After a little time for reflection, it begin and where everything happens according gas, utilized in a gas engine, would supto previous arrangement. In one way this ply power for 22 times as much of Edison's cannot exactly be said of the Great Western meeting. The report of the directors in equal to the gaslight under discussion for opposition to fusion had been already given cost of two-thirds of a cent, as against the to the public. A month before, Sir Henry Tyler had explained in considerable detail what the Grand Trunk offer actually was, and Mr. William Abbott's persistent efforts

In another way, however, the Great Vestern meeting appears to have been a 1 al surprise party; one of those, let us add, in whice the surprise comes just after the rty. Or let us call it one of those cases in which wisdom comes immediately after action, when people deliberating as to which of two courses is the better, are unafter the act of decision they get a flood of new 'light on the subject'; in an instant sical turn of mind, and given to the analythey see things with respect to which it seems perfectly astonishing that they did springs of action in men and women. The not see them before. Like Adam and Eve | way they proceed is this : A subject is given after the fall, they are 'enlightened' all at out; the members reflect upon it for two once, the wisdom which comes after the weeks; they meet and interchange views; event enters into them and possesses them; and in the expressive vernacular of Chica-

go, they begin to 'see it.' We had a case of this kind quite recently in Canada. The Ontario bank meeting of last fall was a genuine surprise party to the most or the shareholders, and to the public as well. A catch vote was obtained on almost instant summons, without time business was settled. But it was not settled. Immediately after the decision, those who had helped to make it began to think of a number of things which it appears strange they did not think of before. They kept on thinking, too, and the more they thought about it the more they wondered how ever they could have been betrayed into such hasty action. Fortunately for the bank, and for their individual selves the other meating followed and the for reflection ; and everybody thought that

event, Great Western proprietors may see question. the situation in quite another light, and may vote strongly for a motion to reconsider. The end of the war, when it does lars more into the Great Western treasury in six months; or a million per annum; enough for a comfortable dividend among now discouraged shareholders. As a matter of fact the thing has to be reconsidered anyway, for no such arrangement as the one proposed can be finally passed except at a special general meeting called for the purpose. And the next thing, as

Supposing the consent of all parties concerned, in England, to be practically unanimous and decisive, with all formalities necessary there duly observed, Canadian opposition to fusion might not amount to strongly expressed, while yet the appeal for reconsideration is pending in England, may amount to a good deal. It is the duty of the Canadian press to support the appeal, and to urge with all its might that the surprise party decision of last week be reversed or annulled. The matter shoud even be made an issue in the approaching much. But Canadian public opinion, January, February and March, has had to change its time in April, and eat its own words of a month or two before. A turn of the tide is among probable contingencies, and the Canadian press and Canadian and the Canadian press and Canadian pre and the Canadian press and Canadian public opinion may do much to help the tide to turn. Now that the danger of fusion actually rubs against us, let the press of Ontario, in particular, speak out, and declare that, in the interest of this country, the separate identity and independence of the Great Western must and shall dence of the Great Western must and shall

THE COST OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. In England, where the interest in electric lighting is just at present very great, the subject of its relative cost, as compared with gas, is receiving special attention. A paper read before the University college, electric with gas lighting, is a recent and vantages rather than of the terrors of invalued contribution to the subject. He temperance. Instead of denouncing rum, (such as the Brush lamp) is undoubtedly commend the virtues of milk and of a cheaper than gas, although he admits that rational diet and regimen. More tive remedy of the times and the stand-by the difference is not very apparent in some attention and respect in the of the people.

Those in search of the latest novelties. of the bids under consideration by the city domain of popular oratory should authorities. To show the relative east of be paid to those who lead temper-

This calculation does not include cost of plant, etc., which renders the showing still more in favor of the arc. Respecting the incandescent light, it is stated that, while the Edison light furnishes 152 candles (9 lamps) per horse power, the same effect from gas jets would consume 471 cubic feet, csoting about 4c. per hour. The same steam, an Edison light could be produced 4c per hour, as above. In conclusion, Mr. Thompson is firmly of the opinion that domestic electric lighting works (in houses away from the city, for instance) can be built and operated much cheaper than a private gas works. This being granted, as a Grand Trunk man in Great Western here is no reason why, done on a large scale, a city should not be supplied more cheaply than with gas. Mr. Edison is to shortly light up a down-town section of New York with his incandescent light. The results of this practical working out of his plans will go far to demonstrate to his fusionist side. There was therefore no surprise as far as the bare statement of certain plans will go far to demonstrate to his consumers in a few months the truth or fallacy of such figures as have just been

