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Mrs. Burchell Also Taken Into Custody.

'LORD' SOMERSET AS A HIGH ROLLER

The Detectives Think They Have Woven a Clue Around the Prisoners That Will Fasten the Murder of Fred C. Benwell on Them—A Diabolical Crime Hatched on an Atlantic Steamer—A Young Man From Manchester Who Would Not Speak—The Plot Gets Deep and Highly Interesting—Investigating Wealthy Young Englishmen to Canada to Murder Them.

MORE startling developments were unearthed by The World yesterday in connection with the murder of Fred C. Benwell of London, England. It begins to look as though J. Burchell, the man now in custody at Niagara Falls, has got himself into a rather uncomfortable corner, and he may find it quite a task to extricate himself. It has transpired that he was in Woodstock last summer in company with the woman who is now at the Falls and who claims to be his wife. He was accompanied by another man whose description tallies somewhat with young Pelley, the man who, it seems gave Chief Detective Young the "pointer" on which Burchell was arrested. Burchell and Somerset being the same person, and that gentleman having lived several months in Woodstock, would account for his knowledge of the Blenheim swamp, where the body was found, were he in any way connected with the terrible crime. At a late hour last night Mrs. Burchell was arrested at Niagara Falls as an accessory.

"LORD" SOMERSET AT WOODSTOCK

How the Niagara Prisoner Cut a Great Dash at Oxford's Capital.

WOODSTOCK, March 3.—Woodstock people were greatly surprised this morning to learn that the man arrested for the Princeton murder was no other than "Lord" Somerset, who cut such a gay figure here last year. Somersett came here from London, Eng., to learn farming, being sent out by Ford & Rathbone, but this occupation was not in his line. He spent most of his time in Woodstock, living extravagantly, driving tandems every other day and drinking wine. In fact his life here was one continual round of pleasure. He claimed to be a real lord sometimes, at others a son of a lord. He was an excellent customer of the wine merchants, the hotels and livery men. He paid them a pile of money but there was quite a sum he did not pay. He left here rather suddenly in May last for parts unknown and has not been heard of since. He is not a man say one would connect with a murder tragedy.

While here he had a chum named St. Dudley, also an Englishman, whom the boys called "Cholly." It is supposed that the man Pelley, mentioned in to-day's despatches, and Dudley are the same person. There is no question but that Burchell and Somersett are the same.

Enquiry discloses the fact that Somersett's letters from England came in the name "Burchell" or "Birchell." One envelope found in his old boarding-house was addressed: "Reginal Birchall, care of Messrs. Somerset & Co., Brock-street, Woodstock." Another: "R. Burchell, care Somerset & Co., Woodstock."

The Sentinel-Review says to-night that it interviewed a prominent business man who declares emphatically that he saw Somersett in Woodstock three weeks ago. It also contains a despatch from Eastwood, a village within a few miles of where the murdered man was found, to the effect that Somersett was seen there by two parties two days before the murder. The same paper contains an interview with a young Englishman who is working in town and who went to school with the accused in England. He says Somersett is not a lord, nor either is his father. The latter keeps a lively stable in London. Somersett, it is said, was well acquainted with the country where Benwell was found. He told one of his companions, it is alleged, that he had often driven through these parts from Niagara.

EXCITEMENT AT THE FALLS.

The Man's Father Heard From—Mrs. Burchell Arrested.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 3. — Detective Murray arrived here this evening. He had a long closeted consultation with Douglas S. Pelley.

The greatest excitement prevailed on the streets. All day crowds of people stood around the police court-room doors waiting for the case to come up for a hearing.

F. Hellmuth, barrister of London, Ont., who was a passenger aboard the steamer with the party while crossing the Atlantic arrived this morning to defend Burchell.

A cablegram was received this morning from the father of Benwell, dated at Cheltenham, asking if it were true his son had been murdered.

Magistrate Hill says the case will be ready to go on with at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Mrs. Burchell Locked Up.

At a late hour to-night Detective Murray decided to lock Mrs. Burchell up also, as an accessory of her husband in the murder of Benwell. She was taken into custody and placed behind the bars. The woman was almost paralyzed with fear when the officers took her and burst out crying.

Detective Murray had another lengthy interview with young Pelley to-night, and it was after this conference that Mrs. Burchell was taken into custody.

GETTING AT THE CRIME.

Was the Job Put Up on Board the Britannic—Burchell's Close Quarters.

