THE TORONTO WORLD

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 24, 1888.

Provincial Aid to Railways.

Mr. Mowat, no doubt, is sorely pressed by his friends to adopt a railway policy, and under it to aid the roads that are projected all over the province.

We think he is wise in so far resisting the pressure that has been brought to bear on him. In the first place his Government have not the money—they would have to borrow it on the credit of the province—and if they did have it many of the projected roads are unnecessary.

But we believe there is another course open to him which he might adopt, and which would meet with the approval of the people, and at the same time prove profitable to the province itself, namely, to pass a law empowering the Government to grant from *3000 to 5000 acres of land per mile to roads that are built through crown lands and which will open up new townships for lumbering and settlement.* The said grants to be whenever possible on the line of the road so aided. This law would enable the Government to assist such roads as the one to Hudson Bay and the road from Port Arthur to the Lake of the Woods. These roads are projected through virgin territory, rich in pine and minerals and well adapted for agricultural purposes. Unless roads are built through these districts the pine will not be taken off, or rather it will be burnt off before it can be utilized. By giving a grant of lands to such railways the Government would only be giving what was an idle asset and getting back a substantial income from the sale of the timber in the country so opened up.

We trust that Mr. Mowat will be able to see his way to the adoption of a land grant policy toward strictly colonization railways.

Big Projects.

Just now Toronto is full of big projects of a public character, and though they may not all be realized it is none the less important that we should keep them all before us and try to realize some of them.

We ought to have an arched viaduct along the Esplanade for railway traffic.

We ought to have a high level union station into which all passenger trains should run.

We ought to have a belt suburban railway service.

We ought to have the Grand Trunk headquarters here.

We want the railway bills from Nipissing to James Bay.

We want our parks and drives improved and extended.

We want to see our population exceed a quarter of a million within ten years.

The Emergency of a Time.

The more this "wheat blockade" business is looked into the more does it appear to be chiefly the emergency of a time, which will soon vanish away, not to be known again for long. Several things there are which might be suggested in this connection, an't among them these: That plenty of elevators and of warehouse room, located at the right points, would make an immense difference for the better. That the opening of lake navigation, now not very far off, must soon make an immense difference to begin with. Even if there were cars plenty to carry all the wheat that Manitoba has to send to the east in cars all the way it might be a good economy to utilize cheap transportation by water as far as it can be made to go. There is no "blockade" about Buffalo, Milwaukee, Chicago or Detroit; and yet it is tolerably certain that these ports will contribute a very heavy tonnage of grain to be taken east by water when navigation opens. And this not from necessity, but from choice. It does seem to us that, in the solution of the Manitoba freight problem, the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence, and the canals, ought to count for something. And supposing there were plenty of elevators and warehouses available too, where wanted—what an odds that would make!

By about this time next year those who live to see the day will be wondering what all the fuss was about which we are now reading of. And some people may wonder, too, whether anything like a "blockade" was ever known on the other side, or whether such experiences are confined to this side the border only. We still believe that some very stirring people are working the present emergency for all it is worth and are diligently making the most of it while it lasts. Were a spell of mild weather to come on now, such people would feel it as a misfortune. But, really, they cannot expect the exceptional cold of nearly two months back to continue all the time. We dare prophesy that a great change in various ways is now near at hand.

Our Port on Hudson Bay.

The Hamilton Times, while advocating that local railways should be paid for and controlled by the provincial legislatures, does not believe in paying money into the Dominion to build local railways in Nova Scotia and Quebec, and then take money out of the provincial treasury to build local roads in Ontario, and asks why is the demand for a subsidy for the railway from Nipissing to James Bay not made at Ottawa instead of Toronto? The answer is a very simple one: The directors of this road are asking aid both at Toronto and Ottawa. At Toronto they are asking for a land grant toward the construction of the road, being prepared to take an even risk with the Government in the opening up of our northern country, and this grant can only be obtained from the local government and legislature at Toronto. In Ottawa they are asking for the usual bonus of $3250 a mile.

