

### CAPITAL OF \$500,000,000.

This is to be Stock of Canadian Steel Merger. Some More Details of the Big Amalgamation. Men Who Are Said to be the Leading Spirits.

The story published exclusively in the Times several months ago of an approaching merger of all the Canadian steel companies, including the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, is dealt with in detail by the Toronto World this morning. After citing the amalgamation of the Dominion Steel Company with the Dominion Coal Company, as the initiative in the big consolidation, the World says:

There are various reasons assigned for such a concentration of business energies, principal among which are the necessity to curtail competition, antagonism to outside corporations, who have amalgamated for similar reasons, and, finally, the evolving of a big flotation which will reimburse capitalists now tied up in what will presumably be the subsidiary companies.

The companies which are said to be involved in the Canadian steel trust are the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., the Dominion Coal Co., the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., the Lake Superior Consolidated Co., the Montreal Rolling Mills, the Hamilton Steel & Iron Co., the Canada Foundry Co., and the National Iron Works Co., which it is proposed to start up in Toronto within a very short time.

The prime movers in this big Canadian organization are: E. R. Wood, J. H. Plummer and Robert Fleming. Mr. Fleming is the representative of big moneyed interests in the London market. Some few months ago this London financier practically took over all the American holdings and other obligations in connection with the Lake Superior Corporation, and it is believed that he is the pivot around which the consolidators of all the leading steel and coal interests are revolving.

From Montreal it was learned yesterday that changes in the directorate of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. are already in contemplation and that Rodolphe Forget and Max Aiken are to be put on the board of this company. Mr. Aiken, although a young man, has already made a record in the matter of amalgamations, and his prospective appointment to the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal directorate is regarded as one of the signs in the association of this big trust.

The capitalization of the Canadian Steel Trust is placed at five hundred million dollars, and much of the money which will carry out the flotation is coming from British investors, as the securities of this company will be put on the London market as one of the attractive features of Canadian investments.

The combination is thought to be brought about owing to competition, for financial reasons, and because of the possibility that the Government may entirely cut off the steel bonanzas which have been in effect for several years.

### MAY BE FATAL.

Brother of Late Harry Gayer Injured in Toronto.

Concussion on the brain, sustained by being struck by a street car at Moor street and Rusholme road, Toronto, at 5:45 yesterday afternoon, it is feared, may result in the death of Arthur Gayer, aged 70, of 242 Havelock street. He also sustained internal injuries and cuts on both temples, which required ten stitches to close.

Mr. Gayer was on his way home. He left a car at Moor and Rusholme and walked behind it. A Blouy and McCaul car was coming from the west and he stepped in front of it. The car struck him, knocking him to one side. Witnesses carried him into Dr. S. Conboy's office and, after he was attended temporarily, from there he was taken to the Western Hospital. His condition is regarded as being critical. Up till an early hour this morning he had not regained consciousness.

Mr. Gayer, victim of the unfortunate accident, is a brother of the late Mr. Harry Gayer, of H. M. Customs, this city. This morning Mr. Fred W. Gayer received a message over the telephone that he was still unconscious.

## LIKE STEALING OTHER'S POWDER.

### Voters Must Not Confound Citizens' Campaign Committee With Hydro Clique.

Secretary Bower, of the Citizens' Campaign Committee wants it very distinctly understood that that committee has nothing whatever to do with the so-called 'Hydro Citizens' Campaign Committee.' The genuine Citizens' Campaign Committee has but one platform—reduction of taxes. The clique that is using the other name is looked upon as imposters by the original body.

Unless the electors on Monday endorse the by-law reducing the number of aldermen from each ward to two, next year's Council will be obliged to deal with the matter by cutting down the number of wards, probably to five, which would make a Council of fifteen aldermen, four controllers and the Mayor. If the by-law passes, the idea is to rearrange the city into eight wards, with two aldermen from each. Mayor

McLaren favors the lesser number of aldermen, believing that a board of twenty-one aldermen, four controllers, and the Mayor, as at present, is too cumbersome.

The City Hall employees are wondering what will happen when the new Board of Control takes hold of things. All year there has been rumblings of proposed changes, and, it is a well-known fact that these have been delayed, for the new Board of Control to deal with. There is a feeling over in the hall that the new administration will shake things up once it settles down to business. The first thing in re-organization that it will deal with will be a number of recommendations from City Engineer Macallum.

