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SHOT BY A GERMAN GUARD.

AN AFFAIR OF THE FRONTIER WHICH ALARMS THE FRENCH.

A Party of Sportsmen Gunning Near the Boundary Line Are Repeatedly Fired Upon by a German Soldier, One of Their Number Being Killed.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The Temps publishes a telegram from Epiral saying a lieutenant of dragoons, accompanied by a game-keeper, while out shooting at Raon-Sur-Plaine, near the frontier, was fired at by invisible marksmen in German territory. The game-keeper was killed and the lieutenant's thigh bone was fractured. Surgeons affirm that the shots were fired by military, and say that the lieutenant's thigh will have to be amputated. It is believed that the shots were fired by customs officers.

Particulars of the Affair.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The following details have been received concerning the shooting incident on the Franco-German frontier at Raon-Sur-Plaine. On Saturday morning a party of five sportsmen and four beaters were following a path on French territory, seven yards from the frontier, when a person standing behind a clump of trees on the German side, 80 yards from the frontier, fired three shots at them. The first bullet did not hit any one, but the second killed one of the beaters, named Brignon, and the third severely wounded a gentleman named Wanger, a pupil at the Saumur Cavalry School. The German soldier named Kauffman who was detailed to assist the forest guards in preventing poaching, fired the shots. Kauffman affirms that he shouted three times for the party to halt before firing at them. He believed that they were on German territory. The sportsmen declare they heard nothing. The officials on both sides of the frontier are making inquiries into the shooting.

Full Reparation Demanded.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The Paris papers urge the people to regard the shooting affair on the frontier with calmness in order not to embarrass the Government in its handling of the case. At the same time the Government is urged to demand full reparation. The public of France is uneasy over the frequent repetition of these exasperating incidents on the German frontier, and it is feared their frequent repetition may exhaust popular patience and induce an explosion of public wrath.

Germany Will See That Justice is Done.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—Premier Rouvier conferred with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Justice in relation to the frontier incident, after the receipt of the official report of the affair, and it was decided to send a note to Berlin requesting the German Government, in the interest of the continuation of friendly relations to institute an enquiry into the affair without delay.

Count Von Munster, the German Ambassador here, in an interview with Foreign Minister Flourens, expressed regret at the frontier occurrence and gave assurance that justice would be done by the German Government.

The Temps says: "Public opinion is not justified in giving way to a hasty impression regarding the frontier affair. At the same time it is impossible to refrain from reflecting that if the series of incidents on the frontier be not stopped it will lead to the belief that Germany is really harboring intentions which her Government disavows. It may be that the occurrences are the result of excessive zeal, but it is incumbent upon both Governments to prevent such excess by moderating the rigor of their instructions and selecting prudent agents."

THE HYGIENIC CONGRESS.

Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria Opens the Sitting at Vienna.

VIENNA, Sept. 26.—Crown Prince Rudolph opened the Hygienic Congress to-day. In his address of welcome the Crown Prince declared that man was the nation's most precious capital, and that every human life represented a fixed value which humanity commanded should be preserved and maintained intact as long as possible. The individual, he continued, was powerless against the hurtful influences surrounding everybody, and common action alone was available for the purpose of protection, and this scientific hygiene, assisted by demography, would supply. Hygienic science touched every house, every school, every town's production, every village's traffic, all industries and war. The presence of the illustrious delegates who came from all nations proved the international importance of the object of the congress. "I welcome you," said he in conclusion, "to Vienna, which is the centre of active scientific labor and earnest investigation."

AN ADHERENT FOR AYOUB.

Abdullah Khan Deserts the Service of the Ameer and Goes Over to the Enemy.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Advices from Cabul, under date of Sept. 16, state that Abdullah Khan, commander of 2000 Seaminda warriors, fled from his soldiers and went to join Ayoub Khan, and safely reached Koi Jamani, in Northern Beloochistan, on Sept. 12, Ayoub being there at the time. The Ameer of Afghanistan was at Paghoan prostrated by weakness and unable to return to Cabul. The Governor of Jellalabad issued a proclamation signed by the Ameer offering amnesty to all rebels who submit.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

The New York Agent of a Toronto Insurance Company Arrested.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Richard D. Alliger, local agent for the British American Assurance Company of Toronto, was arraigned in court to-day and held in $2200 bail on a charge of forgery. Clara Schalhof of this city alleges that Alliger drew a check to her order for $1750 on the National Shoe and Leather Bank, forging her name to the same. Alliger was about to sail for Bremen with his family when he was arrested.

The Cigarmakers' Convention.

BINGHAMTON, Sept. 26.—To-day the delegates to the Cigarmakers' International Convention re-elected A. Strasker of Buffalo, President, G. S. Warren of Montreal was made third Vice-President, and J. F. Mahoney of Springfield, Mass., Treasurer.

A Paris Newspaper Hoaxed.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The Gaulois, in publishing the story of the desecration of Napoleon's tomb, was the victim of a hoax. The block of red granite which covers Napoleon's remains weighs tons and cannot be moved without machinery. It is guarded night and day and this afternoon the monument was unimpaired.

Riots on One of the Caroline Islands.

MADRID, Sept. 26.—Riots have been caused on the Island of Perapi, one of the Caroline group, in consequence of the expulsion of a Protestant missionary. One man has been killed. Troops have been sent from Manilla to restore order.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

Grace Greenwood will return to America shortly.

The Sultan of Morocco is ill with typhoid fever.

The elections in Sweden assure an absolute majority of free traders.

The French War and Marine Departments have reduced the extra budget by 22,000,000 francs.

The British ship New City, from Bombay for Havre, collided with and sunk the steamer Cecilia.

Negotiations between England and Turkey with reference to Egypt will shortly be resumed.

Minister Phelps is visiting Lord Aberdeen at Haddow House in Aberdeenshire in the North of Scotland.

Emperor William has arrived at Baden. Among those who welcomed him was Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil.

It is reported at Berlin that the new Sobranje will proclaim Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia an independent united kingdom.

Govevaud, Radical, has defeated Chevreliere, Monarchist, for a seat in the Chamber of Deputies for Deux Sevres, France. The vote was 4800 against 3700.

A French fishing boat has been sunk in the British Channel by a collision. Her identity has not yet been ascertained, but it is known that eighteen of the persons on board were drowned.

Le Paris, in an official note, says that the reduction of the army and navy estimates will necessitate the stopping of the manufacture of new patterns of rifles and cartridges, the production of which is constantly increas-

O'BRIEN AT A SECRET MEETING.

The Agitator Making Good Use of His Time Ere He Retires for Three Months.

MITCHELLSTOWN, Sept. 26.—The National League evaded the police and held a meeting to-day at a private house. Mr. O'Brien, who yesterday drove to Limerick Junction, returned by a circuitous route, deceiving the police. In a speech he said: "We are here to tell Mr. Balfour that the branches of the National League will decline to consider themselves suppressed until every decent man, aye, and many decent women in the community, are placed in jail."

Dr. Tanner Seeking Martyrdom.

FERMOY, Sept. 26.—Dr. Tanner, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament, in response to the demands of a crowd, made a speech yesterday from the balcony of his hotel. He denounced the action of the police at Mitchellstown and the trial of Editor O'Brien as brutal, when the police charged upon the crowd and a melee was the result. The crowd stoned the police, many of whom received severe injuries. The police used their batons, and injured fourteen persons, who were nearly all conveyed to the hospital. Dr. Tanner mingled with the combatants, and had his hat smashed by a baton. On the police removing the swords stones were afterwards thrown, injuring many constables. The mob clubbed by the police was brought from Mitchellstown. They pelted the officers with stones and bottles. Some were disabled. Captain Plunkett commanded the police and restored order.

