

Revival of Sports On the Thames Fred. W. Browne Writes From N. Y.

Recalls the Regatta of Three Years Ago—Hopes Move Will Succeed.

Mr. Fred. W. Browne, of New York, a former Londoner, writes the following interesting letter in regard to water sports on the Thames:

"Editor London Advertiser:

"I recall with extreme pleasure the regatta of three years ago, and I was struck at that time that such an elaborate programme could not but prove a great impetus to rowing, both as a sport and as a pastime.

"It is not a great pity that the utility of the Thames along this line should not be realized?

"London has earned the plaudits of her old boys all over the States by her relay races and her hockey.

"Why Not Rowing?

"We were not taught at the 'Old Union' that London was on the Grand Trunk, or Carling's Creek. We had it drilled into us that London was on the Thames—the prettiest stream in the province.

"I trust we will see a long step forward in the way of shell oarsmen, ship and sculling this year on the old river, and I think the good fellows who are working to this end so manfully in the Thames Boat Club deserve the heartiest commendation.

"FRED. W. BROWNE."

"New York, Feb. 17, 1908."

Commissioners Abolish Flat Rates Big Consumers To Pay By Meter

Matter of Waterworks Extensions Was Not Touched Yesterday.

The water commissioners did not touch the water question at the meeting yesterday afternoon, but a special meeting will be held next Monday when a scheme of some sort will be brought down.

It is not known what scheme is favored by the commission.

Exit Flat Rates.

It was decided by the commission to dispense with flat rates for meters, and compel every consumer to pay for the actual water used.

Secretary Ellwood and Engineer

Raised a Row and Was Put in Jail

John Warwick, a young man who has been in court several times, was arrested last night on a charge of being disorderly.

It is alleged that Warwick went to the house of a relative, who is lying very ill with pneumonia, and started to put everybody in the house out.

The police were called in and Warwick spent the night in jail.

He pleaded hard to be allowed to go, but the magistrate remanded him for a week.

89 Per Cent Interest Case in Toronto

The Toronto News has the following story about money-lending, which is of interest locally:

Among the many stories of hardship which the present winter has brought forth comes that of a man who, on a loan of \$25, has been called upon to pay for its use the sum of \$22.25, equivalent to 89 per cent interest.

A legal authority points out that chapter 32 of the money lenders act of 1906 provides that no money-lender shall stipulate for, allow or exact on any negotiable instrument, contract or agreement, concerning a loan of money, the principal of which is under \$500, a rate of interest or discount greater than 12 per cent per annum.

The borrower in this particular case had a wife and three children, and they were on the verge of starvation. They did not want to ask for charity. With \$10 which he borrowed from a loan broker's office, the husband bought coal and food. He secured \$5 two weeks later, but when the payment was due, he had no money to meet it, for he has not worked all winter. On relating his story to the broker, he received \$10 more, making \$25 in all, the agreement being that he pay \$45 for the first month, \$40 for the second month, and so on for nine months, the payments to be 5 cents less each month. The bill as made out by the broker, is as follows:

\$45, Feb. 1.

\$40, March 1.

\$35, April 1.

\$30, May 1.

\$25, June 1.

\$20, July 1.

\$15, Aug. 1.

\$10, Sept. 1.

\$5, Oct. 1.

The borrower's wife states that the loan was secured without her consent on a chattel mortgage. The furniture is hers, and she had signed nothing, although he had to sign her name as well as his own. They have no money with which to meet the payments, and they have received notice from the broker that the furniture will be seized.

Section 32 of the money lenders act, quoted above, points out that every money-lender is guilty of an indictable offense and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 who lends money at a greater rate of interest than that authorized by the act—12 per cent.

It is also pointed out by a legal authority that a chattel mortgage, not signed by the owner of the goods, cannot be enforced as a mortgage on the goods. If the wife is the owner of the chattels, a husband has no right to sign her name to a mortgage unless he is authorized to do so.

