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THOUSANDS GOBBLED UP.

A BIG CONFLAGRATION IN A WHOLESALE HARDWARE HOUSE.

H. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. the Victims of a Mysterious Fire—The Flames Confined to Their Premises—Anxious Business Men View the Destructive Element.

The firemen had their work cut out for them last night, being called out at an early hour in the evening to fight one of the most disastrous fires of the year. It is estimated that nearly $100,000 worth of property has been destroyed and one of the oldest business buildings in Toronto practically eaten up by the flames.

Nos. 56 and 58 Yonge-street are two old double stores, three stories high, occupied by M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, one of the oldest, wealthiest and most respected firms of the city. The two warehouses on Jordan-street in the rear, separated from the Yonge-street stores by a lane, are also occupied by this firm. The offices are in the Yonge-street store. Fire last night entirely gutted No. 58, and water badly damaged the stock upstairs in No. 56. The two rear warehouses occupied. Nicholas Rooney's warehouse, next to No. 58, also wrecked, but only because rain fell during the entire progress of the conflagration.

How it was Discovered.

Mr. Maclean of The World was walking down Yonge-street to Melinda about 7.50, when he noticed a smell of smoke. Looking down the street he thought he saw smoke coming from Messrs. M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co's. store; but it was hard to tell it from the mist that also prevailed. However he ran to the store, No. 58, and saw smoke issuing from all the cracks about the doors and windows of the ground and upper flats and also from the basement. Running back to the corner of King and Yonge-streets he told the policeman on duty, who gave the alarm. At the time he discovered the fire the whole building must have been full of smoke, but on which floor the fire was located there was no saying. Smoke was also coming from the rear. Barber Baker said he had smelt the fire—it was as of painted wood burning—for 10 minutes before the alarm was given, but thought it came from a boiler in the neighborhood. At all events the fire must have made considerable headway before the alarm was given.

The Work of the Brigade.

Two minutes had scarcely elapsed after the first alarm had been given when the Bay-street hose reel came rattling down to the scene followed closely by the men from Lombard-street. Assistant Chief Graham had charge of the brigade in the absence of Chief Ardagh, who is hunting at the St. Clair Flats. As soon as he saw the extent of the fire he issued orders for all the divisions but the five outlying ones to be called out. It was soon seen that the fire had started in the basement of No. 58, the main store, and at first an effort was made to confine it to that section of the building. This, however, was found impossible. The flames burst their way along the ground floor up the hoists to the upper stories, where they found some dangerous material to feed upon. On the second flat was stored some 200,000 cartridges. These soon became food for the fire, and exploded to the great danger of the firemen and the crowds of spectators who had gathered to witness the conflagration.

Like a Battery of Gatling Guns.

For fully 20 minutes the cartridges kept bursting in rapid succession, the detonations resembling the discharges from a battery of Gatling guns. As soon as the first explosion occurred the crowd scattered in all directions and did not venture within half a block of the conflagration until the firemen were pretty well masters of the situation. Chief Graham had heard that there was a ton of gunpowder stored in No. 58, and rushing out of the lane in rear of the store, where he had been working like a beaver, asked Mr. Benjamin what explosives he had in the place. "Nothing but cartridges," he replied, and the Chief returned to satisfy his men, who though they had not suspended their efforts to fight the fire, were beginning to feel somewhat uncomfortable.

"The Bullets Rattled Across the Street."

As soon as the explosions commenced in the second story the firemen threw up their ladders, smashed in the windows with their axes, and poured in several streams of water on the mass of flame. The bullets from the cartridges struck the walls and ceilings in regular volleys, and some of them flew across the street and rebounded from the walls of the American Express Company and adjoining buildings. It was not until 11.15 that the firemen left the scene of the fire.

What Damage Was Done.

The stock in No. 58 is valued at $150,000, and the firm after viewing the rack and ruin put down the damage in the neighborhood of $100,000, including what will suffer from dirt and water. No. 56 escaped with probably $10,000 from water alone, while the lamp goods department, at No. 9 Jordan-street, suffered no damage whatever. All the members of the firm were quickly on the spot. Mr. Benjamin had been at the Grand listening to Fanny Davenport and as soon as the news reached him of the conflagration he hurried to the scene. Mr. Nicholas Rooney, whose warehouse is immediately north of No. 58, was also on hand, but returned home almost immediately when he saw that the stout 18-inch wall which separated his premises from the damaged ones had protected him from loss. Ticket Agent A. F. Webster, whose offices are on the ground floor of 56, had his desks and chairs swimming in water during the progress of the fire.

The Origin of the Fire a Mystery.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. As far as can be ascertained the flames broke out in the basement in the midst of a pile of rope and chain. Mr. Benjamin and three of his clerks locked up the store at 6.30 in the evening, at which time everything was all right. It is thought that a spark from a self-feeder in the basement may have been the cause.

