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Portentous Signs.

It may be said that the Reform eye is wildly rolling just now, scanning earth, sea and sky for some sign that it can recognize with certainty and trust with implicity.

Strange times these. Portentous murmurs freight each passing breeze—mischievous murmurs that disquiet the heart and unstring the nerves of the Reform party. The drip of every icicle at Ottawa undergoes crucial analysis by anxious experts, and minute animalculæ are magnified into elephants and sea serpents of frightful size and form.

The Bad Old Man is not unduly exerting himself to allay Reform disquietude. The famous smile that colleagues have learned to value and opponents to fear plays much about his features of late, as though he were conning some rich enterprise and rather enjoyed Reform perplexity.

The rumor that Blaine had offered and Sir John would accept unrestricted reciprocity with the United States was the first nervous imagining with which the Opposition alarmed itself. Simultaneously, too, came the report that Parliament would dissolve and an election occur before another session is held or the expected census taken. Unverified rumors these, but yet portentous.

Now, to cap all, Sir Charles Tupper sails for Canada. Whether he is coming to undertake the negotiation of a new treaty with the United States, or to help carry Nova Scotia in a general election, the nonplussed Reformers cannot determine, but "come he in peace or come he in war" they have for him no welcome. These are indeed strange times for Sir Richard. Everything is so ominous of evil to his dear hope—so deucedly intangible, too, that he cannot smite with his knightly sword nor use his famous shield.

According to The St. Catharines Journal "A Man is Wanted in Lincoln." It thinks J. C. Rykert will retire and says the constituency is weary of wire-pulling politicians and wants a plain, honest man. A man who will demand justice and a share of Government favors—will secure a turning-basin and a dock on the new canal, ask for the utilization of the waste water on that channel for manufacturing purposes, and demand anything else he may think of later on—a real good man who will get all he can and give it to Lincoln.

The Port Hope Guide may waste space explaining why it warned the hotel-keepers of East Durham that in supporting the Conservative candidate they were losing their hotel licenses. The fact stands that the paper owned by the chairman of the Board of License Commissioners did so warn the hotel-keepers in plain, straight words that could not be misunderstood.

The Force Bill has been defeated in the United States Senate by a majority of 1. Several Republicans voted against the measure, prompted, not by any antipathy to the principle involved, but by a desire to mollify those Southern Legislatures that refused to aid the World's Fair unless the bill suffered defeat.

Murder in the United States.

There were 4290 murders in the United States last year, and in five previous years there were respectively 3567, 2814, 2335, 1449 and 1808. These figures show that murders are becoming more frequent each year. In 1890, while there were 4290 murders committed, the number of criminals put to death was only 238, of whom 103 were legally executed and 136 lynched. The number of legal executions was higher and the number of lynchings lower than in any of the five preceding years. The proportion of murders to legal executions is as 41 to 1, and the legal executions and lynchings combined is as 19 to 1. The Albany Journal in commenting upon these facts says: "In the older states juries are becoming more and more reluctant to bring in a verdict of guilty when the penalty is death, and as a consequence hundreds of criminals each year go unpunished."

The Lethbridge News sees in the multitude of applications to be made to the Dominion Parliament at the next session for railway charters a hopeful prophesy of what the next ten years will bring about in the Northwest.

The newspapers of the United States are giving The New York Herald the laugh for its violent attack on Canada, and advise that if it thirsts for gore and glory and wants to wipe out the stain of Canuck insolence in blood it should mobilize its army of correspondents and invade this Dominion.

The Ancaster Crime.

It is supposed that John Hesiop, the victim in the Ancaster tragedy, recognized his assailants, and giving signs of this recognition was shot by a ruffian who only contemplated burglary but risked murder to avoid the consequences of exposure.

Some time ago it was announced that the Dominion Government was securing powerful photographic apparatus to thoroughly examine the eyes of the two McGonigle girls, victims in the Cumberland crime, and test the theory that on the retina of the girls' eyes would be reflected the features of the brute who so foully murdered them. It is generally believed that where death is violent and sudden the retina of the eye preserves the last view reflected thereon. The result of the experiment in the Cumberland case is not announced as yet.

If John Heslop's dying eyes recognized his murderers—if there is a chance that such is the case—the instruments secured by the Government should be brought into use. Nothing should be neglected that can possibly promote justice, and should the experiment be successful the very fact will lessen future crime and mark an epoch in its detection.

All About Ourselves.

The 1891 edition of the Toronto directory has been issued by Might & Co. and is very complete. It estimates the population of Toronto at 225,000, and in the alphabetical list gives 77,605 names. The book consists of 1745 pages and includes, separate and distinct from the city matter, a directory of eighteen suburban villages.