All day yesterday and away into last night Government Detective John Murray and Chief of Police Young of Niagara were hard at work on the case. The World's commissioner on the road telegraphs that the officers are making satisfactory progress on the case, but of course they will not divulge much of their investigations at present. The inquest will be resumed at Princeton next Friday and it is quite probable that the officers will then bring forward evidence to show that the murder of Benwell was one of the most sensational in the records of modern crime. Magistrate Hill of Niagara cannot make a move in the examination of Burchell, or Somersett, until Coroner McLay has concluded his inquest. Burchell being charged with the murder, will, of course, be taken to Princeton when the inquest reopens. This, he was given to understand, would be the course of procedure and he was so informed yesterday at Niagara Falls and he was formally remanded pending the coroner's investigations. The detectives have been searching his baggage and also that of Benwell, the dead man, which consists of two large chests, and important disclosures are being unearthed.

Is It an Atlantic Job?

It is now positively known that Mr. and Mrs. Burchell, Pelley and the murdered Benwell landed in New York together off the Britannic on Feb. 14. Their names all appear in the list of saloon passengers, a copy of which The World obtained yesterday. Burchell also admits this part of the story. There is a theory now on the cards that the whole job for the murder of Benwell was put up on board the ship after she left Liverpool. The theory that Benwell was murdered by local parties is fast losing its color. The World pointed out that out yesterday. Imagine a country highwayman, after slashing down his victim, carefully cutting off all the marks of identity on his clothing, even to his undershirt. What matter would it be to the local highwayman if his victim were known in the neighborhood or not. He was after his money and would not bother about how his linen or stockings were marked. Besides, the person who cut the marks off Benwell's clothing knew just where they were and how many there were. This showed an intimate knowledge of his dress. As is too often the case with murderers, in hiding the traces of their crime they overlooked just one thing; this time it was the murdered man's cigar-case with his name engraved on it. That was probably dropped in the hurry to get away from the ghastly scene.

It is well known that one of the present curses of the Atlantic steamships is the gang of confidence men, bunco steerers, gamblers, sharpers and even worse that invest these floating palaces. Many a job has been put up on the credulous while crossing the water. Is this the case with Benwell? At all events, Burchell's own story and the fact of his traveling under two names places him in a suspicious light.

Mr. Shannon of Manchester.

Two young men who crossed on the Britannic with the party have been found. One of them is Mr. H. McA. Shannon of Manchester, Eng., a young man who does not look to be over 21, and who is now at the Queen's Hotel. Mr. Shannon is a pronounced English blonde and he is in Canada representing his father, a wholesale dress goods dealer of Manchester. Mr. Shannon was seen by The World last night at the hotel, but he is so fearful that he may be subpœnaed as a witness in the case that he would say but very little. "I don't want to get mixed up in the matter at all," he said several times to the reporter. Mr. Shannon, however, admitted that he saw Burchell, Pelley and Benwell on the Britannic several times. He says Pelley, with whom he played a few games of whist, appeared to be a very nice young man. He also remarked that he thought Benwell was wealthy and that his father was an English army officer. Of Burchell, however, he would say almost nothing, although it was on the tip of his tongue several times to make a few observations about Somerset and his wife. All of which is respectfully submitted and with due deference to Mr. Shannon and his business engagements, The World would suggest that he come to the front and impart any information he could. For never was a fouler crime committed in Ontario, and it might materially assist the officers in establishing the relations between Burchell, Pelley and Benwell, leaving the woman out of the question. The Toronto detectives are aware that Shannon crossed with the party.

Mr. Hellmuth Speaks.

Another passenger on the Britannic was Mr. Isidore F. Hellmuth of London, Ont. Mr. Shannon has visited Mr. Hellmuth at the Queen City since their arrival. The Free Press of yesterday in its account of the murder says:

Last night (Sunday) on it becoming known that the body of the man found murdered in the Princeton swamp had been identified as F. C. Benwell, Mr. Isidore F. Hellmuth, barrister, of this city, visited The Free Press office and asked to see the photograph of the victim. He had no difficulty in identifying the photograph as that of Mr. Benwell, who crossed the Atlantic on the steamer Brittanic with him last month. Mr. Benwell came on board at Liverpool and with him were Mr. Pelley and Mr. and Mrs. Burchell, all of whom apparently were well acquainted with each other and very jovial fellows. Mr. Burchell has frequently visited Canada, having, as Mr. Hellmuth understood it, a farm upon which he keeps horses near Niagara Falls. To a Free Press representative Mr. Hellmuth said: "A murderer does not generally identify the victim of his fiendishness, and I can't think that Mr. Burchell was a party to the tragedy. The change of name from that given a year ago may have a sequel to it. Mr. Pelley is a young Englishman and all three appeared to be upon the most friendly terms."

Mr. Hellmuth's theory that a murderer would not identify the victim of his own fiendishness is all very well in its way but here is a case in point where it might not hold.

Why?

