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RAILROAD MEN ON STRIKE

OVER 1000 MEN ON THE PHILADELPHIA AND READING QUIT WORK.

The Introduction of Non-Union Men Causes the Trouble—Train Men, Coal Handlers and Freight Handlers Involved—Other Labor Troubles.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Over 1000 men employed by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad on their lines running from West Falls to the Port Richmond coal wharves, either as train men, coal handlers or freight handlers, quit work this afternoon at 4.30. This action was caused by the introduction of a train crew of five non-union men to do the work upon which union men had been employed but who had been discharged. This movement will be communicated to all the employes of the road, and a general strike on all the lines of the company may be the result. The trouble originated yesterday morning, when a crew of freight handlers engaged in shifting cars loaded with flour into a pier controlled by the firm of Charles M. Taylor's Sons refused to deliver any more freight to the firm unless the non-union laborers employed in handling the freight should be discharged. Word was immediately sent to John O'Keefe, the general freight agent and shipping clerk at the Port Richmond wharves, who telegraphed the news of the refusal to the general offices of the company. Upon the receipt of the telegram Superintendent Sweizard issued an order discharging the crew who had refused to handle the freight, and threatening the same punishment to other crews who would follow the precedent. All the remaining force, which consisted of four crews, refusing to obey the order, were discharged, and the engines were taken to the round house and the men left the yard.

The news of the discharge quickly spread among other employes of the company in Port Richmond, and the stevedores to the number of about 600 dropped their work and left the yard. The news of such a large body of men quitting work soon spread through Port Richmond, and a committee of Knights of Labor to which the strikers belonged called upon General Manager McLeod and Superintendent Sweizard with the purpose of settling the difficulty and preventing a general strike. The object was unsuccessful, however, as the officers would not listen to any excuses, claiming that the work had to be done, and, if the present employes found it difficult to obey orders, the management would be compelled to look elsewhere for help.

The situation was unchanged this morning and no freight was delivered to the covered piers at the foot of Willow-street nor where the stevedores at work. The company was determined to operate its lines however and made preparations to secure crews for the idle locomotives but was unsuccessful until about 1 o'clock when aid was secured by forming a mixed crew of non-union men at the Third and Berks street station. The engine, No. 223, manned by the obnoxious crew, arrived at the scene of trouble at about 3.30 and proceeded at once to move the boycotted freight. The news of the renewal of work was quickly communicated among the other men at work and a concerted action of quitting was speedily agreed upon. An hour was given to allow the employes on the road from West Falls to the river to learn of the determination, and at 4.30, when the signal was given, every man stopped work. Shifting engines that were working on the coal wharves quickly ran to their usual resting place until the whole number (14) was placed in one line, and the crews immediately drew the fire and blew out the boilers. Men that were wheeling coal dropped their barrow handles, switchmen closed their switches and left the main line open. Conductors, brakemen and other employes left their work and quickly went to their homes.

Coal Handlers Laid Off.

ELIZABETHPORT, N.J., Dec. 23.—The Reading Railroad coal handlers refused to-day to load a Cross Creek Lehigh Coal Company's vessel at Elizabethport docks. They were all (about 100) laid off. Shipping is entirely suspended. A general "tie-up" is the talk.

Miners on Strike.

ASHLAND, Pa., Dec. 23.—The miners of Riley & Co.'s Logan colliery struck this morning, throwing over 500 men and boys out of employment.

THE CROWN PRINCE.

A Congratulatory Address Proposed — A Letter to the Diet.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—A movement has been started by leading inhabitants to present a congratulatory New Year's address to the Crown Prince.

The Grand Duke of Baden has sent letters to the Diet saying that the Crown Prince was deeply moved by the Diet's expression of sympathy with him and in view of the perceptible improvement in his condition he feels justified in cherishing the hope that he will ultimately recover strength to fulfil his duties to the Fatherland. The Grand Duke quotes the following words uttered by the Crown Prince:

"I place my trust in God, who has so often been gracious to us when encompassed by dangers. But if anything earthly can raise and restore me it is the universal sympathy of the Fatherland. I feel as if there existed between my fellow-citizens and myself a bond which is proof that greater confidence has been placed in me than I believed possible. May it yet please the Lord to give me an opportunity to show myself worthy of it."

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NO WATERWORKS EXTENSION.

A Mass Meeting Votes Against the Scheme —Sam Carroll Held for Perjury.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A mass meeting was held this evening to discuss the proposed waterworks extension by-law, involving the issue of $150,000 worth of debentures. The audience voted almost unanimously against the scheme.

