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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, 1889.

There was less railroad construction during the year just closing than in any year since 1885. Five thousand miles were added to the record.

It may as well be stated right here that Toronto will not build an ice palace this year. We will be in luck if we manage to build some ice.

The Hamilton Spectator devotes a column and a half editorial to the massacre of St. Bartholomew. It can scarcely be called a live issue.

The Victoria, B.C., Colonist denies that a cabinet minister took a keg of beer to a social gathering at Cowichan. Perhaps he couldn't hold a keg.

During the past ten years the wealth of the United States increased $18,000,000,000, or 42 per cent. This has been accomplished under a protective tariff.

The medical men of Roder, France, are on strike, and an inquest had to be abandoned because no one could be found to make a post mortem examination.

The New York Y.M.C.A. have decided that "the daily newspaper must go." Of course a large number of newspaper offices will at once proceed to put up their shutters.

A New York paper offers $100 to the man who will send his signature in the worst handwriting. Newspaper men are barred, which lets out a good many likely winners.

Mrs. Langtry's fine complexion is said to be due to her habit of taking a hot bath daily. Mrs. Langtry got some other people into hot water, but it did not improve their complexions.

Apropos of the death of Browning, it is said that his poem, "How the Good News was Brought from Ghent to Aix," was purely imaginary—names, incidents and all. Another idyl shattered.

A discussion is going on in the States as to who is the "second lady in the land," it being conceded that the President's wife is the first. Have they got a court at Washington, and are class distinctions recognized in a republic?

The telephone has been declared "dangerous to the state" by Russian officials, and in several cities in Poland an order has been issued that they be removed from all restaurants and liquor saloons. But people who talk in such places do not ordinarily do so by telephone.

"One half the world does not know how the other half lives," and on general principles it is none of their business. But it may be interesting to know that in Vancouver there are 500 people who live in floating scows with small cabins built thereon, and that out in California there is a family living in a hollow tree.

Mr. Meredith, in his London speech, charges the License Commissioners of the Province with putting screws on to compel Conservative liquor dealers to vote for the Mowat candidates. Let us take the county of Huron as a case in point. We challenge any Conservative paper in the county to furnish a bill of particulars that will support Mr. Meredith's charge or that will even give it the color of truth. This challenge had been made before, but never accepted. Let some of our cotemps take it up if they dare.—Clinton New-Era.

We repeat the challenge for London.—London Advertiser.

Put it in another way: Do you know of no liquor dealer who changed his politics, fearing that if he did not do so he would lose his license?

The Montreal Star is advocating compulsory voting. It is comparatively easy to compel a man to come to the polling place. But how can he be compelled to mark his ballot without destroying the secrecy of the system?—Toronto Globe.

There is no amount of secrecy worth speaking about in the Ontario ballot, but compulsory voting is a fad. We could not build a barbed wire fence around every constituency to keep all the voters at home, nor could we yank every occupant of a sick bed up to the polls. If a man does not take enough interest in an election to vote voluntarily, it may be taken for granted he cares very little how the election goes.

A brilliant Texan genius has a plan for lighting the whole of the North American continent. He says there must be a point at the north pole which moves around without advancing. At this point he would place a huge iron pole in the earth and erect upon it a great magnetic needle about a mile long. Through a round hole in the middle of this needle a pivot would extend up from the post far enough through the needle to form an axle for a large cog wheel. Electric generators placed on the needle would be geared to the cog wheel. As the needle would remain stationary the machinery would be run by the motion of the needle. The electricity would be conveyed through great wire cables, laid down each degree of longitude in glass tubes (he objects to overhead wires). The earth would give us unlimited power. This scheme might seem feasible to any one crazy enough to take stock in it.

Consular Agencies.

[From The St. John, N.B., Sun.]