> Up at University college there is a so ciety little known to the outside world. water used has largely fallen off, while the Its object is the Diffusion of Knowledge on Useful Topics in an Unobtrusive Way. Its The total supply pumped is only 2,500,000 members are all young men. But they must be of varied experience of a metaphysis of human character and the study of a committee is then appointed to embody the ideas of the society on the question in hand; this report is read at the next meeting; more reflection follows, succeeded by revision; lastly, the result of their labors is most peculiar one, namely, How to Woo a Woman. They have been reflecting on it some months, some years back. They have not, however, been able to reach a unani-

selves, the other meeting followed, and the World yesterday and requested the editor In the railway case there are two or three points that may give us pause ere columns. He consented, and though the conducting that fusion is virtually accomplished, after all. First, the offer made by Sir Henry Tyler still lacks confirmation by Grand Trunk preference shareholders and bondholders, who may possibly see reason for non-concurrence. Next, if American reports as to the probable early cessation of the 'war of rates' be confirmed by the event. Great Western proprietors may see

The town is talking about the blondes come to an end, means half a million dol- who have given a "female minstrel" performance here during the past two nights. Our worthy mayor has had his moral sense shocked by the printing and lithographs of the blondes hung in the windows, and so he ordered the police to remove them. The fence bills were not touched. As soon as the mayor had come to this decision, that truly good and moral-elevating sheet, the Telegram, re-echoed his worship's sentithe showman said to the admiring crowd ments and denounced the blondes and

that surrounded him, is --- something the opera house, they packed the seats, they filled the aisles and crowded the boxes. There were business men, auceven be made an issue in the approaching Dominion elections, in every constituency in Ontario. Public opinion here is decided see? A group of females who gave a few Dominion elections, in every constituency in Ontario. Public opinion here is decided against fusion; even the Globe, after helping the fusionists all it could during formers may have been questionable, but have not had sufficient practice to distinguished the fusionists all it could during formers may have been questionable, but have not had sufficient practice to distinguished the fusionists all it could during formers may have been questionable, but have not had sufficient practice to distinguished the fusion of ing the fusionists all it could during formers may have been questionable, but January, February and March, has had to just as certainly was the audience a vicious

tures delivered in New York on Sunday, Mr. Wm. Livingstone produced one which, the Telegram of that city thinks, presents a In England, where the interest in electric line of thought a little outside the beaten London, by Dr. S. P. Thompson, on the ly, is that tempereance discourses should comparative cost of arc and incandescent treat positively of temperance and its adstates that the cost of lighting by the arc | the laborer in the temperance cause should

the Brush are light and gas, the expense of both, as used in the Kensington Museum, is given. The figures include allowance for interest on capital, wear and tear of plant, expenses of engineer, temperate temperance lecturer refuses to \$3 per dozen; tablets, \$5 per dozen.

resting inebriate the highest dow him with all the imaginable native powers and virtues. He even went so far as to hint that the church has some other vices besides intemperance to combat, that the liquor traffic cannot be suppressed by prohibitory laws, and that the temperance war is one of skirmish where men are to be reclaimed as individuals and not in masses.

The Dominion government have request ed the railway companies to run no more colonist trains to Manitoba until the road north of St. Paul is thoroughly repaired, better accommodation for immigrants is provided, and more supplies thrown in. At present the facilities for handling immigrants north of St. Paul are inadequate. The Great Western, the Grand Trunk and the Credit Valley are ready to transport all the colonists that offer, but the trouble is at the other end. The Pacific railway people expect soon to have the washouts made good, the bridges repaired, and their their shirt on, to use a homely phrase.

WATER METERS. The experience of cities which employ meters is most satisfactory. Providence, Rhode Island, has about 5,000 meters in use, and the result is that the quantity of revenue from the waterworks has increased. gallons daily, an allowance of less than 25 gallons to each individual and of 337 gallons to each service. Its income from this source is \$200,000 a year, or \$219 for each nillion gallons pumped. Milwaukee, which has a slightly larger population, but fewer water services, has very few meters i use, and its people consumed 10,603,000 gallons of water daily, and its receipts are only \$31 for each million gallons pumped.

A HINT TO POSTAL CLERKS. To THE WORLD : I must ask the favor f a short space in the columns of your valuable and independent paper to state a grievance. Last week I received a letter from your city containing a cabinet photo, which, though mailed in good order, was A committee of the society waited on The World yesterday and requested the editor to 'disseminate' the Useful Knowledge contained in the article by means of his through the case of the letter containing the cabinet photo above referred to, your Toronto clerks apparently broke the photo, so that it would fold to the size of an ordinary letter, the marks of the enclosing string being

· Loud " Lithographs. To THE WORLD: In The World's city news column I observed an item to the effect that the mayor of this city had effect that the mayor of this city had ordered the lithograph printing of the company at present playing at the Grand opera house to be removed from the different windows in which they had been placed for advertising purposes. Now, if he will visit the different china shops, and the several news depots and book stores, and cause the removal of the objectionable, nude and partly nude statues, partly nude photographs and objectable literature, he will fully or partly fully carry out his plan of attempting to purify the rather invocable morals of the city. In the mean ments and denounced the blondes and their show.

But there are greater sinners than the blondes. The men who go there and expect to "see something good" should receive a little attention. They rushed into plan of attempting to purify

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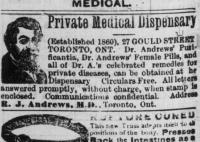
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