LOCAL CURLERS IN ACTION.

the president,

WHOLE NO. 16808.

CITY WILL APPEAL AGAINST COURT'S DECISION RE MILEAGE

to Properly Operate Cars.

ture Issue.



the city of a por-Township, as petitioned for by a number of local nean u facturing concerns, was

The land in question, which lies beriver, is desired for companies who may want to establish works in London, and Col. Gartshore, representing the petitioners, told the committee that the annexation would be a good thing for the city, as land for manufacturing sites inside the limits was almost an unknokn quantity. The only obstacle in the way, as far as Col. Gartshore could see, was the question of taxes, and in order that no objection could be offered along this line, by the owners affected, he suggested that in making an arrangement it might be necessary to stipulate that the rates would not be

increased for a period of years. Mr. J. P. Moore, who represented a number of interested parties, was also before the committee, and expressed no objection to the annexation if the taxes were not raised, while Messrs. Pegler and McInnes opposed the peti-

tion mainly on the tax question.
"The only other reason I see for protesting," said Mr. McInnes, "is based on the belief that the land is not fit to become a part of the city." Mr. McInnes thought any arrangement should cover a period of not less than 25 years, and Mr. Pegler said "fifteen years soon rolled around."

CROOKEDNESS ABOUT IT. Ex-Ald, McMechan was opposed to the petition because, he said, there was "crookedness about it."

"But never mind the crookedness of the petition just now," said Chairman "we will discuss its merits." Mr. McMechan objected because the petition was taken around for signatures by a local land agent. "Why," to sign a petition to hang himself."

Mr. McMechan finally said he was ing annexed to the city.

gress, the chairman in the meantime was laid over until the estimates are to consult with the solicitor regarding considered. ways and means of carrying out the

NO SUPPORTERS.

for the transfer of a strip of land on the west side of Park avenue. in rear of the "V," was without a supporter in the committee. The strip, Treasurer Pope were present.

CITIZENS HOLD USELESS

izens held in the

One of the peculiar things in connec-

HAD NO HARD COAL.

Mr. Green told his audience at the

outset that he did not handle any hard

coal this winter, the firm from whom

business, and others refusing to sell to him because he did not deal with

cite to come forward and fight their

of hard and soft coal at Detroit and

Buffalo, and added that as far as hard-

wood was concerned, he sold several

loads at less than cost price. "I think

as 25 cents' worth.

battles. He went into the prices

there is any person who has

e always bought having gone out of

Council to Call Upon Company which is 20 feet deep, and faces Victoria Park, is sought by the petitioners for building purposes, the claim being made that if the deal goes through residences which would only beautify the block but add \$1,000 Legislature May Not Agree to Deben- a year to the city's taxes, would be erected. Three dollars a foot is offered for the strip, but Mr. Christie said as high as \$6 might be paid, while Assessment Commissioner Grant gave HE annexation to \$10 as a reasonable figure. The committee considered that by granting the petition they would be "giving away of London something," and they were unanimous in deciding to take no action.

one of the questions with which No. required at Victoria Hospital In connection with this matter, Ald. Judd 1 committee of the council struggled at submitted a statement showing that its regular meeting yesterday after- while the city's assessment was \$18,-\$2,250,000, whereas its present debenture debt amounted to \$2,054,000, leavtween Adelaide and Egerton streets, ing a balance of about \$195,000. The and extends from Trafalgar to the issue of the debentures for the home,

The need of the home was recognized by Ald. Campbell, but there were difficulties in the way of securing permission from the Legislature to grant the debentures. The members of the house would have to be convinced that such a home was necessary, and that the taxpayers were willing to pay for

Mayor Beck replied that the vote of the people at the January election followed by the action of the board of

To this Ald. Campbell replied that the vote in January was not on the question of building a nurses' home, but on the use of the hospital by the Medical School.

