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Notice to Advertisers

In consequence of the great strain on the advertising columns of the Saturday edition of The World, all changes of advertisements for that day's issue must be handed into the publication office before 2 p.m. on Friday. No change will be guaranteed after that hour.

Don't Block the Railways.

Toronto owes more to the railways for her remarkable growth and prosperity than to anything else. They have made the place. Why, then, block the railways? Let them have access to the city. Get the Canadian Pacific in by the Don at the earliest moment; let the Grand Trunk also come down the Don; encourage the Grand Trunk to build a loop and run the Belt line; offer no obstruction to the Toronto & Buffalo road getting in the best way possible; in fact, bring in all the railways we can possibly get. Don't try and force a viaduct scheme on them that neither by law nor equity can be justified, though it would no doubt be a good thing both for the roads and for the citizens if the roads would only see their way to pay for it. But they don't, unfortunately. The present Esplanade with overhead bridges will meet Toronto's present and prospective requirements. We are not in lack of harbor accommodation, the harbor is not the mainstay of the city, and even if the railways did "gobble" the present harbor, we have two others in Ashbridge's Bay and Humber Bay that would accommodate a Toronto twenty times the size of the present one.

Give us, good sirs, more railways; spend your energy in inducing the railways to reduce their passenger rates, give us better and more rapid transit; insist on double tracks but do everything within reason to increase Toronto's railway facilities. It is on these the city must depend in the future as in the past for her life's blood.

Higher prices and less work is no uncommon combination. From its English exchanges The World notes that the return of the production and prices of manufactured iron in the north of England illustrates this feature. There have been higher prices paid, but less work has been done. The manufactured iron sold by the associated northern firms in the first two months of the year realised 10s. 10½d. per ton more than that sold in the previous two months; but the quantity sold was some 5000 tons less. Naturally, as prices rise, buyers check their requirements as much as possible.

Queen Victoria plays cribbage with Prince Henry of Battenburg at Aix-les-Bains. Henry's position as a Queen's son-in-law is no sinecure.

There is one nice thing about being an idiot. There is never any likelihood of an idiot's blowing his brains out. The World learned this from one who knows and the statement is not based on personal experience.

A Political Study.

One of the most unique and astonishing [illegible] politics is the reign of Tammany Hall, the Democratic organisation which rules the greatest city on the continent, dictates every appointment to office, seizes upon the public money in every department of the city and county, and shapes the national policy of the party. The government of Tammany is in the hands of an executive committee of twenty-eight members. In the entire list there is not a man who can be truthfully said to follow any respectable regular calling or legitimate business outside of politics.

Nearly all of them are illiterate and ignorant men. Mayor Grant can neither write nor speak the English language correctly. Richard Croker was a tough in his early years, then a prize-fighter, then a saloon-keeper, then a member of the Tweed gang, then stoker of a fire engine. These two are the bright and shining lights of Tammany. Besides these there are one convicted murderer, one who has been tried for murder and acquitted, one who has been indicted for felonious assault, one who has been indicted for bribery, four professional gamblers, five keepers of dives and gambling houses, four liquor dealers, five "retired" liquor dealers, two sons of liquor dealers, three of ex-prize-fighters, four ex-toughs, six members of the Tweed gang, seventeen office holders, eight ex-office holders and two favored city contractors. Of the whole twenty-eight there are but three who can write or speak English correctly, but they are good in mathematics, so far as addition, division and silence are concerned. They live wholly on the city, and when thrown out of office return to some disreputable occupation, such as dive-keeping or gambling, or else are maintained by "divvies" wrung from men still in office.

Such in brief is the personnel of the gang which rules the great city of New York and whose influence if felt throughout the State and the nation as well. And these were the men who would have controlled the Columbus quadri-centennial World's Fair had it gone to New York!

Politics in Canada are not yet in the hands of such men as these. Even our own John Charles, with his dense opaqueness of moral vision and his peculiar economy of truth, shines as clad in robes of purest white when compared with these harpies. And the member for Lincoln is an anomaly in Canadian politics. In this rapidly growing city, however, we have need to watch for the beginnings of gang rule, and the personnel of Tammany bears an instructive warning. Beware of the professional politician.

A London inventor has just made a penny-in-the-slot machine which will furnish a man with his picture. You look at the indicator and drop in your penny. A gong rings, which means: "Look pleasant. Wink as often as necessary." Then there is a click and you steady yourself and assume a why should-we-mourn-departing-friends expression. There is another gong sound, which means that the picture is finished. In another moment an automatic tray delivers the picture. Several of the machines are already in use in London and we shall have them in Toronto before long.

