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Sir Oliver Must Make a Move.

When the temperance question was up before the Ontario Legislature last session the prohibitionists put the question straight to Sir Oliver Mowat what he intended doing in the matter. They wished him to pass a prohibitory enactment then and there. He replied that he wanted to be more certain of the public sentiment in regard to prohibition before he recommended prohibitory legislation to the House. He suggested a plebiscit to diagnose the public pulse. The plebiscit has been taken and he finds a decided majority in favor of prohibition. The question arises, what Sir Oliver will do now that he made his diagnosis. If he was sincere in his recommendation of the plebiscit he will now follow it up with prohibition. That is the logical sequence of his move last session. That is what the temperance people expect him to do. They consider they have won the greatest victory in the history of temperance in Canada, and they have, too. They hold that under this victory Sir Oliver Mowat is pledged to introduce prohibitory legislation. If Sir Oliver declines to do so, then the plebiscit will turn out to have been the political trick that some considered it to be all along. But the temperance people are not looking at it in the light of a trick. They are in dead earnest and they will hold Sir Oliver closely to all his promises, direct and implied.

The fact that there is some doubt as to whether the Province of Ontario has power to pass a prohibitory law should not stand as an excuse to Sir Oliver for delaying the introduction of a prohibition measure. He can assume the right, the same as he has done in regard to other questions where there was a doubt as to constitutionality. The sooner a prohibitory law is passed the sooner will it be determined where the authority lies. Sir Oliver has no excuse for delay. He is pledged to prohibition and he ought to be strictly kept to his promise. About one thing at least there is no doubt. The Ontario Legislature has jurisdiction in regard to liquor license. It can regulate the sale of liquor in Ontario down to as fine a point as it chooses. It can sanction ten saloons for every 50,000 of the population, or it can sanction but one. If it can limit Toronto to 150 licenses it can on the same principle limit it to one, or in fact none at all. Sir Oliver has the key to prohibition in his hand. The temperance people will make him close the door or they will know the reason why he refuses.

Suburban Postal Service.

The special letter delivery system in the cities of the United States is not rapid enough for some of them, and a proposal has been made to ensure still greater despatch in the handling of mail matter. It is pointed out that it sometimes involves a matter of two hours between the posting of a letter in Boston and its delivery in the suburban town of Cambridge. The proposition is to use the telephone to ensure greater efficiency. All letters sent under the special delivery system would be first despatched to a telephone centre and from there sent over the wire to Cambridge. The introduction of this system would bring the two parties concerned in a letter closer together by an hour or so. The special delivery system has not yet taken root in any Canadian city, but it is an important feature in the postoffice system of the United States. We do not propose urging the adoption of the special delivery system in Toronto just now, much less to utilize the telephone in the way they propose in Boston.

At the same time an improvement might easily be made in the delivery of letters in the suburbs of Toronto. There is no particular reason why the municipal limits of the City of Toronto should be strictly adhered to in the postoffice system. The postoffice is not a municipal but a national institution, and the resident of Toronto Junction is as much entitled to all reasonable advantages of the system as is the resident of the City of Toronto. If the district under the control of the Toronto Postoffice were enlarged so as to include the suburban towns and villages these latter and the city, too, would be considerably benefited. To receive such benefit it would not be necessary, at first at least, to establish a house-to-house delivery in the suburbs referred to, but simply to have a frequent interchange of postal matter between the suburban postoffices and the central office in the city. The suburban electric railways would facilitate the work. A great improvement could be effected at a small outlay. For instance, it would not disturb the present city delivery to include the postoffices of Deer Park, Davisville and Eglinton as places where one of the letter carriers should call three or four times a day. The electric cars would take him to those three places in 20 minutes, or for that matter the conductor of the car could act as letter carrier. Similarly with Toronto Junction, Humber, Swansea, Norway, Bracondale, East Toronto, etc., all of which places are on a suburban electric railway. The people in these suburbs are anxious to get the benefit of increased postal facilities. We fail to see why they should not have the benefit of such a delivery as we have pointed out.