It would soon come out that Burchell and Pelley crossed with Benwell and the account of his murder would eventually be sent to England. Therefore Burchell had every reason to go forward and identify the dead man, for if he did not it would be asked in England why he did not as he crossed the ocean with him. This identification would be one way of hiding his own crime, were he in any way connected with it, instead of covering it up; that is after the tell-tale cigar-case was left behind.

How the Crime Was Committed.

Now The World boldly asserts that Burchell has placed himself in a position from which he will find it difficult to clear himself, as there is some very straight prima facie evidence against him. He has said he received a letter from Benwell in London, Ont., on the Wednesday before the murder. Where is that letter?

Benwell's name cannot be found on the hotel registers of London.

Where was Burchell between the time that he alleges Benwell left him at the Falls on Feb. 18 and the time of the finding of the body on Feb. 21; a space of three days? Was he at the Falls all this time? Where was Pelly? Where was Mrs. Burchell? Where is the evidence that he did not leave the Falls when Benwell went west towards Woodstock to buy a farm?

Why does he travel under the names of Somerset and Burchell?

When was he ever a dealer in horses and who did he deal with?

Where is the letter Benwell wrote from London on Feb. 19 telling him (Burchell) to release Benwell's trunks at the Falls?

These are some of the questions which Burchell will have to straighten out.

Now Burchell's knowledge of Oxford is established, and he, it is quite likely, knew of the lonely locality around the Blenheim swamp.

On the Road to Death.

Assuming Burchell's connection with or knowledge of the crime being established by circumstantial evidence, here is how he would carry it out. Benwell wanted to buy a farm. Burchell says: "Go to Oxford, it is full of fine farms. I know all about it; have lived there; am well acquainted with the leading farmers in the county; I will introduce you to them; we are now fast friends, have crossed the ocean together." Benwell takes it all in.

The two men leave the Falls at 4.50 p.m. on the mail train and arrive at Princeton at 8.14; it is now dark. Burchell says: "We will walk to Mr. ——, who has a fine farm for sale; it is only 3 miles away; we will stay all night and look over his farm in the morning." They start to walk to the farm. Like the chief bandit who was escorting Mungo Park, when they got opposite a lonely spot (i.e., the Blenheim swamp), he says "this place will do!" and pulling his revolver shoots Benwell dead, throwing his body over the fence into the swamp. Then he robs him, carefully cuts off all the marks on the clothing, but of course, as before pointed out, overlooks the cigar-case. Burchell could thus leave Princeton at 7.29 a.m. and be back at the Falls at 11 a.m. There is no evidence to show that the body was really driven to the swamp in a vehicle; and therefore The World puts forward the foregoing proposition of how the crime was committed. But it should not be lost sight of that Burchell may have had an assistant.

The World has learned from a trustworthy source that Benwell is believed to have brought as much as one thousand pounds with him to Canada and that he drew the money in gold out of a New York bank after he landed.

Identified by Several Woodstock People.

On the road to the city yesterday among several Woodstock people, after reading the description of Burchell in The World, at once identified him as the Mr. Somersett who had spent a few weeks "lording it" in their lively town last summer.

"Do I remember Burchell, or rather Somerset?" said Mr. J. B. Nelles of Woodstock at the Rossin last evening. "Of course I do, and so does every person else who was in Woodstock at the time for he cut a wide swath and for a time distributed gold like chaff. As soon as I saw the description of Burchell in The World I recognized 'Lord Somerset' at once. He arrived early in the spring and remained a month or two and was to be seen on the streets daily attired in knee breeches, tied with white ribbons with large bows in front and rear. He was accompanied by a woman whom he represented as his wife and they frequently appeared on the streets driving four-in-hand, Somerset apparently being a master hand handling the ribbons. Wine parties were also of frequent occurrence. Somerset gave out that he was the son of a 'dook,' and was doing Canada for pleasure. I understood when he left that he neglected to pay the shot for his last carousal, $25 or $50, but always paid in full previously."

If murder will out, here is a case where it should certainly do so.

THE KNOT TIGHTENING.

Detective John Murray Thinks He Has Got the Right Man.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 4.—2 a.m.—It was long after midnight before Detective John Murray finished his labors for the night in connection with the murder. He went to bed a tired man but with a strong chain of evidence woven round Burchell and his wife. I have just interviewed him and he says that from the information he has now in his possession he has not the slightest doubt but Burchell is the murderer of Benwell. Of course he will not divulge particulars. He interviewed Burchell in the cell. The prisoner was very reticent, as a lawyer had by some means gained admission and told him to keep his mouth shut and say nothing. Chief Young and Detective Murray, however, wormed out of him considerable. The detective says young Pelley has escaped very lucky, as Burchell evidently intended to kill him on two or three occasions.

