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Reckoning Without the Host.

Some of the Toronto daily papers still hammer away on the viaduct scheme. This method of approaching the city has the disadvantage of not removing one single obstruction from the Esplanade as it is. The merchants and bankers and hoc genus omne who support the viaduct scheme should have lived in 1853, when it would have been a practicable scheme. Meantime the several railroads entering Toronto have secured lines and station grounds and these have all come into possession of one company—the Grand Trunk. There is that railroad, and it does not propose, and cannot be forced, to give up one single privilegethat it enjoys. What, then, is the use of belaboring the unoffending C.P.R., whose interests are identical with the commercial requirements of ourselves in effecting lodgment on the city front? None so blind as those who won't see!

The viaduct will be of no use if the existing tracks and shunting grounds and railway yards are to survive. First, then, you must get the Grand Trunk Company's agreement to do away with these existing facilities of trade, and must ascertain the cost of the concession. Then, having got the two companies upon a common basis, bring both in as you best can. "First catch your hare" is the famous condition precedent to the manufacture of hare soup, and the wiseacres are forgetting this injunction, while busy with injunctions that are only exposing the Canadian Pacific to great monetary loss, and the traders and travelers of the community to that state of things which is entailed by the presence of the huge all-pervading monopoly enjoyed by the Grand Trunk upon the Toronto Esplanade.

We may not have any balloon ascensions at the Toronto summer carnival, but the Ontario elections will soon be on, and then the Mowat Government will go up.

The main point in Mr. Ross' argument against Mr. Meredith's proposal regarding school trustee elections is that at a former period of his career he held opinions to the contrary. If it be wrong for any man to change his opinions, why does Mr. Ross ever make a speech to try to convince people whose opinions do not coincide with his own? Of what use is argument if it is not intended to influence and change opinions?

A member of Brooks' Club, London, has been hauled over the coals for inviting the Prince of Wales to dinner on a Sunday, contrary to a rule providing that strangers shall not be invited to dine on Sundays. Those who raise the fuss are only varying their form of snobbery.

Samuel Plimsoll, the English "friend of the sailors," has a brother in New York who is taking an active interest in investigating the subject of overloading ships, particularly with reference to deck cargoes. His researches have led him to believe that there are hundreds of vessels leaving New York annually loaded in such a way as to be a constant menace to the lives of thousands, to say nothing of the property endangered.

The painstaking accuracy which the average rural legislator now takes in addressing the books to his co[illegible] "with his compliments," is in marked contrast with the abandon they ordinarily display in firing the books into the waste-basket.

Farm Pupils.

In view of the hubbub now made over the matter of farm pupils in Canada it is exceedingly fortunate that Mr. Patteson's protest against the practices of the English firms engaged in sending young men to Canada was published so long ago as it was. It is over three years since the article, contributed by Mr. Patteson to The Canadian Live Stock Journal, was reprinted in the columns of The World, and copies of that issue were mailed to all the principal newspapers in Great Britain. Still the trade continued to flourish and its promoters to fatten. The truth is that, provided no premium is charged, there is little harm done. The youth is either worth his board for his work or he is worth more or less. If less, no premium can make it a good job for the sort of youth to be at. If more, he soon discovers it and strikes for wages. There are worse things for any lad to find himself engaged at than farm work; and it is not probable that there are more abuses practiced by the employer upon the employed in this trade than in any other. It depends on the employed. If he is so weak a vessel as to be turned into a slave by the farmer, the English farm pupil in Canada must be built differently from those of his race with whom city people are familiar. That sort of workman stands confessed not worth more than his board, and most probably not worth that. A vast amount of sentimental twaddle is being talked on the subject.

A correspondent draws attention to the larger number of women than men in the Mormon colony in the Northwest. Their plea that they are not polygamous may be correct, but the circumstances look suspicious, and they will evidently stand watching.

"John Alexander Logan III," aged six weeks, the other day was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard. A body of men capable of such a childish action may fitly be commanded by an infant.

A Portland man has made a million dollars in the manufacture of chewing gum. He can afford to keep himself spruce-looking.

It is now given out that the proposal of Sara Bernhardt to enact the part of the Virgin Mary in a passion play was merely an advertising device. This is not hard to believe, but it was not in very good taste on the part of whoever originated it.

Mr. Ross argues that there is no necessity for the ballot in separate school trustee elections, because most of them go by acclamation. It does not seem to occur to him that the acclamations may be solely because of the absence of the ballot.