Waterloo veterans are becoming scarce in Maine and the colonies. They are like angel visits, few and far between. There seems to be a larger crop of them in France. A Paris paper there is announced from Archiac and La Suze the death on Christmas days of two veterans of la grande armée, two French soldiers who fought under the campaigns of 1813-14-15 and one of Waterloo. What might not be said if there are said to be still living three 400 veterans who fought in the Crimean wars. They all hold the St. Helena medal.

A frequent cause of complaint among doctors is the practice of embalming bodies before a burial certificate is given. In cases where an inquest is necessary the physician who has to make the post-mortem examination is handicapped if the undertaker has previously prepared the body for burial, the embalming fluid affecting the internal organs of the body in a perplexing manner. In a case where poisoning is suspected the physician would be completely baffled if the body had been embalmed.

At the meeting of the Chartered Accountants' Institute last evening Mr. Henry Lye suggested a novel but by no means impracticable idea of a system of mercantile insurance on the lines of the old-time fire and life insurance companies. His plan is to charge each member a premium, which guarantees him against all losses by bad debts, failures, etc.

What's in a name? Oftimes not much. From the district of Amari in Crete comes the report that two Turkish gendarmes have been murdered by a band of Christians—the band of Liafas, as it is believed. Liafas is a bandit notorious in the island, and praised as a hero by the Greek papers engaged in stirring up insurrection. His Christianity and that of the gang which he heads repudiates the doctrine of rendering what is Cesar's to Cesar, much more the doctrine of turning the left cheek to be smitten after the right, and most of all the eighth commandment. This is something more than "muscular Christianity." It is the gospel of robbery—"the good old rule, the simple plan, that they shall take who have the power, and they shall keep who can."

"A Record, not a Prospectus," is the title of a brochure just issued by the Bradstreet Company, in which the progress made by the company since its incorporation 14 years ago is reviewed, including its improved methods of reporting the credit of firms, individuals and corporations engaged in mercantile or industrial pursuits. Bradstreets' employ several thousand people in gathering the requisite information, aided by more than 100,000 correspondents. Whether obtained from merchants, industrial workers, financiers, or from those in other walks of life, the results attained represent the degree of co-operation existing between the business community and the Bradstreets Company and reflect the confidence of the mercantile world in the integrity of purpose and the character of the company's administration.

MERCANTILE INSURANCE PLAN.

A New Scheme Propounded by Liquidator Lye Which Members of Board of Trade Consider Practicable.

At the inaugural meeting of the Institute of Chartered Accountants held in the council-room of the Board of Trade last evening Mr. Henry Lye read a paper on "Mercantile Insurance as a Preventive of Business Demoralisation and Bad Debt." There was a large representation of members of the institute. Ex-Ald. John T. Moore occupied the chair.

Mr. Lye's paper was an able one. He held that to ridicule the proposition of a scheme of insurance against losses by bad debt because it is not in vogue is to assert that we have reached the limit of progress in the perfection of business methods, notwithstanding the army of sheriff's officers, lawyers, assignees and trustees which are found necessary to the present conduct of mercantile affairs. Does not the wisest merchant when he is establishing the prices of goods to be sold on credit, add to the cost one set of percentages for loss by bad debts, one for freight and duty, one for expenses and one for profit. Is not the "percentage for losses" practically the insurance premium levied upon every purchaser? Does he not make a "discount for cash" of a much larger percentage than the simple interest on the bank discount. Does not the difference really consist of the premium for insurance against bad debts, which a cash payment would make unnecessary? How, then, can it be stated that mercantile insurance is not in daily practice? After referring to the general conduct of retail business affairs under the present system, Mr. Lye pointed out the principles of insurance, not in the abstract, but as a business method of minimising the effects of unavoidable disaster. He held that the statistics of mercantile disaster were no more difficult of arrangement for insurance purposes than those of fires or lightning, or explosion, or accident by death. By utilising the continued experiences of merchants, mercantile agencies and trustees in the compilation of comparative statements of (1) defaulters to traders (in number), (2) losses to sales (in amounts), (3) liabilities of defaulters to realisation from their estates, (4) cost prices of bankrupt stocks to proceeds of their sale, (5) costs of collection and realisation of insolvent estates, (6) supposed cause of failure, we shall then have the data for such premium charges as will enable our business men to be saved from the greater anxieties of mercantile life. By the employment of competent, conscientious adjusters they can make successful fraud so difficult as to be profitless. Rates of premiums required by the mercantile insurance company would be based upon averages of experience.

Another point was that if a mercantile insurance company had a number of risks in one locality they would assist in promoting the sale of goods under such prices as would allow a reasonable profit to be made by all, but would devise such a system of central storage, repacking and sale as would enable their disposal without the present baleful effects, which are as destructive to legitimate trading as conflagrations are to property or as epidemic diseases are to health and life.

