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WHERE ARE THE STOCK BOOKS

THE CANAL BOOMERS PUT THROUGH THEIR CATECHISM.

Unable to Answer Questions Submitted by Members of the Executive, Their Application is Filed—The Avenue-road Electric Car Question Referred Back—Will Not Purchase a Steam Fire Engine.

Emerson Coatsworth, M.P., J. D. Edgar, M.P., and the man of photographed cheque fame went down to the City Hall yesterday convinced that as the representatives of the Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Power Aqueduct Company they were about to take the Executive Committee by storm, even as they had captured the Board of Works.

The result of the meeting proved that they had built their hopes on shifting sand. Instead of accepting calmly all the persuasive arguments of the company's spokesmen, the guardians of the city purse brought their guns into play so effectively that the M.P.'s were defeated and had to beat a retreat feeling dejected, disappointed and disgusted.

Ald. Lamb was in his place after his vacation in the west, and with Ald. McMurrich took an active part in the discussion. Chairman Shaw presided.

Where Is the Stock Book?

Mr. Coatsworth opened the attack, but he had scarcely uttered a dozen words when he received a rebuff. Said he: "We appear before you to-day with the charter."

Ald. Lamb: and the stock book?

Mr. Coatsworth: I have not the stock book here.

Ald. Lamb: Have you any objection to letting the committee see the stock book?

I think we should have to see who are really the shareholders of the institution.

Ald. Coatsworth: That point has never been raised before. I think there would be an objection. Surely the guarantees we offer are sufficient without the private business of the company being inquired into. The names of the promoters are in the Act of Parliament.

Ald. Lamb: Who are the subscribers? together.

How Much Is the Subscribed Stock?

Ald McMurrich: How much stock is subscribed?

Mr. Coatsworth: I am not in a position to state the amount.

Ald. Lamb: Who are the subscribers?

Mr Coatsworth: I am not prepared to answer that, either.

Ald. Lamb: Have you ever seen the stock book?

Mr. Coatsworth: No.

The spokesman then continued for a spell, but when he stated that the $100,000 had been paid in the cross-examination was resumed. Ald Lamb asked: "By whom?"

Mr. Coatsworth: We have the certificate of the Government that the money has been paid in.

What Was the Consideration?

Ald. McMurrich: Has the stock been paid for in hard cash? It is rumored that it has been given away. Is that true?

Mr. Coatsworth: One of the gentlemen in connection with the company has assured me that none of the stock has been given away.

Ald. McMurrich: And that everybody who is a stockholder has paid cash?

Mr. Coatsworth: Yes, they have either paid cash or are responsible for the same.

"The act of Parliament is a very stringent one," went on the spokesman, "and the company met with a good deal of opposition. It was only after satisfying the Government as to the bonafides of the undertaking that we were granted a charter. We are prepared to add a clause to the agreement, stating that the power is to be brought from Georgian Bay."

When he got to expatiating on the cheapness of the power which the company would supply, Ald. Lamb was again on his track.

"Are you aware," said he, "that the last tender of the Toronto Electric Light Company, after deducting the expenses of the linemen, is actually less than one cent per horse-power per hour?"

Mr. Coatsworth: I have not seen any analysis.

The spokesman finished his remarks by saying: "We shall be pleased to give any further information that is required by the committee."

Ald. Lamb: Then you will furnish the stock book and tell us how the money was raised.

Mr. Edgar Is Heckled.

Then Mr. Edgar had a turn, but he had as warm a time as his colleague. The first question fired at him was: "How much of this $100,000 is deposited by the provisional directors and the stockholders of the company?"

Mr. Edgar: Every dollar of that $100,000 was deposited by the provisional and permanent directors.

Ald. Lamb: How was it raised?

Mr. Edgar: I want to state that the president of the permanent board is Mr. Comstock of Brockville, who is able to pay twenty times $100,000.

Ald. Lamb: Did he in this case?

Mr. Edgar: He and the other shareholders.

Ald. Lamb: Did he?

Mr. Edgar: I don't know whether he did or didn't.

Ald. McMurrich: We want to know what is the standing of the company. How much stock has Mr. Comstock got in it?

Mr. Edgar: I don't know.

Ald. Hallam Takes a Hand.

Ald. Hallam: How many shares have the present directors paid up for yet?

Mr. Edgar: I don't know. It has been said here that paid up stock has been distributed. I want to say that if I believed or understood that any paid up stock of this undertaking had been used to influence directly or indirectly any alderman, any journalist, or any member of the Legislature, both Mr. Coatsworth and I would throw up our briefs.

Ald. McMurrich: Or private individual?

Mr. Edgar: I don't think so, and I don't know it.