The right of the Dominion Government to disallow provincial legislation was clearly and distinctly affirmed in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by the Minister of Education. The Reform contention heretofore has been that the Dominion Government has no right to pass upon the merits of provincial legislation, and that the question of jurisdiction is one for the courts to decide.

A woman who made a steerage passage across the Atlantic tells a horrible story of how passengers are huddled together without regard to decency, and of the foul language they are compelled to listen to from the mouths of the ship's crew. A proper system of inspection should change all this.

Tiflis, Russia, has a peculiar case in court. A man hired an assassin to kill an enemy, paying him $75 down and promising $75 more when the job was done. The assassin was to bring one of the murdered man's ears as a proof of death. He did so, and received $75 with an additional $15 as a tip. A few days afterwards the man met his enemy alive and with both ears intact. He thereupon sued the assassin to recover the money. It certainly looks like a case of obtaining money under false pretences, and the assassin cannot be looked upon as a man of business probity. He may regard himself as lucky in not being sued for damages for breach of contract.

The Canadian Traitors.

Things are approaching a crisis in this Canada of ours. We are threatened by retaliation from Washington, not only in the matter of tariffs but also of transport. We are threatened that the Canadian Pacific is no longer to have its bonding privileges. The tariff is to be raised against us. The American farmer is to be protected from his Canadian rival. Canadian workmen are to be barred out. The only sign in the opposite direction is that one of the Congressional committees has recommended something in the direction of reciprocal trade. All the other movements are hostile. We have no complaint to make against the United States. Our grievance is with those Canadian politicians and journals who are inspiring hostility to Canada at Washington. "Put on the screw and you'll bring the Canadians into line." Never was there baser treachery. Watch what a few days will bring forth and you will be convinced of the truth thereof.

A young man who had acquired the clove-between-the-acts habit escorted a Virginia young lady to a theatre. After his second excursion he found the lady had taken advantage of his absence to go home with a friend. He was two drinks ahead and he had also found out how ladies regard that sort of thing.

A Conservative contemporary is telling its readers about "The Mowat Ring." Evidently its comparison is brought about by the fact that after going all around it it finds no end to the Reform administration.—Brantford Expositor.

Another reason may be because it just goes round and round and leads to nowhere in particular. Or it may be because it has not much of a head, or because it is easily seen through, or because it is more ornamental than useful.

THE BRIDGE SCHEME KILLED.

There Will Be No Such an Affair in College-Street—Awarding Block-Paving Tenders.

Ald. Shaw presided at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Works. There were present: Ald. Small, Peter Macdonald, Bell, Hewitt, Lucas, Irwin, Carlyle (St. And.), Lennox, Allen and George Verral. The City Solicitor was requested to search the titles of the property owners in Huxley-street, City Clerk Blevins requiring the information in connection with the appeals against the extension of the street. Mr. McCracken refused to accept the contract awarded to him for block-paving Peter-street on the ground that the city's rule making it compulsory for the contractors to pay their men fifteen cents an hour was not contained in the specifications on which he had based the figures of his tender. The board, after some kicking, decided that Mr. McCracken was right and will readvertise for tenders.

Ald. Carlyle asked if the new city engineer had made any new appointments. The chairman affected ignorance and could give no information on this point. Mr. Jennings had told him that morning that he would like to have a talk with him on the subject of proposed changes in the staff. Ald. Denison complained that he could not get inside the railing in the engineer's office, and the chairman replied that he was in much the same box himself and often could not get in to Mr. Jennings. By and by he hoped all that would be done away with and the aldermen would have a room for themselves.

The City Engineer's report asked for an appropriation of $1000 for the cleaning out of the slips and recommended that the Warren-Scharfe tender for asphalting Simcoe-street be accepted, as being as low as could be reasonably expected. Touching the vexed question of the College-street bridge the engineer delivered himself thus:

This is a matter which has been before the committee on several occasions, and no arrangements have yet been made for the payment by the city of one-half the cost of construction of bridge and approaches. The construction of the bridge is not a necessity, as the short distance leading from Dundas to College-street will not interfere with the value of the lands or with their getting street railway accommodations by crossing the bridge along Sorauren-avenue to College-street, and from thence to High Park. I am of opinion that the bridge is not at all necessary and would recommend that the petition for same be not entertained.

It was his opinion that the King-street subway road should be paved with granite stone setts of the best quality; that sewers be constructed on Sumerhill, Melville and Hampden-avenues. In the matter of the Dundas-street bridges plans and specifications will be ready by March 31. A Trinidad asphalt pavement in Melinda-street, Yonge to Bay, was recommended at a cost of $3230, the city to pay $2254. In the matter of the extension of St. Paul-street, the engineer favored the extension of the payment for the improvement to 20 years instead of the usual 10.