At Mayor McLaren's dinner to his workers in the factory Palm Gardens tonight, the aldermen will be supplied by (Continued on Page 9.)

### SWIFT DEATH

(A. P. Despatch to the Times.) Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Hurrying to the bedside of a patient, Miss Emma Helstrom, 22 years old, a trained nurse, and a companion were instantly killed at a grade crossing near Depew, about 12 miles from here, last night. Walter Lindholm was driving the sleigh containing the nurse. It was bitterly cold, and the two were so heavily covered with wraps that they did not hear the rapidly approaching passenger train on the New York Central tracks when they reached the crossing. The engine smashed the cutter to splinters and instantly killed both occupants.

### CHEQUE MAN

Has Tried Several Women With the Same Document.

The cheque artist who wanted Miss Burgess, the James street north milliner, to cash two cheques for him on Tuesday, one for \$25, the other for \$15, is still in the city, and has been trying to get several women to cash that \$15 cheque for him. He calls at a house, asks for a room or board, and, desiring to pay in advance, tenders the cheque. Yesterday he called on Mrs. Morton, Barton street east, and on Tuesday night he visited Mrs. Fisher, 71 Bay street south. From both ladies he wanted to get board, and to both he tendered the \$15 cheque and each time it was refused.

He is believed to be the man who is trying to sell the brass rings by representing them to be gold. Here is a description of him: About 25 years of age, five feet eight inches tall, fair complexion, grey eyes, well built, wearing a long, rough overcoat, grey in color, and a brown Christy hat.

### FOUND DEAD.

Thomas Trainer Died in His Shack on Mountain.

Thomas Trainer, an employee of Gallagher Bros. lime dealers, on the mountain, was found dead at 10:30 o'clock this morning, by Russell Gallagher, a son of the dead man's employer. Trainer was an unmarried man, 55 years of age, and for over twenty-five years was a resident of that district. For many years past he had been living alone in a small shack near his place of employment. While an industrious worker, he was not of very strict habits, and was often absent from the district and from employment for three or four weeks at a time. If it had not been that Mr. Gallagher was accustomed to send every morning to Trainer's shack, it would probably have been some days before his death was discovered. Steps were immediately taken to get in touch with S. F. Washington, K. C., crown attorney, who will decide if an inquest is necessary.

The deceased leaves two brothers and one married sister. James Trainer, 295 Catharine street north, foreman of the track repair section, of the Hamilton street railway, is one of the brothers.

### HAS THE TIME.

Ex-Ald. W. G. Bailey, who is a candidate for controller and was chairman of the Finance Committee in 1908 is prepared, if elected, to devote his whole time to the interests of civic business. He makes no pledges but will do his duty in all questions that pertain to the general welfare of citizens. Being free he can go into details and form an intelligent opinion on the wisest course to pursue. He is businesslike and thrifty and will make a good all round representative.

### HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE.

(G. N. W. Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Dec. 30.—Through the energy of Miss E. S. Fitzgerald, B. A., Principal of Thorold High School, a household science department, the second in the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, will be opened, about the middle of January. A class of 40 students has already been enrolled.

### JOHN BURNS ON PROTECTION

Lloyd-George Attacks Marquis of Bute.

Lord Loreburn Deals With House of Lords.

Mr. Ure on Tariff Reform—Swintburne's Poem.

London, Dec. 30.—Wherever Mr. Lloyd-George goes there is the hottest corner of the battlefield. He has chosen the Marquis of Bute, a millionaire land and mine owner of Cardiff, for a bitter attack. The Marquis owns 117,000 acres of land, also Cardiff docks and also some of the biggest mines, which pay him substantial royalties.

It is true, though Mr. Lloyd-George does not mention this, that the Bute estates are excellently managed. He has made large gifts of land for public parks and has been a munificent donor to Welsh causes.

Mr. Lloyd-George finds that the Marquis of Bute charges £1,200 annually as ground rent on land occupied by a theatre, but the agricultural rent of which was formerly £56, when cries of "shame" arose from his audience. Mr. Lloyd-George proceeded: "I was astounded. I could hardly believe that extortion could go to that extent, so that I made very careful inquiries, and I find they are charging something like five shillings per square yard per annum. (Renewed cries of "shame!")

"Who is Barabas, I would like to know? (Loud cheers.) All I say to the Marquis is this: 'You ought to contribute at the rate of £1,200 per annum.' How could you expect people with such a record as that to let the budget through? Of course they threw it out, but it is going through (loud cheering), and many another bill will follow it. (Renewed cheers.)