Proceeding, Mr. Edgar said that one cent per horse power included everything, but Ald. Lamb pointed out that the agreement did not say so.

Ald. Lamb: You are aware that a lot of bonds have been issued?

Mr. Edgar: I am not, and I think they have not and could not be issued.

The Bonds Are Valueless.

Ald. McMurrich: If any bonds have been issued they are valueless?

Mr. Edgar: Certainly; they could not be issued under the powers of the company.

At the conclusion of Mr. Edgar's cross-examination Ald. Hallam moved that the matter be left on the table till after the question of establishing a municipal plant had been settled.

Ald. McMurrich: If Ald. Hallam will take off the fringe of his resolution I will vote for it. Let the matter lie on the table.

Ald. Hallam: All right.

The resolution was carried and the subject dropped.

Dr. Spence, on behalf of the Western Dispensary, applied to the committee to increase the city's grant to the institution on the ground that the number of patients had doubled, necessitating a very large extra expenditure. The committee increased the grant from $400 to $800 for this year.

Avenue-road Cars.

If the Georgian Bay Canal promoters were disappointed Citizen Frank Somers was not, for on the motion of Ald. McMurrich the report of the Committee on Works recommending the street railway extension along Avenue-road was referred back for further consideration. Ald. McMurrich thought the wishes of the Avenue-road residents ought to be considered.

The Board of Works' recommendation respecting Griffin's claim was also referred back.

No Steam Fire Engine.

On the motion of Ald. Hallam, who was "opposed to paying money into the pockets of the insurance companies," the recommendations of the Fire and Light Committee for the purchase of a steam fire engine was thrown out.

To Await the Investigation.

The report of the same committee respecting the contract for lighting the city was referred back, on motion of Ald. Frankland, pending the proposed investigation into the alleged scandal concerning the tenders.

The question of a pure water supply gave rise to a protracted discussion, aldermen giving expression to the opinion that before getting an outside engineer to advise, as recommended by the Board of Works, City Engineer Keating should make a survey and borings of both the Bay and the proposed route from Lake Simcoe.

On the motion of Ald. Lamb the report was referred back with a recommendation for action on the lines suggested.

The report of the Property Committee respecting the R.C.Y.C. Island lots was adopted.

A sub-committee consisting of Chairman Shaw, Ald. Crawford, McMurrich and the Mayor was appointed to confer with the Board of Trade and with the directors of the Nipissing and James' Bay Railway with a view of opening up Northern Ontario as recommended in the message of the Mayor to the last meeting of the council.

FORGED BY WHOLESALE.

Cattle Dealer Lohman Has Fled and He Has Many Victims Throughout York County.

Many farmers in the northeastern portion of the Township of Markham have discovered that their names have been attached to notes without their knowledge or consent. A cattle drover named Lohman, living in Stouffville, fled the country about a fortnight since, and now good reasons for his departure are coming to the surface. Scores of notes bearing the signatures of farmers, which are alleged to be forgeries, have turned up at the different banks.

What makes the matter more complicated is that Lohman has copied genuine notes given to him in the course of business and has sold both the real and the forged notes.

Many of the forged notes have been taken up, while genuine notes are still outstanding.

DINKENS' FUR OPENING.

An Event of Great Importance to the Ladies of Toronto.

It is safe to say that every lady who delights in wearing handsome costumes will attend Dineens' fur opening. At no other place can so many magnificent garments be seen. On Monday, the first day of the opening, the complete stock of handsome new style furs will be seen in its entirety. After that day the stock will certainly decrease rapidly, and those who miss the opening will have missed the event of the season.

At the height of the season the beautiful garments that are now part of Dineens' stock will adorn the fair persons of Toronto's society ladies, and those who fail to make their selections in time will have to content themselves with admiring and, perhaps, envious glances at the fortunate wearers. Better to be in time.

The styles which will be exclusively worn during the coming season are very handsome. No description can give an adequate idea of their graceful appearance. They must be seen.

Every lady in the city is invited to Dineens' fur opening. Show rooms King and Yonge-streets, and 254 Yonge-street.

LOOKING FOR WILLIAM STONE.

Hired a Horse and Obtained Numerous Articles on Credit.

A man named William Stone hired a horse from Lindsay, Francis & Co., Thornhill, on Monday morning, and was to return it the same evening. Stone did not bring the horse back as agreed, and a search was instituted. After considerable searching it was found at McFarlane's Hotel, Jarvis-street, where it had been left by Stone. It seems that after hiring the horse Stone was successful in securing several articles without paying for them. When he reached Eglinton he got a leg of lamb from Fred Farr, butcher, also flowers from some of the florists in North Toronto, stating they were for Stone, the undertaker. It is said that the man who is wanted is now out on suspended sentence.