"If it is a fact that more than 12 per cent is being charged for a loan," said the legal gentleman to whom the case was referred, "the crown attorney should be seen with a view to having a charge laid in the police court against the money-lender."

Weekly Whist at the Liberal Club

The weekly whist match of the Liberal Club will be held this evening in Hyman Hall.

The C. A. S. Has Elected Its Officers

The adjourned annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon, when the elections of officers took place. There was a good attendance of those interested in the work.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Patronesses—Mrs. C. S. Hyman, Mrs. Thomas Coffey, Mrs. Adam Back and Mrs. S. Stevely.

President—Sheriff Cameron.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Yarker, Mrs. Leonard, Rev. D. S. Hamilton, W. H. Wortman.

Treasurer—Mr. J. I. A. Hunt.

Secretary—Joseph Sanders.

Honorary solicitors—McKillop and Murphy.

Auditors—Mr. F. G. Jewell and Mr. Andrew Deane.

Board of Management.

Mrs. P. P. Betts, Miss Boyd, Mrs. George T. Brown, Miss Bullen, Mrs. T. H. Carling, Mrs. F. Cooper, Mrs. F. C. Drake, Mrs. H. Dreaney, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, Mrs. Thomas Galpin, Mrs. H.

WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD

Antonio Maiorana, Local Fruit Dealer, Has Passed Away.

Antonio Maiorana, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed Italian residents of this city, died at his home, 553 Richmond street, this morning.

Mr. Maiorana was a native of Sicily and came to this city twenty-five years ago. He engaged in the fruit business and was well-known and esteemed by everyone. His wife survives. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at St. Peter's Cathedral, interment being made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Peculiar Wages Case Heard in Court

The wages case of Cox vs. Sifton, which was to have come up before Squire Chittick this morning, was adjourned until Saturday at 10 o'clock on account of the absence of one of the witnesses.

The story of Fred Cox, the plaintiff, was to the effect that he had come to this city about three months ago from Detroit, where he had been paid \$40 in a one-night lodging-house.

After being robbed, Cox, who is an Englishman, made his way to Windsor and then walked to London.

At Arva, in London Township, Cox had met Mr. Sifton, who is a farmer. Mr. Sifton, so the young man claimed, offered him work on his farm at \$1 a week and board. After working 12 or

ANALYSIS OF

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"Strong's Baking Powder is found to have very high raising power. It is a cream of tartar powder, containing no alum or phosphate, and it is not adulterated."

Alum baking powders are sold to consumers at from 10c. to 25c a pound. So detrimental to health are alum baking powders considered that in many countries their sale is prohibited.

Strong's Baking Powder, 25c per lb.

W. T. STRONG
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Meanest Sneak-Thief Resides in London

"The meanest sneak thief in the world resides in this city," so said Sheriff Cameron this morning in relating what took place at the office of the London Electric Company yesterday when a sneak thief entered the place and stole the little glass box which the Children's Aid Society had placed there for receiving contributions toward their noble charities.

Fifty Cents in Coppers.

There was about fifty cents in coppers at the time, and much indignation is being expressed by those who are aware that the box has been stolen.

It is not known how the box came to be stolen. No suspicious looking

characters were noted around the office yesterday, and the mystery of it all is how any one could commit the deed without detection.

Sheriff Cameron stated that he did not think the matter would be reported to the local police, but that if the thief is found it will certainly go very hard with him.

Sheriff Angered.

Mr. Cameron, who is president of the Children's Aid Society, could scarcely find words strong enough to condemn the action of the petty thief.

"A man who would steal from homeless children is mean enough for anything," he said, "and I would like to see him apprehended and properly punished."

Tenders for the New Isolation Hospital

The plans and specifications for the isolation hospital will be ready for the committee meeting on Monday night next, and it is then expected that tenders will be called for.

The work will be commenced as soon as it is possible to do so.

