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THE TORONTO, GREY & BRUCE

A week ago to-day The World announced that the Toronto, Grey & Bruce railway had passed into the control of the Canadian Pacific. In Tuesday's Globe there was a paragraph to the effect that a reporter of that paper had interviewed Mr. Wragge, the general manager of the first named road, and had been told by him that it was not so. But it is so nevertheless, as the papers were signed in this city yesterday afternoon between the directors of the Ontario and Quebec and the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway companies, under which the former leases the line of the latter for a term of 99 years from August 1, 1883, at an annual rental of \$140,000.

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antiquarian. He has published several works on numismatics and the Edin' Disquisition. To add the cosmopolitan character of himself and his surroundings, Mr. Waddington has for his second wife a New York lady.

An Ohio man, aroused out of his slumbers by a burglar, pursued the fellow with a shot-gun, but did not succeed in shooting him. Soon the burglar came to a river and plunged in, but not being a swimmer, he sank and was drowned. And now the grand jury has indicted the householder for murder in the first degree for not going to the assistance of the drowning man.

If we are to believe the Buffalo correspondent of the Chicago Herald, Captain Webb not only accomplished the perilous feat of swimming the rapids, but after coming out of the water showed no signs of exhaustion. The correspondent in question is very exact. He declares "the captain stated that when half way down it seemed as if he became entangled with something in the water and lost control of himself. Before he had gone much further his stroke showed he had mastered the water."

The Philadelphia Times recommends that the American team come home and practice on the English sparrow. The Canadian team could profitably come and do likewise.

Other cities besides Toronto and Montreal are afflicted with "mineralised" soda water. Dr. George Hay, of Pittsburg, Pa., writes to the Philadelphia Medical Times: "The other day I walked into a drug store in Pittsburg, and was soon engaged in conversation with the druggist. 'My soda water has a strange taste,' observed the pharmacist. He drew a little of the water and I tasted it. I then requested him to put up half a pint of it in a clean bottle, and told him I would take it to my laboratory and examine it. This he has done, and I find the water to be dangerously impregnated with copper—in proof of which I enclose a small piece of iron heavily coated with metallic copper, which coating was derived from only two fluid ounces of the soda water.

The Toronto, Grey & Bruce railway is said to be under formation. The Ontario and Quebec simply represent the syndicate. The next move will be to consolidate the Credit Valley, the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, the Ontario and Quebec, and the Canadian Pacific. Toronto will become the headquarters of the consolidated line, and also the point from which the new upper lake steamers will be controlled, which will run from Owen Sound and Algoma Mills.

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FAITH AND REVERENCE.

On June 27 died William Spottiswoode, a late president of the Royal Society. This is the highest distinction to which a scientific man can attain, as it is the most unquestioned testimony to scientific merit. The death of this eminent man has been universally announced by the press, and his surpassing merits as a mathematician and physicist have been acknowledged in scientific quarters with, if possible, even more reverence than admiration. The brightest and the dullest alike must have been awed by the wondrous speculation of his presidential address some five years ago. The public may be sure that it was not mere brightness of parts, the barren potentiality of intellectual ability, that has won him an honored resting place in Westminster abbey; but the splendid achievements in physical science and especially in the higher mathematics which will never be forgotten. All honor to the heroes of science.

But, sir, I miss with regret in the public recognition of this great man's piety, which is of still more account than his genius; and I feel that I am but doing a poor justice to his memory by not mentioning the plain meaning of these words. William Spottiswoode is another refutation of the narrow illiteracy that has entered into your columns; that no man of first rate reputation as a scientist in the present day was or is a Christian.

AN OLD SINNER.

Accepting your severe rebuke with all humility in making allusion in a late letter of mine to your journal to the possibility of self-interested motives on the part of the clergy in their opposition to Sunday excursions, etc., may I be allowed to ask whether you will be so good as to send me something to do with making Bro. Beecher a Christian evangelist. Beecher says he does not believe in "original sin," etc. Then what evil is man in general that Christ is supposed to save him from? and what good does Bro. Beecher return to mankind for the \$20,000 per annum which he so humbly accepts.

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