Chevalier Thompson.

Mr. J. Enoch Thompson has written a good deal about economy in civic affairs. He has given the subject a lot of hard study. He made economy a plank of his ante-election platform. It was economy that elected him an alderman for Ward Three. The people naturally look upon him as one who will take an active part in the betterment of affairs at the City Hall. Mr. Thompson has now an opportunity of making a name for himself in civic history. He is well seized of the situation. Will he have back bone and persistency to carry out his program? If it will be of any assistance to the cause we would recommend him to appear before the council with all the dignity that attaches to the costume of a representative of the Spanish Golden Fleece or of the Haiwaiian monarchy. Fleming was too democratic altogether. We throw out this suggestion for the Chevalier's serious consideration. The gorgeousness of his official costume would dazzle the chamber and compel conviction.

By all means, Chevalier, get into the outfit. There is no law against your doing so. Besides, you owe it to your Queen to uphold her dignity. Poor Lil is in trouble just now. Do not desert her. You owe it to her dusky majesty as well as to ourselves to don that suit, Chevalier!

A Plebiscit On Exemptions.

The exemption of church property in Montreal works more injustice in that city than in Toronto. There are two hundred printers out of work in Montreal, and they lay their want of work at the doors of the Christian Brothers, who carry on a printing business on property that is exempt from taxation. The exemption of property is becoming very unpopular in Toronto, and we believe if a vote were taken on it the principle would be denounced by two-thirds of the voters. We trust some member of the new council will adopt this infant as his own. As the popular vote decides the running of street cars on Sunday, why should it not also settle the question of exemptions? We are in for a plebiscit on exemptions. The most popular man in the council will be the one who will insist on a popular vote being taken on this question. We feel satisfied a majority will vote for their abolition. The ministers, of course, will not object to the people being given an opportunity of expressing their opinion. The aldermen can afford to deny the people the right of deciding this question. We trust some member will take the matter up in earnest and submit it to the people. If the Government were notified that the people desired exemptions abolished they would agree to the necessary legislation being passed.

"Last year trade was dislocated," is the way The Times speaks to the point; in other words The Thunderer says, "The times were out of joint."

MRS. HOOPER WAS INSANE.

Evidence of the Medical Men From the Montreal Asylum—Hooper Paid For Her Maintenance.

JOLIETTE, Que., Jan. 4.—The examination of Dr. Clarke, Medical Superintendent of the Rockwood Asylum, lasted the whole morning. At the continuation of the Hooper murder-trial he testified that decessed had been admitted on Oct. 14, 1891, on a declaration made by John R. Hooper. The name of the patient was given as Georgiana Hooper, and the accused filled in the blanks in answer to the printed questions.

He declared that she had never attempted to do violence to herself nor others, and that she had never suffered from epilepsy. He had visited her frequently during the earlier time of her confinement, but no visits or enquiries were made by the accused in 1893, until August, when he wrote asking for permission to remove his wife. The reasons given in the letter for the change were that the writer was about to leave for Europe, and after consultation with her relatives in Quebec, it had been decided to leave her in their care during his absence. He went to the asylum and took her away about 4 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10. During the whole time of her confinement there she was in good bodily health. Witness never heard of her attempting to escape during that time, but he received complaints of her using bad language to some of the patients, so she was removed to another ward. When first in the asylum she refused food, believing it to be poisoned, but after she overcame that delusion she ate and slept well. Her mental condition when discharged was unimproved and she became hopelessly insane and incurable. Hooper sent her clothing and paid $2.50 per week for her maintenance. Witness was examined as to Hooper's behavior at the coroner's inquest, and testified that he acted as if insane, although he talked quite rationally when witness spoke to him an hour afterwards.

IN SURING CITY PROPERTY.

Policies to Be Taken Out On Fire Halls and Iron Bridges.

The Property Committee held its final session in the Executive Chamber of the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The business was mostly formal and various reports were adopted.