This journal has pointed out that it is quite possible for Canada to establish consular agencies in countries with which we carry on trade, and concerning which commercial information is required. The service would be attended with some expense, but in no wise compared with our relations to the empire. The South Times, referring to our observations, points out that the United States government meets the expense of its consular services by exacting a tax on all articles imported to the United States from the port where the agent is stationed. The Times is quite right in the tax, and as to the fact that the consuls receive fees. The fees collected in important ports, such as St. John, exceed the salary of the official. In the smaller ports the agents are paid by fees only, with a maximum of $1000, and are allowed to do business. Other consular agents receive salary and fees, while in the more important consulates the salary is fixed and the fees become a part of the United States revenue. In 1885 the United States consular service in the West Indies was nearly self-supporting. Consular agents at the Island of Guadaloupe, Martinique, Antigua and Barbadoes received $1500. The receipts from fees ranged from $400 at Gaudaloupe to $1669 at Barbadoes. The consul at Demerara (which may be included in the West India service) received $3000; fees, $1069. The salary for Kingston, Jamaica, was $2000; fees, $1780. The agent at St. Christopher was paid by fees only, receiving $1383. The fees at Trinidad amounted to $2828, leaving a margin, after paying the salary, of $2500. The fees at Curacoa paid all expenses. This was also the case at Baracoa de Cuba, Cardenas cost $2500 and brought in $3087, while Cienfuegos cost the same and only produced a revenue of $1018. The Havana consulate afforded a revenue in fees of $16,347 and cost in salaries $7200. Taken altogether the fees paid by the West India trade about covers the cost of service. Canada can have just such a service if we choose to pay for it. The remuneration could be by fixed salaries, or by salaries and fees, or by fees alone. There might be difficulty about collecting the fees at the West India port of shipment, but there would be none about making the charges payable on the landing of the goods here. It may be doubted where the service would be justifiable, but there is no doubt that it is within our power to establish it if we wish.

It is a fact worth noting that the forty consular agencies which are maintained in Canada by the United States are more than self-supporting. Four years ago the agents collected in fees and taxes on trade with the United States, $76,000, while their salaries and allowances were entered in the books at $72,500. More than $4000 was collected in fees at each of the ports of Toronto, Sherbrooke, Ottawa and Montreal, and more than $2000 at Windsor, Ont., Stratford, St. John, Fort Stanley and Guelph and Halifax. The salaries of the consulate at Montreal was at that time $4000, at Toronto and Halifax $3000. Three or four other ports cost $2500 or $2000 each, and the rest $1500 or less.

For biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, and constipation, there's no remedy equal to Dr. Pierce's Little Pellets. Purely vegetable. One a dose.

Toronto Y.M.C.A. Board Meeting.

At the meeting of the board of directors for December the President, R. Kilgour, presided. The reports from the several committees showed a large amount of practical work done with most encouraging results, and the good influence of the Toronto Y.M.C.A. is being felt not only in the city but throughout the province.

The membership is still growing, 53 being received in December. Excellent work is being done in the gymnasium; about 300 medical examinations have been made by Drs. Avison and Covernton. One thousand new year's packets containing mottoes for 1890 and several other things have been distributed in the boarding houses among young men. It is expected 1500 young men will be present at new year's reception from 10 to 1 o'clock. A most attractive program has been provided and the association will keep open house between these hours, so that the young men of the city can see for themselves the splendid equipment and excellent facilities for carrying on the work. Among the attractions will be readings by Miss Alexander, cornet solos by Mr. H. Clark, solos by Messrs. Coates and Heustis, Mr. Vogt will preside at the grand organ, Napolitano's band will play choice music and there will be a short address from Hon. G. W. Ross and a gymnasium exhibition. To-night at 10.30 there will be a watchnight service for men only, addressed by Rev. William Patterson and others.

The Ladies Say "Don't."

At a meeting of the district W.C.T.U., held Monday afternoon, this resolution was passed:

Remembering that men expect to find the highest type of social morality in the women at their freesides, that a glass of wine from a lady's hand so often leads to the greatest excess, and that, the best usage no longer demands it, we refrain from it.

We, the ladies of the W.C.T.U. respectfully suggest to the ladies of the city that they do not provide wine for New Year callers.

A parlor meeting will be held at the residence of the district president, Mrs. D. V. Lucas, 482 Ontario-street, in aid of Headquarters, on Friday, Jan. 3, at 7.30 p.m.

How Edison Will Make a Speech.

[From The Kansas City Times.]

