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THE RADIAL.

The Hamilton Radial Railway Com-pany's application to Parliament to have the road declared to be for the general advantage of Canada is apparently to meet with considerable opposition, not only from interests outside the city, but from the city itself. It is right and proper that the city's interests should be looked after, and steps taken to prevent them from being sacrificed. But that done, we are of opinion that Hamilton should not lift a finger to injure the road, which has been of immense benefit to it, and promises to be still more of a benefit in the future. The fact that the cars on a railway are pro-pelled by electricity instead of steam is no reason why it should not get all the privileges which a steam road is entitled to. There may be some doubts as to whether crossing the Grand Trunk line at Burlington entitles it to Dominion jurisdiction. That is for Parisament or its committee or the Railway Commission to determine. If it does, the company is entitled to have the road thus declared if it so desires. Should ts application be granted, Parliament oan place such restrictions upon it as event it doing a street railway traf-Se except under certain conditions. The city has no reason to feel alarmed over the matter, and it has less reason to do

enything that would injure the road.

MUNICIPAL STRAWS.

Signs are not lacking that His Worship the Mayor looks upon this talk of opposition to him for a second term as nore than idle gossip. The street lighting arbitration is one of the vote-getters that have been worked almost threadbare year after year, just before election time. In former years it ended in talk, but that would hardly do again, and so the arbitration is going on at this late date. If the City Solicitor or the Mayor himself had any really good reason for believing that a reduction in the price of street lighting could be obtained by arbitration, there has been gross neg lect of duty somewhere in not bringing the matter to a head, not only months, but years ago. Mayor Stewart has no light on the subject now which he did not have-or at least could not have had for the asking-eleven months ago, \$75,000 deal. No wonder we are heading when he began his duties as Mayor, or three years ago when he was chairman of the Board of Works, under whose charge street lighting is placed. Why the city, if entitled to a reduction at all, has not been enjoying the benefits of it all these years is worth while pondering over. A reduction of \$25 a light three years since His Worship for the became chairman of the Works Department would have meant a saving to the city of \$30,000 to spend on much needed road repairs or for other useful pur-

poses. Arbitration will be just as costly now as it would have been years ago, and the chances of success are certainly no greater because the term of the tenyear contract is almost out. Then there is the fire insurance rate

reduction proposition of His Worship. It, too, has been brought up time and again, with what success those who pay the premiums know too well. It is a good card, and none the worse for hav-

ing been played before. If the Mayor can bring about a reduction he will be entitled to credit. There are other indications that the Mayor is anxious to make himself solid

a second term, but when it comes to his stand on the bath rate question he comes a paradox. We do not say that his stand is not right, but he was certainly not fishing for votes when he announced himself on the subject, and that, too, when there was no particular reason for him saying a word, as the council had taken the step in his ab-

But, after all, is there really anything more than talk in the opposition story?

THE GRAND TRUNK. have hings

monthly pay roll here for shop and op-erating departments is an important fac-tor in city's prosperity. It is hoped that the enlarged shops will materially in-crease this appropriation, and when a new station is provided, Stratford will have still greater occasion to look upon the Grand Trunk as a public benefactor." **EDITORIAL NOTES.** Simplicity in voting is the right thing.

You get it in the ward system. Who'll be the first to propose H. M. S.

Sandsucker for coast defence? No talk of hard times in old England.

\$20,000 for one little prize fight.

The civic overdraft is another thingthat keeps us humble as well as poor.

There are no hard times visible around the stores. There are busy times, however.

A cumbersome and complicated system of voting is not desirable. You have it in the at-large method.

Perhaps it would be as well were the churches to make a five or ten-year con-

tract when they hire a minister. Knox Church might as well be under the itinerary system. There would be

fewer changes and less bother. It is right and proper to buy gifts for

your friends. But it is a privilege and a duty also to buy them for those who have no friends.

The Coal Oil Inlet is another city asset that could be disposed of to the highest bidder and the money turned over to the Board of Works to keep it

out of the hands of a receiver. When an alderman wants to get his in the papers he tells one of the bright young reporters what he would to with the Cataract Power Company if the citizens would only let him.

Rather than have John Patterson's railway route lying around loose in Dun-durn Park, the city should see that it is properly nailed down; then there would he no complaints of it being shifted during the night.

Suppose you want to borrow a dollar

and only get 89 cents and a fraction instead, but pay interest on one dollar and at the end pay the dollar back, city is doing in its that's what the for the poor house.

Peterboro is indebted to the beneficence of a deceased lady, who was a resi-dent of the place, for a block of buildings to be used for public libeary purposes. The gift is a timely one to Peterboro! Hamilton, need it be said? is always open to receive such gifts, but they are few and far between in this good town.