Lessee King of St. Lawrence Market complained of the loss he sustained through the tearing up of Front-street. He placed the damages at $700. The City Commissioner thought $200 nearer the mark. The committee granted $300 and the applicant was satisfied.

The question of insuring city buildings led to a heated discussion. The report recommended the insuring of iron bridges and fire halls. The objections were not considered fatal and the report was adopted. The apportionment of the insurance pro rata among the different companies is to be in the hands of the chairman.

A formal vote of thanks to the chairman, Ald. Crawford, was replied to in an earnest manner.

Humane Society.

At the meeting of the Humane Society yesterday Constable Willis reported that he had secured during the past month 13 convictions, one conviction being for the use of a tight over-check. He received 25 complaints and investigated them all. Forty people were warned chiefly for working horses with slight lameness, for abusing dogs, for overcrowding cattle in cars and for neglecting to properly stable horses.

In reply to a letter from the society City Commissioner Coatsworth answered that measures were under way for the placing on the water front of life-saving apparatus. City Engineer Keating wrote in reference to the life-saving fender for the street cars, that he is doing all in his power to have the company adopt some method. He has approved of the one in use in Buffalo.

The society decided to write to all humane gatherings in the province to secure the completion of the organization of the Canadian Humane Society.

The society is agitating for the opening of the Life-Saving Station in winter.

Mr. J. J. Kelso and Dr. George J. Hodgins spoke in terms of the highest praise of the philanthropic work of the late Mr. W. H. Howland and expressed the hope that his memory would be perpetuated by the erection at an early date of a suitable statue in one of our public parks.

THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL PASSED

Last of the Original Clauses Disposed Of —No Information of the Explosion Near Rio.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett questioned the Government in regard to the recent explosion of a magazine in the Ilha do Governador in the bay eight miles north of Rio Janeiro, by which three British commissioned naval officers and boatswain were killed and seven other British subjects seriously injured.

Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, replied that it had not yet been ascertained how the explosion had occured. Inquiries were being made, but under the circumstances it was doubtful if the case was one in which claims for compensation could be made.

The 71st and last of the original clauses of the Parish Councils bill was passed by the House of Commons this evening. The announcement of the fact was received with loud Ministerial cheers.

MOTOR AND TRAILER COLLIDE.

One Passenger Severely Shaken Up and Both Cars Damaged

Last night about 10 o'clock as motor car No. 320 was going west in Queen-street, near Scholes' Hotel, it ran into the trailer attached to another motor which was coming east. The cars in the Queen-street route turn at Scholes' Hotel, or rather they run east on the north track for a short distance to a switch, where they switch on to the south track. All cars going west have orders to stop at the top of the hill until the car ahead of them has passed the switch and is returning on the south track. The motorman on 320 waited too long before he put on the brake and the car slid down the grade on the slippery rails, striking the trailer of the eastbound car, which was not quite off the switch.

One of the passengers on the westbound motor was badly shaken up.

Motor 320 was slightly injured, but will be placed on the road again to-day. The trailer of the eastbound car was injured to a greater extent and will probably not be in use again for some days.

SICILY IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

Inhabitants Dying With Hunger Ask Soldiers to Kill Them.

PALERMO, Jan. 4.—Owing to the disturbed condition of Sicily and the fears that the Fasci dei Lavoratori, the powerful secret Socialist society, might attempt to make further trouble a state of siege has been proclaimed throughout the island.

The residents of the village of Terrasi were burning the octroi lurcaux. Troops arrived and the lieutenant in command ordered them to get ready to fire. A woman in the crowd ran to the lieutenant, presented a portrait of Queen Margharita and asked him to kiss it. The other rioters knels and shouted, "Kill us, we are already dying of hunger." The lieutenant withdrew his troops and the riot ceased."

CREMATED IN HIS HOUSE.

Not Enough Remains Found to Hold An Inquest.