The Police Beaten Off.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A force of police and bailiffs at Kilcarry, Ireland, seized a number of cattle belonging to the Hurley family for non-payment of rent. A crowd which had gathered made an attack with stones and pitchforks upon the officers. The police used their bayonets in their attempts to repel their assailants, but were compelled to retreat and leave the cattle behind them.

The Archbishop Fears Violence.

DUBLIN, Sept. 26.—Archbishop Walsh has issued a pastoral in which he says he hopes the people will refrain from violence and continue in the paths of justice. Such a course only, he says, will bring peace to Ireland.

A NEGRO RISING IN TEXAS.

The Situation so Grave That Troops Have Been Ordered to the Scene.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 26.—Word was brought in last evening that an insurrection was imminent among the blacks in Matagorda County. The sheriff of Matagorda County sent a courier to Sheriff Hickley, of Brazoria County, asking for immediate assistance to put down an insurrection. The courier stated that over 200 negroes were under arms in Matagorda and the excitement among the whites was very great. The trouble arose over an attempt by a colored constable to arrest a white named Wheal who resided on Caney Creek. The constable was found dead in the creek and the negroes believe the white men of the vicinity murdered him. Later reports last night stated that Sheriff Hickley had raised a posse of fifty mounted white men and started for Matagorda. White, the Sheriff of Matagorda was en route for the scene of trouble with 100 mounted men.

At noon to-day the alarming report reached the city that the Sheriff's forces had arrived and active hostilities were commenced. The negroes have been largely reinforced. The Houston Light Guards have just received orders to leave on a special train for Columbia, Brazoria County.

THE CONDEMNED ANARCHISTS.

The Wife of Counsel for the Defence Has Something to Say.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Mrs. Black, wife of Capt. Black, counsel for the Chicago Anarchists, said here yesterday: "If these men are hanged their wives will kill their children and then commit suicide. Nina Van Zandt has frequently assured me that if her husband, August Spies, goes to the scaffold she will die with her own hand the same hour. The other women tell me the same thing. To let these men live," continued Mrs. Black, "will not result disastrously, as some people pretend to think, but if they hang, Grinnell, Bonfield and Judge Gary are not safe."

The Labor Convention at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Sept. 26.—The Labor Convention commences here at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning in the Central Labor Hall. Mr. Charles March, President of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, will preside. The convention will last probably three days and will be addressed by Mr. T. V. Powderly, Frank M. Fogg and others. Questions of interest to all trades and labor organizations will be brought up and fully discussed.

Baptists Shy of the George Movement.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—At a meeting of Baptist pastors to-day the secretary announced that Dr. McGlynn had expressed his willingness to address the Conference at any time they desired to hear him. Discussion followed. Some thought this would involve the Conference in politics, and would be countenancing the "communistic doctrines of Henry George." The matter was postponed indefinitely.

The Postmaster-General Unseated.

HALIFAX, N.S., Sept. 26.—Hon. A. W. McLelan, Postmaster-General, has admitted bribery by agents in the election for the Commons, and his seat for Colchester is consequently vacant. The Election Court opens at Truro to-morrow before Judge McDonald, when the charges of personal bribery against the Minister will be gone into.

A Lively Contest Promised.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 26.—Preston, candidate of the Union Labor party for Secretary of State, has resigned to allow John Swinton's name to be put at the head of that ticket. This makes four parties already in the field, the Republicans with Col. Fred. Grant, the Democrats will nominate to-morrow, Henry George, representing United Labor and John Swinton Union Labor. The fall election promises to be lively.

Premier Norquay at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Sept. 26.—Hon. John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, is in the city, but declines to say anything about the object of his visit. It is currently reported, however, that he is here to confer with some of the banks to see if the required funds cannot be raised. Mr. Lariviere, Provincial Treasurer, is still here, but will probably leave for home in a few days.

The Belleville Assizes.

BELLEVILLE, Sept. 26.—The docket at the fall Assizes is composed of three non-jury cases and seventeen jury cases, three or four of which have been disposed of. Judge O'Connor presides. B. B. Osler, Q.C., is here.

Jake Sharp to be Sent Up.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The decision in the case of Jacob Sharp having been affirmed by the General Term, he will probably be sent to Sing Sing as soon as his health will permit.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The tobacco crop in southern Illinois, Indiana, and Kansas has been seriously injured by the frosts.

The latest advices from Arizona say that the reported outbreak of Indians is without foundation.

There was quite a heavy snow fall in the White Mountains on Sunday night, the thermometer registering 15 degrees below zero.

Several new cases of smallpox were reported on Staten Island yesterday, and it is feared that the outbreak will become epidemic.

Mrs. Louise Eldridge of Rooncesverle, W. Va., was mysteriously assassinated in front of her own house on Friday night.

At Indian Valley, two hundred miles south of San Francisco, John McArdle and J. C. Reardon were killed on Sunday by Newton Ashell.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court yesterday granted a divorce to Mrs. Henry A. Hulbert, jr. of New York. The parties move in the leading social circles in New York.

Walter C. Brown, a veteran of the 65th N.Y. volunteers, who lived in the suburbs of Middletown, N.Y., attempted to murder Mrs. Henderson on Sunday morning and then committed suicide.

In the United States Court at Boston a decision was rendered yesterday morning sustaining the demurrer of the Bell Telephone Co. against the Government suit and the case was dismissed.

At Dayton, O., on Saturday night, Geo. Zeigler agreed to drink all the liquor Daniel Alexander would pay for. Zeigler drank twenty-two glasses of whisky, walked 200 yards, fell down and died.

A TRAIN'S FIERY PATHWAY

AN EXPRESS ON THE CANADA ATLANTIC MEETS WITH DISASTER.

While Making a Dash Through a Burning Bush it Strikes a Spot Where the Ties are Burned Away—The Train Wrecked and Several Cars Consumed.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—The Montreal express on the Canada Atlantic pulled out of the Elgin-street Station at 4.50 this evening with about one hundred passengers on board. The train was made up of an engine, baggage car, second-class, postal, and smoking, a first-class and Pullman in the order named. Eastman Springs was made on time, and the train started for Bearbrook, six miles distant, where it was due at 5.19. The bush all through this section has been on fire for weeks, and after leaving Eastman the smoke was so thick that it was unpleasant to breathe. Fires were raging fiercely on both sides of the track and the sky was lit up with a lurid glare, but all being reported clear ahead, Engine Driver Breacher did not slack up, but endeavored to run through to Bearbrook as rapidly as possible. The train was going at the rate of about forty miles an hour, and had nearly reached what is known as the half-way crossing when the rails suddenly spread, the ties being burnt away, and the engine left the track. With great presence of mind the engineer sprang to the air brakes, which acted so well that the train was instantly checked, but forged slowly ahead for a few yards, the second class, postal, first class and Pullman leaving the rails and falling quietly over on their sides. There was no telescoping, and the cars were so strong and well built that they were scarcely broken by the fall. The baggage car left the metals, but remained upright and was ultimately saved.

