

GRAFT IN NEW YORK.

Fraudulent Tickets Used in Street Cleaning Department. Princeton University Graduate Unearthed the Scheme.

City Would Have Stood to Lose \$50,000 in Snow Removal.

New York, Feb. 3.—As the result of an investigation inaugurated by William H. Edwards, the Princeton University graduate who was recently appointed street cleaning commissioner of New York city, eight employees of that department and the foreman of a private contractor were arraigned in court early to-day on charges of grand larceny by the use of fraudulent tickets. These tickets were issued to drivers of snow wagons and attested to the removal of a wagon load of snow from the streets. All the men arrested were held in jail for a further hearing to-day. It is estimated that the frauds would have cost the city \$50,000 if the street cleaning commissioner had not detected them, but as none of the snow removal bills resulting from the last storm had been paid, it is believed that the city suffered no loss in this instance at least.

Among the nine men under arrest are David Jacobs, a foreman in the employ of Daly & McBean, snow removal contractors, and Jas. Cleary, a foreman in the street cleaning department. Frederick A. Hoag, deputy street cleaning commissioner for the borough of Bronx, and Wm. F. Charles Worth, a foreman of the department, were suspended by Commissioner Edwards and subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury to-day.

All present contracts for snow removal have been abrogated. Commissioner Edwards said that after the discovery of the frauds he sent an agent to Jacobs, the contractor's foreman, and purchased \$700 worth of tickets at 80 per cent. of their value when redeemed by the city. He said Jacobs offered \$10,000 worth of tickets at the same price. Jacobs, when arrested, implicated the others and surrendered a cheque for \$700 drawn to his order by deputy Hoag. Hoag said he had been supplying in legitimate snow tickets, taking 10 per cent. from the drivers by redeeming their tickets more promptly than the city.

TOO ELOQUENT.

Young Woman Shot the Man She Said Had Betrayed Her.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 2.—The attorney for the defense was summing up. Sympathy in the courtroom had been strongly with the complainant, Miss Verna Ware, a daughter of one of the best-known families of this part of the State; but counsel for John Haines, who she charged, had been eloquent, and the jury listened attentively. Suddenly there were six pistol shots. Miss Ware had determined to take the law into her own hands.

COURT MARTIAL.

Trial of U. S. Captain For Being the Worse of Liquor.

Cibola, Feb. 3.—The court martial which is to try Captain Edward F. Quant, of the battleship Georgia, on charges preferred by Rear Admiral Wainwright, that he was under the influence of intoxicants at a reception given at the home of Mrs. Isaac Dickinson, an Algerian Minister to Morocco, met this morning on board the battleship Louisiana.

RUSSIAN BISHOP

Will Try to Convert Sixty Congregations in Canada.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The headquarters of Archimandrite Michael, who has been appointed bishop of the Old Believers in Canada is to be in Winnipeg. This appointment is due to the desire of the Orthodox Church to convert the sixty Russian congregations in Canada that have left Orthodoxy and are today following the Schismatic Bishop Saphir.

KNOX MISSION GROWING.

Knox Mission Church, under the pastorate of the recently inducted minister, Rev. H. D. Cameron, is progressing nicely. At the service last Sunday ten new members were received, and there was an attendance of over 130 at communion. The members are quite enthusiastic in their support of the pastor and new officers in their determination to build up a strong church.

INCREASED RATE OR MORE ECONOMY.

Onus on the Board of Education If Tax Rate Has to be Raised.

If the Board of Education this year insists on receiving the appropriation which the officials have intimated it will ask for, City Treasurer Leckie declared this morning it would be necessary to raise the Public School rate. The rate for several years has been fourth and six-tenths mills for Public Schools, and one and a tenth for the Collegiate Institute. The Board last year received an appropriation of \$185,000. This year it is asking for \$220,000, and this does not include about \$5,000 which will be required for the new Technical School. It is the intention to appoint a headmaster in April, and to open the new school in September. The Board last year added \$180,000 to its debenture debt and it will probably add \$100,000 more this year, in making additions and improvements to schools. The Finance Committee of the Board of Education meets on Monday, and an effort will be made to have it prune the estimates.

