### THE COMING ECLIPSE.

**Harvard Expects to Gather Useful Information—A Large Lot of Apparatus.**

*From The Boston Herald.*

New Year's day will be celebrated by Old Sol by a temporary retirement behind the friendly moon, probably for the purpose of quietly turning over a new leaf, the same as the rest of mortals, and for the purpose of adopting a new series of resolutions for 1889. The retirement here will come so late in the day that it will not be visible at all, and New York state, where the sun will set in eclipse, will be the easternmost place where the sun's performance will be visible to men. The eclipse will be on at sunrise for our neighbors, the Aleutian islanders, and thus they will have a rare opportunity for a late nap, for it will be dark with them after sunrise. From that point on the surface of the earth the line of the centre of the eclipse will sweep southward and eastward across the Pacific ocean, and will land on our western shores to the north of San Francisco. Across Nevada, Idaho and Montana the line will fall till it ends away up in Canada where there is nobody of consequence to observe it. It is expected that the results which will be gained by the observations of this eclipse will be better than have ever before been secured from any like event.

Harvard University has made great preparations for observations, and has sent out to California a large lot of apparatus. The expedition will take about a month on the ground for preparations. The place for building the temporary observatory will be in the town called Willows, about 200 miles north of Sacramento, and from 200 to 300 feet above the level of the sea. This is not by any means a high altitude for such a purpose, but it is difficult to transport to a high point such a mass of apparatus as the university has sent out. The largest telescope in the possession of the university has an aperture of 15 inches, and this is too large to send out on such a trip, but the next in size, one of 13 inches, has been sent. This is much larger than any which has ever before been used for this purpose. Hitherto none have been used of more than six or seven inches. Now, the amount of light which falls upon the glass varies as the square of the diameter. Hence the light which falls upon the 13-inch glass is to the light which falls upon one of six or seven inches in diameter as the square of 13 is to the square of six or seven. Thus the advantage is vastly in favor of the large instrument, and it is expected that results will be secured far beyond in value any which have been obtained by the use of the smaller instruments.

People generally, as well as the trained astronomers, always have a deep interest in the observations of a solar eclipse. The bigness, rarity and mystery of the event always appeal to them, and they are eager to hear what the results of the latest observations have been. They will like to know that the composition of the corona of the sun is to be the special object of study by those who go out from Harvard. Beside the 13-inch telescope, there have been sent out two others of eight inches opening each, and several other instruments, such as photographic cameras and devices for observing the spectrum of the edge of the sun and of the different parts of the corona separately. The duration of the totality of the eclipse will be about 100 seconds, and if the phenomenon should be observed by the eye through the telescope, as has been done in most past observations, the results would be of little value, compared with what it is expected to secure. As it is, the astronomers expect to spend about all their time in making photographs of the corona, and then they can study them afterward at their leisure. Thus they combine accuracy of observation with permanence of result in a way wholly unknown to former methods of observation. The largest sized images of the sun which they will take will be about 12 inches in diameter, and each of these will require from six to eight seconds of exposure of the photographic plate.

The apparatus will permit of photographing eight different regions of the spectrum of the corona at the same time, which will be wholly in the green and yellow parts of the spectrum. Other apparatus will take photographs of the blue region and of the ultra-violet, or that which is beyond the power of the eye to perceive. The three, four and five inch cameras which will be taken will be used for photographing the brightness of the sun and of its largest streamers. An ingenious device has been adopted for measuring the brightness of the sun's corona. A standard of light has been adopted, and small squares on the edges of the plates to be used have been exposed to light of this intensity. When the plates are developed, after being used in the eclipse, these squares will be developed also, and thus the brightness of the corona as compared with them can be measured. It is not expected that any plates which are taken of the eclipse will be developed at Willows, but they will be brought out afterward at leisure, either in Cambridge or in Southern California, where the party will go when the eclipse is over.

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*From The Esmeralda (Nev.) News.*

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**Some Gems of Literature.**

*From The Washington Post.*

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D. POTTINGER,
Chief Superintendent.

Railway Office,
Moncton N.B., November 20, 1888.


THE BOILER INSPECTION AND INSURANCE Company of Canada, hereby give notice that they will, at the next session of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, apply for an act granting them power to include under their policies insurance covering loss of life or injury to persons resulting from explosion of the insured boilers, and also to transact a plate-glass insurance business, and for such other powers as may be necessary in the premises.

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Toronto, 15th October, 1888.


### AUCTION SALES.

**THE MART.**

By OLIVER, COATE & CO.,

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**JUDICIAL SALE**

—OF—

**CITY PROPERTY.**

**Lumsden v. Neil.**

Pursuant to the judgment and final order for sale in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, in the action of Lumsden v. Neil, there will be sold, with the approbation of the Master in Ordinary, by Messrs. Oliver, Coate & Co., at their auction rooms, 57 King-street east, Toronto on Saturday, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1888, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, in separate parcels, the following lands, being lots 21 and 22 on the south side of Langley-avenue, Toronto, according to registered plan 482 as amended by registered plan 505, said lots having a frontage respectively of 20 feet by a depth of 119 feet more or less.