With these grants, the stock subscribed and the issue of bonds allowed under their charter, they expect to be able to give Hamilton a seaport within the boundary lines of Ontario at a much smaller number of miles than a traveler has to cover when proceeding from Hamilton to Rimouski to take ocean passage, and open up to its trade as well as that of Toronto and southern Ontario, a magnificent section of country, the capabilities of which are hardly as yet realized.

The Lord Helps Those, Etc.

The Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph is competent to do good work for our farmers; it only rests with the farmers to avail themselves of its advantages. They can do this by sending their smartest boys, the boys that have a love of farming and a desire for its advancement, to the college for training. As Hon. G. W. Ross told them, it is their own fault that they have not 500 farmers' sons in the college. He also told them what is also true, that it is their own fault that they have not more farmers in the legislatures. The farmers' institutes, the agricultural societies and members of the Legislature ought to make special efforts to send several of the most promising boys in each county to the college. Just now the farmer is the object of much solicitude to the politicians. If he is not clever enough to take advantage of his opportunities, don't let him make further complaints about the lawyer and the doctor getting all the plums.

Appointment of R. C. Bishops in the Colonies.

The correspondent of The London Times at Rome has noted that the most strenuous opponents to opening diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican are Cardinal Manning and the Irish bishops as well in Ireland as in the colonies. The reason is not far to seek. The residence of a papal nuncio in England would deprive them of the virtually absolute authority in all matters relating to their Church which they now exercise, including the selection of colonial bishops. This lack of official intercourse has enabled the Maynooth phalanx to boycott our Canadian priests. Unembarrassed by the intervening presence of a nuncio the Catholic bishops of Ireland are the nearest and most numerous advisers of Leo XIII. Their recommendations backed up by the Hibernian placemen in the colonies suffice under the circumstances to capture the vacant sees in Canada and Australia.

Thus the late Catholic Metropolitan of Australia, Archbishop Vaughan, was a man with popular gifts and with a strong wrist and was able, albeit not from Maynooth, to hold his own with the universal respect of his Protestant fellow-citizens as well as of his own flock. His successor, Cardinal Moran, is said to have fallen helplessly into the hands of the Irish priesthood which there, as in Canada, has managed to keep the native clergy off the upper deck. One of the Cardinal's suffragans, Bishop Torregiani, an Italian monk, narrowly escaped being murdered three or four years ago by an Irish fanatic. He had felt bound to suspend three Irish priests, who were dragged away from the altar trying to say mass when drunk, and it came out in the trial that this miscreant, who fired at the bishop while celebrating high mass in his cathedral on Christmas Day, had been for several weeks in close personal intercourse with one of these three clerical worthies.

But a soothsayer in a back parish, one skilled at interpreting the flights of birds, declares the fall of the foreign dynasty to be nigh—at least in Ontario. The appointment to the See of Hamilton and the regulation of that of Kingston will soon test this hazardous prediction.

Our Future Seaside Resort.

When the Nipissing and James' Bay Railway is built Toronto's popular seaside resort will be on our own Ontario seacoast on Hudson Bay. It is only 540 miles, one day's journey by rail from this city to that bracing water. Before five years are over cottages on Hudson Bay will be quite the proper thing with our people.

When you see how some American papers are abusing the treaty, and saying that it must be rejected by the Senate, and so on, you will wish you had not been so quick at the first go off to pronounce that it is a surrender on the part of Canada. Just wait till you get a right look at it, from both points of view.

The Western Assurance Company.

Elsewhere we publish a report of the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Western Assurance Company, which was held at the head office in Toronto on Wednesday, Feb. 22, A. M. Smith, Esq., the President, in the chair. The accounts of the year recently closed show a net income from premiums amounting to $1,630,066.96, while the interest receipts were $40,135.26. After payment of losses and expenses, as well as making provision for all unadjusted and unsettled claims, there remains a profit balance of $99,030.98. This result is considered the more gratifying from the fact that recently published statistics show that the past year has not been generally a profitable one in either Fire or Marine Insurance business, owing to the losses, both in Canada and the United States, having considerably exceeded the average.