COAL IN ARREAR.

A Large Meeting of Coal Representatives at the Queen's Hotel.

A meeting of some importance was held at the Queen's Hotel yesterday. Representatives of the coal mining companies came over from the United States and met the Toronto dealers in council. The situation was talked over, and the result is that all anthracite coals are advanced 25 cents a ton. The advance takes place from to-day, and the price is now $5.25.

Mrs. Mountford's new lecture to-night.

The Toronto Brewing Co. Greatly Excited.

The Toronto Brewing and Malting Co. complain that we are advertising what we allege to be our own bottling of their ale at 60 cents per dozen pints and 90 cents quarts.

Last January we bottled over 700 dozen of their ale and porter. We had in stock at the time over 300 dozen, making 1000 dozen in all. We thought the ale would improve by age, and kept it for that purpose, but it did not.

Our methods of doing business are to sell goods for what they are worth, and that is what we are doing with the Toronto Brewing Co.'s ale. If the said company think we are selling the ale too cheap, we shall be only too happy to allow them to have the balance of the stock at above prices. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street, Toronto.

Mrs. Mountford at Pavilion to-night.

"Upper Canada College in Difficulties."

"A Customs Scandal Affecting the Book and Printing Trades." "Two York Township Bonus Bylaws Quashed." "No Entry Fees for Woodbridge Fair." These are among the subjects of the articles in this week's Recorder. Price 5c. Of all newsdealers.

Mrs. Mountford at Pavilion to-night.

Empress Hotel. Comfortable winter accommodation at reasonable rates. Elegant rooms and excellent table. d

Refreshes, cools and invigorates your system in hot weather, Adams' Tutti Frutti. Highly recommended. Refuse imitations.

SWINDLED BY TELEPHONE

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS VICTIMS OF AN INGENIOUS SCAMP.

Ordered Goods in the Names of Retailers After the Last Delivery of the Day Had Been Made, and Had Them Sent to Convenient Points, Where a Confederate Called for Them.

A new swindle was unearthed yesterday, the victims being the wholesale druggists. Thus far but two firms are known to have been defrauded, but it is believed the swindler has worked the same game with all the wholesale druggists in the city, and possibly with other wholesalers as well.

On Oct. 1 the Lyman Bros. Co., Front-street, received a telephone message purporting to be from J. R. Bond, druggist, Yonge and College-streets, ordering a bill of goods amounting to $16.25. The message was received shortly before 6 o'clock, after the delivery wagons of the firm had left on their last rounds for the night, and stated that if the firm would send the goods to the Leader-lane Pharmacy, 69 King-street east, a boy would call for them.

The goods were sent to Snider & Co.'s, and a boy did call and secure the packages.

The Swindle Discovered.

Mr. Bond received the invoice yesterday, and at once notified the Lyman Bros. Co. that he had not ordered the goods or received them, the lad who called for them having evidently been in league with the swindlers.

Evans & Sons, wholesale druggists, 23 Front-street west, received a similar telephone message, purporting to be from J. E. Lee, druggist, Queen and Seaton-streets, also ordering a bill of goods, and requesting that they be sent to the Canadian Pacific offices, where they would be called for. They were sent there, and, as in the other case, a boy called and received the packages. Mr. Lee, when forwarded the invoice, detected the swindle and notified Messrs. Evans.

A Third Case Reported.

Another wholesale firm, in response to a telephone message, sent a package to the Union Station, and are out their goods.

It is evident that the swindler is familiar with the drug trade, and with the fact that druggists frequently call up the wholesale houses after the last delivery wagon has left for the evening and have the goods sent to a convenient place where they can call for them.

The authorities have been notified.

ANOTHER FAMOUS MURDER TRIAL.

Detective Rogers to Get the Evidence in Shape Against Mrs. Hartley—The Woman in Prison.

Government Detective Rogers will leave for New Durham in a few days to get the evidence in shape for the Hartley poisoning case, which will be tried before Mr. Justice MacMahon at the Brant Assizes on Oct. 22. Since June 16 Mrs. Maria Hartley of New Durham has been in Brantford jail awaiting trial on the charge of administering arsenic to her husband, Caleb Hartley, some weeks before. When the prisoner entered the jail she was allowed certain liberties not usually accorded to inmates. Dr. Chamberlain, the Ontario Inspector of Prisons, however, insisted upon the fullest compliance with the jail regulations and the maintenance of the strictest discipline with the woman. She does not partake of prison fare, but is provided with substantial meals by friends on the outside.

As the day of trial draws near she is becoming not only more interested in her case, but seems to feel her position more keenly. She is not without hope that the opening chapters of the case will see her immediate release.

