

The Toronto World

A Morning Newspaper Published Every Day in the Year.

MAIN OFFICE, 83 YONGE STREET. PUBLIC GOOD AND PRIVATE INTEREST.

Wonderful indeed is the activity displayed by the electric syndicate over the power bylaw. The city is being flooded with anonymous literature of various kinds—all equally valueless—designed to convince the citizens that public service corporations are public benefactors. Perhaps it may occur to the recipients of this canned information that an ounce of performance is worth many tons of paper promises.

Common sense is all that is necessary to meet the campaign of the would-be electric barons of Toronto and South Ontario. On the one side of this struggle there is private interest, on the other public right and the common good.

A LONDON BANKER ON THE CRISIS.

In his presidential address to the fellows and members of the Institute of Bankers, Sir Felix Schuster, one of the leading English financial authorities, took on the whole a hopeful view of the business and monetary outlook.

Sir Felix considers present indications point to restriction rather than expansion of trade all over the world. It was apparent, he said, that the development of trade had proceeded at somewhat too rapid a pace and that available capital had not been adequate to meet the demands made simultaneously from so many quarters.

Speaking particularly on the United States crisis, the president, while referring not to say much, remarked that like every other crisis, it had arisen out of over-confidence, brought about by an abnormally prosperous state of affairs. The future had been discounted too rapidly and legitimate enterprise was followed by speculation, and speculation based on credit.

LAND POLICY.

British East Africa is being considerably canvassed just now as a field for home country emigrants. Into the advantages or disadvantages of the highlands of the colony for white settlement, it is not necessary to enter, but certain differences have arisen between the colonial office and the colonists on the subject of land transfer which are not without interest to Canada.

the objection to free transfers of either freehold or leasehold property in a country like East Africa, is to be this: that it encourages people "to acquire and hold land as a speculative counter," and enables "persons of larger capital to acquire such land by purchase, and so amass large estates of which they make but little use."

The land scandals in Canada are undoubtedly due to the system of selling government lands en bloc to private speculators and speculative syndicates who have time and again managed to get hold of large tracts of territory at cheap prices—often below the true market value.

STREET RAILWAY INNOVATIONS.

Whenever the Street Railway Company launches an innovation it is well for the citizens to ask whether it is in the interest of the passengers or in the sole interest of the company.

Should the request to leave by the front door be changed into a rule, then the passengers may well consider if it is not an acute pain to have all the fares collected, regardless of their convenience or inconvenience.

MR. CUMBERLAND DENIES.

Editor World: My attention is drawn to a report in your to-day's issue of a meeting at which I was present, and which is headed, "City May Lose the Old Fort."

NEWSBOYS CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Editor World: I appreciate the assistance of the press in promoting the interests of the newsboys banquet on Christmas Day. Will you allow me to say that it is not sympathy or expressions of goodwill that is needed to make it a success.

THE OPEN DOOR AGAIN.

G. W. Muller's Establishment to Be Open Every Evening.

Commencing on Tuesday, the tenth day of December, G. W. Muller's Cigar Store in the Traders' Bank building will be open every evening until half past ten o'clock.

A Diminutive Grand Piano in Special Design.

For Christmas business Heintzman & Co., Ltd., 115-117 West King-street, Toronto, have made up a miniature grand piano in a very beautiful Marquetry design.

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FOUNDED FLESHERTON.

Death in England of W. K. Fleisher—Once in Parliament.

FLESHERTON, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A message was received in town yesterday announcing the death in England of W. K. Fleisher, after whom this village is named.

WEALTH UNBALANCED MIND.

Care of \$2,000,000 Estate Deranged Brilliant Lawyer.

THE PEOPLE'S LIBRARY SHOULD SUPPLY DEMAND FOR POPULAR FICTION.

Messrs. Cassell & Co., Limited, have sent us a set of "The People's Library," consisting of present fifty titles.

OIL KING'S OLD FRIEND DEAD.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—Relatives of Stephen Buhner, who died in his 82nd year, to-day informed John D. Rockefeller, a lifelong friend of the saloon-keeper, who was mayor of the city from 1867 to 1871, and are awaiting a response to whether the oil king will attend the funeral.

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WIDOW, NOW DETECTIVE TAKES 10 DAYS IN JAIL

Would Not Divulge Name of Her Employers at Detroit—Came From Toronto.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Rather than divulge the names of those now employing her, Mrs. Minnie McMurray, a private detective, took a sentence of ten days in jail or \$25 fine from Judge Pheasant to-day.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Rendered insane by worry over the management of a \$2,000,000 estate left by his father, Augustus Browning Prentice, formerly a brilliant young lawyer of New York, died in Bloomingdale Asylum.

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COURT SHOWS HOSTILITY TO STOESSEL ON TRIAL

His Request for Two Witnesses Abruptly Refused—Some Officers Take His Part.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.—Before a brilliant assemblage of his old comrades in arms, Lt.-Gen. Stoessel to-day was placed on trial to answer with his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur on Jan. 1, 1905, and in firm tones and, with confident manner the general pleaded not guilty.

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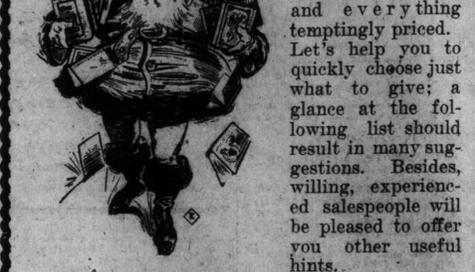
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AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TO-DAY. Masters Chambers. Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m.

The hon. the chancellor at 11 a.m. Cases set down for hearing: 1. Re Hughes Estate.

Peremptory list for 10.30 a.m.: 1. Mullin v. Provincial (to be concluded).

Peremptory list for 11 a.m.: 2. Whiteman v. Hamilton S. and G. Company.

W. Spenser & Co. against Annie M. Shirley, Leonard Foulds, John Turner and Lucy M. Carlaw, under the Mechanics' Lien Act, has now been dismissed without costs to either party.

An application was made yesterday for a winding up order for the Upper Ontario Steamboat Company of New Liskeard, by two creditors, Burrows and Sullivan, and Wm. Pollard of that place, who claim \$218.35 and \$204.25 respectively.

Count Witte Not a Drummer. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.—Count Witte has published a statement in the newspapers to the effect that he was not charged with the mission of negotiating a foreign loan and, moreover, that had he been given the mission he would have refused to undertake it, because he is not used to the role of a commercial traveler.

The Traders Bank of Canada

DIVIDEND NO. 47. Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of this Bank has been declared for the current quarter, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Thursday, the Second Day of January Next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of December, 1907, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House in Toronto on Tuesday, January 28th, 1908, Chair to be taken at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board. ST. MART STRATHY, General Manager.

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