In moving the adoption of the report the President congratulated the shareholders on the good showing made by the figures, and paid a compliment to the Managing Director, Mr. J. J. Kenny, and his experienced staff to whom they were largely indebted for the satisfactory results just laid before them. Evidently the Western is in safe hands and going on the right track.

—Thomas Robinson, Farnham Centre, P.Q., writes: "I have been afflicted with Rheumatism for the last ten years, and have tried many remedies without any relief. I got a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and found it gave me instant relief, and since then have had no attack. I would recommend it to all." x

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

The forty-fifth annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York will be found in another column, and shows that the year 1887 was the most prosperous one this company has ever enjoyed. The new business written amounted to $69,457,468.37, or an increase of $17,625,749 over the new business of 1886. The assets of the Mutual Life now aggregate the enormous sum of $118,806,851.38, making it by far the largest financial institution in the world. The company shows a surplus of $6,294,492 over and above every liability. Messrs. T. and H. K. Merritt, 69½ Yonge-street, are the general agents here.

Mr. Howland and the Condemned Nel!

Editor World: To show how much of gameness there is in the sickly letter Mr. H. Howland addressed to the Minister of Justice in behalf of the convict Nell, now awaiting execution for the murder of Guard Rutledge, I will just quote one passage. Mr. Howland says:

"I can state with assurance * * from being a violent reckless prisoner, he has become patient, accessible and kindly, and full I believe of real regret and sorrow for his act and its consequences to the widow and children of his victim.

Certainly Mr. Howland don't lack assurance, but in this instance it was somewhat at fault, for as it happens poor Rutledge, the murdered man, had neither wife nor children to be the fortunate recipients of Nell's sympathy.

NO HUMBUG.

Art Embroideries.

—One of the chief industries in the land of pleasant scenery (Switzerland) is the manufacture of white and colored embroideries. Direct from S. Gall a shipment has come to Toronto, and McKendry & Co.'s windows contain an excellent show of these goods in all widths, the prices being so low that it seems a marvel how they can be made for the price. New goods daily arriving at The Waterloo House, 278 Yonge-street, cor. Alice. x

Women Temperance Workers.

President Mrs. McDonell presided at the meeting of the W.C.T.U. held yesterday afternoon in Shaftesbury Hall. A circular was read from Washington inviting the union to send delegates to a suffrage meeting to be held in that city in March. The president and Mrs. Keefer were appointed delegates. Mrs. James Cowan was appointed superintendent of sailor work, and Mrs. Dr. McCully superintendent of hygiene. The district quarterly meeting, it was announced, would be held March 22, and Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Spence, Miss Tilly and Miss Mortimer were delegated to make arrangements. It was arranged that hereafter the prison meetings will be conducted by the East W.C.T.U. No. 2 on the first two Wednesdays of the month, and by the Central on the last two Wednesdays. Mrs. Spence and Mrs. McCully were requested to secure lady speakers for a suffrage meeting.

Don't fail to procure Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for your children while teething. It has been used by millions of mothers during the last forty years for their children. Cures wind colic, diarrhœa. Be sure and get Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. 25c a bottle. 135

At the Executive Committee.

At the Executive Committee yesterday ex-Mayor Boswell asked that $800 arrears of taxes against the Zoo be remitted. His request was granted.

Ald. Gillespie, Fleming, St. Thomas Carlyle and Irwin will form a committee to consider the taking over of Horticultural Gardens by the city.

Ald. Hounsted will arrange a meeting with the Parkdale Council re annexation. The meeting will take place in the Parkdale Town Hall.

A number of the employes of the Canadian Pacific Railway who were assessed too much for income, had their reductions made with Assessment Commissioner Maughan's concurrence.

Close of the Central Farmers' Institute.