Murray has sent a cable to Cheltenham, Eng., to the father of the murdered man to come at once. His father's name is Col. Benwell, Cheltenham, Eng. Murray considers it one of the deepest and most diabolical schemes to entice young wealthy men away from England to murder them in this country for the money they may bring with them.

Charming Cheltenham.

This is the most fashionable inland watering place in England, and there are gathered here more half-pay army and naval officers than even in London itself. Cheltenham is ever-charming. It is in Gloucestershire, only 90 miles northwest of the great metropolis, and is beautifully situated in an amphitheatre formed by by the Malvern, Cotswold and Lackhampton Hills. The scenery on every side is noted for its picturesque beauty. Its springs have often been patronised by royalty.

The Colonel Benwell now resident in Cheltenham, father of the murdered man, The World believes to be the same officer who retired from the York Militia, with the higher rank of colonel and half-pay allowance. If this be true the victim of murder's foul deed was a Yorkshireman, known in the county of broad acres and in the city which is the headquarters of the Northern Division including North Wales and a dozen counties.

Ambitious City Notes.

HAMILTON, March 3.—Six young men, ranging in age from 15 to 22 years, were in the Police Court this morning on general charges of larceny and vagrancy. They were remanded until Thursday. It is thought they are the gang of crooks who have been committing many depredations recently.

It has just transpired that W. E. Croft, son of E. L. Croft of this city, is wrongfully incarcerated in a California insane asylum.

A strong and influential deputation will go to Toronto to-morrow to oppose the bill granting the Hamilton & Dundas Street Railway Company increased powers.

A Train-Wrecker Caught.

WATERFORD, March 3.—On Feb. 26 two large stones were placed on the track of the Michigan Central Railway near Port Dover junction, fortunately causing no damage. Special Agents Desrosiers and Heenan of the road worked up the case and last night arrested Tom Dowling, a hostler of this place in the woods, and eight miles from the track. This morning he was arraigned before Police Magistrate Long, and admitting his guilt was held to the April Assizes at Simcoe. Dueling has already served time in the Central Prison.

Losses Caused by Flames.

BRANTFORD, March 3.—Between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the dipping room of A. Harris, Son & Co's. factory. The firemen responded promptly and succeeded in keeping the flames to the portion of the building where the fire originated. Cause of fire unknown. Loss about $3000, insured in Commercial Union, Lancashire, Imperial, British American Insurance.

A Port Huron Scandal.

PORT HURON, Mich., March 3.—P. O. Kinney, a prominent real estate dealer here who was married in London, Ont., 10 years ago, suspecting his wife of infidelity to her nuptial vows watched her and discovered unmistakable proof of her wrong doing with Ed. Gilchrist, the keeper of a notorious resort. Mrs. Kinney has confessed and a separation followed.

Saved Four Lives.

ORILLIA, March 3.—At the meeting of the Town Council this evening Mayor Slaven presented to James A. Slater of this town the Royal Humane Society's medal for saving life. The action for which this medal was given was the saving of four lives from drowning on July 26 last.

The Missing Janitor.

WINDSOR, March 3.—No tidings have been received of the missing Public School Janitor Coleman, who disappeared about six weeks ago. A month's salary is due him, and he is thought to have had a considerable sum on his person at the time of his sudden disappearance. Grave fears about him are now entertained.

A Little Blaze at Welland.

WELLAND, March 3.—About midnight fire was discovered in Willett's liquor store, but it was soon extinguished. Damage on stock $200, damage on building $100.

The Varsity Library Fund.

A Kingston subscriber sends The World $2 toward this fund.

Largest Ever Brought to Toronto.

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THE ORANGE BILL CARRIED.

IT PASSES THE THIRD READING BY A VOTE OF 86 TO 61.

The French Members Claim Curran's Amendment Admits the Principle of the Bill—The Amendment Lost, 23 to 124—How the House Divided on the Main Question.

OTTAWA, March 3.—The Orange Incorporation Bill was this afternoon read a third time and passed by the Commons and now will be committed to the tender mercies of the Senate.

The debate was resumed by Mr. Barron, who repudiated any connection with the clique on the Opposition side who sought to defer the passage of the bill by talking against time.

Mr. Lavergne moved the six months' hoist and this was defeated by 63 to 86, on the following division:

YEAS.

