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A COLD NIGHT IN COUNCIL

A LIGHT SUBJECT VERY HOTLY DISCUSSED BY THE ALDERMEN.

The Street Lighting Contract Settled at Last—The Recommendation of the Fire and Gas Committee Goes Through—Bonuses to City Officials.

All of the members of the city council but Ald. Sheppard and Gormley shivered in their overcoats until within fifteen minutes of midnight at the meeting of the city council last night. The chamber was as chilly as an ice-house, and towards closing up time it got so cold that some of the city fathers had to even don their fur caps. Housekeeper Kimber ought to look to his furnaces a little better. Protracted debates took place on the street lighting contract and the voting of bonuses to two city officials. They were all passed through, however. Petitions were read from F. W. Jarvis and others for a cedar block pavement as a local improvement in Major street, College to Bloor, and from Hugh Tobin and others for a common sewer as a local improvement in a lane off Tecumseh street, running east and south of King.

The council went into committee of the whole on report No. 37 of the executive and the reports of other committees (Ald. Hall in the chair), in the midst of which they broke off at the last meeting. The first matter dealt with was the street lighting contract as recommended by the fire and gas committee. The full text of the contract, which is for five years, has already been published. Ald. Pepler led off in the assault against adopting the recommendation of the fire committee. He said gas and electric lights might be produced for next to nothing in the near future, and he did not want to see the city bound to a five years contract at exorbitant prices. He thought the least that could be done was to pass the contract over to the new council. All the members of the fire and gas committe ably argued in favor of accepting the contract as recommended by them. Ald. Shaw said the committee had given the matter the fullest consideration (ever since May last) and they had done the very best they could. The opposing forces were Ald. Hastings, Hunter, Carlyle, Steiner, Walker, Irwin and Mackenzie. Ald. Hastings said that in face of the local improvement bylaw, that was voted upon and passed by the citizens a week ago, it would be unfair to let out such a contract for five years. The new bylaw would regulate the cost of street lighting on the same principle as block-paving—on the local improvement plan. By several aldermen the new bylaw was declared totally inoperative. Besides, it had yet to be ratified by the council. After a two hours' discussion and several amendments being offered and lost, the report went through just as it came from the fire and gas committee. On motion of Ald. Mitchell, the following clause of the same committee's report was referred back:

Your committee have had before them the clauses in their last report, in reference to the acceptance of tenders for new fire alarm signal boxes, and repairs to old boxes, which were referred back to them by the council for further consideration, and after having fully reconsidered the matter, it is again recommended that the tenders of Alex. Anderson at $72.50 each for 18 new boxes, and $19.50 each for the repairs required to 99 (more or less) old boxes, to make them act on the non-interfering principle, be accepted.

In reference to the above the following letter was read:

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA, TORONTO AGENCY, Jan. 11.—*To His Worship the Mayor*—DEAR SIR: The report of the fire and gas committee to be presented to the council to-night, recommends the acceptance of a tender for supplying eighteen new fire alarm boxes and the alteration of ninty others. The total cost will be over $3000. It is admitted by all that a new repeater of at least ten circuits will be required in the spring. This repeater will have to be purchased from the Gamewell company. The practical men of that company do not believe that these patched-up boxes will work satisfactorily with the new repeater and their opinion—even though it may be called interested—is entitled to some consideration. Not very long ago the city paid some two or three hundred dollars for experts opinions on this subject. Both of them reported in favor of the Gamewell system supplied by the Gamewell company. This company, as agents for the Gamewell company, is prepared to submit to the fire and gas committee an offer for the immediate supply of a large repeater and the replacing of all the present boxes by the latest non-interference pattern, making an allowance for the old boxes. This would at once put the city in possession of a system not excelled by any place on the continent. I should have made this offer to the fire and gas committee before this, but was unable to do so on account of not being furnished with figures. HUGH NEILSON, Agent Bell Telephone company, Toronto.

On report No. 1 of the special committee re the removal of the lunatic asylum, Ald. Baxter moved that it be struck out. He said the government would merely laugh at the council for making such a proposition. The committee recommend that petitions be circulated among the ratepayers praying that the institution be removed outside the city limits. Ald. Defoe said the committee was in earnest and it was no fool-play. The attorney-general had been interviewed on the subject more than once, and the deputations had always been courteously received and their arguments attentively listened to. Ald. Baxter's motion to strike out was voted down.

In council Ald. Walker and Hastings renewed their efforts to have the street lighting contract sent over to the new council. A direct motion to this effect was lost on the following division:

Yeas—Walker, Irwin, Mackenzie, Hunter, Hastings, Steiner and Carlyle—7.

Nays—Verral, Taylor, Galley, Elliott, McMillan, Brandon, Shaw, Frankland, Smith M. J. Woods, Johnstone, James, M. Woods, Baxter, Piper, Jones, Allan, Lamb, Defoe—20.