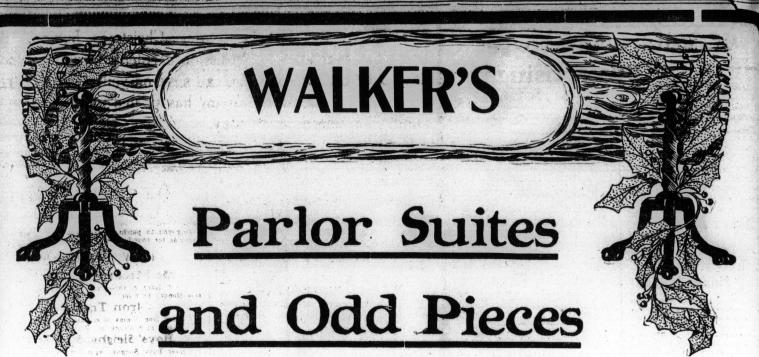
When you go to the polls a few weeks hence and find a procession of men ahead of you waiting their turn at the booth; and when you have pored over a ballot a yard long and voted for the man you would not like to see in office; and when you have lost your patience and your dinner, remember that such conditions cannot exist under the ward system.

Without more than a passing reference to the fact that Hamilton possesses a varied assortment of world champions, all top notchers, she at the same time wishes to proclaim from the house tops that among her many otherwise celebrated sons and daughters she has the proud distinction of claiming the father of Canadian Clubs and the mother of Empire Day as Hamiltonians. That's what maddens Toronto.

what maddens Toronto. Perhaps the notorious North Atlantic Trading Company, or some other benefi-ciary of the Government, is getting the five dollar rake off, which in this in-stance would amount to about \$2,000, while Canadian citizens get the privilege of supporting these people for an un-known period.—Ottawa Citizen.

The above refers to the Bulgarians stranded in Toronto. There "perhaps" about it. The

destination of these men was originally



We bought these things to such good advantage that we are able to make prices considerably lower than they could be offered at in the regular way. This list has been reserved for special selling:

	Regula	ar. Special.			Regul
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	35.50	\$26.75	Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	 	
Parlor Suites, 5 pieces	39.75	29.50	Parlor Suites, 3 pieces		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	43.75	32.50	Parlor Suites, 3 pieces		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	50.00	39.50	Parlor Suites, 3 pieces		
Parlor Suites, 5 pieces	55.00	44.00	Parlor Rockers		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	61.00	45.00	Parlor Rockers		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	62.50	47.50	Parlor Chairs		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	65.00	48.50	Odd Parlor Chairs		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	66.50	49.50	Reed Rockers		
Parlor Suites, 3 pieces	78.75	63.00	Roman Chairs		
Parlor Suites, 5 pieces	86.00	64,50	Morris Chairs		
Parlor Suites, 5 pieces	90.00	67.50	Parlor Divans		

There is nothing in the whole realm of homefurnishing that is not EVERYTHING FOR HOUSEKEEPING There is nothing in the whole realm of homefurnishing that is not to the found in this big store. Things of usefulness, things of comfort, and things of ornament. From an insignificant article for the smallest apartment of a modest cottage to a handsome suite for drawing room of the most pretentious mansion-all moderately priced and to be headed in a way that eases the usual burden of payment in procuring these things. Credit-"As you like it."



about the Grand Trunk Railway Com pany in Hamilton. Hounding the Grand Trunk was at one time a sort of pastime for popularity-hunting aldermen and others, but that time is past. Peo ple now realize that the road has been big thing for this city, that without t its growth and business would have uch retarded. They also know been much retarded. Inc, that it leaves, in the form of wages and other expenses, a large sum money every month, most of wh which finds its way into the coffers of our merchants. Of course complaints are made about the road, and its operation from time to time. What road is free from such complaints? The Port Huron ing with the enlargement of the G. T. Shops there, said:

Ing with the chargement of the of Tr R. Shops there, said: "People generally do not fully ap-preciate the importance of the Grand Trunk railway to Port Huron as an industrial factor. During the recent money stringency, the Grand Trunk chipped into Port Huron \$65,000 in currency with which to handle its pay roll two weeks ago, That one act relieved the money situation here wonderfully and gave Port Huron as-sistance that but few other towns have had. How this has heiped every busi-tions in Port Huron at present. Tho Grand Trunk is a progressive concern and is entitled to much consideration at the hands of the people of Port Huron. And by the way Port Huron is a good town and will continue so while concerns like the Grand Trunk are located here. The Stratford Beacon agrees with its with the stratford Beacon agrees with its

The Stratford Beacon agrees with its Michigan contemporary and adds: "The people of Stratford also have real sons to appreciate the importance of the Grand Trunk road to Stratford as an in-dustrial factor. The \$60,000 to \$70,000 great political parties for the insertion

Chicago nothing to do with bringing them out here.