The discussion which followed was participated in by the chairman and Messrs. Davidson, president of the Board of Trade; Blain, second vice-president; Scott, Davidson, Headley, Eddis, McCabe and Mr. Johnston of Belleville, all of whom expressed themselves satisfied that the plan was practicable and would bear careful consideration.

At the Church of the Epiphany.

Beaty-avenue, Parkdale, much interest was manifested in the Easter vestry proceedings. The churchwardens' report exhibited a steady and satisfactory increase in the congregation. The report of the Sunday school showed a really gratifying state of affairs for a new and comparatively small church. Teachers and pupils on the roll are now 262, last year 228, the year before 144. These officers for the year now commenced were elected:

Churchwardens—J. S. Lockie, appointed by the rector (Rev. Bernard Bryan), Thomas McLean, re-elected by the people.

Advisory committee—C. Stratford, R. Thorne, C. F. Wurtele, W. Weld, jr., W. H. Jagger, John Asbury, Richard Woods and R. T. Howard.

Sidesmen—Richard Bond, D. C. Adams, W. Bennett, C. S. Chalk, C. H. Jagger, Joseph P. Thompson, J. P. Arnott, C. J. Fairfield, C. Medland, C. S. Rathbone, R. Jose and H. Eaton.

Lay delegates to synod—Samuel Shaw, A. E. O'Meara and J. S. Lockie.

Auditors—R. Thorne and C. F. Wurtele.

Mr. Fairfield acted as secretary to the vestry, and the meeting was most harmonious.

The World Moves!

Don't disgust everybody with the offensive odor from your catarrh just because some old fogy doctor, who has not discovered and will not believe that the world moves, tells you it cannot be cured. The manufacturers of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy have for many years offered, in good faith, $500 reward for a case of nasal catarrh, no matter how bad or of how long standing, which they cannot cure. They are thoroughly responsible financially, as anyone can learn by proper enquiry through druggists (who sell the medicine at only 50 cents), and they "mean business."

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Representative Randall has experienced another relapse.

Four murderers were hanged in Pennsylvania Wednesday.

M. O. Raignel & Co., Philadelphia paper dealers, have assigned with $100,000 liabilities.

Hailstones 7 to 8½ inches in circumference and weighing 7 ounces fell at Roberts, Ill., Tues ay night.

At Sedalia, Mo., Judge Ryland instructed the grand jury that progressive euchre and church raffles are gambling and illegal and charged them to take cognisance of all such things.

Burdock Blood Bitters is a medicine made from roots, barks and herbs, and is the best-known remedy for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, and will cure all blood diseases from a common pimple to the worst scrofulous sore.

THE ARGONAUT ROWING CLUB

A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE PAST SEASON'S DOINGS.

The Races Won by Their Representatives—A Creditable Financial Statement—The Smokers Were a Success—Notices of Motion—The Meeting To-night—Long Shots Win Yesterday's Races.

The annual meeting of the Argonaut Rowing Club takes place to-morrow night in the club house, foot of York-street. It is just 18 years since Col. O'Brien and a number of rowing men started this club to elevate this grand branch of amateur sport. In '72 the membership was some 25 or 30 members and now the membership stands at 314, of which 50 are life, 220 active and 44 inactive members. The life and inactive membership has reached its limit.

The annual reports to be presented at the meeting to-morrow night will be interesting and most satisfactory. The policy pursued by the executive of accepting stock of the Boat House Company in payment of fees has resulted in the acquisition by the club of 41 shares amounting to $820 of stock.

The spring and fall club races are mentioned in the rowing record. A 4-oared crew took first place in the Dominion Day regatta on Toronto Bay. The junior crew, stroked by A. B. Cameron, took second place at the A.A.A.O. regatta at Pullman Aug. 9. At the C.A.A.O. meet at Hamilton Aug. 30 the same crew captured the senior fours. A double-scull shell by Wharin was added to the club fleet.

The question of 8-oar rowing and the advisability of ordering a shell was seriously considered, but for want of opponents must be left over for the present. The club regrets the loss by death of Hon. John Macdonald, a life member, and Mr. William Gill, a warm supporter. President Col. Sweny impresses, in his report, the necessity of renewed personal effort to maintain and advance the interests of the club.

Captain Langmuir, on behalf of the rowing committee, thanks the members for their active support.

The following notices of motions will be acted on to-morrow night: By Messrs. Langmuir and Kertland—That the limit for life membership shall be increased to 100.

By Messrs. Fraser and Macdonell—That the financial year be changed to correspond to the calendar year and that the annual meeting be held on the second Friday in March.

By Messrs. Kertland and Fraser—That the fee for active membership in case of members residing over 20 miles away be $5, this class to be known as non-resident members.

