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THE OWNER PROBABLY FILLS AN UNKNOWN GRAVE.

Came Out From England to Make a Name for Himself—He Starts for the Pacific Coast and His Father Fears That He Perished En Route to His Destination.

At the sale of unclaimed parcels of the Dominion Express Company in August last Mr. C. N. Bastedo of 129 McCaul-street purchased several parcels, among them a small and battered grip. In the grip he found a leather writing desk, which contained a number of photos and letters addressed to Ed. Brice, section man, Crowfoot, Alberta, and other places in the Northwest Territory.

Many of the letters were from his father and relatives in England, and Mr. Bastedo ascertained that the owner of the grip was undoubtedly the son of Edward Brice of 5 Halford-street, Leicester, England. The letters contained numerous enquiries as to why the son had not written, and among the papers was found an indenture of apprenticeship to a harness maker in Leicester, England.

Enquiry at the offices of the Dominion Express Company showed that the grip had been sent from Donald, N.W.T., to Siccimousie, B. C., on March 16, 1891, with instructions to hold it until called for by sender.

Mr. Bastedo communicated with the father, who seems to be a man of some education, and yesterday received a reply in which the father says of his son:

"He, with our full consent and best wishes, sailed from England in April, 1890, to endeavor by perseverance and industry to make a home in the Northwest. We received letters at frequent intervals from him, in which he told us of his doings and the places he had been working in; he mentioned Boissevain, Medicine Hat, Gretchen and also Calgary, from which place we received his last letter in January, 1891. From thence we heard from another source that he had gone on to Siccimousie, B. C. We can gath r no further information of him, which makes us fear something serious has befallen him, as he was not of strong constitution, so that the exposure and farming and other outdoor pursuits would probably be too much for him."

Any information as to his whereabouts would be gladly received by Mr. C. N. Bastedo, or the lad's father, whose addresses are above given.

The Greas' First Winter Outing.

K Co. Royal Grenadiers mustered strong at the "Gouse" last night under Major Manley, and inducted in the first of the winter outings. The company marched by way of College-street to the old Brockton Club House, performing some drill movements on the march. "Host" MacCormick had a nice lay-out ready for the boys, and they thoroughly enjoyed an hour at supper, followed by a few songs. On the way back a halt was made at the residences of Col. George Denison, Cal. Fred Denison, M.P., and returning at that of Col. J. A. Donaldson, for each of whom three rousing cheers were given.

The parade dispersed about 10.30, having spent a pleasant and profitable evening. The outings will be held monthly through the winter.

The Musicians' Officers.

The Canadian Society of Musicians concluded their eighth annual convention yesterday.

These officers were elected: President, J.W.F. Harrison; vice-president, V. P. Hunt; secretary, A. S. Vogt; treasurer, Mrs. Bigelow; assistant secretary, Mrs. Bigelow. Representatives—Toronto W. O. Forsyth; Hamilton, J. F. Adams; London, W. C. Barront; Ottawa, Mrs. Jenkins; St. Catharines, A. W. Reid; St. Thomas, J. H. Jones; Brantford, John Bolce; Guelph, Mrs. Henry; Stratford, Mrs. Prendergast. General representatives, E. Fisher, Thomas Martin, Mrs. Moore, Miss Callaghan.

A reception to the active members was held at Webb's in the evening.

Many Arrests Last Night.

The following arrests were made last night: Fred Cummings, 52 Campbell-street, charged with striking Charles Phypes in Church street; Alexander Earsman, 252 Church-street, arrested on a warrant charged with assaulting his sister; George McLean and Nancy Allan, charged with keeping a disorderly house in the rear of No. 7 Edward-street; Andrew Kenning, 126 Esther-street, for an alleged indecent assault on Jane Hill, aged 10 years, 103 Niagara-street; Christopher Lawless, 15 Trefan-street, unlawfully committing a highway robbery on Mr. Owens, 90 Oak-street, by depriving him of his overcoat and 60 or 70 cents.

Now For Bargains in Furs Till the End of the Year.

The great sale of Furs now going on at Grant & Co., 77 King-street east, is drawing crowds. Their store will be open till 11 o'clock every night this week to give the greatest bargains in Ladies' Seal Manties and Gentlemen's Furs ever offered. This sale is genuine, as they are determined to turn over cash by the 1st January. It will pay the ladies of Toronto to examine their stock of Capes, Manties and Muffs, etc. 246

If you have indigestion at any time use Adams' new Pepsin Tutti Frutti. It is a prompt and absolute cure. Sold by all druggists and confectioners, 5 cents.

What Will Elect Sheppard.

Two men were arguing the Mayoralty chances yesterday.