The passengers acted with great coolness, inspired by the conduct of Conductor Hostler, to whom great credit is due. They were speedily extricated from the wreck and it was found that not only was no one killed but nobody was seriously injured and no bones were broken. The ties and bush were all on fire, and the second class and postal cars were soon in a blaze, quickly followed by the first class and Pullman. These four cars were entirely consumed, but the twenty-eight sacks of mail matter were saved. A freight train which was following the express was signalled and backed up to Eastman's Springs, where news of the accident was at once wired to Ottawa, and a special with Drs. Church, Horsey and Small was despatched to the scene immediately. Fortunately the doctors had little to do. One second-class passenger, an old Frenchman residing in Ross-street, Ottawa, was badly cut about the face and hands in going through the window of the second-class car and slightly burnt by falling on some blazing ties, but the great bulk of the passengers escaped without injury, and there are only a few bruises as the result of what came near being a very serious disaster.

A number of the passengers walked through the blazing bush to Eastman's, and arrived in Ottawa at 9 o'clock by the relief train, and the remainder walked through to Bearbrook.

The train from Montreal, due here at 8.10, was stopped at Bearbrook and the passengers transferred to Eastman's Springs, whence they will be brought to-night by a special train from here.

Sir Adolphe Caron and his secretary, Mr. Benott, were in the Pullman and got a good shaking, but were not hurt. Sir Adolphe, in conversation with your correspondent, said it was marvelous how the passengers escaped with so little injury. He was dictating a letter to his secretary at the time the engine left the rails and said he was conscious of a severe shock as the train suddenly stopped. Then the car moved slowly along for a short distance and seemed to quietly lie over on its side, the passengers getting out, some through the upper windows and some scrambling out through the doors.

In five minutes everyone was out of the cars and they were on fire. All the passengers saved what light baggage they had with them and the baggage car is not burnt. The officials of the road have made prompt and energetic efforts to send relief, and everything possible was done to make the passengers comfortable. The telegraph poles between Bearbrook and Eastman were burned and the wires are down.

A section man from the former place was on his way to warn the express that the ties were burnt, but could not get to the crossing in time. He was less than a hundred yards away, but the smoke was so dense that the driver could not see his light. The loss to the company will be heavy.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The bulk of the Island cottagers have returned to the city.

New oil cloth throughout has made the City Hall corridors quite respectable.

John B. Broomhead, aged only 20, and living in Arthur-street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of not supporting his wife.

W. Shea of 220 King-street east was a prisoner at Headquarters last night, awaiting trial on the charge of assaulting his wife.

The Plasterers' Union decided last night to take part in the trades procession on Oct. 1. They will have a band and all members will wear badges.

The hearing of the case of Bell v. the Gutta Percha Rubber Manufacturing Company was resumed before Judge McDougall yesterday but was not concluded.

The Board of Trade Arbitration Committee will be busy all week disposing of claims made by several firms against J. B. McKay & Co., the cases being similar to that of Chapman & Co.

The handsomest pulpit in Canada has just been put in the Sherbourne-street Methodist Church. It is of red cherry and is a marvel of the carver's skill. The platform chairs are also well in keeping with the beauty of this new edifice.

Anne Montford, 54 years of age, recently from Birmingham, Eng., and employed at the residence of Ald. Ritchie, Beaconsfield-avenue, fell down the cellar steps yesterday, breaking her arm and fracturing her head. She is under treatment at the General Hospital.

Dr. John S. King returned to the city on Saturday night after enjoying nearly a month's vacation spent in a trip up the lakes, and visits to Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit. He attended the Supreme Legion meeting of the Select Knights of the A.O.U.W. at St. Paul as a representative from the Grand Legion of Ontario.

The valuable collection of oil paintings by old masters that have been on exhibition at No. 38 Toronto-street will be on private sale for the next three days at sacrifice prices, as the owner must leave this week for the Old Country. This is a rare opportunity for collectors of high class paintings, and should not be missed. 23

The many friends of Capt. W. W. Donaldson will tender him a testimonial benefit excursion to Victoria Park to-night per steamer Chicoutimi, tendered for the occasion by Mr. Thos. Davies. Early in the season the captain met with an accident while on duty as mate of the Canadian and has been incapacitated ever since. The boat leaves Church-street wharf at 8 o'clock, and York-street wharf fifteen minutes later.

Acting under instructions from Mr. Howard of 79 Chestnut-street, H. A. E. Kent has entered an action for damages against the City Corporation on account of an accident that happened to Mrs. Howard last week. While walking on Albert-street Mrs. Howard stepped on a loose plank, which flew up and struck her on the body. Mrs. Howard was near her confinement and the accident caused premature birth, the infant being stillborn.

Mrs. Boomer of 47 Isabella-street, the wife of Mr. James Boomer, secretary Western Assurance Company, was the victim of a runaway accident Sunday night on Maitland-street. Whilst the driver of the hack, in which Mrs. Boomer was seated, was assisting one of Mrs. Boomer's daughters into the vehicle the horses started off, and ran down Jarvis-street, where she and the two children were thrown out. Mrs. Boomer's left arm was broken and one of the children was badly cut about the neck.

The late Capt. Tom Brown was a "drummer" as well as an officer. At the time of his death he had been a member of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada for twelve years, and his beneficiaries receive $1000 from the Mutual Benefit Society and $1200 from the Mortuary Fund in connection with the above association. The funeral on Saturday was attended by J. C. Black, President of the Association; John Burns, Vice-President; James Sargant, Secretary; and Messrs. W. G. H. Lowe, President, and R. L. Patterson, Vice-President of the Mutual Benefit.

Police Magistrate Denison had a big list to dispose of yesterday. Frank Somers, disorderly conduct and swearing on Chestnut-street, $50 and costs. The case against Gustavus Hamilton and Michael Farrell, charged with assaulting Street Car Driver Kearns, resulted in Farrell being fined $3 and costs. Hamilton was discharged, but on a second case of feloniously wounding Samuel Hancock, he was remanded till Wednesday. Benjamin Adams will do two months in jail for his connection with the theft of goods from Lowden & Co.'s warehouse on Sunday night. Arthur Moquin, his brother-in-law, is an employe of the firm and they were in the warehouse together. Moquin was under the influence of liquor and Adams took advantage of his condition to get away with the goods. Moquin was discharged. The liquor cases against J. D. Brown, George Leman and John Coulter were dismissed; several others were adjourned.

LUCKNOW'S RELIEF CELEBRATED.

Army and Navy Veterans Dine Together—Principal Grant's Compliments.

Last night the members of the Army and Navy Veterans' Society of Toronto met at the Richardson House, King and Brock-streets, to celebrate the "Relief of Lucknow." There was a good attendance of veterans and friends. After an excellent spread, served in Mr. Richardson's best style, the chairman, Mr. Banks, called upon the secretary, Mr. F. J. Robinson, who read the following letters:

Secretary of Army and Navy Veterans' Society: MY DEAR SIR—Will you say to your comrades to-night how extremely pained I was to be unable to say a few words to them last night. It would have been a genuine pleasure, but the soldier must not think of pleasure. I was enduring hardness on a sick bed from which I hope to arise in a few days. My greatest comfort was in knowing that I had in Mr. Milligan a substitute who sympathizes with you as heartily as I do. I shall hope to have the pleasure of preaching your annual sermon on some future occasion. Meanwhile I commend you all to Him who is our best friend. A day is coming when all the hard work of the soldier shall be done, when the return march of "Home, Brothers, Home," shall sound in our ears, and when the Great Commander shall pin the medal on the breast of every true warrior. Let us live in hope. God bless you all is the prayer of your old friend and chaplain, GEORGE M. GRANT.