The miscellaneous information is valuable and interesting, showing that the city has 153 churches and 14 other places of worship. There are eight cemeteries mentioned and a list of all the asylums and hospitals. The educational institutions are given several pages, and a list of all the officers of each municipality of York will prove useful. A list is given of all the officials of and under the Dominion, Provincial and city Governments, the collectors of customs, in fact the directory is more than ever a compendium of useful knowledge.

People generally like to know from such a work as this how the war progresses between the Smiths, Browns and Joneses. We find that in the list of names there are 886 Smiths, 518 Browns and only 283 Joneses. There are 260 Clarks, 144 Clarkes, 208 Bells and 199 Armstrongs. Among the Christian names there is a sharp contest for first place between John and William, there being 77 John Smiths and 103 William Smiths.

The book fully maintains the reputation for accuracy secured by former editions.

THE CRY OF AJAX.

Gas versus Electric Light—Our Brave Firemen's Pay—Still Hanging in the Balance—"Gentlemen's Lives!"

The Fire and Light Committee met for the first time yesterday, present Ald. Bell (chairman), Gowanlock, Hewitt, Score, Stewart Maloney, Kerr, Jolliffe, Phillips, Small, Boustead, McMurrich, Farquhar, Chief Ardagh and Secretary McGowan.

The question of raising the salaries of the firemen was referred back for further consideration. All the firemen had signed the superannuation fund agreement except five, and these only held back because they did not think they could afford to be docked 9 per cent. out of their already small salary of $400 per year.

There was a lively tilt between Ald. Gowanlock and the chairman over the respective merits of gas and electricity as illuminators. Secretary McGowan held electric light would be cheaper as superseding gas in St. Alban's Ward. Ald. Gowanlock denied this, at the same time stating that the people of St. Alban's Ward wanted to retain gas. The chairman told Ald. Gowanlock not to get excited, and the latter retorted he was not half so excited as the chairman. It was finally decided that the secretary bring in another report as to which light would be the best for the locality.

Chief Ardagh's recommendation that Robert Hill, a sick fireman, be made caretaker of Bay-street Hall raised a storm. Ald. Stewart went strongly against the creation of a new office, while Ald. Maloney said the firemen lived the lives of gentlemen and could well afford to save enough out of their stipends for their old age. Chief Ardagh took exception to the statement that the firemen had gentlemen's lives. They were in the halls night and day and ready at a moment's notice to expose their lives. Ald. Jolliffe sided with Ald. Maloney and Stewart, while Ald. McMurrich supported the chief. The recommendation was adopted by a vote of 6 to 4.

Ald. Small asked the chief whether it was his intention, as rumored, to appoint an assistant chief for the North End. "No sir," replied the chief, "I intend to keep down expenses in every way." It was determined to advertise the summer clothing contract.

Ald. Gowanlock declared the electric lighting in the city was scandalously bad, and backed up the assertion by citing Inspector Hall as an authority. An investigation will be held.

R.C.Y.C. Ball.

Carpenters have been hard at work during the week preparing for this great event. On the north side of the Pavilion on the platform immediately opposite the conservatory is being erected a large semi-circular building, where Harry Webb will dispense his best of suppers. The main table will be crescent shape and upwards of 100 feet long, while small tables will furnish the main portion of the room. The north verandah leading from the new supper room has been covered in and here also guests will be able to enjoy the good things provided comfortably. The east verandah will be used as a light refreshment room and the south for the ladies' dressing-room. This latter is to be made especially comfortable, about double the size of the old dressing-room, ample shelving, abundant light, carpeted and warm, and will be in trained maids in attendance.

The new buildings and enclosures are to be steam-heated and the experience of half-score four winters ago will not be repeated, for then the box-stoves had to be put out on account of the smoke, the fires not drawing.

Frequenters of the Pavilion will hardly recognize the old building on Wednesday night next, the gentlemen in charge of the decorations having determined to outdo all former efforts. "Asides," handsomely furnished by Jolliffe, the West End house furnisher, curtained and screened from the main throng, will be made an especial feature, while the larger decorations will be of a purely nautical character.

Why are there Depleted Churches?

Editor World: Your correspondent "Presbyter" objects to Father Huntington because he is young, because he draws vast congregations and because the young folk prefer preaching with life in it to the dead and alive services which "Presbyter" and his ilk have inflicted upon them ever since "Presbyter's" ancestors burnt witches and hanged their own flesh and blood in the "land of the free." If, as he says, "many of our churches are depleted of their regular attendants," it is the fault of the preachers who have mistaken their vocation, and who, instead of tilling the soil, weary long-suffering congregations with moth-eaten sermons, hateful to God and man.

GEORGE STRETTEL.