The general health of the prisoner has continued excellent during her confinement in jail. Prisoner has not many visitors. Her counsel alone sees her without the presence of one or other of the jail officers. She has been visited by her father, son and brother several times. These special visitors are allowed to speak with her through the iron-barred door. Her father is allowed within the door, but only for a period of five minutes.

The Toronto Brewing and Malting Co.

Simcoe-street, Toronto,
Oct. 3, 1894.

Editor World: Dear Sir,—Referring to the advertisement of Mr. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street, in your issue of this date and in several other recent issues of your paper, offering what he alleges to be his own bottling of our ale at 90 cents per dozen quarts and 60 per dozen pints, we beg to state that we have not sold Mr. Mara any ale for bottling purposes since Oct. 25, 1893.

While, even if we cared to try, we could not prevent Mr. Mara from trying to injure us by advertising our ale for sale at these prices, we consider that we owe it to our customers and to the public to state that we always charged Mr. Mara our regular price for ale for bottling purposes, and to point out that if Mr. Mara sells our ale at the prices above mentioned, he sells from the small quantity which remains of his last purchase made a year ago.

We caution the public against purchasing bottled ale alleged by anyone to be ours and which is not in bottles bearing our diamond-shaped labels with registered trade-mark thereon.

Yours, truly,
THE TORONTO BREWING & MALTING CO. (Ltd.)

Mrs. Mountford at Pavilion to-night.

First-class Cooking Ranges Fifteen Dollars. Wheeler & Bain, 179 King East. 25

Chinese Sacred Lilies, now in at The Steele, Briggs Marcon Seed Co., only 15c each. ed

Arlington Hotel.

This elegant, comfortable hotel offers every inducement to those desiring permanent winter accommodation.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch Whisky as supplied to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Oct. 2, 1894.

We received to-day 35 30-lb packages of choice dairy butter, just the size for family use, which we will sell at 18 cts. Telephone 2298, Skean's Dairy Co., 291 —293 King-street west. 246

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto

Banquet to Reeve Richardson.

The friends of Mr. John Richardson, M. L. A. for East York, and Reeve of Scarboro, will entertain him at a banquet at Woburn on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

"Oxford Press," G. Parker, proprietor, late Timms & Co., removed to 33 Adelaide west. 25

Bedouins of the Desert.

This was the subject of Mrs. Mountford's Oriental lecture and entertainment last evening at the Pavilion for the benefit of Grace Hospital, and it was evidently enjoyed, especially the war dance. To-night, for the first time in Canada, Mrs. Mountford will present the beautiful costumes and scenery in "Jews at Home," which is sure to attract a large crowd.

Mrs. Mountford at Pavilion to-night.

SECRECY AS TO THE BONDS.

All Sorts of Rumors Afloat—Ald. Shaw Says the Public Will Be Informed in Due Time.

The manner in which the result of the visit of Ald. Shaw and Treasurer Coady to England is being hushed up and kept secret is causing considerable surprise down at the City Hall, and aldermen are becoming restive.

Nothing beyond Ald. Shaw's statement that the deal which he and the treasurer were enabled to make in England is a good one has leaked out. The strictest secrecy has been preserved, and as a result the air is rife with rumors.

Which Is True, If Either?

First and foremost is the statement that no specific offer was received in England by Ald. Shaw, whilst another rumor has it that he and the treasurer committed the city in London, and on their return to Toronto found themselves in a quandary, owing to the fact that a tender had been received from a local bank in their absence.

The sub-committee, consisting of Chairman Shaw, Mayor Kennedy, Ald. Crawford, Lamb, Frankland and McMurrich, and Treasurer Coady, held a special meeting at 2 o'clock in the private room of the chairman at the City Hall. On the reporters' knocking at the door Chairman Shaw opened it and held a conversation with the waiting newspaper men.

He then closed the door and for nearly an hour the sub-committee discussed whether the press representatives should be admitted, Ald. McMurrich acting as the champion of the scribes. At 3 o'clock the meeting was adjourned in order to allow the members to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee, no tenders having been opened and no business having been transacted.

A Sealed Tender Handed In.

At about half a minute to 3, the latest time at which tenders could be received, a sealed tender was handed in to the sub-committee.

The sub-committee again met at 6 o'clock and were in session for a few minutes, but the press were not admitted and no business was done, the meeting being adjourned until 1.30 on Monday next.

Information in Due Time.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the full committee Ald. Hallam asked for information regarding the bonds. Chairman Shaw replied that the matter was being considered by the sub-committee, who would report in due time.

Ald. Hallam: Before any action is taken?

Ald. Shaw: No, you appointed us to act.

Ald. Hallam: I asked because there is so much being said about the business aroud the hall.

