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PULLMAN CAR BLANKETS.

NEW THEORY FOR THE ORIGIN OF SMALLPOX AT MONTREAL.

A Suspicious Sale of Blankets to Local Cabmen—The Question Discussed and an Investigation in Order.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—A controversy has been going on here as to the origin of the epidemic of smallpox which has recently devastated this city. Two members of the Montreal board of health blamed Dr. Hingston, attributing the spread of the disease to his having admitted the Pullman car conductor Langley to the Hotel Dieu. Dr. Hingston has justified himself and shown that he did it as an act of humanity and in obedience to the law. Information has however been gathered in this city which would throw some suspicion on the Pullman Car company. It appears from the information which has been received from carters and others that soon after Langley's case became known the Pullman car people—who had previously, they claim, fumigated Langley's car and burned the blankets and linen—brought into Montreal a quantity of blankets and small mattresses which they stored in a building near Bonaventure depot. Soon after this the Pullman official, who has charge of their upholstering shop here, invited the master carters of the city to inspect a lot of blankets and other articles that he had for sale, and which he offered at exceedingly low prices. He made many sales, and Pullman car blankets were sported by a large number of the local Jehus in their public hacks and carriages.

The question not unnaturally arises, and is being quietly discussed here, though as yet the local press has not taken it up, Why did the Pullman Car company dispose of some hundreds of blankets at that particular time in Montreal? Were those blankets disinfected? And may they not have been the means of carrying the infection, lying, as they did, all summer in the hands of many of the carters whose homes were ill-ventilated? It is a well known fact that the Pullman car conductors who run between Chicago and Montreal have always two and sometimes three, four and even five cars under their charge, all of which might convey the infection. How many persons, then, is it possible, have caught the smallpox from these very blankets? Is the Pullman car company constructively liable for the outbreaks?

Another point is worth consideration in the matter. The Pullman car company is allowed to bring in a large part, if not all, of its car fittings and bedding in bond on the ground that the cars are constantly running between points in the United States and Canada. Now the question comes up, as the Pullman car company sold these blankets in a very quiet and somewhat surreptitious manner, had they taken them out of bond and paid duty on them before disposing of them? If not, is there not a gross infraction of the revenue laws in the transaction?

As before stated, these questions are being quietly discussed in Montreal and many of the citizens here are anxiously awaiting an answer to them. The company is like many of the large foreign corporations doing business in Canada not likely to be over-careful about the interests of the dominion. A strict investigation might disclose some matters the company would rather not have made public.

SOME GREAT JUMPING.

Done by Children from a Burning House in Montreal—A Plucky Policeman.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—A fire took place early this morning in the front store of L. A. Mahoney & Co., tailors and H. W. Harvey & Co., dry goods merchants, and damaged the former's stock to the extent of $500 and the latter's to the extent of $2900. The building, which is owned by Mr. Dawes, has been damaged to the extent of $5000. All is covered by insurance. Mr. Droy and family lived in the upper part of the building, and during the fire two women and several children were screaming, when Constable Soulliere jumped from the sleigh and shouted to them to be of good courage, as he would save them. Clambering up the water-spout, a distance of 30 feet into the yard, he was about to enter the house from the back, when a boy about 9 years of age jumped from the attic window into the yard, a distance of some 40 feet. The youngster fell into a heap of snow and escaped almost unhurt. His perilous exploit was followed by a young girl of tender years, who, however, was not so fortunate, as she hit on a clothes line and badly scraped her limbs. The women with their babies were about to follow the example of the children, which, however, would be certain death to them, when constable Soulliere, seeing their purpose, shouted "Courage, courage," and dashed through the back door and upstairs through the suffocating smoke, gaining the attic. The constable calmed the fears of the women and, taking one of the babies in his arms, he told the mother to follow him, and getting out on the ledge of the house he steadily walked along the gutter to the window of the next house, where he broke through the double window and landed her inside. He then went back for the other woman and child, and landed them in safety also.

The United States a Cold Country.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Although no snow fell in the vicinity of Chicago to-day, the drifting of very fine snow was such as to make railroading very hard and to delay trains. The same state of affairs, from despatches received, exists in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota. All the western and northwestern railways are blocked, and the thermometer is away below the twenties.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 22.—The blizzard which has been raging since last night is the worst known among the railways for years. In every direction it is very cold, and blowing at a terrific rate.

Congress and the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Mr. Breckenbridge of Arkansas, a member of the ways and means committee, said to-day that no tariff bill would be reported till late in the session. About 100 bills relating to the tariff have already been referred to the committee.