Toronto, Jan. 27, 1891.

Leave the Branches Properly Equipped.

Editor World: At to-day's meeting of the Executive I see a sub-committee has been appointed to act with the Waterworks for the reorganization of the latter department. At the last meeting of the Executive Ald. Gillespie suggested some reduction in the branch staff. But is he, the representative of a central ward, competent to speak for the needs of people living in outlying sections of the city? We have found our branch most necessary and well managed, and any interference with its present smooth running will be resented by

NORTH-END RATEPAYERS.

Jan. 28.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The association have arranged for a series of four personal purity meetings for men only to be held in Association Hall on the Tuesday evenings of February. On Tuesday next the first of these meetings will be held when Dr. Daniel Clarke, superintendent Insane Asylum, will give an address on "An Hour in an Insane Asylum." Mr. Grenville P. Kleiser, the popular elocutionist, will recite two pieces, one of them being "On the Rappahannock."

On Saturday night Evangelist Crombie will address the young men and on Sunday night Principal Caven will speak on "Why the Heirs of Heaven Abide for a Season on Earth."

Herman Nerlich's Will.

The Surrogate Court yesterday granted probate of the estate of the late Herman Nerlich who died at the Queen's Hotel on the 2d inst., worth $64,994. His interest in the firm of Nerlich & Co. is estimated at $50,000. Deceased appointed Noah L. Steiner, marble cutter, and Thomas Flynn, commission merchant, his executors. To each of these he directs $500 to be paid. He bequeaths to his sister, Auguste Hampel, Frankfort-on-the-Oder, $20,000. The rest of his estate, real and personal, he leaves to his partner and brother, Henry Nerlich.

Coming Events.

Coming consumption is foreshadowed by a hacking cough, night sweats, pain in the chest, etc. Arrest its progress at once by taking Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam, which never fails to cure coughs, colds, bronchitis, hoarseness, etc., and even in confirmed consumption affords great relief.

From Police Blotters.

Herman Hoffman, furrier, 761 Queen-street east, is under arrest charged with receiving stolen property. The police believe that in his arrest they have broken up the king-pin in an organized gang of sneak thieves.

Mary Woods, an old woman, was arrested yesterday charged with smashing the windows in the residence of Mr. George Gooderham.

Fred Bleecker, an ex-shoe dealer of Belleville, was arrested here yesterday on a telegram from that city charging him with fraud.

James Reardon, 21 Buchanan-street, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing a bearskin robe from Charles Price, corner of Queen and Parliament-streets.

Policeman Roe stopped a runaway in Adelaide-street west yesterday afternoon at the imminent risk of his life.

Isaac Walton of the Walton House, Kingston-road, was arrested by County Constable Burns yesterday and lodged in jail charged with malicious damage to property, for selling liquor without a license, for non-payment of fines.

The Keystone.

Regular action of the bowels is the keystone of health. The use of B.B.B. insures it and cures constipation, dyspepsia, etc.

Miss F. Williams, 445 Bloor-street, Toronto, writes: "Have used your Burdock Blood Bitters for constipation and pain in the head with great success. I improved from the second dose."

WHO WILL RUN THE CARS?

Time for Tenders Again Extended—English Capitalists May Have a Show—Will the Council Stultify Itself?

The Toronto Street Railway Special Franchise Committee met yesterday, Ald. Lindsey, chairman. Present were Ald. Gibbs, Score, Gillespie, Atkinson, Hall, J. E. Verral, Jolliffe, McDougall, Hewitt.

The chairman produced this letter, which caused some disorganion:

MR. ALDERMAN LINDSEY: Mr. Robinson and myself have considered the questions which you submitted to us on Saturday. We do not see why you should not extend the period of time for receiving tenders to Feb. 20 if you feel that there is any probability of benefit arising to the city from such a course. This will give you sufficient time before March 14 to consider such tenders and to deal with them. It seems to us also that there would be no advantage in having the tenders in at an earlier date, as the probabilities are great pressure would be brought to bear in order to have made public what the results of the tendering might be. We think it would be well that a small committee should be appointed to make arrangements, financial and otherwise, for the taking over of the street railway. We do not see why the Mayor and the chairmen of the Executive and the Finance Committee should not be able fully to deal in the best manner possible with these matters. Our view, therefore, as to the second matter is that this committee should be empowered to deal as they think best in all matters that may arise in the taking over on the part of the city of the street railway.

C. ROBINSON.
S. H. BLAKE.

Ald. Gillespie wanted to be taken into the confidence of the Mayor and the chairman as to the amount to be raised for securing possession of the franchise.

The chairman said he was willing to tell Ald. Gillespie all about it, but not in committee.

It was finally resolved that the Executive Committee be asked to deal with the financial side of the question and so this matter will be left in its hands.

