

ALDERMEN BLAME THE SCHOOL BOARD

For City's Inability to Grant Any Salary Increases This Year.

The civic employees who are applying for salary increases will probably know before to-morrow how they are going to fare.

The Board of Works Department will make a big saving on its supplies this year.

CAS OUT BY HIS OWN AT AGE OF 104 YEARS.

William Atkinson Taken to Cells as a Trespasser, But is Befriended By People Who Never Saw Him Before.

William Atkinson is 104 years old this year. He has raised nine children, five of them sons and the other four daughters.

woman called on Magistrate Jelfs and said she was Mrs. George Ayers. She said she and her husband were annoyed with an old man who was stopping with them.

6 o'clock when the old man was taken there, and Constable Steward, who was on the desk, never had a more unpleasant duty than to take the name and address of the old man.

SATISFIED WITH PEACH OUTLOOK.

Niagara District Growers Say Talk of Failure is All Bosh.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Beamsville, Feb. 16.—A number of the best known peach growers in the Niagara Peninsula gave your correspondent the following information this afternoon relative to the alarmist rumors that 90 per cent. of the peach buds were winter killed.

It was all bosh, and the reports were not worth considering. "There'll be as many peaches as ever," said Mr. Peart.

BAD HUSBAND GETS CHANCE.

His Wife Swore He Abused Her For 20 Years.

The Boarding House Sneak Thief Caught at Last.

A. A. Goetz, of Franklin House, Fined \$100.

Notwithstanding that she has been married to him for twenty years, that she has borne him ten children, and that she is reaching an age at which she should be cared for by other hands than her own.

CREW SAVED.

Four Masted Schooner Goes Ashore a Second Time.

New York, Feb. 17.—The four-masted schooner Miles M. Merry went ashore early to-day near the life-saving station at Moriches, L. I.

32 MINERS WERE SAVED.

Nearly 200 Men Were Entombed in English Mine.

Flames Followed the Explosion Scorching the Workers.

Those Rescued Were Severely Burned—Others Still in Mine.

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 16.—A terrible disaster has occurred at West Stanley, a small mining town twelve miles distant, in which it is feared 180 lives have been lost.

ANTIQUITIES SOLD.

Rare Collection of Ramsay Heirlooms at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Heirlooms from the First Empire in France, Scottish furniture of the Georgian period, Sheffield plate silver of one hundred years ago, two pictures, "The Ascension of the Holy Ghost," and "The Descent of the Holy Spirit," painted by Raphael; quaint engravings from paintings of Sir Edwin Landseer; a cut glass decanter made in Scotland, and an imposing collection of dusty tomes and their invaluable reminiscences of the troublous times in western Europe and of the more peaceful days of the latter regal regime in Lower Canada, passed under the mallet of the auctioneer to-day in the house at 140 Metcalfe street, the last resting place of Monseigneur Ramsay, a notable figure in the latter colonial history of Canada.

TRAGEDY IN A TAXICAB.

Young Girl Shot and Killed by Her Companion in New York.

He Orders the Driver to Drive to a Hospital and Suicides.

Both Found Dead in Vehicle When Hospital Was Reached.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 17.—While speeding along in a taxicab here early to-day, Stella Rockstossel, 18, was shot and killed, and her companion, George E. Kraut, 20, after directing the chauffeur to hurry to a hospital, turned the revolver that killed the girl upon himself and sent a bullet into his own heart, dying almost instantly.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

It must have been a proud moment for the Hon. Lieut.-Governor when, as the representative of the King, he read the speech from the throne to the assembly ministers and legislators yesterday.

That Mexican theatre fire presses home the question, could such a thing happen in Hamilton?

Now when there is talk about selling the Hughson Street School, the play grounds promoters might get into executive session and utter a protest.

How many of these disorderly houses are there in this city anyway? At that rate it will take quite a while to weed them out.

And people were telling me that the old-fashioned winters were out of fashion.

Don't forget that whatever the expense of the hydro-electric power, the city, if it goes into it, will have to pay everything, and take all risks for thirty years. The Government is not responsible for a cent—not even for its own blunders.

If Engineer Barrow had been treated as it is proposed to treat Engineer McCallum there might have been a different story to tell.