The pipe concerts assisted in keeping alive the interest in club affairs during the winter. Sixty-six pipes, exclusive of clays, were given away to those taking part in the concerts.

The assets of the club are at present $3850, consisting of boathouse stock, club uniforms, club furniture, gymnasium furniture, boats and cash on hand. The past year's revenue amounted to $4447 and the expenditure was $13 less.

There will be a lively time over the election of officers as there are two or more candidates for all the important positions. Every member is requested to attend the meeting to-morrow night.

PATSY HARTNETT SIGNS.

Not with Toronto but with Der Boss St. Louis Manager.

BOSTON, April 9.—Patsy Hartnett to-day signed to play first base for Chris Von Der Ahe's St. Louis American Association team. Hartnett played the last two seasons with the Toronto Club of the International League. Last year he had a batting percentage of .279 and a fielding average of .957. He is a good man in his position, but a very slow base runner. Hartnett was given his release through the carelessness of the Toronto Club, they, although eager to re-sign him, not presenting a contract before April 2.

The International Champions Beaten.

The International League champions, the Detroits, were warmed up yesterday by the Columbus (A.A.) team in Columbus by the score of 8 to 2.

Nearly all the games arranged for to-day were postponed by bad weather.

Dust from the Diamond.

Tommy Kearns, formerly of the Hams, has been appointed captain of the Omahas.

Frank Adams, formerly with Gooderham & Worts, has been appointed superintendent of the Toronto baseball grounds and started to work over the Don yesterday.

The Cygnets would like to arrange a game with some club outside the city for May 24 and other holidays. Challenges can be sent to the secretary, M. Cairns, 226 Sackville-street.

At the annual meeting of the Wiltons the following officers were elected: Captain, H. Stonehouse; treasurer, H. Warner; secretary, James Fahey, 19 Balmuto-street. The club is open to challenges from juniors.

Andrus will begin today to give the Vanity men a regular course of training. Eight men have already begun practice on the lawn and the selecting of the 15 to constitute the club will take place about a week hence.

Manager Mutrie, in a letter to The New York Sun, reiterates his challenge to play the New York Players' League team in an open lot. He has promised to deposit $500 with The Sun, and thinks his team can win with hands down.

Manager Felcher of the Hustlers has completed his list of stars by securing the following: McCormick, 1b.; O'Hara, 2b.; Small, c.f.; Blake, l.f., and Ruelland, Green and Millerick, mascots. There is no company too fast for this aggregation.

President McCormick sent a wire to Hartnett yesterday saying that the Bostonian must accept his last year's salary or the Toronto club would be obliged to secure another first baseman. But alas! it was too late, as Patsy has gone to the Browns.

Last year the Philadelphia Club was supposed to be strong in pitchers, but it proved to be weak. This year the pitchers are young and comparatively untried, and, working by contraries, they should turn out well. Vickery pitched a good game. He gave only two bases on balls.—Philadelphia Record.

The Nationals held a largely attended meeting in Wardell's Hall on Tuesday evening, nearly all the members being present. A strong team will be selected from the following well-known players: Rolph, Duriam, Brown, Thompson, Synge, Cope, Lye, Nicholson, Rogche, McCallum, Ewing. The Nationals are open to receive challenges from any senior amateur clubs in the city and would also like to arrange Saturday and holiday games with outside clubs. Address all correspondence to Thomas Baker, manager, 219 Markham-street, city. The Nationals are one of Toronto's cleverest amateur nines, put up a strong game, are gentlemanly players and would make an interesting contest with any club.

A Bad Day for the Favorites.

NEW YORK, April 9.—At Clifton to-day the track was heavy and the time rather slow. Results:

First race, ⅝ mile—Vengeance won, Student 2, Vevay 3. Time 1.05¾.

Second race, 1 mile, selling—Sparling won, Gendarme 2, Gen. Gordon 3. Time 1.46¼.

Third race, 1½ miles, selling—Jim McCormick won, Little Jim 2, Raveler 3. Time 2.46¼.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—Specialty won, Silleck 2, Grimaldi 3. Time 1.30½.

Fifth race, selling, for 2-year-olds, ½ mile—Emily Carter won, Enola 2, Contessa filly 3. Time .53¾.

Sixth race, Owners' Handicap, ¾ mile—Albermarle won, Dongan 2, Allan Archer 3. Time 1.21.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—The track was fast to-day and the weather clear. Results:

First race, 5 furlongs, selling—Vatell 1, Peanut 2, Regardless 3. Time 1.02¼.

Second race, 6 furlongs, selling—Maggie B 1, Skobeloff 2, Bonnie Annie 3. Time 1.16.

Third race, 5 furlongs, selling—Puinto 1, Miss Francis 2, School Girl 3. Time 1.02.

