THE TORONTO WORLD
THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 31 1887.

A Little Ciphering.

The World wants this morning to set a little sum in arithmetic to a goodly number of children, young and old, who are to be found in every quarter of the Queen City and its suburbs. The World is informed on what it considers good authority that in the city suburbs there are five thousand acres of land laid out in building lots and offered for sale to the first comer! This is declared by men who know to be an under rather than an over estimate. The World desires to point out to the speculator and his customers that an acre of land is capable of accommodating twenty houses, but allowing ground for streets, lanes and gardens it will reckon only ten per acre, each of which will readily accommodate five individuals, which makes fifty souls to the acre. If we multiply fifty by five thousand we have the neat little sum of two hundred and fifty thousand people for which provision has been made in the city suburbs. This does not include, be it remarked, the vacant lots in the city itself, which are numerous, nor the thousands of acres held by large proprietors who are prepared to sell at from five to ten thousand dollars per acre whenever the speculator comes along with his bag of money, the surveyor to put in the stakes and the lithographer with his red, blue and green maps to attract the unwary. The World believes in Toronto becoming a large city, but it submits that 250,000 is a very large number to add to 130,000, that it will take a great many years to do it, that an interval will certainly come when the progress of the city will be less rapid than it now is, and that it is not wise to take land from the plough, plant a few houses upon it, and leave it a howling waste for a generation.

Speculation was an inevitable result of the rapid growth of the city. The dividing line between farm or garden land and city occupation is a wide one, and prices vary accordingly. The rise has been rapid and profits have been large. It is time to stop, lest worse come of it. Land speculation is not profitable to the body politic, and is specially injurious to individuals. It causes them to despise labor, and many are led on by the extraordinary profits to utter ruin. It would be far better if men who want to build houses were permitted to buy land from the original proprietor bit by bit as it was needed. The lots would be cheaper, the growth of the city more substantial, and the population better lodged.

The World should say these things to deaf ears if the land market were not overstocked, but now it will be listened to by the more wary. The fools will rush in, no doubt, but wise men will take warning in time.

Seat Room Rent.

We venture to think that the general public will join in The World's expression of surprise at learning that some Toronto "boss" tailors propose to make a weekly charge upon their employes for seat room in their shops while at work. The idea is almost whimsical in its novelty, and whoever originated it must have a mind frugal to a fault. It is a pity he has not got an airometer with which to measure off and dole out the atmosphere in his shop, so that each "jour" might be taxed for his share. It would be equally difficult to apportion out the sunbeams by which the men see to work, but the windows could be measured off, and so much per pane for light be charged, for light is quite as essential to the tailor at work as is a seat, and a windfall it is just as much part of the shop as is the bench, and the men have as much right to pay for one as for the other. Of course, the men say they will not stand it, but if they refuse to stand it how are they going to sit down?

But there is a serious side to the case. It is a pity that any employer should be so inconsiderate as to make such a proposition, which conveys to the public mind an impression of petty penuriousness. When an employer buys or rents a shop he never calculates upon making his employes pay the rent, or part of it. Such a plan submitted to any reasonable man would at once be scouted as worse than preposterous. Yet that is exactly the scheme under consideration.

Seat-room rent on a work-bench forsooth! Let us have no more criticisms of pew rents after this.

"The Queen has left for Cannes," says the cable. The good lady is making early preparations for the preserving season, but of course she has a large family.

The Detroit Journal has discovered at last that lying despatches are often sent from Canada to the United States press. True, but the United States press accepts, publishes, editorially comments upon and pays for these lies, often knowing them to be such. Of the two the Canadian liar shows at least the most sense.

The Nihilists' method of taking up a collection for the good of the order is heroic. They call upon wealthy Russians to contribute to the cause, and murder those who refuse. A society which sends around a collector with a plate in one hand and a gun in the other might find a fine field in some of our church congregations.

A reliable estimate of the value of free passes which have been issued by United States railroads places the figure at forty-five million dollars yearly. The number of persons who have counted ties between stations in spite of this lavish generosity is not given.

Mark Twain is said to contemplate establishing a home for "pumped out" humorists. Mark evidently feels dry himself, but he retains all his old affection for the pump handle in the shape of publisher's profits.

A correspondent suggests that instead of building the new Children's Hospital at the head of Elizabeth-street that site be sold (it is worth from $10,000 to $15,000) and the proceeds put into the capital of the concern. A philanthropic gentleman is willing to give a site some distance north of Bloor-street.

Such fragments of Cardinal Gibbon's report upon the Knights of Labor as have been vouchsafed the public indicate that there is a direct conflict of opinion between him and Cardinal Taschereau upon the subject. As the Baltimore dignitary is the abler and more influential cardinal of the two Catholic Knights may congratulate themselves upon his championship.

