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HOW THE DOLLARS WENT

GETTING AT THE EXPENDITURES ON THE ISLAND PARK.

Wholesale Gobble for Ald. John's Pet Summer "Resort" While the City Breathing Spots Get Left—What Is to be Done With the Rest of $75,000?

The Island Park muddle will stand a great deal of straightening out. Although it has been pretty exhaustively discussed in Council and committee there is still a striking lack of light on the subject. There were two meetings held yesterday in which little else was talked about, but at their close the aldermen seemed about as ignorant as ever as to the merits or demerits of Chairman Irwin's actions.

It is true that his absence, coupled with that of Park Superintendent Chambers, leaves the matter to a great extent at sea until one or the other returns, but enough has been discovered by the investigating aldermen to warrant the belief that the parks in the city have been cheated out of their rights. Of course it is alleged against the present agitation that it is the outcome of sectionalism on the part of disgruntled aldermen; but be that as it may, the one fact remains that faith has not been kept with the property owners of Toronto who voted for the by-law appropriating the $75,000 for park purposes.

The World has been on a tour of investigation and has come to the conclusion that an explanation is needed from someone, more particularly in view of the fact that the city parks have been badly treated throughout. Sectionalism was used as an argument in favor of the passage of the bylaw, and now because the sectionalists demand their share of the sum voted they are charged with being contracted in spirit and ward grabbers.

The Story of the Parks Bylaw.

The story of the bylaw is as follows: Towards the close of 1887 the sum of $25,000 was expended by the city in purchasing the Mead property at Centre Island. This was the first step in the scheme of establishing Island Park. When the Property Committee held its first meeting of the present year it was recommended to council that $50,000 be appropriated for that same work. This was sent on to council by the Executive with the recommendation that it be struck out. The council in its wisdom struck out the Executive Committee's recommendation and changed the sum from $50,000 to $75,000, without, however, naming what particular park it was to be expended on, simply granting it for "park purposes."

It is alleged by the supporters of Chairman Irwin's action that it was tacitly understood by the council that $50,000 of this $75,000 was for the Island Park, while this is as strongly denied by his opponents. One thing is certain, that is when the bylaw was submitted and voted on, the people had no such impression, believing that the whole amount was to be divided up pro rata among the parks of the city.

What the Bylaw Really Said.

The explanatory clause of the bylaw as advertised ran as follows:

And whereas, $25,000, part of the said sum of $100,000, has been already raised under by-law 1836, and it is expedient and necessary to raise the sum of $75,000, being the residue of the said authorized loan of $100,000, by loan on the credit of the said city for the said purpose of improving *the city parks and for park purposes* in connection with the *public parks thereof*, together with interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum for forty years.

There was no mention of Island Park in the bylaw, and the citizens when they voted voted for the money to be expended in the parks contiguous to their own homes or wherever their interests might lie. If Island Park was to have the $50,000 claimed by certain of the aldermen, it had $25,000 of it in 1887, and was but entitled to $25,000 in 1888.

Three months ago Ald. Denison moved in the Property Committee that the money be divided, but he was shocked off by the chairman, who to any inquiry always gave the stereotyped answer that "everything would come out all right."

A Statement of Expenditure.

This is the way that it has come out, much to the disgust of Ald. Denison and his friends. Commissioner Coatsworth, following the instructions of the committee, has prepared the following statement of money paid out, made from returns furnished by David Kinnings, inspector of the work, and the City Treasurer:

Paid as per Treasurer's return	$28,643 70
Pay sheets since the Treas.'s return	1,662 68
Probable pay sheet Dec. 1	470 00
Due to R. T. Sutton	2,301 83
Due Medlar & Arnot	4,084 00
Total expenditure	$37,162 31
Balance of appropriation on hand	$37,837 69

There is a discrepancy between Mr. Sutton's dredging accounts and the amount alleged to be due him by the City Commissioner of $5000 in favor of the former, and it is probable this may cause a law suit. Then other amounts due not mentioned in the statement swell up the sum total by another $1000. In rough figures, therefore, the expenditure which the city so far has got track of amounts to fully $42,000. This, on the face of it, leaves a balance of $8000 out of the $50,000, acknowledging that the Island Park has a right to this sum, but it unfortunately happens that the city is arbitrating with the Gray and Ward estates for the expropriation of certain island lots, and it is a question whether the amount of the award will have to come out of the balance of the $75,000 still unexpended. Experts place the amount of the award all the way from $12,000 to $20,000, and if this is so even the poor $25,000 will get a bad blow.