It is estimated that the city this year will pay \$208,000 or \$16,000 more than last year, into the interest and sinking fund. Provision is made in this for a half year's interest on the debentures for which by-laws are likely to go through, including the \$237,000 the Council will apply to wipe out the overdraft and do road work and the \$65,000 for sewer extensions and completing the annex works. As soon as the Board of Education settles on what it estimates, if this year's Council gets through without an overdraft it will accomplish a seemingly impossible task for practically every civic department is after an increased appropriation. The Hospital Board, Board of Health and other independent boards want more money. The Board of Works wants \$500,000 and it is fixed charges amount to almost \$60,000. It was the intention this year to have a contingency fund, but it does not look as if there would be anything left to put into it after the money is distributed. The officials say the contingency fund is of little use anyway. The different committees know the money is there and they go on spending, depending on the contingency fund.

A majority of the members of this year's Council are said to be favorable to the scheme for the city to build an electric switch, giving the railways connection with the bay front. There is no intention to cut up the park property back of the reversion wall. The idea is to keep the money as far to the south as possible, cutting through the old power house property west of John street, back of the Hamilton Steamboat Company's property, and the MacKay wharves to Brown's wharf. Connection will be made with the Grand Trunk at Wellington street and further east with the Radial and T. H. & B. The department is now working on a plan by which it is hoped to avoid level crossings.

The Harbor Committee on its annual inspection yesterday afternoon discussed the switch scheme and looked over the proposed route. It was decided to make some repairs at the swimming baths, to fix up the road leading to the city dock, tear down the old fence, separating the Turbina property and the old weigh scales. The Board of Works will also be asked to erect a light at the entrance to the property. Mayor McLaren, Chairman Guy, Aldermen Applethorpe, Hopkins, Sweeney and Grear were the members present.

Mayor McLaren, a deputation of Aldermen, City Engineer Barrow and City Solicitor Waddell are in Toronto to-day in connection with the city's application for patents to the west end marsh lots.

Alderman Milne is acting Mayor to-day.

TRIED SUICIDE.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) London, Ont., Feb. 3.—Ernest Dawson, prominently connected with a noble English family, tried to commit suicide this morning by jumping from a three-story window.

Dawson receives \$150 a month remuneration, and for several months has done nothing but drink. It is thought that his mind was deranged by drink, and that he has little chance of recovery.

RECEPTION

To be Tendered by Church Men to Bishop and Clergy.

The churchmen of Hamilton will tender the Lord Bishop of Niagara and the clergy of the Hamilton diocese a reception on Monday, 22nd inst., at 8 p. m., in the Cathedral school-room. The programme will consist of lantern views and address on the Pan-Anglican Congress by Rev. F. E. Howitt, followed by an excellent lunch, after which addresses will be given by the following clergy, who have been invited to speak: The Lord Bishop of Niagara; the Very Rev. Canon Sutherland, M. A., Sub-dean; Ven. Archdeacon Clark, M. A.; Ven. Archdeacon Forrester, M. A.; Rev. Canon Wade, M. A.; Rev. Canon Abbot, M. A.; Rev. E. J. Etherington, Rev. F. E. Howitt, Rev. E. N. R. Burns, Rev. S. Daw, Rev. Mr. Britten, Rev. Mr. Kenrick, Rev. Mr. Tonnyok, Rev. A. B. Higginson and Rev. J. Potts.

Each speaker is at liberty to choose his own subject.

HAPPY EVENT.

Pretty Wedding at Home of Mrs. Isaac Dickinson.

A very pretty house wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Isaac Dickinson, 290 John street north, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Miss Anna Dickinson was united in marriage to Herbert Sweeney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Cameron, of Knox Mission, in the presence of about fifty guests. George Fuller was the groomsmen and Miss Alice Dickinson assisted the bride. The bride was given away by her grandfather, Mr. McCauley. A wedding breakfast followed, at which the guests to the bride and groom were enthusiastically honored. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney leave on the evening train for Port Huron and other points west.

WINDSOR OLD BOYS.