Samuel Carroll, the witness for the petitioner in the West Middlesex election trial, who was charged with perjury, was to-day committed for trial. He was released on $2000 bail.

Brass Fenders and Fire Irons at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

Roumania's Proposed Steamship Company.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Roumanian Government announces that it is preparing a bill to establish a Danube Steamship Company. The vessels for the new company are to be purchased by the funds derived from the Danubian harbor dues levied on the ships of all nations. As this revenue, under the agreement of the powers, ought to be applied to the maintenance of traffic between the Iron Gates and Salina, the bill will violate foreign rights. Austria will lead, it is stated, in taking diplomatic action in the form of a protest against the project.

Sir Henry Grattan Esmonde, M.P., and Arthur O'Connor, M.P., at the Pavilion Wednesday evening next. Plan now open at Nordheimers'.

Lord Salisbury Interviews the Ambassadors

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Count Von Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador here, departed suddenly for Germany to-day after holding a long interview with Lord Salisbury, who had especially requested the meeting. The Prime Minister subsequently had an interview with the Russian and French ambassadors.

A New Menagerie Coming For Barnum.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The steamer Ludgate Hill, which left London for New York to-day has on board a complete menagerie consigned to Messrs. Barnum & Bailey.

W. & D. Dineen have sold this week more fur goods than all the other four establishments put together. As evidence that they are selling cheap. Cor. King and Yonge-streets.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

Meagre Particulars of the Wreck on the Chicago and Northwestern.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A special from Sycamore, Ill., says: Meagre particulars of a terrible train disaster, said to have occurred at Germantown, twenty miles from here, were received here this morning. It is reported that the Minnesota and Northwestern train of six coaches was ditched and that many people were killed and wounded.

A later despatch to The Journal says it was the Minnesota and Northwestern train which left Chicago at 10 a.m. which was derailed and burned between Milton and German Valley. A number of lives are reported lost. The local officials of the road here deny this. The agents say the accident was trivial.

Not so Serious as First Reported.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The accident on the Minneapolis and Northwestern Railroad today was not a serious one. General Superintendent Russell left here with a wrecking train and soon after reaching German Valley, Wis., near where the accident occurred, telegraphed to the General Agent here that the facts had been exaggerated. The train had been derailed and three passengers were slightly injured. Trains on the road are running as usual.

A Fatal Railway Accident in Wisconsin.

PHILLIPS, Wis., Dec. 23.—The evening passenger train on the Wisconsin Central Railway was thrown from the track by a broken rail two miles south of Fifield last night. Three cars were thrown from the track down an embankment. One passenger, M. Monte of Butternut, was killed and fourteen persons were wounded, Conductor Greenfield, it is thought, fatally.

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SERVED HIM RIGHT.

A Verdict of $700 Against a Cigar Vender for Insulting a Parkhill Woman.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—On June 5 last Mrs. Mary Stock left Detroit with two children to return to her home at Parkhill, Ont. The steamer on which she took passage to Port Huron was detained by a fog and did not reach there till midnight. Mrs. Stock, unacquainted with the city and looking about for a place to shelter herself and children for the night, ran across Horatio N. Jex, proprietor of a cigar store, restaurant and saloon, who offered her rooms over his store. In the absence of any other accommodation, she accepted Jex's offer and went to his room. She put her children to bed and there being no lock to the door, placed a chair against it as a barricade. During the night Jex forced his way into the room, and made improper proposals to Mrs. Stock and intimidated her at the point of a revolver. She resisted him, and finally obliged him to leave the room under threats of raising an alarm. She remained in the room until morning without further annoyance, and then left with her children for her home in Parkhill. The above facts were sworn to on trial yesterday in a suit against Jex by Mrs. Stock in the United States Circuit Court in this city. The jury rendered a verdict for Mrs. Stock of $700.

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An Aged Couple Found Dead in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—James Miller, a real estate dealer, 70 years old, was found lying dead this morning on the floor of his house, No. 307 West Sixteenth-street. Beside him lay his wife unconscious and dying. She was removed to the hospital, and it is supposed that the old man died of heart disease in his chair and fell from it, knocking the chair and the stove down in his fall, and that Mrs. Miller was too weak-minded to notify the neighbors of her husband's death and that her weak and exhausted condition is due to starvation, as she was unable to procure or cook food for herself.

Gentlemen, make your wife an Xmas present of a fine Fur Bolman. It will please her, and you can easily afford it. W. & D. Dineen, corner King and Yonge-streets.