Ald. Lennox made a feeble protest in the matter of the clause of the report touching College-street bridge. He wanted the clause referred back until such time as the Dundas bridges came up again, but the other members could not see the point and unanimously endorsed the City Engineer's view. This means the death of the College-street bridge scheme. The report was adopted with but trifling amendments.

In a supplementary report the City Engineer touched on the question of laying block pavements by day labor, but did not encourage the idea.

These contracts were awarded for the construction of cedar block roadways:

Street.	Contractor.	Cost
McMaster-avenue...	A. J. Brown.....	$1747
Dundas-street.....	J. Rogers.....	1206
Crawford-street....	W. H. Cathro.....	2097
Rathnelly-avenue...	Van Vlack.....	2230
McPherson-avenue..	Van Vlack.....	1823
Salisbury-avenue...	J. Rogers.....	449

John Maloney received the contract for unbroken stone to be delivered all over the city at $10.90 a toise.

At the Amsterdam World's Exhibition, when 73 German and Austrian brewers competed, the St. Louis beer took the Gold Medal. William Mara, agent, 282 Queen-street west. 246

At the Hotels.

F. J. Ward, Halifax, is at the Rossin.

John Ross, Waterloo, is at the Palmer.

D. L. White, Midland, is at the Walker.

G. R. Pennington, St. Thomas, is at the Queen's.

Hon. James Young, Goderich, is at the Rossin.

Mr. Justice Patterson, Montreal, is at the Queen's.

John Playton, Barrie, is registered at the Walker.

D. McDonald, Winnipeg, is staying at the Rossin.

N. B. Falkiner, Belleville, is booked at the Queen's.

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THE DEBATE COMES ON AT LAST.

The Assembly Has a Field Day Over Separate School Matters—The Napoleons of the House to the Front.

Up till within 10 minutes of 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Hon. G. W. Ross did not make his appearance in the Legislature. The House meanwhile went on passing second readings of unimportant bills and routinely passing other bills of more or less importance through the committee stage. At the hour mentioned the Attorney-General announced that the House would take up order No. 42, calling for the second reading of the bill introduced by the Minister of Education to amend the Public and Separate Schools Act.

Simultaneously with the announcement the gas was lighted, Mr. Ross suddenly appeared in his seat, and was received with a round of applause befitting his dramatic entry. Carefully clearing his desk and his throat, he began in a voice that was for a few minutes inaudible in the gallery, but growing louder as he went on, he entered upon a disquisition of the law as it at present stands, premising that his amendment was not so much an alteration in the law as an effort to make clear what the law really is and so avoid the errors into which municipal clerks and assessors have fallen in the past. He next passed on to a review of the educational measure proposed by the leader of the Opposition, and argued that every ratepayer is now by law a prima facie supporter of the public schools, and so the preamble of Mr. Meredith's bill is predicated on what is already the law. "Every supporter of the separate schools is voluntarily so."

He quoted the late Hon. Adam Crooks and the Attorney-General in support of this view, which he held was also laid down in an opinion given by two judges on a series of questions submitted by the Attorney-General and himself. Having declared the preamble and first section of Mr. Meredith's bill "unnecessary and absurd," he took exception to the second section as giving too much power to the clerk of the municipality, from whose flat in the making up of the roll there is no appeal provided either to the Court of Revision or county judge.

Mr. Ross then discussed the proposal of Mr. Meredith to make the use of the ballot compulsory in school trustee elections and to hold the trustee elections on the same day as the municipal elections. His prime argument in this branch of his speech was that Mr. Meredith at a former period of his career held opinions contrary to those he is now advancing. The Government opposed the ballot proposal because

1. It is not demanded.
2. It is not necessary.
3. It would involve expense.

While in addition to these in the case of separate schools they believed it would be a violation of the British North American Act.

Dropping Mr. Meredith, the Minister took up the proposal of Mr. Creighton regarding the qualification of separate school electors, which he declared to be an attack on the constitution of the country, and were it passed it would be disallowed by the Dominion Government, which would have the right to do so. He went on to defend the teachers on the score of qualification, vaunting the efficiency of the schools, while Mr. Chisholm, sitting directly behind, indulged in a gentle snooze. As he awoke, Mr. Ross passed on to speak of the proposal of Mr. French to abolish separate school representation on high school boards. The argument of the minister was, briefly, that as they paid high school rates they were entitled to such representation.