Another amendment by Ald. Hastings, that a clause be added to the contract giving the city power to cancel the same after one year's time by giving six months' notice, found 11 supporters and 19 opponents. The report was then adopted, and as a dying kick Ald. Hastings said that he hoped the mayor, before signing the contract, would see that there was no trickery in the wording of the document.

A couple of hours was then spent in committee of the whole discussing recommendations from the waterworks committee and the health committee, granting Mr. Venables, the mechanical engineer of the department, a bonus of $300 for extra and laborious services in connection with the improvements made at Hanlan's point and engine house wharf and well, and $200 to Dr. Canniff for extra services in connection with his smallpox labors. The local board of health originally recommended $400, but the executive reduced it to $200. Ald. Hall succeeded in getting Mr. Venable's bonus raised to $500, and Dr. Canniff's went through at $200. The balance of the reports of standing committees were passed without amendment, and the council rose at 11.45, without taking up the bylaw to provide for the issue of general consolidated loan debentures to the amount of $51,000, for the purpose of procuring a site and erecting a cattle market thereon.

The present council will hold a "settle-up-part" meeting on Friday next, when taxes and gas will be freely dispensed. The new council will organize on Monday next.

A CUT IN PASSENGER RATES.

The Baltimore & Ohio Takes a Step Which Will Probably Result in a Big Railroad War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad company this morning began a sale of tickets to western points at the following through rates: Chicago $15, Cincinnati $13, St. Louis $18.50. This is a cut of $5 from the standard tariff. As a result all the Baltimore & Ohio offices in the city did a rushing business from the moment the doors were opened. An official of the Baltimore & Ohio road said that the company would undoubtedly adhere to its purpose to fight the other lines. Ticket brokers regard the cut made by the B. & O. as the entering wedge which will eventually break the railroad pool recently established. Should the other trunk lines meet the B. & O. rate a lively railroad war may be expected.

The report that the Pennsylvania Railroad company has ordered a cut in through and local passenger rates westward from Baltimore, to conform with the Baltimore and Ohio rates, is denied by the company's officials in this city. Should such a reduction be made at Baltimore it need not affect rates from New York.

BELIEVED TO BE IN CANADA.

Suits for Foreclosure Against a Man Believed to Be Wealthy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—An action is now on trial in the supreme court brought by Dawson Fallacy against Fanny D. Hoexter, Augustus Hoexter, her husband, and Gustav Newwitter, to foreclose two mortgages for $150,000 on certain property in the city which grows out of the sudden disappearance of Augustus Hoexter, merchant, from this city sometime ago and whose creditors have been since looking for something upon which they might satisfy their claims. Hoexter is believed to be in Canada. His wife is said to have had daily communications from him up to the time of his father's death about two months ago. He left a large fortune. The interest on the mortgages was not paid and this suit was brought. Mrs. Hoexter puts in an answer to the effect that the mortgages were executed under duress.

SIR JOHN DECLINES.

The Premier Finds That he Cannot Accept the Hospitality of the Canadian Club.

New York, Jan. 11—Erastus Wiman, president of the Canadian club, has received a cablegram from Sir John Macdonald, in which the Canadian prime minister regrets his inability to accept the hospitality which the club tendered him in the shape of a public dinner on his arrival in New York Monday night, January 18. The premier expressed gratification, but regretted that his engagements were so numerous and pressing that he could not for the moment accept, especially as it would involve a two day's stay in New York. He stated that on some future occasion he would be very happy to show his appreciation of the courtesy of his fellow Canadians in New York.

THIS IS NOT IN CANADA.

A Number of Persons Found Frozen to Death in Illinois and Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—At Elgin, Ill., Irwin Underhill, on his way home from a party, lost his way and was found frozen stiff yesterday. At Dundee Ervin Baker was found frozen in a farm yard. At Burlington, Iowa, Jno. Lang left a barber shop late Saturday night for home and was found dead Sunday morning not a quarter of a mile from where he started. At Denver two men were frozen to death near the Western Kansas line and it is feared several persons have lost their lives in the mountains.

Broke From Jail.

WAYNESBORO, Ga., Jan. 11.—A number of prisoners escaped from jail here at 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning last. A fire was kindled on the second floor and a hole burned through by which the prisoners escaped down stairs. By means of an iron bar the front door was broken open. Wm. Garvin, a murderer, was heavily ironed with a chain around his neck and made fast to the centre of his cell. The chain was broken and Garvin carried his necklace and chain with him. The sheriff summoned a posse and went in pursuit. On Saturday night he found Garvin in the woods on the Savannah river, twenty miles from here. An attack was made and the sheriff was shot and severely wounded. Yesterday morning Jerry Tarber, one of the convicts, was captured after he had been shot. It is thought Garvin and some of the others will be frozen to death in the swamp.