Amyot.	Desjardins.	*Laurier.*
Bain (Soul.).	*Dugas.*	*Lavergne.*
Bechard.	Dupont.	*Lister.*
Bergeron.	*Edgar.*	*Lovitt.*
Bernier.	*Ellis.*	*Mackenzie.*
Blake.	*Fiset.*	*McIntyre.*
Boisvert.	*Fisher.*	McMillan (Vaud)
Borden.	*Flynn.*	Massue.
Bourassa.	*Gauthier.*	*Meigs.*
Brien.	*Geoffrion.*	*Mills* (Both.)
Burns.	Gigault.	Montplaisir.
Campbell.	*Gillmor.*	*Neveux.*
Caron (Sir A.).	*Godbout.*	*Paterson* (Br'nt)
Casey.	Grandbois.	*Perry.*
Cosgrain.	*Guay.*	*Rinfret.*
Coughlin.	*Holton.*	Robillard.
Coulombe.	*Innes.*	*Ste. Marie.*
Couture.	*Jones* (Hal.)	*Somerville.*
Curran.	Kenny.	Therien.
Daoust.	Labrosse.	Thompson (Sir J)
Desaulniers.	Langevin (Sir H.)	*Tyrow.* —63.

NAYS.

Archibald (Sir A)	Guillet.	Putnam.
Barnard.	Haggart.	*Robertson.*
Barron.	Hesson.	Ross.
Bell.	Hickey.	*Rowand.*
Bowell.	Hudspeth.	Rykert.
Boyle.	Jamieson.	Scarth.
Brown.	Kirkpatrick.	*Scriver.*
Burdett.	*Lang.*	Shanly.
Cargill.	Laurie.	Skinner.
Carling.	Macdonald, Sir J.	Smith.
Charlton.	*Macdonald,* Hur.	Smith (Ont.)
Cochrane.	Macdowall.	Sproule.
Cockburn.	McCulla.	*Sutherland.*
Colby.	McDonald (Vic.)	Taylor.
Davies.	McDougald (Pic)	Temple.
Davin.	McKay.	Tisdale.
Dawson.	McKeen.	Tupper.
Denison.	*McMillan* (Hur)	Wallace.
Desaulniers.	McNeill.	Ward.
Dickey.	Mulli.	*Watson.*
Dickey.	Mara.	Weldon (Alb.)
Dickinson.	Marshall.	*Welsh.*
Earle.	Masson.	White (Card.)
Eisenhauer.	Mills (Ann.)	White (Renf.)
Ferguson (L.&G)	Moncrieff.	Wilmot.
Ferguson (Renf)	O'Brien.	Wilson (Ark.)
Ferguson (Well)	Perley.	Wilson (Len.)
Foster.	Porter.	Wood (Brock.)
Gordon.	Prior.	—86.

PAIRS.

For.	Against.
Armstrong.	Cimon.
Carpenter.	Cameron.
Daly.	*Desaint.*
Platt.	Girouard.
Stevenson.	Vanasse.
Waddle.	*Bain* (Went.)
Wallace.	Landry.
Livingston.	*Choquette.*
Semple.	Lariviere.
Chisholm.	Ives.
Sir D. Smith.	Riopel.
Baird.	Jones.
Boone.	Audet.
Bryson.	*Edwards.*

Conservatives in Roman; Liberals in *Italics*.

Then the House divided on Mr. Curran's amendment, which added to the bill a clause prohibiting Orange processions in Quebec Province. This met with very little favor, the Frenchmen claiming that the amendment admitted the principle of the bill, and the vote stood 23 yeas and 124 nays.

The House then divided on the motion for the reading, which was carried by 86 to 61. This division was identical with the first, save that Messrs. Coughlin and Robillard, who voted for the six months hoist, were out of the House when the third division was taken.

A DIAMOND THIEF.

A Big "Operator" from Philadelphia Ran Down in Toronto—He Goes Back to Meet His Fate.

The Toronto police last evening arrested one of the most noted diamond swindlers in America. Until three weeks ago Henry D. Cato was one of the much-respected citizens of Philadelphia. He was the agent in that city of Sandford & Cook, the millionaire diamond merchants of Maiden-lane, New York. He handled a large quantity of the firm's goods and was reckoned one of the most trustworthy of its employes.

Within the last three months Le Cato had been dropping behind in his returns to his house in New York. At first it was not particularly noticeable, but matters became pressing about the beginning of February, and on the 15th of that month, just as one of the members of the firm had started for Philadelphia to have a personal interview with Le Cato, that gentleman closed up his office and disappeared. The Philadelphia police made every effort to capture the criminal, but investigation showed that he had reached comparative safety on the Canadian side.

In his flight Le Cato got away with $13,000 worth of diamonds belonging to his employers, and this loss made them proportionally anxious to get him. On Monday of last week a strongly built, dapper young man dropped into a wholesale jewelry house in Wellington-street east, and showing some diamonds appeared willing to do business. He gave his name as Morton, said he was a diamond broker from New York and had come to Canada with his wife more for pleasure than anything else. He did not make a deal and left a disagreeable impression with the merchant. Recollecting an item in The Jewelers' Weekly referring to Le Cato's flight, the gentleman wrote Sandford & Cook, asking for a description of the absconder. The reply proved beyond a doubt that Le Cato and the American diamond broker were identical, and in answer to a telegram for instructions the New York firm requested his instant arrest, describing him as the biggest scoundrel out of jail.