The Insurances.

On 58 Yonge-street, where the greatest damage has been done, is insured for $75,000, $65,000 of which is on the stock, $8000 on the building, and $2000 on the fixtures. It is divided up among the following companies:

Phœnix	$10,000
Queen	2,500
Citizens	2,500
London & Lancashire	10,000
Liverpool, London and Globe	10,000
Norwich Union	5,000
Royal Canadian	5,000
British America	6,000
Ætna	10,000
Guardian	5,000
Lancashire (fixtures)	2,000
Western Assurance (building)	3,000

Then come the insurances on 56. They total $35,000 and are divided as follows:

North British	$10,000
Royal	10,000
Hartford	5,000
Liverpool and Globe	5,000
Citizens	5,000

Sparks.

The insurance men were down to the fire in crowds and did not look at all pleased as the work of destruction progressed.

"I don't mind the fire, but it upsets my birthday party."—Manny Samuel.

Mr. Benjamin, in evening dress, just from the theatre, was an interested spectator of the fire. Mrs. Benjamin viewed it from the inside in a cab.

Mr. P. Hughes was a busy spectator. To-day is his last in possession of the corner store and his books and a considerable portion of his stock remained in it, and if they were to be burnt up he was there to see it done.

M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. are most concerned over any interruption that the fire may cause to their business, which extends all over the country. But as they have three warehouses left, and their books and office were not damaged they hope to be able to fill orders right along. By using the cable they can soon re-stock the warehouse that was destroyed.

"Boss" Graham came into The World office at midnight looking as if he had been run through a threshing machine. The City Editor asked him if he were tired. "Not a damned bit," said Tom, Mr. Benjamin treated us like majors: plenty of good hot coffee and sandwiches, but no 'browse.'"

Three lengths of hose burst, two on Yonge-street and one in the lane.

When the cartridges began to explode Acting Chief Graham and Assistant Chief Davis ordered the people to leave the street and told the firemen to stick to their work, which they did fearlessly.

AGAIN THE PLUM.

A Feature of the Vacant Collectorship as it Affects William Bain Search.

The question of who will be appointed to the vacant collectorship of customs at this port, and who will be the Conservative standard-bearer in the safe constituency of East Toronto should Mr. John Small receive the appointment, still keeps up with the procession of daily notes. People passing King and Toronto-streets yesterday afternoon might have observed Mr. Small talking with one of his probable successors in the person of Mr. A. W. Wright. They smiled and wondered what was the topic of conversation.

Mr. Small, it is fairly well understood, will take the position if he can get it.

"It's all very well for Winnipeg Scarth to come down here talking about getting the collectorship," said One Who Knows yesterday, "but he cannot just now at any rate buck against 'Johnnie' Small. There is this to be remembered: Scarth represents a constituency (Winnipeg) which the Conservatives could not carry were it opened now, because of the existing troubles between the local Liberal Government and the Tory leaders and newspapers. If these alleged scandals should be fixed upon the Greenway Government then the Conservatives might hope to carry Winnipeg again, but at this moment Sir John is not going to run any risks. Winnipeg is decidedly doubtful; East Toronto is certainly sure.

No Appointment Until the Session.

A gentleman very near the Conservative throne, and one whose name has been mentioned in connection with East Toronto should a vacancy occur in that constituency, told The World yesterday that the workers for the collectorship were sweating themselves for nothing. "You can rest assured," he said, "that there will be no appointment until the session of the Dominion Parliament is on, and perhaps not until after its close.

SECURED TO THE METHODISTS.

How Rev. Mr. Jeffery's Loyalty to the Denomination Worked a Triumph.

It is alleged that when Rev. T. W. Jeffery was asked by some of the present trustees to undertake the task of building up a church in the north-western part of the city, it was proposed to him that the congregation should be independent of every denomination and throw its platform open to any minister who might be willing to preach to them. Mr. Jeffery positively refused these conditions. He only consented to the call on condition that the "church" be founded and remain in connection with Methodism. His conditions were agreed to. Nevertheless, influences were at work to land the church in the position originally intended. The healing of the breach by the complete vindication of Mr. Jeffery's character and the admission of the correctness of his contention of the church law on the equable has secured the church to the Methodists. Mr. Jeffery has made it quite clear that he is a most loyal Methodist and a successful General in a conflict as to the rights and privileges of pastors and people.

CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS.

Two More Board of Works Gentlemen Whose Heads are in Danger.

