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THE RATEPAYERS AND THE BYLAWS. The system of referring to the ratepayers every municipal project involving of money, although good enough in theory, does not on all occasions work out well in practice. The submission of the four bylaws to the people on last Saturday has proven to be from every point of view. There is not not that the city stands in need of the waterworks improvements that were the subject' of three of the bylaws, and one of them, the intake pipe, is san absolute necessity. The tepayers gave no consideration whatconsideration to it. We venture to say that 75 per cent. of those who voted against the bylaws did not know, exercise in a very general and indefinite the public, as, in the language of the way, what the subject matter of these. citizen can carry in his head. The Waterworks Department is, we understand, making thirty or forty thousand dollars a year over and above all ex-

penses. If the Engineer is satisfied that the intake pipe is absolutely necessary, as we have no doubt it is, the council cought to be able to devise some method to devise some manual contraction given to the previous particular purpose.

THE MEDICAL SCIENCE

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A topic of considerable interest in A topic of considerable interest in financial circles is the sale of \$1,224.500 city debentures authorized some months ago. It will be remembered that an Edinburgh firm made Treasurer Coady an offer for these bonds if legislation was obtained making them 4 per cent. Instead of 3 1-2 per cent. issues.

The city, it is stated on the authority of the City Solicitor, is not committed to accept the tender of Paulin, Sorley & Martin of Edinburgh, but is in a laso on board.

Touto, where she is expected to arrive ourselves to Friday morning with a large party of jolly American yachtsmen. The party have come round from New York, up the St. Lawrence, and will spend a few hours in the harbor, where they will tender the usual courtesies to the Royal Canadian Xacht Club. They will then proceed to the Wélland Canal on their way home to Cleveland. The yacht is owned by Commodore George H. Worthington and Dr. D. E. Beemas. Commodore George QUEBEC BĀNK, Quebec. 15th May, 1895.

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THE TORONTO WORLD advanced considerably. An illustration of the cheapness of money is that British Consols, hearing only 23-4 per cent.,

ever to the question whether the im- ed for giving to the public items of news provements asked for by the Engineer which some people claim defeat the ends where necessary or not. It surely is the height of folly to leave the decision of justice. A case in point is that of important business like this to a mask the provided and was and was year. important business like this to a mass forged a postoffice order and was yesof people who never give one moment's terday sentenced to five years in the cept in a very general and indefinite the public, as, in the language of the way, what the subject matter of these officials, "the criminal was sure not to bylaws were. One mistake seems to be caught now." As it happened, matters have been the submission of too many turned out exactly the reverse, It was bylaws at one time. One bylaw at a the very fact of The World publishing the time is about as much as the ordinary news that led to the detection and speedy

stter to avoid the causes of disease ster to avoid the causes of disease ster to avoid the causes of disease ster to remove the defects. President Smith is correct when he says that good hygiene is preferable to good therapeutics. The wise man will retain a doctor to keep him from getting sick rather than and honorable satisfaction; and one of the is the unrivalled excellence of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to be proud of, many things the possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to be proud of, many things the possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to proud of, many things the possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to proud of, many things the possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to proud of, many things to possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company the company things to possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train service on the "Great Fourth of the company things to possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of the train the company the company the company the possession of the company t What is known as the Bakery Law, recently passed by the New York state Legislature, went litto effect a few days ago. The flaw regulates the manufacture of flour and meal foods. It affects every bakeay, hatel or restaurant in the State. It forbids employes working over 10 hours a day. Every room used for the manufacture of food products shall have an impermental floor, constructed of cement, or of tiles laid in cement, with an additional flooring of wood. The side-walls and cellings shall be plastered or wainscoted and white washed at least oftce in three months. The furniture and utensils shall be sarranged that the furniture and the safety of manufactured flour or meal-food products shall be kept in a proper and healthful condition. The manufactured flour or meal-food products shall be kept in perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly dry and airy rooms, so arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities for storing can be easily and perfectly cleaned.