WILL NOT BE TRIED AGAIN.

The Attorney-General's Department Will Take No Further Steps With Regard to Murderer MacWherrell.

Walter MacWherrell will not be tried again on the remaining indictment against him for the murder of Eliza Williams. The Attorney-General's Department take the ground that there is no guarantee that his sentence would not again be commuted were he found guilty of the additional murder and sentenced to death. The jury that convicted him of the murder of old man Williams were not only satisfied of his guilt, but those who were approached positively declined to sign a petition in favor of the commutation of his sentence. They knew what they were doing, and what the effect of their verdict would be, yet it was not allowed to be followed by its logical result, and it is claimed the same outcome might be the result of the second trial.

It is also extremely doubtful that John Walker, his alleged accomplice, will ever be placed on trial. He has already been acquitted on the charge of being concerned in the murder of James Williams, and it is likely that when Walker's counsel moves, as he shortly will do, for the release of his client on his own bail, the application will not be opposed by the Attorney-General.

DRAWINGS OF MARS.

An Attempt to Observe the Canals Proves Unsuccessful.

Some drawings of Mars were shown at the recent meeting of the Astronomical Society by Mr. A. Elvins, taken at the telescope in the Toronto Observatory. Mr. Elvins spent considerable time watching the planet, and remarked particularly that although the night was fair for observing, the really first-class movements were few. It seemed as if at one time the definition was perfect, and almost immediately afterwards poor. This is the experience of all observers. In a whole year there are but a few hours when anything like detail can be seen on the surface of Mars.

The rectilinear markings or "canals," so called, were not seen on the occasion referred to, although a power of 300 was used. The seeing of these peculiar features is rather a function of the aperture of the telescope than of the power of the eye-piece, and a six-inch objective is hardly capable of defining them. The different shades of color in various parts of the surface were, however, plainly noted, and also the snow cap at the pole.

Arrangements are being made for observing with all accuracy possible the transit of Mercury on Nov. 10. The duration will be 5 hours 18 minutes, commencing at 10.55 a.m. so that if the day prove clear, the whole of the phenomenon will be visible at Toronto. All the available telescopes will probably be brought into service on that day. Even a good field glass will show the planet as a little dot on the sun's surface.

A delightful remedy for indigestion—Adams' Tutti Frutti. Refuse imitations.

Lord Hawke's Cricketers.

Not to be familiar this week with such phrases as bowling crease, long leg, popping crease, square leg, mid-on, stumps and balls will be considered a positive crime. Should our Canadian cricketers vanquish the British sportsmen we will all wear yellow jackets, peacock feathers, broad smiles and quinn's stylish two-inch Derbys. The English stock ties, Imperial and Culross, although a little winded, are still in the ring of fashion.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch Whisky as supplied to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Will Take His Prisoner to Clarksburg.

Government Detective Murray will leave this morning for Clarksburg with John Irwin, who has just completed a term in the county jail for having burglar's tools in his possession. Some time ago a couple of stores at Clarksburg were burglarized and Irwin is believed to be the guilty party.

Mrs. Mountford at Pavilion to-night.

Evangelist Moody in Town.

Evangelist Moody was in the city yesterday morning, but was obliged to leave for Chicago on the 1 o'clock train, and could not attend the meeting of the Y.M.C.A. in the afternoon. He will commence his revival services at the Massey Hall on Nov. 4.

Mrs. Mountford—box plan at Nordheimers'.

LET US HAVE THE NAMES

ALLEGED BOODLING CHARGES STILL BEING DISCUSSED.

The Tender for Electric Lighting Will Not Be Awarded Until Such Times as the County Judge Investigates the Rumors of Crookedness in the City Council.

The aldermen of the city of Toronto are all on their dignity these days. The grave charges that have been made against certain of them have hurt their personal feelings. Whether these specific charges are true or not, they will have one good effect, for it is almost a settled, an investigation which will be far-reaching in character.

Rumors of crookedness in the council have been afloat for some time past, and there are many ratepayers who believe that these rumors are not altogether without foundation.

The aldermen feel now that this is the time to act. They want the matter settled for good and all, and with this end in view they are in favor of the holding of an investigation on a broad basis.

The Chief Mover

Ald. McMurrich appears to be the chief mover in this action. He will, on Monday, present his resolution to the council calling for an enquiry and suggest Judge McDougall as the president. He does not propose that the court shall enquire into the matter of the electric lighting tenders only, but into everything and anything where corruption can be shown to have taken place.

The rumor that moneys were paid to aldermen by the Toronto Railway Co. to secure their franchise will also be investigated.