She Went Back on the Color.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 22.—Ina Norton, the white girl who recently eloped with and married Gus Barber, a colored man, has returned home.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

A branch of the Imperial bank of Canada has been opened at Niagara Falls, Ont.

J. H. Meyers, teller of the Pullman, Ill., National bank who recently skipped out, was formerly clerk in a bank at Tilsonburg, Ont.

Eight acres yielded Thos. Nichol, near Plattsville, Oxford county, in turnips 385 loads of 33 bushels each, amounting to 10,340 bushels, or over 1292 bushels per acre.

A wealthy farmer named Levant, hailing from Jefferson county, N.Y., was confidenced out of $275 on the southern division of the G. T. R. between Princeton and Hamilton last week.

A SCOTT ACT DEPUTATION.

The Ontario Government Interviewed on Enforcing the Law.

A deputation composed of delegates from the Grand division, Sons of Temperance, and others waited on the Ontario government yesterday afternoon to ask for stringent alterations in the Crooks act and also to make provision for the better enforcement of the Scott act. The delegates were George Maclean Rose, Jas. Thomson, Wm. H. Orr, H. O'Hara and T. Caswell of Toronto, G. K. Stewart and G. M. Hannum of Ottawa, Mr. Holland of Bradford, G. M. Casey, Grand Secretary I.O.G.T., G. W. Manning of Alnonte, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch I.O.G.T.

The delegates asked that a police magistrate be appointed for each county and also that officers favorable to the temperance movement be appointed to enforce the prevailing liquor law. Mr. Fraser pointed out that the act of 1881 gave power to all municipalities, cities, counties, towns and townships to appoint their own officers and to appropriate money to pay them. Here a discussion arose. Some of the delegates considered that this was all they needed. Others wanted the government to appoint officials who were favorably inclined toward prohibition.

Continuing, the delegates asked that the defendant in any prosecution for breach of the existing liquor law be denied the right of testifying. On the first conviction, the offender should be fined $50. On the second and each subsequent conviction, he should be imprisoned from two months up, without the option of a fine. They also asked that screens be prohibited in front of bar room doors; that communications between hotels and their barrooms be prohibited; that billiard tables be not allowed in any establishment where liquor is sold and that the sale of liquor to habitual drunkards be forbidden.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

James Lewis and Peter Murphy were arrested for fighting on York street yesterday afternoon.

Thieves got away with a thousand or more cigars from Taylor & Wilson's factory, Bay st, last night.

The ten patients in the smallpox hospital are rapidly recovering and six will be soon ready for discharge.

The Toronto roller rink re-opens to-night under the management of Mr. Benton, who will put in an ample supply of the Crocker club skate. Mr. Dill will continue to please all patrons.

Michael Barton of 22 McMurrich street, St. Paul's ward, attempted suicide yesterday by taking laudanum. He was attended by Dr. Johnson, who ordered his removal to the hospital, where he is progressing favorably.

The Fife, Drum and Bugle band of the Royal Grenadiers is now practising regularly twice a week under the direction of Mr. Hurst. It expects to turn out over thirty strong, and to be one of the heavy features of the regiment.

Judge Rose at the civil assizes yesterday in the non-jury case of Goldie v. Ball, to recover the value of machinery put into a mill, gave judgment for plaintiff. Walmsley v. Griffith was adjourned till next court. Before Judge Cameron in Doty v. McInnes the jury allowed plaintiff $240.

Two tinsmiths, James Mahoney and Peter Walker by name, fell twenty-five feet from a scaffolding at Wilton avenue and Sumach street yesterday. Walker escaped with slight injuries but Mahoney was badly broken up and removed to his home at 10 West street.

Goods to the value of $150 were stolen from Alex. Ireland's store, 206 St. Patrick street, Thursday morning. The police yesterday recovered some of the stolen property at 212 St. Patrick street, where John Casey and Edward Casey, brothers, were arrested.

Under the clause in the Crooks act constituting it a misdemeanor to drink in licensed houses during prohibited hours, Inspector Dexter has summoned twenty men before the police magistrate for drinking in Paterson's hotel on the Esplanade after 7 o'clock on a recent Saturday.

A number of friends waited on Mr. John Verner at his home, 192 Wilton avenue, Wednesday night, and made him the present of a meerschaum pipe with gold mountings, on the occasion of his 45th birthday. Dancing followed and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Detective Reburn succeeded in getting convictions against three local pugilists in the police court yesterday. John Smith and Charles McDowell were each fined $1 and costs for being interested in a contest in Millstone lane, January 11, and Paul Pattillo paid $1 and costs for having leased a building for a sparring contest on the 6th.