The program for the annual convention of the National Electric Light Association, which is to meet in this city Feb. 11 to 14, has been announced. The most interesting and unique circumstance connected with the preparation of the program is the lecture announced for Thomas A. Edison. Whether present in person or not Mr. Edison will deliver a lecture by phonograph. "It will make no gestures," said the greatest of inventors in speaking of it, "but it will not be bashful." The story which explains how Mr. Edison was induced to give his lecture was told a reporter for The Times last evening by President Weeks.

Mr. Weeks on his recent trip called upon Mr. Edison and insisted on the latter attending the convention and reading a paper. Mr. Edison's reputation for bashfulness and modesty is well known, and he informed the president of the association that he could not possibly comply. President Weeks insisted, and at last Mr. Edison said:

"I tell you what I will do, if it is satisfactory to you. I will talk to my phonograph and send it to Kansas City to lecture for me. It will make no gestures, but the tone will be perfect, and I will warrant that it can be heard all over the opera house."

This agreement was satisfactory to President Weeks, as very few persons have ever heard Mr. Edison speak in public.

How Tory Aristocracy Electioneers.

[Henry Labouchere in The January Forum.]

The conception of the Primrose League was a veritable stroke of genius. This association consists of "knights" and "dames," the former playing a subordinate part to the latter. In almost every town or district throughout the kingdom there is a "habitation," as it is called, of the league, and its headquarters are in London. The "grand council" consists of duchesses, countesses and such like. During the season they give receptions to which the "ruling councillors" of each provincial habitation are invited. These ruling councillors are more or less great ladies in their own locality, and each one on her return home invites the leaguers of her habitation to fetes. Thus each member of the league finds herself recognised by some one whom she regards as her social superior. The shopkeeper's wife is brought into social contact with the wife of the owner of a villa, the wife of the owner of a villa with the squire's wife, the squire's wife with the wife of the local magnates, and the wife of the local magnate with the leader of fashion in London. In order to capture electors, the habitations give entertainments, to which the poorer classes of high and low degree are invited; and the dames, like the apostles of old, go into the highways and byways to bid men and women to their feast. At these entertainments, refreshments are provided at far below their real cost, the youths of the aristocracy sing comic songs, and the daughters dance and play on the banjo. Self-respecting persons in America may wonder at the effect of all this tomfoolery; to understand it they must have resided in England sufficiently long to have realized the ingrained snobbery of so many English men and English women.

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If there's a Miss
Who's told a kiss
'Neath certain tree doth grow,
If 'neath that tree
A mark there be
That mark the Miss'll toe.

Live within your income, because it is very inconvenient to live without it.

Unlike the majority of things in this queer world, fogs are always mist until they are gone.

A word in season—Amateur sportsman (who has just missed a snipe): "Ah, well! live and let live is my motto."

Magistrate: "How many times have you been sentenced already?" Prisoner: "I can't tell, your worship; I can only count up to ten."

Barred out all around—Mrs. Littlun (as her husband enters): "Hush! Baby's asleep!" Mr. Littlun: "But that's the only time I have a chance to be heard."

The "constant reader" of the daily newspaper is never compelled to sit on a jury through days and weeks of a tedious criminal trial. Now is the time to subscribe.

It is said that man in a savage state does not have the toothache. We are more inclined to the belief that any man who has the toothache is in a savage state.

Tongue cannot tell the words nor express the astonishment of the crippled soldier who awoke to find his wife using his wooden leg to pound the beefsteak for breakfast.

The lay of the poet and the lay of the hen differ in several important features, and in none more signally than in the readiness with which the lay of the hen is convertible into hard cash.

The festive moth now chuckleth,
And pulleth down his vest;
The woolen clothes are being brought
From their long summer rest.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The Kendals at the Grand—Novelty Company at the Toronto.