A Life's Labor Destroyed.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Jan. 11.—The residence of the German naturalist, Chas. Buettner, containing the finest collection of birds, insects and animals west of New York, was burned last night. The collection included sixty thousand insects. There were also many specimens from all over the world of the rarest beauty and great value. The hydrants were frozen and the fire department was unable to arrest the flames and the fierce northwest gale blowing made quick work of the building and contents.

Queen's Bench Judgments.

The Queen's bench division (Chief Justice Wilson and Judge Armoury) delivered a number of judgments yesterday, the only one of interest being that of Richardson v. Ranson, in which an important constitutional question arose. The action was tried before Mr. Justice O'Connor at Belleville, and was brought to recover damages for an alleged false imprisonment, the plaintiff being arrested in the county of Hastings upon a warrant from the Belleville police magistrate, who by the Ontario statutes is ex officio, a justice of the peace for the county. The plaintiff raised the question as to whether the Ontario government had the right to appoint justices of the peace, claiming that the dominion authorities only had the power. The point was elaborately argued, and the court gave judgment to-day against the plaintiff's contention with costs.

Excess of England's Wheat.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Trade reports show that the English wheat harvest was much in excess of the estimates and that considerable quantities of old wheat remain in stock.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Franklin B. Gowan was yesterday elected president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad.

The rivers emptying into Chesapeake bay are frozen over and navigation is entirely suspended.

Adam McNabb shot and killed John Connor, who had a few days previously married a girl he (McNabb) loved.

The railroads continue to encounter great difficulties in moving trains. Some trains are overdue at Chicago 24 hours.

Anna Cosmor, aged 17, at Grantsville, W. Va., suicided because her parents would not allow her to join the Mormons.

John C. Bevins, a New York ticket seller, fatally shot his wife yesterday while cleaning an old revolver. The couple had only been married six months.

MAJOR-GENERAL MIDDLETON.

A Severe Criticism of His Course in the Northwest.

From the Macleod Gazette.

General Middleton's conduct of the campaign last spring has been very severely criticised. The censure has been strongest among those who had the best possible opportunity of judging. It is a common subject of remark that, had it not been for a few Canadian officers the troops would probably have been skirmishing in the vicinity of Batoche—what there were left of them. Gen. Middleton has not been accused of cowardice. No one can doubt for a moment that he is a brave man. What he has been accused of is a narrow-minded selfishness; a reluctance to share the glories of the campaign with others, or to give credit where it is due; and a fatal inability to judge of the right moment to strike, and to take advantage of an opportunity surely and quickly. All these faults were so glaring, so apparent to onlookers, some hundreds of miles from the scene of action, that one cannot help feeling surprised at the failure of the authorities at Ottawa to see things as they really were. While the man whose management of the campaign was a succession of blunders from beginning to end; whose dread that others might reap a little of the glory prolonged the war, and rolled up the expense bill which Canadians must pay, has been honored and enriched, the men who did the most of the real hard work, and who proved themselves equal to any troops in the world in endurance and bravery have been ignored, neglected, snubbed. What makes this worse is that they are treated thus by a man who dared not follow where they lead. The men who are not considered worthy of the rebellion medal—the mounted police—were not only purposely kept in the background and hampered as much as possible; they not only had to fight the enemy where they could get at him, but they had as fight and struggle with this brilliant British exponent of military tactics to reach the enemy at all. It is a satisfaction to note that when they did "get there," these Northwest troops of ours walked over any of the performances of Gen. Middleton, and gave him a few well needed lessons in western warfare. It is a pity that his conceit was too strong for his common sense, or he might have profited by some of the lessons which the much despised mounted police taught him.

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No, we think we have struck the true chord when we say that Gen. Middleton came west with a full determination to dislike the police force, and to sit upon its officers and men whenever an opportunity presented itself. He made several opportunities. Although inwardly he was surprised at the efficiency and general make-up of the force, and could not help admiring it, he persisted in his impudent and uncalled-for snubs. A number of policemen equal to Middleton's command would have taken Batoche in a couple of hours, instead of four days. Mounted policemen took a nine pounder gun where this British general did not dare take an infantry corps. He could not follow Big Bear and refused to allow the police to do so, although they begged with tears in their eyes to be allowed to do so. The only really difficult part of the campaign was the pursuit of Big Bear. This he gave up in despair, and only then gave the police permission to go on. They needed no second urging. They started and captured him almost immediately. Col. Irvine was censured for obeying Middleton's peremptory command, and remaining idle. Col. Otter and Col. Herchmer were censured for their brilliant victory at Cut Knife, which really broke the back of the rebellion, because the general feared they might reap some of the glories of the campaign. Prejudiced against the police in the first place, he could not forgive them for having taught him how to fight Indians and halfbreeds, and now he continues to vent his spite by refusing to recommend them for the medal. Shame on you, Gen. Middleton. Such an action is not worthy of a man and a soldier. Sir John A. Macdonald knows the worth of the police, and their value to Canada. Will he allow them to be trampled upon by a man who made such a bungle of affairs as did Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton.

