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UNRAVELLING A MYSTERY

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LILIE CHARLTON'S DEATH?

What Coroner Johnson and the Jury Learned at the Inquest Last Night—The Lawyers Have Some Lively Arguments—Not Yet Finished.

"Now, Ward, take notice that I am here first," whispered Lawyer N. Gordon Bigelow to The World at the Lillie Charlton inquest last night. He had scarcely given vent to the boast when in marched County Crown Attorney Badgerow, with Coroner Johnson a close second. The jurors were all on hand when the clock in the Police Court room pointed to 8.

Dr. Valentine and Ally Wilkinson, the two prisoners, look pale and uneasy, especially the younger man. Before proceedings opened Mr. Nicholas Murphy, representing Dr. Valentine, strolled in to watch the proceedings in the interests of his client.

The Nurse Gives Evidence.

Nurse Lavinia Johnston of No. 12 Brighton-street, the woman who took care of the unfortunate girl until her death, was the first witness called. She said she had known Lillie for the past twelve years through doing housework for the Charlton family. She first knew of the girl being delicately situated two months ago, when she told witness that she was married to Ally Wilkinson. Two weeks before her death she heard first that Lillie was not married. The deceased and her mother had a fuss, so she said, and she had made up her mind to leave home. On that occasion she went away for a couple of days. The girl said that it was Wilkinson who had got her into trouble. The first time witness heard of the girl's sickness was on the Wednesday following the Tuesday on which the girl had taken sick. Witness had called at the house, and it was Mrs. Charlton who told witness about her daughter's illness. According to Mrs. Charlton, Lillie's symptoms were vomiting, accompanied by severe pains. This was all that passed on that occasion between witness and Mrs. Charlton. The deceased said nothing.

The Telephone Number.

It was witness who telephoned. She offered to go for a doctor in the afternoon, but Lillie said she had a telephone number with which to call up a doctor. "She asked her mother to tell me to telephone for Dr. Wood. As far as I can recollect the number was 135. It was on a bit of paper. I took the number to Lee's drug store and got the clerk to call up 135 and ask Dr. Wood to come down to 85 Sackville-street. I afterwards returned to the Charlton house and again saw Lillie, but she was too sick to talk. All she did was to complain of severe pains in the stomach."

The Arrival of the Doctors.

A man came about 4 or 5 in the afternoon, whom witness supposed to be Dr. Wood. Witness did not see him, but was led to believe he was the man. After he had gone witness asked Mrs. Charlton what the doctor had said, and the reply was that "Lillie was getting along all right," and that the trouble was with the heart, which was very weak. Mrs. Charlton never told witness anything about the trouble until after the story was published in the papers, only expressing surprise at the girl's symptoms. Witness never saw the first doctor at the house at all, but only Dr. Strange. Thought it was on Saturday when he came round. Dr. Strange told witness that Lillie was suffering from inflammation, but did not indicate the cause. Before the girl's death he questioned the witness as to the circumstances in connection with the girl's illness.

The Coroner and the Witness.

There was a great deal of fencing between the coroner and the witness concerning certain alleged admissions which he seemed to think she had made to Dr. Strange and other parties. He questioned and cross-questioned her but with little result, the witness sticking to her first statement that no conversation of moment had taken place between herself and Dr. Strange. Witness asked Lillie once as to the cause of her sickness, but met with no satisfaction. Her reply was: "Oh, do not bother me. I am too weak to answer questions." All that Dr. Strange said about the trouble to witness was that it seemed a bad affair all round.

Two Lawyers Disagree.

This closed the examination-in-chief and Mr. Murphy started in to cross-examine Mrs. Johnston. He put a question to the witness in a manner which did not meet with the approval of Mr. Bigelow, and lively words passed, resulting in Mr. Murphy declaring that he must separate his case from that of his brother in law, that he could not brook any further interruption from him. Mr. Murphy's cross-examination resulted in a denial by the witness that she had ever known Lillie to be in trouble before. County Crown Attorney Badgerow followed Mr. Murphy. He elicited the fact that when Lillie handed to her mother the slip of paper containing the telephone number, in answer to the question where she had got it, she replied that she had got it the night before when she was out.

Messrs. Badgerow and Bigelow.

Then the proceedings were enlivened by a vigorous passage-at-arms between the County Crown Attorney and Mr. Bigelow. Mr. Badgerow was baiting the witness in a way Mr. Bigelow thought was not according to Hoyle. "Mr. Coroner," he rose up to remark, "I wish to dray your attention to the fact that the County Crown Attorney is not proceeding properly. I have seen a good many county crown attorneys and know something of their procedure, but never before saw one act as Mr. Badgerow."