Ald. Carlyle (St. Thos.), Barton, and Verral are a sub-committee of the Board of Works appointed at the request of the Mayor to investigate charges of dereliction of duty on the part of Assistant City Engineer Alan Macdougall, Chief Inspector Parker and Earles in connection with the Bellington avenue block-paving. It is charged that the specifications have been flagrantly disregarded, that small blocks have been put down when larger ones were called for, and that the sand used by the contractor should not have been passed by the inspector and the two superior officers. When the matter was first brought to the notice of Chairman Carlyle he moved for the dismissal of the inspector, but the Mayor held that he was not any more responsible than Mr. Macdougall, who had charge of the work or Chief Inspector Parker, whose duty it was to see that Earles performed his duties properly.

Combating Chilly Zephyrs.

After a cold wave a man finds it hard work to waive a cold without a suit of E. A. Levin's non-irritant wool underwear, a pair of Fowne's Astrachan gloves, a fine English cardigan jacket, and a heavy twilled satin or flannel night robe. Even the most captious admit that the quality and price of these goods is beyond cavil. No. 9 Yonge-st. ed

What West Toronto Junction Wants.

Mr. Heaton had an interview on Monday with the County Judge in Toronto and presented the claims of West Toronto Junction to a local Division Court. At present all suits have to be entered at Weston. Mr. Heaton also interviewed the inspector of the post office as to the prospects of establishing a mid-day mail. Both gentlemen were inclined to look favorably upon these improvements, but required a petition signed by the citizens of the town as an evidence of the feeling of the people. Petitions for signature will be placed at the post office in West Toronto Junction.

The New Street Commissioner.

Ex-Ald. Jones, the new Street Commissioner, took the oath of office before the Mayor yesterday morning. He afterwards presented himself before the City Engineer to receive orders of the day, and was furnished by the Secretary with a quantity of foolscap and a big book in which to enter the remains. He will spend this week in getting painters, and swoop down upon the trembling ward foremen on Monday next.

His Deathbed Shunned.

The death of the young man Woods at the Smallpox Hospital last Saturday afternoon was peculiarly sad from the fact that, although a member of the Anglican church, there was no minister present to sooth his dying moments. The remains were interred in St. James' cemetery at 8 o'clock the same evening, and neither then was there any minister on hand to read the funeral service over the remains of the unfortunate man.

Don't make Pickpockets' Pilferings Good.

Last Christmas a farmer's wife from York County, while promenading Yonge-street, had her purse containing $6 stolen from her. She went home after the holidays, but did not forget her loss, as was evidenced by the fact that she called on the Mayor yesterday with the request that the Mayor reimburse her for the act of the thief. She was quite indignant when informed that the corporation could not shoulder the responsibility for her loss.

A Pleasant Presentation.

Mr. Arthur C. Neff, bookkeeper for Lockhart, Millichamp & Co., was last night made the recipient of a handsome marble clock on the occasion of his approaching marriage, the presentation being made on behalf of his fellow-employes. Mr. Calvert presented the testimonial at his residence, 96 McCaul-street, after which tea was served and the evening was pleasantly spent.

The Claims Committee.

The Claims Committee of the City Council held a lengthy meeting on Saturday. Thirty threatened actions against the city were considered, fifteen of which were thrown out as untenable. It was determined to make an effort to settle six, and the remaining nine will await a further report from the City Solicitor and City Commissioner.

PARKDALE'S PRIZE FIGHT.

ORATORICAL ENCOUNTER OF THE CHAMPIONS LAST NIGHT.

The Flowery Suburb Keeps up its Reputation for Lively Scenes — Cheers and Counter Cheers—Exciting Passages—The Discussion Adjourned till Thursday.

Excitement runs high in Parkdale. It could only be equalled by that of a Parliamentary election. A battle royal is being fought for Progress and Union with Toronto. The opposing forces are for Parkdale continuing a separate municipality and a mere suburb of the capital of Ontario. Committees and canvassing, placards and circulars, and the most irreconcilable statistics are all being brought into play.

As in more important contests there is the usual boast on each side of assured victory. The poll on Saturday next will decide who's right. Annexation, however, is the more popular cry, evidence of which was furnished last night when the redoubtable Hugh McMath, champion of the Antis, declared that theirs was "the weaker side."

Mass Meeting in the Old Town Hall.

Mayor Lynd presided over a crowded and excited meeting in the old Town Hall last night. He succeeded to a great extent in curbing the turbulent elements. He declared that he was not taking any part in the agitation on this burning question, but was pursuing an independent course. By consent an equal number of annextationists and antis would speak.

Mr. J. N. Lee was first speaker and tersely gave his reasons for annexation. The proceedings of the Parkdale Town Council was his first argument, and he was loudly applauded on saying, "For a small town like Parkdale to be outside a city like Toronto is the smallest thing I know." [Applause.]