They Should Live in Harmony Side by Side

After recess Mr. Meredith took the floor in reply to the Minister of Education. He first dealt with the charge of inconsistency, hoping the day would never come when a citizen of Canada was to be condemned for a change of opinion reached as a result of mature deliberation and consideration. He dwelt at length on the necessity and desirability of Catholics and Protestants dwelling together in harmony, and quoted a well-known Catholic authority to show that this is in a great degree to be brought about by Catholics and Protestants being educated side by side in schools where they form friendships that last during life. Mr. Meredith proceeded to lay down the principle upon which separate schools were founded and went on to quote Archbishop Duhamel in his controversy with a separate school trustee in Ottawa, wherein the archbishop took the ground practically that the hierarchy is superior to the state in matters of education. He fortified this by quoting the Bishop of Peterboro, who in a controversy assumed the ground that he had the right to close the schools if he chose to do so, as, religion being the basis of education, the schools are consequently houses of God, and so were subject to the decrees of the representatives of God on earth. Archbishop Walsh was quoted to the same effect, he taking the ground that the hierarchy had a right to control the elections of school trustees, that being a religious duty rather than a purely civil function.

From this Mr. Meredith took the ground that a reasonable result of the arguments advanced by the hierarchy was that the church was above the state, and that a Catholic who obeyed the hierarchy must break the law of the land where it conflicts with the will of the hierarchy. He repudiated all charges of bigotry or intolerance, but he wished the House to pronounce whether the separate schools are to be mere appendages of the Catholic Church or part of our civil system. He took the latter ground, and wished to see all—Catholic and Protestant—guaranteed in their civil rights.

He Should Regulate the Text Books.

Mr. Meredith further took the ground that the Minister of Education, as the legitimate successor of the Council of Public Instruction, had the right to regulate the text books in all schools, and he argued for some time on technical lines to prove the soundness of this conclusion. With regard to the broad question of separate schools, Mr. Meredith took a bold stand. He declared that such schools are a part of the constitutional law of this province, and so cannot be abolished by the province, but he held that if ever the effect of these schools is felt to be prejudicial to the interests of the whole people, it is the right of Protestants to agitate such a change in the constitution as will remedy this state of affairs. "And if the attitude taken by the heirarchy in regard to separate schools is to be maintained, that agitation ought to begin this hour!" Mr. Meredith next took up the assertion of Mr. Ross that the law is carried out in so far as seeing that no Roman Catholic is made to be a separate school supporter save by his own voluntary act, and showed that the practice in the cities and towns of Ontario, and so presumably in the villages and townships, is to assume that every Roman Catholic is a separate school supporter and to rate him accordingly.

Taking up the question of the ballot, Mr. Meredith said that the experience of Toronto and the stand assumed by the late Archbishop Lynch as to his right to control the elections were of themselves sufficient to warrant the granting of the ballot. As to Catholic representation on the high school boards, Mr. Meredith did not object to a Catholic being on the board, but he did object to anyone being placed on any representative body by reason of his professing any particular religion. As to text books, Mr. Meredith believed the Legislature should have the right to deal with them, and incidentally he referred to the timidity shown by the Premier in not claiming this as a "provincial right."

He passed on to ask why special Catholic inspectors should be appointed for separate schools and the province saddled with so much more expense. He based his platform on the ground that all schools should be subject to the same degree of inspection. Mr. Meredith closed with a brief recapitulation of his main points and an eloquent denial of any motive of being actuated by any feeling of bigotry or prejudice.

Cheering the Minister of Public Works.