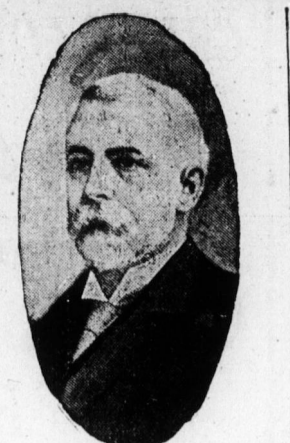
Windsor, Ont., Feb. 3.—Windsor's home coming week has been definitely set for the first week of next August. The celebration will be one of the biggest events in the history of the town.

SALARIES RAISED.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 3.—In accordance with intention expressed last year the School Board last night granted raises to its teaching staff. For the teachers holding model school diplomas the maximum was raised to \$400, while for the normal school graduates it was raised to \$700. Four principals also received increases.

Made in Glasgow, Scotland.

Smith's Glasgow smoking mixture is a delightful blend of high-grade tobaccos that smokes cool and sweet. It is sold in this city for 20 cents a tin at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.



Mr. Fielding Received by King. London, Feb. 3.—Hon. W. S. Fielding was received yesterday in private audience by King Edward at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Fielding expects to sail on the Tunisian on Friday.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

\$50,000 to fix up the piers ought to give a few men employment.

If the policemen are to be supplied with rubber heels, what about rubber necks?

The turnkeys have long hours and short pay. They need a salary boost.

Since Henry Van dropped off the Licensing Board, the public as well as the Police Commissioners appear to have given up hope of any improvement. Politics, as Mr. Callaghan jocularly explains, stands in the way.

Brantford should be made to understand that it won't be allowed to ship its vags to Hamilton. We have enough of our own.

I have been wondering, as well as the Mayor, when Alick Campbell's turn is coming for promotion. He is not only a man with a level head, but he also has a civil tongue in his head. However, I am glad to hear that he is in line for promotion.

Though it costs money it may be as well to have the samsuemaker fitted up with Marconi wireless.

Now here comes the Street Railway Company with a proposal to relay a portion of the track just when the city is scarce of money. Some more of its villainy.

You don't see the Laurier Government having any overdrafts. It's the other way.

Excuse me, but I crack no jokes about earthquakes.

Cheer up. Every day that passes brings us nearer to the good old summer time and plenty of work.

Suppose when we stop the exportation of natural gas the United States stops the exportation of coal. We would be hit pretty hard.

It must have been one of the Tory thumb-nail men who doctored Border's B. C. telegram.

Now, young fellows, straighten up and push out your chest. Six new policemen wanted.

Has the notion to have two or three mounted policemen die a natural death? Has the bicycle taken the place of the horse?

Yes, Maude, the kickers' column will appear this Saturday. What have you got to kick about?

Tripping among the police is to be suppressed, and I suppose the political worker will in future have to lie low.

Where were the mothers of those children who were tagging on to every sleigh and wagon on John street south yesterday afternoon?

If an overdraft is to be prevented at the end of the year, the work of prevention must be done now, when the appropriations are being struck.

The suggestion to turn the North End Park into a site for factories will need the endorsement of the North End Improvement Society before it receives my approval.

It would be funny if the Attorney-General's Department should order our License Commissioners to cut down the licenses.

The City Council should take a definite stand one way or another on the salary question now. What's the use of waiting until a lot of employees have sent in requests for increases only to be told later on that there is nothing doing?

SUIT DISMISSED.

This morning Mr. J. L. Counsell, solicitor for Mr. L. Meredith, London, obtained an order, in chambers, dismissing the action brought against him by Dr. W. H. Montague, of Winnipeg, formerly of this city, for the reason that security for costs had been given, as directed by the court. The action was for \$200 for breach of warranty in connection with the purchase of a horse about a year ago.

MURDER THEORIES SEEM TO BE FAKES,

But There is Intense Interest in the VanSickle Inquest This Afternoon.