Said one: Fleming has the woman vote, the temperance vote and the liquor vote and the vote of his church, as well as the solid Reform vote.

Said the other: Well, what of all that? Did you ever hear of the solid Conservative vote? That will do Mr. Fleming this time.

Enkosis or Lacrosse at all fancy goods dealers.

For Third Deputy Reeve of York.

Mr. James Magee of Coleman's Corners is running for third deputy reeve of York and ought to be elected. He is thoroughly posted in the affairs of the township, has the confidence of his neighbors and will make an excellent member of the council.

Toothache—When suffering from toothache try Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

Millichamp's Sale To-Morrow.

The attention of those in want of mantels, overmantels, brass goods, grates, etc., is called to Millichamp's great auction sale that commences to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at his large show rooms, 234 Yonge-street. The stock is the largest and most valuable ever submitted to public sale in Canada, and will be sold without the least reserve, as the firm are retiring from business. The sale will be conducted by Mr. Charles M. Henderson.

Charles Roberts of New York and Miss Jessie Alexander—Pavilion—New Year's night.

Sproule's Sale To-Day.

The great auction sale of art goods will be continued this and following afternoons at 2.30 at Sproule's Art Rooms, No. 134 Yonge-street. A very choice line of goods will be offered this afternoon. The sale will be conducted by Mr. Charles M. Henderson.

In Financial Straits.

Robert Crosby, butcher of London, has assigned to G. N. Weeks.

Drygoods has not proved profitable to Robert Weatherill of Oil City, and he has assigned.

W. W. Tripp & Co., bankers of Orono, have suspended payment.

Francis Dowell, baker of Parry Sound, has placed his affairs in the hands of an assignee.

D. R. Kenny, fruit dealer of this city, has assigned to D. O. Cameron.

Hatten & Jenkins, millers of Harrietsville, have assigned.

George Williams, general merchant of Manotick, cannot meet the demands of his creditors, and he has placed his affairs in the hands of D. Larmouth of Ottawa.

An odor that suits every taste—John Taylor & Co's white rose. 246

Says He Skipped With the V.

Robert Hamilton, 10 Francis-street, was arrested by Detective Harrison yesterday on a charge of larceny preferred against him by Mrs. Campbell, 36 Baldwin-street. The complainant alleges that she gave Hamilton a $5 bill, out of which he was to take 25 cents for a bottle of horseradish, and that he absconded with the whole amount.

THAT CITY HALL APPOINTMENT.

Citizens Not Overjoyed Over the Fact That T. C. Robinette Has Been Attached to the Solicitor's Office.

There have been appointments at the City Hall that did not meet with public favor, but there never was one so universally condemned as that of T. C. Robinette to a position in the City Solicitor's Department, made a couple of days ago. Mr. Biggar assumes responsibility therefor, but The World makes bold to say that the Mayor, notwithstanding the explanation he gives, has had a great deal to do with it. For the Mayor and Mr. Robinette are old cronies. Robinette, who had a rather lively real estate record, has said that he learned all the tricks of the trade that he practised from Mr. Fleming.

And who is Robinette? He is a young man with a University training, who had a splendid start, and succeeded in making as discreditable a record as any we know of. On the other hand there are scores of reputable young lawyers in the city who would have been glad of such an appointment, and they got no opportunity.

The air is full of rumors in regard to the vacant solicitorship, and vacant it is, for Mr. Biggar has determined to abandon it. One is that Robinette's appointment is a portion of the deal, and that the new solicitor, whoever he is, will have to accept Robinette as part of his entourage as a condition of his appointment.

"There can scarcely be any doubt," said an alderman last evening, "that the instinct of the public has divined at once the true cause of the appointment of Robinette—it lies in the fact that Robinette was master of the situation. He was the Samson with his arms around the pillars of the temple, and with strength adequate to pull them down. Nor would he wait for the execution of his vengeance. 'Open sesame' were his magic words. The City Hall doors must open either inwardly or outwardly—inwardly to let him in or outwardly to let the Mayor out. He spoke, and the Mayor rushed in indecent haste to do his bidding. It was the cowardice of guilt."

"Who appointed Mr. Robinette to your staff?" queried The World of Mr. Biggar.

"I appointed Mr. Robinette," was the Solicitor's emphatic and brief reply.

"Can you tell me who appointed Mr. Robinette?" queried The World Young Man of Mayor Fleming.

"Mr. Biggar."

"Had you nothing to do with making the appointment?"

