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Twelve Miles Must Be Re-Laid,

Or Next Year We Will Be Away Behind.

SAMPLE OF PLANK SIDEWALK THAT HAS NUT LASTED FIVE YEARS.

As is customary, under the instruc tions of the council, Inspector Delahunty this year went over all the side walks in the city and condemned about

walks in the city and condemned about twelve miles of wooden walks as utterly unfit to repair.

Chatham has between 55 and 5 i miles of sidewalk altogether. of this amount 9½ miles are already in granolith and flag, while 46 or 47 are in more or less delapidated plank. If we put down twelve miles more of granolith and flag this year we will have nearly 22 miles of the best permanent walks.

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"If we don't replace this twelve miles this year," said Mr. Delahunty in reply ti a Planet query, "where will we be next year with several miles more worn out?"

"Will there be as much more worn out next year as this?"

"No, I think not. After this year, we will have our aidewalks pretty well in hand. Of course there will always be some to do from year to year."

According to Mr. Delahunty's figures repairing and replacing the old wooden walks in 1891 and 1892 cost the town of Chatham \$12,594.89. Then the frontage tax system came in 1894, and the amount since then has been very small, and is decreasing year by year as the extent of the permanent walks increases.

as the extent of the permanent walls increases.

The Short-sightedness of putting down plank walks may be seen on Park street. On the north side, between Prince and Duke, is a dilapidated walk that was laid new in 1892. It will take a considerable sum this year to keep it in passable condition. A plank walk costs nearly a third of the price of a first-class granolith, yet it will only last five or six years without repair, while the life of the granolith is figured at 40 years.

(Hamilton Herald.)

If the Chatham Bicycle Club's mas cot now accompanying the curlers from that city in their tour of south from that city in their tour of southwestern Ontario, does not prove more
beneficial to the former in its aspirations than he has to the latter, the
wheelmen had better fire him in a
burry and let the job out to a one-eyed
cat, or a bull dog with a spoiled face.
The Maple City curlers have failed
signally to get even a look in at any of
the games thus far played on their
tour, and it must be the fault of the
mascot, for Chatham is the home of
not a few mighty good curlers. not a few mighty good curiers.

The Chathamites fell down before the Brantforde last night, and it is rumored that the bicycle boys of the Telephone City at the same time placed an indelible boodoo on Chatham's sun-

burnt hypnotist. The meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Thursday was well attended, and the membership was increased by two, Mrs. Crowe and Mrs Cameron. An interesting circular was read from the Provincial Press Superintendent giving valuable hints to press workers, and sending the message of Miss Willard asking that Canadian unions celebrate March 20th the birthday of Neal Dow, the "tather of prohibition." Members of the executive are requested to meet at Mrs. John Handershott's, Lorne avenue, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting of the W. C. T. U.

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SCHOOL OR SUNDAY

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Mar. 6.—The gospel temperance meeting on Thursday night in the Presbyterian church was fairly well attended and a profitable and pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present. There will be no market tickets sold to-day or hereafter, consequently those wishing to visit Chatham need not defer their trip until saturday. The mild weather has made a lull in the curling excitement. There were no games yesterday. Two rinks had intended to go down to Chatham but postponded the trip until the ice is in better trim. Wesley Shaw is attending the Orange grand lodge at Woodstock as a delegate this week. Dr. France was an Bothwall on

Dr. Fraser was in Bothwell on Thursday night to see Dr. Bell, who is

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wery ill.

Misses McPherson and Duffus, who have been attending the millinery opening in London and Toronto are expected home to night.

George Holman is in Chatham to-day.

It was a Great Chose and a Hard Fight

But the Pugilist Downed the Pig--A Funny Training Incident at Carson.