Jerseyville, Ont., Feb. 3.—The inquest into the case of the burning of the four members of the VanSickle family on Saturday morning, was opened this afternoon at 2.30, with Dr. Farmer as coroner. The interest was intense, and the town hall, which is over a grocery store, could not begin to hold the people who wished to get in. Crown Attorney Washington was satisfied, after receiving a report based on a thorough investigation, there was no evidence that could be produced to show that there was foul play, and he did not attend the inquest. Many of the townspeople are indignant over the reports that have appeared to the effect that the fire was the result of anything but an accident. Some of the men in the town say that the two families who lived in the house were on the best of terms, and that at no time had they ever heard of there being strife. There was a rumor going the rounds this morning that Henry Miller, a farmer who lives about two miles from the village, had seen a man around these parts within the last two weeks, who some years ago is said to have wanted to marry Miss Lady VanSickle, but his offer of marriage was declined, and it is said that he threatened by saying "he would come back some day and fix them." To offset this rumor are the statements of many prominent people in and around Jerseyville who say the house was securely locked and that a person would have a hard time getting in. Mention has been made of the fact that a revolver was found in the ruins of the house, with two cartridges exploded and the marks of the trigger on the caps. It is known that when the workers were in the ruins two shots were heard, and it is presumed that they came from the revolver. Men who have stayed at the house say that there were always firearms about the place. The will of Philip VanSickle has not yet been opened. The house and contents were insured for \$3,000.

NO TROUBLE AT FUNERAL.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, Ont., Feb. 3.—Rev. John Atkin, who conducted the funeral services of the VanSickle family, interviewed here this morning, gave an absolute denial to the reports that there was a family row at the funeral service. He stated that it was the opinion of every member of the family, with one exception, that the fire was due to accidental causes. Regarding the theory that revolver shots were heard, Rev. Mr. Atkin said that Stanley VanSickle, the 10-year-old son of Albert, heard the shots at 10.30 when the fire had got a good headway. As there were revolvers and shot-guns in the burning house, the reports were certain to follow. Rev. Mr. Atkin ridiculed the story of foul play.

COAL OIL INLET.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane Promises to Grant City Patents After the Various Interests Comes to an Agreement.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 3.—A deputation from Hamilton, consisting of Mayor McLaren, Ald. Grear, Ald. Peregrine, Mr. Thomas Crooks, representing the Board of Health, City Solicitor Waddell and Engineer Barrow, waited upon Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, this morning, asking permission to fill in Sherman avenue inlet, popularly known as the "Coal Oil Inlet," on the grounds that it was a nuisance. The Minister listened at great length to the arguments put forward by different interests and followed closely on numerous blue prints submitted.

"I would like to get this matter cleared up," he said. "Would it be a fair thing to ask the different interests to get together and try to arrive at an agreement? If you can do so, I shall grant the patent to the title."

Mr. Waddell said that at Monday night's Council meeting a committee would probably be appointed and after the G. T. R. had been notified would try to arrive at a settlement, the matter to be submitted finally to the Minister by appointment, after an agreement had been reached.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—The Hamilton delegation was very favorably received by the Provincial Secretary at Toronto to-day, when it was introduced to ask that the Municipal Act be amended allowing City Councils the power to appoint Cemetery Boards.

TO TORONTO.

Rev. W. J. H. Brown Has Received Call There.

Rev. W. J. H. Brown, pastor of Barton Street Baptist Church, has received a call to West Toronto. Mr. Brown is out of the city to-day, and the Times could not learn his intention in the matter, but inquiries made among the members of the church elicited the information that the call had been talked of for some few days.

THE FARMER.

W. O. Sealey Thinks He is Worthy of Consideration.

Mr. W. O. Sealey, M.P., has introduced a resolution in the Commons, the object of which is to place the farmer on the same footing as the manufacturer, but without injuring the consumer. He has given notice of the following motion:—That in the opinion of this House so long as the Canadian tariff affords, incidentally or otherwise, a considerable degree of protection to manufacturers properly so called by our tariff to Canadian agriculturalists and stock raisers upon hogs, hog products, garden vegetables and such other items as it may appear possible to so protect with advantage to the agriculturalist, and without undue injury to the Canadian consumer.

BACK TO TORONTO.

Charles McDonald, Toronto, was the only name on the roster at Police Court this morning. McDonald was moved on from Toronto by the police there, and Constable Staton arrested him for begging on the street last night. Magistrate Jelfs imposed a fine of \$20 or six months on McDonald, which will not be enforced if the Toronto man leaves town before nightfall. In most cases of this sort the unfortunate consider Hamilton jail better than liberty in Toronto.

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.

BEFORE RAILWAY BOARD.

