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THE BRIDGE AND THE BALLOTS.

At least everybody is now satisfied that the Bloor-street viaduct is a necessity, and that it is to be built, and that the sooner it is built the cheaper it will be. If the vote were to be taken over again to-day it would carry with a big majority. In fact, a great many people will not be satisfied to think that it has not been carried already until there has been a recount.

CHARLES DICKENS' FAMILY.

Mr. E. S. Williamson, president of the Toronto branch of the Dickens Fellowship, the largest in the world, called The World up yesterday to protest like Mark Twain, that the death of Mr. Henry Fielding Dickens, K.C., had been greatly exaggerated. Mr. Dickens is still alive in London, and is life president of the Dickens Fellowship. He and Mrs. Kate Perugini, we trust, may long survive.

AMBER AND AMBERGRIS.

The Globe naturalist has made a dickens of an error in confusing amber with ambergris. Amber, which is used in making pipe mouth-pieces, is a very different sort of thing from ambergris, and while valuable, of nothing like the almost fabulous value of the much rarer substance. It is from the Greek name of amber, elektron, that we derive the name of our greatest modern force, electricity, because amber, on being rubbed, exhibited the energy now known as electric.

WOMEN TAX RESISTERS.

Woman-lovely woman—has devised a new method of harassing the British Liberal Cabinet, which at least on the question of her right to the suffrage is a house divided against itself, and therefore, on the best authority, in a perilous condition. Many members belonging to the two militant societies and many more belonging to organizations that eschew violent methods, have bonded themselves together in a "Women's Tax Resistance League," imitating thereby the device employed by the Nonconformist opponents of Mr. Balfour's famous, or infamous, as it may please—Education Bill. In this new move the ladies are more logical than they have been in some of their schemes to draw public attention to their grievance and to achieve its redress.

MR. BECK'S HYDRO EXTENSION.

A generation from now, when Ontario begins to take historical account of itself and of the men who are now working out its destiny and their own, the backward glance will catch the figure of Adam Beck as one of the sky-shouldering giants of the country. A great deal has been made by men who count politics as everything, of the fact that Adam Beck belongs to a certain party. Some have held that his position as a cabinet minister is his great distinction. Others have imagined that he might and ought to be more distinguished by his party than he has been, and some have even been so lacking in understanding as to imagine that some monetary consideration might be an acknowledgement of his services to the people.

industries and organized great corporations and trusts have thought chiefly for themselves, and of the people only as a means to their own end. Adam Beck has thought of the people first, and of himself as the means to their ends. He has had imaginative perception, creative ability, and executive capacity with supreme common sense. He has devoted all these to the development of a plan which has not only added to the economic efficiency of the province and the well-being of the people, but has bound the ends of the province together, and linked the people in a brotherly union of common interests.

THE GREAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF ONTARIO WHICH HON. ADAM BECK OUTLINED AT PETERBORO LAST WEEK, IS ONE OF THE ROMANCES OF MODERN BUSINESS.

In face of the difficulties, the fierce opposition, the reluctance of authorities, the doubts of alleged experts and the misrepresentations of corporation hirelings, it is a matter for amazement that the scheme ever got started at all. But the notable success of its inauguration, the economical conduct of its management, and the direct effect it has had in the modification of corporation exorbitance wherever it has come into such competition, have established the scheme in the minds of the people everywhere.

The sweeping victories of last Monday for the bylaws indicate what mind the province has on the hydro-electric proposals. And not the least of the elements in the people's assurance, is the confidence they repose in Hon. Adam Beck.

THE KIDS HAVE ALREADY VOTED THE WORLD'S COMIC SECTION THE BEST ON EARTH.

This week it is even brighter and better than usual, printed in four colors. All the kids and some grown-ups will want to see "Flip in the Wonderful Dream," "Cousin Willie," "The Katzenjammer Kids," "Jimmy," and all the other favorites, are there. Order a copy now from your newsdealer or newsboy. For sale everywhere at five cents the copy.

Toronto is rapidly acquiring a reputation for being somewhat of an artistic city, and The Sunday World photographer has secured a number of views showing some of the very ornate fronts of our various public, commercial, financial and other buildings. They are reproduced on the front page of this week's Art Section to advertise our city abroad, and will convey the message to many hundreds who receive copies of The Sunday World in the old land that Toronto is rapidly assuming an art cosmopolitanism in keeping with its growth.

Also depicted in the Art Section is a series of early winter views taken in many parts of the city, which will convince the onlooker that Toronto is no mean city in respect to beautiful scenery, inviting nooks and pleasant driveways. There are also a number of other winter scenes of various parts of Canada, including the Rouge River in Quebec, near Huberdeau, Sixteen Island Lake, and Shawbridge. Also is presented a series of group views showing the flower of Canada's art class, including those employed at The Gendron Mfg. Company, The Ideal Bedding Company, The Otto Higel Company, The Toronto Carpet Company, American Abell Engine Company, and the G.T.R. Freight Department. The groups include some hundreds of portraits.