In consequence of the above legal opinion, it was resolved to extend the time for receiving tenders from Feb. 3 to Feb. 20, and that the information that such action had been taken be cabled to England for the benefit of prospective tenderers.

A number of petitions that the city should run the street car system itself were presented to the committee. These caused quite a hot discussion.

Ald. Gillespie took issue with the proposition, holding that last year's committee had pledged itself to the people on no account whatever to do so, and that the Mayor had publicly endorsed such a course. Should there be any attempt to make the street railway a corporation enterprise it would be a direct breach of faith with the people.

Ald. Hewitt and Gibbs were equally emphatic the other way, and contended that the action of last year's committee was not binding on this year's committee.

Secretary Sanderson on being appealed to, stated that the pledge given forth to the people last year was the work of the sub-committee and had never been endorsed by the committee proper. At least there was no trace of such action in the minutes.

Ald. McDougall counselled delay in settling this matter. He was not prepared to give an opinion on such an important subject.

After some more crowding the petitions were shelved for future reference.

The pledge referred to by Ald. Gillespie is as follows, and was published last June, just before the vote was taken as to whether the city take over the franchise or not:

The report which is being circulated that it is the intention of the council to operate the street railway as a corporation work is absolutely false. The Street Railway Committee will advise the council to put the franchise up to public competition for a term of years.

The members of the sub-committee present when this action was taken were: Ald. Vokes, Moses, Boustead, Gillespie, Gibbs and the Mayor.

The Brotherhood's Program.

The second annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for Canada will begin on Saturday evening, Feb. 7, by a meeting in St. James' Cathedral schoolhouse, at which the inaugural address will be given. On Sunday at 8 a.m. Communion will be administered in Holy Trinity Church. At 11 a.m. there will be special services in the Church of the Redeemer, at which Rev. Canon DuMoulin will be the preacher. At 3½ p.m. a Litany service will be held in St. Stephen's, when addresses will be given by J. W. Wood of New York, general secretary, and Prof. Du Vernet of Toronto. At 7 p.m. there will be special services in St. James' Cathedral, when Dr. Adams of Buffalo will be the preacher. On Monday there will be meetings in the afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, and in the evening at 8, when addresses will be given by the Bishop of Toronto and a number of others.

Not D. Killen & Co.'s Stock.

The advertisements which appeared in these columns advertising a sale of groceries for the 28th inst. at Oliver, Coate & Co.'s read as if Messrs. D. Killen & Co. were bankrupt and that it was their stock which was to be sold. In this respect the advertisements were entirely wrong and misleading. The goods sold were not the stock of D. Killen & Co.; this firm is not bankrupt, but on the contrary is carrying on business as retail grocers on the corner of Dundas and Argyle-streets, Toronto. The sale, therefore, had nothing to do with Messrs. D. Killen & Co. or their business. The advertisers as well as ourselves exceedingly regret that any such mistake should have been made.

Oh! Those Carnival Accounts.

The Reception Committee met yesterday. Ald. Boustead in the chair. There were also present: Ald. McMurrich, J. E. Verral, Fleury, Orr, Atkinson, Pape, Lucas and Macdonald. It was decided to seek legislation to enable Toronto to place itself in a position to expend a sum not more than $10,000 yearly in the entertainment of distinguished visitors.

Ald. McMurrich presented a motion that the Mayor be asked to produce the carnival accounts, but this was ruled out of order.

A special meeting will be held shortly to deal with the outstanding accounts of 1890.

In Memory of John Wesley.

The centenary of the death of John Wesley will occur on March 2. A committee of the Toronto ministers has passed a resolution recommending that all Methodist ministers preach a sermon on Wesley and his work on Sunday, March 1, and that a mass meeting of the Methodists of the city be held in the Metropolitan Church on Monday evening, March 2, when addresses suitable to the occasion will be delivered.

Building Permits Yesterday.

These building permits were issued by the City Commissioner yesterday: To T. R. Haig for erection of a one-story brick office, 543 Yonge-street, costing $100; J. Lake, a two-story roughcast addition and alterations to 126 Clinton-street, cost $600; R. Coons five attached two-story and attic brick dwellings east side of Bathurst-street, near St. Patrick, cost $10,000 and for erection of a two-story and attic brick dwelling in Woolsley-street, near Bathurst-street, to cost $2100.

What Caused Cox's Death?

Coroner Pickering opened an inquest at the Morgue last night as to the death of Henry Cox, which occurred in the lodging house, Pearl and York-streets, on Monday morning. Dr. Allen testified that the post mortem failed to show any cause of death. The inquest was adjourned in order that the contents of the stomach may be analysed.

