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Hood's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla has by its purifying and blood-cleansing properties, cured thousands of cases of skin diseases, such as eczema, itching humors, eruptions, etc. It is the most powerful and reliable of all blood-purifiers, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities. It is sold in bottles of 50 and 100 doses, and is prepared by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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BESOM AN' STANE.

The Curling Season Begins—Games at Guelph and Seaford—General Sporting News.

CURLING.

At a meeting of the Union Curling Club, at Guelph, six rinks for the Gow Cup and other home matches were drawn. The rinks are as follows: Mayor Gowley vs. J. H. Finlay, J. A. Davidson vs. J. H. Finlay, D. McLaughlin vs. W. Patterson, Wm. Watson vs. James Anderson, Robert Mitchell, A. Robertson, Thomas Dobbie, Chas. Spaulding, Geo. Howard and A. Bruce were appointed skips to play out-side matches. This club now numbers about 70. The curlers of Guelph, and there are about 200 of them, are in great gear, the ice being in condition for playing.

The Seaford curlers had their first game on Tuesday evening chosen by the president and vice-president. Scores: President, W. O. Reid, skip, 13; J. C. Laidlaw, skip, 12; E. C. Coleman, skip, 17; A. Young, skip, 12; J. Weir, skip, 20; J. Lyons, skip, 7.

THE TRIGGER.
The live-pigeon match for \$5,000 a side, between Mr. J. A. R. Elliott, America's recognized champion, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. Chas. Macalister, the noted Eastern shot, has been declared off.

ILLIARDS.
Roberts, the English champion billiardist, has issued the following challenge: "I, Joan Roberts, offer any man in the world, including all advertised champions, half a game, start, 12,000 points in a game of 24,000 points up, for £1,000 a side, or any part thereof, for not less than £200, the match to be played at Egyptian Hall, London, within six weeks from this date."

CRICKET.
The agitation in favor of forming a cricket league, composed of the leading clubs in Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Baltimore, and Pittsburgh, and, perhaps, Chicago, is being favorably regarded by the devotees of the game in this city. The idea is to arrange a schedule of games and have a set of rules to govern these matches, very much similar to the way baseball contests are being conducted by the various leagues.—[Philadelphia Ledger.]

THE TURP.
Anteco (2-10), the famous son of Electra, owned equally by S. A. Browne & Co., of the Kalamazoo farm, and Mrs. M. R. Bissell, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will be sold at W. T. Woodward's sale at Lexington, Ky., Feb. 16-24. Mrs. Bissell has refused an offer of \$20,000 by Mr. Browne for her half.

The Population of London
is about 40,000, and we should say at least one-half are troubled with some affection on the throat and lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large bottle 50 cents and \$1. Sold by all druggists.

A Friend in Need.—Dr. WISTAR'S BALM OF WILD CHERRY is a friend in need. Who has not found it such in curing coughs and diseases of the lungs and throat? The sick are assured that the high standard of excellence on which the popularity of this preparation is based, will always be maintained by the proprietors.

Because you find a thing difficult, do not presently conclude that no one can master it; but whatever you observe proceed practicable by another, believe likewise within your own power.—[Steele.]

No Christmas and New Year's table should be without a bottle of Angostura Bitters, the world-renowned purifier of exquisite flavor. Beware of counterfeits.

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THE YEAR'S RECORD.

Annual Reports of the Water Commissioners' Officials.

The Revenue of the Year Shows a Grati-fying Increase Over That of the Previous Year—Interesting Information Regarding the Management of the Year's Affairs.

The annual meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held last evening, when the reports of the fiscal year just closed were read and adopted. They were on the whole very satisfactory, and as Commissioner Eschery expressed it, "There is heaps of good reading in 'em." Mayor Taylor was not present. Chairman Davis was in his accustomed place, as were also Commissioner Eschery, Engineer Tracy, Inspectors Platt and Plastow and Secretary Ellwood. The award of the arbitrators fixing the price of the Colville property at \$6,000 was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The tender of the ADVERTISER Printing Company for printing the annual report at \$1.45 per page was accepted.