The alderman is assiduously searching after evidence, and from what could be gathered in an interview with him yesterday, it would seem that he has already in his possession information of a startling character. He refused to tell what he knew, on the ground that he was not prepared to take the responsibility upon his own shoulders, but when the judge gets down to enquiry under oath it is anticipated there will be some sensational evidence.

Let's Have the Names.

When the report of the Fire and Light Committee came up at the meeting of the Executive Committee yesterday Ald. Frankland moved that it be referred back until after the proposed investigation has been held.

Ald. McMurrich did not think that the awarding of the contract should depend upon anything that might come before the County Judge. It was a pure matter of business. They had to decide whether the offer of the Toronto Electric Light Company was more advantageous than the operating of a municipal plant.

Ald. Frankland said he felt that the Toronto Electric Light Company were in duty bound to furnish the Mayor with the names of those who approached them with respect to receiving a bribe in order to assist them in getting the contract. He could not, under the circumstances, support the Toronto Electric Light Company at the present time for the lighting of the streets. They were the ones that started the rumor.

Mr. Wright had neither denied nor affirmed that he had been approached and certain of the directors of the company, if they had not insinuated, had just done as much, that they were approached by some aldermen or some one representing aldermen. Therefore he thought it was the duty of every alderman to insist upon the company showing who the guilty parties were.

Ald. McMurrich said there were a great many phases of the question coming up before the council. It might be that there was a middle man and that that middle man had taken upon himself to go to the Electric Light Company and say, "If you give me $12,000 I will get this thing passed through for you."

Aldermen: Then we want them to say so.

Continuing, Ald. McMurrich said he firmly believed that if an investigation was held nobody would be found to say that there was an offer made to the Toronto Electric Light Company. He was in favor of an investigation. He felt humiliated when he was introduced as an alderman outside the city to people who did not know him, but he did not think they should refer the Fire and Light Committee's report back.

The Good Name of Toronto at Stake.

Ald. Lamb thought there was no hurry. He had no doubt that the Toronto Electric Light Company had made the insinuations credited to them. Their names as aldermen were at stake, and even the good name of the city of Toronto was at stake. Now was the time to have the matter thoroughly cleared up. After all, he did not think that the company's price was a ridiculously low one. True, it was a reduced one, but the company would still make a big profit, which would come into the hands of the city if it had its own plant.

For his own part, he did not believe one word of the charges. He had been in the Council many years, and had never seen anything to lead him to suppose that any alderman was not honest. He favored Ald. Frankland's motion.

The report was then referred back.

Tenders for Fire Hose.

Tenders for the supply of 2000 feet of fire hose were opened by the Fire and Light Committee yesterday.

Upon the advice of the Chief of the Fire Department the committee recommended that 1000 feet of "Baker fabric" at 88c per foot and 1000 feet of "Paragon" at 85c per foot be purchased from the Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto and the Toronto Rubber Co., respectively.

Mrs. Mountford's new lecture to-night.

Irwin's Tariff Handbook.

A book that is almost a necessity in every business office in the city is Irwin's Tariff Handbook. It contains the tariff as revised and corrected up to date. Many rulings that do not appear elsewhere are incorporated in the work, and this is a feature that makes it more valuable than any other similar compilation. For sale at John P. McKenna's, Bookseller, 80 Yonge-street. It should also be mentioned that the Handbook contains a resume of Ontario commercial law, prepared by a firm of commercial lawyers, together with money tables and other information valuable for ready reference in the counting room.

Mrs. Mountford—box plan at Nordheimers'.

Manufacturers.

H. H. Williams, the estate broker, is offering the northwest corner King and Bathurst-streets for sale at remarkably low figure; if you are interested call on him and get particulars. The lot has a frontage of 210 feet on King-street, 298 feet on Bathurst-street and 422 feet on Macdonell-square; it is beyond doubt the best manufacturing site in Toronto to-day. 456

Mrs. Mountford's new lecture to-night.

Harry Corby Will Retire.

Montreal, Oct. 4.—Henry Corby, M.P., for Hastings, has decided to retire from active political life at the end of the present Parliament, owing to ill-health.

JOHN IS RIGHT.

MR. BULL: Do you know, Mr. Wilson, I cawnt 'elp thinking that little Canada must be doing pretty well or you and your countryman 'Iggins would n't be so jolly henraged, you know.

DEATH HELD THE TILLER

SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. STEPHEN RICHARDS, Q.C.

He Was Seated in the Ferry Company's Shelter at Centre Island Writing, When the Pencil Dropped From His Lifeless Hand—Intended Leaving for California in a Few Days.

The Hon. Stephen Richards, Q.C., dropped dead yesterday at the Toronto Ferry Company's shelter at Centre Island.