"Well, I can't say that I did. All I had to do with it was this: Mr. Biggar came to me and said he had received a number of applications for the position. Among the number was that of Mr. Robinette, whom he said was a brilliant young man and the one best fitted for the position, but the trouble was that his reputation was not good, although he believed that he had now joined Trinity Methodist Church and was determined to retrieve his reputation where he had lost it. And he thought he was honest in his intentions. I told Mr. Biggar that if it was true Robinette had reformed and possessed the high qualifications for the office that he claimed he did, that his past reputation ought not to stand in the way. That is all I did in the matter. I was away from the City Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and knew not who had been appointed till I saw, by the papers, that Robinette had."

Is Herbert Mowat to be Solicitor?

Instructions were sent to Osgoode Hall yesterday to substitute the name of Herbert M. Mowat, late assistant City Solicitor, as counsel for the city in place of City Solicitor Biggar in the cases in which the city is interested now pending at the hill. These cases number some 30 in all. This gave rise to the rumor that Mr. Mowat is to succeed Mr. Biggar.

THE AMUSEMENT WORLD.

Chauncey Olcott in "Macushla" is a revelation. Nobody since Fritz Emmett has ever played one of these singing parts in melodrama so satisfactorily. Olcott has a wonderfully sweet voice of a pure tenor quality. He is, moreover, a tall, fine-looking fellow, with a bright, cheery countenance and an easy graceful manner. He acts well, which in the case of a tenor singer is a rare accomplishment. To-day he is beyond doubt the best in his line.

Mr. Olcott will appear at the Grand Opera House next week, beginning at a special matinee on Monday.

"The Private Secretary" Next Week.

The Academy of Music will throw open its doors on next Monday evening and for the balance of the week, when will be presented "The Private Secretary" by a New York company. The engagement will commence with a matinee on New Year's Day. No play ever graced the dramatic stage that introduced more happy and original characters than does Mr. William Gillette's domestic comedy, "The Private Secretary." The tutor as presented is a clerical-looking individual of slender, nervous temperament, with a smooth, stealthy movement as he crosses and recrosses the stage, and a peculiar fashion of expressing himself by odd exclamations. The collisions, errors and impediments that befall him in the following two acts give rise to the greatest confusion in boisterous laughs and shouts, and all concede at the finish that the secretary is by far the funniest individual ever seen.

Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House.

The "Two Old Cronies" will make their initial appearance before a Toronto audience at Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House at matinee on New Year's Day. The "Two Old Cronies" has been recently materially improved—new people in the cast, new costumes, new tricks. A large week's business is expected.

Musee Theatre.

Don't forget that to-morrow is double souvenir day at the Musee Theatre. Every lady in attendance in the afternoon will have their choice of three thousand articles which the bazaar contains, and every gentleman accompanied by a lady will be presented with a handsome toilet article.

Carlton-Street Service of Song.

The fine choir of Carlton-street Methodist Church will give another of their popular song services to-morrow evening, assisted by Mrs. Jennie R. Stewart of Boston, soprano, and Miss Jennie Houston, the talented elocutionist. The program will include solos, duets, quartets, anthems and readings and will be unusually attractive.

Combined Recital at the Pavilion on New Year's Night.

Mr. Charles Roberts, who is to appear with Miss Alexander at the Pavilion on Jan. 2 in the comedietta, "A Happy Pair," has long held the leading place as a reader in New York, and he firmly established himself a favorite with Toronto audiences on the occasion of his visit here last season. The sale of seats opened at Nordheimers' yesterday.

Advice to Invalids.

Almozin Wine is the best wine for invalids ever before offered to the public, and is highly recommended by the *medical* profession all over the world, is the only wine known to contain natural Salts of Iron produced by nature, on account of the ferruginous soil in which the vines are cultivated. Gianelli & Co., 16 King-street west, Toronto, sole agents for Canada. Sold by all druggists.

Don't go home to-night without a game of Enkosis.

Local Jottings.

The retail grocers' annual at home will be held Jan. 18.

The criminal assizes open Jan. 4 before Mr. Justice Rose.

Inspector Stephen, who was married on Saturday at Elora to Miss Margaret Helen Davidson, was on duty yesterday.

The annual dinner of No. 4 Ward Liberal-Conservative Association will be held to-night at the Arlington.

Thomas Farley, Spadina-avenue, was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment for non-support of his wife.

The Immigration Department, for years located on Simcoe-street, has moved into the east wing of the old Parliament Buildings.

The World was yesterday shown a huge worm nearly a foot in length which had come through a water tap at 36 St. Alban's-street.

William Riley of Gladstone-avenue was arrested yesterday on suspicion of complicity in the robbery at the Parkdale office of the Dominion Express Co.

The western section of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society held its half-yearly meeting in Knox College, concluding yesterday. Encouraging reports were received from a large number of missionaries under control of the board.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

THE FIGHT WAXING HOT ALL OVER THE CITY.