Taxation is higher per head in Parkdale than in Toronto, and the antis had acted unfairly in publishing assessment returns from Dundas-street, which had been assessed highly. Rather than depreciate Toronto they should unitedly work to build up Toronto even if it cost them a paltry dollar. He also objected to the inflated statements of Toronto's debt.

Parkdale had paid five times more for the Subway than it would have done if the town had been annexed. "The fact is," said he, "we pay dear for our whistle every time we have improvements here." We had to pay $3000 to the Street Railway Company, which if annexed we should have saved.

If annexed to Toronto High Park will be improved, we shall have a Union Station, the Subway widened, Dufferin-street opened up, and the City Waterworks be in Parkdale. [Applause.] He hoped on Saturday the poll would declare Parkdale the chief ward in the city of Toronto.

Misrepresentations of the Antis.

Mr. A. W. Gianelli effectively replied to some misrepresentations of Mr. Cook, M. P., that he had sneered at the workingmen. What he said was clearly stated in his remarks to the reporter of The World, that mechanics coming to Toronto regarded Parkdale as a mere suburb of Toronto, and this had a deterrent influence on their residing in Parkdale.

It was a disgraceful plea of the Antis to say they would not belong to Toronto because the city was going to improve itself greatly. All this meant work for mechanics. It would be mean to stay out.

Mr. Robert Gilray championed the cause of the antis. He revelled in figures sufficient to perplex anyone. He turned the laugh on himself by comparing himself to Artemus Ward's mule that refused to kick at nothing. He ridiculed the previous speakers, allowing that all was supposition, devoid of facts.

"Haven't we got nice pavements here in Parkdale?" triumphantly asked Mr. Gilray. [A voice: "Yes, we have; but they are not paid for," followed by cheers.] He proceeded to allege that property had not increased in value in Rosedale and Seaton Village since they had been united to Toronto, and argued that the same result would follow if Parkdale were annexed. These remarks met with much merriment and the Mayor had to intervene for order.

In conclusion Mr. Gilray glorified Parkdale's block-paving and local improvements, alleging that this and the power of borrowing more money was the bait for Toronto wanting to swallow up Parkdale.

A voice: Don't you do business in Toronto; then why do you run it down? [Loud cheers.]

This was a poser for Mr. Gilray, who launched off into something funny about Toronto's Island likelihood of being swept away, and how Parkdale would are now, if it belonged to her, have fenced it in. He waxed warm as to Toronto's mismanagement and breaches of trust, and climbed the argument by declaiming: "We have none of these things in Parkdale." ["Oh, oh!"]

The Storm Breaks Forth.

Mr. James Walsh, who met with much interruption especially by Deputy Reeve Gowanlock, gave figures to show that in some quarters in Parkdale the taxation was not 12½ mills but 60 mills on the dollar.

In reply to the noisy interruptors Mr. Walsh excitedly shouted, "I'll bet any man $10 to $1 that property is taxed 60 mills on the dollar." This challenge was immediately taken up by Mr. T. A. Thompson, who advanced to the platform and flourished his $10 bill, in-sisted on Mr. Walsh taking it, and was loudly cheered. The Mayor, however, interposed and spoiled this little bit of fun.

Then outspoke Mr. Thompson: "I have listened to Toronto papers lying for the past six months and I am not going to keep still and hear a Toronto gentleman lying. [Interruption.] Mr. Walsh, nothing disconcerted, defied anyone to disprove his statements. This angered the Antis and there were cries of "Turn him out." The Mayor stilled the turmoil and objected to any turning out. Mr. Walsh excitedly rose and said it was assessments and not taxes that Mr. Walsh was referring to. The latter said it was not and the Deputy Reeve, in his usual gentlemanly style, retorted, "That's a lie!" [Disorder.]

Mr. Isaac Lennox spoke on the same lines as Mr. Walsh, maintaining that his own taxes were 37½ mills on the dollar.

Councillor Miles the Irrepressible: "Is it Councillor Hall or Mr. Lennox that's speaking?"

Mr. Walsh: "You know who's speaking."

Mr. Miles: "Yes, you were Chairman of the Board of Works and allowed some rascally work to go on."

Mr. Lennox: "I carried out the wishes of the people." [Interruption.] In continuation he objected to mystifying people with figures, as Mr. Beddome and Councillor Sinclair had done and denied that there would be any licenses granted except at the wish of the people. Another great scarecrow was the delusion that Toronto's sewage would be emptied into Humber Bay.

What the "Land Sharks" Have Done.

Councillor Miles: "Those who advocate annexation are 'land sharks.'" [Hootings and laughter.]

Mr. Walsh: "Who are they?"

Mr. Miles: "They are well known."