APPEALS TO BE ENTERED.

against Mr. Justice McMahon's judgment in so far as the mileage was concerned, while the company would appeal from the order to tear up the Beasonsfield avenue line. The committee adopted a resolution, calling on the company to operate their cars in accordance with the bylaws held valid by the court. If carried out, this will mean the relaying of the Rectory street

The committee filed the letter of J. H. Cockburn, solicitor of the L. E. and he said, "you can almost get a man D. R. R., asking for a lease of a part of Trafalgar street for railway pur-Mayor Beck protested against Mr. poses. The city solicitor recommended McMechan's remarks, and this brought no action, as the granting of the renot going to be gagged, even by the jected belt line. The attitude of the company in the matter of the percentage on their earnings also influenced opposed on all grounds to the land be- the committee in reaching a decision.

The application for the usual grant The committee decided to report pro- to the Salvation Army Rescue Home

The letter of Donald Guthrie, in- for he said he had no protest to make spector of registry offices, asking for against the treatment he received from the remodeling of the city registry the coal men. He had no fault to office, was referred to the mayor and The petition of John Christie and Ald. Judd, who will inspect the building and report on its needs. Ald. Judd (chairman), Campbell, Forrestal and Stevenson, Mayor Beck and

mon

coal question is more so."

A Voice-You were in luck

Another-Get me some, too.

HAD NO PROTEST.

Mr. Henry Macklin was envied by

more than one householder in the hall,

Mr. Macklin-We all speak well of the

Mr. Macklin was implored to furnish

Chantler Bros. were the firm who

bridge that carries us safely over.

Mr. Alex. Stuart, K. C., spoke

Glencoe, where he said coal was sold

for \$7 50 a ton, and he wanted to know

and at intervals it was almost impos-

beseeching one was eager to see.

find, for he made an agreement for his pers was \$6 a ton.

here mon's

NURSES' HOME.

The council will be recommended to issue the \$25,000 debentures for a nurses' home and other improvements 000,000, it had a borrowing capacity of issue of the debentures for the home, he said, would mean the raising of \$1.800 a year for twenty years.

and wanted it.

trade, were sufficient to warrant the Legislature to grant the request.

When the street railway question was under consideration, Ald. Judd stated that the city would appeal

FILED THE LETTER.

Curling Has Occupied an Unusually Prominent Position Among Local Sports This Winter. WESTERN UNIVERSITY HOLDS Brown. "I used to think the election | because they had to wait for a carfrauds were serious, but I think the load until the shipper saw fit to send it, and when Mr. Stuart replied that SUCCESSFUL CONVERSAZIONE one would naturally expect coal to be cheaper in London because more was consumed, the crowd jeered Mr.

Glover.

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wee lit

more.

m Donald

Mr. Munro was also after Mr. Chantler's scalp, and by a series of questions learned that the regular price for coal received from Chantler's shipcoal received from Chantler's ship-Every Detail. None, however,

about to

let her.

30 cars. Twelve dollars a ton was not Five Hundred or More People Attend- received.

ed It-Delightful Programme. TUDY must have been at a dissity during the past week, if the arrangements at the conversazione last evening counted for has gained as one of the sweetestof several days were centered in the making a success of last evening's detheir carrying out could only have been work in which much time must have in every respect. The number in atarrive. The ladies were ushered up-

rooms were at their disposal, while the front room on the right of the hall served as the gentlemen's cloak room. The hall itself was decorated in an attractive manner, an orchestra being stationed at the side of the stairway. The Cortese musicians here rendered continuous music, at once giving the place a delightful promenade ground. In the arts library on the left, the front portion served as a drawing-room of the patronesses, where Mrs. James pression. She was a pupil of Mrs. and Mrs. Waller received. The major Agnes Knox Black and Dr. Byron portion of the library was meant for a King. As soon as she began her readrest room. With its decorations of red ing of "Saunders McGlashan's Courtand blue, its bunting festooned to the ship" the large audience was in sym- yesterday heard a petition for divorce chandelier center, its rugs and cushion- pathy with her. Her ability in the use of all, its welcome grate fire burning once, and on the conclusion of this lustily, over which hung that magnifi- first number she was recalled. To this his wife, Menie Muriel, the author. The