Who the Money Was Paid To.

The City Treasurer's statement gives these expenditures up to Nov. 27:

Labor	$11,207 25
R. T. Sutton, dredging	11,000 00
Medlar & Arnot, crib work	4396 94
H. Davis, constructing pavilion	1200 00
J. Nicholson, sidewalks	1198 33
J. Scully, dump carts and rails	1000 00
A. Tyman, fares and towing	827 00
Estate C. Robertson, building scows	662 00
Bryce Bros., lumber	249 58
T. Meredith, hardware	145 34
W. J. Coolahan, inspector of scows	265 00
J. A. Simmers & Co., seeds	122 40
M. Warnock, blacksmithing	43 65
Polson & Co., wedges	23 10
Unwin, Brown & Sankey, surveys	22 00
Insurance on Pavilion	20 00
J. D. Murphy, tug wire	19 50
W. G. Flight, plan of pavilion	15 00
F. Stevenson, bolts	12 22
G. Guest, plumbing	9 78
Ontario Coal Co., coal	9 00
J. Fraser, manure forks	4 00
J. Adamson, lime	3 00
	$32,455 12
Deduct ordinary appropriation	3000 00
Balance chargeable to parks appropriation	$29,455 12

As already stated, in the absence of the two gentlemen who know most about these items (Chairman Irwin and Superintendent Chambers), it is difficult to get any satisfactory explanation of the figures.

The Sub-Committee Meets.

At 2.30 yesterday afternoon, the sub-committee of the Property Committee charged with getting some satisfaction out of the muddle met in the members' room. Ald. Hallam was in the chair and he had with him Ald. Denison and Baxter, the City Commissioner and Assistant City Treasurer. Mr. Coatsworth handed in his report, the substance of which has been already given, and Mr. Patterson presented that of his department. Both reports were gone over carefully, and the conclusion arrived at that there was still something lacking. Mr. Coatsworth recommended that if possible the dredge be kept at work for two weeks longer and the laborers for four weeks, as there was about 500 feet of the piling standing in three feet of water, which if not properly backed would be in danger of rising with the ice.

He also reported that the arrangement for the price of the dredging was made by the Chairman, Superintendent Chambers and Mr. Sutton one day on the Island, the figure being 25c. and 29c. per cubic yard, according to the location of the work.

When the City Treasurer's report was read over and each item mentioned, Ald. Baxter characterized some of them as disgraceful, while Ald. Hallam declared emphatically that the reports did not satisfy him, and that there was still something behind. The sub-committee concluded its deliberation by determining to report to the committee proper that the council be recommended to divide up the $25,000, or what remains of it, among the mainland parks.

The Property Committee Defers Action.

The Property Committee, when the report was submitted to it, concluded to defer action until the next meeting, a motion of Ald. Johnston meanwhile being carried to the effect that the City Solicitor be asked to give his opinion whether any of the $100,000 appropriated for park purposes could under the Municipal Act be legally used for the purchase of lands for parks or additions to parks.

A FORTUNE TURNED HIS HEAD.

The Unfortunate Malady that Overtook Jeweler George Gowland.

For some time past neighbors and friends of George Gowland, a jeweler working in his wife's store at 191½ King-street east, have noticed that his mind was wandering. A few months ago Gowland's father, reputed to be worth worth $80,000, died intestate, and in consequence of the action of a step-mother, the estate was thrown into chancery. Gowland's share is said to amount to some $20,000, and the financial affairs with him have not been going on smoothly for the past few years, the immediate prospect of such a change in his circumstances had the effect of causing him to become quite unbalanced.

His peculiar mania is that he is now immensely wealthy. He indulged in monstrous real estate transactions, failed of banqueting the whole town, starting a crack livery-stable and in connection with this latter idea was making arrangements to purchase twenty fast horses and fashionable turnouts.