Colonel Blake.....Mr. Kendal
Sir John Ingram.....Mr. T. N. Wenman
Dr. Penguin, F.R.S., etc.....Mr. J. E. Dodson
Archie Hamilton, his ward.....Mr. Seymour Kiess
Thomas.....Mr. H. Deane
John.....Mr. Mayse
Lady Ingram.....Miss Violet Vanbrugh
Lucy Franklin.....Miss Angela Cudmore
Mrs. Penguin.....Miss Fanny Coleman
Mrs. Perkins.....Miss C. Pauncefort
Grahna.....Miss F. Forde-Robertson
Susan Hartley.....Mrs. Kendal

The above was the full cast of "A Scrap of Paper" at the Grand Opera House last evening, and it was one of the most enjoyable performances ever seen in Toronto. The piece turns on trivial incidents, but they are so ludicrous and complicated that the most cynical cannot forbear from laughing at the acting. It can be said in general terms that it was of the highest class, and in detail it may be said that Mrs. Kendal, in addition to being a most attractive woman, is as bright a comedienne as has been seen in the past quarter of a century, from Laura Keene downwards. Her facial expression and byplaying cannot be re-produced in cold type, but it is delicious and the work of a finished artist. Mr. Kendal is a light comedian resembling Charles Matthews and Lester Wallack in their palmy days, and when that is said the superlative of praise is reached. Of the rest of the company, it is sufficient to say that each appeared to be the best when on the stage. They have all apparently learned their profession in the best school, and the stage management, if the rather long waits between the acts are excepted, is perfect, the attention to detail being something very unusual.

"A Scrap of Paper" will be repeated this evening.

At Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House.

Last night a large audience saw the opening performance of Austin's Australian Novelty Company. There are some good people in the company, but no new or startling features. The Acme Four open the show in a short sketch called "Tubb's Visit," introducing some clever dancing, which caught the audience. Miss Capitola Forrest is a success as a dancer and high "kicker." Ward and Lynch are two amusing Irish comedians. The Garnella brothers do some clever grotesque tumbling. Sam Dearin gives a funny performance. The musical part is the best. Some good acrobatic work is done by the Davenport Brothers, and Van Leer and Barton do a break-neck song and dance act. The performance closes with the Austin Sisters on the trapeze, which deserved the liberal plaudits they received. There will be a matinee day to-day.

Jovial Drummers.

The first smoking concert of the Toronto Commercial Travelers' Association, held at McConkey's last night, proved an unqualified success. After ample justice had been done the menu, one of McConkey's best, by 225 hungry travelers, the musical program was opened. This program was made up entirely of selections by commercial travelers representing Montreal and Toronto houses. Those taking part were: Messrs. H. Manning, C. W. Barnes, A. Parker, W. Mighton, T. Lester, J. Stanley, H. F. Blackey, Watson, C. J. Campbell, J. P. Balfour, C. Austin, J. Lowe and Mr. C. A. Bastedo. In a program of such uniform excellence it is almost unnecessary to individualize, but a word is due to the able effort put forth by Mr. H. P. Blackey in the recitation "Othello." The program opened with a toast to "The Queen," followed by toasts to "Our Association and Sister Associations," "Our Visitors," "The Ladies," winding up with a toast to "Our Host." The choruses were sung as only commercial travelers can sing them. Much credit is due the committee of management for the energetic efforts put forth by them and so successfully realized.

Roger La Honte at the Academy.

Last night the Academy of Music contained a thoroughly appreciative and select audience, gathered to witness the production for the first time on the boards of a Toronto theatre of the famous French play entitled "Roger La Honte, or Thou art the Man." The play is an adaptation from the French of Jules Mary by George M. Wood, and in the translation nothing of the fire and force of the original has been lost. Of course, Roger La Honte, Geo. M. Wood is a prominent figure in the cast. But his acting, excellent as it is, would be poorly appreciated if it was not backed up by an admirable ensemble of the support associated with him in the play. As Henriette La Roque Miss Marguerite St. John fully sustained her reputation as a brilliant actress. La Croix, as inspector of police, represented by Mr. Alex. Calvert, was one of the strongest of the subordinate parts in the cast. Susan (Campbell Mowat) was a pretty picture of child acting. Altogether Roger La Honte, from its representation last night, has proved itself to be in the eyes of Toronto theatre-goers a first-class play and one which will be popular for many days to come. "Roger La Honte" will hold the boards at the Academy for the remainder of the week.

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THE SWORD CHAMPIONS.

SERGT.-MAJOR MORGANS' NARROW VICTORY OVER PROF. REID

By a Single Point—A Splendid Contest—New Athletic Rules—Presentation to a Favorite Yachtsman—Oarsmen's Smoking Concert—The Second Day at Clifton—The Big Curlers' Challenge.