ments performed by Dr. Merchant and grace she possesses should win a high Coast, as co-respondent. Mr. Fitzger-Dr. Stevenson. The former demon-strated electrical illuminations in The convocation hall, w of wireless telegraphy. Dr. Stevenson interested many, too, his experiments interested many, too, his experiments red and blue used in the festoons, and Mr. Fitzgerald informed the court that being with the Roentgen rays. In the room across the hall chemical experiments were made under the direction of Mr. John Dearness and Prof. Bowman. These included combustion under water, burning of snow, the luminous effect produced by burning min-Following the corridors, decorated from end to end, one came to nicely

many a happy party was served with dainty refreshments. But it was when the convocation hall was reached that the most markedly successful portion of the conversazione was heard. It was the concert, or

in the second programme, on each occasion winning the heartiest applause, while his encore numbers were as well

reputation. That reputation, partly gained by her memorable New perfect, she sustained the name she bridge on said site unnecessary." Mr. Brown next turned his attention anything. Apparently all the efforts voiced sopranos that have ever been Councilor Gray introduced a discussion heard in this country. It is safe to say no more beautiful singing has ever of time, by declaring such a resolution been heard in London than that of Mrs. lightful affair. The arrangements and Leslie last evening. Her first number whether this bridge was unnecessary, was a double one, (a) "Ich Liebe Dich" by Forster, (b) "The Sweetest Flower leaving the matter to be attended to That Blows" by Rogers. Her next se- by the township? If a culvert would been spent and which was accom- lection was Fruhling's Lied by Oscar do at the place in plished by those who earnestly desired Weil. This proved popular, with its thought it the duty of the local munito bring about success. Certain it is excellent violin obligate by Mr. Fox. cipalities to take control of it. As the that the conversazione was a success The encore number to this was "Could I," by Tosti. In the second part, Mrs. tendance was exceedingly large and Leslie again met with enthusiastic apthere was much doubt as to what everybody spent a most enjoyable evening. The reception of guests was en's "Fallih, Fallah," being scarcely decided to refer the resolution to the carried out with the greatest satisfac- less than a triumph. This difficult song board, who will get the advice of the explain why coal was so much lower ing the platform.

carried out with the greatest satisfacing the platform.

A few words by the mayor regarding tion. The decorations were profuse.

—a favorite of Mme. Sembrich's, and one that few singers are capable of portant feature. The objects of in- attempting-was given in its high and terest were truly "of interest," and the true notes, with a purity of tone, and programme was one of the best ever with a range that was marvelous. To the encore to this Mrs. Leslie responded with "Loch Lomond." Her poise, her musicianly assurance, and her rich-Before 8 o'clock the guests began to ed with "Loch Lomond." Her poise,

stairs, where excellently-fitted dressing ness of tone place her in the front rank of the leading soprano soloists. The accompaniment of Mr. Jordan was, as usual, masterly. A contributor to the programme who likewise met with the appreciative reception that is always true artist was Miss McLellan. This charming young lady is a daughter of Dr. McLellan, of the Normal College, Hamilton, and a graduate of the Pittsburg School of Oratory and Ex-

> The convocation hall, where this suc- ald, who is the son of a British subthe college colors, purple and black, they would not contest the case. served as a stage, was draped with the national emblems, the front of the sia in 1899 in connection with his literstage being embanked with stately ary work. He was accompanied by his

> charmingly attired, and with the He thought this was a journey that numerous guests in evening dress, his wife should not be called upon to Altogether there were probably 500 peo-

ple present. Credit is due Provost and Mrs. James, and also to Rev. Principal his wife completely changed. She said Waller and Mrs. Waller and Rev. Proher affection for him had ceased, and fessor and Mrs. Burgess, for the asrather two concerts, for the programme sistance they rendered. The students was thus divided. In the first part the joined in thanking Mrs. Graham for

The patronesses were Lady Carling, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Moore-house, Mrs. James, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. McCallum.