The said lands are vacant and will be sold subject to a reserved bid to be fixed by the said Master.

Terms of sale: Ten per cent. is to be paid on day of sale to the vendor or his solicitors and balance within one month thereafter without interest into Court to the credit of this action.

In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of Court. Further particulars may be had from Messrs. Robinson, O'Brien & Gibson, 68 Church-street, Toronto.

Dated at Toronto this 21st day of November, A.D. 1888.

NEIL McLEAN,
Chief Clerk M. O.

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**JUDICIAL SALE**

OF

**PROPERTY IN TORONTO.**

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice made in a certain action of re Emery, Kilnck v Emery, there will be offered for sale in one parcel with the approbation of the Master in Ordinary by Messrs. Oliver, Coate & Co., Auctioneers, at the Mart, King-Street East, Toronto, at the hour of 12 noon on Saturday, the twelfth day of January, 1889, the following freehold property:

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Toronto in the County of York and being part of Park Lot number Ten in the first concession from the bay, formerly in the Township of York, and of lot number twenty-eight, Plan 6 A., being a subdivision of said Park Lot number Ten and being composed of a frontage on the north side of Queen-street at the west corner of Torauley-street of forty-six feet more or less by a depth on Teraulay-street of sixty-four feet more or less, to be sold by the foot according to the Queen-street frontage subject to survey.

This property is situated in a most suitable locality on the north side of Queen-street and on the corner opposite the proposed site of the new City Hall and Court House.

TERMS:—Ten per cent. to be paid at the time of sale to the vendors' solicitors, and the balance to be paid into Court without interest to the credit of this cause in thirty days thereafter.

Purchasers are to search the title at their own expense. The vendors will not be required to deliver any abstract of title, and will produce only such title deeds, abstracts, evidences or muniments of title or copies of them as are in their possession.

Objections to the title, if any, must be in writing and must be served on the vendors' solicitors within ten days after sale, otherwise the purchaser will be deemed to have accepted the title, and he will not be entitled to take objection after ten days.

Should any objections be made to title which the vendors are unable or unwilling to remove the sale will be cancelled. Any money paid by the purchasers will be refunded and any such purchaser shall have no claim for damages or costs. If any mistake be made in the above description of the premises or any other error whatsoever shall appear in the above particulars, no such mistake or error shall annul the sale, but a compensation or an equivalent shall be given or taken as the case may require, such compensation or equivalent to be settled by the Master in Ordinary. In other respects the terms and conditions of the sale will be the standing conditions of the Court.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid fixed by the said Master.

Further particulars may be had from Messrs Blake, Lash & Cassels, Dominion Chambers, Toronto, and from Messrs. Edgar & Malone, 27 and 29 Wellington-street east, Toronto.

Dated at Toronto this 5th day of December, A. D. 1888.

NEIL McLEAN,
Chief Clerk.

Dec. 22.

**"THE MART"**

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Great Annual Holiday Sale of the Newest Imported

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Will be continued To-day, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12, 13, 14.

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**OLIVER, COATE & CO.**

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We have received instructions from

**SHERMAN E. TOWNSEND,**

Agent for Trustee, to sell en bloc on

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18,**

At 2 o'clock p.m. the stock belonging to the estate of

**EBENEZER STOVEL,**

(Trading as Stovel & Armstrong), Merchant Tailor, 69 King-st. west, Toronto, consisting of

PARCEL 1.

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| 3-4 Trouserings | $ 4090 00 |
| 6-4 Suitings | 4380 00 |
| Diagonal Coatings | 1465 00 |
| Serges | 1000 00 |
| Broads and Meltons | 961 00 |
| Worsteds | 1005 00 |
| Overcoatings | 1400 00 |
| Vestings | 286 00 |
| Trimmings | 4860 00 |
| Ladies' Custom Clothes and Jackets | 2507 00 |
| | $22497 00 |
| Shop Furniture, Safe, Etc | 589 00 |
| | $23086 00 |

PARCEL 2.

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| Dressing Gowns | $ 224 00 |
| Traveling Rugs | 162 00 |
| Morning Jackets | 90 00 |
| Waterproof Coats | 237 00 |
| Summer Jackets | 435 00 |
| French Cambric Shirtings | 392 00 |
| Flannel Shirting | 99 00 |
| Fronting Linen | 214 00 |
| White and Colored Dress Shirts | 166 00 |
| L. W. Shirts and Drawers | 365 00 |
| Merino and Silk Drawers | 1405 00 |
| Merino, Silk and L. W. Hose | 1063 00 |
| Kid Gloves Etc | 815 00 |
| Suspenders | 207 00 |
| Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs | 510 00 |
| Linen Collars and Cuffs | 300 00 |
| Ties and Scarfs | 710 00 |
| Umbrellas