CHAMPAGNE AND STRAWBERRIES.

King Humbert of Italy has an Extraordinary Fit of Economy.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A correspondent at Rome says King Humbert was recently taken with an economical fit, having become alarmed at the enormous expenses of the royal household. Evidences of the most extravagant luxury were found on all sides. The King was particularly shocked at discovering that Queen Margherita insisted on having a heaping plate of strawberries everyday in the year although the fruit can only be obtained in winter at an exorbitant cost. The King stormed and the Queen retorted by charging him with many needless acts of extravagance. At length the Queen offered to compromise by eating the strawberries two days only in each week if the King would order his cast off clothing to be sold hereafter instead of becoming the perquisites of his lackeys. The King agreed to this. The Queen put herself on short commons as to strawberries and the lackeys are deprived of a considerable portion of their income. King Humbert also ordered that not more than seven francs per bottle shall hereafter be paid for champagne which is the usual drink at the royal table.

Disappointed Anarchists.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—The anarchists of this city are greatly enraged at the non-appearance of a proclamation of amnesty to the anarchist offenders, as it was understood that M. Grevy would issue one on his re-election to the presidency. They threaten to hold a disorderly meeting outside the chamber of deputies to-morrow unless amnesty is granted in the meantime.

Chaplain for the City Council.

There is a chaplain at Ottawa who opens with prayer the sittings of the house; so there is in the local legislature here; it is now proposed to have one in the city council as soon as the new council is organized. Mr. Littlejohn, the assistant clerk, is a candidate for the office.

The World is sold for A Cent.

CABLE NOTES.

Gen. Prendergast, commander of the British forces in Burmah, contradicts the reports of trouble in Burmah. He says all is quiet there.

It is stated that several Scotch and Irish peers, both conservatives and liberals, will support a motion of the Earl of Kilmorrin in favor of the abolition of the office of lord lieutenant of Ireland.

Greece is negotiating with Montenegro for an alliance offensive and defensive against the porte. Bismarck has notified Greece that if she enters upon hostilities it must be entirely at her own risk.

Lord Salisbury has notified King Milan that Great Britain recognizes the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia and that Servia must take the consequences of opposing the union.

At the Munster assizes on Saturday sentences ranging from six to twenty years were passed upon a number of prisoners convicted of moonlighting, attempting to murder policemen, and wounding and shooting at other persons.

HIS HONOR'S LUCKY SHOT

THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OPENS THE CALEDONIAN RINK

By Landing a Stone Squarely on the Tee—A Friendly Game Between the Home Club and Six Other City Rinks.

Sharp at 2 o'clock in the new Caledonian rink yesterday afternoon, Skip Wm. Rennie laid his broom on the "tee" at one end of the rink, while His Hon. Governor Robinson at the other end braced himself to throw the first stone that had yet scuttled across the smooth surface. Assembled curlers from each city rink, the Caledonian, Granite, Toronto and Moss park, stood with brooms at the shoulder along the line the stone was to travel. His Honor, with an "out turn" sent the "stane" flying down the rink and the attendant curlers "swept her up." It landed squarely on the "tee." The second one, by direction of the skip, took the first one cleanly out of its position. This was done without overshoes. Said a braw Caledonian in describing the deed: "He cudna ha' done it again in a score o' years." His honor was justly proud of his feat. After he had released himself from congratulating admirers, in one of his characteristically happy speeches, he formally declared the rink open.

A friendly game followed between six rinks of the Caledonians and two each from the Toronto, Moss Park and Granite clubs, with these scores:

No. 1 Caledonian.	*No. 3 Moss Park.*
J. E. Hogg,	Q. D. Dolge,
R. Rennie,	T. W. Watson,
Fred. Foster,	W. K. Wellington,
Dr. Ross, skip.	Dr. Clapp, skip.
No 2 Caledonian,	*No 1 Toronto.*
J. C. Moore,	Wm. Christie,
J. A. Mills,	Samuel May,
J. Wright,	John Bain,
W. J. McCormack, sk.	Ald. Walker, skip.
No. 3 Caledonia.	*No, 1 Moss Park.*
J. Lumbers,	Jos. Lugsdin,
M. H. Ramsay,	Mark Hall,
A. Wheeler,	John Ritchie,
Dan. Lamb, skip.	Wm. Summerfeldt, skip.
No. 4 Caledonia.	*No. 1 Granite.*
W. Rosser,	J. Hedley,
Dr. Teskey,	Dr. Richardson,
Wm. Davidson,	W. F. Davidson,
D. Gibson, skip.	W. Taylor, skip.
No. 5 Caledonian.	*No. 5 Granite.*
John Ayre,	T. Anderson,
T. T. Gibson,	T. McCracken,
P. T. Dunn,	Wm. Hadenuch,
Jos. Pringle, skip.	Robt. Jaffray, skip.
No. 6 Caledonian.	*No. 2 Toronto.*
W. B. McIntosh,	D. S. Keith,
D. Prentice,	J. K. Russell,
Wm. Ross,	J. Biddle,
Wm. Rennie, skip.	T. McGaw, skip.

As this was strictly a friendly game the Caledonian powers that be firmly buttoned their lips and would give no information as to the final result, but some of the visitors darkly hinted that the hosts had succeeded in vanquishing their guests at all points. The rattle of the stones, the swish of the besoms, the cracking of the ice and the frost nipped noses reminded all of the halcyon days spent on the icebound burns of Auld Scotia.

At 6 o'clock the game was finished and the famished knights of the broom betook themselves into one of the spacious up-stairs rooms, where there was served an abundance of substantial curlers' fare, to which all did justice. Speeches from the lieutenant-governor and representatives of the various rinks passed away a couple of hours, when those who did not want to go home returned to the ice and rattled away till about 10 o'clock. The directors and members of the Caledonian rink can congratulate themselves on their house-warming, if such a term is applicable.

The Caledonian club was an off-shoot from the Toronto. In 1872 they separated themselves and played for a winter on the bay. The present property was bought in 1874. In 1877 the little shanty in the southeast corner, where The World used to buckle on its juvenile skates, was replaced by the building which now fronts the magnificent dome-roofed edifice built this year. The Caledonians were content at first to work, or rather play, in a humble way, and now they are housed in one of the largest and best appointed rink buildings in the world.

WHAT IRELAND WOULD ACCEPT.

Mr. Labouchere's Views on the Home Rule Question.

The Times publishes a long letter from Mr. Labouchere, headed "What the Parnellites would Accept." He says: I think I am not far wrong in saying that the following schemes would be accepted:

1. Representation in the imperial parliament upon imperial matters alone. The army, the navy, the protection of the British Isles, the commercial and political relations with foreign nations would be regarded as imperial questions, and probably there would be no insuperable difficulty in arranging a customs union, leaving it to the Irish to foster their industries, if they pleased, by means of bounties.

2. The government of Ireland, a viceroy, a privy council, a representative assembly, with ministers. The viceroy a member of the royal family, with a salary of £25,000 a year. The council would have to be reorganized by nominating a hundred new members, men of moderate views. The council would gradually be increased by the admission of Irish ministers. The house of representatives would be elected, as with us, according to population. One-fourth of the members would be nominated either during two parliaments or for five years. Ministers would be elected from the parliamentary majority as with us. The viceroy would call upon the leader of the majority to form a cabinet. He would, however, retain the constitutional power of the Queen to dissolve.

3. The veto would be reserved to the viceroy, with the consent of his privy council. No arrangement is possible which would give the veto to the imperial government.

4. Protection of minorities. They would already be protected by the veto of the nominated members, and by the Orangemen, who would return a considerable contingent, but the Irish would go farther than this. No contract existing or entered into could be set aside by Irish legislation. Any landlord would have the right to insist upon his land being bought by the Irish state on an estimate of its value by the land judges, due consideration being taken of tenants' improvements.

5. The army in Ireland and the fortresses would be under the orders of the imperial ministry.

Let Mr. Gladstone (continues the letter) boldly declare himself for a well-considered measure of home rule, and let us vote on this as soon as parliament comes together. If it be defeated, we shall see how the conservatives are able to carry on the government.

How Men Can be Misjudged.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—In an interview with Gen. Lew Wallace, the latter uses the following language: "Gen. Grant in a report of 1865 says emphatically that the battle of Monocacy saved Washington. I have no hesitancy in saying that it saved the capitol contrary to the wishes of Halleck. I am convinced that at that time out of jealousy of Grant, Halleck was willing to betray his country and permit Washington to be captured, knowing that such an event would destroy Grant."

AMUSEMENTS.

The Sixth "Pop" at the Pavilion—A Great Show at the Grand.

After a lapse of one month the sixth of the series of Monday popular concerts was given at the Pavilion last night and there was a very large attendance. The program was one of more than ordinary interest as the selections of chamber music comprised in the main the numbers chosen on a previous occasion by the audience themselves. The concert therefore on this account was a popular one. The chief numbers for the string quartet were Mozart's clarionet quintet; an andante op 11 by Tschaikowsky and a cherzo by Cherubini.