The committees that had charge of the conversazione consisted of the following: Finance — Principal Waller, Dr. Tamblyn and Mr. W. H. Snelgrove; programme—Dr. James, Miss Morphy, Miss Baldwin, Miss Alice Hyman, Messrs. A. Carlisle, H. Reason and R. Bucke; printing—Messrs. Colgrove, Reason and Saunders; decorations -Misses Harkness, Rowat, Pavey, Graves, Wolverton and Madge Dearness and Messrs. Schaef, Colgrove, Powell, Bice, Wright, Gunn, Elson, Baker, Humphries, Holmes, Glass and Snelgrove; refreshment — Mesdames Jewel, James, Graham, Waller and O'Grady, Misses Madge Smith, Carlisle, Sage, Harkom, Magee and Carling and Messrs. Carlisle, Snelgrove, Powell and Shore; reception-Messrs. Saunders, Adams, Roundtree, Powell, Carlisle, Simpson, Snelgrove, Baker, Reason and

BRIDGES OR CULVERTS

Municipal Act Does Not Make Distinction.

As a Result County Council Have a Perplexing Problem.

The county council met yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and trans-acted a small amount of business, the greater portion of the day being devoted to committee work. There were no communications, but

a few reports were read. The agricultural committee recommended that the warden and Councilors Piper and Jackson be appointed delegates to the Western Fair Associ-

The board of road directors made their first report. They recommended that the claim of Walter Ladell for damages be referred to Councilors Grav and Robotham for investigation. The request for a grant to the Good Roads Association was recommended to be filed. They recommended that the bridge commission be instructed order payment of the grant of \$300 towards the erection of a bridge over a pond on townline between Townships of West Dorchester and Durham; also a grant of \$50 to be made to Samuel Pearson to help defray his expenses in connection with lawsuit at Muncey bridge. In regard to Vauxhall bridge, the committee recommended that the board be appointed a committee with power to rebuild the bridge in case the bridge commissioner deem it necessary.

The house of refuge committee presented their first report, in which they recommended grants for the relief of destitute and insane, amounting to \$1,-215; also the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,552 21. They recom-Fisher in the Aged People's Home. On motion of Councilors Elson and Salmon the following were appointed a special committee to meet any committee appointed by the city to consider and renew an agreement, dated 21st day of November, 1898, between the county and city re administration of justice, repairs to the court house and jail, as provided by the municipal act

LIABILITY FOR BRIDGES.

A resolution, moved by Councilor Corbett, and seconded by Councilor Bradley, was to the following effect: The singing of Mrs. Louise Mackay "That this council instruct the clerk Leslie was perhaps a surprise to those to notify the township councils of who heard her for the first time-even Lobo and Caradoc that the county will to those who were acquainted with her not be responsible for damages in case of accidents on a bridge situated en York the boundary between said townships count at the Western Univer- triumph a year ago, suffered not in opposite lot 24, con. 9, Caradoc Townthe least. On the contrary, although ship, the county not having built nor the acoustics of the hall are far from assumed the bridge, and they deem a When this resolution was moved,

was out of order. The discussion was and if it were, was the county safe in municipal act fails to draw the discounty solicitor and bring in a re-

Adjournment was made until 10 o'clock this morning.

MADE CONFESSION

Transferred Her Love From Her Talented Husband to the Dashing Dragoon.

London, Jan. 30 .- The divorce court entered by Henry Norman, the writer, wife and Mr. Fitzgerald, whom he re-The university halls were bright in-deed with the college-capped maidens, Norman decided to go to Central Asia. make, and consequently asked Mr. Fitzgerald to bring her to England. When Mr. Norman returned he found been transferred to Mr. Fitzgerald.