Medical Hints.

The quickest, surest and best remedy for rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sore throat, soreness and lameness, is Hagyard's Yellow Oil. It quickly cures sprains, bruises, burns, frostbites, chilblains, etc. For croup, colds, quinsy, tc, take 10 to 30 drops on sugar, and apply the oil externally also, when immediate relief will result.

Sir John Will Open It.

Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Ald. Boustead, Mr. J. L. Hughes and Mr. H. J. Hill waited upon Sir John Macdonald at the Queen's Hotel yesterday morning and obtained his promise, if his arrangements at that time will permit, to deliver an address of welcome at the opening of the great convention of the National Educational Association at Toronto on July 14.

Messrs. Stott & Jury, chemists, Bowmanville, write: "We would direct attention to Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, which is giving perfect satisfaction to our numerous customers. All the preparations manufactured by this well-known house are among the most reliable in the market.

DISCUSSED THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

The Finances—The Northern Railway—Day Labor—Waterworks Reorganization.

The Executive Committee held a special meeting yesterday to consider the Mayor's message. Ald. Saunders presided. Present: Ald. Lindsey, McDougall, Farquhar, Gillespie, Burns, Jolliffe, Score, Gibbs and City Treasurer Coady.

The clauses referring to the finances brought the remark from Ald. Gillespie that San Francisco and Detroit were comparatively free from debt and there was no reason why Toronto should not be in the same position.

The clause recommending that steps be taken to secure the Northern Railway award was adopted, Ald. Lindsey suggesting that the city solicitor execution and seize the tracks in order to compel a speedy settlement. This latter idea will be the subject of future consideration.

Ald. Gillespie wanted the committee to express disapproval of the order recently issued by the Privy Council anent unprotected railway crossings. This was adopted and it was further determined to send the resolution along to the Privy Council.

The question of day labor as against contract labor brought the statement from Ald. Farquhar that it was impossible for the city to do the work as cheaply as a contractor, for the reason that on the one hand it was one man's business, and on the other every man's business. A man gets into the city's employ, and it is impossible to get him out if he is no good, while a contractor working for himself can act independently.

A resolution that no work involving a larger expenditure than $1000 be done by the city was moved, but not passed, it being sent on to the Board of Works merely as an expression of opinion on the part of the committee.

This sub-committee was appointed to assist the Waterworks Committee in its work of reorganization: Ald. Lindsey, Farquhar, Leslie, Gillespie, Saunders, McDougall.

The sum of $30,000 was recommended to be placed in the estimates to make the Free Library building fireproof and that $8000 be added for technical schools.

DIVIDED OUT THE WORK.

County Council's Busy Day—Appointed Eight Committees—Batch of Formal Business.

The county solons sat all day yesterday. The Striking Committee's report was adopted as follows:

Finance—Messrs. Forster, Tyrrell, Pegg,Ough, Clark.

County Property—Russell, Vanzant, Morgan, Schmitt, Chester, Lawson.

Equalization—Stephenson, Stokes, Slater, Peterman, McCormack, McDonald, Stonehouse.

Roads and Bridges—High, Armstrong, Lundy, Glover, Baird, Thompson.

Bylaws—Richardson, Evans, Humberstone, T. Scott, Davis, Woodcock.

Education—Wallace, Baker, Lloyd, Hagerman, W. Scott.

Industrial Home—Jones, Wood, Campbell, Arnold, Kay.

Printing—Daley, Willoughby, Ratcliffe, Lemon, Hopkins.

Reports were read from the County Treasurer containing the accounts, from the Clerk of the Peace with the presentment of the Grand Jury, from the superintendent of the county roads, from Newmarket High School, Richmond Hill High School and Markham High School. Communications were received from Lieut.-Col. Wayling asking for a grant for the 12th Battalion, from R. W. Phipps asking for an appropriation for the North York Farmers' Institute, from Dr. Langstaff regarding telephone poles in Yonge-street. A petition was read from Weston Johnston and others asking for a lock-up at Stouffville. H. A. Nichols and L. E. Hartman were appointed county auditors and requested to audit the Industrial Home accounts. The bylaw committee was instructed to bring in a number of bylaws, which will come up at a later stage. The council will meet to-day at 10.

CRUCIFIED ALIVE.

The Terrible Fate of Prisoners in the Dahomey Country.

[From The Nashville American.]