Fourth race, handicap, 7 furlongs—Ormie 1, Ruby 2, Jack Cocks 3. Time 1.29.

Fifth race, Howard stakes, 1 1-16 miles—Tudor 1, Buckler 2, Bonnie King 3. Time not taken.

Toronto's Berlin Football Delegates.

There was a good attendance at the special meeting of Toronto Football League representatives in Messrs. Rice's office last night. There was considerable debating anent the proposed changes in the Western Association rules. The delegates were amply instructed as to their course. The following Toronto gentlemen will attend the meeting of the Western Football Association in Berlin Saturday: J. R. L. Starr, president Western F.B.A.; W. W. Wood, vice-president, Toronto district; John Lockhart, vice-president, Oxford district; M. A. Rice, vice-president, Simcoe district.

At "Headquarters."

Mr. Fred Mossop is now fully installed at "Headquarters" and has gone to a good deal of trouble and expense in making it comfortable for his friends and patrons. "Headquarters," as its name indicates, will always be a popular Toronto resort. 246

St. Matthias' Cricket Club.

The St. Matthias' Cricket Club held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening at the president's house, 58 Euclid-avenue. There was a fair attendance of members. The secretary and treasurer's report was read and confirmed, the reports showing the playing of last season to have been very successful, the club winning 6 out of 10 matches. The following officers were elected for the coming season: President, Rev. F. J. Plummer; vice-president, Mr. C. Carmody; captain, Mr. F. J. Perrin; vice-captain, Mr. C. E. Atkin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Atherton, 162 Strachan-avenue.

The Victoria Lawn Tennis Club's Officers.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club was held on Tuesday night, when these officers were elected:

President, Dr. E. Spragge; vice-president, W. H. Cawthra; hon. secretary and treasurer, J. L. Capriol; committee, S. A. Jones, H. W. Pringle, A. R. Capriol, A. J. Arnold and E. S. Griffin.

Toronto Gun Club's Shoot.

The Toronto Gun Club held their regular shoot at blue rocks yesterday at the Woodbine with the following results:

Sawdon, sr.	16	Henry, 1st score	15
McDowall	16	Henry, 2nd "	15
Rice, 1st score	16	Felsted	11
Rice, 2nd "	13		

Jottings About Town.

L.O.L. No. 328 had one initiation and one proposition last night.

The schooner F. H. Burton is taking on board a load of barley for Oswego.

"Jim" Daley was yesterday fined $30 and costs for a breach of the liquor license act.

For theft of milk from his employer James Wier was yesterday sent to jail for ten days.

Joseph Tighe was yesterday committed for trial, charged with pocket picking at Shaftesbury Hall.

Special provision has been made for ladies at to-night's meeting at Association Hall on the Esplanade question.

The kindergarten classes in connection with Palmerston-avenue and Louise-street schools were opened yesterday.

The steamer Armenia is at present loading lumber at the Queen's wharf. Her cargo will be landed in the St. Lawrence.

Mayflower Lodge, No. 4, I.O.G.T., received a visit from the district chief templar last night. Five candidates were initiated.

Frederick Butchart, for theft from Alexander Barnett, his master, was yesterday sent to the Central Prison for four months.

The average daily attendance at the public schools during March was 19,293 out of 22,491. This is equal to a percentage of 85.

Special services are being held this week in Broadway Hall. J. J. Sims gave an address last night on "Why does a Christian Sin?"

On a charge of stabbing Frank Ross at 149 York-street, John Schwit was yesterday remanded till prosecutor is well enough to appear.

The steamer Hastings is being thoroughly overhauled and refitted. She will ply this summer between Wilson Park, N.Y., and Toronto.

A building permit has been issued to A. O. Wiggins for the erection of two semi-detached two-story buildings on Birch-avenue, to cost $3200.

The Sites and Buildings Committee visited the public schools yesterday with a view to decide what repairs shall be made during the coming summer.

Joseph Holden of Stovel was yesterday fined $5 or 14 days for crowding 93 head of cattle into one car. One of the animals was trampled to death.

At the regular weekly meeting of Old England Lodge, No. 328, A.O.F., held last night at Shaftesbury Hall, four candidates presented themselves for initiation.

On Saturday, at 2½ p.m., will take place the annual convocation of Trinity University, when the degrees in medicine and other faculties will be conferred.

The regular weekly meeting of the Sexennial League was held last night at Richmond Hall. Certificates to the number of 25 were granted and five candidates were initiated. There were also six applications for membership.

Out of Sorts.—Symptoms, headache, loss of appetite, furred tongue and general indisposition. These symptoms if neglected develop into acute disease. It is a trite saying that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and a little attention at this point may save months of sickness and large doctor's bills. For this complaint take from three to three of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills on going to bed, and one or two for three nights in succession and a cure will be effected.

