

THE DICKS CASE BEGUN.

THE ALLEGED SLAYER OF HIS WIFE
ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.The Crown in the Hands of Mr. Oler
Commences the Introduction of
Testimony—Witnesses Who Tell of the
Burning of the Prisoner's Home Last
March.At the Criminal Assizes yesterday,
before Mr. Justice Ross, Arthur A.
Dicks was put on trial, charged with
the murder of his wife, Mary Dicks,
on March 2 last. This is another in-
surance case. The allegation of the
Crown is that Dicks first murdered
his wife for the sake of the insurance
upon her life, and then set fire to the
house to cover up his crime. Mrs.
Dicks was insured for \$10,000 for the
benefit of the children, and the pris-
oner would have control of this upon
her death.Mr. E. B. Oler has charge of the
case of the Crown. He is assisted by
Mr. Barron, while Mr. E. F. B. John-
ston, assisted by Messrs. Cassels and
Ross, is looking after the interests of
the defence.A killing of importance.
The prisoner is a sickly-looking man
with a sallow complexion. He is pre-
tending to be badly broken up and seems to feel
his position very keenly.As soon as the jury had been se-
lected the legal business of the day
was asked to retire while the lawyers
argued whether or not evidence relating
to a number of previous fires in
which the prisoner had been concerned
was admissible. The judge finally de-
cided to receive the evidence, and the
defence felt that they had received a
blow at the start-off.Mr. Oler, in opening the case to
the jury, pointed out that when the
body of Mrs. Dicks was found, after
the house had been destroyed by fire,
both feet were gone; one leg was gone
and part of another; not a vestige of
bone was left; the only part not burned
was the hand that lay under the
breast and a small portion of the
right leg. The body had been found
in the body of the house under the
body was not charred, but the floor
under the legs had been burned. A
coal can, usually kept in the corner
of the shop, was found under the
body three days afterwards, between the
joints and one of the hot-air pipes, not
far from the feet.There was friction between the pris-
oner and his wife, no great bitterness
but some friction. Her life was in-
sured for \$10,000, in five policies, with-
in 15 months of her death. By her
will this money was left to her
children, but the prisoner had control
of it during their minority. There
was \$1000 insurance on the household
goods and \$500 on the piano; this would
expire in three weeks. The former
were moved to a summer residence at
Balm Beach, fire occurred there and the
prisoner put in a claim for insurance
and was paid.Mr. Oler then proceeded to give an
account of five other fires that had
occurred in houses in which Dicks
had lived.The Taking of Testimony.
Mr. John Miller, photographer, was
the first witness. He was called to
identify and explain certain photo-
graphs of the house taken by him.
Police Constable McGee told about
the finding of Mrs. Dicks' body. The
body was badly burned, the lower part
of the legs being gone, although the
feet on which the body lay was not
burned.Policeman O'Donnell also described
the condition of the house taken by him.
The body was found on the floor and
had to be loosened with shovels, and
what clothing there was was frozen
and charred.John Tracey of No. 15 Doro-
chester told how he was on the night
of the fire by the Dicks' children. He
saw Dicks leaning out of a window of
the burning house and heard him cry:
"My God, will nobody come? My
wife is in the house."
Witness tried to get into the house,
but the bottom of the stairs was on
fire and it was impossible to get either
up or down. Dicks escaped from the
house by jumping from the window
and afterwards accompanied witness
when he tried to get into the house.
The case will be resumed this morn-
ing.JUST LIKE A REAL CITY.
The Ratepayers of York Criticize the
Council and the latter Talk Back.
Some 40 ratepayers were present at
the meeting held on Tuesday evening
for the purpose of discussing various
financial questions pertaining
to the municipality. The speaker,
Mr. George Woods, said that the
object of the meeting was to give rate-
payers a better opportunity of speak-
ing on the matters affecting the munici-
pality than could be secured on non-
session day. He then made a speech,
charging the Council with extravagance,
Reeve Hill and Deputy Reeves
Klyde, Sylvester and George spoke in
defence of their official action. The
Reeve showed that since Dec. 31 the
debt of the township had been cut
down from \$56,000 to under \$30,000,
and that there had been a reduction in
assessment of \$100,000. \$100,000.
Further, by employing the Treasurer
to collect the taxes the township had
been saved a yearly salary of \$2000.
When the meeting was over the ques-
tion arose as to who should pay for
the use of the hall and a rental of \$4.
Mr. George Woods, the convener, wanted
the Council to foot the bill, but it was
finally decided that the best way
was to pass the hat round.The Canadian Churchman.
The Canadian Churchman has issued
an excellent Christmas number that
is really a credit to its publishers. The
number contains an engraving of "The
Madonna and Child," "Ringing the
Christmas Bells," "The Squire and His
Daughter on Christmas Morning," and
an excellent likeness of His Lordship,
Bishop Darg of New Westminster. E.
Reading many and several other
engravings suitable to the season are
to be found in its columns.Buy Your Presents Early.
What is a more suitable present than
a pair of gold spectacles to those who
require them? Both useful and ornamental
and always acceptable. My
Optician, Confederation Life Building,
Yonge-street, has a fine stock and will
try you right in price and take pains
to please. A large assortment of opera
glasses all suitable for Christmas pre-
sents. Eyes tested free.Important Change.
Owing to increased sales this week
of mantles, etc., Messrs. W. Millichamp
Sons & Co. are closed on Monday
their annual clearing sale of mantles,
grates and brass fireplace trimmings
will Dec. 27-28. The public are urged to
remember this great sale, as the
reputation of the Messrs. Millichamp
will assure everyone of the quantity
and quality of stock to be offered, their
work always ranking the highest in
degree of neatness and architectural de-
sign.-Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden
fruits" to many persons so constituted that
the least indulgence is followed by attacks
of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These
persons are not aware that they can in-
dulge in their heart's content by taking
a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's
Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will
give immediate relief, and is a sure
cure for all summer complaints.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