The East Toronto Lumber and Manufacturing company (limited), are about to start into operations over the Don. Ald. E. A. Macdonald has been elected president and E. B. Wade secretary. Among the shareholders are Henry O'Brien, E. E. Beddoe, Andrew Washington, Taylor Butler, G. S. Macdonald and J. A. Macdonald.

—Attend the great unreserved sale of furniture at 5 King street east, over $40,000 worth, and first-class goods.

—Consumers of files will find it to their advantage to buy from the old and well-known Graham File works, office 110 York street, near King street.

—The rupture specialist, whose office is 9 Elm street, has been very satisfactorily treating the worst cases which he invited to cure. No benefit, no pay. The scientific phrenologist who was awarded a gold medal lately will be in town for one week. Prof. Cavanagh, Elm street, four doors off Yonge.

The Police Court Yesterday.

James Malone, drunk, was fined $5 and costs. Thomas Constable, a drunk, was allowed out on bail, and failed to show up when his name was called. It will go hard with his bondsmen if he continues to absent himself. Ellen McInerny alias O'Neil, the young woman accused of throwing carbolic acid on Mrs. Jackson, was remanded for a week, as the victim is still very ill. Robert Lindsay pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing an overcoat from the Albion hotel. He will be sentenced on Tuesday. Maurice Roach got 60 days in jail for stealing a trunk. F. J. O'Hara was fined $1 and costs for furious driving. Hackman J. Ryan was fined $1 and costs for leaving his horses unattended.

How to Make Happy Homes.

Rev. Robert Wallace read a paper before a good audience last night in Shaftesbury hall on Homes and How to Make Them Happy. S. C. Gzowski, jr., presided, and introduced the speaker. Much stress was laid on kindness in the home. Gentle, forbearing ways, soft, encouraging words and willingness to help, were necessary to happiness. Children should be taught to think and speak respectfully of their parents. It was disgraceful to hear boys call their father "the old man," "the boss," or "the governor." Another essential was that everything in connection with the home should be neat and tasteful, and so attractive that children would not desire to go out every evening.

A CONFLAGRATION AT GALT.

Nearly Twenty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Consumed.

GALT, Ont., Jan. 22.—About 6 o'clock this evening a fire broke out in the dry goods and grocery establishment of Middlemiss & Robertson, on the north side of Main street. The building was owned by Wm. Wilkins. The fire originated from the bursting of a coal oil lamp in the back part of the premises and spread so rapidly with a high wind blowing that it was feared at one time a great part of the north side of Main street would be destroyed. The flames, however, were confined to Middlemiss & Robertson's store, which was completely gutted. The stocks in the two adjoining stores, occupied by Christie & Wilkinson, dry goods and millinery, Martin & McLean, boots and shoes, gents' furnishings, etc., are badly damaged by water. Middlemiss & Robertson estimate their loss at $7000 over the insurance, which is $6000, divided among three companies. Christie & Wilkinson's insurance is $8000, which will cover the loss. The companies interested are the Waterloo Mutual, Gore District and Phœnix, of Brooklyn. Martin & McLean's insurance is $5000 in the Glasgow and London, Phœnix, of Brooklyn, Phœnix of London, Eng., and Gore District which will cover the damage. Wm. Wilkins' loss on building was $2000 outside of the insurance, which is $1000 in the Gore District.

AFRAID OF IRISH THREATS.

Precautions by the Prince of Wales in Visiting an English Duke.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Prince of Wales is at the seat of the Duke of Westminster at Chester on a visit. The people of Chester made preparations to receive the prince on his arrival, the city being illuminated in his honor. They were greatly disappointed, however, as the prince alighted at the station this side of Chester and then drove quietly to Eaton hall. The reported change of program is due to Irish threats against the Duke of Westminster.

A Gold and Silver League.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The annual meeting of the International Monetary Standard assembly was held to-day. H. H. Gibbs, ex-governor of the Bank of England, presided. He admitted that the progress of bimetallism was slow in England, but said it was adopted in Germany. Mr. Grenfell, governor of the Bank of England, expressed confidence that the United States congress would not alter the provisions of the Bland bill. The meeting resolved to form a gold and silver league on a popular basis.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—Herr Scholtz, Prussian finance minister, declared in the Reichstag to-day that the imperial government would uphold mono-metallism. He explained that he was not a fanatical partisan of the gold standard, and could sympathize with sufferers in their efforts to raise the value of silver, but the question was an international one and must be treated accordingly.

Alleged Cruel Treatment of a Burman.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Lord Randolph Churchill, secretary for India, was asked in the house of commons this evening what truth there was in the story of cruel treatment of a Burman by British soldiers at Mandalay. He replied that he was unable to believe that the provost marshal had been guilty of the monstrous and inhuman conduct charged against him, but promised that immediate inquiry would be made.