In the King of Dahomey's country in Africa that worthy has a way not altogether pleasant of dealing with those incurring his ire. After his defeat at Kotohou he relieved his feelings by an expedition against a tribe called the Egbas and took several thousand prisoners. A traveler writes of their fate, that when within about five miles of Abomey he was shocked by the spectacle of a living man tied to a cross near the side of the path pursued by him and his escort. The poor wretch was, is to be, alive, but not far from dead. His face was swollen by the stings of insects, and his whole body was scarred by their bites. The cross was of rough-hewn wood and in shape similar to that known to every Christian. The victim was tied tightly with a rope made of a vine which grows thickly in the Dahomey forests. The rope sank deep into the flesh and he was utterly unable to help himself. The lower portion of the body indicated that some wild animal had been gnawing at him.

Hardly had the traveler passed one than he came upon another and similar spectacle. All the way to Abomey hundreds of wretches were exposed upon crosses, some of them living and others dead. His guard told him that all there were Egbas captured in the recent raid and punished in this way for resisting Redazin, who claimed to be the lawful paramount of the Egba country. In one place where a cross had stood was curled up an immense python. The serpent had apparently been making some effort to swallow the man on the cross, for the latter was crushed to a jelly and the cross lay recumbent and broken on the ground. But the pitiless rope or vine still held the remains to the timber, and the serpent was disappointed in its meal. The doomed man had evidently been exposed to their fate in the course of the previous three days, and within a week the sun, the insects and the wild beasts and birds would leave little more than the bones. Already the vultures were hovering about, and in some instances had begun their feast.

The Proposed Smelting Works.

A deputation of the City Council, members of the Board of Trade and other citizens will wait upon the Attorney-General and members of the Government at the Attorney-General's office to-morrow at 3 p.m., with reference to the establishment of smelting works at Toronto.

To-night at the Canadian Institute W. H. Merritt will read a paper on "Iron or Steel Smelting in Ontario" in place of "Progress in Mining Legislation in Ontario" as announced.

Mrs. W. J. Lang, Bethany, Ont., writes: "I was one of the greatest sufferers for about fifteen months with a disease of my ear similar to ulcers, causing entire deafness. I tried everything that could be done through medical skill, but without relief. As a last resort, I tried Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and in ten minutes found relief. I continued using it, and in a short time my ear was cured and hearing completely restored. I have used this wonderful healer successfully in cases of inflammation of the lungs, sore throat, coughs and colds, cuts and bruises, &c., in fact it is our family medicine.

At the Assizes.

The Beaty and Gordon v. Rumble case occupied all day yesterday. The court room was crowded. There was quite an array of witnesses, among them Squire Wingfield and Sheriff Widdifield. The judge dismissed the charges of false arrest and malicious prosecution against the sheriff and Rumble, with costs against the plaintiffs. These questions went to the jury: Did Rumble arrest the plaintiff Beaty? Did Rumble arrest the plaintiff Gordon? Was Rumble acting as county constable or as bailiff of the sheriff? If the plaintiffs are entitled to damages, how much? Messrs. Lount and McGregor addressed the jury. His Lordship charged against the plaintiffs. The jury were ordered to return a sealed verdict on the damages after answering the first three questions. The court adjourned at 5.

Cod Liver Oil.

This valuable medicine for weak lungs and debility is frequently rendered unavailable by its strong odor and taste. Caswell, Massey & Co's. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with pepsin and quinine, entirely overcomes these objections. See letters from leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal, ed and all druggists.

Good Advice.

If you do not want to injure your liver and kidneys, don't buy baking powder in bulk. Buy the Princina or Burwicke, both are absolutely pure and as cheap as the bad powders. Purity of the Princina and Burwicke proven by the Dominion Government and legally sworn declaration with each package.

Watson's Cough Drops are the best in the world for the throat and chest, for the voice unequalled. Try them.

Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons Toothache Gum. 246

WINDING-UP ORDER.

The Collapse of the Alliance—Those Who Feel the Smart—A Baker's Dozen of Parsons—Local Shareholders.

The glowing inducements held out to investors by the Alliance Bond & Investment Company caused its stock to be taken up with avidity by all sorts and conditions of men, among whom were a goodly number of preachers. Among the laymen bitten are these Torontonians:

	Shares.	Am't paid
Edward Adams	10,000	$ 250
A. D. Watson	10,000	5000
J. M. Clark	10,000	1000
G. M. Cocklin	10,000	400
F. A. Hausburger	10,000	500
R. Manser	10,000	150
G. C. Patterson	10,000	....
Dr. James Reid	10,000	1000
W. Sparling	10,000	1000
William Stone	10,000	350
S. K. Mayer	7,000	162
William Burns	5,000	100
Thomas H. Smith	5,000	....
Elias Rogers	5,000	....
John J. Irving	2,000	100
R. H. Loan	2,000	....
J. H. Parliament	2,000	....
Jane Riddell	2,000	100
Blanch Dingle	1,000	....
F. C. Jarvis	1,000	50
Peter McEachren	1,000	50
Neil McEachren	1,000	50
S. McAllister	1,000	100
James McCullough	1,000	50
Miss J. Carmichael	500	25
J. H. C. Denham	500	15
D. J. McBride	100	..