Mr. Badgerow: "If we are to believe Mr. Bigelow he is the only one who has had any legal knowledge in the room. He has already brought one member of the bar present to book, one who probably has as much if not a little more experience than himself, and now he is paying attention to me."

In answer to Mr. Badgerow witness stated that she had telephoned again to Dr. Wood on the following Friday, as the girl was getting worse. That night Dr. Strange called at the house. It was Mr. Lee who telephoned the first time, and his clerk the second time.

The second telephone message seemed to surprise Coroner Johnson, who gave it as his opinion that the woman's evidence was too contradictory to take down.

Mr. Badgerow refused to cross-examine the witness further and she was allowed to go.

Mr. Lee's Young Man.

Frank. J. Pursey, assistant dispenser of drugs in Mr. Lee's store, was next called to tell what he knew about the famous telephone messages. He could not give the dates, but remembered Mrs. Johnston coming in and handing Mr. Lee a slip of paper with a number on it, and asking him to telephone to Dr. Wood to come down to 85 Sackville-street.

The coroner produced a slip of paper which witness declared to be the one which Mrs. Johnston handed to Mr. Lee. On the second occasion Mrs. Johnston did not have a paper, but simply asked witness to telephone for the same doctor. She did not wait until the message had been sent. The answer from telephone No. 135 was that the party at the other end of the phone would give the doctor the message. Witness did not know who Dr. Wood was, and did not inquire about it. Witness thought he asked Mrs. Johnston the name of the family at 85 Sackville-street, and that she replied she did not know.

Where the Telephone Was.

Frank J. Pursey retired to make way for Mrs. Eliza Lewis of 177 King-street west. In reply to the coroner, she stated that she had a telephone in her house, and its number was 135. Witness received a message one day from some person, evidently a man, for Dr. Wood to go down to 85 Sackville-street. There was no name given, and on receiving the message she sent it in to Mr. Wood's shop, which is next door to her store. Some people called him Dr. Wood, and others Mr. Wood. "I am speaking," emphasized the witness, "of J. O. Wood, the druggist." He used to frequently make use of witness's telephone as any member might. Regarding the second telephone message, witness was sure that it was for Dr. Strange to be sent down as soon as possible. Witness was questioned closely on this point by the coroner, but she clung to her statement. The message, as she got it, was that J. O. Wood was to send for Dr. Strange as soon as possible. It was early in the morning when the message was received, but witness could not remember what day it was.

In answer to Mr. Badgerow Mrs. Lewis stated that there were three messages in all. The first was one to Dr. Strange from Dr. Valentine, asking him to see him, as he was sick. The second was for Dr. Wood to come to 85 Sackville-street. The third was to Dr. Wood, asking him to send Dr. Strange down to Sackville-street at once.

A Medical Witness.

Dr. Charles Riordan was called upon to tell all he knew about the illness of Dr. Valentine previous to the latter's arrest. On Thursday, Nov. 20, in the morning, he had been called to see the prisoner, who was in a fit. In the afternoon he had a second fit, and he went down again to see him. Witness attended the patient up to the following Sunday off and on. He did not keep a record of his visits to Dr. Valentine, as he was in the profession.

Mr. George Lewis, husband of Mrs. Lewis, gave evidence to the effect that J. O. Wood had asked him to telephone Dr. Strange to call on Dr. Valentine.

Mrs. Libby McGuire Tells All She Knows.

Mrs. Libby McGuire, a rather fine looking young woman of the brunette type, and a personal friend and chum of the dead girl, was the next witness to enter the box. She told of her acquaintance with Lillie. She said her maiden name was Libby Lamont, and she had been married in Buffalo on Nov. 28. She saw Lillie on the night of Nov. 9 and did not see her afterwards. First heard of Lillie's illness in Buffalo in a paper which was shown her by a friend. On Halloween day Lillie called on witness and walked out with her as far as Yonge-street. She told Mrs. McGuire that she would like to get some money but did not say what for. She did not ask witness for it, as she probably knew it was no use. They met Ally Wilkinson as Toronto and Adelaide-streets, and afterwards had tea by themselves at a down town restaurant. Lillie paid for her meal and witness did the same. Lillie told witness she was going to sell her piano to raise the money, but did not say what she wanted the money for. Afterwards when witness offered to buy the instrument Mrs. Charlton refused to part with it.

Mr. Badgerow and Mrs. McGuire.

"Now," said Mr. Badgerow, "tell me what day was it you were on Colborne-street with Lillie?"

"I never went down Colborne-street with Lillie. I am sure I was not."

Mr. Badgerow, "Remember, you are on your oath."

"Well, I may have gone down, but I am not certain."