A Parisian Conflagration.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—A number of cabinet factories in Belleville were destroyed by fire last night. Retreat from the buildings by way of the staircases was cut off and many workmen and their wives and children were compelled to jump from the windows. All received severe injuries. Several bodies were taken from the ruins. Several more corpses were taken from the debris to-day. The pecuniary loss is 300,000 francs. Three hundred persons are thrown out of work.

West Indies and the United States.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A deputation of West Indian planters to-day waited upon Col. F. A. Stanley, colonial secretary, for the purpose of urging the government to confirm the draft of a convention and trade arrangement with the United States. Col. Stanley held out to them no hope that the government would sanction such a measure.

France Sympathizes With Spain.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—President Grevy gave audience to-day to Senor Albareda, the new Spanish ambassador to France. M. Grevy expressed his sympathy with Queen Christena in the death of King Alfonso, and said he was equally interested in her achievements of the great task bequeathed to her by his death.

Snow, Floods and Fever in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 22.—Continuous snow storms, accompanied by floods which threaten the destruction of the crops, are reported in Southern Russia. Typhus fever is prevalent to an alarming extent in the government of Jaroslav.

Died in Prison.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Madame Louise Mowrey, who with Editor Stead and others was convicted in November in connection with the Armstrong abduction case and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, died to-day at Millbank prison.

Ordered to Get Out.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—M. Henrichsen, the American citizen who was recently ordered by the government to leave Prussia, has received another notice from the government, ordering him to quit before Feb. 1.

The Rose of Sharon Burned at Sea.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The British bark Rose of Sharon, Capt. Evans, from Montreal, has been burned at sea. Her crew were saved.

CABLE NOTES.

Admiral Aube, French minister of marine, has stopped the building of two projected men-of-war.

The address in reply to the Queen's speech was agreed to in the house of lords on Thursday night.

The Bulgarian foreign minister has left for Constantinople to negotiate with the porte for the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia.

A movement is on foot in the house of lords to present Earl Granville with a testimonial in honor of his thirty years' service as a liberal leader.

The London Times charges both tories and liberals with cowardice as regards the Irish question.

At Vienna 800 unemployed workmen gathered in front of the town hall and demanded work. They then proceeded to the police station and repeated their demand, but were dispersed by force, the leaders being arrested.

See our Pianos, $225 and $250, 5 years' warranty. The People's Co., 326 Yonge street.

A WELL-DOING CHARITY.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE GIRLS' HOME MANAGEMENT.

The Meeting Yesterday—87 Little Ones in the Institution—Resolutions and Addresses—Officers and Managers.

The annual meeting of the managers and friends of the Girls' Home was held yesterday afternoon in the board room of the building at Gerrard and Sexton streets. Mayor Howland was chairman. After the meeting had been opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. Baldwin, His Worship made a few remarks. He was glad to be with them. He knew the good work that was being done, and it was always a pleasure to be present at such gatherings. He regretted that Mr. Wm. Gooderham was unable to be present through illness.

Hon. G. W. Allan read the twenty ninth annual report. There were 82 children now in the home. Forty-two had been removed during the year. Of these 15 were taken by parents, 14 adopted, 11 sent to service and 2 transferred to the Boys' home.

Rev. Hugh Johnston congratulated the ladies on the complete and well-appointed home they had provided and now maintained for young girls. It had given him great pleasure to be present on Christmas day and see how happy and contented the children were and how thoroughly they enjoyed themselves. A good deal of charity now-a-days tended to pauperize, but it was not so in this institution.

Dr. J. G. Hodgins read the treasurer's report. The total receipts during the year amounted to $9504.50. This was not bad when the fact was remembered that about $104,000 had been raised for different city charities during the year. The home is free from debt.

The report of Dr. J. F. W. Ross, medical officer, stated that there had been very little illness among the children during the year. This he attributed to the good sanitary arrangement of the building.

Rev. S. J. Shorey, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. Manley Benson, Rev. E. A. Stafford, John Macdonald, Rev. Hilary Bygrave and Rev. A. H. Baldwin made short addresses.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Ross, who had given his services to the home as medical officer without any remuneration. Tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting. The children sang several hymns.