The Oswego Palladium has presented the Hon. Wm. Macdougall with a portfolio in the Dominion Cabinet. Honors are always easy with our neighbors.

Oh! Katkoff, now come off. That is what the Czar is saying to the editor of the Moscow Gazette, who has heretofore been allowed to say and do pretty much as he pleases. Recently he has been abusing the Germans, and by implication of course the Czar's dear friend, Emperor Wilhelm. Now the Government censor—what a terrible fellow he must be, to be sure!—has given the Moscow man a first warning. Let Katkoff look out for the second.

Mr. McArthur of Winnipeg, who started for the Pole some time ago, has returned. He probably was told that the Grits had a majority of one and that it was no use for him to go to the poll.

There will be no recount in Algoma because Mr. Burk's deposit was informally made. It is a pity that such questions should be so often decided upon trifling technicalities instead of upon the broad merits of the cases.

One of the results of the scare caused in Buffalo by the late disastrous hotel fire is a house to house inspection on behalf of the insurance companies to find out what precautions are taken against fire and to lay down rules for the guidance of the inmates. One of these rules, the violation of which involves the cancellation of the offender's policy, is the prohibition of smoking in factories and other similar large establishments.

The New York Herald proposes to send all convicts to Alaska to build roads and make themselves generally useful. The average American cashier prefers a country like Canada where the roads are already built.

It may be that the whole of Tennyson's jubilee poem is rubbish, as that portion of it cabled across certainly is, but what can be expected of poetry written to order? Poets, like birds, should sing only when they feel that way and cannot help it. As for rubbish—all great writers have been guilty of it. Even Shakespere has written a deal of rubbish, if all that bears his name is his. He could flatter royalty as glibly as any laureate of them all. Burns was never weak except when tickling a patron. Too many aristocratic dinners made Moore's muse bilious. We cannot say that The World ever writes rubbish, but there are occasions when the literary style of its advertisements is not quite up to the mark.

Another rebellion having broken out in Bulgaria, in due time a number of necks will be broken in two in Bulgaria.

Prof. Proctor has spied out the man in the moon and the sea serpent in the ocean, but even he shrinks from boldly declaring what has become of the Deacon's majority of one.

Wiggins claims that he predicted the late storm. Impossible! No such respectable storm as that was would come when it heard Wiggins whistle.

The men of Stockton, Kansas, have decided to test the woman's rights theory by electing none but women to office for the coming municipal year. Probably the women will manage the town's affairs quite as well as the men could, but they will feel awful lonesome during office hours.

A French scientist suggests that we can learn all about the internal economy of the bowels of the earth by performing a surgical operation thereupon. His scheme is to dig a big, big hole, thousands of yards in depth. He is after the cause of earthquakes, and wants to rip open the bellows to find where the wind comes from. Let us have the hole, by all means. It will serve as the waste basket of mankind, into which can be thrown scientific cranks and weather prophets.

It is stated that the proportion of left-handed people is greater among criminals than among other classes, which may be why the former are opposed to righteousness. Still there be criminals who are neither left-handed nor ambidextrous, but who steal with both hands.

According to Charles Lamb, it was a Chinaman who first discovered the beauties of roast pork, by accidentally burning up his house and roasting his pig therein. Our pig-tailed brethren have been making a similar experiment with roast tramp. But supposing the alleged tramps should turn out to have been native converts to Christianity? Such subterfuges have been adopted before now by the childlike laundrymen.

Even now, at the tail end of March, it is not too late to inform the spring poet that while we should be delighted to see his grave kept green, we would also like to see his sidewalk kept clean.

It is alleged that long ago a fortune-teller predicted that the Kaiser would live to be 96. No fortune-teller dare put up money on the Czar to that extent.

The Sun Life Assurance Company.

This sterling old line life assurance company, whose report we print elsewhere, furnishes a reminder that it is no longer necessary for the people of Canada to go outside of the Dominion for life insurance, which fills all requirements as to solid security, careful management and liberality in dealing.

Its new life business in 1886 amounted to $3,114,000. Its total business in force at the close of the year was over $9,413,358, while its surplus above all liabilities, including paid up capital, was about $100,000, it total assets being something over $1,500,000.

With the liberality characteristic of this company it has voluntarily surrendered the right of its shareholders to one-fifth of the company's profits—one-tenth only of the profits now going into the stockholder's fund, the remaining nine-tenths being paid to the policyholders.

It must be gratifying to the many friends of the company to notice that the "Sun" has done during the year 1886 the second largest business of any of the regular Canadian companies, the Canada Life, the oldest, being the exception.

