

IMPORTANT WORK AT BEACH CANAL.

Engineer Sing Took a Party Around the Bay Yesterday.

Also Inspected Revetment Wall—The New Erie-Ontario Canal Scheme.

Yesterday afternoon, a round half dozen men went on a tour of inspection to the new piers at the Beach. The party was made up of Mr. W. O. Sealey, M. P., Mr. J. M. Eastwood, and three newspaper reporters, all in charge of Mr. J. G. Sing, resident engineer of the Public Works Department. The Government boat "Otonabee" as it waited at the city dock to take the party over, seemed to be filled with the very spirit of the importance of the occasion and displayed an eagerness to get away, for it snook and tugged at the ropes, which it was tied, in an effort to get free, and did not seem satisfied until it made a start. Captain George Bussey, a dignified-looking Newfoundlander, is the captain, and he is as proud of that boat as the captain of the Lusitania is of that leviathan of the sea. There is a history round that little Otonabee, but that is a later story.

Mr. Sing has reason to be proud of what the Dominion Government has done, and is doing at the beach, for when the work is completed the piers will be the very finest in the Dominion.

Besides the new piers forming the walls of the canal, they will, when completed, be a delightful promenade in the summer time. However, the Government is directing its attention to the completion of one of the piers first, that one being the south pier. The total length of it will be 1,410 feet; of that, 510 feet is already completed at a cost of about \$50,000, the remaining 900 feet will cost, to complete, in the neighborhood of \$50,000. After the great storm of December, 1907, when the light-house, a steel affair was carried away, the Government realized that something more substantial would have to be built. Mr. Sing was requested to get up plans for new piers. He did so, and that no time was lost after the plans were ready may be realized by the fact that the work of rebuilding was started on the 16th of June, 1908, and the remarkable progress made since then is well known; in fact, the work has gone ahead with almost phenomenal rapidity, when the difficulties that had to be contended with are considered.

The new pier head is a massive piece of work of solid reinforced concrete, 42 feet wide, while back in shape, and looks substantial enough to weather the roughest gale that ever wind did blow. On the top of that pier head is the lighthouse, 40 feet in height, and to Captain Lundy falls the responsibility of keeping the light burning brightly during the time of navigation. When the weather is foggy an electric siren will emit loud blasts every few seconds to warn sailors just where they are. The light is supplied by quite an ordinary looking lamp, but the reflector does the trick, for when the lamp is behind that reflector, its red light can be seen on a clear night for over fourteen miles. So bright is the light that mariners have seen it soon after leaving Port Dalhousie. The reflector, or lens, cost \$1,000, and was purchased in Birmingham, Eng. It is made of the very finest plate glass, and is cut and ground in sections. The new pier tapers in width down to 23 feet at the end near the swing bridge. Everything that goes to make a first class job has been done on the

work that is finished, even to putting a rail in the wall for the safety of the lighthouse keeper, when he has to go to the pier head to see to the light during a gale. All around the base of the pier huge stones are placed for the purpose of preventing the breakers from washing away the concrete. The face of the entire pier is built of solid blocks of reinforced concrete 3 by 4 by 6 feet 6 inches, weighing six tons, and in the completed section 3,200 barrels of cement were used, besides hundreds of tons of stone and steel for reinforcement of the concrete.

When Mr. Sing was asked whether the canal would be made wider if the proposed new Erie-Ontario Canal came via Hamilton, he said it would have to be, as the present depth is twenty feet, but if Hamilton increased as a port that would be insufficient for big freighters, not only on the matter of depth, but in the matter of width; yet the pier on the north side of the canal could be made wider at no appalling expense. The canal at present would be far too narrow for a large vessel to enter when there was a heavy sea on the lake.

The work has closed for the winter, but will be resumed in the spring, and can be completed in four months, as the hardest part is done.

Mr. A. W. Jackson has been in charge of the work, and deserves much credit for the able manner in which he has done it, and only he and Mr. Sing know what difficulties have had to be faced. There was also another faithful worker on the job in the person of Mr. W. E. Carson.

When the party got back to the city dock, Mr. Sing discussed the extension of the revetment wall, and said the Government's plans were for the extension of the wall out as far as the city arehouse. The addition will run at right angles to the present wall. Asked when that extension would be carried out, Mr. Sing said he could not say, as it was all a question of money, but that reliance could be placed on the Government that it would be done in the near future. Then the eminent engineer had something to say about that topic of current interest—the new Erie-Ontario canal, and considered that Hamilton has advantages that gives it a superior claim owing to the fine harbor the bay affords, which he estimates as an asset worth millions of dollars.