From Police Blotters.

Harry Halliday, Club Chambers, York-street, reports the theft of an overcoat from that hotel.

J. J. Gamby, 1072 Queen-street west, had a pair of pants stolen from his store at the above address yesterday.

Yesterday morning a thief raided Walter Mephan's premises, 287 Euclid-avenue, getting away with a dozen pigeons.

John Ryan, no home, is held at headquarters charged with stealing an overcoat from William Moon, Sumach-street. The detectives want an owner for an axe found in Ryan's possession when arrested.

John Donovan, Listowel, was arrested here yesterday on a despatch from that town charging him with fraud. He left in charge of an officer for the scene of the alleged crime by the evening train.

Sergeant Hales, of No. 1 Division, has been given two months' leave of absence to visit his home in England.

John Murphy, a pensioner and a carpenter by trade, residing at 143 Brock-street, is charged with larceny at headquarters. It is alleged that he found a purse of $80 lost by John Egan on April 1 and refused to give it up. The facts of the matter, according to the police, are that Murphy drew his pension, and someone who saw the roll of bills surmised that he had found Egan's wad, hence the arrest.

Eli Scott made himself obnoxious at the Union Station last night by demanding money and threatening dire consequences if refused. He finally assaulted a drunken man in York-street and was arrested by P. C. George Reburn.

Personal Mention.

Rev. J. B. Huff has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Selwyn.

Rev. F. W. Auvache has resigned the pastorate of Oshawa Baptist Church.

Rev. T. W. Jeffery is rapidly recovering and hopes to be at work again in a short time.

Rev. F. Tapscott of Port Arthur has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Fonseca-street Baptist Church, Winnipeg.

Dr. W. T. Harris of Brantford was elected elective member of the Medical Council of Ontario by the University of Toronto College yesterday

The confirmation of Nathan, the son of R. Berger, 497 Queen-street east, will take place on Saturday next at 10 o'clock a.m. at the synagog, corner Elm and University-streets.

Mr. Thomas Dudley, of 6 Spruce-street, yesterday celebrated his 80th birthday, the occasion being duly honored by a pleasant evening party. Mr. Dudley has been a resident of Toronto for 54 years.

Rev. Bradford Kempton, M.A., of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, who, with Mrs. Kempton, is enjoying a vacation trip, is in the city. Mr. Kempton has been for 22 years pastor of the large and historic Baptist Church in Cornwallis, N.S.

Mr. Charles Durand is to-day in his 80th year. For 55 years he has been an active legal practitioner and is not superannuated yet. Mr. Durand remembers well the war of 1812, when his father served as a captain and won a liberal share of glory at the memorable battle of Queenston.

At the Paris Exhibition, when Bass, Guiness, Barclay & Perkins, Allsopp and all the world-renowned English brewers competed, the experts pronounced the St. Louis beer the best. 246

TORONTO'S GREAT FAIR.

Preparing for the Exhibition—Increasing the Prize List—Good Prospects.

The work of preparation for this year's Industrial Fair, to be held at Toronto from the 8th to the 20th of September next, is already being rapidly pushed forward at the exhibition offices. The committees on horses, cattle, sheep and pigs and poultry met at the association offices yesterday afternoon and revised the prize list in these departments. There was a large attendance of delegates from outside the city, representing the various stock breeders and poultry associations. Among those present from outside of the city were: Messrs. John Dryden, M.P.P., Brooklin; James McCormick, Rockton; William Shunk, Sherwood; W. B. Smith, Greenwood; J. P. Bull, Davenport; A. Bogue and W. McNeil, London; W. Knight and John Fogg, Bowmanville; Thomas H. Smelt and C. J. Eisell, Guelph; F. H. Macpherson and W. G. Peter, Barrie; also W. Christie, chairman of the horse committee, Dr. A. Smith, Dr. Duncan, James Crocker, R. Davies, W. E. Wellington, J. Carruthers, Joseph Dilworth, W. Barber, H. B. Donovan, etc., Toronto. The cattle committee made an increase of $1000 in the prizes in that department. The committee on horses also added a considerable sum to their list. Some increases were also recommended in the poultry list. Special prizes were reported from the American Holstein Breeders' Association, the English Shropshire Breeders' Association, the American Hereford Cattle Association, the American Oxford Down Sheep Association, the Canadian Clydesdale Association, The Farmers' Advocate, special for dairy test, the Walker House, Toronto, and others.

THE JUNCTION COUNCIL.

Lighting and Heating—The C.P.R. Subways—The Sewage Question—The Postal Facilities.

A large amount of business was transacted at this week's meeting of the council of West Toronto Junction.

The matter of tenders for heating and lighting the new fire halls and Council Chamber was referred to the property committee with power to definitely accept tenders, and the Mayor and clerk were authorised to execute contract when approved by Town Solicitor.