The manager for Western Ontario, Mr. A. H. Gilbert, is one of the tried stalwarts of this company and we are told controls the banner agency. He is a host in himself and has a faculty of gathering about him as lieutenants the best men in the business.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The workmen employed in searching the ruins of the Richmond Hotel have not so far found any bodies.

Manuel De Silvirra has obtained a verdict for $10,000 against George B. Harrington of Portsmouth, R.I., for debauching his wife.

The girls at Vassar College are agitating to be permitted to wear a uniform or a distinctive dress such as the English college cap and gown.

A tramp, with blood stains on his clothes, has been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of the unknown woman who was found dead in the road at Rahway, N.J.

The shipments of wheat from Minneapolis last week were the largest ever known, owing to the fears of shippers that freights would be raised on April 1.

Col. W. T. Moyers, a lawyer, was cowhided in Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, by Mrs. Wm. Burton for withholding money which belonged to her. Moyers was formerly commander of the celebrated Fulton Blues, of Atlanta.

Nevada, Mo., despatch: Frank James left last night with his wife and little boy for Denison, Tex., where he has offers from three business houses. He was a good citizen while living here for nearly two years.

Armstrong's storehouse, blacksmith shop and barn at Port Byron, Cayuga County, N.Y., were burned yesterday morning. The Presbyterian Church was partially destroyed. Loss $6000. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

Emil Borck, 10 years of age, and Gussie Borck, 3 years of age, traveled all the way from San Francisco to New York to meet their father. An address written on a card was pinned to the lad's coat and they were passed from one train to another.

Columbia, S.C., despatch: The sloop Carrie and Hattie ran into a raft on Cooper River yesterday and partially split it. There were a large number of colored laborers on the raft and four were drowned. Capt. Poisnett, of the sloop, was responsible for the accident. He has been jailed.

Hon. James G. Blaine and party arrived at Pittsburg on Tuesday night. The party was in a special car, which was transferred at once to the Panhandle express and the journey to St. Louis continued. The party will probably stop in St. Louis for a couple of days. They will then go to Denver.

Upper Canada College.

We will pull the College down, yes, the College must come down:
What care we for for its history, for its title from the Crown,
An old and worn out story, is its doings in the past,
Its friends have puffed it many years, its day has come at last.

Some talk about its "old boys," how they have helped the State,
As though no other boys were found among our wise or great.
Some speak about the masters, of the masters long ago,
As though such trash were reasons to spare the coming blow.

And some speak much of gentleness and of refinement too,
As if we as Canadians had with such things aught to do.
The school is for the nabobs' sons, is for the upper crust:
It should have perished long ago, and perish now it must.

Come sweep away the College, we have borne with *i* too long,
To our splendid high school system it is a standing wrong.
Come sweep away the College, come wipe away the stain,
With all its mouldy records and let not one remain.

Go first and view the portraits which grace its lofty hall,
Which tell of its beginning when our country was but small—
Portraits of early masters—Harris, Barron, and the rest—
And the grand old soldier-founder,* with his medals on his breast.

Go read the names upon its walls, and read them out aloud—
Names of Canadian boys of which Canadians should be proud:
Names which have dazzling lustre oft upon our country shed:
Names of our honored men to-day: names of our honored dead.

Go read our country's history and find, as well you may
How College boys have made our land the land it is today;
Then do your part like patriots, with calmness, not with rage,
Nor ever let one vandal act disgrace our country's page.
—*Fair Play.*

* Sir John Colborne.

Fastest Yet.

—The Etruria of the Cunard line left Liverpool at 3.30 p.m. Saturday 19, passed Roachs Point, Ireland, 5.50 a.m. Sunday and arrived at Sandy Hook at 6.20 a.m. Saturday 26. The actual time being 6 days 30 minutes, which is the fastest on record. This beats her own record by 5 hours. A passenger mentioned to Mr. Webster, Cunard Line agent here, that he and his wife were shopping in Liverpool at 12 o'clock on Saturday and were doing the same thing exactly the same hour in New York the following Saturday.

—Always keep West's Cough Syrup in the house for sudden attacks of colds, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. Best in use. All druggists. ed

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

The annual meeting of this company was held at its office, in Montreal, on Wednesday, March 16. There was a very large attendance.

The president, Mr. Workman, read the annual report as follows:

REPORT.

The directors are pleased to report that the company has enjoyed an unusually successful year. The business of 1886 in the several departments far exceeded that of any previous year.

The total assurances submitted were for $5,238,956.77. Of that amount $3,527,556.77 was life, under 2441 applications, and the balance of $1,711,400 was accident; of the former, $323,308.37 was declined and $89,460 was under enquiry when the books were closed. The life policies issued were 2256 for $3,114,788.40.

The effective business remaining in force was $12,428,158.07. Of this $9,413,358.07 under 6224 policies is life, and the balance $3,015,800 is accident.