The Permanent Central Farmers' Institute of Ontario closed its first annual session at 12.30 yesterday. In the absence of President Valancey E. Fuller, Mr. William Cowan of Galt occupied the chair. Secretary Shaw was voted $150 as a slight recognition of his services in behalf of the Institute. The majority of the resolutions passed were of an unimportant nature. One motion to the effect that the Institute cordially endorse the Bill before the Local Legislature for the exemption of farm stock from taxation, caused considerable discussion. It was defeated on the ground that the question was of too important a character to be hastily disposed of. The matter will be brought up before the various county institutes. Votes of thanks were tendered to the officers of the Institute.

Pagan Theories of Life.

In Holy Trinity Sunday School last night Prof. Hutton of University College read a lecture on "The Pagan Theories of Life." The audience was not very large, but the Professor's discourse was highly instructive.

—Two Hitchings Boilers for sale cheap. Apply to Frank Wheeler, Hot Water and Steam Heating Engineer, 58 and 60 Adelaide-st. west. 135

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The shareholders of this Company held their thirty-seventh annual meeting at the head office in this city at noon yesterday. The chair was occupied by A. M. Smith, Esq., the President of the Company, and the Managing Director, who was appointed to act as Secretary, read the following:

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

In submitting the Annual Statement of the accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December last, the Directors are pleased to be able to congratulate the Shareholders upon the prosperous condition of its affairs which these indicate, as well as the evidence they bear of its continued growth in public favor and confidence.

The net income from premiums, as shown by the Revenue Account, amounted to $1,630,066.96, while the interest receipts were $40,135.26, and after payment of losses and expenses, as well as making provision for all unadjusted and unsettled claims, there remains a profit balance of $99,030.98. This result is the more gratifying from the fact that recently published statistics show that the past year has not been generally a profitable one in either Fire or Marine Insurance business, owing to the losses, both in Canada and the United States, having considerably exceeded the average of previous years.

The Assets of the Company being taken at their market value on 31st December, it has been necessary to write off some $18,000 for depreciation in these, to meet the shrinkage in values which has been common to most securities during the year. After providing for this and the payment of two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, the sum of $40,000 has been added to the Reserve Fund, the total surplus funds now amounting to $775,317.81. The amount necessary to reinsure or run off the current risks of the Company is estimated at $834,030, which, deducted from the surplus as above, shows a net surplus over and above Capital and all liabilities of $241,287.81.

Your Directors take this opportunity of acknowledging the efficiency of the officers and staff of the Company, as well as their appreciation of the services of its agents throughout its extensive field of operations, to whose energy and zeal is attributable, in a great measure, the favorable showing which is presented by the accompanying accounts.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Fire Premiums	$1,229,649 89	
Marine Premiums	574,365 61	
		$1,804,015 50
Loss Re-Assurance		235,918 54
		$1,630,096 96
Interest Account		40,135 26
		$1,670,232 22
Fire Losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to 31st Dec., 1887		$744,400 33
Marine Losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31st, 1887		329,464 47
General Expenses, Agents' Commission and all other charges		497,336 44
Balance to Profit and Loss		99,030 98
		$1,670,232 22

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dividend paid, July, 1887	$25,000 00	
Dividend payable Jan. 9, 1888	25,000 00	
		$50,000 00
Depreciation in Investments		16,104 67
Carried to Reserve Fund		40,000 00
Balance		317 81
		$104,422 48
Balance from last year		$ 5,391 50
Profit for the year as above		99,030 98
		$104,422 48

Liabilities.

Capital Stock paid up	$ 500,000 00
Losses in Adjustment	141,854 91
Dividend payable Jan. 9th, 1888	25,000 00
Reserve Fund	775,000 00
Balance, Profit and Loss	317 81
	$1,442,172 72

Assets.