A Natural Gas Explosion.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 23.—Yesterday a natural gas explosion occurred in the dwelling house of James Lunday. In the house were James Lunday, his wife and three children. Mrs. Lunday attempted to light the gas in the stove when it exploded, blowing out the east end of the house, and the family with it. Mr. Lunday's hair was burned and Mrs. Lunday's hair and clothing also. Towards evening Mrs. Lunday died a raving maniac. One child is dying of its injuries. Mr. Lunday is a maniac from his injuries and the loss of his wife, and the two remaining children are in great agony from burns.

Mexican Inducements to Immigrants.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—It is announced that the Mexican Government has made and granted extraordinary concessions to a real estate company to induce immigration to the eleven states of Mexico. The company has obtained a title to 55,000,000 acres of land and proposes to establish agencies in all the large cities of Europe and America. The Government has granted exemption from taxation to all settlers on the tracts and insures proper protection.

THE MONTH'S STATEMENT

AN INCREASE I THE EXPORTS OF THE DOMINION.

The Savings Bank Balances $2,000,000 More Than Last Year—Successful Civil Service Candidates in Toronto—Notices From The Gazette.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The statement of exports for the month of November shows the gross exports to have been $11,668,310, of which $10,385,400 was the produce of Canada and $1,282,920 the produce of other countries, showing an increase in the former of $363,018 over the same month last year, and a decrease in the latter of $72,100. The figures for the month are:

	Produce of Canada.	Produce of other Countries.
Produce of the Mines—	$ 489,243	$ 22,008
" " Fish'ries	917,641	17,126
" " Forest	1,637,823	118,191
Animals and Their Produce	2,306,306	74,402
Agricultural Products	6,046,377	1,003,397
Manufactures	423,694	37,003
Miscellaneous Articles	65,803	3,023
Coin and Bullion	.....	25
Grand total	10,385,400	$ 1,282,910

Taking the first five months of the fiscal year the total exports of the Dominion amount to $53,318,444, being an increase of $2,214,735 over same period last year, of which $1,170,415 is the produce of Canada and $1,044,321 the produce of other countries.

The following is the statement of goods entered for consumption during November:

Dutiable goods	$4,826,598
Coin and bullion	533,320
Free goods	2,735,952
Total	8,195,870
Duty collected	1,658,384

The Postoffice Savings Bank statement for the month of November shows: Deposits $632,011, withdrawn $622,072, balance $19,812,972, which is over $2,000,000 more than at the same time last year.

The following is the list of candidates who successfully passed the civil service examination in Toronto in November last: Thos. B. Armstrong, Arthur A. Allen, Thomas Ball, James S. Bonar, Wesley C. Bowbeer, Horace Conquest, Wm. H. Carroll, Wm. H. Darlington, Henry Foster, William Ferguson, William S. Gould, John N. Garner, Alexander Hawthorne, James Hoskin, Frederick J. Jollow, Ethel C. Keefler, Albert W. Lobarre, Henry S. Leach, George E. Morrison, James Percival, James H. Phillipeau, Alfred E. Phillips, Oliver Sproule, Henry C. Smith, Thomas E. Stanley, Neil Still, William F. Stevens, William Ward, Reginald F. Worraker, Michael J. Hughes, Frederick W. Ivory, Robert F. Walton.

Qualifying—James E. Bell, Thomas B. Campbell, William E. Davis, Nellie Dunn, William Flynn, Andrew Hamilton, Chas. E. Howarth, Edward O. Lawder, Jas. McCormac, Marra, Wm. E. Meredith, Wm. J. Lawrence, Wm. H. Smith, Malcolm W. Sparrow, Walter F. Stewart, James A. Sullivan, George W. Taylor, George Thompson, Robert F. Walton, James E. Jeffery.

In optional subjects no one passed in Toronto.

A Cabinet meeting was held this afternoon, but it is understood that the ocean mail contract was not awarded and only routine business was transacted. It is not likely that there will be another meeting before Wednesday and not a full meeting for over a week as several Ministers have gone home for the holidays. Hon. Mr. Thompson left yesterday for Halifax, Sir Hector Langevin and Sir Adolphe Caron went down to Quebec this afternoon, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell has gone to Belleville and Hon. Mr. Foster to Sussex, N.B. Hon. J. H. Pope will probably leave for Cobourg to-morrow and Hon. Mr. Chapleau left for Sherbrooke yesterday.