"Not certain; now, were you in Leader-lane at all?"

"Yes, I recollect that she met Ally Wilkinson, who worked there."

"How far west did you walk along King-street?"

"As far as York."

"And what were you talking about?"

"Well, she was telling how she was fixed and how it could be all right if she had money."

"And what did she say she would do?"

"She said she would go to a doctor in Simcoe-street, who would see her through."

"Are you sure?"

"Oh, yes. I am sure she said Simcoe-street."

Mrs. McGuire referred to a mysterious man in a buggy whom Lillie stopped one night and asked him for money. She said he was her uncle, but he did not give her any money that time, telling her he would see her again.

The Last Witness.

Mrs. Annie Hogan was called, but her evidence was not important.

A lengthy discussion took place as to whether the evidence be continued or the inquest adjourned. The defence, through Mr. Murphy, wanted an adjournment to as short a date as possible, as the accused wanted to get out on bail whenever the verdict was brought in. It was then decided to adjourn the inquest until next Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

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DOWN ON BUCKET SHOPS.

Inspector Archabold Secures the Committal of Other Two Alleged Culprits.

The Police Court was crowded yesterday when Charles H. Wright, Edward A. Driscoll and Robert A. Barton were charged with a breach of the Abbott Act at 9½ Adelaide-street east.

Dr. McMichael, Q.C., and Mr. W. Seton Gordon app ared as counsel for the accused, and Mr. James Maclaren, Q.C., and County Crown Attorney Badgerow conducted the prosecution. The charge was similar to that against Logan and McCoppin on the previous day, being the "making of a certain contract or agreement for the purchase of certain shares" without the bona fide intention of the delivery of such shares.

The accused having pleaded not guilty, Inspector Archabold gave evidence of the arrest. Wright stated he was sole proprietor of the office but denied that it was a bucket shop. Papers were produced which were contracts for stock and other documents used in bucket shop transactions. One paper was order for stock, dated Dec. 24, asking for 10 shares of Richmond railway stock.

On the charge against Barton being withdrawn he was called as a witness. He admitted that the initials on the back of the order were his and that he bought the shares in Wright's room. He paid $10 for the stock, buying at 24¾. He gave particulars of similar previous transactions with Wright. He had no stock delivered to him. He did not regard the place as a bucket shop. A sheet of quotations was used and not a black-board.

The Magistrate said he would commit defendants Wright and Driscoll for trial, but take bail. There was a second charge against the three defendants, but this was adjourned indefinitely. Wright obtained permission to go back to the Adelaide-street office, but the "tickers" were detained by the court as "instruments of gaming."

Diamond sale, 9 King west. 246

Sir William and Lady Dawson in Town.

Sir William and Lady Dawson arrived in Toronto from Montreal yesterday morning and are the guests of Sir Daniel Wilson. Sir Daniel and Sir William have been intimate friends for 25 years. During the holiday season at the universities they exchange visits, and the present is purely a holiday trip. He will remain in town until Wednesday next, when he will go to Ottawa and visit his son, who has just returned from the Northwest, where he has been engaged in the geological survey.

Both Legs Broken.

Mr. George Beamish, foreman for Bryce Bros., met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon. He was going through the firm's lumber yard in the East End, when a pile of planes fell on him, breaking both his legs. He was taken to his home on St. David-street.

Robbed an Army Captain.

James Smith, 157 Adelaide west, a Salvation army captain, caused the arrest yesterday afternoon of Fred B. Fenton and his wife, on a charge of stealing $30 from him.

The Toronto Vocal Society.

The practices of this society will, we understand, be resumed on Monday, Jan. 7, when work on the program for the next concert will be commenced. There are no vacancies in the society except for 2 or 3 good tenors.

He Was Not Careful.

"Boss," said the tramp, "it's all my own fault that you find me knocking about in this wretched plight. I might have been a gentleman like yourself. Boss, a man should be very careful in the selection of his father and mother, if he don't he will live to regret it, that's all." Any one in the world could make a selection of White's smoking jackets and not regret it—that's if he don't forget the address—65 King-street west.

THE WRIT FOR JOLIETTE.

NOMINATION ON JAN. 9, ELECTION ON JAN. 16.

Postoffice Inspector Dewe Applies for superannuation — The Atlantic Mail Service — Mr. Chapleau's Health Greatly Improved—A Dream That Was True.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—It is understood that John Dewe, chief postoffice inspector, has applied for superannuation. Mr. Dewe has been a great number of years in the service and is a most efficient official.