United States Bonds	$ 547,210 00
Dominion of Canada Stock	146,297 25
Loan Company and Bank Stock	120,590 00
Company's Building	65,000 00
Municipal Debentures	74,268 91
Cash on Hand and on Deposit	202,889 10
Bills Receivable	68,176 75
Mortgages	26,350 00
Re-Assurance due from other Companies	25,656 23
Interest due and accrued	5,633 64
Agents' Balances and Sundry Accounts	171,340 69
	$1,442,172 57

A. M. SMITH, *President.*
J. J. KENNY, *Managing Director.*

Western Assurance Offices,
Toronto, February 14th, 1888.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company:

GENTLEMEN,—We hereby certify that we have audited the books of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1887, and have examined the vouchers and securities in connection therewith, and find them correct, and the above statements agree with the same.

R. R. CATHCART, } Auditors.
JOHN M. MARTIN, }

Toronto, February 14th, 1888.

The President in moving the adoption of the report offered his congratulations to the shareholders on the prosperous statement which had just been read by the Managing Director, to whose unceasing energy and care, assisted by a thoroughly loyal and experienced staff, they were largely indebted for the satisfactory report just put in their hands.

It would be noticed that the net premiums were some $245,000 over those of the previous year; the business in each branch showing a considerable increase, and while the net profit was not equal to that of 1886, he thought he was quite safe in saying that the statement, comparatively speaking, was a better one than that presented at the last annual meeting, for it must be borne in mind that the fire losses in Canada and the United States have exceeded by several millions those of the preceding year, while marine disasters on the lakes during the fall months were exceptionally numerous and heavy. It was therefore with no little satisfaction that he presented a report showing a profit balance on the year's transactions of close upon $100,000. While the Directors had continued their policy of requiring a thorough inspection and supervision of the business of the Company, believing judicious expenditure in this direction to be true economy, it would nevertheless be gratifying to the shareholders to note that the ratio of expenses to premiums was a fraction lower than that of last year, being thirty and one-half per cent, a figure which compares favorably with that of other companies transacting similar business. It was, he thought, unnecessary for him to refer to the amount written off the value of securities to bring them to their market value at the close of the year, which considering the extent of the Company's investments and the general reduction in values since the last report, must be considered a very moderate sum. The total assets are now $1,442,173, of which nearly $700,000, or close upon one half, are invested in Canadian and United States Government securities; a financial exhibit which he was sure the shareholders would agree with him justified their pride in the Western as a Canadian institution, and must command for it an increasing share of the patronage of the insuring public so liberally bestowed upon it in the past.

Mr. William Gooderham, the Vice-President, seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously, and on motion of Mr. James Scott, seconded by Mr. Robert Thompson, a vote of thanks was passed to the President, Vice-President and Board of Directors for their services and attention to the interests of the Company during the past year.

Messrs. F. J. Stewart and William Anderson having been appointed scrutineers, the election of Directors for the ensuing year was proceeded with and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen:

Messrs. A. M. Smith, Wm. Gooderham, Hon. S. C. Wood, Robert Beaty, A. T. Fulton, Geo. A. Cox, Geo. McMurrich, H. N. Baird, J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held subsequently Mr. A. M. Smith was re-elected President and Mr. William Gooderham Vice-President.

SIR JOHN IS CONVERTED.

Canada's Premier Publicly Announces He Has Experienced a Change of Heart.

From The Montreal Star.

The revival services conducted by Rev. Mr. Hunter and Rev. Mr. Crossley during the past six weeks in the Dominion Methodist Church at Ottawa were to have been brought to a close on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The interest they have excited in all classes of society has been great, and augmented by the fact that Sir John and Lady Macdonald have been attending as often as two and three times a week. On Tuesday night the church was crowded to the doors, and over 1000 persons were shut out.

Two pews, however, reserved with great care from the pressing multitude, were watched with eager interest, and a very perceptible thrill went through the audience as the Premier and Lady Macdonald, with Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney, Lieut.-Governor Aikins and Mrs. Aikins, Mr. Chas. Watson and other friends, entered the church, and proceeded to fill them. During the course of the preliminary exercises, your correspondent learned that the evangelists lunched with Sir John, when he told them sincerely that he had experienced a change of heart. His well-known features wore a rather serious and troubled expression as he walked to his seat. He took part in the singing with earnestness, and those in his neighborhood, who were observing him, were not surprised when, in answer to an appeal by Mr. Hunter that all who wished to become Christians and desired the prayers of the audience would stand up, the Premier of the Dominion, whose name has so long been the synonym of iniquity in many worthy Grit minds, arose with his wife. It made a distinct sensation.