Evidently the "sweet box" is more or less of an institution in Canada. Chief Justice Meredith denounced the treatment accorded a girl in Toronto while in the sweater.

I am half inclined to agree with a correspondent in last night's Times that the north end would make a capital residence district, if the bay shore was fixed up as it should be, with sloping lawns, beautiful boulevards, handsome residences and a completed seawall.

77,000 of a population shows that we are nearing the 100,000 mark. See us grow.

It is said that Barrow will fight—that he will demand to know where he lacks, and that he is prepared to show that he has made good. I like that sort of talk.

The snowfall was not an unmitigated evil. The farmers wanted it for their winter wheat, to moisten the thirsty land and to supply water for man and beast. It also gave many an idle man a day or two's work.

Perhaps Mr. Studholme will be able to see that justice is done in Hamilton in the matter of the technical college. We are all waiting.

SAVED BY POLICE.

Soldier Lay Down on G. T. R. Tracks to Sleep.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Kingston, Ont., Feb. 17.—William Sargent, a young member of B. Lattery, R. C. H. A., can thank Officers Mullinger and Davis, of the police force, that he is not a mangled corpse this morning.

Last night, while in a drunken stupor, he lay down on the G. T. R. track, where he was found about 2 o'clock this morning. Barely had he been moved from his precarious bed when the suburban train thundered by. Sargent was arraigned in the Police Court this morning on the charge of drunkenness, but was transferred to the military authorities for trial by court-martial.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

CONGRESS EXTRA SESSION.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The extra session of Congress will be convened on March 15th. This date was definitely settled to-day and President-elect Taft authorized the announcement.

STORM'S DOINGS.

Sandusky in Darkness and All Wires and Poles Down.

Communication Not Restored—Fruit Trees Destroyed.

Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 17.—The city has been beyond the reach of the outside world by wire since 6 o'clock Sunday night, when the last telegraph line between here and Cleveland went down, as a result of the heavy sleet storm.

The systems of both telephone companies, local and long distance, are out of commission. There is no light at night, except from lamps, candles or gas jets. The gas supply is low. Miles of wires are lying in the streets and alleys throughout the city, and hundreds of poles are lying on the ground. If communication is re-established within a week, those who have full knowledge of the situation say they will be satisfied. Business is at a standstill.

The storm is the worst in the history of the city. No estimate of the damage done can be made. Thousands of fruit trees have been ruined and the effects of the devastation will be apparent in the coming season's crops. There is said to be absolutely no hope for peaches throughout the entire famous Lake Erie peach belt.

TORONTO BISHOP.

Canon Cody and Bishop Thornloe the Men Favored.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The names to be presented to the synod are those of Bishop Thornloe, of Algoma, and Canon Cody, of St. Paul's Church, of Toronto, who represent the high and low sections of the church respectively. In the event of a possible deadlock over these two men the names of Canon Welch, of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, N. B., are expected to be presented to the synod.

The best talker is the best thinker and the best listener.—Evelina Times-Union.

SPOILED THE WHEAT

Two Blenheim Young Men Sowed Rye Among It.

Paid Damages and Costs and Got Off on Suspended Sentence.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Woodstock, Feb. 17.—The culmination of one of the most remarkable cases ever heard in the police court here came this morning, when Wesley West paid to Thomas Howard, two young men from Blenheim township, the sum of \$43.65.

OUT ON BAIL.

Fireman and Three Brakemen to be Tried in Connection With Collision.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Guelph, Ont., Feb. 17.—Charged with manslaughter, the fireman and three brakemen of the train drawn by engine No. 584, which caused the fatal collision near Harrison on Jan. 14, when Engineer Smith and Brakeman Root were killed, were this morning before Magistrate Saunders and were committed without further evidence than that of the inquest to stand trial with Engineer Kennedy and Fireman Fleming at the assizes opening on Feb. 23. The men are Fireman Frank T. Lane, Front Brakeman W. J. Alexander, Rear Brakeman A. B. Burzuan and Flagman Harvey Jackson, and they were all served in Stratford yesterday. They are now out on bail, the following Stratford men going security: Messrs. Dawn, R. R. Cassin, W. J. McCully, Noural J. Babb, T. Bruner, Hamilton and Moulton.

PEMBROKE FINED \$500.