Colonel MacGregor, ex-M.P., is here with reference to the Atlantic mail service. He represents the Fairchild Shipping Company of Glasgow, the builders of the Umbria, Etruria and other fast vessels. He says there would be no difficulty in building steamers to make the trip between Halifax and Liverpool in five days. The question of Atlantic mail service is understood to be still under the consideration of Council.

The writ for Joliette, rendered vacant by the unseating of Mr. Guilbault (Con.), was issued to-day. Nomination will occur Jan. 9 and polling on Jan. 16.

The Department of Marine will shortly issue a chart of the mouth of Fraser River, B.C.

Private advices from Paris state that Hon. J. A. Chapleau's health is greatly improved.

S. W. Foster, Grand Trunk solicitor, arranged with the Minister of Railways to-day to have the Montreal and Champlain Junction and Montreal and Beauharnois Junction Railways inspected by the Government engineer next week.

A strange case is attracting a great deal of attention in the Inland Revenue Department just now. A short time ago a prominent officer in an Ontario town was found to be short in his accounts. He is a gentleman of high standing in his community and his friends regulated as indignantly as he did any wrong doing. Still his stamp accounts would not balance. There was a considerable amount charged to him for which he could produce neither money nor stamps. Another officer was temporarily put in his place and an investigation held but nothing discovered. The office was systematically searched but no stamps could be found. At last the investigation was closed and the officer who made it prepared to report to the department. That night the suspected man had a dream, in which he found all the missing stamps in an old corner of the office, where they had evidently been pushed by some one unintentionally, and where they might have been undiscovered for years. The first thing next morning he bolted for his office and there sure enough, in the place where he had seen them in his dream, were found the missing stamps, which make his accounts correct. Of course he was quickly reinstated and will no doubt be henceforth a strong believer in dreams.

Notices From The Gazette.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain notice of application for letters patent incorporating the Maclaren and Rose Lumber Company, capital $500,000, headquarters Ottawa.

Notices are given by the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company, Halton Central Railway Company and Massawippi Junction Railway Company of applications for an extension of time.

Notice is given of application to Parliament for an act to incorporate the Independent Order of Foresters.

Notice is given of application to Parliament for an act respecting the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, for the purpose of placing the work of the various denominational societies of the Baptist churches of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec—namely, the Baptist Home Missionary Society of Ontario, the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, the Standard Publishing Company (Limited), the Baptist Church Building Society of Ontario and Quebec, the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Baptist Ministers and the widows and orphans of Baptist Ministers, and other societies—under the control of representatives of said churches, and for other purposes.

Silverware, graniteware and agateware Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 156

The Trinity University Review.

With the present number of The Trinity University Review is closed that journal's career as a purely students' journal. Next issue it will come to hand about one-third larger in size and with a much larger staff than formerly. The action of convocation in making this paper its official organ has placed it in a position not occupied by any other college journal in Canada. Added to this the staff will have representatives from the Trinity Medical School and also it is suggested from St. Hilda's College, so that in future its pages are promised to be "fairly luminous with the array of talent."

Brass fenders and fire irons at wholesale prices. Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 156

Clearing sale! 191 Yonge-street, previous to removal. Juvenile books, illustrated works, small and large, booklets and a large general stock of books. 246

HE SKIPPED THE TOWN.

A Cobourg Collegiate Institute Teacher Thrashes a Pupil and Decamps.

A nice sensational story comes from Cobourg. Since last term the English department of the Collegiate Institute, which has for some time past been taught by a lady, was put under the supervision of Mr. Short, the change not proving at all a successful one. Some unruly pupils had been in the habit of making things lively during certain classes in his room and in order to vindicate his authority he determined to make an example of one of them. He picked upon a lad named Reggie Eyre, whom he thrashed unmercifully with a ruler. The principal, Mr. D. C. McHenry, looked on but did not interfere. As soon as the lad got away he went home and his father, who is the County Registrar, at once took legal advice and threatened criminal prosecution, but while he delayed Mr. Short packed his valise and sought a more congenial clime, leaving his resignation in the hands of the trustees, with a note to the effect that he had accepted a situation somewhere in the Northwest.

Great reduction in prices at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east. Jenkins, direct importer. 216

The Grocers Will Also Attempt It.

The Grocers Section of the Board of Trade will hold a meeting on Jan. 2 to come to some understanding as to terms of selling and times of dating, so as to stop the custom of dating goods several months ahead. It will be remembered that the wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers attempted to agree among themselves to some such arrangement a few weeks ago, but failed to procure unanimity and the attempt fell through. It remains to be seen if the dry goods men will have better success in remedying this evil.

Russell's selling off, 9 King west. 246

Revising the Bylaws.