Sergt-Major Morgans of the Royal Military College, Kingston, defeated Prof. Reid of Toronto last night in the Princess Rink in a mixed sword and bayonet contest by 20 points to nineteen. The Toronto man won the majority of bouts, but only scoring one point in the bayonet contest lost him the battle.

The events were nominally for the Canadian championship. Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R., was mutually agreed on as referee, and although there were some among the spectators who showed their disapproval of his decisions, it was apparent to an unbiased person that his judgment was honest, fair and impartial. The man winning the first five points secured a contest.

The professor won the first two events on their merits. Sergt.-Major Morgans' superior strength stood by him in the bayonet contest, in which he only allowed his opponent a single point. In the bayonet v. sword bout the former was the superior weapon. With it the Kingstonian had little difficulty in defeating his man and so with Prof. Reid.

Col.-Sergt. George Cooper seconded the Toronto man and Morgans was ably attended to by Quartermaster McCarthy, also of Kingston.

Only a small number were present, although the contest was well worth attending. The men were in earnest and engaged in the conflict with genuine military ardor. During the evening a lively set-to by Stemmer and Clenfield and a club swinging exhibition by Mr. Hunt were given. The score in the tournament was as follows:

Contests.	Morgan's.	Reid.
Sword v. sword	4	5
Foil v. foil	4	5
Bayonet v. bayonet	5	1
Bayonet v. sword	5	3
Sword v. bayonet	2	5
Total	20	19

Majority for Morgans, 1 point.

THE ARGONAUTS' SMOKER.

Fencing, Gymnastics, Singing, Etc., at the Club Rooms Last Night.

The Argonauts held their first smoker of the season in their splendid quarters last evening and had a successful and jolly time.

Mr. William Ince, jr., the second vice-president of the club was the master of ceremonies, and performed his duties most satisfactorily. The program was a varied one of fencing, boxing, gymnastics, singing, etc.

Prof. Halfpenny, the club instructor, opened the entertainment with a capital performance on the horizontal bar. A vocal solo by Mr. F. Barritta Mull of Philadelphia brought forth rounds of applause. Mr. Walter Read's song was also well received. Messrs Curry and Halfpenny gave a clever exhibition with the foils. A recitation by Mr. J. F. French was given with much ability. Mr. H. F. Wyatt, the genial honorary secretary of the club, demonstrated that he is no novice at fencing in his tilt with Prof. Halfpenny.

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Presentation to Mr. Hume Blake.

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The gift was in the shape of two magnificent pieces of plate and an elaborate walnut sideboard. Commodore A. R. Boswell made the presentation in a very happy speech. He enumerated a few of Mr. Blake's well-known admirable qualities which endeared every member of the club to the popular yachtsman in the play. As Henriette La Roque Miss Marguerite St. John fully sustained her reputation as a brilliant actress. La Croix, as inspector of police, represented by Mr. Alex. Calvert, was one of the strongest of the subordinate parts in the cast. Susan (Campbell Mowat) was a pretty picture of child acting. Altogether Roger La Honte, from its representation last night, has proved itself to be in the eyes of Toronto theatre-goers a first-class play and one which will be popular for many days to come. "Roger La Honte" will hold the boards at the Academy for the remainder of the week.

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The gift was in the shape of two magnificent pieces of plate and an elaborate walnut sideboard. Commodore A. R. Boswell made the presentation in a very happy speech. He enumerated a few of Mr. Blake's well-known admirable qualities which endeared every member of the club to the popular yachtsman in the play. As Henriette La Roque Miss Marguerite St. John fully sustained her reputation as a brilliant actress. La Croix, as inspector of police, represented by Mr. Alex. Calvert, was one of the strongest of the subordinate parts in the cast. Susan (Campbell Mowat) was a pretty picture of child acting. Altogether Roger La Honte, from its representation last night, has proved itself to be in the eyes of Toronto theatre-goers a first-class play and one which will be popular for many days to come. "Roger La Honte" will hold the boards at the Academy for the remainder of the week.