Three Exciting Meetings Last Night—Mr. Sheppard Had an Enthusiastic Welcome in the West End—Mayor Fleming's Lively Meeting in Dingman's Hall—Plenty of Fun.

Mr. Sheppard's supporters in old Stephen's last night rallied in the Orange Hall, Euclid-avenue. Although the meeting was called on short notice the hall was packed, many having to stand throughout the meeting.

Veteran John Nunn was in the chair. Among others present were Messrs. John Armstrong, C. C. Robinson, W. F. Summerhayes, John Barron, R. W. Prittie, W. E. Calger, S. Jones, P. Whytock, J. Dunlop, J. Adair.

Chairman Nunn delivered a short and business-like address, after which he called upon Mr. C. C. Robinson to address the electors.

Mr. Robinson's speech was heartily received. Referring to the Mayor's statement that he had not retarded work on the conversion of the street railway system, the speaker read a number of extracts from the council minutes, showing the course adopted by the Mayor in reference to the question. His expose of the Mayor's attitude in the matter was received with great interest, and his speech was liberally applauded.

Mr. John Armstrong urged the electors to support Mr. Sheppard, who had a far larger grasp of civic affairs than the present Mayor. He believed the workingmen had full confidence in Mr. Sheppard, and they regarded Mayor Fleming as having been the primary cause of delay in corporation work during the year.

A Rattling Speech.

Mr. Sheppard was greeted with prolonged cheers as he made his appearance. He spoke for half an hour, and his speech was most enthusiastically received. He read a large number of extracts from Mayor Fleming's platform, as announced at the last election, and contrasted his promises of the campaign with his performances during the year, to the edification of the ratepayers, who loudly manifested their enjoyment of the telling points he made against Mayor Fleming. He showed that the schemes he advocated had been approved by eminent authorities, and ridiculed those of his opponent, who declared them visionary. He said that Mayor Fleming had forgotten the higher and more important principles of civic government in the effort to look after the small-er affairs of the municipality.

Jr. Summerhayes asked the voters to work for their candidate, and expressed confidence in Mr. Sheppard's election to the Mayor's chair.

The meeting closed with enthusiastic cheers for the Queen and Mr. Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD AT PARKDALE.

One of the Best Meetings During the Campaign.

Dr. J. A. Ferguson occupied the chair at the meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Parkdale, last night, in the interests of Mr. Sheppard.

Among the gentlemen on the platform were: Ald. Atkinson, Ald. Gowanlock, Dr. Aylesworth, Ex-Ald. McMath, W. H. Scott, Joseph Pocock, Robert Gilray, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., H. W. Church, W. C. Beddome, James Page and James Hunter.

Mr. C. F. Gallagher was the first speaker. He arraigned Mr. Fleming for not keeping his many promises made before his last election.

Mr. Joseph Pocock followed, dwelling on the fact that although the street cleaning and scavenging departments were united yet the two commissioners were still in the city's employ.

Robert Gilray also spoke and was followed by Ex-Ald. McMath, who handled statistics and treasury department scandals in a masterly manner. While he was speaking Mr. Sheppard entered the hall and the audience rose in a body and cheered him to the echo.

Mr. Sheppard's Speech.

In speaking he stated that he felt much encouraged by the enthusiasm manifested at the meeting he had just finished addressing in Euclid-avenue hall. He had been twitted with being an eleventh hour candidate, and of rushing in where angels feared to tread. In reply to the first statement he could say that he had been petitioned to become a candidate last September, and only refused because he thought there might be better men found. Regarding the latter insinuation, he thought angels might well rush in to tread in the path he was taking, that is if they would have the same amount of obloquy heaped upon them.

It had been said that he employed women as typesetters; he wished to state emphatically that his was a union office and had always been so.

He read extracts from Mayor Fleming's speeches prior to his election in which many promises were made, and taking each separately, proved conclusively that none had been fulfilled. "So much for his promises," said he, "and I think the city could, with cause, bring action for breach of promise against the Mayor."

The meeting broke up with three cheers for Mr. Sheppard, and then three more for the Queen.

MAYOR FLEMING'S MEETING.

His Worship's Speech at Dingman's Hall Last Night.

The meeting held in Dingman's Hall last night in the interest of Mr. Fleming was large, but it cannot be said to have been an orderly one. The majority of those present were in sympathy with Mr. Fleming, but there was a large contingent that took every opportunity to excite all opposition of the remarks of Mr. Fleming and those who spoke for him.

The Sheppard meeting held in the same hall a week ago, was in marked contrast to that held last night.

On the platform were T. S. Lobb (chairman), D. A. Carey, W. G. Murdock, S. R. Heakes, Stewart Lyon, A. W. Dingman.