Mr. F. Bebbington, secretary of the local branch of the Imperial Federation League, had an interview with Hon. Joe. Chamberlain at Rideau Hall to-day. Mr. Bebbington has long been acquainted with Mr. Chamberlain. The British Commissioner among other things spoke regarding a closer union between the colonies and Great Britain. He expressed himself in sympathy with the general objects of the movement as set forth by the Imperial Federation League. England, he thought, would be prepared to go half way to meet the colonies in any arrangement tending to promote mutual interests. Mr. Chamberlain, in short, approves of this principle of Imperial Federation, but has not seen any feasible scheme for its accomplishment submitted yet. He does not care to lecture under the auspices of the local branch of the league owing to the peculiar circumstances in connection with his visit to America.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

Parliament Called for Jan. 31—A New Classification of Wheat.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain a proclamation calling Parliament for despatch of business on Jan. 31.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Pillow-Hersey Manufacturing Company, capital $800,000, and the Federal Telephone Company, capital $250,000; headquarters of both companies at Montreal.

The following order-in-council has been passed: "On the recommendation of the Minister of Customs and under the authority of section 9 of the Customs Act, His Excellency the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the proper duty on plow plates, mould boards and land sides cut toshape, but not molded, punched, polished or otherwise manufactured, and when so cut to shape from rolled sheets of crucible steel, and being of greater value than 4 cents per pound, shall be levied and collected under item No. 57 of the schedule of the Customs Duties Act, 50 and 51 Victoria, chapter 39, at the rate of 12½ per cent. ad valorem, and in all other cases not answering the above description in full, plow plates, mould boards and land sides shall be rated for duty as parts of plows under item No. 146 of said last mentioned act, and in accordance with section 61, sub-section 2, of the Customs Act. This order to take effect on and from the date hereof, and to remain in force until the end of the next succeeding session of the Parliament of Canada, unless sooner repealed."

An order-in-council has been passed creating the Village of Agnes, Compton County, an outport of customs and warehousing port under the survey of Sherbrooke.

An order-in-council has been passed making the close season for lobsters on the Atlantic coast, from Cape Canso to the United States boundary, from July 1 to Dec. 31 next year, and in the remaining waters of Nova Scotia, and in the waters of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec (including the Magdalen Islands and Anticosti), from July 15 to Dec. 31 next year; also that it shall be unlawful to catch or sell at any time any lobster less than nine inches in length, and any so caught must be put back in the water alive.

An order-in-council has been passed placing on the free list retorts, pans, condensers, tubing and pipe, made of platinum, when imported by manufacturers of sulphuric acid for use in their works in the manufacture or concentration of sulphuric acid.

On the recommendation of the Minister of Inland Revenue an order-in-council has been passed cancelling the first three paragraphs of section 44 of the General Inspection Act with reference to the classification of grain, and substituting the following with regard to spring wheat: "Extra Manitoba spring wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than sixty-two pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than eighty-five per cent. of red fife wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada. No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than sixty pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least two-thirds of red fife wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada. No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and reasonably clean, weighing not less than fifty-eight pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least two-thirds of red fife wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada. No. 1 hard fife wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than sixty pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than three-fourths of hard, white fife wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada. His Excellency has been pleased further to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the modified and amended classification thus established shall not apply to grain inspected under the provisions of the act prior to the said modifications coming into force.

An order-in council has been passed providing, under certain regulations and conditions, for the payment to the Canadian manufacturer of distilled spirits exported, in the manufacture of which foreign duty-paid corn has been used, of a drawback of two-thirds of the duty paid upon each bushel of foreign corn so used in the spirits exported.

La Banque de St. Hyacinthe gives notice of a half-yearly dividend of 2 per cent.

The following notices of application to Parliament are given: Wood Mountain and Qu'Appelle Railway Company, for extension of time; for an act to incorporate the St. John Bridge, Dock and Improvement Company, with power to erect bridges across Courtenay Bay and across the harbor at Navy Island, etc.; for an act to incorporate a railway company to construct a railway from a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway between Broadside and Armprior to a point on the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway between Guion Village and Smith's Station, and thence to a point at or near the Desert village, with a right to construct a bridge or ply a ferry boat across the Ottawa River; by the Merchants' Marine Insurance Company of Canada for an act to authorize and provide for the winding up of the said company and for the distribution of its assets; for a bill to enable the South Norfolk Railway Company to sell to, merge into, or become amalgamated with, the Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay and Lake Erie Railway Company; for an act to incorporate the St. Johns and Iberville Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company to deepen and improve the River Richelieu between Jones' Bridge, opposite the town of St. Johns, and the St. Jose mills, etc.; for and amendment to the charter of the Anglo-Canadian Bank, by extending time in which to obtain the necessary certificate from the treasury board; by the Alberta & Athabasca Railway Company for an amendment of its charter giving power to extend, construct, equip and operate its line of railway from its southern terminal point on Bow River on the Canadian Pacific Railway, southerly to the international boundary and also from its northern terminus on the Athabasca River northwesterly to the boundary of Alaska; by the Great Western and Lake Ontario Shore Junction Railway Company for an extension of time.