After the pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. Carson, made a motion, which he said had been his secret purpose for two days, to the effect that the evangelists be brought to remain in Ottawa another week, although they are due in Belleville almost immediately. One thousand names, said Mr. Carson, had been added to the roll of his church alone. The speaker looked straight at Sir John in requesting some gentleman in the audience to second the motion; and the veteran statesman did it.

The question, "All who love Jesus," brought Sir John to his feet. The evangelists decided on the spot to remain. The collection for the evening amounted to $300, contributed on the understanding that it should go to the reverend gentlemen who had taken charge of the services.

—Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all disease of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints. x

ONTARIO'S MINING DEVELOPMENT.

The World's Policy Again Endorsed at the Canadian Institute—Practical Suggestions.

Last night the Geological and Mining Section of the Canadian Institute spent two hours and a half discussing mining interests. The World came in for special commendation of its advocacy of a mining policy for Ontario. President W. Hamilton Merritt was in the chair, Mr. Carpmael acted as secretary, there was a numerous attendance, and the proceedings were animated.

The report of the Special Committee on the Mining Industries of Canada was presented in pamphlet form, copies of which were ordered to be sent to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario and the Minister of Agriculture of Ontario. Complimentary references to the services of the president and Mr. Secretary Blue were made.

The President stated that the Government had requested the Section to communicate with them on the mining laws of the United States and other countries, with a view to legislation next year. The information was being compiled. Mr. Phipps eulogized the action of The World in advocating a revision of the mining laws, especially in regard to the holding of mineral lands and not working the same. Mr. Boyle, the President, and Mr. Harvey enlarged on the amendments as already published in The World.

The President read a paper on the mineral output of 1887, which was of great value, and which the expansion of our space necessitate holding over.

Mr. A. Hunkin said there had been a great deal of discussion, especially in The World, as to Canada's mineral wealth and the best means to develop it. He showed what other countries are doing with their mines. Last year there were 269 mining companies brought out in England, with a capital of $34,000,000, the particulars of which Mr. Hunkin gave, showing that every part of the world was concerned in this movement except Canada. This led him to enlarge on the nearness of British and the Dominion and Canada's mineral wealth. He advocated a solid company to show this fact, investigate and report; then with reliable data British and American capital would flow in and a great mining development ensue.

These views were generally endorsed, after which a resolution was passed advocating an enlargement of the geological museum of the Institute.

—Chronic Derangements of the Stomach, Liver and Blood, are speedily removed by the active principle of the ingredients entering into the composition of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. These Pills accomplish this by the invigorating effect they have upon the digestive organs, stimulating to action the dormant energies of the system, thereby removing disease and renewing life and vitality to the afflicted. In this lies the great secret of the popularity of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. x

An Important and Successful Industry.

Of the many industries for which Canada is justly celebrated a foremost place must be given to that of brushes, brooms and woodenware. In the wide Dominion the palm in this respect is deservedly given to a well-known Toronto firm—Charles Boeckh & Sons—whose reputation is world-wide and their name a "household word."

Established in 1836, more than thirty years' experience has proved the sterling quality of their goods, which accounts for the general preference given them in all business circles. The firm not only manufacture every variety of the goods named above, which find their way into every city, town and village in the Dominion, but have developed a large export trade. The firm is energetic and enterprising and at immense expense took care that none of the great international exhibitions in either the Old or New World should open without a specimen stand of "Boeckh's" makes. Medals and diplomas have been awarded them at the following and numerous smaller exhibitions: Philadelphia 1876, Sydney, N.S.W., 1877, Paris 1878, Antwerp 1885, Toronto at all the annual exhibitions, and last but certainly not least, the great Colonial Exhibition at London, the metropolis of the world. The result of these exhibits has been to direct attention to the special excellence of Boeckh's wares and to cause a demand for them in the world's markets.