The bookkeepers' and stationers' sec-
tion of the Board of Trade will meet
this afternoon.The old officers of the tanners' sec-
tion were elected at the annual meet-
ing yesterday with the exception of
Mr. Davis, whose place on the execu-
tive was taken by Mr. Walter Board-
man.After luncheon the tanners drew up
a resolution, drawing the Government's
attention to the proper inspection of
hides.A New York banking house yester-
day engaged \$1,000,000 for export. This
was done in face of a slight decline in
sterling exchange rates.Canadian Pacific was weak in Lon-
don, closing at 55 1/2, but it closed
strong in Montreal with transactions
at 54 1/2.Provisions in Chicago continue very
heavy. Both hard and short ribcoid
yesterday at the lowest prices in 23
years.Reading was unusually active on the
New York Stock Exchange yesterday
and showed a general weakness. The out-
look for its holders is certainly not
very cheerful if they have to give up
20 per cent. in cash, surrender their
voting power for a term of years, have
the stock increased from \$40,000,000 to
\$70,000,000 and have \$7,000,000 of new
securities put ahead of them.Western Union earnings for the cur-
rent quarter show an increase of \$100,-
000 over same quarter of last year.
The stock closed at 24 1/2.Postal Telegraph continues firm with
sales yesterday at 38.Kenneth, Hopkins & Co., who have
posed as reputable and legitimate deal-
ers in grain and provisions, were yester-
day expelled from the Chicago Board of
Trade for five years for carrying on a
bucket-shop business. It is a very
difficult matter to trace dealers
of a speculative nature, but the
Chicago board, who have been after
them for two years, must have un-
doubtedly proof of the nature of K. H.
& Co.'s transactions for giving such a
severe sentence.The interest in the Lindholm propo-
sition to trade in cash wheat instead of
futures at Chicago seems to be increas-
ing rather than decreasing. The state-
ment which the Chicago clearing
house made last year and actually
paid through the Chicago clearing
house \$9,000,000 in carrying charges,
when the actual carrying charge on all
the wheat in Chicago was only \$3,-
000,000, was a sufficient
proof that the bulls were not only
legitimate, but illegitimate, for the
benefit of the bears, and if
the trade is to be encouraged
and rehabilitated in its pris-
tine glory, some scheme must
be adopted to limit this bleeding to le-
gitimate charges, and not enlarge it
so as to mean carrying charges on the
wheat in America, but on the
wheat the world over hedged in Amer-
ica.A Pretty Wedding.
Yesterday afternoon were celebra-
ted in St. Clement's Church, Leslieville,
the nuptials of Mr. John R. Walker,
so well known in the sporting world,
and Miss Emily Veronice Melbourne,
the second daughter of Mr. Mel-
bourne of Queen-street west. The
bridesman was the officiating cler-
gyman. The service was full and
the church was beautifully deco-
rated with palms and flowers. The
bride's dress was of white silk, trim-
med with pearls and diamonds. The
bride wore a veil, surmounted with
roses and lilies of the valley. The
bridesmaids were Miss Jessie and
Miss Melbourne, were gowned respec-
tively in white silk and point d'Alencon
lace and in blue silk trimmed with
sables. Mrs. Melbourne, mother of the
bride, wore a handsome dress of black
silk, the bride was given away by
Frank Lloyd, H.M.C., and Dr. Riddell
was best man. Mr. John Jones, Jr.,
of 1241 McHenry and Mr. B. Hughes
were ushers.After the ceremony a reception was
held at Mrs. Melbourne's residence,
which was most numerous attended,
among the guests being Rev. J. Us-
borne, Messrs. Joseph E. Seagram, Ed-
ward Seagram, Mrs. Le Roy, Street
Commissioner Jones, Mrs. and Miss
John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pear-
son, Mr. E. Blong, Mrs. and Miss Wal-
ker and a great many ladies and
gentlemen. The bride and groom
were exceedingly numerous and in
many cases most valuable.
Mr. and Mrs. Walker took their de-
parture by the 4:55 train for an exten-
ded tour throughout the United States.The Council of Revision re-
solved to open up of the Daven-
port-road from Bathurst-street west-
ward to the easterly limit of the north-
ern division of the Grand Trunk Rail-
way lands was held at Eglinton yester-
day afternoon. A number of the in-
terested property holders were present
and addressed the council. Mr. Frank
Turner, C.E., drew attention to the fact
that the estimates for the work now
submitted by the township engineer,
\$37,000, was \$14,000 higher
than the estimate first brought in. He
thought that error had been made both
as to the cost of the labor and the
value of the land and asked that a
committee be appointed by the coun-
cil to meet with the township engineer
to go over the estimate in de-
tail. Eglinton in reply, said that
the \$23,000 had been based on the
wide marginal cost of \$1 a foot, but
that the employment of day in and out
contract labor, the extravagant values
placed by the owners on their lots and
the cost of the many ensuing altera-
tions, had raised the amount to the
higher figure.Mr. Wallace for Mr. Briggs, one of
the property holders, wanted a read-
justment of the subsequent assessment
of \$14,000, that the burden of taxa-
tion could be lessened by spreading it
over adjoining property. Mr. Wallace
was referred to the committee.
Mr. J. McNamara spoke of the want
of gravel on the Davenport-road and
Mr. Rogers thought certain parts of the
road had been favored at the expense
of the rest.Council considered that the interest
of the property holders along the Da-
venport-road would be best met by fol-
lowing the suggestion of Mr. Turner
and the reeve, and Deputy Reeves
Goulding and Lucas were appointed
to meet the ratepayers' committee at
the Yonge-street Arcade at 11 a.m. to-
day.The Round Corner.
Everybody is congratulating Mr.
Jamieson on the great success he has
made of the new building at the cor-
ner of Queen and Yonge-streets, pre-
sented the best-known and most valu-
able site in Toronto. He has secured
a handsome and modern structure
with every convenience for the prom-
otion of his special line of trade. The
rounded corner will prove a building
at crowded intersections of streets.
While in the old corner recently, Mr.
Jamieson made extensive purchases of
new goods, and now his staff of clerks
are at work placing them in the dif-
ferent departments, into which his busi-
ness is to be divided. Everything re-
quired for the furnishing and stock of
a man or boy will be kept in dress in
the new store.Hagard's Pectoral Balm cures coughs,
colds, asthma, bronchitis, throat and
all diseases of the throat, lungs and chest.
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HE CANNOT QUALIFY.