Detective Burrows came across his man in King-street at 5 o'clock last evening and took him to police headquarters. On being searched a small handful of diamonds was found in his possession, in value about $3000. Le Cato took his arrest coolly and it was not very long before he consented to go back to Philadelphia without further trouble. Detective John Reddy started for Suspension Bridge with Le Cato on the 11 o'clock train last night; Mrs. Le Cato also went along. They will be met at the Bridge by an American officer and handed over.

SEVEN DAMAGE SUITS.

Relatives of Junction Cut Victims Bring Actions Against the Grand Trunk.

HAMILTON, March 4.—S. B. Moore, an attorney of Kankakee, Ill., is in the city. He is conducting seven suits in the courts of Cook County, Ill., against the Grand Trunk Railway, brought by relatives of some of the passengers who were either killed or injured in the junction cut accident last spring. J. N. Waddell of this city has been appointed commissioner to take the evidence of the witnesses residing in Canada and the work was begun to-day.

The suits are: Henry S. Hall, Kankakee, Ill., killed, $10,000 damages; Randolph Ederer, Chicago, Ill., killed, $30,000 damages, Catharine Grummet, Chicago, killed, $10,000 damages; Morgan R. Skillen, Chicago, killed, $15,000 damages; Stephen S. Young, Chicago, injured, $10,000 damages; W. Lifrey, Chicago, injured, $10,000 damages; C. M. Krum, Wassion, Ohio, injured, $10,000.

Manufacturers, by warehousing their surplus stock with Mitchell, Miller & Co., can receive negotiable warehouse receipts.

THE MAYOR COULDN'T SEE IT.

Taking Over the Lake Shore-road from the County.

A sub-committee of the Board of Works met yesterday to discuss the vexed question of taking over the Lake Shore-road. Ald. Lennox presided, there being present Ald. Lucas, George Verral, Carlyle (St. And.) and Shaw. Reeve Richardson and Warden Evans were also on hand to take part in the discussion. The former stated that the County Council would not have abolished the York tolls if in addition to the abolition of market fees the city had not practically agreed to take over the Lake Shore-road. Ald. Lucas and George Verral objected to the road being brought into the discussion of the question at all. Warden Evans plainly told the meeting that if the Lake Shore-road was not absorbed by the city the County Council would do all it could to defeat the city's application to the Legislature to have the toll-gate and market fees resolutions defeated. Ald. Carlyle and Shaw distinctly placed themselves on record as opposed to considering the Lake Shore-road in the market fees business at all.

Mayor Clarke said he would never consent as one member of the City Council to the abolition of market fees if the County Council did not keep to the terms of its resolution to abolish toll-gates without bringing in outside issues. The Mayor had not heard of any yearning desire on the part of the city to take over the Lake Shore-road. Ald. Lucas said he had the authority of ex-Reeve Humberstone for the statement that it would take $16,000 to place the road in proper repair and $2000 a year to maintain it afterwards.

Chairman Lennox believed it was the proper caper to take over the road for 100 yards west of the Humber bridge, but the other members of the committee were decidedly against him. Added to the other encumbrances there was a lawsuit of the county against Ardagh & Leonard for hauling sand from the shore south of the road. It was determined to let the matter rest pending a full opinion from the City Solicitor on the subject.

THE NEW ENGINEER BYLAW

Referred Back for Further Consideration—Its Chief Provisions.

The city engineer shall have power to appoint an assistant city engineer, to be called the deputy city engineer, and a surveyor, who shall be called D. or P.L.S.; a chief clerk of the department; a secretary to the Committee on Works; a secretary to the city engineer; an accountant and such other assistant engineers, chainmen, rodmen, draughtsmen, general inspectors, clerks and other officers as he may consider necessary for the proper and efficient working of his department.

He shall have power to suspend, dismiss and reinstate any officer, servant or employe of his department, and prescribe their respective duties in lieu of or in addition to any duties prescribed by statute or bylaw; and, subject to the terms and conditions of their respective contracts, he shall also have control of all corporation contractors.

The above two clauses are the important ones in the new bylaw governing the office of city engineer as represented in the person of Mr. Jennings.

A third clause asking for the control of the street cleaning and watering was struck out at a special meeting of the Board of Works held to consider it yesterday afternoon.