The deceased gentleman has been living at Mrs. Mead's Hotel all summer, and was superintending the removal of his effects to the city at the time of his death.

He was sitting on a bench in the shelter writing and was observed by Mrs. Brown, an Island resident, to drop his pencil.

As he made no effort to pick up the pencil and appeared to be acting strangely, Mrs. Brown went over to him, and was just in time to prevent him from falling.

Passed Suddenly Away.

She supported him for a few moments and called to Mr. Goodwin, who was near, but two minutes after Mr. Goodwin's arrival the old gentleman died.

Mr. Goodwin immediately came to the city and notified the authorities, and the body was brought over and taken to Young's undertaking establishment.

Mr. Richards was born in Brockville in 1820, and was therefore 74 years of age.

He was a brother of Hon. A. N. Richards of Victoria, B.C., who was Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia for the term of 1875-81.

He was also a brother of the late Chief Justice Richards of the Queen's Bench.

Mr. Richards was called to the bar in 1844, and made Queen's counsel in 1858. He had a most extensive practice, and was one of the best-known men in the profession.

He received the Conservative nomination for South Leeds for the Local House in 1861, but was not successful.

Represented Niagara.

He was first returned to parliament in 1867 on the resignation of the then sitting member for Niagara, and was appointed a member of the Executive Council and Commissioner of Crown Lands.

He was one of the last surviving members of the John Sandfield Macdonald Government and since its defeat he has taken no active part in politics whatever.

He was an active member of the Law Society, and in 1868 was appointed its treasurer.

In the celebrated Bribery Case he was one of the counsel for the Mowat Government.

He was a gentleman of scrupulous honor and integrity and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

There will be no inquest. Death was owing to heart disease.

Deceased, although rather feeble, had been enjoying apparently very good health during his sojourn at the Island. He had just completed arrangements to spend the winter with his son, who is in California. The funeral will probably take place to-morrow.

Mrs. Mountford—box plan at Nordheimers'.

Court of Revision.

The Court of Revision met yesterday to consider preliminaries in regard to the hearing of assessment appeals. The court will meet each day at 10 o'clock a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m.; resume at 2 p.m. and remain in session until 6 p.m. All the big appeals will be left over for one day to be set apart, and on each day the ladies' appeals will be heard first.

Mrs. Mountford to-night, Jews at home.

Mrs. Mountford—box plan at Nordheimers'.

"THREE OLD MAIDS OF LEE."

AND THEY WERE SCARED AS SCARED COULD BE.

Armed Themselves With Revolvers to Protect Their House from Bold, Bad Burglars—The Attorney-General Sends One of His Detectives to Investigate—What the Officer Discovered.

About a week since three maiden ladies named Graham, who live together at Moorefield, near Palmerston, in Wellington county, called at the Attorney-General's Department, and reported that systematic and repeated attempts had been made to rob their house by professional cracksmen, who were provided with a full and complete kit of burglars' tools, and that so far they had succeeded in baffling all attempts to effect an entrance into their premises, but, as they were afraid of a renewal of the visits, they wished a detective sent up to investigate, and, if possible, to secure the arrest of the desperadoes.

Soon after the first attacks were inaugurated upon the unprotected females the ladies purchased two revolvers, and ever since two of them, armed with the weapons, have kept watch all night, while the third sister slept, in order to protect their lives and property from the hands of the designing villains.

A Remarkable Ladder.

The ladies reported that the burglars had in their possession a wire ladder to which clamps were attached, and all the visitors had to do was to throw the ladder against the facade of the building. The clamps would catch in the wall and hold there while the men clambered up to the windows. Although they had tools with which the fastenings of most windows could be unloosened, the Misses Graham had so securely barricaded their sashes that the attempts to force them proved ineffectual. There was no telling, however, how long the siege might last, and unless the aid of the authorities was secured the burglars might eventually succeed in their fell designs.

A Detective Investigates.

The Attorney-General despatched one of his inspectors to Moorefield to enquire into all the circumstances.

After spending a couple of days in the village Detective Rogers arrived at the conclusion that the pranks of some mischevious boys were responsible for the whole affair and advised the ladies strongly to secure male protectors the first opportunity that presented itself.

Mrs. Mountford—box plan at Nordheimers'.

Will Import Canadian Gas.

Detroit, Oct. 4.—The Detroit Gas Company to-day closed negotiations whereby natural gas from the Canadian fields controlled by Hiram Walker and others will be piped to this side under the Detroit River and supplied to natural gas consumers here.

Mrs. Mountford to-night, Jews at home.

A large number of seats have already been reserved for the Musin concert at Massey Music Hall next Thursday.

Mrs. Mountford's new lecture to-night.

BIRTHS.