The officers and managers for this year are: 1st directress, Mrs. McCaul; 2nd, Mrs. Robinson; 3rd, Mrs. Gooderham; 4th, Mrs. Kirkland; treasurer, Miss Ellis; secretary, Miss H. E. Hamilton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jackes. Lady managers, Mrs. J. G. Beard, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Scott, Mrs. John Leys, Mrs. Boddy, Mrs. Garvin, Mrs. Irving Walker, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs Ewing Buchan, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Wilmott, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. J. K. Kerr, Mrs. W. M. Merritt, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Denison, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Stark, Miss Beard, Miss Wardrop, Miss Strachan, Miss Harris, Miss Geikie. Honorary members—Mrs. Wm. Elliot, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. E. Baldwin, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Blain, Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. Gilmour. Medical officer, Dr. J. F. W. Ross; solicitor, J. K. Kerr, Q.C.; matron, Mrs. Bright.

The World was shown through the building by Miss Ellis, the secretary, and Miss Hamilton, treasurer. These ladies gave some interesting facts concerning the little ones. Each child has a cot of her own, down to the little toddler of two years. They rise in the morning at 6 o'clock, and after ablutions make their beds and put their rooms in order. They have their little towel and comb nicely arranged and make their own toilet. There is a school room equipped and maintained by the public school board. The girls sing a hymn of thanksgiving before and after each meal. A most amusing sight was a table round which twenty children under two years sat eating their bread and milk from tin bowls. The great feature in training up the children is the way in which they are taught to depend upon themselves. Each one is the sole guardian of her own books, playthings, clothes, bed, etc.

The Rev. Timothy O'Connell.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 22.—At the afternoon session of the court of assize in the case of Rev. Timothy O'Connell against Bishop Baldwin a settlement was arrived at, by which the plaintiff withdraw all proceedings against the bishop and resigned all claims to the assistant pastorate of the Chapter House. It was agreed that the suspension against Mr. O'Connell should be annulled in this parish on his obtaining from any bishop in the United States a certificate that he has for three months previous and subsequent to this date conducted himself properly. The actions against Messrs. Williams, Parke, Shoebottom and Hyman were also settled, Mr. O'Connell accepting $400 in full for all without costs.

A Priest Prevents a Riot.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 22.—A special from Mount Pleasant says that while a mass meeting of strikers was in progress this afternoon a police car came up and was stopped a short distance away. Miners left the meeting and surrounded the car, threatening to mob the officers. For a time affairs looked squally, but through the prompt action of Rev. Father Lambing, Catholic priest, who addressed the strikers, counselling moderation, a serious riot was averted and the miners dispersed. All the works in the region are now idle but two or three, and there is no telling when the strike will come to an end.

Buffalo Beats Brantford.

BUFFALO, Jan. 22.—The Victoria Curling club of Brantford, Ont., four rinks strong, crossed the border this morning and played a match with a team of the Caledonia Curling club of Buffalo at the latter's rink on North street. The contest was an exciting one, but the Yankee Scots proved to be too much for their Canadianized brethren and won by 172 to 138.

U. S. Coast Defences.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The secretary of war submitted to the president the report of the fortifications board. It describes fully the necessity and advantages of better coast defences. It is estimated that it will require about $126,000,000 to establish a good system of defences. A recommendation is made that the work should be commenced forthwith.

Satisfactory to the Cigarmakers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The committee of cigarmakers, appointed to wait upon Manufacturer John W. Love, reported to day that Love had agreed to pay his men the old rate of wages and let them resume work. The proposition was accepted and about four hundred of the locked out men will thus receive employment.

A number of Chinese have begun a suit against Eureka, Col., for $132,000 damages sustained at the time of their expulsion from that city last February.

Nichols Bros. & Co., fur dealers and manufacturers at New York, assigned yesterday. Preferences $51,800.

GAY AND GALLANT KNIGHTS.

Annual Conversazione of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory.

The masonic rooms in Toronto street were ablaze with light last night, thronged with Knights Templar in the uniform of their order, and ladies elegantly attired. It was the second annual conversazione of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar preceptory, No. 2, G. R. C. As the guests arrived they were shown to well-appointed dressing-rooms, whence they proceeded to the brilliant halls of masonic chivalry. The uniformed knights having entered in grand parade, Very Eminent Sir Knight G. S. McConkey, preceptor of Geoffrey, addressed words of welcome to all, and congratulated the knights on the success of their gathering. Then followed dancing, cards, singing and other amusement. The banners representative of the pilgrimages made by the gallant Knights of Geoffrey were very much admired. The musical program was as follows: Song, Good Company, E. Lye; song, The Haunted Stream, Miss Corlett; song, Robert toi Que, J'amie, Mde. Cisomati; song, Non c'ver, A. M. Gorrie; song, Ecstasy, Mde. Cisomati. Miss Jessie Harrison, pianist. Refreshments were served at midnight.