Notice is given that the annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Railway and Navigation Company will be held at Deseronto on Feb. 6.

All hearts are glad this Christmas, but your children will be much better pleased with the present of a nice Fur Boa. W. & D. Dineen have a fine assortment cheap. Cor. King and Yonge-streets.

THE HAMILTON WATERWORKS.

The Pumps Tested by the Committee—A Stolen Robe—Tobogganing Scrum.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—Yesterday afternoon a couple of cabs conveyed Mayor McKay, City Engineer Haskins, Ald. Stevenson (Chairman Waterworks Committee), Kenrick, Morgan and Nicholson to the beach, for the purpose of making a preliminary test of one of the pumps and the high and low pressure engines connected with it. Messrs. Killey and Fairgrieve and a few other gentlemen were present when the civic party arrived at the new pumping house, and one of the new pumps was in working order. All expressed themselves as highly pleased with the test. The new engines and pumps are simple in construction and less complicated than the old. They are direct acting. They showed yesterday a duty of 112,330,000 gallons of water lifted one foot high with 100 pounds of ordinary anthracite coal.

The charge against Wm. Thornton, alias Pony Spriggs, for the larceny of a bear skin robe belonging to L. L. Irving was proceeded with at the Police Court this morning. Mr. Irving swore that the robe produced in court was stolen from in front of his store on Tuesday night last. Mr. Gowland swore that "Pony" brought the robe to his place on Tuesday night and offered it for sale, saying that he had got it up the country, where he had been working. Thornton said he had bought the robe from two young men. The Magistrate adjourned the case until Tuesday that they might be found.

The Victoria Tobogan Club opened their slides last evening for the first time this season. A number of members enjoyed the fun, the slides being in capital condition.

At a meeting of the creditors of William Goering, held yesterday afternoon, an offer of 50 cents on the dollar was made. The matter of a settlement remains in abeyance for the present.

Brass Coffee Machines and Teddy Kettles, Copper and Granite Kettles at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

A PRISONER AT LAST.

Frank C. McNealy, Who Robbed a Maine Bank, Arrested at Halifax.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 23.—Frank C. McNealy, the Saco, Maine, bank robber, was arrested by Detective Power of this city at the Halifax Hotel this morning. He has been here since Sunday last, when he arrived in the steamer Polynesian from England. There is no doubt that he is the right man. He registered at the hotel as W. Z. Stuyvesant. McNealy acknowledges his identity, but will have no conversation with newspaper men. The detectives searched his luggage to-day, but found no bonds or anything to connect him with the robbery. McNealy, on his arrival here from England last Sunday, was met by a young man supposed to be a brother of his, who left by train Monday morning. The prisoner is said to have had a European continental trip, among his effects being found a Cairo, Egypt, hotel bill of fare.

Mr. Cochrane's Majority 21.

BRIGHTON, Ont., Dec. 23.—Following are the revised figures in the East Northumberland election: Brighton village, majority for Cochrane 30; Hastings village, majority for Cochrane 25; Campbellford village, majority for Cochrane 38; Colborne village, majority for Cochrane 16; Murray township, majority for Cochrane 88; Cramahe township, majority for Cochrane 71; total 268. Brighton township, majority for Mallory 57; Seymour township, majority for Mallory 102; Percy township, majority for Mallory 88; total 247. Cochrane's net majority 21.

Brass and Steel Spark Guards at Milne's.

Fatal Dynamite Explosion.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—An explosion of dynamite at a limestone quarry near Brookfield, Colchester County, this morning, killed four men, one of them being Alex. McDonald, the proprietor of the quarry. They were warming the dynamite previous to using it for a blast, when it exploded, it is supposed, from over-heating. A man and woman escaped with slight injury, while the other four present were killed. The building in which they were was destroyed.

Capt. Fraser Surprised.

KINGSTON, Dec. 23.—Captain S. Fraser, commander of the propeller Scotia, from which the schooner Oriental broke away and was lost, was surprised yesterday to learn that an investigation had been begun touching the condition of the wrecked vessel. He says he was not notified when and where the investigation was to begin, and heard of the St. Catharines proceedings first through the papers.