### DENIED BY THE COMPANY.

Federal Life Not Interested in Syracuse Deal.

"It is entirely news to me," said David Dexter, General Manager of the Federal Life Assurance Company, when asked for a statement to-day about the story from Albany that his company has purchased the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association and League, a fraternal beneficiary society, with headquarters in Syracuse. According to an Associated Press despatch, Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss has stepped in and interferred.

"We are always willing," said Mr. Dexter, to-day, "to take over good business of any company, but I know nothing about this. I very likely would know if there was any truth in it."

Mr. Dexter pointed out that Melvin G. Hunt, one of the Toronto directors mentioned in the story, gave it a denial, and added that he did not think there was anything in it.

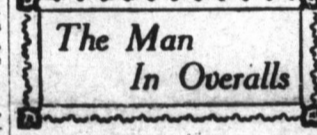
The Albany despatch says in part: "Alleging that, temporarily at least, the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association and League furnished the money with which control of itself was bought by representatives of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada, Attorney General O'Malley obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice Andrews at Utica to-day, returning to Syracuse on January 5th, directing the society to show cause why the state superintendent of insurance should not be put in possession of its business pending the determination of the question whether it should be liquidated.

"Their action seems to be a part of a scheme," says Superintendent Hotchkiss, "whereby this society will be merged in that foreign corporation, not yet admitted to business in this state, and because of the smallness of its paid-in capital, not even qualified to apply."

"On the same day, December 15th, upwards of \$150,000 of the securities of the Syracuse company were so disposed of that an immediate transfer of \$150,000 was made to the Farmers' Bank of Canada, at Toronto, such bank issuing, through its manager, then in Syracuse a pen-written certificate of deposit payable only after three months' notice, such manager, at the same time, apparently as the agent of the purchasers of the control of the Syracuse society, deposited \$150,000, which was, in whole or part, immediately distributed among the old directors, as it is understood, the consideration for the resignation of certain of them and the transfer of the control to the new directors paying such consideration."

The retiring directors were C. F. Wayne, S. S. Debar, Slate Laycock, all of Syracuse; H. H. Mondon, Port Jervis, and J. E. B. Santee, Hornell. Their places were filled by William B. Garrison, Edgar Madden, New York; M. G. Hunt, Toronto, Ont.; Rudolph Appel, White Plains, and Edward L. Vezina, Syracuse.

A Syracuse, Dec. 29.—Ira C. Reed, president, and W. H. Peck, secretary-treasurer of the People's Mutual Life Association and League Society, denied to-night that there had been any irregularities in the management of the society's affairs. They regarded the action of the state insurance department as unwarranted.



No Times on Saturday. Early paper on Friday. Send your ads. in early on Thursday night or Friday morning. Don't forget, please.

It's your ads. go with the pay-as-you-enter cars.

"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"—Engineer McFarlane.

If you are a Good Samaritan, you will throw some sand on your sidewalk.

Should the Herald keep on lying like that, people won't know when to believe it.

Will Mr. Wild please see that the electric light is turned on at Woodlands Park? The boys want to see to skate.

Wonder how many Sunday school teachers read the Sunday school lesson that appears in the Times every week.

As to resolutions, if you don't intend to keep them don't make them.

Send in your church notices to-morrow.

When the School Trustees were all re-elected by acclamation we could not have been looking.

I hate to strike a discordant note at this time of the year, but why does Mr. Studholme keep silent on Whitney's inaction on technical education?

Even though Alf. Wright should be among the "also rans" he will get a run for his money.

West Hamilton is just aching to get a crack at Thomas J. Stewart.

What's this Hydro-Electric some of the candidates are talking about? Some new fancy drink?

Did you hear anything of a proposal to run an electric road over the mountain? I don't know whether it is to go up the Jolley Cut, James street or Garth street.

Every man and woman, too, for that matter, should spend a quiet hour between now and Saturday, taking stock of how they have spent this and how they will spend next year.

Although ex-Ald. William Findlay was perhaps the first public man to advocate acquiring Hydro-Electric power by the city, the Hydro-Electric organ is advising the electors to vote for others.

Don't coddle yourself, and the cold weather won't bother you much.

It will be a good thing if the good roads by-law is carried.