These are the ministers victimized:

Rev. W. Annis, St. Thomas	5,000	300
" S. Tucker, Toronto	10,000	500
" L. W. Hill, Newmarket	2,000	100
" Isaac Tovell, St. Catharines	2,000	100
" R. J. Treleavn, St Thomas	2,000	250
" John Alexander, Toronto	1,000	..
" W. W. Andrews, Toronto	1,000	50
" W. Burns, Millbrook	1,000	50
" J. W. Bell, Newmarket	1,000	50
" A. Cunningham, Galt	1,000	50
" P. C. Parker, Toronto	1,000	50
" L. H. Radcliffe, St. C'th'rines	1,000	50
" Alex. Burns, Hamilton	500	20

Judge Macdougall, in accordance with the wish of the shareholders, has ordered the company to be wound up and appointed Mr. George Edwards liquidator. It is said the bondholders will be paid in full but that the shareholders will lose about five per cent.

BROUGHT UP THE REAR.

Concluding Chapters of Last Year's Presbyterian Progress—Knox, Southside, East and West Have No Uncertain Sound.

The congregation of Knox Church held its annual meeting last evening in the schoolroom. There was a large attendance. The chair was taken by Rev. Dr. Parsons, who made a brief address congratulating the members on the prosperity of the church. There are now 915 members in actual communion. This is 80 less than last year, but Knox has the same experience as other churches in the centre of the city. With the growth of the city the adherents live farther and farther away and by degrees the distance compels them to sever their connection. The contributions during the year were large. The sum of $10,042 was raised for congregational purposes and $13,864 for missionary purposes, besides about $3000 devoted to benevolent and other purposes.

The trustees reported that the receipts from the ground rents on the Queen, Bay and Richmond-street properties for the current year were $1259. All these leases expired on Dec. 31 last except one. Arbitrators were appointed to value the rentals for the new leases. The trustees appointed Mr. J. W. G. Whitney, the tenants Mr. R. Jaffray, and these two met yesterday and appointed a third, Mr. W. Hope. The remaining reports were taken as read and will appear in the printed report.

It was decided to refurnish and repair the schoolroom, and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. Scott, A. M. Smith, A. J. Somerville, W. Galbraith, Paul Campbell, C. Cockshutt, A. Harris, R. U. McPherson and W. B. McMurrich was appointed to solicit subscriptions from the congregation for that purpose.

Southside.

The congregation of Southside Presbyterian Church, Parliament-street, near Queen, may reasonably be gratified with the result of the first year's record as revealed at the annual meeting last night. Rev. George Burnfield, the pastor, presided, and read the session report. It showed that since his induction 7 months ago, 62 new members had been added to the roll, making the total number 130.

Total amount received during the year was $3703.85; balance on hand $30. The Ladies' Society of Christian Work collected $486.32, and the Little Maidens' Band donated $100 towards the building fund.

These were elected managers for two years: Messrs. W. Bulk, D. McClay, Josiah Macgarvin, J. G. Malcolm, Dr. Maxwell; for one year, C. Campbell.

East.

The annual meeting of East Presbyterian Church, Oak-street, was held last night, Mr. William Crighton presiding.

The session report, read by Mr. W. McArthur, showed total membership to be 480, of which 4877.96 was raised by Sabbath collections. Of the $5409 disbursed $2030 was interest on mortgage and $1800 minister's stipend. Balance on hand $630. The average Sabbath collections was $93.80 and $123 will be required during the ensuing year.

It was unanimously decided to raise the annual stipend of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Cameron, to $2000.

These were elected managers: Drs. Duncan and Bryans, Messrs. William Crighton, James Frame, W. Ross, Thomas Tomlinson.

At Parkdale Church.

Missionary funds and their distribution occupied the attention of the adjourned business meeting at the Parkdale Presbyterian Church last night. Rev. R. P. McKay presided. The $687 contributed were divided in this way: Home, $199; Augmentation fund, $130; Foreign, $69; French, $112; Knox College, $40; Queen's College, $15; Manitoba College, $35; Aged Ministers' Fund, $60; Widows and Orphans, $15; Assembly, $12. Mr. Robert Fortune was elected manager in place of Mr. Fenwick resigned. After the business was transacted an address was delivered by Mr. William McCulloch, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

Sowing the Good Seed.