Mr. Sealey said: "If I owned Hamilton I would give a million dollar bonus to get that canal to come this way, and I would have a 10 to 1 chance, as it would increase Hamilton's business by tens of millions of dollars at the least." Mr. Sing strongly advocated the city purchasing every available inch of land on the water-front, as he predicts it will be of inestimable value soon. He quoted Collingwood as a place that Hamilton should profit by, in consequence of the foolish blunder that place made years ago by selling all the land on the water-front, and now they did not own an inch.

A word about that little boat Otonabee. Mr. Sing's private means of conveyance. As a traveler that little craft can go some. It has travelled over 6,000 miles this season, and holds the record for going through the Welland Canal, as it went through there in six hours and twenty minutes, thus beating the Hamilton steamer Arabian, which held the record, by one hour and six minutes.

STOCK-JUDGING

Prize Won at Chicago by Iowa Agricultural Students.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Students of the Iowa Agricultural College to-day were awarded first prize in the students' judging competition for the J. Ogden Armour scholarships at the International Live Stock Exposition. The Iowa students won with a total of 4,940 points. Students of the Ontario Agricultural College were 398 points behind. Ohio was third, Kansas fourth, Mississippi fifth and Texas sixth.

The Iowa team took first honors in cattle and hogs; Mississippi's team was first in horses, and Ohio first in sheep.

BESIDE CASKET.

Young Woman Married Beside Coffin of Her Father.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Standing by the coffin containing her father's body, Miss Juanita C. Howard was married to-day to Irving Herriott, an attorney. Mr. Howard was a prominent horseman, known as the "father of the American Derby." Last week he was fatally injured by an automobile. His last wish was that his daughter should be married in his presence, but before the license could be obtained he became unconscious and died in that condition.

His funeral was set for to-day. Before it occurred Miss Howard and Herriott stood beside the open casket and were joined in matrimony by Rev. J. W. Nicely, who later officiated at the funeral.

TIT FOR TAT.

Man Who Bought Liquor and Informed Was Fined.

Owen Sound, Nov. 29.—Something new in the liquor cases was sprung on the local public when William Tottenham was in the police court charged with unlawfully buying liquor from David Gibbons, bartender at the Centre Hotel. It was a case of "getting even." Gibbons was fined last week, and in his evidence admitted he had told Tottenham he "would make it cost him dear." There was no attempt on the part of either side to deny that the sale had

been made, though the parties differed as to "how." The bartender said that Tottenham coaxed for whiskey, the defense said that he did not ask for anything, but just walked up to the bar and got his "dope" as a matter of course. Mr. Cameron, counsel for the defendant, tried to introduce some evidence as to an alleged attempt by Gibbons to bribe Tottenham not to give evidence against him on the charge of selling, but his worship ruled it out as not material. Gibbons had already denied trying to tamper with Tottenham. The final result was that the defendant (Tottenham) was fined \$20 and costs. A similar charge against another party was withdrawn. Gibbons, bartender of the Central, was fined \$100 for selling last week, and the case against Tottenham is part of the result.

EARLY CLOSING.

By-law to Shut Up Montreal Saloons at Ten o'clock P. M.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 29.—A by-law proposing to close the saloons at 10 p. m. on every day except Saturday, when they are to be closed at 7 p. m., was given its first reading in the City Council this afternoon.

The proposal was then made that the rules should be suspended and the by-law given its second reading. This required a two-thirds vote of the council in its favor, and as the vote stood 20 to 20, it failed to carry, and accordingly went over to the next meeting.

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GONE WET.

Alabama Anti-Prohibitionists Win the Liquor Fight.

Majority of 15,000 Declare Prohibition Shall Not Take Effect.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 29.—Alabama to-day defeated a prohibition amendment to the State constitution by a large majority, estimated at 15,000.

A State-wide prohibition bill was passed by a Legislature which had been elected on a local option platform, and while several counties had declared for prohibition under the Local Option Act, the voters of the entire State had never before been called on to pass on the question direct.

At a special session, the Legislature decided to lay before the people the question whether prohibition should go into the constitution or not. Some of the most prominent attorneys of the State were the leaders in the fight against the constitutional amendment, while pastors and church members took the lead in the fight for the amendment. Assertions were made that brewery interests of St. Louis and other cities and liquor interests of Louisville, Cincinnati and other cities contributed to the campaign against the amendment. Fifteen hundred speakers were on the stump during the last four weeks, and every county in the State has been well supplied with literature for and against the amendment.