There was a meeting yesterday afternoon of the sub-committee of the Markets and Health charged with the revision of the bylaws governing the committee. There were present Ald. Johnston (chairman), Ald. Roaf, City Clerk Blevins and M. F. J. Joseph, who has the work of the re-consolidation of the city bylaws in hand. The amendments recommended were technical, tending towards a more easy government of the department.

Office stoves and parlor stoves cheap. Milne & Co., 169 Yonge-street. 156

Tickets for Non-Members.

To relieve the misapprehension that none but members can now purchase tickets for the Board of Trade dinner, The World is asked to say that the plan is now open to the public, the only requirement being that applications for tickets must be made through a member of the board.

From The Ontario Gazette.

The Ontario Gazette to-day will contain these appointments: Robert E. Miller, Bruce Mines, clerk second division court of Algoma East; J. J. A. Weir, Gale, notary public.

THE CONVENTION CLOSED.

The Canadian Society of Musicians Get Through Their Business.

The Canadian Society of Musicians finished their labors yesterday. The morning's session was held at University College. Mr. J. H. Jones of St. Thomas read an essay on Organ playing as applied to choir accompaniment. Mr. Jones also made a number of suggestions to the students of the organ. He was very strongly in favor of the idea that the organist should be also the choirmaster.

An instructive lecture on acoustics, by James Loudon, Professor of Physics, was taken advantage of by the members of the society. The Professor illustrated his lecture by special apparatus.

In the afternoon the meeting opened in the theatre of the Education Department. This program of music was given:

Piano Recital.
Grand Polonaise—"Mignon"—Ambroise Thomas
Mr. Theodore Martens.
Song.....'Love With Thee'.....Raff
Miss Marion Buntin.
Song.....(1) Quando a Te Lieta.....Gounod
"..... (2) Cradle Song.....Morris
Miss La Chute.

Miss Liela Wilson read a paper on piano teaching in its elementary stages.

The next business taken up was a motion by Mr. A. M. Read to repeal clause 8, section 1 in the constitution providing for the admission of teachers.

A prolonged discussion followed, but it was finally decided to adopt Mr. R. S. Ambrose's amendment that the clause should be retained.

Mr. Edward Fisher reported the proceedings of a meeting of the M.T. & A. held in Chicago.

The Treasurer's report, read by Arthur E. Fisher, gave these results: Receipts $796, expenditures $468.

Mr. E. Schuch moved that a committee of five be appointed to report to the convention of 1889 to suggest a general system of degrees within the society, and the requisite examinations therefor.

In amendment Mr. A. Fisher moved that the examination scheme of 1887 be retained as a standard of examination for such as wish to receive diplomas. The amendment carried.

The next meeting will be held the first week in July, 1889.

At St. Andrew's Church.

As a fitting termination to the convention of the Society of Musicians there was an excellent program of high class music given at St. Andrew's Church last night. The participants were Mr. Edward Fisher, Mr. E. W. Schuch, Mr. J. C. Batchelder of Detroit, Mr. E. D. Phillips, Mr. Arthur Dorey, Mr. Sims Richards, Miss Marion Bunton, Miss Maud Gilmour, Mlle. Adele Strauss.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell delivered an eloquent address on the power of music.

It Should be Mr. J. H. Devaney.

In the Board of Directors of the Commercial Travelers' Association published yesterday, the name Joseph Dwamy appears instead of Mr. J. H. Devaney.

"New Year's cards," and New Year calling cards for gentlemen on Jan. 1, 1889. A large and complete assortment at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

THE DIPSOMANIAC ASYLUM.

Review of the Unanimous Recommendations of the Committee.

The City Dipsomaniac Asylum Committee spared no pains to gain information on the subject, from a medical, social, economic and philanthropic point of view. The following were the conclusions at which the committee arrived:

1. That confirmed inebriety exists in Toronto to an alarming extent.
2. That all reforming efforts have proved inadequate.
3. That legal methods and fines and imprisonment have not only proved a complete failure but irrational, unwise and unchristian.
4. It has been proved that inebriety is directly or indirectly the cause of more than four-fifths of all the diseases, premature death, insanity and idiocy as well as of the crime and pauperism of this country.
5. More than 50 per cent. of commitments in the city and nearly 50 per cent. in the Province were for drunkenness.
6. That in a large number of cases inebriety ceases to be a vice and becomes a disease, requiring physical, mental and moral treatment, which can only be accomplished in an asylum set apart for that purpose.

Hence the committee recommended that a Dipsomaniac Asylum be established and that a bylaw for the same be submitted. This will be submitted to the ratepayers Monday, Jan. 7.