Secretary of Army and Navy Veterans' Society: MY DEAR SIR—As I have to attend Council meeting to-night I shall be prevented from being present at your gathering. The event you commemorate is one that stands out in bold relief in the history of the present century as a striking instance of the good old fashioned pluck of the British soldier and is worthy to be held in loving thankfulness in every true British heart. Trusting that you will have a very pleasant evening and that the retired men of Her Majesty's service will draw into close brotherhood in this land, believe me very truly yours, P. H. DRAYTON.

It was stated that Major-General Keer had signified his intention to join the society and do all that lay in his power to advance its objects. An apology for non-attendance was read from Lieut.-Col. Denison.

The chairman gave the usual loyal toasts which were drunk enthusiastically. In proposing the health of the Governor General of Canada, the chairman said His Excellency had shown himself a thorough Britisher who was continually doing whatever lay in his power to advance the interests of Canadians and place them on the level they were entitled to. The toast of the "Heroes who fell at Lucknow" was drunk in silence and with bent heads. The "Army and Navy" brought Veterans Cook, Ford, McFarland, Kelly and Gibbs to their feet, and recalled the deeds of valor performed by the troops during the Indian mutiny. The health of the clergy of the Dominion was duly honored, special mention being made of Principal Grant, whom the society look upon as an old true friend. Mr. John Munn, president of the society, said that he joined the army in the year 1857 at the age of 17, and went forward determined to defend the Queen and the country. He had not the pleasure of assisting at Lucknow, but he had seen service, and now what pleased him very much was to be president over a veterans' society.

The "Host and Hostess" was given and responded to by Mr. Richardson, himself a British Hussar. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, with songs and old time tales.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

Two Children Meet Their Deaths Through a Druggist's Carelessness.

HAMILTON, Sept. 26.—Two children of Wm. Nicholson of Millgrove, both girls, one aged 12 and the other 8, died on Friday night from the effects of morphine administered by mistake for quinine. The family physician is Dr. Anderson of Millgrove. When he was called to attend the two children for malarial fever he had no quinine and came to the city for it. He got an ounce of what he supposed to be quinine from Zimmerman, the druggist, who sent for it, while Dr. Anderson was waiting, to Winer & Co.'s, wholesale druggists. An inquest on the bodies of the children was opened at Millgrove yesterday by Dr. McGregor of Waterdown. Four powders of the medicine administered remain, which have been analyzed and found to be morphine.

Another Victim.

When the inquest was in progress a similar case of fatal poisoning was revealed. Mrs. Rymal, who lived near Millgrove, died rather suddenly a few days ago. Dr. Anderson had attended her also. Mr. Rymal brought to the doctors one of the supposed quinine powders which had been administered to her by the doctor. It was examined and found to be morphine.

There are two explanations of these three unfortunate cases. Either the clerk in Winer's who sold the drug to Zimmerman's clerk gave him morphine instead of quinine or else Dr. Anderson mistook the one for the other.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Mr. Kern, a Hamilton Architect, Committed for Trial.

HAMILTON, Sept. 26.—At the Police Court today M. D. Kern, architect, was charged by Henry Schuhl with obtaining $38.29 by false pretences.

In his evidence Schuhl said that in July last he gave Mr. Kern a note for $60, and that on Sept. 1 a settlement was made in the office of Mr. Kern. At that time Mr. Kern could not find the note and said it must have been lost or misplaced. Mr. Schuhl's son was present and was writing a receipt at this time, but when Kern said this Mr. Schuhl said he would dictate a receipt. He settled with Mr. Kern, but had since had an action brought against him to recover the value of the original note—the note which Mr. Kern had said was lost or misplaced. The $60 owed by him, and for which he gave the note, was for payment of postage stamps purchased, and $10 borrowed from Kern. At the time of the settlement he returned some of the stamps—over 1000 United States two cents, and gave Mr. Kern the balance of the $60 in cash—$38.29.

The complainant was cross-examined at length by Mr. G. L. Stanton, counsel for Mr. Kern.

Aaron Schuhl, son of Mr. Henry Schuhl, swore that he wrote the receipt which Kern had signed and given to his father. He identified the receipt produced as the one he had written.

The Magistrate committed Mr. Kern for trial at the next assizes. Bail was fixed at $400, himself and two sureties of $200 each.

THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR.

Hamilton's Exhibition Promises to Surpass That of Last Year.

HAMILTON, Sept. 26.—The Great Central Fair opened to-day, the weather being bright and sunny. Although all the displays are not arranged yet, it was evident by the quantity of goods in place and arriving that this year's exhibition will be superior to any yet held here. The space in the various departments has all been taken up, and Hamilton's industrial establishments will be well represented.

In the gallery of the Palace a large number of ladies and gentlemen have been busily engaged all day in arranging displays of fine work, while the art exhibitions are to be very elaborate and of a superior class. In this respect the exhibition of this year will be considerably ahead of previous years, and Hamilton will have every reason to be proud of the increasing interest taken in the finer branches of art and design in every class.

In the horse department the exhibits of thoroughbreds, roadsters, heavy draught, and other grades of horses, will be most magnificent. Hamilton's show generally excels in ornamental and useful horse flesh, but this year the display will be a grand one. All parts of the province are represented, and no such similar aggregation of superb horses has ever heretofore been seen in these parts.

SUNDAY'S FIRE IN MONTREAL.

The Insurance Companies Affected by the Burning of the Furniture Factory.

MONTREAL, Sept. 26.—Following are some of the insurance companies interested in the fire at the Montreal Furniture Company's factory and other places destroyed by fire last evening. Building—North British and Mercantile, $3000; Glasgow and London, $3000; Quebec, $1333; Lancashire, $1333; Western, $500; Guardian, $500; Western, $250; Lancashire, $250. Machinery—Glasgow and London, $5000; Western, $500; Lancashire, $500; Quebec $2000; Scottish Union, $2500; Northern, $2000; Guardian $3000.

The Hot Air Furnaces made by Wheeler & Bain are away ahead of any others for heating power, economy and durability. Try them and be convinced.

A Carpenter's Fall From a Scaffold.

A carpenter named Alex. Curry, residing at 17 Agnes-street, was taken to the General Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of serious injuries sustained by a fall. He was working on a building at St. George and Bloor streets and fell from a scaffold at a height of thirty-five feet. His fall was broken by some planks projecting from a window, but as it was the injuries he sustained were very serious and rendered him unconscious for several hours.

The Grand Army Gathering.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 26.—The weather here to-day is rainy and disagreeable. Every train brings Grand Army men and by noon 10,000 had arrived.

HIS WORSHIP AS A WITNESS.

The Mayor Gives Evidence Before Judge McDougall's Waterworks Enquiry.

Judge McDougall resumed his investigation into the management of the City Waterworks Department yesterday, after an adjournment from Sept. 13.

Mayor Howland was examined. He testified, in response to Mr. Bigelow, that he was first elected in January, 1886. He received in that year a small bundle of tickets and a report of the auditors who examined the tickets. These he handed to the prosecuting counsel at the time. The large box of tickets which were gone over by the auditors disappeared, and had not since turned up. The bundle of tickets which he received had no bearing upon the auditors' report.

Mr. Bigelow: Did you see any other tickets except the small bundle you mention?

His Worship: I did not.

Mr. Bigelow: Did you receive any other papers in reference to the Department?

His Worship: Yes, I think I did, but they were handed over to the proper quarter. I afterwards handed a file of papers I got concerning the Department, to Mr. Foster. I examined them, but did not attach much importance to it.

