

tioned the Commissioner and the Engineer were upset out of the former's buggy, about half-way between West Market and Church Sts. Mr. Coatsworth escaped unhurt, but his less fortunate companion sustained a fracture of the head of the thigh bone close to the hip socket. The bone refused to unite owing to the peculiar situation of the injury, and fatal consequences ensued. Between the deceased Engineer and Mr. Coatsworth a strong friendship had long existed, and the latter mourned sincerely for one for whom he entertained an affectionate regard, and whose career he looked upon as full of promise.

For six months after Mr. Brough's death Mr. Coatsworth filled the position of acting engineer with so much satisfaction to the Board of Works and the Council that they voted him the sum of \$500 in recognition of his services. In the spring of '84 Mr. Chambers was given the charge of the city parks, owing to the necessity of relieving the Commissioner from some of his work, which now extended over twelve wards. A year afterwards Mr. Coatsworth resumed his former position of City Commissioner, and gave up his connection with the Board of Works department, as it was found that the duties of the former post required his undivided attention.

We have confined ourselves so far to a recital of Mr. Coatsworth's professional record, but he has filled important positions other than that of City Commissioner. In 1862 he sat in the City Council as alderman for St. David's ward, and for sixteen years represented the same ward at the Public School Board. In 1873 he was elected chairman, and at the close of his term of office retired.

The year '78, it will be remembered, gave birth to the Pacific Scandal, which was the means of overthrowing the government of Sir John Macdonald. When the general election took place it was noised abroad that the *Globe*, then a power in the land under the manipulation of George Brown, had "sold" East Toronto constituency to John O'Donohoe. In fact, the Grit leader had determined on a "big push," and calculated that in this constituency the Conservatives would be afraid to face the music. Then it was that the friends of Emerson Coatsworth, who knew well the sterling integrity of the blunt, straight-forward north-countryman, gathered around him and asked him to champion the waning cause. Had it not been for the tactics of the Grit organ Mr. Coatsworth would have declined, and as it was he hesitated considerably. But finally, with the exclamation, "The

*Globe* shan't sell East Toronto," he yielded, and announced himself in the field.

The three divisions of Toronto went Reform and John O'Donohoe defeated Mr. Coatsworth by a majority of 150. Under the circumstances the Conservative candidate made a marvellous run. With the tide of public opinion overwhelmingly against the government, the result showed in this case what high personal character can achieve under the most adverse circumstances.

Since its organization in 1856 Mr. Coatsworth has been a staunch adherent of the Berkeley street Methodist church, and has acted as one of its trustees. He had the contract for the erection of the original church edifice in the above year.

Mr. Coatsworth has a family of four sons and two daughters. His eldest son is in Omaha, Nebraska, and one of the others is practising law in this city. Both his daughters are married, as also his two elder sons.

It is scarcely necessary to remark what an onerous position the City Commissioner holds. It is one which requires judgment, long experience and unremitting attention. Many of his duties are of a thankless nature and sometimes he is blamed for the negligence of others. Personally Mr. Coatsworth is of a kindly benevolent disposition and times without number have the poor and the friendless blessed the warm heart of one who always feels a sympathy with distress.

There is something especially attractive about the educated and refined Creole maiden of Manitoba, which strikes the average Canadian. Perhaps it is their candor. A few evenings ago we had the pleasure of spending a few hours in a cozy retreat some distance north of Winnipeg, upon the Red River. A young lady with black flashing eyes and foreign complexion, entertained us in a charmingly happy and home like style.

The young lady said "I often go out alone."

We gallantly hoped that she would do so no more, and said "Some one might carry you off Miss Blank." "No danger whatever," she replied. "They would not carry me any farther than the nearest electric light."—*Winnipeg Spectator*.

From a table in the *Publishers' Circular*, of December 31, it appears that 4,307 new books and 1,333 new editions of old books were published in England last year. Of new books juvenile works and tales head the list with 671; books of theology, sermons and Biblical literature come next, with 636; then educational, classical, and philological works, with 333.