The Mayor and Councillors Ellis and Percy were appointed a committee (with power to add to their number) to arrange for purchase of necessary lands and enter into agreements with property-owners in reference to the construction of the C.P.R. subways.

Councillors Percy, Pears, Holden and Ellis were appointed a special committee in reference to sewage matters, with power to employ expert engineers.

The Mayor and Reeve presented the report of the Ottawa deputation, in reference to the erection of a postoffice. The Government stated that it was too late to ask for an appropriation this session, but that in another year, if the matter was then brought to the attention of the Government, it would probably be favorably considered. The Postmaster-General promised to consider the question of better postal facilities at once and have some improvements introduced.

The question of water rates was considered favorable, though no action could be taken till a report was obtained from the engineer in charge.

A claim for damages was also put in by Messrs Dewart and Lawson, solicitors for J. H. Mimms, for $500 damages to his property, caused by reason of the construction of block paving on Lakeview-avenue.

Mr. J. M. Mowat Biggs, town engineer, was present, and in answer to enquiries by the council stated that he could not accept the office at the salary provided, $600 a year. He explained that the important works under construction this year would, during the whole time of the town engineer and at least two assistants, and not only would it be a loss to him to do the work at that salary, but it would injure his reputation as an engineer to accept such terms.

The matter was referred to the Board of Works Committee.

Developing a Beautiful and Promising Spot.

Among the many romantic spots in Ontario none can surpass in beauty of situation and grandeur of scenery the district about Kakabeka Falls. Situated on the north shore of Lake Superior is the Kaministiquia River of which the Falls form a part. The surrounding country is unrivaled as a pleasure resort, while it is the paradise of the sportsman, for the streams abound in trout and the land in game. It is one of the richest mineral districts in Canada, silver ore being located in large quantities within a radius of 20 miles from the Falls. The transportation facilities are excellent. For Port Arthur is only 14 miles distant and Fort William is three miles nearer. The C.P.R. line is three miles distant, and if, as is expected, the road is straightened the railway will pass through in the immediate proximity of the Falls. The Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway, now being constructed to open up the iron and silver mines, also runs through the district. But above all the advantages offered by the country is the water power from the falls, said to be the finest on the continent. The locality is an ideal spot for a thriving city and the Kakabeka Falls Land & Electric Company have not been slow in availing of it. They have bought up a tract of land about two miles square through which the river runs diagonally. This has been laid out in lots, parks, etc., and it is the intention to erect flouring mills, saw mills, sash, door and blind factories, wood pulp mills, stamp mills for mineral ores and other manufactories which will all be run by the water power from the Falls. The company have issued a prospectus giving maps and explanations, a glance at which will show the reader that they have gone into the scheme in no half-hearted way and that in the near future many will reap the benefits of their labors.

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The City on Top Again.

The case of Stilliway v. the City and Dr. W. W. Ogden, an action brought by James W. and Caroline Stilliway to recover $700 for injuries sustained by the latter in consequence of falling through a hole in Queen-street west, was continued at the Assize Court yesterday. The case occupied almost the entire day and at 4½ p.m. His Lordship submitted a number of questions to the jury. At 6 p.m. the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff as against Dr. Ogden. Judgment was entered awarding Mrs. Stilliway $250 and Mr. Stilliway $150 as against Dr. Ogden. The city also get costs against Dr. Ogden.

Bodley v. Wickett—This was an action brought by Samuel W. Bodley against John Wickett to recover $380 on a building contract. On July 19 last the plaintiff was employed by the defendant to perform work and furnish materials for the erection of three dwelling houses at a cost of $2460, there being no agreement that the plaintiff should not be entitled to a lien on the lands and buildings for the price of the work and materials. $2020 has been paid to the plaintiff, leaving the balance claimed. The case was not concluded when the court adjourned.

To-day's list: Fisher v. Montgomery, Stagdill v. Duggan, Thomson v. Poulton, McCormack v. Harvey, Frenze v. Lee.

Every one should have them. Have what? Stanton's Sunbeam Photographs, $1 per dozen. Studio southwest corner Yonge and Adelaide Streets. 246

Life's Vicissitudes.

An old woman named Mary Jane Crawford was brought up from the jail yesterday morning with a note to the Police Magistrate from the physician stating that her time was up a month ago, but that she was not in a fit condition to take care of herself. She is well educated, but her mind is unbalanced, and although she says she has a home in the northwest part of the city, the police have never been able to find it. Her husband was once ledger-keeper for Col. Gibson. He acquired so much money, but lost it by unwisely helping a friend to start a large grocery store which soon went under. The magistrate sent her back to jail for six months as there is no other place for the acceptance of such cases.