Mr. Heakes was the first speaker. He claimed that the contractors of the new court house were using inferior material to get the best of the city.

Voice: Are you trying to get a job? [Laughter.]

Mr. Heakes: I am not. I never had a city job, nor do I expect to get one. In closing he said that Mr. Fleming deserved the support of the city for his action in this particular if he had done nothing else. [Loud cheers, mingled with groans.]

The Chairman: Groans are of no use.

Mr. Dingman followed. He said he was supporting the one he thought the best man. "I did so last year and I always do." [Voice: You will get left next year too.]

Proceeding, Mr. Dingman said that they wanted a man to go "nosing" around the City Hall, and it would be better if they had more of it.

"How about Ashbridge's Bay?" queried someone.

Mr. Dingman said he was supporting Mr. Fleming to-day because of his action in regard to Ashbridge's Bay. He had tried by every means to get the work pushed forward. "But then I suppose, you don't want to hear me," he added.

Resuming, Mr. Dingman said it was largely through the Mayor's efforts that the bylaw was to be submitted Dec. 29.

Mr. Stewart Lyon followed in a vigorous speech. He said that out of a total revenue of $3,000,000 about $1,000,000 was expended in paying interest on local improvement and general debenture debt.

Mr. Carey's speech was noted more for the fun it created than for the points made. "I came here not to speak, but to show you on which side I am going to vote. I would rather give you a song."

The audience seemed to be his way of thinking, too, for it cried loud and long for a song.

Rev. P. C. Parker sprang to the platform and asked the audience to give Mr. Carey a chance, while the latter pleaded: "Yes, because I am a greenhorn." He got a brief respite, but the demands for a song again became so urgent that Mr. Carey, nonplussed, took his seat.

Mr. W. G. Murdock, after referring to the interesting address of his predecessor, said jocularly: Those before me, strangers to me, and therefore, I suppose, respectable citizens, because you know that in my sphere of life those with whom I am brought in contact and for whom I do business are not usually of a respectable class.

The World's Charges.

"I want to refer to the charges made by The World. They are stale. Why were they not produced six months ago?

Before taking his seat he espied Mr. John Greer in the audience and asked that he be called to the platform. Many cheers and some hisses greeted Mr. Greer as he elbowed his way to the platform.

Mr. Carey urged that Mr. Fleming be given a second term. "You gave Mr. Clarke four years to accomplish what he wanted. This boy (pointing to the Mayor) has done more in the one year he has been in the Mayor's chair than did Mr. Clarke during four years."

The majority of those present were evidently Mr. Clarke's friends, for they warmly and loudly disapproved of the reference.

His Worship's Speech.

Mayor Fleming was the next speaker, and he was well received. He said that his policy during the year was to look after the interests of the city in general and of Irishmen as well as Englishmen.

Voice: How about Canadians?

Mr. Fleming: O, Canadians don't want me to look after them. They are able to look after themselves.

Voice: How about the high level bridge?

The Mayor: Please don't keep interjecting. After I am through you can ask all the questions you like.

The rate of taxation, he promised, would be lower next year than this if the money for reclaiming Ashbridge's Bay is not put into the general taxation.

He read a number of letters in support of his contention that he was not responsible for delay in reclaiming Ashbridge's Bay, and the audience, evincing signs of restlessness, he remarked: "If the audience does not want to hear me, I will not read the papers. Charges have been made against me in this matter and I think I should be given an opportunity to refute them."

A good many stories, he said, had been circulated regarding his connection with the reclamation of the bay, and he hoped that those who had circulated them would now acknowledge them wrong.

A voice: "O, yes, with all your faults we love you still." [Laughter.]

The only reason, he said, that his opponents could give why he should not be re-elected was because the City Hall had been taken out of the hands of the "gang."

Several asked him to make a deliverance in reference to his connection with the Isolation Hospital site, but he skilfully evaded complying.

They Hissed Him.

Mr. John Greer was greeted with mingled cheers and hisses when he came forward at the request of the chairman to speak. "I was never hissed before in my life. I say it is a mean contemptible thing, and I defy anyone to stand up and say that I have done anything whereby I deserve being hissed. The men who hissed are not, I am sure, true electors of over the Don. This is Mr. Fleming's meeting. I came here not to speak but to hear what he had to say in reference to the Isolation Hospital, but not a word did he utter. [Hear, hear.] You already know what my opinions are."

Why the Pastor Turned.

Rev. P. C. Parker said that he had been unfavorable to Mr. Fleming's candidature until within the last day or so. He was now going to vote for him because he wanted a man of business in the chair and because Mr. Fleming had on the same text appointed to his house after the Medical Health Department failed to do so.