We want the hospital ready by Jan. 1 next, and we will do our best to get it ready," said A. J. Stewart, chairman of the special hospital committee.

City Engineer On Dundas St. Pavement

"I do not see why all this fuss is made about the Dundas street pavement," said City Engineer Graydon this morning. "The council has decided the matter, and that is all there is to it. Gravel will make just as good a foundation as broken stone. The pavement on Park avenue clearly shows that."

"The question is this, whether it is better to spend from \$9,000 to \$10,000 in the city, or let the money go elsewhere?"

"If gravel is used, that sum of money will be spent among the citizens of London for gravel and teaming, which otherwise would be spent in St. Marys and with the Grand Trunk."

"If that is worth something to the city, there should be no trouble about the contract. The gravel will do just as well as the crushed stone."

Difference in Price.

"As for the difference in price, I do not think there will be much difference. Gravel will cost the company about \$2.50 a cord, besides delivering, which will amount to considerable more. Then there will be the additional cost of cement, more of which will be used for the gravel than with crushed stone. Competent pavement men have told me that they can lay two more surface yards with a cord of crushed stone than they can with gravel. That will amount to a considerable sum."

"The chief argument used by the pavement company respecting their attitude to the contract was that the shorter time with gravel than with stone, and they will be subjected to delay. Otherwise they figure out there will be no difference. Nothing can be done now in the matter any way, as it is settled."

Tickets Going Rapidly for Banquet

Mr. A. W. White, chairman of the banquet committee of the board of trade, reports that the members have taken up 125 tickets for the coming banquet.

There are about 50 tickets left, and they will be offered for sale to the public.

There is a great demand for them, and those who desire tickets are requested to send their application to Mr. White immediately.

The tickets will be allotted in rotation.

board members are congratulating themselves in seeing Hon. Mr. Lennex and Prof. Shannon as their speakers, as they are recognized as two of the leading speakers of the continent.

will prevent any lapses. The liquidator, when negotiating is sufficiently advanced to enable him to do so, will advise the Canadian policyholders of the arrangements made."

LONDON POLICYHOLDERS

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Out of the reserve fund, but not very much.

Owing to the fact that the life line policies cost more than the assessment plan policies, the holders of the former would receive the preference when the time came for making a settlement.

MR. INKSTER'S INDUCTION

Ceremony Will Be Held on Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 27.

Arrangements for the induction of Rev. J. S. Inkster as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church have been completed. The ceremony will begin at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27. The report will be made by the interior moderator, Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's, will address the minister; Rev. Dr. Monroe, the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Nichol will preach the sermon. At 6 o'clock members of the presbytery will be entertained at luncheon. The mayor, chairman of the board of education and a few invited guests will be present.

Mr. Inkster will preach his first sermon on Sunday evening, March 1, his pulpit being occupied in the morning by Rev. Mr. MacKay, of Crescent Street Church, Montreal. On Monday evening, March 2, Mr. Inkster will be welcomed by the congregation at a reception.

Local Items

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New Spring Silks, plain and fancy. Splendid range.

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MOTION TO COMMIT

Will Be Made in Connection With Power Shut-Off Case.

Jarvis & Vining, on behalf of Lawson & Jones, Sterling Bros., and other firms interested, will make a motion at the high court of justice here Saturday to have Mr. Fred Kerrigan, manager and partner in the firm of Lind & Kerrigan, committed for contempt of court for shutting off the electric power which his firm has been supplying the plaintiffs, in the face of an injunction issued by the court.

It was stated today by one of the gentlemen interested that there were no new developments in the case, the facts in which were published in The Advertiser yesterday, beyond that the firms whose employees were on strike were taking steps to procure power from another source, and expected to resume operations in a very short time.

Business, it was explained, has not been shut off completely, as orders are being taken and filled with such expediency as is possible under the circumstances.

Mr. Justice Teetzell will probably preside at the high court on Saturday.

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Chicago, Feb. 19.

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