Since Sunday evening he seems to have lost all control of himself and was joyfully demonstrative. He would visit the Dominion Bank Branch opposite his store and demand all the balance of his money, scribbling out checks for fabulous amounts. Mrs. Gowland on Tuesday endeavored to procure a certificate of insanity from Dr. Clark of the Asylum so that her husband might be placed under restraint for their own good, but as the formalities could not be hurried, the final order for committal could not be obtained and yesterday morning Gowland became so unruly that his wife was obliged to call in police assistance to keep him quiet. In order to prevent a row he was taken to Police Headquarters and brought before Col. Denison, who remanded him for a week. In the meantime everything had been arranged and Mrs. Gowland drove out to the Asylum with her husband, who was received as a patient.

Up to about two years ago Gowland carried on a respectable jewelry business, but hard times came and he was obliged to call a meeting of his creditors. An extension of time, or compromise of any kind, was refused and Mrs. Gowland took over the business, and has since carried it on in her own name with her husband as manager. Brooding over his trouble while at the bench made his mind weak, and when the news of a relief came it snapped the tension and made him a maniac.

Twenty-Five Kicking Passengers.

About 25 very mad passengers got off Grand Trunk train No. 12, due at Union Station at 8.30 last night from Hamilton. The train was over 1½ hours late and was held at Hamilton for the connections from the east and west. These twenty-five people were gathered at Hamilton and wanted to go east on the Montreal express last night, which left before they arrived. They all kicked and raved for being compelled to remain over night in the city. They want to know why the Grand Trunk, if it had to be late, could not wait for the main line of the Southern Division at Hamilton, could not send them on to Toronto by special in time for the Montreal express. That's what they want to know.

The train due at 7.25 last evening was delayed for an hour owing to the line being blocked at Junction Cut, above Hamilton, through a freight train leaving the track at that point. Several boxcars were smashed, but the train men escaped without serious injury.

Coming to the Ball.

Word was received at the Queen's last night that Capt. Colville, His Excellency's Military Secretary, and Capt. MacMahon, A. D. C., would arrive in the city this morning from Ottawa. The balance of the Vice-Regal party accompanied by Sir Fred and Lady Middleton will arrive to-morrow morning. They will stop at the Queen's. To-morrow night the party will attend the ball of St. Andrew's Society at the Pavilion. From Toronto they go to Hamilton, where His Excellency will open the Art Exhibition at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The party will leave for the Ambitious City on the 12.20 train on Saturday. A big reception awaits them. While at Hamilton Lord and Lady Stanley, Capt. and Mrs. Bagot, and Capt. MacMahon will be the guests of Senator Turner of Highfield. They will return to Toronto Monday evening.

The Queen's Own on Guard.

A voluntary guard of honor from the Queen's Own will be in attendance on His Excellency at the Pavilion to-morrow night. The detail is as follows:

A Co. 12, B 10, C 8, D 12, E 12, F 10, G 10, H 10, I 8, K 10—102.

Tom Pells' Theatrical Parties.

Ald. "Tom" Pells has been very much given of late to theatre parties. In this connection he has his favorites: They are all aldermen like himself. He occupied a stage box at the Grand last night, and his party consisted of Ald. G. G. Frankland, the beef baron, Ald. Ritchie and Ald. Swait. The beef baron has an eye for the beautiful, and he was very much charmed with the flitting forms of Lydia Thompson's blondes.

Only two or three nights ago Ald. Pells had the same distinguished party of City Fathers at the Toronto Opera House. He should pass his favors around a little.

The fair Lydia and her party left the city at 11 o'clock last night for Toledo.

Death of Major Thomas Gray.

Major Thomas Gray, a well-known resident of Toronto, died in the General Hospital Tuesday evening, after a lengthy illness. The Major was a politician in his day both in Hamilton and Toronto, and had an eventful career. In his early days he took part in important campaigns in the Conservative interests, of which party he was a devoted member. The Major also had a newspaper and military career. To the old Conservatives of the Dominion he was particularly well known. He lately held a position in the Custom House as a landing waiter.

The Union of the Churches.