Mr. Walsh: "Yes, they are well known for their good works. They bought the land and advanced money to men to build. One-third of the people of this town had thus benefited from their liberality. The land sharks pay the great amount of Parkdale's taxation. Mr. Beatty pays $25,000 a year and I pay $800."

Interruptions followed, which Mr. St. John, Mr. Clement and Mr. Ridout severally condemned, the latter personally appealing to Councillor Miles to keep quiet.

Mr. Miles: "Don't say anything about putting me out, for you can't do it."

Mr. Lennox: "I will only say if Annexation is carried, every person in Parkdale will in two years be glad of it."

Mr. T. A. Thompson characterized as "deliberate lies" the statements of Mr. Walsh and Mr. Lennox as to the amount of taxation.

Mr. Clement's Figures Declared Accurate.

Mr. J. W. Langmuir made a capital speech in favor of annexation, testifying to the accuracy of Mr. Clement's figures. A great point he made was that Parkdale with West Toronto Junction could support a population of 50,000, and would do so before long. The Ontario Government was opening up streets on the Asylum grounds, where in a short time there would be a population of 10,000. Rapid means of transit must be afforded to this immense population by extra trains, steamboats, and electric cars, and all these advantages would best be secured by union with Toronto.

A Clear Statement of Benefits.

Councillor Hall made an admirable annexation speech. He expatiated on the benefits which union with Toronto would confer. He paid more taxation per foot for his Parkdale than for his Toronto property. He explained the ingenious method adopted to keep down the Parkdale general rate. If fairly struck it would be 15 mills instead of 12½. There would be a deficit of $8000 next year, and hence Parkdale taxation must go up. Sufficient provision had not been made for the High School. $2500 more would have to be raised by general taxation over and above the fees the Government grant.

Then the councillor stigmatized the misappropriation of the town's funds during the past five years. The rectification of this alone would require $20,000. In Parkdale the general rate was not struck till Toronto's was known, and it was purposely placed a little lower. [Applause.] The speaker enlarged on the encouragement annexation would give to building in Parkdale, the better systems of fire protection and police, and vigorously hurled back the insinuation of being a "land shark." This was loudly cheered and the popular approval was repeated when he said the "land sharks" had raised the value of property from $10 to $40 per foot. He denied there would be any increase in the number of saloons; such a thing had not occurred in Brockton.

Mr. Gowanlock: "There are four in the adjacent districts."

A voice: "Gowanlock ought to know." [Loud laughter.]

Mr. Hall then explained the proposed system for Toronto's sewage and denied it was intended to dump it into Humber Bay. In dealing with the City Council they were not dealing with sharpers. The City Council granted Brockton $20,000 more than the taxes they raised the first year it was annexed. The Antis had never done anything for Parkdale's improvement. They were scarcely heard of till they came forward to thwart what was for the immense benefit of the place in which they lived. [Cheers.]

Mr. Miles again interrupted and there were cries of "Turn him out."

Mr. Hugh McMath said he was sorry that the Toronto papers were not manly enough to give "the weaker side" a fair show. Turn in mock heroics he talked of the half-dozen Korahs, Dathans, and Abirams who were promoting annexation and dubbed them "traitors." Their death warrant would be signed on the 27th and they sent adrift.

It was announced that ex-Labor Commissioner John Armstrong and Mr. Clement would speak for the annextationists at the adjourned meeting on Thursday night in the Masonic Hall.

At 11.30 the lively meeting broke up with cheers for each party.

What Annexation Would Do.

Editor World: The few office-seekers and would-be councillors in Parkdale are by every means trying to prevent the passing of the Annexation Bylaw. Why, because if Annexation comes about these place-seekers and parasites on the town would be consigned to oblivion. The question with them is not, Is it in the interest of the town to join the city, not that taxation would be lowered in Parkdale, not that the approaches to the town would be improved, not that the general prosperity of the town would increase, but solely and only their present little emissice of being town councillors would be a thing of the past, and their influence in a small way gone. No person gifted with even a modicum of common sense and who is open to conviction can come to any other conclusion than that the union of Parkdale and Toronto would be to the advantage of Parkdale. It will lower the taxation, attract people to live in Parkdale, and will build up the town. It will give work and employment to the mechanics in the town, and the hammer and adze, so seldom heard in Parkdale, will again be heard and will resound in every corner of the town. UNION.

Parkdale, Oct. 23.

Mr. Beddome Says it will be Higher.

Editor World: The people of Parkdale must bear in mind, first, that the assessment in Toronto is at least 30 per cent. higher in proportion to values than in Parkdale; secondly, that the general rate of taxation is 2 mills more than in Parkdale; and thirdly, that local improvements must be paid under any circumstances. It can readily be seen that we must pay fully 20 per cent. more taxes by joining Toronto. W. C. BEDDOME.