As shown by the accompanying schedule the year's net income was $373,500.31, and the disbursements, which include death claims, matured endowments, surrender values, etc., upwards of $233,140.17, leaving a cash surplus of $143,360.14 to carry to the assets. The progress made evinces how thoroughly the company enjoys public confidence, and augurs well for the future.

In claims paid the experience of the year has been favorable, the amount being considerably under that of 1885, although the number of lives and amount at risk were much greater. As usual all claims are paid immediately after the receipt of the proper claim papers without any further delay whatever. In the accident branch the year's operations have been unfavorable, but it must be remembered that $5000 of the amount paid was a re-assurance on the late Mr. J. S. McLachlan, which we paid, but for which we look to the Citizens' Insurance Company for reimbursement.

The quinquennial profits are now in course of division. The surplus thus available, as shown by the accompanying schedule, is $94,452.97. Participating policies have hitherto received only 80 per cent. of the surplus in that branch. In the present division, however, they have been allowed 90 per cent. And the better to ensure that only actually available profits should be divided, the reserves have been calculated by the Government actuaries at Ottawa, and verified by the company's own actuary, according to the Government standard. The certificate of Mr. W. Fitzgerald, Insurance Superintendent for the Dominion Government, is attached hereto.

The usual careful audit of the books and vouchers was made by Mr. P. S. Ross, and in addition thereto he has communicated with the individual mortgage borrowers, and thereby verified in a most thorough manner the assets held by the company. Subsequently the assets were minutely examined and verified by a committee of directors, and their report is attached hereto.

The three directors whose term of office expires this year are: Messrs. A. F. Gault, Alexander Macpherson, and the late Mr. J. S. McLachlan.

R. MACAULAY,
Managing Director.
THOMAS WORKMAN,
President.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1886.

Income.

Premiums—Life	$303,242 56	
" —Accident	18,221 45	
	$321,464 01	
Less paid for re-assurance	583 50	
		$20,878 51
Interest		50,625 84
Rents		1,996 96
Total income		$373,500 31

Disbursements.

Dividends on capital		$4,375 00
Death claims, including bonuses	$68,781 08	
Matured endowments, including bonuses	11,730 18	
Annuity payments	1,217 50	
Accident claims	19,037 79	
Profits paid policy-holders	748 71	
Surrender values	9,733 75	
		111,349 31
Expense account		72,448 02
Commissions		34,259 06
Medical fees		7,808 78
Total disbursements		230,140 17
Surplus over disbursements		143,360 14
		$373,500 31

Assets.

Debentures—City of Stratford, market value	$33,000 00	
City of New Westminster	3,780 00	
Town of Belleville	6,630 00	
Town of Cornwall	7,345 00	
Town of Sorel	1,080 00	
Town of St. Marys	3,981 34	
Town of Iberville	3,030 00	
Town of Richmond	2,040 00	
Town of Richmond school bonds	8,960 00	
Village of Cote St. Louis	24,600 00	
Village of Gravenhurst	5,290 00	
Village of Midland	3,722 50	
Village of Streetsville	2,100 00	
Village of Wyoming	3,672 6	
Township of North Stukely	4,480 00	
Township of Alborough	884 00	
Montreal Turnpike Trust	2,940 00	
		$ 120,134 84
Stock—Montreal Loan & Mortgage Co., market value		33,000 00
Loans on stocks (market value, $22,770 00)		20,500 00
Loans on real estate, first mortgages		689,431 19
Real estate		54,002 04
Loans on company's policies (reserves on same being about $115,000)		50,940 21
Special deposits re Quebec Tax Act		875 00
Cash on hand and in bank		28,670 36
Bills receivable		1,760 07
Office furniture		5,230 70
Agents' balances		4,991 02
Commuted commissions		14,961 00
Interest due		4,776 30
Interest accrued		13,146 10
Rents due and accrued		732 00
Due from Citizens' Insurance Company, for policy reassured		5,000 00
Outstanding premiums on policies in force (composed largely of amounts on which the days of grace are current)	$61,553 45	
Deferred premiums	36,763 24	
	$98,321 69	
Less 10 per cent. for collection	9,832 17	
(The reserves on these policies included in the liabilities are over $260,000)		88,489 52
Sundries		483 15
		$1,153,527 10
Capital stock subscribed, but not called up		437,500 00
Total assets		$1,573,027 10

Liabilities.