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A Party of Jolly Yachtsmen. The steel schooner yacht Cricilla left Ogdensburg yesterday morning for To-ronto, where she is expected to arrive

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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THOMAS McDOUGALL,

QUEBEC BANK David Smith, Esq.,—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their ings Company. valuable services during the past year.

Marsh, Esq.

Moved by Gaspard Le Moine, Esq., seconded by S. J. Shaw, Esq.,—That the thanks of this meeting are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers for their services.

deposit has been reduced by statements, verified by the auditors, are submitted for the consideration of the share holders.

WILLIAM MULOCK,

President.

The chairman having vacated the chair, it was moved by Dr. Belleau, seconded by E. H. Taylor, Esq.,—That the thanks of this meeting be given to G. R. Renfew, Esq., for his services in the chair.

3230,424 87

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Carried.

**Liabilities to the Public: Deposits and Interest. \$407,619 69

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WILLIAM R. DEAN, Secretary,

No Ferry to Ward's. The inhabitants of the eastern end o the Island are auxious for a ferry service to Ward's. Mr. Smith of the Ferry Company was seen yesterday in reference to this, and he says that no

The New York Central Sets the Pace and Eeps It.

The Empire State has many things to be proud of, many things the possession of which it can contemplate with high and honorable satisfaction; and one of them is the unrivalled excellence of the is the unrivalled excellence of the first quality. This we supply to them is the unrivalled excellence of the first quality submited service on the "Great Four-Track" New York Central. The comfort and security and rapidity with which one is whirled across this great domain from the metropolis to the lakes is always builds and security and rapidity with which one is whirled across this great domain from the metropolis to the lakes is always builds.

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Brockton Trolley Service, last week, and on each occasion the trailer was taken off at the corner of Queen and Dundas-streets, and the motor being full of passengers we had to walk as far as the bridges off Dundas-street. On all occasions the motor was completely filled and trailer equally so. By drawing the attention of the company to this matter you will greatly oblige, not only myself, but the great majority of the people in Ward 6. What are the aldermen of No. 6 doing? I am sure such treatment would not for a moment such treatment would not for a moment be tolerated in any other place. BROCKTON.

'Twill Be Combining business with pleasure by going to New York via Empress and Erie lines; low rates, quick time, superior ser-

At the Island. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather about 800 grocers and their weather about 800 grocers and their friends were at Hanlan's Point yesterday afternoon, and were somewhat disappointed at the postponement of the grocers' bicycle races until next Wednesday afternoon. Several exhibition races a 177,483 77
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OUGALL, ral Manager, or the mean being at its best.

The ferry company's billiard room was opened yesterday. It contains seven tables, one of them being the finest English billiard table in Canada. Mr. Capron, the expert player of Galt, is in charge. The bowling alley was also open to the charge. The bowling alley was also open.

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offer them the same sum, viz. \$100, if they, or any one else, can prove that our company has not brought down and already delivered this year more than double the amount of Lake Simcoe ice than the Belle Ewart Co., who are making such unfair representations simply to obtain trade.

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both families lived on the best of terms. The immediate cause of the filing of the action was the appearance of Lellis in the Police Court recently charged with having pointed a revolver at Mrs. Lambert's eldest son. The act was the outcome of the delivery of a message sent by Lellis to Mrs. Lambert, which note fell into the hands of Mrs. Lambert's

Editor World: Kindly permit me through the medium of your valuable journal to bring to the attention of the hore Dix arrived in this city this morn-hore Dix arrived in the city this morn-hore Dix arrived in this city this morn-hore Dix arrived in the city this morn-hore Dix arrived Dix arri Toronto Railway Company the very unfair treatment accorded by them to citizens/of that portion of the city known as Brocktom. The writer and four others had occasion to take a Queen and Brock-under the name of "Mr. Albert Baker," by a Miss Innie Mighell. The Sultan ton car on three consecutive evenings of last week, and on each occasion the trailwon his case, on the ground that he

parilla-or the bottle larger-or the price cheaper.

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