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Toronto, Feb. 2.—11 a.m.—Mild, with light local snow or rain, followed to-night and Sunday by north-westerly gales and a change to very cold weather.

HOCKEY TO-NIGHT!!

at 8.30 O'clock
"Bankers vs. Chippewas"
Skating Before Game
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LOCAL

Miss Edith Reid, of the post office staff, has recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Dot Smith and Miss Velma Stone left today for Windsor and Pontiac, where they will spend a few days visiting friends.

Brundage's ice and coal business for sale. Established for over 35 years. Sale to wind up estate. Apply to S. B. Arnold, Solicitor for Executors.

Mrs. Will Bogart, of Ridgeway, has returned home after a two weeks' visit to Mrs. J. H. Bogart, Cross street.

Cecil Moore, who is now a travelling salesman for the Perrin Biscuit Co., of London, was in the city calling on friends yesterday.

The Finance committee of the Board of Education met last night and adopted the plan in paying the teachers salaries in ten payments instead of twelve.

Two new oil wells have been drilled in on the Campbell farm in Raleigh. One is flowing at the rate of 70 barrels a day and the other at the rate of 125 barrels. This makes a total of four good wells in operation on the Campbell farm.

A tool-dresser in the employ of Best and Schaefer, fell from the top of a 72 foot derrick on the Campbell farm in Raleigh yesterday. It was a miracle that the man was not instantly killed. The only severe injury he suffered was a break to one of his collar bones. The man's name could not be ascertained this morning.

R. E. Gosnell came from British Columbia last November. He was badly crippled with sciatica; the Victoria, B. C., doctors could not cure him. He came to me and got a bottle of Veterans' Sure Cure. The day before Christmas I received a picture post card from London, England, saying, "W. K. McRiff, Rheumatism all gone long ago. Compliments of the season, R. E. Gosnell." We receive such letters from everywhere we send it. We get similar testimonials for Dyspepsia, Kidney troubles, etc. As a household medicine for old and young it has no equal. Office, Seane's Block, King St., Chatham. Ask your druggist for Veterans' Sure Cure. 50c. and \$1.00.

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MANHOOD SUFFRAGE

Repealed By a Bill Introduced By Premier Whitney

BOOKS BEHIND TIMES

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Premier Whitney's bill to amend the Manhood Suffrage Act was the feature of yesterday's short session of the Legislature. The bill repeals the act except in so far as it applies to cities.

Premier Whitney explained that the floating population in cities rendered the manhood registration necessary, where the population was comparatively stable, it was not required. If it is good for a town of 10,000, argue opponents of the change, it is good for one of 9,500. High school teachers are pointed out among others who would be unable to get on the voting-list in case of change of residence for possibly two years under the proposed law.

The Registry Act.
A. B. Thompson introduced a bill to amend the Registry Act. The present act requires liens on railway lands to be registered on the general register. An amending act, however, distinctly forbids this. Recently when it was sought to register a mechanic's lien under the act the discrepancy was met, and Mr. Thompson now wishes to have it remedied.

Text-Book Report.
Hon. W. J. Hanna presented the report of the Text-Book Commission. The report is of considerable length and treats exhaustively the whole state of the school-book trade. The commissioners visited the largest publishing houses in the United States and studied the most modern methods of production. Prices and methods of distribution were gone into, and the school books of Great Britain and Ireland were consulted.

Books Behind the Times.
The summing up of the commissioners is as follows:

"It is clear that text-book publishing in Ontario has fallen behind the times. Most of the books produced to-day are no better than those produced 20 years ago, whereas in the United States and in Great Britain great progress has been made. The paper used in the Ontario books is not equal to that used in the United States, and is much inferior to that used in Great Britain. As the demand for this kind of paper increases, the quality of the inferiority will disappear. Concerning typesetting, some of the work done here is decidedly inferior, while plate-making and press work are more nearly up-to-date. In binding the United States factories have special machinery and produce better work at lower prices. Part of this general inferiority has been due to the absence of any insistent demand from the educational authorities, inspectors or teachers for better work. The Department allowed slovenly work, and apparently the inspectors and teachers have acquiesced in it or were unfamiliar with conditions elsewhere. We believe that just as good books may be produced in Canada as elsewhere if the authorities insist upon an equally high standard."

Recommendations.
Introduction of free school books is favored. Success depends on administration. Toronto and Kingston successfully practice the system. All progressive communities adopt it.

Otherwise, throw the publication of school books open to competition, while maintaining uniformity in the text-books used in all schools, and limit the periods of authorization, so as to keep them up to date.

A satisfactory and modern reader to be prepared, securing all copyrights, making plates, and letting the printing by tender. Special care to be given to size of type, illustrations, paper and quantity of matter on a page.

Continue the old readers until a new set can be secured.

Authorize only one primer.