Rev. John Burton presided at the monthly meeting of the Upper Canada Tract Society. Reports from colporteurs were read, showing that they had traveled 1000 miles, visited 1100 families, sold 404 Bibles and 546 volumes of religious books. Mr. Bone sent in a detailed report of the work he had done on the Welland Canal during the summer. Grants of tracts were made for Methodist mission work in Muskoka and Baptist mission work in Toronto. Arrangements were made for the free distribution of $897 worth of religious books among the Sunday schools of all Protestant denominations in Toronto under the terms of "The Jesse Ketchum Bequest."

Workingmen's Chance

at McKendry's great January sale. There are offered men's wool socks, 10c a pair; men's wool undervests, 89c and 50c, worth 75c; boys' wool shirts, worth 50c, for 25c; men's wool cardigans, were $1.50 and $1.75, for 75c and $1; and bring your wife, who can get a dolman or ulster as low as $2. A wonderful sale at 278 Yonge-street. 246

The Lot Fell Upon Charles.

The lot of the committee appointed by the Dominion Millers' Association to select a central grain buyer has fallen upon Mr. Charles Watts B. of Brantford, a son of the well-known miller in that city. The salary attached to the office will, it is said, be $2000 per annum. Mr. Watts is practical, energetic and popular among the millers. His headquarters will be in this city, and his duties will begin as soon as possible. It is thought that if anyone can make the experiment a success it is the appointee.

Severe colds are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children

Much distress and sickness in children is caused by worms. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator gives relief by removing the cause. Give it a trial and be convinced.

THE CITY PRINTING CONTRACT.

The Motion to Unseat the Mayor—Order for His Examination.

The motion to unseat Mayor Clarke was returnable before the master in chambers yesterday. Mr. W. H. Walbridge appeared for the relator and stated that he was unable to proceed with the motion, as his evidence was not yet complete. Mr. W. D. Gwynne appeared for Mayor Clarke. The motion was enlarged for one week. An appointment was served on Mayor Clarke for his examination before Mr. Bruce, special examiner, yesterday afternoon.

An order was made by the master in chambers yesterday for the examination of Clark J. Whitney at Detroit as plaintiff in the action of Whitney v. Mather. Miss Mather is also to be examined at Detroit this week.

THE AMUSEMENT WORLD.

How the Caterers Provide for the Delectation of the Citizens.

Both at the matinee and evening performances of Professor Bristolo's horses at the Grand yesterday large audiences witnessed the entertainment. There will be a special matinee to-morrow and the usual matinee on Saturday.

The Gondolier Opera Company is the only one playing Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera "The Gondoliers," and the presentations at the Grand next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be the only opportunities of hearing the famous authors' great and latest success. The sale of seats will commence to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the box office. A Chicago exchange says: "The stage setting of the 'Gondoliers' was fine and the costumes elegant. Miss Fatmah Diard, who has a soprano voice of great strength and sweetness, captured the audience from the first and was loudly applauded. Miss Marie Laurens' singing in the second act received a double encore and Miss Lillie Alrich, as Tessa, received her share of well-earned plaudits. The parts of the two gondoliers were most acceptably filled by Messrs. Shackford and Paxton, and Mr. Mountjoy Walker as the Duke was a feature of the entertainment. Maurice Hagaman, as the Grand Inquisitor, made a marked hit. The company is good in its entirety and the chorus exceptionally fine and well balanced."

In speaking of Reilly & Woods' vaudeville company, which appears at Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House for one week, commencing Monday, Feb. 3, The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette says: "If a thorough good time is the object in view, with laugh and wonder accompaniment, Reilly & Woods' company supplies it. Beginning with the inimitable Dolans and winding up with the hilarious piece, "The Mystic Order of Undertakers," the performance has not a dull feature. Prince Kokin for feats of jugglery rivals Hermanns Hermann. Napier and Estelle, two kings of the parallel bars, do a grotesque act. George H. Wood delivers one of the most telling temperance pleas ever heard, while keeping his hearers in a roar of laughter. Barber, the bicycle expert, does perilous feats on single and double wheels, and O'Brian and Redding present a clever comedy. The Papillone, the Alambra four and the astounding Clark, with his hundreds of educated cats, rats and mice, make up the list of this good menu." Since the company's appearance in Cincinnati a number of new specialties have been introduced: The Bros. Avolos, the greatest bar performers in the world, from the Eden Theatre, Paris; the famous Natalie Royal Xylophonists and Flora Moore, the celebrated serio-comic.

At Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House Gray & Stephens' Company are drawing large houses with their wonderful singing and imitations in "Vesper Bells." Every Friday and Saturday nights, also at Saturday matinee, Gray & Stephens will, by request put on their old-time success, "The Old Oaken Bucket," which is replete with comedy and startling situations. There will be a matinee to-day of "Vesper Bells."

The public will have a great treat next week at the Academy of Music. Mr. Greene has secured for his patrons the great New York