Processions, composed of several thousand women and children in each of the larger cities and towns of the State, marched through the principal streets singing prohibition songs and calling on the men to vote for the amendment.

A procession of anti-prohibitionists, headed by a huge coffin labeled "Amendment," was held here to-night.

The farmers voted largely against the amendment. Most of the large counties went heavily against the measure.

IN THE DARK.

Paris Electricians Struck in Theatre When Manuel Was Present.

Paris, Nov. 29.—Pataud, the secretary of the Electricians' Union of Paris, recalled attention to his existence this evening at the gala performance of "Faust" given in honor of King Manuel of Portugal.

After the third act the workmen in charge of the electric lights crossed their arms and refused to continue till the opera house managers promised Pataud that the pay of the men would be increased. The light behind the scenes were cut off, but those in front of the house were allowed to remain burning. As a result of a hasty consultation the opera directors complied with the strikers' demands and the performance proceeded, without Manuel or the fashionable audience being aware of the nature of the trouble.

The prolonging of the intermission by twenty minutes was not considered extraordinary as such incidents are common in Paris theatres.

RICH MEN'S CLUB.

Gooderham House at St. George and Bloor Sold for \$150,000.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—The Gooderham residence on the northeast corner of Bloor and St. George streets, negotiations for the purchase of which were announced last week, has been sold to a newly organized "rich men's" club, to be known as the York Club. Membership will be restricted to the leading financial men in the city, E. B. Osler being the promoter.

The property is assessed at \$125,000, in two parcels, and it is understood that in the neighborhood of \$150,000 was paid for it. The club's officers have not been elected yet. E. B. Osler, M. P., and Byron E. Walker are behind the venture.

Mrs. Theresa Guthrie and her daughter Clara will appear at the December sessions of the County Court, opening at Barrie December 14, to answer to the charge of perjury in giving evidence at the inquest held against Mrs. Guthrie on the third count, "wherein she swore that Miss Meeks was with her when she expressed the trunks from Allandale to Elmvale." Magistrate Radenbush refused the application for bail.

LORD MORLEY

Warns Peers Against Defeating the Budget.

Lord James, of Hereford, Leaves the Tory Party.

London, Nov. 29.—Lord Morley's powerful speech was the event of the budget debate to-day by the Lords. The Secretary of State for India dilated on the importance of the struggle, and called attention to the fact that foreign nations were watching anxiously the outcome to see whether there would be any change in Britain's fiscal policy.

Lord Morley quoted Burke to the effect that the House of Lords had no right in any sense to the disposition of the public purse, and contended that if there was one thing that could not wisely be submitted to a referendum it was the budget, with all its complexities. In addition a referendum would weaken what was most important to maintain, namely, a sense of responsibility in the House of Commons.

As to the Lords' contention that their action would arrest the wave of Socialism, he refused to believe that their artisans were predatory or Socialistic, but even granting that the misery existing among some classes had produced a movement akin to Socialism, it was hardly wise to the Lords to take up a position exposing them to the charge of straining the constitution as champions of the rich against the poor.

"The more triumphant the majority for Lord Lansdowne's amendment," said Lord Morley, "the higher the disparity between the numbers of the Government and the numbers of the Opposition, the more flagrant will be the political scandal."

Lord Morley concluded his speech with an impressive warning that when tomorrow the curtain fell upon an empty House they would know that the note had been sounded for an angry and perhaps a prolonged battle. When the Secretary resumed his seat the small minority of Liberal Peers broke into enthusiastic cheers.

Lord Rothschild, Liberal-Unionist, spoke very briefly, and chiefly on the difficulty of raising capital, even for the best British enterprises, while Russia and Japan found it comparatively easy to borrow money.

Lord James, of Hereford, quoted Pitt, Palmerston and Lord John Russell against the Lords' claim of power to reject the budget. Lord James declared that it was entirely beyond the Lords' competency to reject the budget. Precedent, practice, usage and acquiescence all came into play to prove the House from taking the action Lord Lansdowne contemplated. He added that he separated himself from his party with regret, and displaying great emotion, appealed to his fellow-Unionists to reconsider their decision.

"The coming contest," he said, "will be one-sided. None of you will be able to defend the course you have taken, and you will be at the mercy of your opponents, who will not spare you."

Concluding, Lord James, who is a Conservative ex-Minister, announced his intention to pursue the constitutional path and vote against the Lansdowne amendment. His uncompromising speech made an effect on the House second only to Lord Morley's.

Lord Swaythling defended the budget. He contended that British credit was still the best in the world, pointing out that Japan was able to borrow because she offered large interest.