Carson, March 6.—Bob Fitzsimmons yesterday secured an addition to his force of trainers. He came upon the new article while on his way to town from his training quarters. After going about one mile Fitzsimmons overtook a colored man leading a large hog. Hickey, who was making the pace, came up while Fitzsimmons was exchanging remarks with the colored man, and the horse took a violent dislike to the hog. He began to dance all over the road and the hog bolted away in the sage brush. The negro and Fitzsimmons went after him in hot pursuit. The former gave up the race early, but Fitzsimmons and the hog kept at it. For two miles back and forth through the brush the hog sprinted, with Fitz close at his heels. Finally Fitz worked up to within a foot of the hog and thought the time had come for a touchdown. He made a spring, landing squarely on the porker's back and bore him to the ground. Then came the real tussle, the hog making frantic efforts to escape, while Fitz tried to keep him down. The two rolled over and over, the hog loudly giving vent to his feelings by finally becoming exhausted in all things save his squealing apparatus, while Fitz with a triumphant grin and his breath coming short and quick held him fast. In a few minutes the owner of the hog arrived on the scene and accused Fitzsimmons of trying to steal his animal. As an evidence of good faith Fitz surrendered the hog and continued towards town, while the erstwhile drover went his way rejoicing.

A PRIEST'S FALL

Proved Guilty of Receiving Stolen Property.

Proceeds of a Robbery Handed Over to Rev. Abbe Saurin, of Montteal -He Raffled Them For Charity.

Montreal, March 5.-The dark rumors set afloat some time since claiming that one of the best-known members of the Sulpician Priesthood has been accused of retaining a large quantity of jewelry that had been re-stored to him by the man who robbed Cochenthaler's St. James street establishment a year ago have, unfortunately for the clergyman's reputation, been verified. Rev. Abbe Saurin, who is as well known to the people of Montreal as the towers of Notre Dame themselves, is the man who has been proven guilty of an act that sorely grieves the good old superior of St. Sulpice, disgraces the cloth he wears, and fills thousands of the faithful with and fills thousands of the faithful with sorrow and shame. The loss to Cochenthaler was at once made good by the Dominion Burglary Guarantee Company, yet for many months the robbery remained a mystery; but a few weeks ago Kiernan, who had been sent down for another offence, confessed that he had stolen the diamonds, but, remorse overtaking him, he handed over the stolen property to Rev. Abbe Saurin, of Notre Dame, telling that gentleman, it is alleged, that the jeweler had been recouped for the loss sustained.

REPONSIBILITY REMAINED. REPONSIBILITY REMAINED.

This, however, did not change the priest's responsibility, for he knew the goods had been stolen, and that someone had suffered a loss of a little over \$2,000 in hard cash. Instead of finding the lawful owner of the stolen goods and returning the same, as any good priest would have dene, Abbe Saurin proceeded, according to his own story, to have them raffled for the benefit of charity. When the story leaked out no one could believe that a son of the time-honored household of St. Sulpice could be guilty of such a transaction, and the amazement grew greater still when Mr. John A. Grose, manager, and Mr. J. M. Fortier, director of the Guarantee Company, called at the seminary and could get nothing but "My mouth is closed" from the venerable gentleman in question.

ANOTHER STRANGE FEATURE.
A demand from the company's solicit for followed, and here another strange feature of the case came in. It is easily the empany would call its square, but the company would call its square, but the some control of the trouble for even one cent, for that mafter? Then there was an advance to \$800; another to \$800, and a third to \$1,000, which the som larry, it is alleged, agreed to pay to help their contrare out of the trouble for Abbe Saurin had been threatened with the law unless restitution followed. As the Guarantee Company could not prove the exact value of the goods restored to the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery to the value of \$2,000, they agreed to pay to be paid, and \$600 will be fortioned in the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery to the value of \$2,000, they agreed to accompt sould not prove the exact value of the goods restored to the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery to the value of \$2,000, they agreed to accompt sould not prove the exact value of the goods restored to the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery to the value of \$2,000, they agreed to accompt sould not prove the exact value of the goods restored to the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery to the value of \$2,000, they agreed to accompt sould not prove the exact value of the goods restored to the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery to the value of \$2,000, they agreed to accompt sould not prove the exact value of the goods restored to the pricet, although they felt pretty sure he had received jewelery ANOTHER STRANGE FEATURE.