QUEBEC, Jan. 4.—An old man named Celestin Loriot was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his residence at Pointe-aux-Trembles, Portneuf, in which he lived alone. So little trace of the unfortunate man was found that it is difficult to say positively what part, if any, of the calcined bones belonged to him. The old man, it is said, was in the habit of smoking while in his bed. Only three or four calcined bones were found.

ASSISTED EMIGRATION.

Russia Seeking to Promote the Colonization of Siberia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—Dr. Witte, Minister of Finance, proposes to improve the Russian trade with China and Persia by founding a bank at Teheran. He will also create agricultural institutions on the mutual liability plan. The Russian Government will grant 200,000 roubles yearly to promote the colonization of Siberia and Russian possessions in Central Asia. Each family of colonists will be granted 150 roubles. Twenty thousand roubles will be expended in building huts for the colonists.

KING HUMBERT IS THRIFTY.

He Is Said to Have Saved Ten Million Lire Yearly.

ROME, Jan. 4.—The Secolo, Radical organ of Milan, which opposes the triple alliance and advocates an alliance with France, publishes an article that has caused considerable comment. The paper affirms that it is authorized to state that King Humbert has a private fortune of 100 million lire deposited in the London house of Rothschilds. A great portion of this money, it adds, was saved by the King from the civil list at the rate of ten million lire yearly.

WANT OCEAN'S HIGHWAY CLEARED.

British Captains to Ask Gladstone to Help America to Blow Up Derelicts.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A petition bearing the signatures of all the captains engaged in the navigation of the Atlantic during the last two years will be presented to Mr. Gladstone, asking him to arrange for co-operation with the United States in regard to the blowing up of derelicts.

Two Thousand Matabeles Were Killed.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Captains White and Donovan, who were in the Matabele campaign, have come to London. They have given a detailed account of the fighting. Captain White denies the stories of immense slaughter of the Matabeles. Not more than 1500 or 2000 warriors were killed, he says, in the whole campaign.

Ill-fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle at once and cure your corns.

Proposed U.S. Postal Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative McGuire (Dem., Cal.) has introduced a postal telegraph bill providing for the issue of $25,000,000 in bonds to be expended in the erection of telegraph lines, starting at 32 of the largest cities in the country. Tolls are fixed at 10 cents for 10 words, and the Postmaster-General is authorized to arrange for a rate of 20 cents per 100 words for news despatches.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

Endorse the Proposed Bond Issue.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Chamber of Commerce to-day unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury that authority be given him by Congress to issue $200,000,000 of short-time bonds as such small amounts as will permit all classes to invest their savings in a Government security.

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Mr. Morley Won't Resign.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—There is no truth in the report that John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has tendered his resignation or that he intends to do so. Mr. Morley has improved in health.

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Death of the Duchess of Argyle.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Duchess of Argyle died this evening at Inverary Castle, Inverary, Argyllshire. She was the Duke's second wife and was a daughter of the Bishop of St. Albans.

BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET.

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rise. He had been so full of his subject that he might have wearied his audience. He closed with an eloquent display of the great resources of the Northwest.

Hon. G. W. Ross.

For the Ontario Legislature the Hon. G. W. Ross made a characteristic speech. The progress of the province was spoken of wittily and convincingly. The oldest and most progressive province of the Dominion was lauded in terms that brought forth loud applause.

William Paterson, M.P. of Brant, representing the Opposition in the Dominion House, made a short speech full of clever sayings. The greatness of the Dominion was told of. Its natural resources, its riches of manufacture, its commerce were all recorded.

The Army, Navy and Active Militia was responded to by Major-General Herbert. In soldier-like terms he thanked the audience for its warm reception. The progress of the empire was detailed, and especially that of the defence of the empire. That problem had been solved by the judicious division of labor and responsibility.

A Visitor From Rochester.