The communication in another column from Archdeacon Forneret on the relief f the transient poor-the homeless immigrants who have not been able to ake provision for themselves in this country-should meet with the careful nsideration of our readers. He shows the need for relief, the folly of promiscuous giving, and believes that it is a matter that the city authorities should deal with as a whole. Clergymen usually have the dark side in matters of this kind presented to them, and it is pleasant to learn that Mr. Forneret sees n need for extra effort on behalf of our own poor. No doubt the better plan

would be for the city to look after these poor people in some way until they are able to shift for themselves. Promiscuous giving is an evil.

It looks as if a prohibition wave had truck the United States. Yesterday's despatches chronicled the fact that eight counties in Illinois had gone dry and six partially so, and that a campaign against the Sunday selling of liquor was going on in Chicago. It is said that thirty-three million six hundred thous and of the eighty odd million inhabi tants of the United States now live in communities in which the law does no permit the sale of alcoholic beverages The liquor question cut a figure in near ly every State campaign in the recent State elections. Encouraged by state of affairs, it is said, the temper-

Kingston Whig: Mr. Fielding remind-ed Mr. Borden in the Commons of the time when he was attending Liberal meetings and helping to frame the Lib-eral platforms. The literature of twenty-five years ago is to be revived. Mr. Bor-den as well as Mr. Fielding must also wer for it. the

35c Direased

Ottawa Journal: Business men, are commenting on the fact that Canada during the last four or five years, has bought from other countries two hui-dred and thirty million dollars, more than she has sold to them. They suspect paying time may come with a rush. How-ever, we've got the goods. Also let us suggest that we've had over half a mi-lion immigrants in the same time, a lion immigrants in the same time, a good many of whom had consider ible money in their vest pockets.

Ottawa Free Press: Another. Tory plank was effectively shattered yester-day afternoon by Hon. Mr. Fisher, who proved that the Opposition theory about it being necessary for a prosper-out country to have the balance of trade in its favor was a mere bugaooo. Anyway, if it is a crime, under a aod-erate, well-conceived Liberal policy, to have large excess of imports, what term could be used to describe the situation during the hey-days of the National Po-licy, when the excess of imports over ex-ports was even greater than during ary portion of the Liberal regime?

Stratford Beacon: The Ottawa Con-servatives have decided to make no nomination for the House of Commons for the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. Belcourt to the Senate, and Mr. Caron, the Liberal nominee, will get the seat by acclamation. What's the mat-ter? Was the Colchester seat too costly to the Tories?

Brantford Expositor: Mayor Ashdown, of Winnipeg, who recently countered severely upon the Winnipeg aldermanic board, has been re-elected by acclama-tion as Mayor of the prairie capital? It is seldom a man who has nerve enough

Would it not be a picturesque thing if the Minister of Finance decided that Mr. Would Borden has done so badly that he could not consistently put his salary in the estimates?

Fisher is All Right.

(Toronto News.)

Mr. Fisher is not an ass, or h

have replied to the member for West Kent in Kent in scurrilous personalities. Still less is he an idiot. In the main, he is a clear'sighted politician, who knows his duty as Minister of Agriculture, and does it well. It is doubtful if there is another department better organized than that of Mr. Fisher.

Insurance Commission (Toronto Telegram.)

Canada's insurance commission cost \$95,342. Better that the country should

pay even that amount than do without the commission. The country will not deeply sympathize with Hon. George E. Foster's outcry against the rise and pro-gress of the Royal Insurance Commis-

Displomatic Impunity

There is a policeman in Washington who was taught the power of diplomatic immunity in a way that excites him to laughter every time he thinks of it. A

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augmeer every time as thinks of it. A few days ago he was gayly swinging his club and flirting with the nurses in Dupont Circle when he noticed a nine-year-old breaking branches from a small bush.

"Stop that," he said to the youngster,

"Stop that," he said to the youngster, touching him on the shoulder. "I may have to arrest you for that." "The child looked at him unafraid. "You can't do that," he observed gravely. "I am entitled to diplomatic gravely. mmunity.

officer's mouth flew open. The officer's mouth flew open. "Young man," he said peremptorily, "I am an officer of the law. It is un-kwful to break shrubbery. Anybody de-ng'so must be punished." "Ah, but you don't know who I am,"

papa." "I'll tell you what I will do, young man," the officer said, exasperated. "I will take you to your father and see if you have any immunity from his punish-

ment." The youngster wailed. It was some satisfaction to the officer to know that he wailed still louder after he had told his tale at the legation.—Chicago Tri-burg

Financial Notes.

Yesterday's N. Y. Herald).