What People Who Know All About it Say.

HERE ARE THE INTERVIEWS THOSE WHO WANT TO PLUNGS CAN NOW DO SO SAFELY.

F. A. W. Ireland-Corbett. W. H. Harper-I don't know, V. Parkin-I would pick Corbett. William Terry-Corbett, I think. Ald. Watt-Corbett is my favorite. Geo. G. Martin-Why, Fitz, of course Wm J. Bennett-Fitzsimmons is my

Frank Pechard—I believe Corbett P. C. Dodson-I think Corbett the bet-

David Waggoner-I'm a Fitzsim Mac. Gardiner on Corbett. Jno. Pleas

Police Officer Dezelia-I think Cor Jno. Cooper-Canter the fight. Wm. Pleas A. J. Pike-I hope there, that's all.

,W. M. Stone—Corbett siderable of a snap, County Clerk Fleming-My that Corbett will win. J. L. Simpson, Baldoo think Corbett's the man.

John McKerrall-I think Corbett have much of a walkover. Judge Houston-It's a matter don't profess to be posted on. Sam McCornock-It will take a tling good man to beat Corbett. Dick Stroud-I'm a Corbett man; something tells me Fitz will win. Angus Pennefather—I'll bet 5 to that Fitz doesn't last six rounds. Matthew Doyle-Corbett, of course Who else would you expect to win?

Joe Oldershaw-I've changed my mind, ; I'll bet 12 to 10 on Fitzsimmons. Martin-Shouldn't be prised if Fitz immons would lick him. County Treasurer Shambleau — My dear fellow, Pd like to know that my-self. Ex-Ald, Dillon-They're both Irish, ain't they? It don't matter which

Wm. Hartrick-I'd like to see Corbett

J. C. Weir, secretary of the water-works—I'm inclined to think Corbett will win. Ex-Ald. Marx-Prize fighting is bad for the eyes. I don't know; I'm not experienced.

Arthur Richardson, president la-crosse and football clubs—Jim Corbett in a walkaway. Wm. Holman-On past records Fitz simmons should win, but you can't most always tell.

W. J. Twohey-I don't know. I think Pitzsimmons is a good man, and the other a little better. John Hendershott-Corbett best man, but it wouldn't surprise me me to see Fitz knock him out. Fred. G. Bragg-Fitz is a clever man, but Corbett has every advantage of science and staying powers. Major Cogan—If Detective Seneyallows the fight to proceed, my opinion is that Fitzsimmons will win.

Major T. R. Coogan, county high constable—If I took any interest in such affairs, I should pick Fitz.

T. Scullard—Unless it is a fake—and I'm very much inclined to think it is—I believe Fi zsimmons will win. Arthur Monck, champion feather-weight—It will be about a flip of a coin. Fitz should win. I think he will.

E. J. McIntyre—It's science against wonderful physical strength, and sci-ence will win every time. I pick Pom-padour Jim. Chief of Police Young-The 17th of

Ireland's certainly a great day for a hot fight. I would pick Fitzsimmons for a winner. Deputy Sheriff Beeston—I'd like to ree Fitz knock the stuffing out of him; and I believe ke will do it too. But it will be a hot fight.

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Game Warden James McGregor—It's about a toss-up. Sometimes I think one man will win and sometimes the other. It'll be a great fight.

City Tressurer Fleming is well up in the fighters' relative measurements; but declines to say which will win, though he appears to pin his faith to Fitz.

Fitz.

Wm. Donglas, Q. C.—I should like very much to see Fitzsimmons win; but I don't think he will, don't you know. I saw Jim Mace when I was down in Toronto, and it is surprising the amount he doesn't know about it.