The Hon. George Raines, President of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, responded to the toast of "Visiting Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce." It has been said that France was Paris. It can be truly said that Canada is Toronto. [Applause.] The speaker was full of words of praise for Canada. He told some witty stories with the smack of the true raconteur. Speaking of the desire of Canada to extend its trade, the speaker in fervent language referred to the reforms in the tariff of the United States and expressed the hope that closer trade relations would be established and no need left of armies for defence.

W. W. Ogilvie, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, in a short and trenchant speech thanked the board for its hearty welcome.

The Finance Minister.

The toast of the Commercial, Agricultural and Manufacturing Interests brought the Hon. George E. Foster to his feet. In a humorous talk he said there were many reasons why he should not make a long speech and a few why he should talk for a long time. But he would not weary the audience. ["Go on, Go on,"] He would wait until next year and if he then got an invitation would tell the audience the many things he might have to say. Referring to the extension of trade Mr. Foster said that the Government would be ready at any time to meet half way the Government of the land across the line, always keeping in mind the welfare of Canada. The influence of allied trade interests would be potent in decreasing the chances of war. But not even to the advancement of trade should the future of Canada be in any way imperilled. [Applause.]

J. J. Shaughnessy, in answering to the toast of the Railway and Shipping Interests, drew a picture of the rapid strides that have been made in the last few years.

Mayor Fleming, in a short speech, thanked the audience for its hearty reception of the toast of the corporation of Toronto.

The toast of the ladies was responded to by the Earl of Ava. His response was brief but graceful, and in neatly-turned language he spoke of man's greatest blessing. The end of the long list had been reached, and the banqueters started for home as the clock struck 2.

"THE ISLE OF CHAMPAGNE."

Seabrooke's Opera Company Make a Hit at the Grand.

Nothing could be funnier than Thomas Q. Seabrooke in "The Isle of Champagne." The opera is at once fantastical, satirical and comical, and from start to finish it has not a dull line. Of course it is nonsense—pure, unadulterated nonsense—and what is more, it makes no pretence to be otherwise; but it is such nonsense as now and then is relished by the wisest men. The music is bright and sparkling and goes with a swing that carries everything with it. The local hits are good and the wit truly American in flavor and color. There is no mistaking it for humor; it has none of the delicate qualities recognized as belonging to true English humor; it is rather boisterous, broad and farcical, the true representative of a people that are inclined to be loud in their public and their private life, in their thoughts and their actions. One does not require to think in order to see the fun, of which the piece is full, for it is all on the surface, and, airy as the light sea foam, it ever floats in the broad sunlight.

The duet of Priscilla and the Prince in the second act was well rendered and showed that Mr. Sheehan and Miss Day both possess fine cultured voices of some power. Miss Crox's fishers' hornpipe was very artistic, and the duet, "Would You Walk Into My Parlor? Said the Spider to the Fly," by King Pommery Second and Miss Crox, was grotesque, absurd and laughable in the extreme and called forth several enthusiastic encores.

The stage fittings were the best seen here this season. Every scene was handsome, but that of the Hall of Cobwebs was especially beautiful.

Mlle. Franceschina Paris, le premiere danseuse, understands her part well. She is graceful, poetical and thoughtful in her rendering and quick as a flash.

Ministers' Praise of Wilson Barrett.

Wilson Barrett, the distinguished author-actor, has probably more clerical admirers than any other artist on the stage to-day. They not only attend his performances in large numbers but very frequently send him letters of commendation of his efforts.

Mr. Barrett will present not only "Virginius," but also "Claudian," "The Stranger," "Hamlet," "Othello," "The Silver King" and "Ben My Chree" during his engagement at the Grand Opera House next week. Tickets for his performances are now on sale.

Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House.

After the long reign of farce-comedy at Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House, a change of a most agreeable nature will be inaugurated next week in the presentation of C. N. Bertram's "Pulse of New York." Originally written and played as a melodrama, it has for this season's tour been re-written, so that it now presents a combination of melodrama and farce-comedy.

Arthur Lloyd.