It was 11.15 o'clock when the meeting broke up.

HAD A MINORITY LAST YEAR.

Fleming Was Not Elected By a Majority Of Votes.

Robert J. Fleming occupied the position of Mayor during 1892, although he received 2529 less than a majority of the votes polled. Here are the figures:

	Fleming.	*Osler.*	*McMillan.*	*Beaty.*
First Ward....	1,073	557	610	48
Second Ward..	1,329	1,413	784	115
Third Ward....	1,555	2,554	821	187
Fourth Ward..	1,541	1,875	970	139
Fifth Ward....	1,539	1,004	1,060	66
Sixth Ward....	1,027	923	457	54
	8,604	8,365	4,702	603

Total vote polled, 22,264.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

All the Old Trustees Elected by Acclamation.

Nominations took place yesterday for Separate school trustees, when the following were elected by acclamation:

Ward 1—Rev. Father Hand.
Ward 2—Vicar-General McCann.
Ward 3—Mr. James Ryan.
Ward 4—Mr. M. Teefy.
Ward 5—Rev. Father Rooney.
Ward 6—Rev. Dean Cassidy.

THE UMBRIA.

She Is Now Five Days Overdue and Yet Not Reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Conjecture as to what has happened the long over-due Cunard steamship Umbria is all that can be indulged in. That she has met with an accident is agreed in shipping circles, but just the nature, extent and seriousness of that mishap will not be known until she is spoken by some ship or until she arrives.

At midnight the Umbria was five days overdue, not a word having been heard from her since she was sighted off Fastnet light, outward bound, 11 days ago.

Peel Local Election.

BRAMPTON, Dec. 28.—The election contest in Peel for a member of the Local Legislature promises to be of an exciting and interesting character, and Mr. Cook, the independent candidate, is making a splendid fight. Among the old Reformers who are giving him their support are mentioned the ex-warden of the county, Mr. Porter, Ex-Reeve Lightheart of Chinguacousy, the deputy reeve of Brampton and a great many other prominent Reformers of the county. The meetings that are being held in various parts of the riding are largely in favor of Mr. Cook's candidature, and there are strong indications that he will be elected, but the majority will be small.

Anarchy in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 28.—At 2 o'clock this morning a bomb was thrown into the main building of the south side plant of the Milwaukee Street Railroad Company. There was a tremendous explosion, and in a moment the interior of the building was in a blaze.

In a few minutes the fire was beyond control, and in less than an hour the entire plant was consumed, entailing a loss of $510,000. Who the man is who threw the bomb is not known. He is supposed to be the fire bug who has started fully a dozen other disastrous fires within a month.

Scared by a Burglar.

HAMILTON, Dec. 28.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning Mrs. Cooper, 18 Park-street south, was rather startled by seeing a man at the door of her bedroom. At first she thought it was her son and spoke to him. The man backed out of the door, holding a dark lantern behind him and made his escape.

Mrs. Cooper went to her son's room and told him that there was a burglar in the house. The police were telephoned for.

The officers searched the house, but could not discover that anything had been stolen.

Plan now at Nordheimers' for combined Recital, Mr. Roberts and Miss Alexander, Pavilion, Jan. 2.

Court House Burned.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 28.—At 2 p.m. fire broke out in Delaware County. The elegant new court house and building valued at $300,000 were ruined.

Patriotism, like charity, should begin at home—buy Taylor's White Rose perfume. 246

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A large consignment of very choice dairy roll butter to be cleared at once. Price 20 cents per pound. Skeins Dairy Company, 291 and 293 King west. Telephone 2298. 246

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How is it we are so busy while others have nothing to do? Simply because our work tells. Every garment turned out is an advertisement and brings customers. Look. Don't wear ill-fitting, poorly made, thrown-together clothing when you can get first-class workmanship and a perfect fit at Corrigan's, the leading tailor, 193 Yonge-street. No fancy prices. Pants from $4 up, suits from $16 up, overcoats from $15 up, dress suits $25. Call early. 246

A delightful and delicious Christmas present—a box of Adams' Tutti Frutti. New flavors—Violet, Rose and Lilac.

Personal.

Mr. W. R. Brock leaves to-day for Europe, returning about the end of May.

Mr. Neil Robertson, B.A., newly appointed principal of Richmond Hill High School, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Cross of Clarkson & Cross has been called to Ottawa by Mr. W. D. Hogg to prepare the accounts in the Cape Breton cases on behalf of the Dominion Government.