Charity Concert at the Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Kerr's reception at the Arlington Hotel, in the shape of a concert by the Mendelssohn Quintet Club last evening was a charming affair. It is needless to say how well the music was played by the individual and collective artists of this favorite club. A large attendance of our best music lovers and society people were present. Enthusiasm was manifested over the whole performance. Sir Daniel Wilson made some fine points regarding the object of the gathering, namely, to collect money for the Newsboys' Lodging. It is gratifying to state that the appeal for support brought out a collection of $85. At the close of the concert and collection, the audience was invited to partake of refreshments, after which the younger people had a dance. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr deserve praise for the laudable and successful efforts, and the affair also reflects honor on the general management of the hotel.

Amusement Notes.

A special holiday attraction entitled "Black Art" will be presented at the Cyclorama Museum, New Year's Day. It is a wonderful production and cannot fail to please. Prices will be the same as usual.

Mr. Charles Steen, the mind reader, who is the chief card of Kellar show, was unable to leave for Louisville with the party, and is lying very ill at the Palmer House. In conversation with The World Mr. Steen expressed his pleasure that his sickness occurred at Toronto rather than elsewhere, the people of the Palmer House treating him, he said, as well as he could expect were he at his own home.

The Doctor and the Drink.

Dr. Geikie, Dean of Trinity Medical College, had an unusual audience hanging on his earnest and eloquent words last night. The occasion was the closing meeting for the present year of the ascension branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. Three hundred of the poorest of the city were present, most of whom were at the Richmond Hall free breakfast on Sunday morning. To them the Doctor spoke words of wisdom and of love. He showed the deleterious physiological action of alcohol, and on the lowest ground recommended total abstinence. But he also took the highest ground and showed how the grace of God alone could uplift fallen humanity and do for them more than any mere pledge-signing. Earnest addresses were also given by Rev. H. G. Baldwin, Rev. R. A. Bilkey and Mr. H. C. Dixon. Bountiful refreshments were served and Happy New Year greetings given.

From Police Blotters.

These thefts have been reported to the police:

R. Ellis, 27 Rendenhurst-street, an overcoat stolen on Dec. 18.

S. Frame, St. Clarens-avenue, three planes and a hammer.

J. Hubbard, 30 Sward-street, a silver watch stolen from the above address.

B. McPee, 28 Queen-street east, had $25 worth of cigars stolen from his store on Dec. 29.

F. H. Mooney, 34 St. Andrew's-street, stolen from the Congregational Church, Spadina-avenue an overcoat on Dec. 29.

Miss B. Lowe, 84 Queen-street west, a lady's silver watch stolen from a drawer at the above address on Dec. 28.

Duncan Robinson, 56 Peter-street, was arrested by Detective John Cuddy yesterday on suspicion of having stolen a piece of cashmere.

Matthew Farr was arrested and placed behind the bars at No. 4 Police Station yesterday on a warrant charging him with having assaulted his wife.

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DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

John Milligan's Close Shave—Result of the Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Lynd last night completed the inquest on the death of Mrs. Fanny Milligan, which occurred under circumstances which warranted the arrest of her husband, John Milligan, on a charge of murder. The evidence of Robert Anderson, father of the deceased, of Frances Letitia, the 12-year-old daughter, and of Drs. Mackenzie, Hunter and Caven, who made the post mortem examination, was taken. The doctors' evidence shewed that death resulted from heart affection, and County Crown Attorney Badgerow impressed them with the fact brought out in the doctors' testimony, that the ill-treatment Mrs. Milligan had received at the hands of her husband had no doubt a tendency to increase her danger, and that Milligan was therefore to some extent responsible for his wife's death. There was found to be nothing in the story told by the old man about Milligan having jumped on his wife with his knees.

Lawyer James A. Macdonald defended the prisoner. The jury took about half-an-hour to consider, and then brought in a verdict of death from natural causes.

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It Was Just in Time.

Mr. Joe Barrett is a candidate for municipal honors in St. Mark's Ward. Up to yesterday at 12 o'clock, he was also one of the sureties for Collector Woods. A friend pointed out to him early in the morning that he could not run for council and be on the bond of a civic official. He accordingly got around and before 12 o'clock got James Henderson, Gracie and William John McOlland to go on Mr. Wood's bond and relieve himself, thus leaving him untrammelled in the coming contest.

Annie Heath of Portland states that her face was disfigured by eruptions, but she regained her former pure complexion by using Burdock Blood Bitters.