In council in Committee of the Whole, in the evening there was quite a lively discussion. Ald. Hewitt, Ritchie, Hallam, Maughan and Allan wanted it sent back to the Board of Works so that a special meeting of council might consider it, the last named moving in that direction. His motion was carried on a vote of 16 to 14, and the council affirmed the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole.

A TRUE TALE OF A CAT.

Miss Pussy's Mewings Saved a Carpenter from Suffocation.

At 3 a.m. yesterday the waiters who live in the rear of the Rossin House heard the loud mewings of a cat. Shortly afterwards the night watchman heard the mewings with increased intensity. Going to the place he found the carpenter working in a dazed state. The alarm was given, the firemen came, put out the fire and rescued the carpenter by the window of his bedroom, which adjoins the carpenter's shop. He had a narrow escape from suffocation, and was unconscious for several hours. Dr. Thorburn restored him to consciousness. Had it not been for the "alarm of Miss Pussy" the carpenter would have been suffocated and probably much property destroyed. The story of the cackling geese saving Rome is mythical; here is an instance where the instinct of a cat saved a man's life and much property besides. And this tale of a cat is true.

The damage by the fire is estimated at $150.

The Truth About the Finance Board and Dr. Wild.

During the services in Bond-street Church last Sunday evening Mr. McIntosh, chairman of the Finance Committee, made the following statement: "Some people seem to have the idea that this church is a sort of gold mine and that its millions to be drawn upon at sight for every purpose that might seem proper. But while we acknowledge that the revenue is large, we also recognize that the responsibilities and burdens of the church are heavy, and it is only by the wisest and most conservative care in our financial operations that we can meet our liabilities. No one has more clearly recognized this than Dr. Wild. He has always recognized the fact that the burdens and indebtedness of the church must first be discharged. And in this spirit, prior to the consideration of his leave of absence he and I met and talked the matter over for a whole evening. We discussed the situation of the church very frankly, and the plan we came to in reference to his absence, and which was in fact suggested by Dr. Wild, was the agreement drawn up and brought before the Finance Board and the church and sanctioned by all. This church has always endeavored to act justly and generously with Dr. Wild and will in the future. The members of the Finance Board subscribed and guaranteed to Dr. Wild a very handsome sum, which they gave to him with the desire of the people that he might have a good time and return invigorated. They further said that if he should want any more they would see that he got it."

Trowern, Jewelry Manufacturer, has removed from Yonge-street to 113 King-street west, south side, four doors east of Rossin House. 246

The Public Are Invited.

While the weather remains cold Dineen, on the corner of King and Yonge-streets, offers several choice made-up fur garments at a price that will pay any lady or gentleman to buy. The stock consists of seal mantles, short seal jackets, beaver capes, muffs and storm collars, fur-lined circulars, gents' fur coats, robes, collars, cuffs, etc. These furs are all made by Dineen's firm and are of the very best quality. The public are invited to call and examine.

Merchants can warehouse goods in bond or free with Mitchell, Miller & Co. Negotiable warehouse receipts issued; rate of insurance low.

Gloves of the Standard Sort.

The Alexandre make of handwear is known, worn and approved everywhere. Not to know it is to confess yourself unacquainted with a very desirable article. In addition to the Alexandre quinn is also showing Fowne's Berber in all the prevailing shades. This is a very popular walking glove.

Clearing sale of furniture, upholstered goods, mixed and woven wire mattrasses. Buy now at your own price at The People's Furniture Warerooms, 161 Yonge-street.

Luxury in Travel.

Elegant new buffet sleeping cars leave Union Station daily, except Sunday, for New York without change by the popular West Shore Route; leave at 4.55 p.m., arrive New York 10.10 a.m. Lunches are served on these cars and every comfort and convenience known to modern travel, making a trip to New York a pleasant journey, as all tedious transfers and other annoyances of lunch counters are dispensed with. ed

Stop Watches.

Intricate and complicated watch work my forte. E. Beeton, High Grade Watch Specialist, opposite Postoffice.

THE NEWS IN THE OLD WORLD

LORD SALISBURY DENIES LABOUCHERE'S CHARGES.

Gladstone Speaks on the Parnell Commission Report—He Moves the Morley Amendment and Demands "Late and Scanty Justice for an Enormous Wrong" Done the Irish Leader.

LONDON, March 3.—Mr. Gladstone, in the House of Commons to-day, referred to the suspension of Henry Labouchere on Friday last for his language regarding Lord Salisbury in the discussion on the Cleveland-street scandal and asked that he be allowed to make this motion:

The House deems it necessary to declare that when a member prefers a charge against a minister which the minister denies, such member ought not to be restrained from refusing to accept the denial and from persisting in the charge because the minister is a member of the House of Lords.