Twenty-Four Rescued.
London, Feb. 2.—Lifeboats from Hartlepore yesterday morning rescued 24 of the crew of the British steamer Clavering, ashore at the mouth of the Tees, including Capt. Scott. The bodies of nine Lascars, who died of exposure during the night, were thrown overboard, making the total number of deaths 12. The vessel is breaking up.

Baggage Car Burned.
Sydenham, Feb. 2.—Yesterday morning the baggage car of a Bay of Quinte Railway train, standing in front of the station at Sydenham, was completely burned, with all its contents. The car contained several hundred new iron chairs for the Sydenham High School, a barrel and several tins of oil.

Deep Gorges Created by Quake.
San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The Solomon Islands in the South Seas were visited by a fearful earthquake several months ago, in which the earth was opened and deep gorges created. The entire appearance of the islands was changed. There was no loss of life.

Artist's Odd Suicide.
New York, Feb. 2.—J. J. Schmidt, an artist, buried a bonfire of paper in his room in a lodging house in Brooklyn when he came home early yesterday morning, and was suffocated by smoke. The fire was extinguished without serious financial loss.

Col. Hendrie Ill.
Hamilton, Feb. 2.—Hon. J. S. Hendrie, who underwent what was deemed to be a slight operation a short time ago, is very ill. He is so weak that no one outside of the family is allowed to see him.

LETTERS

THE GAS QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Planet:

The reports in the press of last evening as to the action of the Council respecting the repeal of the Gas Inspection Act in so far as sulphuretted hydrogen is concerned, seem to place the gas companies, and particularly the Chatham Gas Company, in a very unfavorable light before the people. To allow the citizens to more thoroughly understand the matter, would you be good enough to allow me to say as follows:

The present Gas Inspection Act was framed years ago, for the sole purpose of regulating the sale of manufactured gas, which gas would contain a large proportion of sulphuretted hydrogen, if not purified. At the time the Act was framed, no natural gas was used, nor had any been discovered for commercial use. When natural gas began to be used commercially, the Inspection Act was made to cover this gas as well as manufactured gas. Notwithstanding the sulphuretted clause in the Act, natural gas began to be used in many places where natural gas was sold, for lighting purposes, and with such success that it has so been used ever since.

I am credibly informed that the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa sent an expert chemist to a city where natural gas containing sulphuretted hydrogen was used for lighting, and this chemist reported to the Department that there was absolutely no harm in the use of this gas for lighting. It would seem that in view of these facts, the Inland Revenue Department, and I found out, that natural gas containing sulphuretted hydrogen was used for lighting, and this chemist reported to the Department that there was absolutely no harm in the use of this gas for lighting. It would seem that in view of these facts, the Inland Revenue Department, and I found out, that natural gas containing sulphuretted hydrogen was used for lighting, and this chemist reported to the Department that there was absolutely no harm in the use of this gas for lighting.

The natural gas to be locally supplied was tested by a chemist of the local producing company, and found to contain three quarters of one per cent. of sulphuretted hydrogen—a very small proportion.

In its agreement with the city, the Chatham Gas Company refused to allow a clause to be inserted whereby it would be necessary to purify all the natural gas used for fuel, power, etc., but was satisfied to furnish the gas under the provisions of the act, and this is all that is asked of any company furnishing natural gas in the Dominion of Canada. Why should the local company be asked to do more than the Government at Ottawa is not legislating solely for the city of Chatham, but for the whole Dominion, and if from the information the Government receives it is deemed wise to amend the present Act, the public may rest assured that natural gas may be used with perfect safety for lighting as well as other purposes.

Tests have been made at this company's office with natural gas for lighting with Welsbach burners and mantles, which show that the gas produces a beautiful light, with no odor noticeable.

With reference to Ald. Potter's kind remarks that he did not believe the company intended to furnish gas for lighting, but wished to force the public to use electricity for lighting, I wish to say distinctly that such is not the case. What the company hoped to be able to do, however, was to so reduce the cost of electric lighting, on account of the benefit derived from the use of natural gas as fuel, that many people would prefer to use this illuminant, on account of its superior convenience, cleanliness, etc.

The idea of continually baiting the Gas Company to obtain a little cheap popularity, will not be advantageous in the end.

It should be remembered that while natural gas has been used for years in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, as well as in Canada, for lighting as well as for other purposes, and in many places the gas has contained a much larger proportion of sulphuretted hydrogen than the local gas, yet in no single instance, if my information is correct, has the gas been purified in any way.

Yours truly,
P. S. COATE,
MANAGER CHATHAM GAS CO., LIMITED.

February 2nd, 1907.

Mr. Kerr was interviewed by our reporter immediately on his return from Ottawa this afternoon. "What has been the excitement?" queried Mr. Kerr. "I have not seen the papers yet and do not know the nature of the charges that have been made, either against the Gas Company or against me or against natural gas. Someone must have got excited. There has been no attempt to goldbrick me or to interfere in any way with the city's contract. The Government has been considering for some months amendments to the Gas Inspection Act so as to permit of the free use of natural gas, and in the interests of the Natural Gas Company was in attendance at Ottawa. There was no occasion for anyone getting excited and rushing resolutions through the City Council. I will be only too glad to explain to the City Council at the first opportunity the true aspect of the whole question, and I do not think that the citizens will be persuaded against their own interests by any wrong ideas that some of the aldermen seem to have got."