Arrested as a Spy.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—A German named Chauvin, who has been traveling as a pedlar, has been arrested at Bethune on the charge of being a spy. He was imprisoned on the same charge some time ago and afterward expelled from France.

MAYORALTY CHRONIQUES.

The only "ring" that Ald. Defoe has had anything to do with since he has been in the Council was a wedding ring. He was married the first year he was elected alderman.

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The trunk sewer scheme is nothing but a crude, undigested, incomprehensible affair. It is the same old thing the citizens sat upon on Oct. 8, 1886, and is one of Mr. Howland's election pledges. Why don't its promoters give the citizens some information about it? They are asked to vote *two million dollars* for something they know little or nothing about. Where are the plans? What are the citizens to get for their money? Mr. McAlpine of New York was given a $300 fee for sending a report based on information that was furnished by our own engineer. He only spent seven days in the city. Competent men say it would take nearly a year to study the sewerage problem of Toronto.

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His Worship Mayor Edward Francis Clarke, M.P.P., is too overpowering for the average cit.

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Mr. Clarke, don't let your friends "Johnnie" Graham and Frank Somers swell your head any larger.

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You say you were forced into the fight by your friends. Beware of your friends. Remember how Chris Bunting walked you up and down King-street at midnight before your meeting of acceptance. He declared himself your friend and promised the support of Pulptown. Then he turned around and unmercifully knifed you. This is a sample of friendship.

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Mr. Clarke, you have made an excellent representative in the Legislature up to date. Honors are scarce in this bustling city. There are not enough to go around among the deserving ones. Move on, please. Give Mr. Defoe a chance.

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The city is a real estate owner to the extent of two-and-a-half millions. When Mr. Defoe entered the Council in 1882 this yielded a rental of $27,000 per annum. It now brings in over $70,000. Mr. Defoe does not claim all the credit for this enhanced rental, but he had a great deal to do with it.

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Mr. Rogers, you are spoken of as an estimable citizen, even by your opponents. Your turn will come after Ald. Defoe's.

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Ald. Defoe bases his claims for recognition on his aldermanic record. As chairman of the Executive for two years and as a member of the Property Committee for a much longer period he devoted many months to the city's best interests.

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With its usual lack of judgment, The Globe argues that Mr. Defoe is running to help Mr. Clarke. If the old woman in the lane were not both blind and deaf she would have learned long ago that Mr. Clarke's friends wished Mr. Defoe to retire, as many of them wish both gentlemen well, but think the former the stronger candidate. Mr. Defoe is running upon his own merits, and those only.

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Mr. Manning says he is going to vote for Mr. Clarke. Mr. Manning opposed the wretched trunk sewer scheme hatched out by an antiquated New York engineer, who was paid $3000 for the production. Mr. Manning favored carrying out the mouths of the sewers running from the north to the south to the end of the wharves. This, Mr. Manning declared, would relieve the city front of bad smells and would not cost much. Mr. Clarke is going to support the very scheme that ex-Mayor Manning so enthusiastically denounced.

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Mr. Defoe engineered the sale of the city property in St. George and Huron streets for $38,000. This money, he argued in council, should be placed to capital account: it should go for the purchase of a new debenture or the redemption of an old one. This advice was not taken and the money was frittered away tinkering around old city buildings. Thus an asset of the town disappears. Mr. Defoe's husbandry of the city's finances has always been on the right side.

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No man that ever sat in the Council for many years back has devoted so much time in acquainting himself with the city's exact financial position as has Mr. Defoe. He counsels economy and prudence for some time to come.

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Move on, Mr. Clarke. Go back to your Parish Printing and your paper. When you gain a little more experience we will give you a trial.

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DEAR NED: You cannot possibly be spared from the front row of the Opposition benches, even for an hour. Do drop this mayoralty nonsense. Yours in the party,

W. R. MR——TH.

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Mr. Rogers, devote a couple of years more to the Waterworks Committee. Then the citizens will recognize your claims and your reward will surely come. But not next year. Some other year.

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The business men of the town, the bankers, the financial managers, the heavy taxpayers, are receiving the name of Ald. Defoe with encore.

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A merry Christmas to you, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Rogers. And you, also, Mayor Defoe, that is to be.

Gold and Silver-Plated Ware, Casters, Spoon Holders, Cake Baskets, etc., at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

First Through Train to the Sault.