The famous Monroe commandery of Rochester was represented by Very Eminent Sir Knight Charles P. Crouch, and by Sir Knight H. B. James, captain-general of Monroe's drill corps. Another visitor from a distance was Sir Knight R. M. Johnson of Apollo commandery, Chicago. Among the brethren present from the local preceptory of Ode de St. Amand were Very Eminent Sir Knight John Simpson, preceptor; James Douglas and George Bennett, past preceptors; Eminent Sir Knights E. E. Sheppard and J. T. Thompson, constable and registrar respectively. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable in every respect.

THE SNOW BYLAW.

Commissioner Coatsworth Explains His Views as to How it Should Be Enforced.

In the course of the markets and health committee meeting yesterday afternoon Ald. Shaw introduced the question of enforcing the snow by-law. This brought Commissioner Coatsworth to his feet, and he launched forth into a good-natured and exhaustive dissertation on the subject. "Now," said he, "the snow question is more difficult to solve than any with which I have to deal. You can have some estimate of the magnitude of the undertaking when you realize that I am expected to look after from 225 to 240 miles of sidewalk laid on about 150 miles of street. Anyone can see that I can't cover all that ground with the force at my command. I have always advocated leaving the whole matter to the police. Let each policeman be responsible for the cleaning of the sidewalks on his own beat. I suggested this to Chief Draper—and now some of his men hand me slips of paper containing the street numbers of houses they wish to complain of. That is of no use to me. What I want is the names of these parties and I'll prosecute them all. I have about 35 cases to-day and I expect 70 more on Tuesday. I am going to put them into court as fast as possible. The only way to make our people clean off their snow is to put them into the police court by hundreds. It would have a good moral effect."

See our Organs, $65, $70, $75. 5 years' warranty. The People's Co., 326 Yonge street.

The Gun Club Ball.

The Grand Central rink as early yesterday as 8 o'clock was a scene of great activity. Preparations were being made for the first annual ball of the Toronto Gun club to be held in the evening. For a couple of years past the Old Toronto Fire Brigade has held balls. This year as the gun club numbers among its members many of the old brigade it was decided to hold the ball under the auspices of the club.

The result of the activity in the morning was apparent on entering the hall in the evening. The decoration committee had done their work well. From the roof hung festoons of gay streamers. The walls were decked with hundreds of flags. At the south end of the rink was arranged a collection of relics belonging to the club. The whole arrangement of the hall reflected credit on the energetic committee.

Morley & Calley's orchestra, stationed in the gallery, furnished music for the 32 well selected dances on the program. Right here it must be said that those dances were enjoyed with the keenest relish by all present from the handsome but solid President Downey down to the youngest girl present. The old firemen and the other old fellows heeled and toed it with their good wives with just as much delight as anyone else. All enjoyed themselves until they were tired. The following were the officers of the ball: Masters of ceremonies—G. Pearsall, R. Dickson, W. Villars, J. Worden; committee—T. Pells, G. H. Briggs, H. Newman, R. W. Meldrum, S. W. Downey, R. Morrison. As master of ceremonies Jeff Worden was everywhere. Altogether the ball was a pronounced success and the gun club may well be proud of it.

W. S. Vallance.

—Prof. Vallance of Glasgow university, the eminent Scotch elocutionist, is announced to sail for America on the 26th inst., and will make his first appearance in Canada in Shaftesbury hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, under the patronage of His Honor the lieut.-governor, Hon. Attorney-General Mowat, Alex. J. Castanach, Esq., president St. Andrew's society, and Alex. Ross, Esq., president Caledonian society. The program will consist of readings selected exclusively from Scottish authors, and will include Tam O'Shanter as read by Prof. Vallance for the last nine annual Burns' celebrations in the Glasgow city hall, and the St. James' hall and Covent Garden opera house, London. Prof. Vallance is readily the finest public reader in the kingdom, the equal of the once unrivalled Ballou. A guarantee list is being largely signed by leading citizens, including many who are not Scotch and the promise is that Prof. Vallance will be accorded a welcome worthy of his great abilities.

The Young Men who write for The World are all artists in pencil work.

A Bon Marche.

What is the Bon Marche, mother?
It is Cousineau's on King street, and is called after a celebrated grand store in Paris, my child.
What does Bon Marche mean, mother?
It means cheap and good my girl.
And is Cousineau's cheap, mother?
It is my child, and you meet with Parisian politeness there as well. Monsieur Cousineau has all the graces and qualities of his countrymen and to please his patrons is the mission of his life.

Sit up Close.

—Cold is the gal what wears no fur
When riding on a Yonge street car,
Cold is the clerk what sees her home,
When he sits away too far.