CHURCH CIRCLES WILL VIEW WITH PLEASURE THE CRADLE ROLL OF THE ATHLETES OF CLINTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH AND THE INFANTS' HOME CHRISTMAS TREE.

The great Panama Canal, which is nearing completion, is treated in this week's Magazine Section in a four-color reproduction of the memorial monument which is being erected in California, which will be one of the sights of the forthcoming exposition.

MILITARY MEN WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE VIEWS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE NORWEGY SOLDIERS WHO ARE MOUNTED ON SKIS.

They are classed as the most mobile army on earth. The other regular features include Lina Cavalieri's Beauty Page, Lady Duff Gordon's Fashion Hints. Kit's Column is of absorbing interest this week as she treats a multitude of events that are uppermost during the holiday season. Nell Brinkley, the fine line artist, has a pretty picture, "All Girls Look Alike to Cupid." Margaret Bell deals with a year in an illustrated article. George Ade's Fable this week deals with The Affluent Bachelor.

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AT LIBERTY TO OVERSEE ANY PART OF THE WORK HE WISHED, ELECTED TO CHECK THE TALLY INSTEAD OF CHECKING THE CALLING OFF.

speech that "they disregard the authority of our Irish Parliament and would refuse to pay its taxes." However, whether mankind is inclined to resent or not this further assertion of the claim to complete equality and adoption of the role of tax resister, this new movement is certain to be generally supported. Among the arguments offered in its favor is that women who are property owners and payers of taxes and therefore count as a force in the community, owe a special duty at the present time to women who do not count. Tax resistances, it is contended, provides in the locality where it is employed, a valuable object lesson in support of the cause which women have at heart. The claim is also made that tax resistance forms a common bond of action for suffragists of all shades of opinion; and it may be added will probably be much more generally effective and certainly far more dignified than struggles with obstinate and wanton destruction of property.

THE TELEGRAM DOES NOT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BRIDGE AND A CANAL.

After complaining for the poor people who will be compelled to cross a mile of viaduct in the cold blasts of winter, The Telegram, as a remedy, proposes to build it crooked and add ten minutes to the distance. Isn't that like The Telegram?

METROPOLITAN BANK HAS GOOD YEAR.

A year ago the Metropolitan Bank received much congratulatory notice on its excellent showing for 1910. The 1911 report, which is published elsewhere in our columns to-day, shows a new high level in the matter of earnings. The bank earned \$183,860.30, or more than 18 per cent. on its capital. Gratifying growth is apparent in all departments of the bank's business, the most remarkable being an increase of \$1,719,330.98 in total deposits. The total assets now exceed twelve million dollars, and of this sum \$4,832,446.74, including nearly two million dollars in cash, is in readily available form. The consistency of the Metropolitan Bank's progress is indicative of its progressive, the prudent, management and augurs well for the future success of the institution.

A D. R. O. HITS BACK.

Editor World: I notice in your issue of yesterday morning that you refer to a complaint by an alderman candidate in Ward 6, to the effect that after the closing of the poll in a certain subdivision, the names were called off the ballots by the returning officer, and that therefore the proceedings were not as "fair and above-board" as they should have been. I think I know the subdivision and the candidate in question, whose total vote, by the way, was a little less than one-tenth that of the successful candidate at the top of the list in that ward. The procedure followed at this subdivision is exactly the same as that followed at all the other subdivisions, so far as I can learn, in the city. The ballots are taken from the box by the returning officer, who is the proper one to do this, and are called off by him and tallied by the poll clerk. Soliciters, agents and candidates present may oversee any part of this work they choose; they may check the tally or examine the ballots, which are laid face upwards on the table for this purpose. In the case in question, the candidate, also

AT OSGOODE HALL.

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FROST KING BACKWARD

But Toronto Bay Records Show Has Been So Before.

Little Jack Frost, the patron of the ice dealers and iceboat men, who are so vitally interested in Canada's winter season, has been described by his devotees as a "frosty" fellow, who is particularly fond of sending up constant showers of a heavy frost, and the iceboat men are very anxious to see their winged craft gliding over the surface of Toronto Bay one morning. From a glance at the following table, however, it will be seen that this season seems to be particularly frosty in good frosty weather, others have been equally backward. This shows the different dates on which Toronto Bay was frozen over and the dates when the bay was cleared.

RABIES IN PORT ARTHUR

TWO cases of rabies in Port Arthur have been reported at the provincial board of health office. Dr. Bell, inspector for the board, received a telegram that a man "critically ill with rabies" was being sent to Toronto in care of a physician, for the Pasteur treatment. A later telegram said the man was dead.

Appointed Jail Matron.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Mrs. Milton Overholt was this afternoon appointed to succeed Mrs. G. W. Clench as matron of Lincoln County Jail in this city. The appointment was being sent to Toronto next door to the jail building.

St. Kitts' Canadian Club.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 4.—(Special)—E. F. B. Johnson of Toronto was the principal guest at today's meeting of the Canadian Club. Following the banquet at the Welland House he delivered an able address on "Some modern factors."

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