Ex-Ald. Garrett F. Frankland Will Not Be
An Alderman Candidate.Ex-Ald. Frankland will not be a can-
didate for alderman for 1896. He is not ac-
cused for any property and consequently
cannot qualify. When informed by his
friend, City Clerk Blowing, that he was not
eligible, the great cattle exporter walked
away with a heavy heart from the City
Hall.Work was commenced yesterday on the
new C.P.R. station at the Don. The build-
ing will have all modern improvements and
present a handsome appearance. It will cost
about \$200,000.A deputation of two, representing the
hack drivers, who do business at the Union
depot, called on Acting Mayor Sheppard
yesterday to complain of an employee of the
Street Railway Company, whom they term
a "runner." The man is stationed near the
depot to direct strangers to the proper cars.
The acting Mayor summoned Engineer Rust
and a report will be made later on.As the man is more of a convenience than
a nuisance it is not likely anything will be
done.The Parks and Gardens Committee will
meet at 11 a.m. to-day to discuss the Daven-
court Park question. The Property Com-
mittee will meet at 2 p.m., and the Execu-
tive at 3.A Denial From Mr. Small.
Editor World: Having heard that it
is reported that I have formed a ticket
to exclude certain candidates for the
office of alderman in Ward No. 1 from the
support of my friends, I beg to say
that there is not a word of truth in it.
I have formed no combination
whatever with any candidate. My
friends and supporters know that they
are not tied up to me alone, but are
free to support any of the other can-
didates they may think fit. I give a
most emphatic denial to the rumor
that I have formed a ticket. I am run-
ning on my own merits, and I be-
lieve it is on that account that I
shall receive the support from the
section of No. 1 Ward.

CHARLES C. SMALL.

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and before I finished the fourth bottle, my hands were
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