At 11 o'clock last night the first through Canadian Pacific train for Sault Ste. Marie pulled out of Union Station. It will go over the Northern Railway to North Bay, thence over the C.P.R. via Sudbury Junction to the Sault, where it is timed to arrive about 10 o'clock to-night. Several gentlemen from Toronto and other places were on board. They are property owners in the Sault and will vote on Monday for granting a bonus to the C.P.R. if the company locates its station, workshops, etc., in a certain part of the town.

'87 On His Last Legs.

Another year will soon be numbered with the past. Another notch in the scythe handle upon which Father Time records the annual flight of this earth will shortly be cut, and still mankind must have quinn's and only quinn's silk handkerchiefs, satin suspenders and winter gloves for holiday gifts.

Election Excitement.

It is right enough in its way, but the excitement experienced by the customers of S. P. Brazil & Co. to get their groceries, fruit and liquor is something terrific. We have put on a special run of delivery wagons during the holidays and will deliver goods to all parts of the city, leaving every half hour.

Natural Gas at Brantford.

Natural gas is supposed to exist in the neighborhood of Brantford. Yesterday a certificate of incorporation was granted to the Brantford Natural Gas Company, with a capital stock of $100,000, divided into $20 shares.

Sir Henry Grattan Esmonde and Arthur O'Connor, members of the Irish National section of the Imperial Parliament, will speak at the Pavilion Wednesday evening next.

SUNDAY MUNICIPAL TALK.

MR. S. H. BLAKE'S CENSURE OF THE YOUNG PROHIBITIONISTS.

Ald. Fleming Tries to Conciliate Him—The Meetings are not for the Purpose of Booming Candidates — What Some Speakers Said at the Pavilion.

Mr. S. H. Blake's remarks censuring the Young Men's Prohibition Club for booming mayoralty and aldermanic candidates at its Sunday afternoon meetings have been the subject of much comment in temperance and other circles. Ald. Fleming is a big gun in the club. Said he to The World yesterday: "I saw Mr. Blake last night. I explained to him that these Sunday meetings were not called for the purpose of booming a mayoralty candidate. Why, such meetings have been carried on for ten years, and it was only lately that they were put under the auspices of the Prohibition Club. There has been no talk about the mayoralty."

"But, Ald. Fleming, did not Mrs. Youmans refer to is and did not Hon. J. B. St. John do the same?"

"Mrs. Youmans," said Ald. Fleming, "did make a slight reference to it in her address and Mr. St. John told the Goliath and David anecdote. But it was not intended that there should be meetings to boom any candidate. I explained this to Mr. Blake and he said that if what I said were the case he was satisfied. I asked him to speak at one of our Sunday meetings and he promised to give me an answer later."

As regards what Mrs. Youmans and ex-Gov. St. John said re the mayoralty in their Sunday speeches at the Pavilion under the auspices of the Young Men's Prohibition Club, and also with regard to the remarks of Rev. Dr. Williams, general superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, The World reproduces this morning from its issue of

Mrs. Youmans, Sunday, Nov. 8: In concluding Mrs. Youmans touched upon the approaching municipal elections and exhorted her audience to place in the Mayor's chair a man who would be a worthy successor of Mr. Howland, and to place in the Council men who would continue the good work already begun.

Rev. Dr. Williams, Sunday, Nov. 6: Rev. Dr. Williams was called upon to speak. He felt that the occasion was a fitting one, and he was free to talk about the Mayoralty. He associated temperance cause with the Gospel, and he desired to urge the people to elect a Mayor and Council who will uphold the good cause.

Ex-Gov. St. John, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11: "I thought," said Mr. St. John, "so often of Toronto since I was here a year ago, and of the good example which she had set. I thought of Mayor Howland, Mr. Defoe, and I shall never forget the motto which strikes the eye as one enters his office: 'Unless the Lord keepeth the city the watchman waketh in vain.' You people of Toronto have a great question to settle just now, and that question is: 'Shall that motto come down?' [Applause.]

Before concluding Mr. St. John told in graphic language the story of David and Goliath, how young David had gone forth alone, the others in his camp being afraid, and slain the giant Goliath who had issued a challenge to the armies of Israel. He compared the Honor traffic to a monstrous Goliath whose enemies were rather afraid to fight him. He again referred to the coming mayoralty contest, and said: "You people of Toronto must have a Prohibition David to fight this horrible Goliath, and I know you've got one—even if he does drive a coal cart!"

