

READY FOR THE YEAR.

Dundas Board of Education Elects John Douglass as Chairman.

First of a Series of Racing Matinees Held Yesterday.

Temperance Executive to Meet on Sunday Evening Next.

Dundas, Feb. 4.—The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening, all the members excepting J. J. Steele being present.

Internal Management—W. J. Kerr, W. A. Davidson, C. E. Dickson, Henry Tyson and J. J. Steele.

Property—W. H. Knowles, E. E. Fisher, Wm. Watts, Jos. Thompson, A. S. Parker.

Finance—F. C. J. Minty, Wm. Clark, M. T. Sullivan, Dr. Smith and chairmen of the Board and the other two standing committees.

The meeting of the Board was changed from the first Monday to the first Tuesday of each month.

The first of the series of the racing matinees were held in the Driving Park yesterday. The events were all well contested, and there was a good attendance of spectators.

Class C—Three starters. Stevens' Billy A. first; Powell's Dolly, second; J. Tunis' Roy T. third.

J. W. Boyle disposed of his west end property this week to Fred Barrett. It is a white rough-cast house on King street, recently occupied by C. McMurrich.

Dr. Lawson left on Monday for Elgin, Mary H. will also visit other Western towns.

A charge of trespass and willful damage will be brought against the man who is suspected of painting the tree in front of Mayor Lawson's residence on Sydenham street, and using it for a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

The Rev. Ben H. Spence, of Toronto, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, will be the speaker at the union meeting to be held next Sabbath evening, in the Methodist Church at 8-15.

Miss Lowes, of Grayson, Sask., is a visitor with Miss Gretta Robertson. Dr. Lauchland was called out of town last evening on account of the death of his mother at Oshawa.

Mr. Clifford M. Anderson, of Plaster, N.H., is visiting his brother John H. Anderson, Albert street. The brothers had not met for twenty years.

The date of the musical and gymnastical entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. has been changed to the 18th. Fred Mulligan moved his barber shop into his new stand in Armstrong's block this week.

John Sutton has leased the H. D. Binkley farm on the Hamilton Road, and will move there shortly. Brock Lyons, of the York Road, had twenty acres of plowing done on his farm during last month.

Geo. G. Brown, manager of the Michigan State Bank of Cheboygan, an old Dundas boy, has been visiting his brother James C. Brown, of the Bank of the Central Temperance, executive at the close of this public meeting.



MRS. HOWELL DUNDAS PRATT.

Before her wedding to Mr. Pratt at Chestnut Hill, Mrs. Pratt was Miss Adele Biddle Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Dixon, of Philadelphia.

GREAT DISPLAY OF HOME INDUSTRIES.

Stanley Mills & Co. Open an Exhibition That Will Interest and Instruct All.

The finishing touches were put to the great industrial exhibition of Hamilton-made goods in Stanley Mills & Co. company's stores this morning, and a magnificent display is now ready for the public.

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PANIC IN SCHOOL.

Seven Hundred Buffalo School Children in Panic.

Fled From School in Fear of an Earthquake.

Buffalo, Feb. 4.—Seven hundred Italian boys and girls, pupils of the parochial school of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Fly and LeConte streets were thrown into a panic at 9-30 o'clock yesterday morning when some child shouted "earthquake."

Only the training of the children in the fire drill prevented more serious results. The entire Italian colony was thrown into a panic and more than a thousand Italian men and women surrounded the school and fought their way into the corridors, knocking others down as they passed.

It seems that a rumor had been circulated throughout the Italian section that Buffalo was to be visited by an earthquake yesterday and that the world was coming to an end.

When it began to get dark shortly after school opened the children showed great nervousness.

Sister Baptista, who has the third grade of boys on the second floor of the building, went out of the class room to get a match to light the gas.

Right Now You want Parke's glyceroid to clog to your chapped and roughened hands.

A French Patent Pipe. The well pipe with curved or straight stem has a chamber in the stem to intercept the nicotine and smokes clean.

Nice Things. Grimby tomatoes, cucumbers, mushrooms, sweet peppers, sweet potatoes, Boston head lettuce, radishes, new potatoes, new cabbage, new beets, spy apples, cranberries, Malaga grapes, banana, grape fruit, ripe pineapples, coconuts, cysters, smelts, ciscoes, haddies, pigeons, mince-meat, etc.

CLEARED COURT.

Edinburgh Divorce Court Too Much of a Melodrama.

Lord Northland Only Tried to Cheer Up Mrs. Stirling.

Edinburgh, Feb. 4.—Tired of having his court turned into a theatre filled with curious men and women who have seemed to regard the Stirling cross divorce cases as a lurid melodrama produced for their benefit, Judge Guthrie this morning closed the doors on all except those directly identified with the suits.