Deafening applause from the Government side greeted Hon. C. F. Fraser as he rose to reply. He began by impugning the motives of Mr. Meredith, which he said were so manifest that even a page on the floor of the House could divine them. He took the speech of the member for London, considered in connection with certain other significant circumstances, to be in the nature of the first gun fired in the war it was evidently intended to wage for the abolition of the separate schools. Mr. Fraser said, however, that the abolition of separate schools as an institution regulated and permitted by statute would not close such schools. The only practical effect would be to compel those who are now separate school supporters to pay two rates, for were they compelled to support the public schools they would just the same support the separate schools. He denied the inferiority of the separate schools in fitting people for all walks of life, and while he did not claim superiority for the pupils of such schools, he said their claim for existence did not rest upon that. It was with them a matter of conscience, and a belief that their school children should be day by day grounded in the truths of their religious belief. Mr. Fraser quoted liberally from the statistics to show the spirit in which the Protestants of the province of Quebec are dealt with in school matters, claiming it to be more generous than is the legislation regarding Roman Catholic separate schools in Ontario. Mr. Fraser rather carried the war into Africa by asking why there is not more religion taught in the public schools, seeing that it would only require unity among the Protestants, as the Catholics do not stand in the way. He next took up the allegation that there is a "solid Catholic vote," and emphatically denied that there is, or ever was, such a thing either in Ontario, Quebec, or the Dominion of Canada. He reviewed various historical Canadian events in support of this theory, and accused Mr. Meredith of riding the Protestant horse, the speaker introducing a few apt witticisms that created a great deal of laughter on the Government side and not a few smiles among the Opposition. From this he proceeded to argue the general principle of the justice of separate schools, without, however, bringing out any new points on this line, but amplifying and putting in mellifluous language the stock arguments. Incidentally, he hinted at the justice of allowing the taxes of incorporated companies to go to the support of separate schools so far as the stock is held by Catholics, and he instanced the Toronto Street Railway as a corporation practically owned by one man, a Catholic, Senator Frank Smith, whose taxes go to support the public schools.

Mr. Meredith: "Is it not the fault of the corporation itself in that case?"

Mr. Fraser: "Well, in that particular case, perhaps it is."

The commissioner from this turned to the ballot question and argued against it, not because, so far as could be gathered from his remarks, of any inherent objection to the ballot in itself, but because the proposition to adopt it was made in a manner offensive to the Catholic hierarchy, and, through them, offensive to the Roman Catholic laity.

They Are Not Concerned About Mr. French's Bill.

Speaking of Mr. French's bill respecting high school trustees, Mr. Fraser said separate school supporters as separate school supporters are not very much concerned about that bill. If the House were of opinion that the privilege given to a separate school body of selecting a high school trustee as one of the school board in the interests of the public—not in the interests of clamor, not in the interests of cant, not in the interests of hypocrisy—should be taken away, take it away. "But I do not believe this House, I do not believe this country, will take from the separate school boards that small privilege which can in no sense harm anyone."

It was no light matter for the Roman Catholic minority of this province to have taken away from them a privilege granted by solemn compact and enjoyed by them for years. The Commissioner made an eloquent defence of the separate school system, a system held dear by Roman Catholics because under it their children received instruction in the principles of their faith and because they held themselves responsible for their welfare not only now but in the great hereafter.

At a quarter after midnight the debate was adjourned on motion of Mr. Clancy.

During the progress of the debate the galleries and floor of the House were crowded, a great many ladies being among the visitors. The Government have decided to give up to-day and this evening to the continuation of the debate, but have made up their minds that a vote must be reached before an adjournment is made to-night.

THE BAPTISTS

Are Against Church Exemptions, Denominational Grants and Separate Schools.

The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec are petitioning the Legislative Assembly:

1. To abolish absolutely all exemption of ecclesiastical property and persons from their due share of municipal taxes and burdens.

2. To effectually prevent the making under any pretext whatever of gifts or grants from the public funds to denominational institutions or purposes, whether charitable, educational or otherwise.

3. To abolish all laws providing for the imparting of religious instruction in the public schools.

4. To bring about the speedy and gradual abolition of denominational schools supported by rates levied by process of law.

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Notes of the Theatres.

The sale of seats for the Conreid English Comic Opera Company opened at the box office of the Grand yesterday morning and from appearances it will be the largest engagement in point of receipts of any of the present season. The company is a large one and has done a phenomenal business during the entire season. "The King's Fool" will be given to-morrow and Friday evenings and Saturday matinee and "The Gypsy Baron" on Saturday evening.

Manager Greene has been successful in securing for the patrons of the Academy of Music, beginning next Monday evening, with matinees Wednesday, Good Friday and Saturday, Toronto's old favorite, Frank Mayo. Mr. Mayo returns with a strong support, including Edwin F. Mayo, who has been seen in Toronto a number of times. It is a long time since Mr. Frank Mayo has been seen here, and no doubt he will be welcomed by large houses. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday evening and Saturday matinee he will produce "Nordeck"; Good Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday night "Davy Crockett." The plan opens Saturday morning.

On Monday evening the gallery at Jacobs & Sparrow's held more people than were ever before in it—1009. There were 2174 paid admissions in the house, and the receipts were $784.55.

The popular Cyclorama has won its large patronage because it represents action. Thousands of men are struggling to kill others, and on every hand are thousands of figures in the attitude of combat. It is a wonderful production, full of life and interest which never pall on the spectator.