E. D. Cahill, of Cahill & Soule, is before the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board in Toronto to-day on behalf of the T. H. & B. in regard to the application of Welland for the removal of a level crossing at that place. The Garth street crossing matter will also be dealt with.

CALIFORNIA AND THE JAPS.

Wants Pacific Coast to be a White Man's Country. The Outcry in the East Against the State is a Sordid One.

Do Not Want Japs to Own Property in California.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—With two nations stirred to a fever pitch over the anti-Japanese measures of two States, the people of California are beginning to wake up and ask what it is all about. The outburst of the State Legislature was unexpected, but it has not caused a great deal of comment in this State, and with the exception of the Asiatic Exclusion League, no one is engaging in the fight. But these facts are not generally accepted as an indication that the people of the State are not genuinely interested in the Oriental race problem.

The interest of the agriculturists is indicated by the bill to prohibit the ownership of property, which was introduced by A. M. Drew, of Fresno, the centre of one of the largest orchard and vineyard districts of the State. The other bills were introduced by Grove L. Johnson, who hails from the Sacramento valley, where the Japanese are regarded with considerable hostility by people of all classes. This feeling has been intensified by the acquisition in late years by the Japanese of large tracts of orchard and garden lands.

The criticism of the eastern press on the anti-Japanese feeling in this State has aroused a storm of protest from the papers of California. The California papers generally complain that the real attitude of the people of this State is not understood east. Most of these papers regard the exclusion of Orientals as both necessary and inevitable, and they express the fear that action of the State Legislature will retard rather than advance this solution of the problem.

The San Francisco Chronicle to-day complains that the feeling against California in the east is entirely based on "two main motives, both sordid: one is to keep solid with Japan, and thereby promote the sale of cotton goods and kerosene, no matter at what cost to the unfortunate people of the Pacific coast, and the other is to force on Congress a heavier appropriation for the army and navy."

The paper predicts that the exclusion of the Japanese by domestic law is the only logical solution of the problem, and it maintains that in this desire to keep the Pacific coast a white man's country, two-thirds of the people of the country are with California.

In the meantime Governor Gillett and Speaker Walter Stanton, of the Assembly, are sitting on the lid which was expected to be lifted at Sacramento. They will be both of these officials say there will be no anti-Japanese measures passed, but the friends of the bills are equally certain that they will succeed in passing them.

A MERGER.

Geo. M. Hendrie President of New Steamboat Company.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company, and the Detroit & Buffalo Steamship Company, the recently announced \$4,000,000 merger of the two companies by the purchase of the latter by the former was ratified. George Hendrie, president of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company, and C. P. McMillan, of Detroit, was elected president.

IN CUSTOMS.

Mr. Richard Wallace Appointed to the Vacancy.

Mr. Richard Wallace was last night given the recommendation for appointment to the Custom House, to fill the vacancy made by the superannuation of Mr. A. Alexander and the promotion of Messrs. Thomas McAllan and H. W. Temple. Mr. Wallace is a resident of Ward 7, and has for many years been in the employ of the Sawyer & Massey Company as a lumber inspector. He is intelligent and industrious, and will make a good civil servant.

DUNDAS P. O.

Government Takes Short New Lease on the Present Site.

Dundas, Feb. 3.—It is announced here that the Government has leased the present Post Office site for a further period of two years and four months. If this is the case there will be no need of securing a new site right away. Weeks ago the Council was asked to recommend a site, but there was a good deal of delay in doing so. The town is greatly interested in the matter. It looks now as if there would be no new building for a year or two.

Mrs. Morden, wife of Eli Morden, of Greensville, died yesterday.

Right Now

You want Parke's glyceroid to apply to your chapped and roughened hands. It is not greasy or sticky and dries into the skin immediately, leaving it soft and smooth. A trial will convince you that it is the best hand lotion. Sold in 15c and 25c bottles. Parke & Parke, druggists.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Maxwell, Ont., Feb. 3.—Alexander Sinclair, sr., an old resident of this township, dropped dead yesterday, aged seventy-two years.

WHITE PLAGUE.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 3.—A large number of people inspected the tuberculosis exhibits of the Ontario Government, which is visiting Windsor this week, under arrangements made by Windsor's Army Medical Corps.