ng," he whispered. Her face grew bright and rosy with the

hours of fruitless wandering had passed, a fascination drew his feet toward Edith's cottage, only to hear even Edith's laugh ring out too loud and reckless to come from the lips of the exquisite ideal of his dreams. Though the others had spoken

The first point of the continued of the with the better classes, and gosses, commodity always in demand, whoever brings it to market. Therefore the scenes in the dining and barrooms in which Mrs. Allen's "friends" had played so Mrs. Allen's "friends" had played so

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"I don't know how to work, and I won't starve either," crid Zell passionately. "I shall write to Mr. Van Dam this very day and tell-him all about it."

"I would rather work my fingers off," retorted Edith, scornfully, "than have a man come and marry me out of charity, finding me as helpless as if I were picked up off the street, and on the street we would soon be without shelter or friends if we sold this place."

And so the blow fell upon them and such was the spirit with which they bore it.

"I won't sell it. I am bound to have some place of refuge in this hard, pitiles world. I hold the deed of this property and we certainly can get something to eat of it, and if we must starve, no one at a sate can disturb us."

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Toronto is next door to insolvency, having exhausted all funds of the current year, and having no money to complete the lying of water mains, sewers, sidethe lying of water mains, sewers, side-walks and roadways which have been left this week in an unfinished state ow-ing to the fact that there is no money left in the city treasury to pay the cor-poration laborers, who have all been dis-charged. The city is about to put in a new pumping engine to remedy the de-fective water pressure in case of fire, but there is no money to build the house for the new engine. Insurance Co's, threat-en to raise the rates owing to the de-fective fire alarm system, and there is no fective fire alarm system, and there is no money to put the present alarm in a better condition or to purchase a new one. The water now being served to the one. The water now being served to the citizens is a mixture of lakewater and city sewage taken taken from the buy where sewers empty, but there is no money to build a proper sewer system. The whole trouble is that the City Council endeavored to meet the financial wants of the city by fixing the rate of taxation at 1½ cents on the dollar. Hundreds of laborers have a poor out-look for winter, having no work and no money ahead, and will look for support from the city supporting.

Chodon Truth.)

The Hon. Francis George Hay, who died last week of typhoid fever, was a man of somewhat varied experience of life. He served before the mast for three years in the Navy, and, at the time of his death, was in the service of the British-Indian Steam Navigation Company. One, at least, of his adventures is worth recording. One of the company's steamers was a few miles off Aden. Mr. Hay was in command of the watch about 4 a. m., when he fancied he noticed a boat drift by and that he heard a faint scream. He at once stopped the vessel, lowered a boat, and proceeded to search for the castaway. He was rewarded by discovering the dead body of a lady and a living child tied together in a boat, which was half full of water. The child he adopted, and she is now in the charge of his and she is now in the charge of his family. Oddly enough, he was never able to discover her birth or parentage, or eyen the name of the vessel on which she had

A Pugnacious Parson.

An interesting suit for damages, in which the Rev. Mr. Louck, of the church of England in Picton, Ont., is the defendant, and one of his parishioners named Welch is the plaintiff, was heard here lately. It appears that the parties had a dispute in the street about some private matter. High words sprung up and the defendant knocked the plaintiff down. A struggle then ensued, in which the plaintiff was very severely cut about the body, arms and head, in consequence of which he was for some time confined to his house. The jury brought in a verdict assessing the reverend gentleman \$25 and costs.

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