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Merchants and others interested in above lines would consult their best interests by calling at the show case emporium of W. Millichamp, Sons & Co., the pioneer manufacturers of Canada. Estimates cheerfully furnished. Prices lower than ever. Selection of walnut, cherry and mahogany counter cases unsurpassed in America. Get catalog. 31 Adelaide east. Telephone 655. 136

Caswell, Massey & Co.'s Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Pepsin and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal

Valuable Mining Property for Sale.

A valuable mining property situate a short distance from the town of Pembroke, in Renfrew County, is advertised for sale. Assays have been made and a large percentage of gold and silver has been found to exist, also metallic iron, sulphur and copper. Intending purchasers should write to Box 148, Pembroke, Ont.

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A Brilliant Record

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UNITED STATES NEWS.

The House of Representatives has agreed to an amendment to the World's Fair Bill postponing the fair until 1893.

"Bad Boy" Peck has been nominated by the Democrats for Mayor of Milwaukee.

JUNCTION JOTS.

They Want a New Postoffice—The Athletes Are Organizing—The Burglars Disappointed—Items of Interest.

The Junction Senior baseball team will meet to-night to organize for the season.

Court Queen of the West, A.O.F., held an oyster supper in connection with their regular meeting last night.

The W.C.T.U. is making arrangements for an "at home" to be held in the Reform Club rooms on Good Friday.

Special services are being held this week at Annette-street Methodist Church under the charge of Evangelist Rev. J. Walton.

At a recent meeting af the congregation of Annette-street Methodist Church it was decided to enlarge the edifice by erecting an addition to the rear of the building.

Mayor St. Leger will preside at a meeting next Monday night in the band hall, Keele-street, for the purpose of organizing a cricket club.

Mr. R. Schram was attacked by two highwaymen last Thursday night, but the former used his fists to so good advantage that the assailants retired, at the same time firing four shots, one of which passed through Mr. Schram's hat. The following night burglars tried to effect an entrance into Mr. J. Conron's grocery store, but were frightened away after taking the glass out of the window. Subsequently they tried Mr. William Wright's drug store, but their efforts were again unsuccessful.

A meeting was held at the Occident Hotel Monday night, when "The West Toronto Junction Lacrosse Club" was organized with these officers:

President—Mayor St. Leger.
Vice-President—Dr. Gilmour.
Captain—R. D. Ramsay.
Secretary-Treasurer—F. C. Stephenson.
Executive Committee—Messrs. Querrie, Harris, Kells, Boynton and Clyne.

Rev. C. E. Thompson, rector of St. Mark's Church, who has been ill for several weeks, is recovering. The services last Sunday were conducted by Rev. J. Grant of Toronto. Rev. Prof. Clark conducted services last night.

The single tax system was discussed at the Reform rooms Saturday night. A paper by Mr. S. J. Chubb and speeches by Dr. Gilmour, Mayor St. Leger, A. Gilchrist, James Percy, William Pears, Dr. Charlton and others were not sufficient to satisfy the audience and the question will be again discussed Saturday evening, April 5.

Rev. James Grant of the Presbyterian Church gave a social for his congregation last Friday evening. There was a large attendance and Mr. Grant made a capital host.

The Y.M.C.A. committee is arranging for suitable rooms, which will be fitted up for the use of the members.

At the meeting of the council Monday afternoon it was decided not to issue any shop liquor licenses for the ensuing year. Mr. J. M. Biggs was appointed town engineer at a salary of $600 a year.

Reeve Peake, president of the Property Owners' Association, gave a banquet Monday night in the Reform rooms to which all the members and the town council were invited. The special object was to discuss the postal services at the Junction. Some time ago a deputation from this association waited on the council asking that a delegation be sent to Ottawa to interview the Government with a view to securing better postal facilities. The council appointed Mayor St. Leger and Mr. Peake, and as they will set out on their errand Good Friday morning it was deemed advisable to secure all the light on the subject possible. The discussion elicited the fact that under the present arrangements all letters posted at the Junction for Carlton West and Davenport have to be taken to Toronto first. Thus the letters make the trip, which is only a quarter of a mile, in 24 hours. The same applies to all letters going west. To remedy the evil it is suggested that the Davenport office be removed to Dufferin-street and Davenport-road, and the Carlton West office to Mount Dennis. It is also proposed to ask the Government for $25,000 for a central office at the Junction, with free delivery and collecting boxes. To further assist the deputation a committee was appointed to consult with them as to the best plan of action.