The charming resort of our fashionable citizens, The Arlington Hotel Toronto, has just opened its new east wing for inspection. The arrangements and furnishings of the rooms are exquisite. 246

GORDION KNOT STILL UNTIED.

ANOTHER SUGGESTED SOLUTION OF THE ESPLANADE PROBLEM.

Separate Passenger Stations for the East and West—An Underground Connection—Subways and Tunnels—Hydraulic Hoists—The City Engineer Will Report—The Citizens' Association and the Don

Ald. Boustead, Carlyle (St. Thos.), Maughan, George Verral, Allen, Small, Gillespie, Leslie, Hallam, Lindsey, Irwin, Moses, McMullen, Gibbs, Lucas.

Citizens D. E. Thompson, Hugh Blain, John Galt, C.E., Joseph Stevens, J. H. Armstrong, Ellas Rogers, William Ince, Kivas Tully, C.E.

City Official Surveyor Sankey.

The above gentlemen formed a meeting of the Joint Esplanade Committee which was held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber. Ald. Boustead took the chair and instructed the clerk to read another proposed solution of the Esplanade difficulty as propounded by Mr. A. B. Barry, M.E.C.E. Mr. Barry set forth that even a four-track viaduct could only be sufficient for present traffic, and the city would outgrow it in a few years. Instead of this viaduct or overhead bridges and the building of a large union station that two smaller stations should be built, one west and the other east, that the passenger traffic east and west shall terminate at these respective points, and that through passengers and baggage connection shall be maintained by a transfer underground along the Esplanade between the east and west stations.

One or more subways or tunnels could be easily and, comparatively speaking, cheaply constructed, the transfer will not occupy more time than the ordinary detention now made in through connection at Toronto, and the value of freehold occupation at present by the railways and surrendered to the city would go a long way towards—if not entirely pay—any contribution which the people may feel disposed to give towards freeing its front from level crossings.

The transfer could be made either by a light separate service along the tunnels or tube, or the cars could be lowered or elevated by hydraulic hoists without disturbing passengers. The tunnel could be economically constructed of brick or steel, and as an open excavation or trench would only be necessary in which to construct the tunnel, the expense of drifting underground would be avoided.

The communication was referred to the City Engineer, and then a discussion took place on the scant notice given to the members of the Citizens' Association of the Board of Trade to attend the meeting. Mr. D. R. Wilkie and several others had only been notified to attend at noon, when they had made other important engagements, which they could not postpone. An adjournment was then moved, but this was dropped and business continued.

The Chairman explained that the principle of the viaduct had been affirmed and now was the time to take up the question from a financial point of view. If the proposed work was to cost $3,000,000 it was common sense to see where that sum was to come from. It had to be decided when the money was to be raised, how it was to be raised, and how it was to be apportioned. The whole scheme must finally go to the people for their verdict. He suggested that a sub-committee be named to take up the financial aspect of the work.

Mr. Jones Simpson held that until the Don agreement was settled it was useless to discuss viaduct.

Mr. Hugh Blain pointed out that the trouble with the Don agreement lay south of Queen and directly affected the viaduct scheme.

This statement was denied in toto by the Chairman, who produced the following letter from the City Engineer to the Mayor in proof of what he said:

Referring to your verbal question of this date, viz., "will the laying down and operation of the C.P.R. tracks, as proposed under agreement ratified by council on March 24, prevent the construction of the elevated system of tracks, as embodied in report of the joint committee in December last?" in reply I beg to state that the viaduct will lie north to the alignment of the tracks proposed by the C.P.R.) between Queen and Tait-streets, but the mode in which the earth approach between Queen-street and Eastern-avenue will necessarily be constructed will in no wise interfere with the operation of the C.P.R. line between these points other than the shifting of its tracks to the westward a sufficient distance to enable the temporary trestle work for filling between Queen and Eastern-avenue, and the steel trestle between Eastern-avenue and Tait-street to be erected. At the latter point the elevated structure will gradually deflect from the present C.P.R. tracks to terminate in the 4-track structure near Mill-street as designed.

The half subway at Eastern-avenue can also be built without interfering with the operation of said railway. At the second point at Mill-street, near Parliament-street, and where the viaduct would pass over the low level line, a few bents of temporary trestle will suffice until the whole elevated system is fully ready for use. In all, the additional expense entailed would be very little more than if the high-level structure were erected at once.

The chairman in a clever, concise speech went over the history of the Don agreement, showing that every opportunity had been taken from the Citizens' Association and kindred bodies to send in any objections to it.

Mr. D. E. Thompson championed the other side and made an angry attack on the council for ratifying the agreement. He charged that to all intents and purposes the council by its action had told the Citizens' Association that its services were not wanted. They were dubbed