Life reserves (Institute of Actuaries Hm table, 4 per cent. interest	$945,664 67	
Annuity reserves	10,410 43	
	$956,075 10	
Less reserves on policies reassured	3,124 06	
		952,911 04
Unearned accident premium		8,889 22
Death claims (life) reported but not proved or awaiting discharge		8,884 23
Death claims resisted		2,000 00
Profits due policyholders		71 21
Sinking fund deposited for debentures		5,788 43
Total liabilities		978,574 13
Cash surplus to policyholders		156,952 97
		$1,135,527 10
Cash paid up	$62,500 00	
Surplus over all liabilities and capital stock	94,452 97	

(Including uncalled capital the surplus to policyholders is $594,452 97).

P. S. Ross.
Audited.

In moving its adoption, Mr. Workman expressed the great satisfaction he felt in pointing to such a very prosperous condition of affairs as these accounts show. The year 1886 had been the most successful in the company's history, and the progress made had not only been very rapid, but very substantial. The company is now second to none in the Dominion, and the future prospects are of the brightest.

Mr. A. F. Gault seconded the adoption of the report.

Attention was drawn by Mr. M. H. Gault to the fact that 90 per cent. of the total profits are now divided to the policyholders and only 10 per cent. to the stockholders. This is very important; formerly they were 80 and 20 per cent. respectively.

Mr. Chas. Cushing said he had been looking over some of the old reports, and had made one or two extracts therefrom. In 1872 the income amounted to $48,000, and eight years later (1880) it had reached $141,000, which was a very large increase indeed; but six years later the figures had increased to $373,500. These are tremendous results, and show the wonderful progress the company has made. The life policies in force in 1872 amounted to about $1,000,000, and in 1880 they had increased to $3,800,000 while in 1886 they had reached $9,400,000; so that while they had increased $2,800,000 in the first eight years, during the last six years they had increased about $6,000,000. These are great strides to make, and they reflect credit on the management. The average rate of interest earned upon the investments, as per the report, was over 6 per cent. 6.06 per cent.) This is a remarkable rate to get at the present time and, moreover, we are told that almost every security owned by the company could be sold at a premium, and that they are still increasing in value. This state of affairs should be very gratifying, indeed, to the shareholders. There was a point brought up at last year's meeting by the late regretted director, Mr. J. S. McLachlan, who stated that it was a pleasure to see with what promptness the Sun settled its claims. He little thought that he would lose his own life by accident before the next meeting, and that his own claim would be settled before them. The prompt settlement of the claim on the life of Mr. McLachlan under the special circumstances of his drowning and the non-recovery of the body had come as a revelation to the insuring public and has spread the name and honor of the Sun Life Insurance Company over the whole continent. He then paid a high compliment to the actuary of the company, who does credit to it. The shareholders should give their ablest support to the manager and actuary who in themselves are towers of strength to the company, and to them is due the wonderful progress which the company has made.

Mr. M. H. Gault wished to know what action had been taken to recover the $5000 due by the Citizens' Insurance Company as a reassurance on Mr. McLachlan's life.

The President replied that the matter was being placed in suit.

The report was adopted.

It was then moved by Mr. E. K. Greene, seconded by Mr. S. Finley, "That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the president, directors, managing directors, medical chief, and head office staff and agents for the very efficient and able manner in which they have conducted the business of the company during the past year." Carried.

The President returned his sincere thanks for the resolution. He and the other directors always gave a great deal of attention and care to the company's business, and he must also say that Mr. Macaulay's exertions on behalf of the company are unceasing. He works early and late, and has its interests sincerely at heart. He believed the company to be in a stronger position financially than ever before, and that was saying a great deal. This is a great pleasure to him, seeing that he has occupied the position of president ever since its inception.

Hon. A. W. Ogilvie replied on behalf of the directors. The ground had already been so well covered that little remained for him to say. It was somewhat difficult for directors, who are business men, to spend two hours a week, but the time was given cheerfully.