Buffalo, Feb. 17.—William Pembroke, whose place in Cheektowaga was raided recently, occasioned by a big cock fight, yesterday pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to an indictment charging him with witnessing a cock fight, and was fined \$500, which he paid. In the raid several Hamilton, Ont., men were caught, as well as several from Erie, Cleveland and other places—76 in all. These were fined various amounts from \$5 to \$100.

Lima Beans.

Lima beans, small white beans, split peas, green French beans, green split peas, Dal, split peas, pearl barley, split barley, lentils, whole green peas, Scotch oatmeal, Irish oatmeal, brose meal, also a full line of all the leading cereals, cooked and uncooked. Try a pound of Perfection coffee with your next order. —Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

Dr. J. M. Barrie Says:

What I call the Arcadia, in my lady Nicotine, is the celebrated Craven smoking mixture which is a delightful blend of fine tobaccos. It is sold for 75 cents a tin at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

CONDITIONS ARE BETTER.

Not Nearly as Much Poverty as Last Winter.

President Chamberlain of British Welcome League

Tells an Interesting Story of Work Among Poor.

Although reports from every part of the country last fall indicated that this would be one of the hardest winters the poor and unemployed of Canada experienced in many years, Albert Chamberlain, president of the British Welcome League of Toronto, who was a visitor in the city last night, declared that conditions are not nearly as bad as they were a year ago.

Chamberlain should know something about it. He spends five or six nights out of every seven with a small army of the unemployed, and he has been doing so for two years, ever since the league of which he is head was formed.

At the Cecil Hotel, where he was registered, Mr. Chamberlain spoke entertainingly last night of the work the British Welcome League is accomplishing. The experiences of this body should prove of more than ordinary interest to Hamiltonians in view of the proposal of the associated charities to establish a lodging house here. While the objects of the proposed lodging house and the league are widely different there is enough similarity in the matter of maintenance and operation to give an idea of what the local institution is likely to cost.

"The British Welcome League," said Mr. Chamberlain, "was formed about two years ago at a meeting called by me in the S. O. E. Hall and at which I was elected president. We rented a large building, paying \$100 a month, received \$1,000 from the Ontario Government, and set to work to furnish and equip it. Since opening we have given 12,000 Britishers free beds, provided 25,000 free meals, placed 6,000 people at work, have taken 1,800 temperance pledges, gave 1,100 people a Christmas dinner the first year and 600 last year, distributed 25,000 articles of clothing, have a Bible class on Sunday afternoons with an average attendance of 100, a concert every Wednesday evening with an attendance of 200, a gospel meeting every Sunday night with an attendance of between 600 and 700, spent over \$8,000 in cash and have a surplus on hand. Rather an interesting story," observed President Chamberlain, with a smile of satisfaction.

The amount required for carrying on this work is a little over \$350. The funds are nearly all provided by subscription from citizens of Toronto, although the league has received contributions from the old country and other parts of the country. Many of the league's hardest workers are immigrants who received assistance there when they first came to this country. No man is allowed to stay at the home more than two nights, and a very systematic check is kept. Exceptions are made in the cases of men with large families.

"One night," said Mr. Chamberlain, "we had 342 people housed there, and of these 120 were babies. I think that is a record."

Mr. Chamberlain spoke last night at the meeting of Britannia Lodge, S. O. E. He has been asked to give a lecture here with lantern views on February 20, and will likely accept.

DEBATE IN HOUSE.

Mr. Allan Studholme Will Talk If Nobody Else Will.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—Although not official, there seems no doubt whatever that a debate will follow the moving and seconding of the address in reply to the speech from the throne by Heust (Sault Ste. Marie) and Johnston (West Hastings) this afternoon. It is understood on good authority that the Premier's request to Hon. A. G. McKay that there be no debate was not complied with.

Certainly the speech does not, on the face of it, show great chances for a debate. It is expected, however, that Allan Studholme will speak. The Government has laid out a strenuous day's work for to-morrow, to say the least on the paper and all ready.

The chairmanships of committees will remain unchanged, except that McDermott will succeed Hon. James Duff on Agriculture.

—Rev. Father McBrady, of Toronto, will preach a charity sermon in St. Patrick's Church next Sunday evening, in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.