So rapidly does lung irritation spread and deepen that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay. Get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

City Hall Small Talk.

The Mayor continues confined to his bed.

Ald. Gillespie is among the list of civic notables who are afflicted with illness.

A committee of the Fire and Gas on street lighting and the Building Bylaw Committee meet to-day.

Street Commissioner Jones yesterday received 70 applications for the position of a foreman in his department.

According to City Relief Officer Taylor, applications for relief are falling off, mainly due to the increase in work.

A sub-committee of the Executive has been called for to-day to discuss the question of granting Contractor Berry a rebate on his taxes.

Moral Inspector Archabold on Feb. 1 was made a happy father, but neglected to register the event until March 6, or several days beyond the time provided by law. An enemy has found this out and threatens to proceed against the City Clerk unless he collects the penalty from the inspector.

All in a Heap.

Malarial fever left me with my blood in a terrible state, with boils breaking out on my head and face. I was too weak to work or even walk, but after taking a quarter of a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters I was able to work. The boils all went away in a heap, as it were, and my strength fully returned before the bottle was gone.

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Worldly Waggeries.

A church choir in a town near Boston a few Sundays ago was singing "A charge to keep I have" to the music of a prima donna waltz. A woman, observing a stranger without a hymn book, handed him one. "Thanks," said he blandly: "I never use the libretto during the performance."

There is a man in Maine who makes mustard plasters by machinery. He is bound to do his part to contribute to the smartness of the American nation.

A woman may not have an agreeable disposition simply because she dresses sweetly. Think of the sugar-coated pill and tremble.

"Did you know that the pawnbroker was the most considerate of men?"

"No, but how do you make that out?"

"Well, he will always mind his own business, and let you a loan."

"My son, you will never get rich if you smoke."

"I think you are mistaken, dad; the plumber would not accumulate wealth if it were not for his pipe."

Ethel (to paterfamilias, who had just said grace): "S'cuse me, papa; is it gram'ical to say—Amen?"

Customer: "Waiter, there's whiskers on this bacon." Waiter: "Allow me, sah, to loan you my razor, sah!"

Subscriber: "Do you ever take a vacation?"

Country Editor: "Oh, yes. I occasionally leave my office five minutes earlier than usual and take a walk around the block."

The Apache squaw said she preferred whoops to bustles.

Never judge a woman's cooking by the cake she takes to a church social.

It sounds paradoxical, but "a speaking likeness" is not necessarily a figure of speech.

A Pittsburg reporter tells about a yawning oil well. Somebody must have been boring it.

From Police Blotters.

Mrs. Mitchell, 102 Amelia-street, reports the theft of a silver watch from that address.

Charles Nelson, 606 Dundas-street, was arrested yesterday, charged with arson at Orillia.

A thief stole 47 pounds of butter from Robert Anderson's shed, 24 Ann-street, yesterday.

Frank Dodger, Monroe-street, is held by the police on suspicion of stealing lead pipe from vacant houses.

John D. Murphy, 178 Bay-street, is at headquarters charged with assaulting his wife. He had only been released from jail in the morning.

Worth double the price is what is said by ladies who use Dyer's Jelly of Cucumber and Roses for their hands. It is exquisite for the hands and complexion. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

Y.M.C.A. GYMNASIUM.

The Annual Competition for Prizes—A Series of Good Performances.

The annual competitive exhibition of members of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium was held at Association Hall last night. The running track was for the occasion converted into a grand stand and a considerable portion of the ground floor was used to accommodate the spectators. The walls and ceiling were decorated with the Union Jack, the tri-color and stars and stripes. At the south end of the gymnasium was a platform upon which were seated Chairman W. C. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews, Secretary McCulloch and others. The various competitions were conducted by Instructor H. C. Thompson, and the results of his careful and thorough training of the members who took part were soon apparent and met the deserved applause of the spectators. Among them were to be seen many of the fair sex, who seemed to take as great an interest in the proceedings as did their stronger companions.

These are the successful contestants:

Class work—1st, Will Elliott, 34 points; 2d, W. C. Charters, 32½; 3d, Harry Coulson, 31½; 4th, H. Elliott, 29½.

High vaulting—1st, Howard Elliott, 6-5; 2d, W. Elliott, 6-4.

High jumping—1st, Howard Elliott, 5-2; 2d, Daniel Smith, 5.

Throwing the medicine ball—1st, T. P. Stewart, 231-8; 2nd, H. Elliott, 200-9.

Specialties—1st, W. Elliott, 65 points; 2d, Walter Brown, 45.