T. Otway Sadlier, Halifax, N.S.; R. McDonald, R. Du Loup, P.Q.; J. N. Blake, Ottawa; Miss F. Fox, Kettleby; Frank W. Webb, New Carlisle, P.Q.; James Owens, Misses Williams, Guelph; J. R. Fedder, S. L. Browne, Parry Sound; T. H. Cairns, G. H. Abbs, New York, are at the Elliot House.

Canada for Canadians—John Taylor & Co.s' Lilac Blossom challenges the world. 246

THE MONTE CARLO DUEL.

The Second Bullet From the American's Pistol Struck Count Romanoff Above the Heart and Killed Him.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The name of the American who killed Count Peter Romanoff in the duel at Monte-Carlo was Jay Brockton, and he was not from Brooklyn. The two men fought in the grounds of a private villa and evidently meant a duel to the death.

The conditions were 25 paces, with liberty to advance to within two paces of each other, and to keep on firing until one or the other should fall.

Both American and Russian came calmly to the mark, and on the word being given they fired with deadly intent, at the same time starting to advance.

The second bullet from Brockton's pistol struck Romanoff just above the heart. The Count reeled and fell, and in a few moments expired.

Considerable mystery exists as to the identity of Count Peter Romanoff. His name, real or assumed, suggested some connection with the royal family of Russia.

A New York newspaper suggests that Count Peter Romanoff may or may not be the traveling incognito of the Grand Duke Peter Nicoalevitch, who is the second son of the late Grand Duke Nicolai Nicoalevitch, who was the Czar's uncle.

PANAMA AFFAIR.

Two Other Sudden Deaths May Form the Subject of Special Enquiry.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Chronicle's Paris correspondent says: Two other sudden deaths besides that of Baron De Reinach's may form the subject of a special enquiry, but he hesitates to mention the persons' names, which are given on mere conjecture.

The startling disclosures made by ex-Detective Amiel have been revived. The correspondent declares that in answer to an advertisement in Figaro Amiel was offered money to murder Dr. Herz.

He continues: "Amiel asked me to publish the story, but when I sent for him I found he was dead."

The Vanitois compares the Panama Canal scandal to the scandals of the period of Rohan, and says that the diamond necklace allegation against Madame Carnot will probably lead to the disgrace of a high official.

A cartridge similar to that used in the Boulevard Magenta outrage of last spring was found yesterday close to the Reinach residence in the Rue de Lisbonne.

The coroner who has assisted Brouardel at the Reinach inquest says the result may be a surprise to everybody. It he had to make an oath on the subject he could not say, he added, that Baron de Reinach was poisoned.

Father Beneficial.

PANAMA, Dec. 28.—The Panama scandals in Paris have apparently not affected the matter here. They seem to be regarded here as rather beneficial to the interests of the canal enterprise than otherwise.

The Royalists Protest.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The municipal council of Paris, by a vote of 54 to 12, to-day resolved to erect a monument to commemorate the execution of Louis XVI., to demolish the expiatory chapel erected in 1820-26 to the memory of Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette, and to place on the site of the chapel a bust of Lepelletier St. Fargeau, with a suitable inscription referring to his action in voting for the death of Louis.

The Royalist members loudly protested against the Council's course. The Prefect of the Department of the Seine reserves his decision in the matter.

Prince and Pauper.

NICE, Dec. 28.—Prince Victor Nakachidze, son of Gen. Bargratia, Prince of Georgia, has surrendered himself to the police of this city as he is ill and starving and wishes to be cared for. He told the police he was a Nihilist.

He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for his connection with the Paris bomb makers, arrested and convicted in 1889. After serving out his time he was expelled from France.

Would Cross the Border.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Liverpool correspondent of The Daily News thinks there are no grounds for believing that the steamship companies will give up their steerage trade. They expect, he says, that the United States Government will relax shortly the stringent quarantine regulations when it has been shown how much easier is to watch a few seaports instead of the whole Canadian frontier.

Ancient Bi-metallism.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times publishes a letter from Max Muller remarking upon the researches of Prof. Brugesche to prove that the ratio of gold to silver in ancient Egypt was 1 to 12½. Dr. Brandes has shown, he adds, that in Babylonia the ratio was always 1 to 13½.

Cholera at Hamburg.

HAMBURG, Dec. 28.—Two new cases of cholera and one death are reported to-day.

Play Enkosis, the Parlor Game of Lacrosse.

Show Cases, Etc.

Those contemplating making alterations in their premises should send in their orders before the fall rush. Upright cases, cigar cases, druggists' cases, counter cases and any other kind of case you require at right prices. Millichamps', 234 Yonge. Telephone 855. 246

The First Crossing.

UTICA, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The first crossing of the St. Lawrence River on the ice occurred to-day.

Xmas Gift, Eukosis, the Parlor Game of Lacrosse.

Barred Out to Die.