## Personal and Society.

Correspondence for this column invited. Address all letters to office of this paper, Toronto. Name and address should be sent, but these of course will not be published.

Prince Bismarck is the first Protestant that has ever received the decoration of the Order of Christ.

W. Bosden, the happiest boy in the world, will be happy to see his friends at the Iolanthe on Wednesday.

Very Rev. Jas. Hughes, V. G., of Hartford, Conn., is now on a visit to Mr. Patrick Hughes, of this city.

Mr. Mark H. Irish and family returned to the city on Wednesday. Mr. Irish is much improved in health.

Major Smith, of the 47th Battalion, has accepted the command of the 14th Battalion, resigned by Colonel Kerr.

Charlie Spencer is investing heavily in real estate lately. Who is going to be the lucky girl, Charlie?

Shake, Duncan; we knew you would get there. Parkdale voters know who to put at the head of the poll.

The Philharmonic Society has definitely placed the date of its performance of "The Rose of Sharon" for February 16th.

D. A. Jones, of Beeton, has formed a company to carry on the business of beekeeping and dealing in apiary supplies.

Not only is the Princess Louise not coming to Canada next summer, but it is said she never expects to cross the ocean again.

W. D. Matthews on Wednesday got his assessment for the Yonge-street sewer in North Toronto reduced from \$245 to \$75.

Now is the favourable opportunity for the fair sex, as Pat Cassidy is looking out for a partner to be true to the "last."

We are informed that Fred Culbert is tired of single life. Although he does not intend to go to Africa, he says he will capture a Zulu or die.

Prof. Tippett, of the Rossin House, and Miss J. E. M. Wrett will give an exhibition at the Iolanthe Club on Wednesday in the Dude Polka.

W. C. Van Horne, general manager, Thos. Tait, secretary, and Geo. Old, general traffic manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, are at the Rossin House.

The first annual meeting of the newly organized Ontario Artillery Association was held in Toronto on Thursday, when officers were elected for the ensuing year.

At the meeting of the Music Committee of the Festival Association, Handel's "Israel in Egypt" and Gounod's "Mors et Vita," were selected as the oratorios to be performed.

Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., whose factory near the Don was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, have started rebuilding. They expect to occupy the new premises within a month.

Pioneer Branch Liberal Temperance Union opened their new club room, Queen street west, last week. Dr. McMahon, the president, delivered the opening address.

Mrs. Bancroft, wife of the historian, is preparing a volume of her reminiscences. As she was a belle at Washington sixty years ago, we may expect an uncommonly interesting book.

Chairman Roden of the Public School Board denies that he is a candidate for that office this year. He says he is going to support Mr. George McMurrich for the position for 1886.

The genial Tom Senior, better known as "big Tom," has been promoted to the foremanship of the *Mail* job department. Tom is a good fellow, indeed, and we heartily congratulate him.

The dramatic club in connection with the I. C. B. U. have in preparation and will shortly produce the drama of "Robert Emmet," with Mr. T. Cooney, the rising young dramatist, in the leading role.

Sir Charles Tupper has scored another victory in London. He has secured the abrogation of an Imperial order that Canadian cattle shall be slaughtered on their arrival if the ship carrying them touches an American port.

Mr. C. W. Dunning having left the establishment of Messrs. R. Walker & Sons to accept another position, his fellow-employees met at his house in Brockton on Wednesday and presented him with a handsome diamond ring and an illuminated address.

Moses Oates during the recent cold spell, when almost everybody was muffled to the throat, was seen going down Queen street with his over and under coats flying wide open and carrying a bundle of books in his unglowed hands. See what it is to be a weather prophet.

We have heard that Fred Ward is in great voice again. The way in which he rendered "The Spanish Cavalier" recently was a genuine treat. The combined efforts of a trombone, tenor horn and cornet could make no progress against the volume of sound he emitted.

An amusing sight was witnessed in an east end amusement hall on Monday evening last. It being very cold, Mr. J. K. Moore, the violinist, who was one of the musicians, was playing the violin with his fur cap