Three-leg-race, won by Messrs. MacKay and Crange.

Sack hurdle race—1st, John C. Smith; 2d, F. A. Woodworth.

All round medal, won by Howard Elliott.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Matthews.

One or two bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery will purify the blood, remove dyspepsia and drive away that extreme tired feeling which causes so much distress to the industrious and persons of sedentary habits. Mr. W. E. Ellis, druggist, Fenelon Falls, writes: "The Vegetable Discovery is selling well and giving good satisfaction."

Another Big Colonist Party.

Emigration has been going on briskly during the last two weeks. Last night another colonist excursion left Union Station for the Northwest, going to North Bay via the Grand Trunk. There were 450 passengers and 80 cars of stock. The excursionists came from all over Ontario and were under the charge of the C.P.R. officials.

At the Paris Exhibition, when Bass, Guiness, Barclay & Perkins, Allsopp and all the world-renowned English brewers competed, the experts pronounced the St. Louis beer the best. 246

Jottings About Town.

Martin Malone was yesterday sent to prison for four months for lead stealing.

The Harmony Orchestra gave a concert last night in First-avenue Baptist Church.

George Middleton will give a whistling solo on Saturday evening in the Boys' Home Hall.

Sixty members have been received into Parliament-street Methodist Church as the result of revival services.

The King's Daughters had an interesting and profitable gathering at Sherbourne-street Methodist Church yesterday.

The boys of the "Old Brigade," the Battleford column, will have a gala night at Harry Webb's on Friday at their dinner.

The executive committee of the McLachlan testimonial will invest the money so as to yield $200 a year for the poet's benefit.

To cure an old man named Isaac Bawcett of chronic drunkenness he was yesterday sent to the Central Prison for three months.

The ladies of the Industrial Rooms will hold their annual sale of goods Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11, at Association Hall.

Cameron L.O.L. No. 613 last night initiated two candidates. Nine applications for membership were received. County Master Bell honored the lodge with a visit.

George Groves, one of the oldest jail turnkeys, is dying from an apoplectic fit. He was seized with the illness while on duty yesterday and was taken to his home at 223 Monroe-street.

Under the auspices of the Western W.C.T.U. a successful benefit concert was given last night at Murray's Hall, Queen-street and Northcote-avenue. Mr. J. J. Graham was chairman.

The jury who enquired at the jail yesterday into the cause of death of Frank Wood, undergoing 40 days' imprisonment for larceny, returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

Among the wills proved yesterday were those of Hon. John Macdonald, whose estate was sworn under $1,205,910, and Thomas Tandy, Montreal, who left a personal estate in Toronto of $6480.

In Brockton-road Congregational Church last night there was a special ordination service, Mr. J. A. C. McCuaig being ordained as pastor. The service was conducted by Rev. Charles Duff.

Mr. J. F. Latimer will discuss the utilization of gold and silver waste in mining operations at the meeting of the geological and mining section of the Canadian Institute to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The Ossington-avenue Baptist Church was filled Monday evening with a thoroughly appreciative audience to hear Rev. S. A. Dyke lecture on "Marriage—Before and After." The subject was ably handled.

Robert Spillsbury, 378½ King-street east, while working on the new Board of Trade building yesterday afternoon, fell from some scaffolding four stories high. His leg was fractured and he was conveyed to the hospital. At last reports he was progressing favorably.

A number of the friends of Mr. Marshal Brown of the general freight offices, C.P.R., Toronto, presented him last evening with a handsome diamond scarf pin on the occasion of his departure for Detroit to fill a more lucrative position with district freight agent G. R. Van Norman, jr., of the Canadian Pacific.

William Brown, No. 7 Soho-street, met with a serious mishap yesterday afternoon. His horse ran away on Queen-street west and upset the buggy. Mr. Brown though badly bruised clung to the reins, and after being dragged about three hundred feet with the vehicle on top of him succeeded in bringing the animal to a standstill.

It is expected that Dr. James Beatty, Q.C., chairman of the board of trustees, will preside at the meeting of the lady friends of the Woman's Medical College which takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the library of the Y.M.C.A. Any lady taking an interest in the college will be cordially welcomed. The meeting is being held to complete the arrangements for furnishing the new building and holding a conversazione at the opening.

The regular meeting of the Toronto Architectural Sketch Club was held last evening at their rooms, Queen and Victoria-streets. Mr. W. R. Greig gave an exhibition of photographs of American architecture and showed upwards of 500 samples. Mr. S.