Ike Ions, sparring referee of Brooklyn—Fitzsimmons is my man, and I see no reason why he'll lose. Corbett hasn't taken the care of himself that Fitz has, and he'll likely make some startling discoveries when he gets into the ring with the Cornishman.

W. A. Campbell, clerk of the county

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times, which is so prevalent, one is struck with the amount of enterprise that has been and is even now manifesting itself in the Province of Ontario when examining a new map which has just been published. We notice for example among the new railroads shown, the following: Leke Erie and Detroit R. R.; Aylmer and Port Burwell R. R.; Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo R.R.; Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa R.R.; Ottawa and Parry Sound R. R; also the projected new line between Ottawa and Montreal. The new map is mounted on linen with rollers tween Ottawa and Montreal. The new map is mounted on linen with rollers and is beautifully printed in colors showing nearly every post office in the province. A very attractive offer is made by The Westminister Co., Toronto, who agree to send the map by express, charges prepaid, and also a year's subscription to The Westminister for \$2. The ordinary price of the map alone is \$3.

THE LORNES LOST

And the C. B. C's do a Little Crowing.

Exciting Basket Ball Contest at the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

Last evening the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium was the scene of a capital championship basket-ball contest between the hitherto successful Lornes and the C. B. C. club. After half an hour's hot play, the C. B. C. retired victorious by a score of seven points to five. The teams lined up as follows:

Lornes—Forwards — Heath, Reddick and Robertson. Defence—Sowerby, Gammage and Wemp.

C. B. C.—Forwards—Finley, Cook and Abehart. Defence—Ewing, Smith and Shambleau.

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The game throughout was a most exciting one. The college took an early and substantial lead, scoring the first two goals by Cook and Finley. Then the Lornes took a turn and scored once on a foul and repeated it twice. Then again the tables were turned and the college stalwarts added three additional points, which ended a good game with victory and cheers.

This is the first occasion on which the Lornes have suffered defeat and consequently the college boys are highly elated. The following lines, descriptive of the contest, have been handed in to The Planet by the college poet, who wears the laurel wreath of lame to-day:—

The C. B. C's and Lornes have played, The C. B. C's and Lornes have played,

The C. B, C's and Lornes have played,
The basket ball game is won,
The Lornes now feel sore dismayed,
How easy they were done.

The Lornes feel sick, their little plan, It would not work at all; They tried their best, you know the rest, They could not see the

Who now have got the swollen hands-The Lornes; who played and lost, hey vow they'll do us in the shed,

The C. B. C.'s they hold the championship.
That makes the Lornes feel sick,
Who'll be the next, the people say,
For the college boys to whip.f

THEY HAD A SCRAP

Butcher Steadman and John Mount Fall Out.

The Former Said to Have Assaulted Mount on the Market - Police Cou t Case Probable.

Butcher Steadman and John Mount

had a lively scrap at the market this morning. Steadman, it is said, averred that Mount had been with too great freedom of speech belittling his meat. He was wrathy and called Mount some tall names. John went Mount some tail names. John went away about his business which called him into the market shed. Here it appears that Steadman followed him, using language that nearly addled the eggs in the south end of the shed.

Then, it is claimed, Steadman invited Mount to come outside and get himself punched. He could lick him in a marvellously short space of time if ed Mount to come outside and get himself punched. He could lick him in a
marvellously short space of time if
Mount would only come out and see
how easily it could be done, he said.

John said if the other fellow could
do all he claimed there would be no
fun in it for him. This showed discretion, as Steadman is pretty powerfully put up and was riled to the core.

Mount went on again about his busi
ness and was at last in the open space
between the two buildings. Here, it is
claimed, that Steadman rushed at him
and struck him a blow that felled him.
Then a scrimmage followed.

Caleb Wheeler, speaking of the occurance says, —"Well, you see, when Mount
gets gabbing he knows nothing else but
gab. The other man is a working man,
and, don't you see, don't you know,
when he gets gabbing he don't know
anything but scrap. And there you
are. That's how it all came out, don't
you see, don't you know."