Mr. Bigelow: We have heard of this file and succeeded in tracing it to the Waterworks Department. Now you throw more light upon it. Do you know where that file is now?

His Worship: I may say that I saw it in Mr. Foster's office not long ago. I saw some books from the Waterworks Department. I ordered a search, instructing the Department to give up all papers connected with the investigation, and my impression is that all those papers were hunted up by Sergeant Detective Reburn. I have now no papers connected with the Department in my possession.

Capt. Benjamin Tripp deposed to having been managing owner of the schooner Quelph, which discharged some coal at the pumping house. The last cargo overweighed thirty tons as compared with bill of lading. He ascertained this overdraft by comparison with the tallies of the mate of the vessel, Burns' man, and the Waterworks man. Vessels usually run under the bill of lading, but occasionally they overrun.

Walter Moss gave evidence as to brick work done by him in January and February, 1885, at the engine house. During the progress of the work there was necessarily a lot of dirt and dust about.

In the absence of Mr. Foster, Q.C., prosecuting counsel, the investigation was adjourned until 2 o'clock to-day.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the missing file, which has formed the subject of so much contention, was produced, having been found in Mr. Foster's office, where the Mayor's evidence located it. When handed in it was scanned by Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Kent and Mr. Venables, who claim that it contains important documents. The file will be trotted out at the investigation to-day.

John F. Scholes, dealer in fine imported and domestic tobaccos and cigars. Finest billiard room in America. 185 Yonge-street. 26

ALL MUST COME TO JUDGMENT.

Rev. Dr. Munhall's Revival at the Granite Rink—A Man's Conscience.

Dr. Munhall entered upon the second week of his revival services in the Granite Rink yesterday afternoon when the Bible class was well attended. In the evening the building was more than half full. The first half hour was occupied by a hymn service conducted by Prof. Towner and his wife, after which the revivalist took charge of the meeting. He took his text "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ," and spoke of the need for judgment, in order that the crooked places might be made straight and the rough places plain. Some people have the idea that hell is nothing more than a man's conscience. Such a theory was absurd, for the man who had the least conscience was the greatest sinner, and the man with the most tender conscience the less sinful. Was it reasonable, therefore, that the latter should be the most punished.

As the revivalist was coming to the hall he saw took a young man drunk. Now did they think that the tavern-keeper who served the drink had any qualms of conscience? nothing; he would sleep as well as ever. There must be a judgment hereafter; that they were assured of by the book of truth, and that would be the time when we must give an account for all we had done. He pointed out how necessary it was therefore for all to live such lives that, when Christ came to judge for the deeds done in the body, we might be found amongst the acceptable. There was no escape from this judgment.

Dr. Munhall is exceedingly pleased with the result of his mission so far.

THE FILTHY "LONDON HOUSE."

The Scene of a Child's Death Due to Alleged Criminal Negligence.

At the Morgue to-night Coroner Duncan will open an inquest on the body of the child of Catharine Abbott, which died in the infamous "London House," Dorset-street, a week ago to-day. It appears that the child was not buried, the mother could not procure a burial certificate. The child had not been attended by a physician since July and it is believed that its death is largely due to negligence and ill-treatment. The Mayor yesterday received this letter:

280 KING-STREET WEST.
TORONTO, Sept. 26, 1887.

DEAR SIR: According to your request I have visited the remains of the child Abbott at "London House," and so far as I can see there are no evidences of violence, but I fear the child has been much neglected. The circumstances connected with the case should bear strongly with your corporation in having the "London House" removed, which is nothing more or less than a den of filth and misery and a habitat for idle and drinking people. Having frequently seen the miseries of this place I have often thought that its removal would be a blessing. I am yours very truly,
ALEX. DAVIDSON, M.D.

Dr. Ryerson's Statue.

Mr. Hamilton McCarthy, to whom was entrusted the work of designing and erecting the statue to the memory of the late Dr. Ryerson, so long Chief Superintendent of Education for Ontario, has completed the model, which will shortly be cast into bronze. The height of the statue is 9 feet 6 inches, and it is due to Mr. McCarthy to say that he succeeded in delineating a faithful representation of the features and imposing form of the great educationist. The pose represents Dr. Ryerson in the act of addressing the Legislature in behalf of the great system of education which he left as a legacy to his countrymen. In his left hand is a book, while his right hand is stretched out in the graceful manner of an orator seeking to convince his hearers by the righteousness of the cause which he advocates. The facial outlines are admirably portrayed, the expression being that of beaming benevolence combined with deep earnestness in the cause which the designer represents him as engaged in. The model was admired by a large number of ladies and gentlemen yesterday.

The Gaelic Society's Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Gaelic Society was held last evening in Richmond Hall, the president, Mr. J. McPherson, in the chair. Letters were read from all parts of the province congratulating the society on the successful and pleasant reception tendered to Highlanders visiting the city during the Exhibition. A communication was received from Senator Donald McMillan, Glengarry, enclosing $10 as a contribution to the funds of the society. In addition to the reception of eighteen new members, honorary membership was conferred on Charles Stuart, Port Hope; John McNeil, Ottawa, and Miss S. McCallum, Ottawa. The report of the Choir Committee showed that some sixty applications were received for membership. It was decided to make a preliminary examination a test of membership of the choir and to limit the number to thirty. The remaining portion of the evening was pleasantly spent with songs, recitations, music on the violin and bag-pipes and dancing.

The Turn Verein's Winter Opening.

One year ago last January the Toronto Turn Verein was organized by fourteen young Germans fond of athletic exercise. To-day it has a German membership of 162, and the English members run the total up to 240. Last night they opened their winter season with an entertainment and ball in their rooms, Wellington-street east, which are already found to be too small. About 300 ladies and gentlemen were present and each lady was presented with a handsome corsage bouquet of roses and smilax.

The entertainment opened with an address by President Anton Heintzman and then followed a program of gymnastic exercises by members of the Turn Verein, club swinging by L. Reich, recitations by E. Heuber, H. Heidman, Wm. Reinholt and a tableau, "The Watch on the Rhine," which was well presented and much applauded. Then a few hours were spent in dancing to music by Oberner's orchestra. The committee consisted of Wm. Reinholt, Fred Rausch, Ad. Gottschalk, Ad. Baer and Louis Munz.

Bush Fires North of Belleville.

BELLEVILLE, Sept. 25.—Damaging bush fires are raging north of the Belleville district, doing considerable damage on the Gilmour timber limits, and more or less damage on the Rathbun limits.

AGAINST THE ARMORY SITE

AN OLD LADY'S SPEECH AT THE CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT.

The Collision in the Bay—"Gross Negligence" of the Ferry Boat Managers—Was the Esplanade Constable Tampered With?—Business Transacted by the Aldermen.

The City Council met last night, the chair being taken by Mayor Howland at 7.30. The absent members were Aldermen Defoe, Piper, Ritchie, Wickett and Baxter.

Amongst the correspondence was a claim on behalf of Mr. James Howard, for compensation for injuries sustained by Mrs. Howard by a fall on Albert-street. A large number of claims were made under similar circumstances, and during the evening the bad condition of the sidewalks in several localities formed the subject of discussion. A communication from J. D. Ham, Reeve of Newburgh, thanked the Council for the grant of $200 towards the relief of distress caused by the recent fire there.

