.—The Marquis di Rudini, Prime Minister of Italy, has sent his son to London on a private mission to Lord Salisbury, the object of which is supposed to be to obtain the concert of Great Britain for the relief of the Italian garrison at Kassala.

Lord Dufferin Accepts.

London, Jan. 26.—The Daily News announces that the Marquis of Dufferin, the retiring British Ambassador to France, has accepted the presidency of a committee to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Cabot's discovery of America at Bristol.

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Parliamentary Notice.

MONDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND day of FEBRUARY next, will be the last day for receiving petitions for private bills.

MONDAY, the FIRST day of MARCH next, will be the last day for introducing private bills.

FRIDAY, the TWELFTH day of MARCH next, will be the last day for receiving reports of Committees on Private Bills.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
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Dated at Toronto, this 25th day of January, 1897. j 27, f 6

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