BOOTH — On Oct. 4, 1894, at 91 Hayden-street, Toronto, Mrs. H. G. Booth of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

M'KILLOP — MACDONALD — At Christ Church, Toronto, by the Rev. W. C. Sheppard, David A. McKillop to Ethel A. Macdonald, both of Toronto, Oct. 4, 1894.

DEATHS.

CLARK — On Thursday, 4th inst., at his mother's residence, 58 Cowan-avenue, Percival Z., youngest child of the late John and Catherine Clark of Parkdale, aged 7 years.

Funeral private.

Mrs. Mountford to-night, Jews at home.

MR. MEREDITH HAS ACCEPTED

WILL BE SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE IN A FEW DAYS.

The Opposition in the Ontario Assembly Now Without a Leader—The Position of Corporation Counsel for Toronto Also Vacant—Mr. Meredith Speaks With Reference to His Retirement.

At the meeting of the Dominion Cabinet yesterday afternoon, the post of Chief Justice of Ontario, rendered vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas Galt, was offered to Mr. W. R. Meredith, Q.C., and has been accepted by him. This leaves the Conservative Opposition in the Ontario Legislature without a leader.

Mr. Meredith was seen at his residence in Rosedale last night, and was smoking his pipe with a more contented face than he has worn for years.

"Yes," said he, "the matter has been arranged, and I will assume the duties of the position in a few days' time, after certain formalities have been gone through."

"Are you glad to retire from politics?"

"I am and I am not. I think, however, that they demand more of a man's time and attention than a practising lawyer can afford."

As to the Leadership.

"Do you care to say anything of the leadership?"

"No, that rests with the party, but I do not think my resignation will disorganize matters in any way."

For the leadership of the Opposition the names of several members of the Legislature are mentioned. Messrs. O. A. Howland and G. F. Marter of Toronto are both spoken of, and among outsiders Mr. J. P. Whitney of Morrisburg seems to be the favorite.

Who Will Be Corporation Counsel?

The position of City Counsel is likewise vacant, and there will no doubt be a good deal of wire pulling for the position.

Mr. Meredith's salary will be $7000 per annum as Chief Justice of Ontario.

ALANSON HARRIS GONE.

Vice-President of the Massey-Harris Co. Dies at Brantford.

Brantford, Ont., Oct. 4.—Alanson Harris, one of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens, passed away Wednesday night. He was the founder of the A. Harris, Son & Co. implement manufacturing company, which a few years ago amalgamated with the Massey Co. and now known as the Massey-Harris Company, of which he was vice-president. The deceased gentleman was 78 years old and leaves a widow and two children, Rev. Elmore Harris of Toronto and Mrs. Popplewell, Brantford.

Edward Blacker, aged 88, an old resident and very highly respected in Brant County, died early Thursday morning.

A NIGGER IN THE FENCE.

Where Is the Black Monkey That Looks for Contract Street Light?

Don't, yes, by all means, don't; don't even think of it; don't, oh, don't, please don't, if you don't want us to forsake you don't dream, no don't, of attempting to lash ourselves to another long and unjust electric light contract. They are a combine. You can't have a choice in light or competition unless you must pay their price; that is if you are a private citizen. How much worse if a corporation. Let us have civic electric power. Turn the current on; show the light on howell's shoe bargains at 112 Queen east, and 542½ Queen west. Big snap in men's boots.

WORK OF A SUPPOSED FIREBUG.

An $8000 Blaze in Fisher's Woolen Mills, Paisley.

Paisley, Ont., Oct. 4.—About 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning the wool store house and kiln of Fisher's woolen mills were burnt. The building was saved, but the machinery was badly damaged. The loss is estimated at $8000. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

William Laidlaw.

The man for Leader of the Opposition should Mr. Meredith retire, is William Laidlaw. He has the faculty of organization, he is a worker, a splendid speaker, has lots of other good qualities, no bad ones, no fads, an all-round man, understands the farmer down to his boots, and the dead match for Arthur Sturgis Hardy and his methods, and it is Mr. Hardy the Opposition will have to deal with in the near-at-hand.

It Might Go This Way.

Chapter I.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD,
SIR JOHN ABBOTT.
SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

Chapter II.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT.
SIR OLIVER HOWLAND.

Or Follow Haycock.

If Mr. Meredith retires, said a man of horse sense last night to The World, then the Conservative Opposition should turn Patron and follow Haycock to a man. They'd have Sir Oliver under the barn in a week.

All they've got to do is to say to the Patrons, Bring on your platform, and we'll see you through with it. Mr. Haycock could take in Mr. Marter, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Howland, and a reform movement would be started in Ontario politics that would be of lasting benefit. Here is a Cabinet:

Farmer-General .. .. Pat