Mr. Macaulay, the managing director, spoke at length. He bestowed a high compliment on Dr. Wilkins, the company's chief medical officer. He said that if it was ever true of anybody it was evidently true of Dr. Wilkins that he is the right man in the right place. Thoroughly posted in all that relates to the medical department of life assurance, he is an efficient officer, and in discharging his duties he is ever genial and courteous to all. As to the office staff it had been his special care to select only men in whom he could place the fullest confidence, and he feels sure that there exists as much sterling character in the Sun's office group as can be found in any office group in the city of Montreal. He never feels any anxiety about the business when leaving the city, as everything is in trusty hands. Of the agents he must speak at greater length. While much of the success and character of an institution is derived from its directorate and executive, it must be confessed that the real work is done by the agents. No one person, be he ever so well and favorably known, can have much influence throughout the ever widening constituency embraced in a life company's operations. In itself a company has neither character nor reputation. These are borrowed from its representatives. For years he had been seeking out men of high character, and to-day the Sun Life can boast of a band of general agents whose friendship is a source of genuine pleasure to him. The magnificent business of 1886 is the result of their zeal and loyalty. The Toronto branch, under the able management of Mr. Gilbert and the splendid staff associated with him, did very effective work last year, and they are pledged to yet greater results in 1887, and the same is true of the other branches in Central and Eastern Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The foreign department has been put under the superintendence of Mr. W. H. Fyfe, and a good business is expected from this section this year. He mentioned by name many of those who had assisted in building up the company to its present proud position. A large sum claimed from the Citizens' Company for reassurance on the late Mr. J. S. McLachlan, he believed the Sun's position to be exceedingly strong. They had secured the opinion of an experienced insurance expert, who asserts that all the available authorities and precedents are in our favor. The matter is now in the hands of the company's solicitor. The surplus is in course of distribution, and each participating policy-holder will shortly be notified of the amount placed to his credit. It is expected that the profits of the current five years will greatly surpass even those now being divided, as matters which operated to reduce them in past years have now been finally disposed of. The large and satisfactory business secured by the company and the high rate of interest received on its investments, which are of the very highest order, give a guarantee to those now insuring that they may safely reckon on a magnificent profit for the future. He was pleased to state that, although the business of 1886 was far ahead of any previous year, that for 1887 promises to surpass it considerably, the life applications being already nearly $215,000 ahead of this time last year, while the accident business is also $208,000 ahead.

Mr. A. H. Gilbert of Toronto returned his hearty thanks for the vote which had been passed. He and the agents associated with him have become much attached to the Sun and have done their utmost in its interests. Last year they promised one-fifth of the total business obtained by the company, and this has been fulfilled, and they could safely promise the same proportion in future. He was much pleased to note the change of the percentage of profits to policy holders, and felt sure it would do much good. Our worthy president frequently drops in to see them while in Toronto, and they are always glad to see him. He considered the prospects brighter than ever before.

Mr. Chas. Alexander was much pleased to see the prosperous state of affairs.

Many other gentlemen spoke, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for his conduct in the chair, and the meeting dispersed.

THE COURT RECORD.

Motions, Pleadings and Proceedings at Osgoode Hall, March 30.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHAMBERS.

Before Dalton, Q.C., Master.

Wilson v. Rowe—J. M. Clark obtained an order confirming final report of Master at Picton for payment of moneys out of court according to report.

Lewis v. Martin—R. A. Dixon applied, on behalf of executors, for an order compelling plaintiff to proceed in his action begun against their testator within one month, otherwise to be dismissed; McCullough contra. Order made dismissing suit. No costs given.

Re Idington—Enlarged by J. Bowes.

Davidson v. Gregor—Motion to stay action on ground that there is another action between the same parties with regard to the same subject matter. John McGregor for motion; Walter Macdonald contra. Reserved.

Slacker v. Township of Dunwich—Motion to strike out plea of not guilty by statute, or for particulars. Stands.

Graham v. London Mutual—Enlarged by Langton till to-morrow.

O'Brien v. North British and Mercantile Ins. Co.—J. Kyles (J. J. Foy) obtained on consent an order for payment out of $25 paid in by plaintiff.

Brimsmead v. Howard—Beatty (Moss & Co.), for plaintiff, obtained a vesting order.

Ramsay v. Kirkland—Balderson (McCarthy & Co.) obtained an order on behalf of defendant Walker to examine plaintiff.

Cayley v. Tinning—Enlarged by the defendant John Tinning till April 15. John McGregor for plaintiff; McNabb for the defendant John Tinning.

Reit v. Fisher—J. M. Duggan applied for payment out of $483. Further affidavits required.

Cameron v. Cameron—Motion to dismiss for want of jurisdiction. Enlarged for a week to effect settlement by W. H. Blake.

Buchler v. Young—Stands.

CHANCERY DIVISION.

Before Robertson, J.

Re a Solicitor—Adjourned for two weeks.

Rankin v. North of Scotland—Motion for judgment in an action for account, by mortgagor against mortgagee. Reference to the Master in Ordinary to take accounts. Walter Reed for plaintiff. Walter Barwick for defendant.

Gilman v. Gilmore—Motion for judgment. Adjourned one week.

Reed v. Johnson—Motion for judgment on action for construction of deed. Mr. Murphy for plaintiff. Mr. Hoskin, Q.C., for infants. Mr. Brown for executors. Other defendants not represented. Service of notice on them to be proved. Judgment declaring that there was a conveyance in fee of the land to Marvin Johnson and Lydia Ann Wallace. Costs of all parties to be taxed. Those of executors as between solicitor and client. Declared also that executors of William Reed have no beneficial interest in the land.

Magee v. Kane—Demurrer to statement of claim for recovery of land. Mr. Sheppard for plaintiff. Mr. McCarthy, Q.C., for defendant demurring. Reserved.