Ald. Dodds drew attention to what he called the "gross negligence" existing with reference to the ferry system, and asked for an explanation as to why an officer of the Corporation (the Esplanade constable) should be prevented from dragging the Bay for the body of the young man recently lost in the ferry-boat collision. The officer was obstructed by persons closely interested in the ferry system. Those people represented that no person had been drowned on the occasion, and although several persons testified to having seen the man in the water the ferry boat people thought to force the idea that it was nothing more than a bundle of rags. He wanted to know under whose control the Esplanade Constable was, and asked that the duties devolving upon him should be properly enforced.

The Mayor replied that the Esplanade Constable had certain grappling material for dragging the Bay, but had no instructions as to its use. It was generally understood, however, that when this material was applied for it would be forthcoming. There was no doubt that the constable had been somewhat deterred in the matter by the information supplied by the ferry boat people. It was a subject worth consideration and one on which some instructions might be given.

Ald. Frankland characterized the conduct of the public as reckless, both at the ferries and on the street cars. He added: "The people of this country think they can do just as they please, and the sooner they unlearn that the better. The ferry boat men are blamed and the car men are blamed because the people rush into them recklessly and don't care for themselves."

Ald. Fleming gave notice for a special committee to be appointed to consider the advisability of purchasing several first-class boats, to be owned by the Corporation, for the purpose of carrying passengers to and from the Island at the lowest possible rates.

Ald. Maughan intimated his intention of moving that the Board of Works be asked to consider the advisability of asking for tenders for the several roadways to be kept in repair, during the life of the work, at the same time as tenders are asked for the making of said roadways.

Ald. Macdonald gave notice for leave to introduce a bylaw to fix and define the duties of employes of the Corporation who act as secretaries of the various committees of the Council.

Ald. Shaw gave this notice: "That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to make application at the next session of the Ontario Legislature for such amendments to the Municipal Act as will exempt all persons, except those sending children to the public or separate schools, from the payment of any general rate or assessment for school purposes."

The Mayor remarked that bachelors were a criminal class of beings who should be taxed.

Ald. Fleming: Is he raising a family? [Laughter.]

Ald. Shaw: The golden rule was enunciated by Your Worship last time, that people should only pay for what they get, and that is all I want.

Mr. D. B. Read, Q.C., spoke on behalf of a large deputation from St. John's Ward, against the erection of the proposed drill shed on the site selected. A number of ladies were among the protestants. Mr. Read condemned the action of the Council in selecting such a site, which would necessitate the eviction of a large number of people, and ruin the locality generally. He laid great stress on the point that the Corporation of Toronto should not have taken the matter in hand and taxed the ratepayers for a work which should have been undertaken at the expense of the Dominion Government. The volunteers had done good service for their country in the past, and would do so again if the necessity arose. They should therefore be provided, at least, with a drill shed, at the expense of the Government of the country which they had served, and were prepared to serve.

Mr. R. L. Frazer, also spoke on behalf of the opponents of the scheme, contending that the Corporation had not the power to expropriate the necessary land.

Mrs. Beatty, an old lady who would be affected by the erection of the drill shed on the proposed site, became very demonstrative. Approaching the Mayor's chair she addressed His Worship, saying that she had been living in Toronto for the past fifty years, and that her brother, who was a turnkey in the jail, was dismissed without his month's salary because a prisoner escaped, and had to go to Harry Piper to feed his monkeys. [Laughter]. "If any one comes to my house to put me out, I'll shoot them right there. [Applause]. I won't let anybody put me out of my home, and don't forget it. [Renewed applause.] You are a very unreasonable lot of gentlemen, but you won't put me out with your drill shed."

The report of the Executive Committee contained this clause:

Your committee have had under consideration the petition of Robert McCallum and 140 others, praying that the drill shed be not erected on the proposed site north of Osgoode Hall. As it is not deemed desirable to change the site proposed by the volunteers themselves, your committee cannot recommend concurrence in the prayer of the petitioners.

After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter back to the committee.

The Board of Works recommended that Wm. Jones, contractor for the sewer on Elm-avenue, be allowed an extra sum of $750 in excess of his tender for laying in a concrete bottom on the old sewer, he having omitted to place a price for the same in his tender for the work.

Ald. Hunter asked for an explanation as to why the contractor should be paid more than the price of his contract.

Ald. Carlyle, chairman of the committee, explained that it had been proved to the satisfaction of the committee that an omission had been made.

Ald. Carlyle (St. Thomas') said that Jones' contract was something like $1000 less than that of the lowest submitted.

Ald. Fleming objected to the adoption of such a course, as tending to demoralize the department and give a precedent for all sorts of irregularities. When a contractor found that his price was considerably lower than that of his opponents all he had to do was to get his contract approved of, and then come before the committee or Council, and on the pretext of having omitted some item in his estimate, get the price raised and thus defraud the ratepayers.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Waterworks Committee recommended the payment of $50 to Mr. John Galt, C.E., for services rendered in preparing an estimate of the cost of various schemes for increasing the water supply, and a like sum to Mr. Robb, inspector of boilers, for services rendered in the same connection.

Ald. Hunter asked when those expenditures for experts were to cease, or what value the people were getting for their money.

Ald. Carlyle (St. Andrews') said he believed the investigation would close to-day.

The report was adopted.

It was decided to appoint Aldermen Hill and Johnston a committee to visit some United States cities where crematories are at work and report as to their adaptability to Toronto. A sum of $200 was voted for the purpose.

On the motion of Ald. Fleming it was agreed to settle upon eight years as the natural life of cedar block pavements.

The Council broke up at 11.45.

Off to Ottawa.

Aldermen Boustead, Defoe, Verral, Carlyle (St. Thomas'), and Shaw, with Mr. John Small, M.P., City Solicitor McWilliams and City Engineer Sproat, leave this morning for Ottawa, as a deputation to further the King-street subway, Dundas-street railway bridges, the extension of the Windmill line and the Island preservation projects. Mayor Lynd and Councillor Atkinson will represent Parkdale at the Capital.

Chicago Socialists Are Jubilant.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—The newspapers here consider that the most important result of the recent Socialist convention at Buffalo was the amalgamation of the Internationalists and Socialists. The Chicago reds are jubilant and predict that great work will be accomplished in the next two years.

Alive Bollard sells seven Stonewall Jacksons or Heroes, for 25 cents; also 10-cent El Padres for 5 cents.

Stoves and Furnaces!

The finest display of stoves in Toronto is at Strathern's, the great housefurnishing depot, 179 Yonge-street. They include ranges with all the latest improvements, hall and parlor stoves, all sizes and prices. Without doubt this house is showing a stock of goods that cannot be equalled in the city, and sold at a price that cannot be beat. All intending purchasers should call and see their goods anyhow whether they buy or not. Furnaces a specialty, and lowest estimates given; also repairing promptly attended to. Call early. 3

THIRTY-SIX YEARS IN THE WEST.

Mr. Wm. Medcalf Returns to Toronto from Washington Territory on a Visit.

Mr. William Medcalf of Montsena, Washington Territory, is visiting relatives in this city. He is a brother of the late ex-Mayor F. H. Medcalf, and for the last thirty-six years has lived in his western home. In 1852 he emigrated to that section, making the journey with an ox team in seven months. He was the first white settler in that part of Washington Territory. His present eastern trip is his first experience of railway traveling and he speaks in glowing terms of the magnificent scenery along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Although 73 years of age, Mr. Medcalf is in the enjoyment of splendid health. He is engaged in farming, dairying and stock raising. He was a participant in the suppression of the Indian uprisings with which the early settlers in that territory were visited. His contact with the various tribes has enabled him to speak eight Indian dialects. Mr. Medcalf proposes visiting relatives in St. Thomas, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Kansas before returning home. He is stopping with Mrs. Medcalf at the family's old homestead, 506 King-street east.