After well oiling the crank, the office boy ground out the above lines. And still people wonder at crime. Furs were never cheaper than they are at present. Dineen—the furrier—can supply all, so heavy, better and cheaper than any other house. Corner of King and Yonge streets. Ladies should see his really lovely stock. edx

—Do not forget that "Echoes" is published to-day. Fun without vulgarity. Something for everybody. x

CATTLE AND BREAD.

Markets and Health Meeting—Crematory For Garbage.

At the inaugural meeting of the markets and health committee yesterday afternoon those present were: Chairman James, Ald. Shaw, Verral, Fleming, Carlyle (St. Andraw's), Drayton, McMillan, Piper, Johnston and Baxter. The chairman thanked the committee for electing him to the position, and expressed his certainty that he would have the hearty co-operation of his colleagues.

Elizabeth Smith, assistant matron at the jail, asked for an increase of $50 on her salary. The matter was laid over till the salary bylaw comes up.

A largely signed petition was handed in by drovers and cattle dealers at the Western cattle market, stating that if the committee did not within a reasonable time provide suitable accommodation at that market they would positively refuse to pay the lessee market fees on any live stock for which there was not proper accommodation. The committee decided to ask the council for an appropriation of $1000 for the market.

It was decided on motion of Ald. Baxter that the following gentlemen be recommended to the council as members of the local board of health: the mayor, Ald. Lamb, James, Drayton, Carlyle (St. Andraw's), Johnston, Verral, Low and Jones.

On motion of Ald. Shaw, it was resolved that a sub-committee be appointed to ascertain the cost of providing a crematory for burning the garbage and refuse of the city, the expenses of working it, and the advisability of having one or more in Toronto, and such other information bearing upon the point as they might be able to collect.

Inspector Awde gave notice that he had made a draft bread bylaw in accordance with the decision of the committee last year that the present law should be amended. Considerable discussion arose as to whether bakers should be obliged to stamp their bread. A sub-committee was appointed to confer with the Master Bakers' association on the matter.

HUMANITY AND MORALITY.

Meeting of the Court House Committee—Disreputable Tenants.

Chairman Hastings, Ald. Hunter, Defoe, McMillan, Johnston, Baxter, Frankland, Galley, Walker and Allen were present at the first meeting of the court house committee yesterday afternoon. Ald. Denison was the absentee. The question as to whether the seven architects whose designs had been approved of should alter their plans so as to bring down the cost to $200,000 was laid over.

The chairman called attention to the disreputable character of some of the residents in the block of the proposed site. The unsanitary condition of the houses in question and the low rate of rent paid had suggested to him the advisability of giving the tenants a month's notice and then tearing the cottages down.

"What," said Ald. Frankland, "in this season of the year? No matter what the character of those people they should not be turned out now. This wave of morality which has struck the town may go too far. I believe in humanity more than morality."

The matter was referred to a sub-committee. Treasurer Herman stated that Pearson Bros. up to November 1 had collected $600. They claimed $100, for collection and expenses. The claim was referred to a sub-committee.

First class Sewing Machine, 5 years' warranty, $30. The People's Co., 326 Yonge street.

A Woman's Letter to the Mayor.

Mayor Howland yesterday received a letter from a female, relating the story of her ruin by a man "who has left me and gone to other parts," and asking to go into the "reformatory that is here or at Kingston." The letter continues:

There are places here in the city, but I have not money to pay for my board, and I have heard such terrible stories about them that I would rather lay in jail than go near them. * * I would rather go to Kingston jail, for I can sew both at the tailoring or any kind of sewing, and in a place like that I could work and it would be honest work. Kind Heaven knows I do not want to go any further in downward steps, but try and repair what I have taken, I have done wrong, to my bitter sorrow, as I have found out. I have my hands and my health, and am willing to work in the reformatory.

The writer gave her name and address. His worship ordered an investigation.

Legislation for York Township.

The council of York township will ask the Ontario legislature to amend the municipal act in the following respects: That power be given to township councils to commute the statute labor without first obtaining the consent of the ratepayers affected; to open new streets and make other improvements and to tax certain localities in whole or in part for the maintenance of roads already established after the consent of parties owning at least one-half in value of the property benefited, upon the frontage tax system, and also to impose frontage tax upon the local improvement plan for the purpose of building sewers or other suitable drains where it is deemed necessary.

Passed Their Second Intermediate.