FASHIONS IN HAIR.

Ladies who wish to perfect their appearance and learn all about hair should call on Prof. Dorenwend, of Toronto, who will be at the Garner House on Thursday, Feb. 14th, with a big stock of his famous hair goods, wigs, switches, pompadours, transformations, wavy fronts, etc., all the latest from Paris, Boston, London, Berlin and other fashion centres. A visit is sure to prove profitable.

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UNJUSTLY CRITICIZED

Hamar Greenwood M. P. Defends Swettenham In Recent Trouble

JUST "YANKEE BOUNCE"

London, Feb. 2.—(C. A. P.)—Hamar Greenwood, M.P., speaking to the Canadian Associated Press, described the scene after the earthquake at Kingston as resembling "the edge of hell."

Regarding the landing of the American soldiers, Greenwood characterized it as nothing more or less than Yankee's bounce. Swettenham, Greenwood thinks, is being most unfairly criticized. Had it not been for Swettenham the negroes, who were half crazy with fear, might have gone completely so.

Worship Swettenham.
The negroes worship Swettenham and hate the Yankees. A large number of Americans on Christmas Day assembled in one of the large hotels, hoisted the Stars and Stripes, sang God Save America, but declined to sing God Save the King.

Greenwood, describing his feeling on the first shock while on the pier, remarked: "I am a man of fair nerve, but when I saw the pier collapsing and the hotel in front of me tumbling, I just closed my eyes, as I thought the Angel Gabriel had blown his horn."

Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce; John Henniker Heaton, M.P., and other prominent men arrived at Bristol yesterday on board the steamship Port Kingston, from Kingston, Jamaica, by way of Barbados.

A "Monstrous" Statement.

They gave vivid details of the earthquake and protested against the charges widely circulated that Sir Alfred's party inhumanly treated Americans at Kingston. In an interview Sir Alfred said it was a "monstrous" statement, adding:

"The ship was crowded from end to end with dead and dying. In order to provide for those we had to keep all our own passengers ashore at a hotel for two days. Several Americans who were hurt were treated on board the Port Kingston and we provided other Americans, who sought shelter under the shed of our wharf with mattresses and supplies from the ship and an armed guard to ensure their security. Several Americans came and asked us what they had to pay, but we told them they were welcome to everything we could do."

Swettenham Did Everything Possible.
Sir Alfred said he considered that Governor Swettenham did everything possible under the extraordinary conditions incident to the earthquake and added:

"I do not think the correspondence with Admiral Davis was one the Governor thought would ever be made public by the American admiral, who, of course, was anxious to help and did his duty in offering aid, and when it was not wanted went away."

The Swettenham Incident.

London, Feb. 2.—The Cabinet yesterday held its first meeting since the prorogation of Parliament. Premier Campbell-Bannerman presided. The Ministers besides framing the outlines of the speech from the throne, to be delivered at the re-opening of Parliament Feb. 12, will, it is understood, finally dispose of the incident involving Governor Swettenham of Jamaica.

TORONTO 'PHONE STRIKE.

Government May Appoint a Royal Commission to Investigate.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The telephone strike has taken on new color, and it is altogether probable that the Dominion Government will step in sometime to-day and appoint a royal commission to investigate the alleged wrongs submitted by the striking operators and to ventilate the whole Bell telephone system as far as its connection with employers is concerned.

The decision of the company, presented to Deputy Minister of Labor King yesterday that the company positively refused to submit the matter to an arbitration, and inviting a full investigation, was followed by resolutions passed by the strikers at a mass meeting at the Labor Temple last night asking for a royal commission to enquire into the matters in dispute.

The board of trade council decided yesterday to take no action in the dispute.

There are 450 operators on strike.

Killed By Falling Derrick.

Pickering, Feb. 2.—Thomas Bales, aged about 50 years, was instantly killed yesterday while moving a derrick at Boyer's Mills, just north of Greenwood. A plank gave way, thus allowing the derrick to fall over on him, crushing him over the heart. He leaves a widow and two sons.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

On lot No. 4, Township of Howard, 91 years ago January 31, Mrs. Mary Ann Myrick was born. Among those to remember this anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Osterhout, Mrs. E. Roe, C. Z. Myrick and Mrs. J. E. Heydon, of Walkerville; Mrs. Breaton and Mr. and Mrs. Lutes, of Chatham. Each one contributed presents of various kinds, also a cash present of \$5.00 from an old acquaintance from Thamesville, Mr. D. McFarlane, whom she nursed when he was a child. The family were all present at the gathering with the exception of Mrs. T. S. Field, of Atlanta, Ga.

Corset Demonstration . . . Continued . . .

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