After all, it's pretty tough to be run in as a vag simply because you can't get work.

From other sources I learn that the Government House ball last night was a delightful affair. Lieut.-Gov. Gibson and his good lady made an ideal host and hostess.

Kind thanks and best wishes go from The Man in Overalls to his friend, the minister from Dundas.

Swear off.

## VIOLENT DEATHS VERY NUMEROUS.

### Two Men Were Killed and a Woman Found Dead in Her Room Yesterday.

Three tragic deaths were reported to the police last night, namely: Miss Susan Leeman, 138 Mary street, was found dead in her bedroom. She had been dead about three days, death being due to natural causes, according to Dr. Baugh's investigations up to the present.

Benjamin D. Rubeis, 408 Sherman avenue north, an Italian, was accidentally killed at the Smelting Works.

J. B. Griffith, Rockwood, watchman at Maple Leaf Park, was run over by a Grand Trunk train east of the Jockey Club and instantly killed.

Six deaths within a week of a tragic nature have occurred in the city. Such a list in so short a time is most remarkable in the history of the city.

DEATH AT SMELTING WORKS.

About 5:30 o'clock Benjamin D. Ru-

beis, an Italian laborer, was engaged in unloading a car of slag, which had been taken from a blast furnace, when a pile of stuff slipped off the car and buried the young man underneath it. He was badly crushed, but before his fellow workmen could get him out from beneath the material some more of it fell, and completely covered him. When he was again extricated life was extinct.

As soon as the accident happened the ambulance was sent for post haste, and everything possible was done, but when the ambulance arrived Rubeis was dead.

The body was taken to the City Hospital morgue, and Dr. McNeill was summoned to act as Coroner. He ordered an inquest to be held.

### NO TRUTH WHATEVER.

Westinghouse Has No Interest in Rumored Merger.

Manager P. J. Myler, of the Canadian Westinghouse Company, gave a very emphatic denial to-day to a report printed in the Toronto World this morning about an electric supply companies merger. Mr. Myler said: "There is positively no truth in it whatever." What the World said was:

Mergers in connection with some of the large companies have attracted attention to the electrical supply interests, and it is now asserted that the leading electrical machinery construction companies are making overtures for an amalgamation.

The three large Canadian electrical supply concerns are the Westinghouse Co., of Hamilton; the Allis-Chalmers Co., of Montreal, and the Canadian General Electric Co., of Toronto.

Recent competition among these companies in which tenders were given is thought to have lost money to the concern which has obtained the contract, and has evolved the idea that the combination of electrical supply interests would be beneficial to these companies. It is rumored that there is already an effort under way to assimilate the large electrical interests into one whole and thus avoid future cutting of prices.

Besides the British preference work-harm to the electrical manufacturing interests, so much harm in fact that drastic measures are called for on the part of the financial institutions behind many of the companies.

### TAX TROUBLE.

Bailiff Instructed to Make Seizures on Mountain.

Trouble has been brewing in the lately annexed part of the city and that portion of Barton township on the mountain immediately south of Concession street, regarding the sidewalk taxes. Some of the newly annexed district refused to pay their taxes to the township for this year on sidewalks on the grounds that these taxes would be collected by the city, and if they were to pay to Barton it would mean a double tax. Those over the mountain set up the claim that other residents of the township should share a part of the taxes, and that they should not be limited to those in front of whose property the sidewalks run. To this the Council of Barton would not listen, as it was understood that those benefited by the sidewalks should pay the tax, and Reeve Gage instructed the bailiff to enter and make seizure if these taxes were not paid. It was reported this morning that the objectors have all fallen in line and paid up their arrears.

### Early Paper

The Times will be published early to-morrow. All advertising copy, church notices, etc., should be in the office to-night.

No paper will be published on New Year Day.

### MCDONALD VS. BRENNEN.

Stanton, O'Hear & Morison, acting for W. J. MacDonald, contractor of this city, have started action against Hugh S. Brennan to compel him to pay the Bank of Hamilton \$7,500 under agreement between the plaintiff and defendant by which the plaintiff sold and transferred to the defendant 120 shares of stock in the Mississauga Company, Limited, in consideration of the defendant agreeing to pay certain indebtedness of the plaintiff to the Bank of Hamilton.

### SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Genuine Calabash Pipes. South African Calabash pipes are light in weight, smoke cool and color well. All sizes and shapes, plain or silver mounted, are sold from one dollar up, at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

## A LONG DENT IN HIS HEAD.

Some Fear For Recovery of Peter Mulholland.