The following students have passed their second intermediate examination at Osgoode hall: Without an oral—W. H. Hearst, A. Watts, W. J. Sinclair, R. W. McPherson and W. McKabe, with honors; E. Heaton, J. H. Bowes, W. F. Kerr, S. C. Warner, H. G. Tucker, H. Gustine, J. H. Burnham, A. D. Cresser, A. W. Line, W. K. Cameron, J. P. Moore, J. Hood, J. H. Jacks, D. D. Grierson, J. Craine, J. C. Grant, A. E. Taylor, C. H. Brydges, E. A. Crease, T. F. Johnston, P. M. Bankier, G. H. Hutcheson, A. C. Stelle; with an oral, D. M. Arnold and A. L. Smith.

Marriage at Deer Park.

A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. James Morrison, Deer park, Wednesday last, being the marriage of his charming niece, Miss Emma Grace Charlton, to Mr. Herbert Caldwell, a young Canadian, holding a responsible situation in a New York publishing house. A large number of guests paid their congratulations to the happy couple, who have gone on a tour through the States, and will afterwards take up their residence in New York. Many handsome presents were received by the bride.

At the Grand.

The Passing Regiment continues to pass with great success. It is a pleasing and well presented play and will only be at the Grand for two more performances—this afternoon and to-night.

The Howard Athenæum Star Specialty company opens at the Grand Monday evening. They come direct from their Boston theatre, where they have been playing to crowded houses.

Captured in a Asylum.

While the prisoners were being taken from the van into the jail yesterday, Geo. Jarvis, on remand for larceny, made a break for liberty. Policeman Quinn went after him and succeeded in capturing him in a hayloft at Gerrard and Sackville streets.

HARDSHIPS OF THE IRISH

THE SUBJECT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADDRESS.

Mr. O'Brien's Resolution—The New Secretary for Ireland—Press Comments on the Queen's Speech.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Mr. O'Brien's amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech recites that "the depression in agriculture inflicts grievous hardships upon the tenant farmers who form the bulk of the people of Ireland, and being destitute of capital they are unable to obtain credit. Owing to a succession of bad seasons, they are reduced to a helpless condition and are unable to pay full rents. Their hardships are aggravated by an inconsiderate use of legal power by the land owners in enforcing evictions and refusing the abatement required by the present state of affairs. This house therefore with the view of insuring respect for law and order should consider as soon as possible measures by which the Irish courts will be enabled to stay evictions and arrange a settlement between tenants and landlords."

The Post says that Mr. Gladstone nodded assent when Mr. Sexton in the house of commons stated that he understood that Mr. Gladstone favored the restoration of a native legislature to Ireland, provided the integrity of the empire, the supremacy of the crown and the authority of the imperial parliament should be secured.

The Irish Press on the Queen's Speech.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—If the National league is proclaimed illegal the central executive of organization will be located in England. The St. James' Gazette says it is known that there is a resolute body of men who are determined to resort to violence unless the demands of the Parnellite party are conceded by parliament.

DUBLIN, Jan. 22.—The Freeman's Journal says the Queen's speech was an opportunist attempt to please both Irish parties. It has a tendency to propitiate the stronger party and disappoint the loyalists. The Irish Times says the declaration of the Queen that the union shall not be broken is an anchorage for the loyalists. The wisdom of parliament will settle the rest. The foes of the constitution have been disarmed.

New Secretary for Ireland.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Viscount Cranbrook has been appointed secretary of state for war in place of W. H. Smith, who has accepted the office of chief secretary for Ireland. The Chronicle says that Mr. Smith will start for Dublin to-night, and will take with him, if adopted by the cabinet, a scheme for the establishment of a new Irish land bank.

PERSONAL.

Queen Victoria has returned to the Isle of Wight.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will present in the house of lords a bill for reform of the church.

Gen. Sir Charles Warren has started for Suakim to assume the office of governor of Eastern Soudan.

Mr. Wm. Gooderham has been seriously ill for the past week. His physicians regard his condition as critical, and have forbidden him to see any one excepting his attendants.

Miss Emma Juch, while playing in Lohengrin at the Academy of Music, New York, Wednesday night, was struck by an electric light tank which fell from the flies. Her head was badly cut, but she managed to finish the opera, falling in a dead swoon at the close from loss of blood.

Many Happy Returns of the Day

To Hon. John Carling, M.P., Minister of Agriculture for Canada, born in Middlesex county, Ontario, January 23, 1828.

When regard is had for class and number of readers and price per line The World is the best and cheapest advertising paper in the city.

All About Nancy Till.

Editor World: The song commencing "Down by the canobrake" is called "Nancy Till," and may be had at Nordheimer's. It was written over thirty years ago by Mr. W. W. Wakeham, who has been for the last twenty-five years connected with the firm of A. & S. Nordheimer. He wrote it in St. Louis, and it is the place he wrote. E. W. S.

Another correspondent, who, by the way, wrongly attributes the words to the famous song-writer, Henry Russell, favors The World with