In company with Ald. Irwin the old gentleman visited the City Hall yesterday. Toronto, he said to The World, was a revelation to him. He had been in Portland, Ore., once for a few hours, but Toronto, with its churches, public buildings and fine streets, made him imagine he had just dropped from the clouds.

CORPORATION TENDERS.

The Works Committee Open Five Bids for Sidewalks—An Incorrect Advertisement.

A special meeting of the Board of Works was held yesterday afternoon to open tenders for sidewalks. Five tenders were submitted, but the one which was considered lowest contained a condition not specified in the tender, viz.: a provision that the Council should bind itself to take 3,000,000 feet of planking. It was decided to accept this contract if the party tendering would forego this stipulation. Should he not consent then the next lowest tender will be adopted, which is: 4 feet, per 100 lineal feet, $16; 6 feet, per 100, $24; 8 feet, per 100, $33; 11 feet, per 100, $51.50. The names of the parties tendering will not be made public until the contract is definitely decided.

The Wrong Date Advertised.

A meeting of the Property Committee was held yesterday afternoon with Ald. Irwin in the chair. The others present were Aldermen Gillespie, Galley, Wickett, Roaf, Denison and Rogers. The special object of the meeting was to open tenders for the alterations at the Police Court building. The advertisement inviting tenders was read, from which it appeared that the date of deciding contracts was "Monday, Sept. 29, 1887." Architect Denison said that the date was misleading to intending contractors, who might send in their tenders on Sept. 29 and claim that they should be entertained. After some discussion it was decided to open the tenders, and while this was being done Mr. W. L. Hudder entered the room and said he had been misled by the advertisement. He was under the impression that the tenders would not be opened until Thursday, Sept. 29, "according to advertisement." Under the circumstances it was decided to re-advertise.

TWO VERDICTS AGAINST THE CITY.

$800 and $600 for Injuries Received by Falling on Icy Sidewalks.

Two verdicts awarding damages for injuries received by falling on ice-covered sidewalks were awarded in the Civil Assizes. The first was in the case of Mrs. Wm. Lawson, who sued to recover $1000 because of injuries to her foot, sustained by slipping on an icy sidewalk on College-street, opposite St. Stephen's Church, March 5 last. She was awarded $800 and costs. The other case was that of Milo Carel, an engineer, who, on March 14, slipped on the pavement in front of Mr. W. E. Cornell's new building at Church and Adelaide-streets, fracturing his leg. He sued the city and Mr. Cornell for $2000 and was awarded $600, but only against the city. An appeal will be entered.

The list of jury cases has been finished. The non-jury cases will be taken up to-day, the peremptory list being: Kennin v. Kerr, Robinson v. Woodward, Radford v. McKay, Williamson v. Trimble, Boddy v. Boddy, Johnston v. Grand Trunk Railway.

Aid for Gravenhurst.

The Mayor yesterday received $5 from Thomas Clayton and $1.50 from J. F. G. P. for the Gravenhurst sufferers. He urges the citizens to do all they can in the way of private donations, as he was in Gravenhurst last summer and knows that the people who are burned out must be in a bad fix. The $400 from the city and $1000 from the Ontario Government were forwarded on Saturday. Other subscriptions that have been sent are: Orillia Council, $100; Orillia citizens, $149; Bracebridge Council, $100; H. H. Cook, M.P., $200; J. M. Dollar, $100; A. M. Dodge, $100; A. P. Cockburn, $50; John Brophy, $10; John Whyte & Son, $50.

At the City Council meeting last night the Executive Committee commended the prompt action of the Mayor in forwarding, on behalf of the city, $400 to Gravenhurst. Mr. H. H. Cook, M.P., East Simcoe, appeared before the Council and returned thanks for the munificence of its members in responding so promptly to the appeal of the distressed people. He urged a further grant of money, stating that nearly half the population were rendered homeless by the fire. The Council unanimously endorsed the action of the Mayor, and at a subsequent stage of the proceedings increased the grant to $1000, though not without considerable discussion and opposition, in which Ald. Boustead took the lead.

Canadian Nautical Assessor.

From The Liverpool Journal of Commerce, Sept. 14.

According to advices just to hand, it is reported that the Canadian Government contemplate appointing a Dominion nautical assessor, and in this connection the name of Lieutenant Smith, R.N.R., of the Allan Line, is favorably mentioned. No better appointment could be made, we imagine, than this. Captain Smith is in command of the Allan Line steamer Parisian, and is the commodore captain of that fleet, and is well and favorably known to travelers crossing to Canada. It is not too much to say that Captain Smith is one of the most popular commanders afloat. His skill as a navigator, and his great practical knowledge of all things connected with the sea and vessels, make him especially qualified for the post. The Canadian Government may be congratulated if they can secure his services.

C. M. Henderson & Co.'s Sales.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, C. M. Henderson & Co. will sell by auction at 104 Adelaide-street west a valuable assortment of household furniture, the property of Mrs. M. F. Fory. The furniture is first-class in every respect and includes a valuable 7⅓ octave piano. On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the firm will offer by auction at the Mutual-street Rink $40,000 worth of elegantly finished household furniture, 250 stoves and ranges, several grand and square pianofortes, carpets, etc. The goods will be on view the evening previous to the sale. Ten electric lights will light up the rink so that every opportunity for inspection will be given. No reserve. This sale is expected to be the largest furniture sale ever held in Toronto.

Two Young Toronto Runaways in Hamilton.

Two weeks ago the two little boys of Mrs. Alfred Smith, living at the upper end of Manning-avenue, aged 10 and 12 years, left home. A week ago Friday she received from them a letter dated at Hamilton and saying that they were getting $2 a week and their board. But no address was given. Mrs. Smith is anxious to know if they are doing well, and if so she is satisfied that they should remain there, but otherwise she would like them home, and would be pleased to get their address.

New President of the Freehold Company.

A special meeting of the directors of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company was held yesterday. Mr. A. T. Fulton was elected president in the place of the late Hon. William McMaster, Mr. C. H. Gooderham vice-president, and Mr. Hugh Ryan director. An expression of condolence with the widow of the late president was adopted.

Always Smoke the Best.

Mr. John F. Scholes of the "Athletic," Yonge-street, has opened out a first-class cigar and tobacco store. All the choicest brands kept in stock. Mr. Scholes will still conduct the billiard room in the rear. The room is said to be the finest in Canada.

Diamonds.

Cash paid for second-hand diamonds, rubies, sapphires and other precious stones. Diamonds bought and sold on commission. Woltz Bros. & Co., 5 Leader-lane, Toronto. 642

Municipal Genius at Work.

The genius who inspired the idea of filling with coal ashes the holes in the pavement on the north side of King, between Yonge and Church-streets, yesterday, must be a brother of the one who is responsible for the filling of the same holes with clay a few days ago.

What Was Found in Eight Hats.

A gentleman states that he looked through a dozen hats that were lying together one evening and found the Dineen stamp in eight of them. This is the straw showing how the wind blows. Dineen's high quality goods has made his establishment the first in the city. X

RE SCOTT ACT PETITIONS.

THE RECENT ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THEM.

The Latest Report from the Fishing Grounds—Canadian Fishermen Satisfied with the Protective Service—Protests in Quebec to be Withdrawn.

OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—As there appears to be a good deal of misconception with regard to the recent action of the Government with reference to Scott Act petitions, it may be as well to state that the order-in-council gazetted on Saturday is only administrative and intended to secure uniformity in dealing with petitions for the repeal of the act in counties where it has been adopted. There are at present four such petitions before the Government, from the Counties of Huron, Bruce and Norfolk and the Town of Guelph. These petitions are that a vote be taken on the repeal of the act, but in none of the cases has the act actually been in force three years. The act provides that no order-in-council bringing it into force shall be revoked until after the expiration of three years from the day of its coming into force, but contains no prohibition as to holding an election within that period for the purpose of revoking such order. In the case of a petition to bring the act into force not being adopted it is provided that no similar petition shall be put to a vote for a period of three years. As a matter of administration it was thought more in conformity with the spirit of the act, not to authorize the holding of any elections to revoke an order-in-council putting the act into force within three years from the date of its going into force, thus following the principle laid down with respect to unsuccessful petitions for enforcing the act. In the meantime the consideration of the petitions will remain in abeyance until the expiration of the time mentioned in the order-in-council.

Mr. Tilton, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, has returned from an extended tour through the fishing region. He reports the season nearly over, only some forty or fifty American vessels being left on the grounds. Their catch has been very small, and few American vessels this year have secured paying fares. The catch on the whole will be less than last year, but the Canadians, with the advantage of the three-mile limit, have the lion's share of it, and their shortage in the catch will be more than compensated by the high price of fish, especially of mackerel, in the American markets. The Canadian fishermen expressed themselves as perfectly contented with the fishery protection service, and are well pleased with the present state of affairs, being quite willing to pay American duty on fish in consideration of the American fishermen being kept out of Canadian waters.

Several railway deputations are expected to visit the Capital during the present week to have some right of way disputes settled by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council.

It is stated, on what is believed to be excellent authority, that an arrangement has been entered into between the two political parties in the Province of Quebec for the withdrawal of all protests, the protestors in each case paying the costs. This applies to both Federal and Provincial Houses. There are twenty-one protests in for the Local and eleven for the Federal. The leaders of the different parties have agreed to this basis of peace, but they don't say who will recompense the lawyers for the business they won't get.

COMEDIENNES AT THE THEATRE.

Miss Rosina Vokes Scores a Success in Her New Play—Miss Frances Bishop.

Miss Rosina Vokes opened her 1887-8 season last night when she and her excellent English comedy company appeared at the Grand Opera House in a bill comprising two plays. Nearly every seat was occupied by a fashionable audience which was enthusiastic over the reappearance of the charming little woman who is such a favorite here. The plays were "The Widow's Device," an old comedy rewritten and renamed, and "A Double Lesson," the comedietta in one act which has helped Miss Vokes to attain her present popularity.

"The Widow's Device" was presented last night for the first time, and it proved to be a success. It is a play in which the interest is well sustained with a series of most amusing blunders, excepting perhaps in the second act, where the string of blunders is corn ps so long as to cause the action to drag. The chief part, of course, is assumed by Miss Vokes, who, as Mrs. Sutherland the gay widow, desirous of making a match between Col. Freeman and Edith Leslie, for whose hand Orlando Middlemark is also a suitor, gets herself and the others into no end of complications, and finishes by marrying the colonel herself. Mr. Courtenay Thorpe, as Col. Freemen, added more to his reputation as a polished society comedian. Mr. Felix Morris, also known here, was a success in the old man part of Babblebrook. Miss Emily Stafford, as Anastasia Winterberry, and Miss Isabella Irving, as Edith Leslie, contributed to what was a perfect performance.

The same bill will be presented to-night.

Miss Frances Bishop in "Muggs' Landing."

"Muggs' Landing" was presented at the Toronto Opera House last night before an audience that fairly tested the capacity of the theatre. The boxes were occupied by the members of the Toronto Baseball Club and the Scranton team. Above the box, in which the Torontos sat, was a placard bearing this inscription: "This is the ball that won the pennant." Below this was one of the balls used in the Newark games. During the play several references were made by the performers to the local team which provoked great applause.

The play is familiar to Toronto audiences. Miss Bishop was as vivacious and captivating as ever; Alfred McDowell was an admirable Asa Beck, and the other members of the company gave a satisfactory rendition of their parts. "Muggs' Landing" will be repeated all week, with matinees this afternoon, Wednesday and Saturday.

Notes.

Mr. Richard Mansfield, in "Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," founded upon Stevenson's famous psychological romance, is now the sensation in New York. He is doing absolutely the largest business ever known in the history of the Madison Square Theatre, even better than "Jim the Penman." Long before each performance it is impossible to obtain seats, and people are turned away in great numbers. Mr. Mansfield will take with him during his coming season the rich and elaborate scenic effects used in the New York production. The company includes such well known people as Mr. John T. Sullivan, Mr. H. D. Harkins, Mr. Harry Gwynette, Mr. H. B. Bradley, Mr. Albert Roberts, Miss Beatrice Cameron, Miss Katherine Rogers, Mrs. Josephine Laurens and Miss Johnstone Bennett.

A large attendance is expected at the Philharmonic Society's rehearsal to-night, as the membership list will close very soon. The "Golden Legend" and "Jubilee Ode" are full of beautiful choruses.

Personal Mention.

Mr. W. J. Bell and wife of Guelph sailed from San Francisco on Sept. 23 on their trip round the world.

Mr. W. J. Chisholm of Halifax is at the Rossin.

Mr. W. L. Hamilton of Brockville is at the Rossin.

Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, M.P.P., of Stratford is at the Rossin.

Mayor E. W. Stovel of Walkerton is at the Walker.

Mr. A. McAusland of Dumbarton, Scotland, is at the Walker.

Mr. W. J. Ure of Glasgow, Scotland, is at the Walker.

Mr. Heber Archibald of Winnipeg is at the Queen's.

Mr. R. Wright, G.T.R., Montreal, is at the Queen's.

Mr. E. A. McAlpin of New York is at the Queen's.

Mr. J. E. Carson of Listowel is at the Palmer.

Dr. J. F. Smith of Simcoe is at the Palmer.

Mr. George Lang of London is at the Palmer.

Mr. H. J. Jones of Brantford is at the Palmer.

Mr. E. W. Scott, Vice-President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, is a guest at the Queen's.

Mr. George M. Higinbotham, formerly with the Norwich Union Insurance Co. and a Q.O.R. sergeant, who left here last spring to enter upon ranching life in the Northwest near Fort Walsh, returned on Saturday, perhaps to stay. He has been greeted by many friends who are pleased to see him looking so well.

The Dead.

Rev. Geo. Vernon Houseman, rector of the English Cathedral at Quebec, died at that city yesterday, aged 67 years.

For Opera, Field and Marine Glasses, Telescopes, Aneroid Barometers, Thermometers, etc., etc., go to Foster's 17 King-street west.

Not Much Change in Temperature.

Weather for Ontario: Southeast and east winds; increasing cloudiness, with local rains; not much change in temperature.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Glasgow: State of Georgia.

At Liverpool: Queen.

A Card to the Public.

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Gentlemen: Thanking you for past favors, I desire to inform you that this fall I have a special fine assortment in hats and caps. In fact, no finer line of goods is to be found in Toronto. Purchased by myself, for cash, in the best New York and American markets, I can sell a really first-class article at a moderate price. Soliciting your custom, I am faithfully yours,
X C. H. TOMKINS.