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HOME NEWS

THE GOLD STORAGE SCHEME

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Mr. M. Pettit says the Government Scheme has been a Comparative Failure because of the Introduction of Political Reports of the City Hospital—Civil and Political Rumors from the Ambitions City.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—Mr. M. Pettit, one of the largest fruit growers of the Grimsby district, spoke warmly in favor of the Berkins & Weber scheme of cold storage shipments. Mr. Pettit believes that if the company sent agents throughout the district of Niagara fruit men would heartily endorse the project.

Government scheme has been a comparative failure, owing to the fact that politics has come into it—a weak point the company would be free from.

City Hospital Report. Secretary Kent's annual report of the City Hospital, which will be submitted to the Finance Committee tomorrow, shows that it cost \$23,227 this year to run that institution, or \$121.28 less than last year. This is in spite of the increase in the number of patients, and the number of indoor patients was 1042, and outdoor some 2940, or a gain in the latter class of about 700. The report shows a deficit of \$163.

A Mayoralty Rumor. There were repeated rumors to-night about the city that Mr. W. W. Buchanan would be put into the field by the Reform and Temperance vote of the city to oppose Mayor Colquhoun. Mr. Buchanan could not be found, but Mr. J. H. Land, being interviewed, said there was nothing in the rumor. He said, however, that Mr. Buchanan had practically decided to run for the Provincial House, and would make the announcement after the municipal elections.

Eight Hour Movement. At the meeting of the East End Workmen's Club this evening, Rev. Mr. Whitcomb read an interesting paper on the history of the eight-hour movement.

James-street Baptist Church. The annual business meeting of the James-street Baptist Church was held this evening. Rev. Mr. Gilmore presiding. The following officers were elected: C. W. Bradford, treasurer; H. S.

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THE HUNGER STRIKE

Premier Hardy Gives a History of It and How It Was Settled.

A Pertinent Question to be Asked in Reference to Niagara Falls Power—The Ministry and Trust Companies—Criticism of the Educational System—Supplies Passed—Day Fixed for the Pigery.

In the Legislature yesterday the Attorney-General gave notice of a Government measure to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day. The details of the bill are still under consideration by the cabinet, but it is understood that the administration will go a certain distance towards making a provision for the observance of the Lord's Day, as expressed by recent deputations received at the Parliament building.

Mr. Dickenson during the afternoon session passed around for signatures a petition for the House of Commons, calling upon the New York Mutual Insurance Company to issue a policy of insurance on the life of the late Nicholas Avroy. The policy was for \$10,000, and was to be paid to the family of deceased on the ground that the case of the Avroy family was not paid until some time after it fell due. As the members of the House are in committee of supply, passing further estimates for 1898.

These bills were read a first time: An act to amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Cameron; An act to amend the Act Respecting Voters Lists—Mr. Langford; Hon. Mr. Gibson stated that no lands in the Township of Etobicoke had been surveyed or leased by the Government to any man by the name of F. Halliday.

As to the investigations into the Moore Lumber Company's alleged sale of logs, the Attorney-General told Mr. St. John that the investigations had been made at Parry Sound, Ontario, Detroit, Trout Creek and Burk's Falls. A report was returned on June 1, 1897, by Mr. St. John, and J. B. McWilliams of Peterborough, and J. B. McWilliams of Peterborough, and J. B. McWilliams of Peterborough, and J. B. McWilliams of Peterborough.

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