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HAPPENINGS OF A DAY

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around the City

I am a smoker and hope my friends will give me a box of cigars or a pipe.

Joe McCarthy, who stole a bicycle from J. C. Clarke...

The annual Christmas concert of the Presbyterian Ladies' College will be held in the Congregational Hall...

Elizabeth Livernols of Toronto is applying for administration of the estate of her late husband, James...

The annual distribution of Christmas fare to the poor by the Protestant Benevolent Society will take place on Thursday next...

The regular monthly meeting of the Missionary Society was held at 622 Church-street yesterday afternoon...

At the Pavilion on Sunday afternoon, after the temporary theatre, when Col. Bain, the lecturer desired to be introduced to the audience...

An interesting lecture will be delivered this evening in St. Roch's Church, corner W. York-st. and Adelaide-st.

Notwithstanding the great crowd of Christmas purchasers, the Woodbridge Co. are adhering to their rule...

The estate of Messrs. James Good & Co. is disposing of a large stock of general groceries...

Dyspepsia or indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts...

Every person who is deprived of outdoor air and exercise should take Miller's Compound Iron Pills...

Families contemplating closing their homes for the winter months will find in the new Grand Union...

"WHERE DENTISTRY IS PAINLESS"

REAL PAINLESS DENTISTS

Mr. J. S. Wallace, the superintendent of the Gold Ring Consolidated Mining Company...

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THE GAS COMPANY'S AUDIT

Consumers Still Forced to Pay Too Much for Gas.

THE STATUTE LAW IGNORED

Numerous Defects in Legislation of 1887 Pointed Out.

What the Accounts of the Company Show and What the Auditor Says They Should Show - Large Amounts Improperly Charged, Others Misappropriated and in Every Case the Unfortunate Consumers Got Squeezed and the Shareholders Draw Large Dividends - Some of the Prospective Results of the Court of Appeals Decision.

The report of the city's auditor on the accounts of the Consumers' Gas Company, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1896, is very voluminous and wearying to the ordinary individual who has not the time and patience to closely study it.

The first item to which the report takes exception is that of \$1,024,026 which was taken from revenue and credited to the account of the city's plant and building reserve fund, for 600,000 shares of stock for which it was charged against revenue in 1887, and also \$52,319.33 in addition.

A HEAVY REDUCTION

The reduction of price of gas for 1896 shows a decrease of 1.2 cents per cubic foot, but the reduction actually given for the last quarter of the year is 1.5 cents per cubic foot.

Adding the legal interest on the funds that have been misappropriated, the company's liability on this account is \$1,783,348, or \$83,818 greater than the whole paid-up capital.

The report points out that the statute of 1887 is defective, inasmuch as it does not provide for a statutory declaration as to the quantity of gas sold during the year.

Speaking without prejudice to the rights of consumers to the reduction of price of gas, the report suggests that the directors do not see their way clear to a general reduction of 1.5 cents per cubic foot.

HOW IT IS DONE

The company charges against this revenue a total annual charge of \$539,000, which is paid in dividends, \$51,000 being carried to profit and \$488,000 written off for depreciation of plant.

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MILITARY PLANS FORMED

And Approved by the Ministers of War and Marine.

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