One great advantage of Burdock Blood Bitters over other medicines, is that it acts at the same time on the Liver, the Bowels, the Secretions and the Kidneys while it imparts strength.

How is this Ald. Fleming?

There is a piece of property on the southwest corner of John and Queen-streets with a frontage of 51 feet on Queen by 124 on Johnstreet, which is assessed for $15,500. Now, however, the owners are demanding $25,000 for it on the market, or $9500 more than its assessed value, and it is a vacant lot at that.

Jottings About Town.

A new sidewalk goes down in Sussex-avenue to-day.

Street Commissioner Jones is suffering from a severe cold.

The North End office of the waterworks will be opened next week.

Work on the new conduit across the Bay has been closed for the season.

The new cedar and gravel road in High Park will be finished in 10 days, weather permitting.

Thomas Rogers, for theft of a watch from Robert Nolan, was yesterday sent to jail for 40 days.

Wm. Burke, 69 Ontario-street, was yesterday fined $20 or ten days for stoning Orange Young Britons on Jarvis-street.

Thomas Petty, who met with an accident yesterday by which his foot was badly crushed, was removed to the Hospital.

The Police Magistrate yesterday discharged the six little boys who stole a hand-sleigh in order to be sent to a reformatory.

The board of management of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada favor Chicago for the world's fair.

Matthew Kor, rear of 34 St. Paul-street, is detained at No. 4 Police Station on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife.

The Waterworks Department received a letter the other day addressed "To the Waterworks Department Collecting Agency."

John Smith and Henry Griff, charged with having assaulted and robbed James McGill on Christmas Eve, were each sent to jail for three months.

Prof. Seymour will lecture in Occident Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These will be the Professor's last entertainments this season in Toronto.

The special committee in the matter of Bloor-street west improvements, meet this afternoon at 1.30, the Court of Revision at 2 and the Legislative Committee at 2.30.

Three young ladies, Miss Coles, Miss Burns and Miss McGregor, sent to the Mayor yesterday $14.85, the proceeds of a bazaar held by them in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children.

The annual oyster supper of the employes and friends of the firms of J. G. Giles & Son and Frank Giles of North Toronto was held in the parlors over the grocery branch last evening an was a most enjoyable affair.

A meeting of the Sisters of St. John the Divine will be held at the Sisterhood's room in the Hospital, Major-street, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The sisters make no distinction in creed and wish all ladies to attend.

Last night the employes of the Verrall Cab and Omnibus Transfer Company waited on Manager G. W. Verrall in the office of the Union Station, and presented him with a gold-headed cane suitably inscribed as a token of their esteem for him.

The ceiling in the City Council chamber is cracking and falling to the floor. Last evening a big piece weighing about 500 pounds came crashing down on the reporters' table. If any of the boys had been on hand their night assignments would not have been clear.

The office of Mara & Co., 280 Queen-street west, was the scene of a pleasant event last night. The employes of the firm presented Mr. Wm. Mara with a handsome gold-headed cane as a mark of esteem. The present was accompanied by an address signed by the employes.

Mr. R. C. Wilson, bookkeeper for the wholesale firm of Adair Bros., York-street, was presented on Saturday with a handsome gold watch by the firm as a slight recognition of his faithful and efficient services. Mr. Wilson was one of the special auditors on the old waterworks accounts.

The staff of the Medical Health Department spent a most enjoyable evening at the residence of Dr. Canniff last night. After supper toasts were drank amongst which were "The Queen," "Mayor Clarke," "Chairman Carlyle, L.B.H.," "Our Departed Brother, the late Inspector Foster." Mr. Canniff and Miss Canniff contributed songs and music.

A very dangerous hole has existed in the south side of Queen-street about opposite 347 for the past three or four weeks. Time and again it has been complained of, and numerous were the accidents it caused. Last night a boy driving a wagon struck his wheel in it and was jerked out on his head in the street, When picked up he was unconscious.

Last night Mr. T. Manson, of the McAlpine Tobacco Company, who leaves this morning for Cincinnati, was tendered a farewell supper at Betts' popular restaurant, Jordan-street. An excellent supper, an impromptu program of music and speeches and the presentation to Mr. Manson of a handsome gold-headed cane and scarf-pin made up the evening's entertainment.

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