Many other Peers spoke, nearly all of them in favor of Lord Lansdowne's amendment, and the debate was adjourned at midnight. Although the result of the division to-morrow is a foregone conclusion, it cannot be doubted that the House and the country have been greatly impressed with the oratorical skill displayed in the upper House, and especially by the powerful arguments of the Liberal Peers against the course the Lords are pursuing. Evidence of this is beginning to show itself in the Conservative press.

The Daily Telegraph, which has been a firm advocate of the rejection of the budget, makes the significant admission that the morale of the brilliant debate is not that the House of Lords should not abolish or be shorn of the power of veto, which is essential to its existence, but that it should be reconstructed so that its more distinguished members should not be swamped in the lobbies by the Peers who have never given proof of political capacity.

WOMEN IN DUEL.

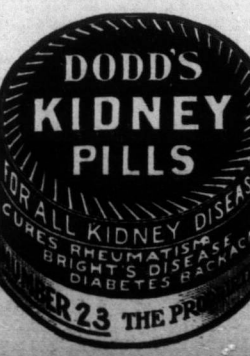
Fought With Knives in Arkansas—One Killed.

Bradford, Ark., Nov. 28.—In a street duel at Alcia, near here, to-day, Nora Owens was stabbed over the heart and killed by Stella Belk. Both young women were well known in the town, and for some time had been bitter enemies. When they met on the street to-day they began slashing at one another with knives.

Miss Owens received a wound near the heart, which proved fatal within a few minutes.

Miss Belk, who was only slightly injured, was arrested.

At Alma Lake, St. John, three children, while crossing the Petite Decharge River, Que., on their way to visit their parents, sank through the ice and were drowned.



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THE ACCOUNTS.

Conservatives Want to Go Back to Preceding Year.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—There was an interesting discussion in the House of Commons this afternoon as to whether the time had not arrived when the procedure adopted in the Public Accounts Committee might be changed. It has long been a grievance of the Opposition that they are prevented from probing so-called scandals by the obstructive tactics of Liberal members of the committee, and on the platform and in the Conservative press they have sought to convey the impression that the Government members buried inquiry and deliberately stifled investigation, the fact being that the Liberal members simply see to it that the Opposition investigators keep within bounds, the subject of inquiry and treat the witnesses fairly. It has been the practice to confine the work of the Public Accounts Committee to matters reported for the previous year, but this afternoon Mr. Lennox suggested that this long-established procedure should be revised, and the Auditor-General's report for the two preceding years be referred to the committee for inquiry.

His plea was that sometimes a transaction runs into two years, and that when members of the committee are confined to one year's financial operations the fullest investigation is not possible. Incidentally, he complained very strongly of what he called the obstructive tactics of certain members of the Liberal party.

Hon. Mr. Fielding pointed out that inasmuch as there were annual Parliamentary inquiries, these matters had been regulated by the long experience of members of Parliament.

Mr. Monk joined with Mr. Lennox in protesting against the methods adopted in the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Carvell challenged any member of the Opposition to name a specific case in which a proper question had not been allowed. The Opposition had squandered thousands of dollars of the people's money in bringing witnesses to be examined who could not give information.

Mr. Bain followed up Mr. Lennox's suggestion by tabling a motion to the effect that the Auditor-General's report for two years be open to inquiry.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to give the point raised consideration, and after Mr. Foster had suggested that the committee be reduced to, say, fifteen members, Mr. Bain's amendment was withdrawn on the understanding that it might be re-introduced after the Government had given it consideration.

The Speaker announced that he had authorized the issue of a writ for the vacancy in Dufferin caused by the death of Mr. Barr.

Dr. Sproule asked whether the election would take place immediately.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—I do not see any reason why it should not come off immediately for all that I expect from it.

In moving for papers relating to the representation in the House of the Provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Col. Warburton made an interesting speech, in which he discussed the question of representation from the point of view of Prince Edward Island. He showed that while the population of Ontario and Quebec was increasing, that of Prince Edward Island was rapidly decreasing, the reason being that every year saw an exodus of the islanders to the west. So far as Quebec, the unit of representation was concerned, the increase of population was in some measure due to the growth of Montreal, and the enormous sums of money expended in that city and in the Province in developing the transportation facilities, and by this means attracting a large working population. He argued that that and other considerations should be kept in view when it was proposed to deal with the representation of Prince Edward Island, which did not enjoy many of the advantages of the other Provinces. Representation by population was an excellent rule, but, like every other rule, it should be open to exception.

SHOT BY SON.

A Shocking Accident in Orillia Township.