The club manifested a greater degree of finish than heretofore in the execution of these pieces, both as to coloring and ensemble, and the audience freely manifested their appreciation. Herr Ludwig Corell played Popper's "Gavotte" by request, and an encore was insisted upon, his selection for the latter being executed with great care and the display of a fine rich tone. Mrs. Estelle Ford of Boston was the soprano soloist on this occasion. Her first number, "What Joy," by Mattei, gave an opportunity for the display of her executive powers and style, which were artistic and cultured, and while, perhaps, there was a lack, to a certain extent, of pathos or feeling in her voice, it was one, nevertheless, of much brilliancy and power. She sang for an encore "Coming Thro' the Rye," in a pleasing manner. In the second part her solo was also encored. Herr Kegel, who was so favorably received here a short time ago, in addition to his able phrasing in the clarionet quintet, played as a solo Weber's "Concertino," and proved himself a thorough master of the clarionet, both as to tone and execution. Mr. Carl Martens was the accompanist. The seventh concert is announced for the 25th inst.

Prof. Bristol's Equescurriculum.

A decidedly clever and interesting performance was the unanimous verdict of the large audience at the Grand opera house last night who witnessed the first appearance in this city of Prof. Bristol's Equescurriculum. And the verdict was well deserved. It is a clever entertainment, the horses proving according to their endowments to be possessed of extraordinary intelligence. There are about a dozen of these, and a mules that might possibly be stubborn naturally, but in Professor Bristol's hands have become most wonderfully amenable to reason. The company do everything but talk and sing, and if they don't accomplish those feats it is only because Nature has unkindly limited their powers. To describe their miraculous feats would be to occupy more space than The World can give them. At the word of command both horses and mules fetch, carry, form into line, go through numerous evolutions, dance, jump, curvette, cut figures, distinguish colors, answer any kind of a call from the professor or the audience, and, in short, do everything that is required of them as readily as a school of boys. The jumping is really marvellous and requires to be seen to be believed. Taken altogether the entertainment is one of the most novel, clever and unique ever presented to an audience. Prof. Bristol and his talented pupils will be here to-night and to-morrow at a matinee and evening. It is one of the most instructive and amusing entertainments for children that could be desired.

Maud Revell's Blondes.

Maud Revell's female minstrels held forth to a crowded house at the People's last night. Some of the specialties were good, others, although they took well with the audience, could hardly be called so in any sense. The show from beginning to end was characterized by extreme "raciness," both in speech and action. Performance each afternoon and evening.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

Enormous Increase in the Exportation of Eggs From Canada.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 11.—The export trade in eggs from Canada to the United States shows an almost astonishing growth. A return has just been made of the imports of eggs entered at the American customs office at Suspension bridge, which fully illustrates this. The figures are as follows: For the year ending Dec. 31, 1884, 1,325,105 dozen; for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885, 3,383,205 dozen. The figures for Black Rock, Port Huron, Detroit, and exports from Eastern Ontario and eastern provinces of Canada, if added to this, would go to show that this trade is rapidly becoming important, although somewhat checked by the customs ruling of the Canadian department relating to the duty on returned egg crates.

The "Prince of the Hayfork Sharks" Arrested.

Edward Eton Jones, the "Prince of the hayfork sharks," who make Toronto their headquarters, was arrested at the American hotel yesterday afternoon on the strength of a telegram from St. Thomas. The message stated that Jones was wanted in that city on a warrant charging him with fraud in connection with the hayfork racket. Chief of Police Fewings will arrive in the city for his man this morning. A friend of Jones', who was with him when he was arrested, said to a World reporter last evening: "You can just say that Mr. Jones will be back in town in a day or two. Ours is a straight business, and they can't convict us on any criminal charge. They have been trying it for years all over the province."

Vets Arranging For Their Annual Dinner.

The students of the Ontario Veterinary college met last night in their lecture room and elected the following officers to arrange for their ninth annual dinner to be held on Jan. 29: President, W. P. McClure; vice-president, S. L. Hunter; treasurer, G. W. Dickey; secretary, E. H. Bradley; assistant secretary, John Scott; executive committee, S. E. Boulter, W. T. Stewart, M. O. Anderson, W. Joyce, J. G Clark, J. B. Black, H. Cooper and E. H. Davidson.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Hay at Edmonton is only $10 a ton delivered.

Hog raising is becoming an important industry in the Edmonton, N.W.T., district.

The E. B. company are offering $1 a bushel for No. 1 wheat, 50c for barley, and 60c for oats, all trade, at Edmonton.

Wolves are reported to be very numerous in the Northwest territories, and the fur catch generally promises to be large.

