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The Nigger in the Fence.

The World has been lately quietly investigating the nigger in the fence. We have searched in many quarters to find the exciting cause of all the powder and smoke that has characterized the doing of the promoters. Why have they been so persistent in their efforts? Why have Ald. Leslie, Hewitt and the other supporters of the scheme been so assiduous and aggressive in their endeavors to smother through the council this water and power privilege from the city? The dogged tenacity with which these aldermen have supported the project, apparently without scheme with at the hands of the aldermen; the life-and-death tactics of the outside promoters, these things have convinced us that there was a nigger in the fence, which the public would be anxious to see. The promoters of the project are cunning men, but not quite cunning enough to secure their ends. They are easy and tricky, but neither sharp nor tricky enough to hoodwink the people of Toronto.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

A circular just issued by the Bell Telephone Company calls a special meeting of shareholders at Montreal on Thursday, Dec. 23, for the purpose of authorizing the company to apply to Parliament for an act to increase the borrowing powers of the company, and to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. At first glance this circular would naturally create the impression that the Bell Telephone Company was in financial straits, and that the issue of \$1,000,000 of bonds was a desperate measure. But a closer examination of the circular shows that the company is in a very healthy financial condition, and that the issue of bonds is a purely precautionary measure.

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