Yesterday's N. Y. Heraid). Pullman Company stock, an 8 per cent. dividend payer, advanced 3 points yesterday and sold at 148, at which it returned to investors who hold it in their strong boxes 5.40 per cent. Pullman Company stock sold at 270 last year. It then yielded 2.06 per cent. to the investment buyer.

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stock yestering advanced 2 1-4 points and closed at 105 1-4. It yields 6.64 per cent. on the price. The investor who has Chicago. Mil-waukee and St. Paul shares, bought a year ago at 109 5-8, gets 3 1-2 per cent. for his money from its 7 per cent. dividend. At the latest price, 105 1-4, an opportunity is offered to nearly double that income. United States Steel preferred is a widely known industrial stock. At its highest price of last year, 113 1-4, its 7 per cent. dividend returned an income of 6.18 per cent. United States Steel preferred yester-day closed at 80 1-2. Its 7 per cent. di-vidend at that price yields an income of 7.82 per cent.

all sprinkled with moth powder or bans -closely in newspapers before finally doing them up in their muslim sheet or bag, printer's ink or something about newspapers seeming particularly dis-agreeable to moths. Laid in several thicknesses upon the floor boards before putting down one's carpet lining and the carpet, newspapers keep out moths, deaden sound and prevent wear of car-nets.

deaden sound and prevent wear or dat pets. "In sweeping carpets and rugs, news-papers torn in hand-sized pieces, thrown upon the floor and briskly sprinkled with water, makes an excellent catcher of dust; far better and more easily used than to a leaves for that same purpose, while for polishing mirrors and windows --the final lustre giving, streak-removing rubbing--there is nothing so easily han-dled and so efficacious as sort old news-papers.

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"John, if you didn't smoke I could

Ways of Using Old Newspapers. "What do I do with all my many old newspapers?" Mrs. Schmidtz replaed as she energetically attacked the second big hole in her Max's stocking knee; "Oh, I use them for all sorts of things. In my bedroom for kceping my toilet articles neat; in my kitchen while cooking and dishwashing, and all over the honse when I do my sweeping or at houseclean-ing times." have a fall hat." "And if you could live ishwashing, and all over the house hen ido my sweeping or at houseclean-ng times." "Nothing cleans curling irons, marcel game to-day?"—Kansas City Journal.

cleaning of lamp body and burner and

for polishing the lamp chimney. "While cooking a crunpled piece of old newspaper most effectually removes all the horrid traces of boiled over milk, the horrid traces of boiled over milk, sauce or stew; also the unsightly and unavoidable greasespatters while frying. And both gas and coal range need be thoroughly polished but once a fortnight if they are carefully and briskly rubbed every day with old newspaper. While dish-washing it saves messy, greasy, dish-water if knives and forks and kying pans have their preliminary scouring with newspaper before they are plunged into water, and as for all sorts of offen-sive odors which cling to the cutlery— from fish, cheese or onions—a brisk rub-bing with well-soaped newspaper before from fish, cheese, or onions—a brisk ru bing with well-soaped newspaper befo plunging into the dishwater, remov

Brown is the name of a boy living in Brooklyn. He is interested in natural science, but cares very little for stories and poetry. He is what may be termed an original, practical boy, and is con-stantly on the look-out for "points," as he terms it. While he is an ardent student of electricity, having invented many machines and appliances for his time to studying watches, clocks, en-gines, printing presses and other useful articles. He is not satisfied simply to read about the wonders to be found in ordinary things, but he is experimenting at odd times to get practical evidence. Not long ago his mother bought a new kettle for the kitchen. "Well, well," said Mary, "now what be wanting, Master Alfred?" "I have something to tell you," he re-vised

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Regular, Special,

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'About what ?"

plunging into the works winter clothing "When putting by one's winter clothing and one's furs it is well to wrap them— all sprinkled with moth powder or balls —closely in newspapers before finally

"About what?" "About that kettle. If you are in a hurry you'd better use the old one." "Go along wid yez," said Mary, laugh-ingly, relates the Brooklyn Eagle. "Well, let us see," said Alfred. "Fill the old one and the new one with water, and put them on the stove at the same time. If the water in the old one doesn't begin to boil first I will give you a box of candy." To gratify the boy, Mary followed Al-

To gratify the boy, Mary followed Al-red's instructions and fred's instructions, and, to her amaze-ment and chagrin, the water in the old kettle began to boil much quicker than

at in the new one. "It bates all," said Mary. "Now, why is that?

is that?" "That'is very simple," said Alfred. "It is because the old kettle is covered with soot, which, not only keeps the heat in, but absorbs it quickly from the fire. It takes a new kettle of water longer to get hot because the bottom is clean and bright. Polished metal does not ab-sorb heat, but reflects or throws it off. I read about it one night, and proved it the next day when you were out."

A pleasant companion on the road is an good as a coach.-Syrus.

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