Parkdale, Oct. 23.

It comes as a boon and a blessing to men the Celebrated Uranium Metal Pen, Grant & Toy, Sole Agents, Leader Lane.

FROM BARRISTERS' BRIEFS.

Latest Gossip From the Records at Osgoode Hall—E. A. in the Field.

Monday next is the last day for entering actions for the Chancery Sittings, commencing Nov. 1. The certified copy of pleadings must be delivered not later than Wednesday, Oct. 31. The precipe for entering the case for trial must be handed to the Clerk of Records and Writs before 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29.

In the Chancery Divisional Court yesterday, before Judge Robertson, a motion was heard to prohibit the Judge of the County of Oxford from winding up the Noxon Manufacturing Co. of Ingersoll, the well known agricultural implement manufacturers. Ex-Ald. E. A. Macdonald sought to have the company wound up under the Act on the ground that the salaries of the officials were so extravagant that the stockholders could not secure a dividend. The company resisted the proceedings, setting out that Mr. Macdonald is a fully paid-up stockholder and as such is not a capable person to ask for the winding up of the company. His solicitor secured an enlargement for two weeks.

Master-in-Ordinary Hodgins had another Central Bank matter to adjudicate upon yesterday. The application was made on behalf of Frank Cayley, the real estate agent, asking to be allowed to come in and prove his claim before the Master, notwithstanding the time for doing so had expired. It seems that in a deal in real estate, J. A. Donovan had given the applicant a check for $210, certified by the Central, which was deposited with the Dominion Bank. In proving claims against the defunct bank this check through some inadvertency was not properly proved, and the time for proving claims having expired the liquidators resisted the applicant's motion to be allowed to come in on the approaching dividend. The matter was adjourned until to-day.

"Before I go on," said the sailor witness, "I would like to know the meaning of them two words, Plaintiff and Defendant?" Oh, replied the judge, those are technical terms and beyond the comprehension of men of your stamp—you say that the ship was club hauled at 12—what do you mean by club hauled? Those are technical terms your honor, and far beyond the comprehension of such cents as you. It would not be beyond the comprehension of the judge or any one else to realize the value in the natural wool underwear at $1.50, at A. White's 65 King-street west.

Dr. Geikie Talks to Young Men.

The lecture room of Association Hall was crowded last night with young men. Mr. Blackley presided and the lecturer was Dr. Geikie, who took for his subject the proper care of body and mind. The lecture had been announced as a medical talk. The professor did talk in a fatherly way, telling his audience what to eat, drink and wear.

R. P. Davies, one mile champion bicyclist of Canada, referring to Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum says: I have been using your Tutti Frutti Gum during my training and racing, and I can safely recommend it to all athletes as beneficial in keeping the mouth moist, as well as aiding digestion.

Mr. D. M. Babcock.

Any one who has not heard Mr. Babcock sing should not miss the opportunity on Nov. 2nd of hearing him. He has a rich and powerful bass and his chest notes are magnificent. He is without doubt one of the finest basses that has ever visited Toronto. Plan of reserved seats for this concert will be open at Nordheimer's Thursday morning.

RAILS AROUND THE CITY.

MR. J. D. EDGAR, M. P., TELLS ABOUT THE TORONTO BELT LINE.

The Route That Will be Traversed—When it Will be Built—How it Will be Run—To be Modelled After the Buffalo Line—Sure to be a Success.

The announcement that the promoters of the Toronto Belt Line Railway have given notice of their intention to apply for a charter excited interest throughout the city in the scheme, and I called on Mr. James D. Edgar, M. P., the principal promoter of the railway, yesterday, at his office. There, with a map of the city before us, he told me all about the embryo company's hopes and intentions.

He talked with one finger on the map: "We will start here at the south end of the Don improvements. We will connect with the Grand Trunk at that point and construct one line north along the Don improvements, where there is plenty of room for four double tracks, and arrangements can, with not the slightest difficulty, be made for ample accommodation for the Canadian Pacific Railway and our line. We will run north, then along the Don improvements alongside the C. P. R.; but instead of rising, as it does until a height of sixty feet is reached where it bridges the Don, we will keep along on the flats and then go up Mud Creek valley, passing under the C. P. R. high bridge near Cudmore's, following the valley of the creek and striking Yonge-street just south of Eglinton-avenue. Then we will run in a south-westerly direction to form a junction with the Grand Trunk at or near Carlton.

Will Build Next Summer.

"The first section will probably be built from the Don to Eglinton next summer, and operated at once in connection with the Grand Trunk through the city and out as far as Carlton, trains leaving these points and crossing each other, and then turning and going back.