Mr. Arthur Lloyd, the celebrated vocal comedian, who has been touring Ontario with "Our Party," will give a humorous and entertaining concert to-night at the Auditorium, called "Two Hours' Fun," introducing English, Scotch and Irish songs, comic and sentimental. Miss Annie King-Lloyd, Mr. Alexander Gorrie and the well-known Cool Burgess will appear, and other clever artists. The entertainment is of a refined, clean and wholesome nature and worthy of patronage.

The Baker Concert.

The Baker concert bids fair to be one of the great musical treats of the season, as Mr. Baker is engaging some of the best known local as well as foreign talent. It is to come off in the Pavilion about the beginning of February. Prices, 25 and 50 cents. Subscription lists can be had at Butland's music store, King-street west.

Farland To-Night.

Farland, the only banjo virtuoso in the world, will perform in Association Hall tonight at the concert of the Toronto Ideal and Trinity University Banjo Clubs. Grenville P. Kleiser, elocutionist, and Mrs. Juliette D'Ervieux-Smith, soprano, will also take part.

Antigone Rehearsal To-Day.

The rehearsal this morning will be held in the Academy instead of the Grand Opera House.

Monday's Concert.

A magnificent program is promised for the Marteau concert on Monday in the Pavilion. The great violinist will play four numbers. The plan is at Sucklings'.

Messrs. R. S. Williams & Son.

The World has much pleasure in drawing the attention of its readers to the new departure of the old established business house of R. S. Williams & Son of this city, who have added the building of church organs of the highest class to their well-known and extensive piano business. This firm, by reason of its large capital and the unequaled facilities of their splendid factory at Oshawa, and by securing the services of experts from the most celebrated factories in the Old World and the United States, is in a position to construct organs which in variety and perfection of tone, material and workmanship successfully rival the productions of any of the well-known builders either abroad or at home. That they have succeeded in this is borne out by the consensus of testimony of eminent organists such as Prof. Edgar R. Doward of the Church of the Ascension, Toronto; Dr. Carl Verrinder of Chatham, late of London; Mrs. M. E. Blight of Elm-street Methodist Church, Toronto; Mr. Charles E. Wheeler of St. Andrew's Church, London; Mr. Frederic Rogers, Brantford, late of Chichester Cathedral, England, etc. In referring to an R. S. Williams & Son organ recently erected in Holy Trinity Church, Chatham, Dr. Verrinder says: "I consider it a gem of an organ, the workmanship is first-class, and of the voicing I cannot speak too highly; in fact, I have not met with its like on this side of the Atlantic."

Messrs. Williams & Son have just set up in their warerooms, 143 Yonge-street, a two-manual organ, of which the following is the specification:

Great organ, cc to a.....58 notes
Open diapason, 8 feet, metal.....58 pipes
Dulciana, 8 feet, metal.....58 "
Melodia, 8 feet, wood.....58 "
Principal, 4 feet, metal.....58 "
Fifteenth, 2 feet, metal.....58 "
Swell organ, cc to a.....58 notes
Viola, 8 feet, metal.....46 pipes
Stopped Diapason, 8 feet, wood.....58 "
Harmonic flute, 4 feet, wood.....58 "
Oboe, 8 feet, metal.....46 "
Tremulant.....
Pedal organ, cc to d.....27 notes
Bourdon, 16 feet, wood.....27 pipes
Coupler, swell to great; Coupler, swell to pedal; Coupler, great to pedal. Balanced swell pedal.

The organ is enclosed in a beautifully carved oak case, highly finished in oil, with the displayed pipes elegantly decorated in gold and colors.

This organ, though not large, is yet, on account of the great individuality of each stop, capable of the most charming effects, while in volume and power of tone, as well as in the delicacy of the touch, it is far in advance of anything we are accustomed to hear in this country. Among those who have played upon it Prof. Edgar R. Doward, already referred to in this article, gives it as his opinion that there is nothing round here that can touch it, and that although he had heard much of the Williams organs, and consequently looked for something very fine, it far surpassed his expectations.

