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"DO YOU THINK THE YOUNGSTER 'LL LIVE?"

#### OFFICIAL MINING COLUMN.

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#### MINING NEWS.



MR. C. BLACKETT ROBINSON, Mr. Robert Jaffray, and a few other well-known miners, waited upon the Attorney General a few days ago, and confidentially informed him that they had made a discovery of gold, and would like to have the assistance of the Government in working the claim. Upon requesting particulars the Attorney-General was made aware that the vein is located in the Ontario Treasury, and it was proposed to sink a shaft from the *Week*

office, and take out the precious metal in the form of subsidy for the publication of a column of mining news in the journal named. The Attorney-General smiled and said he would take it into consideration. Stock in the projected mine at once fell out of sight.

JIMMY, the singing newsboy, says he is prepared to go before Mr. Fraser's Royal Commission on mining and testify that there is any amount of copper right in Toronto. For several years he has worked a valuable mine himself on the corner of King and Yonge streets.

THE *World* takes credit for having been the means of arousing the Government to the importance of investigating Ontario's mineral wealth. It may not be generally known that the *World* editor was attracted to the subject by a persistent smell of verdigris in his sanctum, indicating the presence of vast quantities of brass.

THE Local House having prorogued steps will now be taken to appoint the mining commissioners, who will no doubt be judiciously chosen. There is some talk of re-

calling a few of the Central Bank absentees to fill the positions, as they are believed to know a good deal about the whereabouts of valuable deposits.

MR. H. E. CLARKE, M. P. P., is of opinion that "it requires stimulation to develop the mineral wealth of Ontario." The Government entirely agree with this view, and no doubt the commission, when organized, will be given *carte blanche* in the matter of champagne.

THE mining fever has struck the City Council. At a late meeting Ald. Gillespie made an *ex parte* statement which went to show that there is a good deal of *steel* in the vicinity of the City Hall. The matter has been referred to that veteran prospector, County Judge McDougall.

It is suggested that the Royal Commissioners should be appointed by competitive examination. Text book: "King Solomon's Mines," by Rider Haggard.

#### PATENTS APPLIED FOR.

(LATEST EFFORTS OF INVENTIVE GENIUS AS NOTED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD.)

A SMALL round rubber mat with little spikes all over it, on which the cashier drops the silver change, and from which the customer picks it easily.

A cheese cutter, consisting of a swing knife, by which the grocer can, with certainty, cut ten ounces from the cheese whenever the customer orders half-a-pound.

A balloon which carries a lightning rod high in the air over an oil tank.

A cigar selling machine that drops out an all Havana, clips the end off and exposes a match and a piece of sand-paper whenever a nickel of lead blank is dropped in a slit in the side of the machine.

A nose protector (N. Y. invention), by which a woolen pad is snugly carried on the end of the nose in cold weather.

An electric boot-blackening machine, in which a brush is rapidly revolved in a non-rotating handle. The whirling brush brings the shine in one-tenth of the time of the old vibratory elbow method.

A rubber funnel which may be fitted over the head, big end up, so as to enclose all the hair while the barber shampoos a customer. A tube hangs down behind, so as to carry away the suds, while a hose for brushing out the hair, funnel and tube is provided. This is an invention of a German barber.

A decoy duck with a variety of detachable heads.

An air pump to force oil from a tank on a ship over a stormy sea.

A fan rotated by the wheels of a baby carriage to keep the flies off the baby.

A church pew that looks like a pew, but has comfortable arm-chairs within.

A device that will prevent the most restless individual from kicking the clothes off the bed.

A new gun with a battery in the stock and cartridges which have coils of platinum wire where the cap is. Pressing the trigger connects the coil with a battery.

A combined rocking chair and cradle (indescribable).

A combined kitchen ventilator and clock winder, being a device for connecting the ventilator wheels commonly placed in windows with the family clock.

FRUITERS remark that no oranges are ever sold on St. Patrick's Day.