It is rumored that Blackfeet runners are among the Crees at Prince Albert, inciting them to rebellion.—Edmonton Bulletin.

The storm Friday night at Burlington Beach washed away the ferry landing. The ice banks on the lake shore are twenty feet high.

Col. Irvine, of the mounted police, has been pow-wowing with the Blood Indians, they having sent for him to detail their grievances.

Steps are being taken to establish a hospital at Fort McLeod, N.W.T., at a cost of $2500. Fifteen hundred dollars has already been subscribed.

Mrs. French, the widow of Captain French, of Northwest fame, is to receive a gratuity of $1000 and to be allowed $500 annually. Her children are also to be provided for until 16 years of age.

N. F. Davin has fallen foul of certain members of the Northwest council by publishing in his paper, the Regina Leader, bills given to him as Queen's printer and by abusing Judge Richardson, the man who sentenced Riel. Col. McLeod and a Mr. Perley are very severe on Nicholas Flood.

CEMENT AND BRICKS.

Tenth Day of the Garrison Creek Sewer Investigation.

Ex-Inspector Rolston was in the box all yesterday afternoon in the Garrison creek sewer investigation. Cross-examined by Mr. Coatsworth, he testified that Mr. Rust gave him the levels, and he took them down in a book. It was between witness and Rust that the matter lay. He had some doubts as to whether "pinkey" bricks should go into the sewer and consulted the engineer, who told him he could use his own discretion in the matter. If he thought such bricks were suitable he could put them in. He denied having told Ald. Barton that if soft bricks had been used the commissioner was to blame; he had said that the commissioner had been on the spot every day, had seen the bricks and mortar, and had made no objections. He also denied telling Ald. Jones that if he (Rolston) was guilty the commissioner was equally so. He had known at least 12 cart loads of soft bricks to be removed. He was not responsible for the cement, and had never tested it. This had been done by the commissioner. Portland cement should set in 36 hours. He considered that the cement in the sewer was now hard. The reason why the sample of cement produced from Brown's section was harder than Godson's was, in his opinion, that the sand in the first was better than in the second. He considered that there was ten per cent. of pinkey bricks in the sewer. His examination will be continued this morning at 11 o'clock.

The Retail Grocers' Association.

The Retail Grocers' association held its monthly meeting last night at Temperance hall. After adopting a constitution and bylaws these officers were elected: President, R. Mills; vice president, H. B. Hodgins; recording secretary, R. N. Sheppard; financial secretary, E. J. Partridge; treasurer, J. H. Hargrave; inside guard, J. Slade. Executive committee—J. Berwick, H. S. Mara, M. McMillan, J. Butcher. This association has for its object mutual protection and he promotion of trade generally.

Young Liberal Club.

There was a good meeting last night. The editor of the magazine, Mr. Mulvey, read an article contributed by Mr. Donald on "The Example of France as an Argument Against Protection." Then followed a paper by Mr. John Cameron, editor of the Globe, on "Popular Government." The executive of the provincial Young Liberals' association are to be asked to meet and push the organization of local clubs. Messrs. W. D. Gregory and J. H. Gillimour were appointed to attend the Blake banquet at London Thursday.

The Ladies Give Thanks.

The lady electors and workers for Mr. Howland in the recent mayoralty contest held a meeting of praise in Shaftesbury hall yesterday afternoon. Thanks were returned to the Almighty for Mr. Howland's success, and prayer was offered up that he might be strengthened during the year. Special prayers were made for the aldermen that they might be God-fearing men, loving righteousness and hating evil. The attendance was large and congratulations were the order of the meeting.

Toronto at the Colonial Exhibition.

Mr. James Beaty, M.P., and Mr. R. W. Elliott, president of the Ontario Manufacturers' association, addressed the city council last night on behalf of the Toronto exhibitors at the Colonial and Indian exhibition. These gentlemen urged upon the council the necessity of distributing something substantial in the shape of statistics regarding the city's growth, commerce, population, wealth, public buildings, etc., at the exhibition. The matter was referred to Ald. Saunders' special committee.

The Lindsay High School.

A deputation of prominent citizens of Lindsay, composed of Mayor Deacon, D. J. McIntyre, M.P.P., J. R. McNeilie, W. Hudspeth, Q.C., C. D. Barr, and Wm. Grace, had an interview with the minister of education yesterday afternoon with reference to having the high school of that town graded as a collegiate institute. The deputation used very strong arguments in favor of the change, and the minister said he would lay the matter before his colleagues.

New, fresh and fashionable costume cloths clearing at half prices at the Bon Marche.

The Badly Behaved Clocks in the Steeple.