With the carrying of the bylaw the initiation will have begun of a rational system for the treatment of inebriates. The press is in a position not occupied by any other college journal in Canada. Added to this the staff will have representatives from the Trinity Medical School and also it is suggested from St. Hilda's College, so that in future its pages are promised to be "fairly luminous with the array of talent."

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A Literary Emporium.

The collection of useful, ornamental and standard works found in the well-plenished store of Williamson & Co. well merits a word of comment. In looking over the fine stock we are delighted to observe the care with which selection has been made and how all the varied tastes and requirements seem to have been thought of—the student, the art lover, the youth. All the publishing centers are represented and the array is worthy the Queen City.

The Proclamation Will Issue To-day.

The proclamation annexing Carlton and Davenport to West Toronto Junction will be issued by the Provincial Secretary to-day. The result of the proclamation will be that the annexation will be secure, although it cannot be consummated until Jan. 1, 1890. However, as it is explained to The World, Carlton and Davenport may, with West Toronto Junction, elect a council to act during 1889, as though the annexation were accomplished, if the council can be elected by acclamation without opposition.

It's English, You Know.

A gentleman just out from England (where they know—you know—so little of Canada and its weather) was driving out Yonge-street yesterday. Passing "Amley Lodge Farm," 3½ miles from Toronto, the property of Mr. A. H. St. Germain, he saw the farm foreman, George Harrison, plowing in one of the fields. The Englishman's laconic remark was: "You have an hearly spring in this country."

The Mayor and Mayoress Will Receive.

Mayor Clarke and Mrs. Clarke will hold a reception at the City Hall on New Year's day. It will last from 2 until 5 p. m., and between those hours any citizen who desires to pay his or her respects to the Chief Magistrate of Toronto and his lady will be welcome to do so.

A Vacant House Court.

The Court of Revision spent all yesterday up to 3 o'clock hearing vacant house appeals. There were about 100 cases adjudicated upon, Ald. Baxter running them off at the rate of one every five minutes. After 3 a court was held to pass through several local improvement assessments.

Discussing the School of Science.

The Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers held their regular meeting last night in Shaftesbury Hall. Mr. A. M. Wickens was in the chair. An animated and interesting discussion took place on the proposed establishment of a technical school of science.

Home From New Brunswick.

Mr. George R. Lancefield has returned to town from New Brunswick, where he has been engaged since September last on the Rose Publishing Co.'s forthcoming work dealing with that province.

An Evening of Canadian Literature.

The Young Liberals will hold a "Canadian literature evening" on Jan. 14 at the Reform Club. Cards of invitation are being issued which will include ladies. An interesting musical program has been arranged.

Hello Boys, Whisper.

A Christmas box for nothing. They are giving away handsleighs and drums to every purchaser of a boy's overcoat or boy's suit. Boys' overcoats or suits from $2.50 up. The British Arms Clothing store, 221 Yonge-street, corner Shuter-street. R. Baker & Co.

LIGHTS FOR THE TOWN.

The Fire and Gas Committee Looking at Four Tenders.

The Fire and Gas Committee held its regular meeting yesterday. Chairman Shaw presided, assisted by Ald. Maughan, Ritchie, Drayton, Piper, St. Leger, Galbraith, Bell, Frankland, Fire Chiefs Ardagh and Ashfield, Mr. W. H. Pearson of the Consumers' Gas Company, and Mr. J. J. Wright of the Toronto Electric Light Company.

Ald. Piper enlivened proceedings by making a deliverance on the character and aims of that friend of the widow and the orphan, Mr. James French. He expressed his doubts as to the value of Mr. French's opinion in municipal affairs, and wound up by asserting that if the citizens knew as much about Mr. French's private affairs as he did they would not take much stock in his alleged friendship for the friendless.

The chairman read a letter from City Solicitor Bigger, in which the writer gave it as his opinion that the committee was perfectly within its rights in limiting the number of gas lamps so long as the city pay the Consumers Gas Company for at least 2000 lamps upon the mains laid at the date of the contract. Against this was a letter from Manager Pearson, who said that the company's solicitors held a directly contrary opinion.

The opening of tenders for street lighting was proceeded with. There were four tenders, but No. 1 contained four different offers of as many classes of gas lights. The other two were electric in their character, and showed a big decrease over previous prices. The whole question bristled with so many difficulties that a sub-committee was deputed to see which tender was the cheapest and report.

The figures of the different tenders are:

No. 1—Gordon lamps, 20c. each per night, or $73 per annum. Arc electric lights, 30c. each per night, or $109.50 per annum. Lambeth lamps, 20c. each per night, or $73 per annum. Common gas lamps of 20 candle power, $31 each per annum.

No. 2—Incandescent lights of not less than 16 candle power, $14.60 per annum.