IN CHAMBERS.

Before Robertson, J.

McDonald v. Davis—W. H. Blake moved for confirmation of report and distribution; Hoskin, Q.C., for infants. Order made dispensing with payment in and for a vesting order.

Anderson v. Culp—R. Harcourt, for adult parties, moved to confirm report and for distribution. Hoskin, Q.C., for infants. Order asked.

Re Hill—Phillips v. Hill—Pitch, for plaintiff and adult defendants, asked confirmation of report and distribution. Hoskin, Q.C., for infants. Order asked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Court of Appeal—Peremptory list: Deringy v. Ottawa; McKenna v. McNamee; Higgins v. Hill.

A Good Motive.

—Harry Ricardo, of Toronto, agent for Fine Art Publications, states that he was so troubled with deafness for eight years that he could scarcely attend to business, until he tried Yellow Oil. He desires to make this cure known for the benefit of others afflicted. 246

QUEERED BY THE VOODOO.

What Came to a Negro Family Because They Sneered at a Colored "Doctor."

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., March 20.—John Harris, colored, the sixth victim of the Voodoo poisoning, died in the lunatic asylum here yesterday. Harris and his brother-in-law, Bonner, lived in a colored settlement in Baldwin county. For years Bonner has made a living as a Voodoo doctor, and so great was the terror inspired by him that the negroes did his bidding with implicit obedience. John Harris declined to have anything to do with Bonner, saying he could do no more than other men. This enraged Bonner, and he declared that what the Harris family ate would henceforth act as a poison, and that before the moon should come not one of the family would be alive.

Two days later the Harris family, which consisted of seven persons—father, mother and nine children—were violently ill after breakfast. By 9 o'clock one of the children was dead. At noon a second victim was laid by the side of the first, and by dark a third was dead. Instead of taking action against the Voodoo, the Harris family now look upon him as having a divine agency, and they endeavored to keep the matter secret.

Before the funeral of the three dead children could take place a fourth was added to the list, while the seven other members of the family were dangerously ill. That evening the mother died, and a day later still another child was added to the list. The father alone, who had not eaten much of the fatal meal, recovered sufficiently to move, but when he recovered he was a raving maniac, and had to be confined in the asylum. News from the settlement is that the survivors cannot live much longer.

Bonner has been hidden by the colored people and cannot be found.

—R. C. Bruce, druggist, Tara, says: I have no medicine on my shelves that sells faster or gives better satisfaction than Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and the sale is constantly increasing, the past year being the largest I have ever had. One of my customers was cured of catarrh by using three bottles. Another was raised out of bed, where he had been laid up for a long time with a lame back, by using two bottles. I have lots of customers who would not be without it ever night.

THE C.P.R. BRANCHING OUT.

A Preliminary Survey of the Boston and Quebec Line Completed.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., March 30.—A. T. Stewart, one of the principal engineers of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has completed a supplementary survey of the Boston and Quebec air line railroad route, to be built from Skowhegan to Moose River, and to connect with the Canadian Pacific line. He reports this a practicable and desirable route.

—Ladies suffering with sick headache will find a certain cure in West's Liver Pills. Sugar coated. Thirty pills 25c. All druggists. ed

The B. and O. Deal.

BALTIMORE, March 30.—Information was received here last evening from New York that Mr. Garrett and his legal adviser, Mr. Cowen, had succeeded in overcoming the difficulty that had arisen with the Stayner & Ives party, so that the latter have not exercised their right to demand back the payment made on the signing of the contract. The option, therefore, holds good, subject to the payment of $5,000,000 at the end of April.

A Lucky Escape.

—"For six years I suffered with my throat and enlarged tonsils. I was very weak; I doctored four years, and had advice from three doctors; they said I would have to undergo an operation. I tried B.B.B. instead. One bottle cured me." M. A. Squelch, Raglan, Ont. 246

Out on Bail.

NEW YORK, March 30.—George F. Parker, president of the "British American Claim Agency," charged with swindling, and whose trial resulted in the quashing of the indictment against him, was to-day released on bail. His wife was accepted as bail. She owns property in Brooklyn.

—If you feel languid and bilious, try Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, and you will find it one of the best preparations for such complaints. Mr. S. B. Maginn, Ethel, used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and cured a severe bilious sick headache which troubled him for a long time.

Highly Spoken Of.

—Mr. James M. Lawson, of Woodville, Ont., speaks in high terms of Yellow Oil for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and painful complaints. Yellow Oil is used internally and externally in case of pain; also coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., and has made many remarkable cures of deafness. 246

—The best spring medicine is one of West's Liver Pills taken every night on going to bed. Just what you need. Sugar coated. 30 pills 25c. All druggists. ed

The Story of Hundreds.