> for the care of its convicts. The \$80,000 appropriated for the penitentiary for the past two years is offset by the \$83,901 remaining in the treasury from the earn-

Vain Discussion of the Coal tempting to answer the most of them. why \$12 was charged in London. He he told Mr. R. C. Brown that he could knew of a small dealer here who could to Mr. Chantler, asking how it was Situation Heard. not explain how Aylmer was being not get coal from Buffalo. What was the customs returns showed dealers furnished with coal at \$7 a ton-and an the reason? Was there a combine? taking coal through at a very low abundance of it. figure. MEETING BREAKS LOOSE. Mr. Chantler maintained they did not Mr. Brown replied that the price of Up to this stage of the meeting there do it. Dealers Who Appeared Jeered at the Reading Company at the mines was \$3 15 a ton. was considerable disorder, but this How was it, Mr. Brown further inby Crowd. was only increased when Mr. Chantler quired, that Aylmer's dealers made a WOULD TAKE 1,000 TONS.

"I'll take a thousand tons from you Repeatedly the well-known dealer had ton, whereas Londoners had to pay \$12 HE meeting of cit- at that price," interrupted Mr. George questions in abundance thrown at him, for their supply? Chantler, of Chantler Bros. This caused a chorus of "Platform, sible to hear what he was saying. To questions continued for several mincity hall last platform," but Mr. Chantler remained

MEETING AT CITY HALL Chantler Bros. were the treated Mr. Macklin well.

night to consider where he was. "If my friend can get me coal at the coal situation that price," said Mr. Green, pointing furnished an hour to Mr. Brown, "I will give him a good and a half of commission and still supply the peoamusement for ple with soft coal."

Mr. Green was told by another man upwards of three hundred men, but it in the hall that he should be ashamed did not bring about any solution of the to say he could not get hard coal. problem or tend in any way to cause Mr. Green could not say that he was a drop in the price of fuel. The result refused coal because he was not a member of the local combine. of the gathering can be given in one Buffalo middlemen said they could not take any new customers.

Uninvited, Mr. James Munro came tion with the meeting was the absence onto the platform, and peeling off his of every person whose name appeared big overcoat, told the meeting that he on the petition asking the mayor to the poor men. It looked to him as if call it, and when at 8:30 o'clock there there was very little interest taken in was no indication that a start would be the oppression. "We want a little made, Mayor Beck emerged from an more enthusiasm and honesty of prinmade, Mayor Beck emerged from an ante-room and set the ball rolling by davits to edify us as to the mystery taking the chair. Ten minutes elaps- of this matter, this so-called extortion. ed, and when no person mounted the We should have reliable affidavits to platform to open the discussion, the show us the prices of coal at the mines ing should be adjourned. This ap- prices of coal sold at London. peared to be the only course to pursue, affidavits would go some way to satisfy but Mr. H. C. Green, a coal dealer, us whether this so-called extortion is a came to the rescue, and for an hour yoke put upon the necks of the public

or more there was much that pleased generally.' A Voice-I believe it is. TIME TO BREAK YOKE.

"Well, then, it is high time for the citizens to break this yoke," Mr. Munro continued, "with both sides of the question before us, we could then proceed and put an end to the oppression if them before. Therefore, he wanted such does exist. If it is not oppression, those who had been selling the anthrathen submit to the enormous price of coal. I know this is a mystery which must be checked, and there is no better time to check it than in the bud."

Mr. Chantler was asked to take the platform, but declined, saying he was not going to tell his troubles to that than the city did," said Mr. Green, "for at the civic yard a person could not get less than half a person could not get less than half a "jump" on such "a grand old man" as Mr. Green. There was no mystery Mr. Green. There was no mystery cally. It was no mystery to pay \$12 a ton for coal. But there was something anything to say against the coal deal-ers, let them come up and say it to ing all kinds of prices for fuel. Mr. their faces," concluded Mr. Green.

Mr. Green was plied with a number of questions about the hard coal situation, and the prices paid by the London dealers, but he refrained from at
"It's a mighty serious thing," said Mr.