Ald. Irwin presided at a meeting of the property committee yesterday afternoon. A committee was named to see the St. James' cathedral people about the bad behavior of the clocks in the steeple of late. The Hay property on the Esplanade was re-leased to R. H. Hay & Co. for 21 years at an annual rental of $12 per foot. It is understood a block of substantial warehouses is to be erected on this site.

Ald. Adamson Provided For.

The city council last night adopted the recommendation of the markets and health committee appointing Ald. Wm. Adamson to the position of weigh master of the new city scales now being erected on the Esplanade. The salary is $750 per annum. There was no opposition to the appointment. Mr. Adamson handed in his resignation as alderman for St. David's ward just after the council met.

An Answer to a Globe Slander.

During a speech on the electric and gas light contract at the city council last night Ald. Baxter said: "One of our newspapers (the Globe) said this council was the most corrupt that the city was ever cursed with. The people returned every member of the council who offered himself for re-election except two. That is my answer to that slander."

Mr. John Hallam Re-Appointed.

The city council last night re-appointed Mr. John Hallam one of its representatives on the public library board of management. The term extends over two years. Ex-Ald. John Taylor is the other city representative.

No Case.

The police magistrate yesterday discharged L. A. McDonald from custody, the crown having expressed its satisfaction with the verdict of the coroner's jury.

"Never Take the Horseshoe From the Door."

Such was the advice given by Henry Ward Beecher to one of his parishioners, whom one day he happened to see nailing a common horseshoe over the kitchen door. "It will bring you luck," said the eminent divine, and so it did. The twins were christened six weeks later. Papa was so elated that he came down town and purchased for his fruitful better half a nice sealskin jacket. And you ought to see her in it. You can't tell which she admires most, the twins or the jacket. Dineen's is the place to buy furs. He has a lot of ladies' furs marked away down cheap. Corner of King and Yonge streets. x

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A HOME RULE CONFERENCE

MR. PARNELL FAILS TO CONNECT AND THE MEETING ADJOURNS.

The Irish Dictator and the English Ex-Premier Meet on the Same Platform and Do Not Speak—The Struggle to be Continued.

DUBLIN, Jan. 11.—Sixty out of the eighty-six Parnellite members of parliament attended a meeting here to-day, called for the purpose of holding a conference on the political situation, and to draft a line of action to be adopted at the forthcoming session of parliament. Discussion was devoted mainly to the subject of home rule.

Mr. Parnell was not present. He left London last evening for the purpose of attending the conference, but quit the train at Crewe to partake of refreshments, and when he returned to the platform he found the train had left. He again started for Dublin this morning, and arrived at Chester at the same time as did Mr. Gladstone, who was on his way to London. Messrs. Gladstone and Parnell were on the same platform for a few minutes before the starting of their respective trains, but neither of the leaders spoke to the other.

The conference resolved to continue their struggle to secure the rights of Ireland. Consideration of leading questions regarding Irish affairs was postponed until the arrival of Mr. Parnell. Reporters were rigidly excluded.

The loyalists of this city intend holding weekly meetings to continue the agitation against the granting of home rule to Ireland in the hope that the action of the national league may thus be neutralized.

Look out for something startling next week at the Bon Marche.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A largely attended special meeting of the Brewers' Employes' Protective association was held in Union hall last evening. The business transacted was the election of officers as follows: President, Wm. H. Ryan; 1st vice president, Capt. Kemp; 2nd vice-president, John Miller; secretary, J. F. Higgins; treasurer, C. W. Mackechnie.

A new departure has been made by Mr. Frederick Mossop, the wide-awake proprietor of the St. Charles' restaurant, Yonge street, in the shape of a fifteen-cent lunch counter at which turkey, chicken, salad and all the delicacies that are going are served.

For the five weeks ending Jan. 2 Dr. Canniff heard 115 applications for admission to the hospital as city patients and refused 48.

J. M. Wingfield, J.P., yesterday fined J. S. Coolican, auctioneer, $10 and costs for having conducted a sale at the residence of the late Judge Morrison without the necessary license.

The court of appeals will sit to-day to deliver some judgments, after which re Canada Temperance act will be taken up.

PERSONAL.

Mme. Patti has arrived at Bucharest, where she had an enthusiastic reception and dined with the Queen.

The King of Bavaria will probably marry, morganatically, Frau Kramer Kleti, a young and beautiful widow of a Nuremberger carriage maker.

"Many Happy Returns of the Day"

To Edwin H. Gerry, Member of the Ontario Lacrosse Club, born at Toronto, January 12, 1859.

At the Hotels.

Captain W. A. Miller, the jovial and handsome mayor-elect of Niagara-on-the Lake, is registered at the Queen's.

Sir Richard Cartwright is a guest at the Rossin.

Hon. Thomas White, minister of the interior, is at the Queen's. Mr. White spent Sunday in Hamilton the guest of Senator James Turner. To-night he opens his railway