Mr. Highprice is barred out to die. If the continued rush to see Mr. Lowprice and honest Mr. Oneprice at Howell's Shoe Parlors, 542 Queen-street west, are a criterion, Mr. Lowprice and Howell are hand-in-hand.

A Good Investment.

Unlike many of the gifts presented by you as Xmas boxes to different members of your family a policy of life insurance on the investment plan will give to them protection in case of your untimely death and a good investment to yourself if you live a certain number of years.

The compound investment policy issued by the North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, is one of the most excellent plans through which to secure the above object. 246

Ladies.

Buy your Christmas presents at Bonner's We have the largest stock of gents' initial whits silk handkerchiefs in the city at prices from 50c. up for gents' sizes; also gents' silk umbrellas from $1 up. We have opened up four cases of men's neckwear suitable for the Christmas trade. Gents' four-in-hand ties, only 25c; gents' made-up scarfs, only 25c. You must see these goods to appreciate them. Bonner's, cor Yonge and Queen-streets. 246

All Lacrosse players are talking about Enkosis.

Another Half Million.

"Board of Trade" Envelopes, and they are better than the last, 85 cents per thousand. H. M. Blight, 51 Yonge-street. 246

Bandages of all description for male and female, abdominal supporters in rubber, solilicid, cotton, silk. Suspenderettes in 60 different patterns. Elastic hosiery in silk or cotton stockings, knee caps, thigh. Fresh goods in monthly. Crutches, 200 pair to select from. Trusses of all description, 98 varieties of spring trusses. The old and reliable one-price house. Charles Clothe, Surgical Machinist, 174 King-street west, Toronto. 46

SINGING A MILITARY SONG.

THREE CHILDREN SHOT BY A HILARIOUS RIFLEMAN.

He Loaded His Gun to Shoot a Dog—Dropped Into a Neighbor's—Flourished His Rifle While Singing—A Bullet Sped From the Gun—Killed a Girl and Wounded Two More.

PICKERING, Ont., Dec. 28.—An accidental shooting affair took place at Highland Creek on Monday last. A young man, whose name is Pat Forsyth, loaded a rifle with the intention of shooting a dog.

About an hour after that he entered the house of Mr. Davis, a neighbor farmer. While there he was singing a military song, to which he was flourishing his rifle in a careless manner.

It was then that the rifle went off and three of Mr. Davis' children were shot. The ball first struck a young girl who was sitting by the stove.

Entering her back it passed through her breast, then through her leg above the knee; it then passed to the other side of the room and struck two younger children of Mr. Davis', passing through the leg of each of them below the knee.

The girl, who was about eighteen years old, died from the effects of the wound yesterday. Before dying she expressed a desire that Forsyth be not punished, as he did not intend to shoot her. The two younger children will recover.

It is thought that Forsyth had forgotten that his rifle was loaded.

BORDER TROUBLES.

May Lead to a War Between Mexico and the United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The World editorially says:

The visit of Capt. Bourke to Washington is one of remonstrance, and it has come none too soon. Capt. Bourke is charged with the task of keeping order on the Rio Grande and fulfilling our neighborly obligations towards Mexico. He is not allowed the means of discharging his duties. As a consequence we are drifting into trouble with Mexico, in which, when it comes, we shall not have the consolation of knowing that we are in the right.

There is along the Rio Grande a turbulent population of Mexicans, half-breeds and lawless Americans who have left their country to avoid its jails. These people have for a year or two made frequent incursions into Mexican territory, partly to stir up revolution there and partly to replenish their purses by robbery. When baffled by Mex'can forces they find is easy to retreat across the river, whither the Mexican officers are not allowed to follow them.

As we are at peace with Mexico, it is our duty to put a stop to these raids. As we do not put a stop to them, the Mexican Government has complained to our State Department, and the complaint is just. But our military force on the Rio Grande is not large enough to check this lawlessness. It consists of a mere handful of men, hastily assembled in case of emergency from widely scattered garrisons.

It is usually assembled about the time that the raid is over, which it is intended to stop. It is baffled in its operations by the fact that long immunity from interference has given to the raiders a standing which the border population regard as entitling them to sympathy and aid.

Capt. Bourke has gone to Washington to lay the facts before the Administration and to show clearly the necessity of assembling upon the Rio Grande a force sufficient to stop raiding into Mexico and to arrest raiders upon their return when they manage to cross the border.

This much we owe to Mexico as a friendly neighbor. Still more clearly do we owe it to ourselves as a law-respecting and law-enforcing nation, and now that the proper authorities have set forth the facts it will be the fault of an incapable and supine administration if further cause of complaint is permitted to arise.

THE DEACONS AGAIN.