In his report respecting the opening to be made in the waterworks dam, Engineer Tracy stated that the work should be done in a substantial manner. He advised that the abutment and pier—between which the opening will be placed—be constructed of solid masonry, with the foundations carried well below the low-water mark and protected on the downstream side by timber cribs filled with stone and sunk below the level of the water. Stop-logs, as used by the Ontario Public Works Department, will be the best for the opening. The waterway should be covered with a good bed of concrete on the bottom and a course of flat stone on the dam side, while the upstream side should be covered with plank to prevent any cutting by the current. In order to do the work well a coffer-dam will have to be built. The report recommended that the work be done by contract under the inspection of Care-taker Sumner.

The report was adopted and the engineer authorized to have the work proceeded with when practicable.

CHIEF CLERK DAVIS' REPORT.
The annual report of Chairman Davis showed that the total revenue for the year ending November was \$39,000.35, a gratifying increase of \$8,137.84 over that of last year. The ordinary expenses of the department were \$12,402.29, and the net earnings amounted to \$26,598.06. The total number of services in use was 4,438, and no less than 495 new services being put in during the year, an increase of 227 over the previous year. The supplying of the new water with water necessitated an extensive laying of mains, as the Board considered it imperative that all residents of the city should have a supply of pure water. In doing this, eleven miles of main were laid.

A 20-inch main has been laid connecting the pumps with the city mains, enabling the Board to turn the steam and hydraulic pumps simultaneously, thus doubling the capacity. The additional boiler with alterations to the pump house cost \$1,520. The commissioners were determined that the city should have an adequate supply of water. The summer each summer was a source of annoyance and also detrimental to the city. They accordingly expropriated 87 acres of land owned by Messrs. Duffon, Flint, Combs and others. The arbitrators in the Colville property have just completed their duties by awarding the former owner \$6,000 for his 34 acres, with the buildings thereon erected. The work of collecting the water and running it to the pumps was attended with grave difficulties, and accomplished at a cost of \$12,450.39.

ENGINEER TRACY'S REPORT.

"Owing principally to the amalgamation of South London," said Engineer Tracy in his report, "the water mains have been very largely extended during the year. The 4-inch pipe laid during the year on the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large bottle 50 cents and \$1. Sold by all druggists."

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during the year averaged \$7.53 each. The net amount of arrears for water rates is \$31.41, and the arrears for house service extension \$23.90, being considerably less than the arrears of any previous year. At present there are 405 services turned off (including 15 for non-payment of rates and 1 for non-payment of service extension), all of which are visited quarterly and reported upon by Inspector Platt.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year:

Cash on hand, Dec. 1899	\$ 37.92
Bank of Toronto balance	4,737.21
Water rates incl.	1,252.29
Service extension	1,141.00
Interest on bank deposits	32.56
Interest on loan	78.05
Leakage	70.00
Total	\$12,150.23
Disbursements:	
Main extension	\$ 42,377.30
Pump house maintenance	2,335.02
Grounds and dam maintenance	1,158.46
Workshop account	10,000.00
Paid city treasury	2,217.56
House service account	118.71
Printing and advertising	118.71
Stationery and postage	118.71
Insurance	12,450.34
Building extension	2,335.02
Iron pipe	21.41
Iron castings	21.41
Lead pipe	21.41
Meters and hydrants	21.41
Pump-cases and boxes	21.41
Telephone extension	21.41
Test well	21.41
Engineer's construction account	21.41
Office salaries	1,000.00
Total	\$84,738.28
Bank of Toronto account	\$ 7,355.48
Balance Nov. 1	4,143.83
Cash on hand	30,536.79
Total	\$119,150.22

The auditors' balance sheet revealed the following:

Assets:	
Construction account	\$51,023.39
Real estate	4,143.83
Office furniture	620.69
Total	\$55,787.91

Total of capital account

Goods on hand	\$ 50.00
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