John Alex. Stirling is suing his wife, who was Clara Elizabeth Taylor, an American show girl, before her marriage, for divorce, alleging misconduct with Lord Northland, while Mrs. Stirling is praying for divorce on the alleged misbehavior of her husband with Mrs. Atherton. Lord Northland was on the stand all the morning. His evidence consisted largely of flat denials to the statements made by Mr. Stirling and Mrs. Atherton.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS.

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This "Home Work Exposition" is a great idea. Stanley Mills Company deserve credit for it. Hamilton is somewhat of a manufacturing city.

This talk of tipping throws suspicion on the whole, but the policeman who doesn't drink needn't bother his head about it.

Well, sir, if a good honest worker deserved a Government job, Dick Wallace did. The pure quill.

Up to the hour of going to press, the county had not begun active operations on that poor house. (Laughter).

Have you got posted on the old age annuity scheme yet? Call at the post-office and get a booklet.

The Times is a respectable, reliable newspaper. Judge Teetzel said so. Pass the good word around.

Mr. Sealey is not losing any time in making good at Ottawa. Busy looking after his constituents' interest.

It is too late now to worry over the loss of Mr. Zimmerman as our member. He was a good friend to the Hamilton people and to Hamilton industries.

An interesting exhibition of work from the manual training classes and demonstrations will be given each afternoon.

It's many a long day now since I pressed for the holding of fire inquests. But it's never too late to begin.

Let Mr. Barker and Mr. Stewart try their hand at getting an appropriation for the revetment wall.

Hamilton is big enough and rich enough to pay its way. Why should it always be so hard up?

What like a hole would we be in if we were paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for Niagara power? The workman's cottage would be mortgaged up to the chimney to pay the taxes, and that's no dream, either.

Of course, I can see that these deputations run away with a lot of money, when a post card would do just as well.

Now, here's hoping for an early spring and busy season. The financial depression is said to be over now.

The County Councilors will make a little money and perform a good action at the same time if they put a good stiff tax on all signboards along the highways. These boards spoil the landscape.

You never hear of the firemen drinking between meals. How's that?

Perhaps Mr. T. J. Stewart forgot to ask Sir Wilfrid for an appropriation for the revetment wall. He must be more careful.

Then how much are these expert opinions to cost the city? No wonder we are hard up.

Then, I suppose, the Fuel Sub-committee will be wanting an extra thousand or two to its appropriation.

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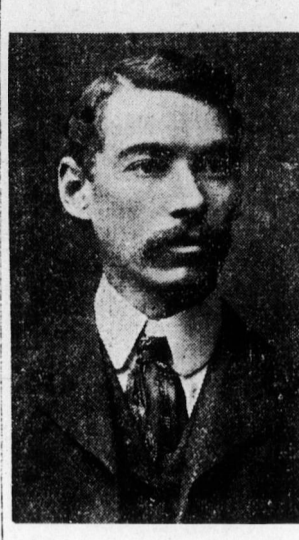
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Wife and Boarder Put Through Third Degree by Police.

Suspected of Murdering Woman's Husband in Newark.

Faced Wife With Corpse and Took Boarder to Cellar.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 4.—For over five hours the police subjected Mrs. Mary Wilhelm to a searching examination in an effort to obtain evidence that would lead to the arrest of the slayer of her husband, Frank Wilhelm, a contractor and Justice of the Peace, who was found dead in his cellar by his wife Monday with a bullet hole in his head.

The police are working on the theory that Wilhelm was killed as the result of a plot.

The first development in the case came when the police learned from Mrs. Sarah Dillon of New York, that Nicholas Sica, a boarder at the Wilhelm home, and Mrs. Wilhelm were friendly and that the contractor had threatened to sue for a divorce and name Sica as co-respondent. Sica was taken into custody by the police, who later called upon Mrs. Wilhelm to tell what she knew concerning the case.

According to the police Mrs. Wilhelm said that she had been friendly with Sica and that he promised to marry her if Wilhelm obtained a divorce. Her examination developed that the property supposed to have been owned by her husband stood in her name. Mrs. Wilhelm said the last time she saw her husband was in New York on Sunday. Later she said she saw him at her home Monday, she thought.

Sica was given the "third degree" by the police, and said he was at the Wilhelm home at 3 o'clock Monday and talked with Wilhelm and his wife for a few minutes, after which he left. Between 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock Sica stated that he called at several places, but in every case failed to find the person he sought. The physicians state that Wilhelm was killed some time after 3 and before 6 o'clock. The police say that Sica will be arraigned to-morrow, when formal charges will be preferred against him unless evidence can be obtained to substantiate the story of his whereabouts after leaving the Wilhelm home.

FAILED TO FORCE CONFESSION. Newark, N. J., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Mary J. Wilhelm, the widow of Frank Wilhelm, who was murdered in his home last Monday night, is in a condition of complete nervous collapse, to-day after an unusually long stay in the hospital of the "third degree," including a midnight visit to the morgue, where she was suddenly confronted with the body of her husband.

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