Aylmer dealers sold at \$7 50 a ton and the municipal wood yard brought the The refreshments were another immade a good profit. He said it was meeting to a close. BRITAIN'S LARGE **PROSPERITY**

Chantler

\$1 50 a ton.

Munro.

a result of which \$12 a ton was paid for

considered exorbitant. The advance in

price over a year ago at the mines was

Mr. Chantler finally wearied of his

dealers were doing their best by the people, and he turned to his ques-

tioner and said warmly that he wasn't

doing business for his health or to ac-

commodate an old man like Mr.

The noise followinging this and other

winter supply and got all his coal at could be secured from the shippers, as

the name of his coal dealer, whom the attempt to satisfy Mr. Munro that the

took the platform after many calls. good profit by selling coal at \$7 50 a

the crowd he could not satisfactorily utes, and ended by Mr. Chantler leav-

Estimated Receipts Exceeded in Net Profits for Past Half Year Nearly Every Case—Unexpected Results.

REVENUE RETURNS

Hicks-Beach presented the last bud-

a promised relief. For the next fiscal year a reduction lutely untrue. in the income tax by threepence is ex-

Show an Increase of \$566,000.

London, Jan. 30.-The revenue re- London, Jan. 31.-The Canadian Paturns are more favorable than Mr. cific's friends are congratulating them-

There is no probability that the sugar, authority for the statement that Wingrain and coal duties will be touched. nipeg will virtually be made the headlong as it exerts no appreciable effect on the price of food. There is no talk an official announcement to this effect of relaxing it in favor of the colonies, will be forthcoming in a few days or although Mr. Chamberlain may have a week at most. Here is the mainsomething to say about it another year. spring of business, and here will cen-Meanwhile there is an academic dis- tralize the company's offices. The com-

FOR THE C. P. R.

Ritchie had been willing to admit, and selves on the result of the half year's suggestion was made that the meet- and at Buffalo. We certainly have the the estimated receipts will be exceeded traffic, which shows an increase in net ed chairs, its palms and flags, and best of the Scotch dialect was noticed at in nearly every instance. Income profits of \$566,000, close upon 7 per cent. taxation, owing to the thoroughness Sir Henry Tyler, presiding at a diwith which the taxpayers' returns have been overhauled, will yield the largest company remarked that they as a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these than the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all these was a coginess that made are the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all the programme, "Corporal Dick's Property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all the property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all the property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all the property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of Bishop Cronyn, with all the property of the LeRoi Mining mired, of the Le been overhauled, will yield the largest Company, remarked that they, as a there was a cosiness that made resting motion," she graciously responded with lieutenant of the Fifth Dragoon aggregate on record. The customs reboard, were in no way responsible for
cetofs will show a substantial increase.
the conduct of the company for the ceipts will show a substantial increase, the conduct of the company for the attracted by the interesting experiment degree, and with the power and D. C. to the Governor of the Gold the coal export and the sugar and period under review. The financial pograin registration duties having large- sition of the company indicated imly exceeded the estimates. There is provement, but the accounts showed a no evidence that the expenditures in debit to profit and loss of £46,000. As South Africa have been greater than to the future, they must only do their were anticipated when Sir Michael best to secure good, honest and careful management. A director present said the report that the Bank of Monget, and Mr. Chamberlain's work offers treal owned the mine and that it could close it down at any moment was abso-Winnipeg, Jan. 30.-The Evening Tri-

pected by financiers and politicians. bune announces that it has excellent erals, and other as interesting things. The grain tax is likely to remain as quarters of the Canadian Pacific Rail- arranged rooms, where at the tables cussion on the general subject of trade pany will build a magnificent station rather two concerts, for the programme relations within the empire, Sir Vinand hotel and spend some millions of was thus divided. In the first part the cent Caillard's article in the current number of The Empire Review being a good example of moderation in statement.

Was thus divided. In the first part the point of the active interest she took in the conformal of the active interest she took in the conformal of the active interest she took in the active interest sh