"Mr. Hickson is very enthusiastic about the success of the scheme and will give our company every facility for working over his lines. On the Grand Trunk our time-table will be arranged so as not to conflict with either the G. T. or C. P. R. service of regular trains into Toronto, but will fill up the gaps between their trains just as the Belt Line does in Buffalo.

"If it were desirable there is a part of the system all ready to be worked—trains can be run from the Don to Carlton, and it is possible the company may operate it next summer while the first section to Eglinton is being built. Very likely an exchange of tickets will be arranged so that the Belt Line's tickets will pass on any of the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. trains. Mr. Hickson thinks such an arrangement would be very much in the interest of the public's convenience.

How It Will be Run.

"The cars will be lighter than the ordinary railway coach, and will be like those of the Buffalo Belt Line. At every important street crossed by the line there will be a station. The line will be double-tracked so that fast time can be made. It will be as nearly as possible the same length as Buffalo's—almost fifteen miles—and when the road is in good running order the trip will be made in forty minutes. But until the overhead bridges are constructed along the front of the city the trains will be obliged to run more slowly on the Esplanade. It may be said from the mouth of the Don to Yonge-street, 4½ miles, will be done in perhaps 12 minutes; from Yonge-street to Carlton will be about the same length of time; and after the overhead bridges are built the time from Carlton to the corner of Yonge-street and the Esplanade ought not to be more than that time.

"I have not the slightest doubt of the success of the railway. I have had an old railway engineer at work for some months back locating the road, and I have been myself over inspecting the Buffalo Belt Line. In that city they could not do without it, and it is a good paying concern, although it has to compete with the street railways which, on account of the level country, can run anywhere. In Toronto we will not have so much opposition from the Street railway, because of the hills to the north up which it would be difficult to haul the cars.

"Our line will open up and develop the outlying portions of the city, and it will be a great boon to residents in the outskirts of the town, as a sufficient number of trains will be put on, so that from early morning until late at night there will be but short waits between trains.

The Uranium Metal Pens, they never scratch, spurt, nor corrode; suit any hand. Grand & Toy, Leader Lane, Agents. 136

Ladies' Furs.

Dineen offers great inducements to ladies to buy furs early. Special prices are now being made to cash buyers which will pay to make their selections now. The goods that the Dineen firm offer are the very choicest seal skin mantles, muffs, caps, cuffs, etc. Long baraskin boas, extra fine quality of light lynx boas, blue, red and silver fox boas and muffs, a magnificent stock of the choicest skins for trimmings, a lot of long fur-lined circulars. Some lined with genuine grey Siberian squirrel lining—will be sold at $30 each, cheap at $45.00. A lot of sample fur-trimmed dolmans (over fifty samples). The choice is offered at $10.00 each. Novelties in ladies' fur collars and cuffs. All kinds are offered very cheap. Ladies should call when out shopping to-day. Dineen's store is on corner of King and Yonge-streets.

The Charges Against the Treasurer.

The Mayor, Ald. McMillan, Galbraith, and Gillespie, had a two hours' conference in His Worship's office yesterday afternoon, seeking to arrive at some decision as to what points the three experts, Messrs. Mason, Hammond and Wood, will be asked to pass upon in connection with the management of the Treasurer's Department. The other members of the sub-committee wanted Ald. Gillespie to bring in specific charges, but this the member from St. George's refused to do. As it appears now it is probable that the experts will be handed the Gillespie articles in The Telegram and requested to make what they can out of it.

The Totem of Health.

The Totem of Health and Medical Lake Salts remedies are prepared from the evaporated water of the wonderful medicine lake in Spokane County, Washington Territory, and these remedies will do all that is claimed for them. Any information required will be willingly given to any person who may call at 20 Arcade, Yonge-street, Toronto. Sold wholesale and retail by Totem of Health Co'y of Canada.

No Cause for Alarm.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—The Post says there is no reason for alarm over the reported preparations for the transfer of Russian troops towards the Austrian and German frontiers. It asserts that the Russian Government decided upon these movements last spring. It also says the probability of Russian warlike action towards the west is entirely out of the question in view of the present general European situation. Russia's relations with Germany have continued to be of a satisfactory nature since the Emperor's recent visit to St. Petersburg.

A California Excursion, Steamship Collision.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 23.—The steamship Atlas of the Atlas line, collided with another craft, said to be a ferry boat, while coming up the bay shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. The starboard bow of the Atlas was stove in. She proceeded until she was off the Barclay-street ferry when she went down nose first. Tugs rescued the crew. The Atlas had just arrived from the West Indies.

A special party will leave Toronto on Nov. 7 under the supervision of W. R. Callaway, district passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the company's celebrated tourist sleeping cars. Full particulars from any agent of the company or at 24 York-street.

A BIG BOODLER.