Goods are regularly shipped to Europe and their quality and price are greatly appreciated. Vast as is the volume of business done by the firm their resources are commensurate. Their offices and warerooms are central and capitally adapted for business purposes. They are in Yorkstreet, opposite the Queen's Hotel, where a large staff of clerks and despatchers are employed. Here is to be seen a grand display of the firm's specialties, brushes, brooms and woodenware of every description. Their variety is wellnigh puzzling—baskets, brooms, brushes, butterware, carpet sweepers, clothpins, trays, clothes horses, lines and pins, ladders, matches, mops, pails, swings, shovels, racks, tubs, twine, whisks, measures, spoons, etc.

But the scene of busy industry is the extensive factory, 142 to 150 Adelaide-street west. This is five stories high, of large extent, spacious, well-lighted and ventilated. Its size is 100 ft. by 40 ft., the machinery is of a splendid character, embracing all the latest improvements. There is a 40-horse-power engine, and the machinery is constantly going, employment being given to over 100 hands. The business is rapidly increasing, and this may fairly be claimed to be an outcome of the high quality of the goods manufactured. There is no scamp work, the three members of the firm personally superintending each department.

Energetic travelers traverse every quarter of the Dominion, the firm doing a large business in the Lower Provinces and Newfoundland. Ontario, however, is the chief scene of the firm's business, which is also developing in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, where are prosperous agencies.

The outlook for the present year is particularly good, and there can be no doubt that this well-known firm will yet add, by the sterling quality of the goods produced, more laurels to their brow. They occupy an honorable position, which they mean to maintain. They deserve the success they have attained, and the probability is that the business will still further develop and rank amongst the most important in the Queen City.

—Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery has worked wonders for dyspeptics, and we don't think there is a case of Dyspepsia to be found that it will not cure if the directions are followed. Mr. C. E. Williams, Druggist, Wingham, says: "The Vegetable Discovery sells well, and I know of one bad case of Dyspepsia that it has completely cured." x

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JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Maurice Tyman, Hiram Sylam and John Silverman attacked two bailiffs named Patrick McKendry and John J. Francis yesterday morning while the latter were engaged in making a seizure of a sewing machine at No. 55 Walton-street. The assailants were beaten off and arrested.

Mr. Edward Monette, late manager for Mr. P. E. Guzzolo, has opened up an elegant barber shop in the Coffin Block at Wellington, Front and Church streets. Mr. Monette knows all the latest wrinkles in the tonsorial line, and will be glad to see his many friends and old patrons.

A general meeting of the Board of Trade will be held this afternoon at 3.30 for the consideration of the resolutions adopted by the Council in reference to the grain blockade in Manitoba and the Northwest.

University College and Queen's College students will to-night debate the subject: "Resolved, that the American system of government is superior to the British system." Convocation Hall will be the debating ground and Prof. Goldwin Smith will preside.

The Chapman-Hall case was before the Arbitration Committee of the Board of Trade yesterday, when evidence was taken for both parties. Lawyer O. A. Howland appeared for Mr. Chapman and Lawyer Marsh for the defendant. The case was adjourned at 6 o'clock until Saturday morning.

A posse of constables from No. 4 Division will be on guard at the last resting place of Nell, the murderer of Guard Rutledge.

Insulators have been placed on the police patrol boxes and they are now ready for service.

The ladies of the Guild of St. John the Divine of the Church of England Sisterhood—will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles in Easter week.

An infant, apparently a fortnight old, was left at the door of a Markham-street house on Wednesday night. The lady of the house took the waif in and yesterday it was removed to the Infants' Home.

Yesterday a Beaverbridge constable took Andrew Fraser north to stand his trial for alleged fraud in a timber deal.

Mr. Rosebaum, with his usual enterprise, is having the front of his clothing store, 150 King-street east, enlarged to twice its size and large and attractive plate glass windows put in.