Ex-Governor St. John, Sunday evening, Dec. 11: "You will at your coming election see a man professing to be a follower of Christ going to the poll and voting the same ticket as the bloodiest sinner. This is wrong as long as this continues so long will you have to fight the traffic." In concluding Mr. St. John said that at this day a candidate cannot be run in Toronto or anywhere else but what he'll say, "I'm just as good a temperance man as you." The people of Toronto are engaged in an important contest, and urged the audience to work for the church and vote against "what destroys body and soul."

Common sense people can judge for themselves whether such talk as the above is or is not meant to boom a particular class of municipal candidates.

A series of fine art color books, viz.: "Queen of the Meadows," "Daisy Days" and "Xmas Tree Fairy" are given calculated to thrill with pleasure the heart of a little boy. See them at the Toronto Willard Tract Depository.

A Grand Musical Festival.

A full meeting of the executive of the Toronto Choral Society was held on Monday evening last to formally decide upon an important project which has been for some time in contemplation, and we are requested to announce that as the season of 1888-9 will be the tenth anniversary of the society's organization, it was determined to celebrate the occasion in an exceptional manner worthy of the society's past record. For this purpose it is intended to hold a musical festival on a large scale, extending over a period of not less than three days. The details of the program have not yet been fully completed; it has been decided, however, that Mendelssohn's "Elijah" will be one of the oratorios to be performed, and that a considerable portion of the program shall consist of symphonic works of a festival character. It is proposed to increase the present very effective chorus of the society to festival dimensions by inviting the co-operation of all the city vocalists. The matter of an orchestra for this undertaking is of such importance that the committee have decided that only one of the best on the continent will be satisfactory, such as Theodore Thomas' of New York or Gerricke's of Boston. As to soloists, they, as a matter of course, will be of the first rank. The most liberal support of a large number of influential citizens within and outside of the society has already been promised. In short the determination is that the Choral Society Festival shall be a brilliant event in the musical history of this city.

Really Cheap Xmas Furs at W. & D. Dineen's big Xmas Fur Sale, corder King and Yonge-streets.

New Quarters for the Public Works Department.

The Public Works Department has leased the three-story brick house at No. 140 Wellington-street west, the residence of the late Noah L. Barnhart. The premises are being refitted, and the Department will move from its present quarters in the rickety old structure at Simcoe and Wellington-streets as soon as the new ones are ready. Large grounds surround the new quarters, which will form a delightful retreat for Commissioner Fraser and his staff in summer. The entrance is through the gate numbered 138.

The Provincial Cabinet.

The Provincial Cabinet held an informal session yesterday afternoon, when it is understood the York shrievalty was discussed. Mr. Hardy left for Brantford to spend the Christmas holidays, after the meeting. The other Ministers who live out of town also went home.

Don't forget that W. & D. Dineen want $20,000 by Jan. 6th, and they must get it. Cor. King and Yonge-streets.

—Send $2 to E. E. Sheppard for one year's subscription to his new paper, The Toronto Saturday Night. Twelve pages, printed on fine paper, handsomely illustrated. The brightest paper in Canada. The Sheppard Publishing Company, proprietors, No. 9 Adelaide-street west, Toronto. 246

—The contract for the Steam Heating Apparatus for the Roman Catholic Church at St. Andrews, Ont., has been awarded to Frank Wheeler, Hot Water and Steam Heating Engineer, 624 58 and 60 Adelaide-st. West, Toronto.

The Carbolic Smoke Ball.

Patients in want of "The Smoke Ball," so popular in the city as a relief and permanent cure for catarrh, colds, etc., etc., will find a full supply as usual at Kennedy's Drug Store, 223 Queen-street west, opposite McCaul-street. 51

A Big Toy House.

—A tremendous crowd was gathered on Yonge-street, just north of Queen, viewing Stratherin's fine display of Xmas fancy goods, toys, etc., etc. Never before was such a choice lot of dolls, games and toys, rocking horses, etc., displayed in Toronto. Any amount of goods to select from and at your own price. Come take the old town. Give them a call. 178 Yonge-st., corner Queen-st.

NOMINATIONS ON MONDAY.

Where Names of Municipal Candidates and School Trustees Will be Received.

Nominations for mayor, aldermen and public school trustees take place on Monday. City Clerk Blevins will be on hand at the City Hall at 10 a.m. to receive the names of candidates for the mayoralty. Aldermen and school trustees will be nominated at these places:

St. Andrew's Ward, at the Queen-street Fire Hall, by S. Bruce Harman.

St. George's Ward, at Smith's paint shop, 42 Wellington-street, by Robert B. Miller.

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