Orillia, Nov. 29.—Samuel McCaughey, who lived eight miles out in Orillia township, was accidentally shot and killed by a rifle in the hands of his eldest son. The son had taken the rifle to go hunting foxes. It slipped from under his arm, and in his endeavor to save it from falling to the ground the rifle was discharged. McCaughey was backing his shoes with one foot on the stove. The ball entered the back of his head, and came out at the front of his head, and death was instantaneous. The son lost a finger.

J. W. Wilson, accused of fleecing farmers of several States out of thousands of dollars, was also charged at San Francisco with fraudulent use of the mails. Wilson was arrested Saturday, after a long search. He is accused of having operated several commission concerns, which solicited shipments from farmers, disposed of the goods and made no return to the consignees.

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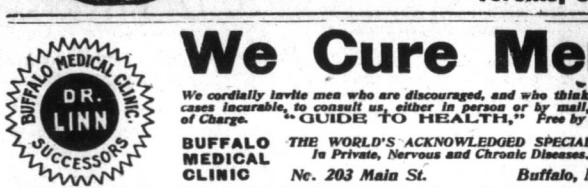


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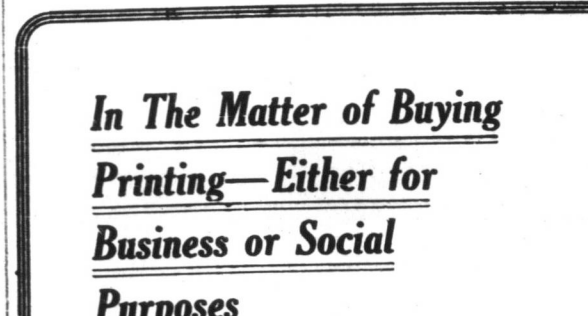
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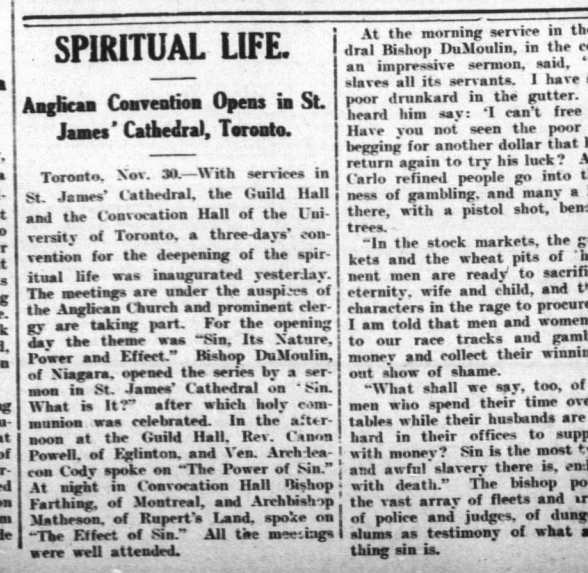
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SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Anglican Convention Opens in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—With services in St. James' Cathedral, the Guild Hall and the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto, a three-days' convention for the deepening of the spiritual life was inaugurated yesterday. The meetings are under the auspices of the Anglican Church and prominent clergy are taking part. For the opening day the theme was "Sin, Its Nature, Power and Effect." Bishop DuMoulin, of Niagara, opened the series by a sermon in St. James' Cathedral on "Sin. What is it?" after which holy communion was celebrated. In the afternoon at the Guild Hall, Rev. Canon Powell, of Eglinton, and Ven. Archdeacon Cody spoke on "The Power of Sin." At night in Convocation Hall Bishop Farthing, of Montreal, and Archbishop Matheson, of Rupert's Land, spoke on "The Effect of Sin." All the meetings were well attended.

At the morning service in the cathedral Bishop DuMoulin, in the course of an impressive sermon, said, "Sin enslaves all its servants. I have seen the poor drunkard in the gutter. I have heard him say: 'I can't free myself. Have you not seen the poor gambler begging for another dollar that he might return again to try his luck?' At Monte Carlo refined people go into the madness of gambling, and many a life ends there, with a pistol shot, beneath the trees.

In the stock markets, the gold markets and the wheat pits of this continent men are ready to sacrifice time, eternity, wife and child, and their own characters in the rage to procure wealth. I am told that men and women, 'go go to our race tracks and gamble their money and collect their winnings without show of shame.

"What shall we say, too, of the women who spend their time over bridge tables while their husbands are working hard in their offices to supply them with money? Sin is the most tyrannical and awful slavery there is, ending city with death." The bishop pointed to the vast array of fleets and armaments of police and judges, of dungeons and slams as testimony of what a terrible thing sin is.