We esteem it both a duty and a privilege to call the attention of the clergy, churchwardens and trustees of churches, as well as organists and the musical profession generally, to the R. S. Williams & Son church organs, and would strongly advise them and all others who are interested in the "King of Instruments" to visit the warerooms and judge for themselves as to their merits, and we confidently predict that as these beautiful instruments become known the demand for them will increase to an extent that can as yet hardly be estimated.

City Hall Gossip.

During the year the City Commissioner issued 444 building permits, the estimated value being $1,361,550. These include the Union Station, the Massey Music Hall and the Massey Mission Hall. There were 139 brick buildings erected during the year, 9 brick-fronted and 9 rough-cast dwellings.

The City Commissioner investigated 185 claims; 67 were from injuries resulting from defective sidewalks.

A permit has been issued by Mungo Nasmith for the erection of three houses at 124½ to 126 Bond-street, $6000; C. Page, two-story brick addition and alterations to 202 to 210 Yonge-street, $600.

The surplus shown by the City Commissioner's report for 1893 is: Markets $4225.95, cattle markets $5775.25, crematories $6099.30, public buildings $2580.62.

The Works Department expended $1,352,258.91 during the year; 3.32 miles of sewers were constructed, in connection with which 56 manholes and 79 gullies were built.

Eighteen and three-quarters miles of paving was done, consisting of one mile of cedar and granite on concrete in track allowance, 2 1-5 cedar and granite, 2 1-7 cedar block on sand, 1-7 cedar block on plank, 4-5 asphalt on whole width, 4½ asphalt on track allowance, 3.6-7 brick on concrete in track allowance, 3½ stone setts in track allowance.

The Waterworks report shows that there is in actual use 245.42 miles of mains, 1984 stop valves, 62 check valves, 2769 public hydrants, 59 private hydrants.

Solicitor Caswell, concerning the assessment of the personal property by the Incandescent Light Company, states that he believes that the commissioner would not be successful in holding the assessment higher than $50,000 beyond $90,000, the value of their machinery, plant and tools, which are liable for school tax, but not for general taxes.

The police commissioners claim that the police expenditure of Toronto is less than that in Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo or Detroit. The rate per head of population in Chicago is 2.99 cents, Detroit 1.81, Cleveland 1.20, Toronto 1.23. The Cleveland authorities, however, have ordered an increase of 50 patrolmen.

California and Mexico.

The Wabash Railway has now on sale winter tourist tickets at the lowest rates ever made to Old Mexico and California. These tourist rates are available for the great winter fair at San Francisco. The banner route is the great Trunk Line that passes through six states of the Union and has the most superb and magnificent trains in America.

Full information may be had from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

Parks and Gardens Committee.

The Parks and Gardens Committee held the last meeting yesterday and wound up the business of the past year. Three thousand dollars was transferred from the general account to pay for the extra work on the Exhibition and Island parks. This expenditure will be a little less than the appropriations.

Ald. Hallam, the chairman, received a cordial vote of thanks.

Dropsy and all diseases of the kidneys and bladder are curable through the perfect action of Burdock Blood Bitters on the system.

By Acclamation.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 4.—Mr. Fox, the member for St. John's East, and Mr. McGrath, the member for Placentia, were returned to-day by acclamation, the former as Receiver-General in the seat in the Cabinet, the latter as Chairman of the Board of Works.

Rheumatism, sciatica and similar complaints yield to the curative powers of Burdock Blood Bitters.

Miners' Differences Settled.

NANAIMO, B.C., Jan. 4.—The dispute between the miners and mine owners was amicably settled at a mass meeting of the miners yesterday. The management made a slight concession. The miners will probably return to work in the Northfield mine to-day.

The Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, Bowels, etc., act as so many waste gates for the escape of effete matter and gases from the body. The use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery helps them to discharge their duty. Mr. W. H. Lester, H.M. Customs, Toronto, writes: "I have personally tested the health-giving properties of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and can testify to its great value."

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