—In a recent letter received from Mrs. Sarah A. Mills, of Wheatley, Ont., she says, "I was a sufferer for six years with dyspepsia and liver complaint. My food did not digest, and I grew weaker every day. I lost appetite and had little hope of recovery. I tried many remedies, but all in vain, till I took Burdock Blood Bitters. The first bottle gave relief; after taking seven bottles, I am thankful that I now enjoy good health." 246

Hung by Thieves.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 29.—At Hazen, Ark., on Saturday unknown thieves strung up Benj. Mobbs, a wealthy farmer, and made him tell where his money was concealed. After securing the booty they left hurriedly, leaving Mobbs hanging. When found he was dead.

—Chilblains and frosted feet and hands cured with a few applications of West's World's Wonder or Family Liniment. All druggists. ed

A Forger Flees to Canada.

NEWBURGH, N.Y., March 29.—Reports have reached this city to-day in regard to supervisor O. M. Bate of Gardiner, Ulster County, which shows he has been guilty of forgery and had fled to Canada. It is said Bate has failed to the amount of $40,000. He has forged notes and other paper to the amount of $15,000. It is said Bate has gone off, leaving his wife and four children in humble circumstances.

—Is there anything more annoying than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting rid of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it. Try it and be convinced.

Cleveland Leader: "Imagine, if you can, what the celebration of Kaiser William's birthday in a prohibition country would be like."

Ayer's Sarsaparilla was the first successful blood medicine ever offered to the public. This preparation is still held in the highest public estimation both at home and abroad. Its miraculous cures and immense sales show this. Ask your druggist for it. d

BIRTHS.

ARMITAGE—At St. Thomas' Rectory, St. Catharines, on Monday, March 28, 1887, the wife of Rev. W. J. Armitage of a daughter.

FINLAYSON—At 541 Church-street, on March 28, the wife of Alex. Finlayson of a son.

YOUNG—On March 27, at 137 Bathurst-street, the wife of James Young, engineer, G.T.R., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

MERRICK—At L'Orignal, on March 29, of inflammation of the lungs, Jeremiah Dease Merrick, Sheriff of Prescott and Russell, in his 59th year.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

SWANSTON—James Swanston of County Fermanagh, Ireland, aged 76 years. His end was peace.

Funeral from his son's residence No. 17 Lewis-street, Friday, April 1 at 1 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation without further notice.

ELTON—On March 30, the youngest and beloved son of H. Elton, 96 Queen-street west.

Funeral at 4.30 p.m.

FIDDES—On March 30, Bella, third daughter of Alex. and Elizabeth Fiddes, aged 11 years and 6 months.

Funeral private.

BAKER—At 15 Jackson-street west, Hamilton, on Tuesday, March 29, Rev. Thomas Baker, in the 92d year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of his son-in-law, L. B. McQuesten, on Friday, April 1, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

FOR SALE.

4 PATTI tickets for sale, Thursday evening. Best part of house. Box 164 World Office.

PATTI CONCERT—Thursday night. Fine choice seats, first gallery, front row, facing stage. 9 Adelaide-street east.

FOR SALE—A Bargain—Pair of bay carriage horses, young and sound, English brass harmed and an English carriage (convertible into wagonette), with removable hoods. Very complete turnout for country or suburban establishment, or would sell separate. T. C. PATTESON, Postmaster, Toronto.

$200—A ROSEWOOD SQUARE PIANO—Carved legs, modern improvements. 109 Church-street.

SAFES and office furniture, large variety; fine goods, low prices, easy terms. GEO. F. BOSTWICK, 56 King-street west, Toronto.

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—Collie Dog Pup, black and tan, with white markings. Reward at 247 McCaul-street.

PERSONAL.

"PATTI" DEAR—"Chivrell" cheap.

"DEAFNESS ABOLISHED!" Numerous deaf and totally deaf persons continually made to hear without the aid of medicines, instruments or operations. The left ear of a member of the Provincial Parliament (now attending the House), which was long totally insensible to all articulate sounds, has just been successfully treated, and is now fully as good as the right ear; hears a distant whisper!" Had been pronounced "positively incurable" by eight noted specialists in New York, etc. Offices continually thronged. Appointments in advance necessary. Hours eleven till six. Wards's "Manipathic Institute" for the treatment of deafness and all diseases "without medicines;" 307 King-street west, Toronto. Circular free.

HELP WANTED.

AGENTS, AGENTS—$5 a day guaranteed in every village and postoffice in Ontario No outlay. Address R. W. DEANE, Box 2290, Toronto.

EDITOR WANTED—Bright young man, temperate and energetic, as editor of an independent evening newspaper in a neighboring city. Address, giving experience and salary expected, "Editor