The police court will likely see the
next round, it is said.

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Or some useful article in Tin or Granite Ware. Just take a glance at "The Ark" windows. Sap Buckets in two styles 87.50 per 100. Eureka Sap Spiles 75c per 100. These do not leak sap. Try

The Graham Case in New Hands.

Messrs. U'Neill & Stanworth Will Act for the City.

MR. WILSON WAS FIRM -AS THE CITY HAD BROKEN THE OLD AGREEMENT HE WOULD NOT GO ON WITHOUT A NEW ONE.

The finance committee of the city council have retained Messrs. O'Neill & Stanworth as solicitors in the Graham suit. The action will come on at the assizes which open here the 22nd of this month.

Ald, Arnold, chairman of the finance

Ald. Arnold, chairman of the finance committee, this morning notified Matthew Wilson, Q. C., that as he "refused to go on they had retained other solicitors and wanted the papers, etc. Mr.Wilson declined to accept the notice with the word "refused" in it. Then the notice was altered to make it understood that Mr. Wilson did not refuse but was simply unwilling to proceed without a fresh agreement, the old one having been broken. Then all the papers in the various cases were turned over.

It was expected that C. R. Atkinson, Q. C., having been first consulted in

Another alderman expressed grave doubts of the result. O'Neill & Stan-worth were handed, he said, a difficult and intricate case at the last moment,. almost, to get up. To get proper coun-sel here from Toronto would cost at least \$100 a day. He thought the city council had got itsl legal affairs in

WHAT MR. WILSON SAYS. Mr. Matthew Wilson, Q. C., was seen at his office, expressed the desire to say nothing whatever about the matter except the fact of the change, and to repeat what he previously said that under the terms of agreement made many years ago with Messrs. S. T. Martin and F. G. Fleming, to do all the city's legal work, he took the Graham and Aldis defences and has always been willing to continue them on the same terms. That retainer was repealed by the courcil of this year, as the council had a right to do. "The council then desired me to continue the defences" he said." and I replied that I was perfectly willing to give the city the option to abide cept the fact of the change, and I replied that I was perfectly willing to give the city the option to abide
by the city's decision dismissing me or
to enter into a new sgreement the same
as that existing when I undertook the
defences, but I would not consent to a
new arrangement for these actions alone
without the general business unless the
arrangement would be made agreeable
to my terms.

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Mr. Moss, Q. C., said in his opinion "I do not see how it is possible for Mr. Wilson to continue to act as solicitor in the cases mentioned, or in any matter for the city, in face of the by-law of last January, until some new arrangement is come to binding equally upon the city and upon him."

'I had not and have not any desire that the council should repeal that by-law dismissing me and appointing another solicitor, but until its repeal you see it is impossible for me to act with out a special arrangementas mentioned in my firm's letter to the council of 8 Feb. 1897. In short I did not break the agreement with the city, but the city broke it as the council had the right and power to do and the city declined to go back to that agreement as it had the right and power also to do. I make no complaint whatever against the aldermen although I have never known of a case where after some 16 years of service a solicitor was summarily dismissed without notice and without cause. A solicitor is no more a yearly officer that is a clerk or treasurer but any of them may be dismissed at any instant without liability on the part of the city."

FIRE THE PLANET

What Ex-Constable Macdonald Asked the P. M.

This morning ex-Constable Alex.
McDonald put in his appearance at the
police court to stand his trial for fighting on the streets.
Leaning over to the magistrate, McDonald asked if The Planet reporter
could not be excluded.
"I do not run the press," answered his
worship. "And have always declined
to exclude their representatives. You
will have to see the editor and not me
if you want police court news excluded."

cluded."
"Well, I suppose it will all be in tonight's Planet," added McDonaid.
"And if it is, I'll make them loss 50