No. 3—Arc electric lights, 24½c. each per night, or $89.42½ per annum.

No. 4—Incandescent lights of 20 candle power, $21 each per annum.

The reduction in the prices of street lighting as evidenced in the tenders given is the result of hard work by the chairman, Ald. Shaw, ably seconded by Ald. Ritchie.

Buy your pocket and office diaries for 1889, now. Canadian almanac 15c., Grip Almanac 10c., Belgravia Annual 35c., London World 40c., London Truth 40c., Xmas Queen 50c. at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

TORONTO MAY WELL BE PROUD

Of Such an Enterprising Firm as Polson's Iron Works Company.

Toronto is noted for its large manufacturing works and the superior class of workmanship that year by year issues therefrom. Foremost among such firms is that of the Polson's Iron Works Company, which has a reputation throughout the world as one of the best on this continent. Their premises occupy the entire block between Sherbourne and Frederick-streets. They are admirably fitted up, and afford employment to more than 200 skilled workmen. So rapidly has the business of this firm increased that their receipts during the past year doubled those of the preceding one.

In one specialty the Polson's Iron Works Company excels—that of the manufacture of marine engines. They devote great attention to this important branch. Last week they received a supply of machinery which will enable them to construct boilers of the largest size, and which now constitutes Polsons the most complete establishment in Canada for this work.

The company are at present engaged constructing several very large engines and in constructing the largest engine that ever entered Canada. The trade of the firm extends throughout the Dominion and abroad, and for the high character of the work and the price at which it is supplied, the Polsons company take the palm throughout the American continent.

Pen, pocket and table cutlery. Milne & Co., the Housefurnishers, 169 Yonge-street 156

LUMBER DEALERS MEET.

And Discuss Their Grievances Against the Railway Companies.

A meeting of the lumber dealers of the Province was held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber of the Board of Trade to consider what further steps to take in procuring a remedy for the grievances of the trade against the railway companies. It was a representative gathering, nearly all the large lumbermen being represented. Mr. A. H. Campbell of the Muskoka Lumber Company was in the chair and these dealers were present or represented: Flatt & Bradley, R. Thomson & Co., Patterson Bros., M. Brennan & Sons, Hamilton; George Cormack, Whitby; Robert L. McCormack, West Toronto Junction; C. W. Cowan, South River; J. R. Vanfleet, Brantford; N. Dyment, Barrie; W. P. Hartney, Stouffville; the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., Waubaushene; the Rathbun Co., Deseronto and Toronto; Tennant & Co., Donogh & Oliver, S. C. Kanady & Co., Willmot & McIntosh, McCraney, McCool & Wilson, W. J. Holliday, F. A. Bowden and Delaplante. Mr. W. D. Matthews, President of the Board of Trade, was also present.

After consideration of the statement of their case as made by Hon. Oliver Mowat this committee was appointed, with power to add to their number and with Mr. Donogh as convener, to act with Mr. Mowat to wait upon Mr. Hickson and Mr. Van Horne with a statement of the grievances of the trade, and failing a prompt and proper remedy from this source such steps to be taken under advice of Mr. Mowat as may be necessary to secure the proper rights of the trade: The Rathbun Company, Georgian Bay Lumber Company, Mr. Brennan & Sons, R. Thompson & Co., Wilmott & McIntosh, Christie, Kerr & Co., Donogh & Oliver, Ferguson Bros., McCraney, McCool & Wilson.

The meeting subscribed $500 for the purposes of the expected struggle.

Japanese goods, cheaper than ever at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east. Inspection invited. 246

New Year's Gifts.

There is nothing more acceptable to a man when the thermometer is away down to zero and the cold north wind is blowing a tatoo through his whiskers than for some kind friend to lay on his table on New Year's morning a set of Dineen's furs, cap, collar and gloves, or a fur coat. The firm keep all classes of furs in stock from the cheapest to the most costly. Ladies' furs are also kept extensively, seal, Persian and other fine fur garments, seal gloves, beaver capes, fine seal muffs, long bear skin boas and muffs and other choice furs. The store is on the corner of King and Yonge-street.

Heavy rich silk Turcoman Curtains for holiday gifts can be had in great variety and very cheap at W. A. Murray & Co.'s. They are offering the finest qualities at prices that will interest intending purchasers.

Suicide in Australia.

The favorite theory that a green Christmas makes a fat graveyard ought to be dismissed from the minds of anybody possessing the least knowledge of geography. There can be no greener country than Australia, where flowers are now blooming, yet they are a healthy lot there, although unable to procure quinn's hygienic natural wool night robes.

He Deals in Russian Patents.