The announcement of the motion was greeted with Opposition cheers. W. H. Smith, the Government leader, said he would consider Mr. Gladstone's request and would let him know during the evening if he could accept the motion for to-morrow.

French Troops Rout the Dahomians.

PARIS, March 3.—A report has been received by the Government from the Governor of Senegal stating that 800 of the King of Dahomey's troops attacked the French force under Commandant Terrilon at Atcebo. After a severe fight the French repulsed the natives, killing and wounding 100. It is reported that the Government intends to annex the Kingdom of Dahomey to the French possessions in Africa, and that a large expedition will be sent to the west coast. The expedition, it is said, will be under orders to act promptly upon its arrival in order to avert the putting to death of many captives on the occasion of the King's accession to the throne, the custom in Dahomey being to sacrifice a large number of prisoners and Dahomians at all state and religious ceremonies.

CABLE CHAT.

Minister Glynn Petre Covets the Washington Post.

[Dunlap's Cable News Agency.]

LONDON, March 3.—Minister Petre, the British representative to Portugal, has been made so uncomfortable and his peace of mind so disturbed by the hostile demonstrations of the Portuguese since the African question has been agitated, that he appealed some time since to the home official for a change of post. Brussels and The Hague were successively offered him but declined and he finally asked to be transferred to Washington, giving as an explanation that he knew Minister Pauncefote desires a change.

DESTITUTION IN DAKOTA.

Canadians Who Wish They Had Not Left the Dominion.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 3.—A correspondent of The Press at Leeds, N.D., writing of the deplorable condition of many families in the destitute counties of that state, says so far as it has been possible to ascertain there has been little or no aid received from the other side of the Canadian border. There are thousands of naturalized Canadians in this state, and it would be reasonable to suppose their friends in Canada would not neglect them. Two causes are responsible for this. Friends and relatives of Canadians who have taken homes and shelter under the American flag are not in a financial position to render a great amount of assistance; many in that condition beyond the borders which their American friends abandoned years ago when they changed their abiding places and allegiance. It is possible that resentment has something to do with withholding relief. In deserting the Dominion the Canadian settler on American soil relinquished all claims upon its people and their property, and accepted for the future, for good or ill, a home upon Uncle Sam's farm. For a year or two, to some of them at least, their lines have not fallen in pleasant places, but it is barely possible that this temporary visitation of misfortune upon the Canadian-American citizens in North Dakota is regarded by their friends as a just visitation upon them for deserting the banner of St. George and the political leadership of Sir John Macdonald.

De La Salle Institute.

These testimonials for the month of February have been awarded:

Form VI: Excellent — H. Chase, A. Dwyer, H. Hopper, W. Grannell, W. McConvey, J. Chase, M. Stafford, F. Baljent, A. Giroux, J. Lahar. Good—W. Kidd.

Form V: Excellent—J. Slattery, J. Huntley, G. Turner, E. O'Connor, J. Kormann, H. O'Connor, J. McGrant, J. Wright, J. Mulligan, M. Drohan. Good—W. Malone, J. Maloney, C. Gillespie, P. Ryan, N. Delaney.

Form IV: Excellent — W. Giroux, T. O'Connor, A. Duggan, T. Lalor, C. Hinchy, J. Woods, J. Slattery, J. Harnett, A. Grace, P. Wheeler, H. McGinn, J. Byrne, C. Hanrahan, J. Pape, J. Ryan, E. Mahoney. Good—A. Conlin, F. Boylan, T. Tracey, Aug. O'Donohoe, J. Davidson, A. Bender, M. Boland, F. Kennedy, J. Huntley, Alf. James.

The Ladies and Homeless Children.

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Relief Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. building, Mrs. Barnett presiding. Reports were received from 11 divisions stating that the work test had been applied and proved very successful. The treasurer reported that the funds were in a very low state and an effort will be made to increase them. A short time was given to a discussion on the question of homeless children and it was decided to enquire more fully into the number of children who are unable to attend school owing to poverty.

Cheap Rates for Toronto Carnival.

Aldermen Dodds and Booth met the passenger managers of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways at Montreal on Saturday last and discussed with those gentlemen the prospect of obtaining special rates for the carrying of passengers to Toronto during the days of the summer carnival. The railway men met the proposition in a most friendly manner and the passenger rates to this city on the occasion in question will be so liberal that an immense number of visitors may be expected to avail themselves of them.

Dr. Montague Passes Through.

Dr. W. H. Montague, the member-elect for Haldimand, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from his home in Dunnville. He was accompanied by Mr. Colin M. Snider, the well-known president of the Haldimand Conservative Association. Dr. Montague will take his seat in the House this afternoon, he and Mr. Snider going to Ottawa last night. The Doctor, in face of his phenomal majority, does not anticipate any opposition from the