Joseph Midwinter Held on Charge of Assault and Battery.

Colored Man's White "Niece" is Given Six Months.

Indications are that before long another tragedy may be added to the heavy list of the past week. Peter Mulholland, the famous, has a dent in his head about five inches long and about one inch and a half wide. His condition is believed to be critical, as blood poisoning is feared.

Joseph Midwinter, 57 Liberty street, stood charged before Magistrate Jellis this morning with assault and battery on the said Peter, but so serious is the condition of the complainant that he was unable to attend court.

From what can be learned from the police there was a serious faction fight last Friday night in an upper room in a Liberty street house, and the leaders were, it is said, Midwinter and Mulholland, known popularly as "Pete."

It is alleged that when the battle waged hot, Midwinter tapped Pete on the head with a piece of iron about the size of a window weight. The instrument of infliction must have been harder than Mr. Mulholland's head—and that's saying something, for the trench in Peter's roof will take a lot of skill to mend. The wound was not attended to until yesterday and now pus has accumulated, and if Mr. Mulholland crosses the bar to the Great Beyond as a result of that wound it will not be surprising. Midwinter was remanded.

Martin Loudon, the Chedoke youth, who stole his father's horse three weeks ago and sold it at Brantford on Tuesday for \$75, pleaded guilty and elected to be sentenced by the County Judge.

Yesterday Margaret Pedle was a witness in defence of Thomas Hawkins, who was charged with assault and fined \$5. To-day Margaret stood charged with stealing \$10 from Quor Pedro, and was found guilty and received a sentence of six months in jail.

When Mr. Hawkins was fined he had not the money to pay, so he was held in custody. Margaret led the court, perambulated around the city for some time and met Pedro, whom she did not know, at the corner of York and James streets; they talked for a wee while and then boarded a car for her home in the east, as she told complainant her old man was in jail, and could not pay his fine, so said Pedro.

Pedro said he gave Miss Pedle \$10, from which she was to take 75 cents. She went out and did not return, hence complainant laying the charge of theft.

Constable McLean said he went to her house to arrest her and she was out. He later found her in a near-by store. He placed her under arrest, and while she was telephoning of a patrol wagon she ran away. The officer gave chase. She ran to her house, where he found her smoking a cigarette and drinking whiskey.

In defence she said she did not take 10 cents of the "daggo's" money, and referred frequently to the judgment day, until the magistrate told her he did not believe a word of her story, whereat she was told complainant and enlarged on her word being as good as a "daggo's." She wished the court to know she was Mr. Hawkins' niece, his sister's daughter and immorality she would not countenance—she was not a woman of that kind, etc.

When she was sentenced she thanked his worship, and asked to be allowed to go to the Mercer.

Charles Young made his semi-weekly bow to the court this morning. His leg is better, and he has discarded the crutches he carried a few days ago. He yelled loudly, "Guilty!" when charged with being drunk. He began to tell the back benchers that he had booked a seat on the water wagon for the first of the year when the desk sergeant called out "Fined \$2." Charlie came near breaking his leg again so high did he jump every day. He was fined \$5 for 15 days in default of payment of the \$2.

### BADLY HURT.

Broken Hammer Handle Pierced Jack Bowron's Ear.

Little Jack Bowron, son of Mr. Walter Bowron, of the Sanford Manufacturing Company, met with a very serious accident at his father's home at Van Wagner's Beach yesterday afternoon. In his play the little lad had got upon a chair. On the floor stood a hammer, the handle, which was broken and splintered, sticking straight up in the air. Jack fell from the chair and struck the hammer, the splintered handle penetrating his ear and entering his scalp. It went in quite deep and inflicted a severe wound, which bled profusely. A physician was summoned from Stoney Creek and succeeded in stopping the bleeding. He expressed the opinion that the lad had had as narrow escape from death as possible. Jack was a little better this morning.

### You Can Get Them Here 20 Per Cent. Off.

Our stock of quality goods are not the usual bunch that have been picked over. We have on hand a number of new lines for the New Year in pure black bristles, genuine solid ebony backs, in brushes, military, hand mirrors, manicle sets and mirrors for the toilet stand—Parke & Parke.

—Mr. John Dalton, of the Tribune, Detroit, is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Joseph F. Carroll, Aikman avenue.