Mr. Donald C. Ridout, among other things, takes out Russian patents for his clients. But he had to come in to The World office to have them translated by our Mr. Shlavinski.

Real Estate at the Mart.

Attention is drawn to the sale of real estate to be held at the Mart of Oliver, Coate & Co.'s to-day. Some valuable properties are to be offered.

The Sheffield House Importing Co. (Registered), 65 Yonge-street (below King), New Year gifts, gold watches, English silver plated ware, clocks, cases of Sheffield cutlery, etc. C. E. Robinson, Manager. 246

SOME DISASTROUS FIRES.

A MYSTERIOUS BLAZE AT GALT CONSUMES SIX STORES.

Believed to Be the Work of an Incendiary—Fatal Hotel Fire at Sharbot Lake—A Pirton Hotel Destroyed—A Big Blaze at Deloraine.

GALT, Ont., Dec. 28.—About 4 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the rear of Dr. Radford's office, situated in the frame block on North Water-street. The buildings being old and inflammable the flames spread rapidly through the entire block, and by 7 o'clock the whole six stores were in ruins, including the offices of the Dominion Express Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company. The losses are: Mrs. Kay on buildings $1200, insured for $700 in the Gore Mutual; Strickland Bros. on building $1600, insured for $1050 in the Gore Mutual; on stock $2000, insured for $1000 in the Waterloo Mutual; A. Oliver on building $250, insured for $150 in the Waterloo Mutual; W. P. Clay on stock $4000, insured for $1200 in the Royal and $850 in the Hartford, Dr. Radford on books and instruments $200, insured for $700 in the Phœnix. H. Rattray's stock was all removed, no loss.

The origin of the fire is at present a mystery, but it is believed to be incendiary, as on one or two occasions recently fires have been discovered in outhouses in rear of these buildings.

A Picton Hotel Consumed.

PICTON, Dec. 28.—About 1 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the Cardwell House, on the corner of Main and Elizabeth-streets. For a time the postoffice and other buildings were threatened, but the fire was confined to the hotel, which was insured for $2600. Cardwell & Hicks, the lessees, lost everything; insured for $2300.

A Big Blaze at Deloraine, Man.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Fire was discovered in Deloraine just before midnight, which spread and burned a large part of the town. The fire started over Sanders' furniture store, Wade & Mather's lumber yard, Herron's toy store, Temple's barber shop, Dr. Woodhall's office, A. E. Thompson's and Harden & Graham's butcher shops, Fellener's hardware store, Cowan's drug store, Butchart's hardware store, Smith & Balkwell's dry goods store, and the Royal hotel are all completely destroyed. The fire was only stopped by the wide street. The loss is about $75,000. There was no water. Even the well derrick caught fire, but was put out. The citizens worked heroically. There is very little insurance.

A Clergyman Burned to Death.

The Perry House at Sharbot Lake was burned to the ground yesterday morning, and in it perished Rev. Joshua Fraser, a gentleman well known in this city. He was a graduate of Queen's University, a bright scholar and an able writer. He was the son of Rev. Thomas Fraser of Lanark, in which place he was born. After having taught in the high schools at this important branch, for a week he entered church work and was pastor of a Presbyterian church at Whitby and of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal. While in the latter place he was chaplain of the 78th Highlanders. He also officiated temporarily at Glenvale and Burrowsmith, but during the past ten years was not engaged in the active work of the ministry. He was recently engaged as a mining expert, and was pursuing that business in the vicinity of Sharbot Lake. He was about 42 years of age and was unmarried.

SAWN IN TWO.

Fatal Accident at Dundas—A Batch of News From the Ambitious City.

HAMILTON, Dec. 28.—A serious accident occurred near Dundas yesterday afternoon, by which Mr. W. J. Borer, a young man aged about 22, was fatally injured. He was engaged in his father's saw mill at Rock Chapel, and while grinding a shaft on an emery wheel the belting caught in the frame and pulled it out of place, causing young Borer to slip. He fell right across a large circular saw, and his body was cut more than half in two. He was assisted into the house and Dr. Ross quickly summoned, but nothing could be done for the unfortunate man, who lingered until this morning and died at 5 o'clock, retaining consciousness until his death.

The Police Magistrate investigated charges against Michael Gerrie, Benjamin Whitehead, Joseph Whitehead and Francis English this morning. English charged the other three with assaulting and threatening him, and Gerrie charged English with assault. Gerrie was fined $10 or 30 days, Benjamin and Joseph Whitehead $5 each or 20 days. The charge against English was dismissed.

Luke Doyle, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, was fined $5 by the Police Magistrate this morning for having his bar open durin time prohibited by law.

Charles Edwards was this morning sent to the Central Prison for three months for stealing a p