Cleveland's City Treasurer Skips to Canada—His Bail Forfeits Up $500,000.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 22.—City Treasurer Axworthy is a defaulter to the extent of nearly $500,000. He has skipped to Canada. Attachments were issued this morning on all his property. The last heard from Mr. Axworthy was that he had arrived at the Windsor Hotel, New York, Sept. 20, in the morning, and had departed in the evening for Montreal. There all trace of him was lost. Meanwhile his bondsmen began to investigate. They are United States Senator H. B. Payne and J. H. Wade, jr., and are pledged for $500,000. The Finance Committee of the Common Council, after a hasty examination of the books, stated that they believe the loss to the city by reason of Mr. Axworthy's disappearance is $500,000. Senator Payne and J. H. Wade, jr., the bondsmen, at 2 o'clock this morning filed a petition and affidavits in the Common Pleas Court praying for an attachment against Axworthy's vessel, real estate and other property. The schooner Republic and ⅔ interest in the schooner Pace were attached, and his money and stocks in the local banks were garnished. The sheriff is now attaching the real property of the missing treasurer, including his farm on Lorraine-street, outside the city limits, and his summer residence on Lake-avenue. The National Bank of Commerce also began a suit for $200,000 to recover on a promissory note they had discounted. It is said Axworthy has $200,000 with him.

Left the Country.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Oct. 23.—Ole C. Lomsdalen, one of the best known farmers in this vicinity, and one whose credit has hitherto been perfectly good, has left the country. His liabilities are $50,000, and among his creditors are three banks and a number of local money lenders. Lomsdalen was thought to be worth $70,000. He sold all his grain and live stock prior to his departure.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

A Handcar Run Down in a Deep Cut—One Man Ground to a Pulp.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 22.—A party of Union Pacific carpenters, pushing a hand-car along the track 24 miles west of this city, were run down by a train in a deep cut at a sharp curve yesterday. John McCann, aged 60, was ground to a pulp. Four other men were seriously injured.

Killed at a Crossing.

OMAHA, Oct. 23.—Henry Shaffer, his sons Henry and Percival and his step-son, David Minik, were instantly killed by a locomotive while crossing the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad last night in a wagon. Thos. Rowe and A. McLenig who were in the wagon were fatally injured.

A Careless Conductor.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 23.—The coroner's jury, in the case of the recent railroad disaster at Washington, Pa., rendered a verdict placing the responsibility for the accident upon Conductor Heck, of the shifting engine, and charging him with involuntary manslaughter in causing the deaths of Engineer Mounan and Fireman McAuliffe, the testimony showing that he had ordered the switch open and then failed to see that it was closed. Edward Boon, the new switch hand who opened the switch, was condemned for gross negligence. The coroner has issued a warrant for Heck's arrest.

Warrants Issued.

MAUCH CHUNK, Oct. 23.—The District Attorney of Carbon County shortly before mid-night issued warrants for the arrest of the engineers, lookouts, flagmen and conductors concerned in the recent accident, charging them with gross negligence and wilful misconduct, and for failing to observe the regulations and rule which it was their duty to obey and observe while they were employed on the conveyance of passengers for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, causing the great accident at Mud Run, by which resulted in killing and injuring many persons.

A Question Answered.

Where is this wonderful clothing store that sells such low prices and has proved such a real boon to the people? It is at the corner of Yonge and Sinclair-streets. It is called the Scotch Arms Clothing Store, or R. Baker & Co's.

STRUCK BY TWO TRAINS.

A Strange Accident to a Woman on the Esplanade.

While the G. T. R. mixed train from the east was passing along the Esplanade at about 6.30 last evening the engine struck a young woman who was crossing the tracks at the foot of Berkeley-street and threw her to one side and upon another track in front of an express train going east. She was also struck by this train, and strange to say was not run over, but again knocked aside. The trains, which were going slowly, were stopped by the engineers, who had observed the young woman. She was found lying upon the ground badly bruised and unable to walk, one of her legs seemingly having been broken. Two young men who were in the crowd which surrounded her said they knew her and would take her to her home, which they did, refusing to give either her name or their own.

Fell From a Roof.

Wm. Watts, a lather living at 110 Bond-street, yesterday fell from a roof in Bay-street thirty feet and was painfully injured.

NOT GUILTY.

Jane Doyle Acquitted of Complicity in Her Husband's Murder.

HALIFAX, Oct. 23.—The trial of Jane Doyle, on the charge of complicity in her husband's murder, was concluded to-night. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," which was received with loud applause by a crowded court-room.

He Wasn't Accustomed to Gas.

ST. CATHARINES, Oct. 23.—Rev. Mr. Burkett, an aged delegate to the Baptist convention, turned off the gas in his room at the Welland House last night and in trying to make sure that he had accomplished his purpose probably turned it on again.