Mr. Milber (late of the firm of Fullerton, Cook & Milber) has entered into partnership with Mr. Duncan, brother of Coroner Duncan, and opened an office at 5 Court Chambers, cor. Church and Adelaide-sts. Both members of the firm are well known in Toronto.

The great auction sale of jewelry, plated ware, precious stones, bronzes, etc., is still continued at the Sheffield House, 15 King-street west.

The house occupied by John Well, 62 Dundas-street, was damaged by fire last night to the extent of $30.

"ELIJ" BY THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

A Splendid Performance at the Horticultural Pavilion Last Night.

The Toronto Choral Society gave their initial concert of the season at the Horticultural Pavilion last night before a large and fashionable audience. The society presented for the first time in Toronto, Sir Michael Costa's oratorio of "Elij," which bears many points of a strong resemblance to his oratorio of "Naaman," the same composer's hand being easily detected. The work made a decidedly good impression. The solos are tuneful, and there are many good showy effects, while the orchestration is nicely developed.

The delay which took place in giving this concert was more than justified by the complete and effective manner in which the chorus and its works, the latter had evidently been thoroughly rehearsed, and as a consequence the choruses were sung with much firmness and precision, while the shading was very effective and the intonation good. The male voices were, however, a trifle weak, especially in parts were they were divided. The choral music effects in the chorus "Baal, we cry" were nicely brought out, and the closing number, as well as the chorus "God and King," were especially well rendered.

The orchestra, consisting of thirty-five pieces, did excellent work. A little more strength in the strings would have improved it, considering the power of the brass section, both as to intonation and promptness in attack, was all that could be desired.

Madame D'Auria of Toronto was the soprano, and in the part of "Hannah" sang most carefully, and confirmed the good impression she made on her first appearance here some months ago. The solo, "I Will Extol Thee," was her most important number. Miss Lillian Carll Smith, of Boston, sang the part of "Samuel." Her voice has a little too much of the vibrato and though without great depth it is sweet and pleasant. The evening prayer, "This Night I lift my heart to Thee," a striking pretty solo, was beautifully sung by her. Mr. J. H. Rickeston of Boston was scarcely equal to the tenor solo. Of Mr. D. M. Babcock the bass, so much has been written in his praise that it need only be said that his popularity was increased by the careful and effective way in which he sang his solos last night. Mr. H. M. Blight and Mr. Chas. Dimmock, though their parts were small, did them justice.

Mr. Fraser conducted the entertainment and deserves credit for the success which attended the opening concert of the society's ninth season.

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CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

Fifteen hundred weavers on strike at Fleeres, France, smashed the windows of the factory last night and excited a riot, which was quelled by gendarmes.

The eviction of tenants on the Ponsonby estate at Youghal has been resumed.

A despatch from Massowah says the Italian troops have advanced to Ghinda. Ras Alula and his army have evacuated the place.

Count di Robilant has been appointed Italian Ambassador at London.

It is reported that French troops are being massed on the Italian frontier, and that the Government is taking counter measures.

The autumn manœuvres of the German army will be held in the vicinity of Berlin.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

In a collision of two freight trains on the Hawley branch of the Erie at Millville, N.Y., last night Fireman Edwards was killed.

An immense meteor was seen in the neighborhood of Monmouth, Ill., last night, near which town it apparently exploded.

Mayor Hoffman of Blythewood, S.C., was horsewhipped by a man named Hogan yesterday on account of a family quarrel.

In a quarrel between two students of Chattanooga (Tenn.) University yesterday Ben Mazill struck James C. Johnston on the head with a baseball bat, killing him.

The National Democratic Convention will be held at St. Louis June 5.

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Does Trustee Kelly Sleep in Church?

Editor World: Is Mr. Kelly deaf, or does he sleep in church? If he is not deaf and does not indulge in a nap, how comes it that he did not hear Father Morris read the Archbishop's circular at St. Paul's Church on Sunday last? BILLY.

DEATHS.

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