The committee of the Provincial Synod of Ontario appointed some time ago in connection with the effort to bring about a re-union of the churches, met yesterday morning in the Synod Office. The time was taken up with preliminary procedure, but when the committee comes together this morning, they expect to settle down to business.

A Dead Priest's Estate.

There was filed at the Surrogate office yesterday the application of James J. Mallon for letters of administration of the estate of the late Rev. Father John Joseph Shea, who died Oct. 12, 1888, without having left a will. The estate is $22,402.01, of which $21,500 is in real estate, the remainder being personal property. Mr. Mallon makes application on behalf of Catharine Kioin, Elizabeth Stock, William V. Stock, H. E. Stock and Margaret Stock, nephews and nieces of the deceased.

The Exhibition Lease Granted.

Chairman Barton called the Exhibition Committee together yesterday afternoon, to consider the exhibition lease. It was decided to grant the lease, the only changes being the reduction of the term from 10 years to 9, and the introduction of a clause which will prevent the Industrial Association erecting or mortgaging any building in the Park without consent of Council.

Another Island Hotel.

Mr. J. H. Bowes applied to the Property Committee yesterday for permission to transfer the lease of his island lot to Mr. L. H. Moffatt, who proposed to erect a hotel thereon. The application was referred to a sub-committee.

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HEALY HATES HASTINESS.

HIS AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND PURCHASE BILL ACCEPTED.

But He Objects to the Third Reading and the House Adjourns—Mr. Harrington Not to Be Arrested at Present—The Tax Bill Withdrawn.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Balfour said that Edward Harrington would not be arrested under the pending warrant against him during the debate on the Irish estimates.

Mr. Smith announced the withdrawal of the Tax Bill.

The debate on the Irish Land Purchase Bill was resumed and Mr. Mahony (Nat.) moved the insertion in the bill of a new clause to the effect that the land commission shall take as security for the payment by tenants of their instalments the improvements executed by the tenant or his predecessor on his title.

Mr. Balfour opposed the motion on the ground that it would introduce great confusion, and also because it was against the interests of the purchasing tenant.

The motion was rejected.

Mr. Smith, the Government leader, appealed to the House to assist in closing the discussion on the bill. The Government, he said, was desirous of meeting the Opposition as far as possible and would accept the series of amendments proposed by Mr. Healy relating to subletting to laborers and also the provision that the Land Commission shall not sanction an advance of money to a tenant unless they are certain that the application of the tenant was not made under duress. The Government also intended to promote the bill dealing with the registration of titles.

Mr. Morley and Mr. Shaw-Lefevre both expressed themselves satisfied with these concessions and Mr. Smith thereupon moved that the bill be read a third time.

Mr. Healy, however, objected on account of undue haste and the House adjourned.

Henry George on the Land Purchase Bill.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Henry George, in a speech at Glasgow this evening, said that the feeling of the country was against buying out Irish landlords. If it was good to use the national credit to enable countrymen to buy their own land, why was it not good to use the national credit to enable townsmen to buy their houses?

What "Roaster" Means.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Several witnesses were examined before the Parnell Commission today with reference to outrages in the Castle Island district, County Kerry. Maurice Kennedy, a farmer, reluctantly gave evidence regarding the proceedings of the Local League of which he himself was a member. He had heard the word "roaster" used at meetings of the League but did not know its meaning. Mr. Shannon, a Dublin solicitor who is assisting The Times, testified that Kennedy told him that the local League had a list of roasters hung up in the office. Roaster means a term applied to boycotting landlords. The people were forbidden to work for men whose names were on the list of roasters.

The Plan Failed.

DUBLIN, Nov. 28.—The efforts of the tenants on the Marquis of Conyngham's estate at Glenties to carry out the plan of campaign has failed and they have accepted a reduction of five shillings. Their demand was for a reduction of eight shillings.

FIRE AT SARNIA.

The Alexander House Completely Gutted Late Last Night.

SARNIA, Nov. 28.—The Alexander House of this town caught fire about 11.30 this evening. Fire was first discovered near the roof in the back part of the building and an alarm was quickly given. All the guests and employes had plenty of time to get out and save their personal effects. The building being a frame structure burned very rapidly and the inside of the building is completely gutted. A large quantity of the furniture was saved in a damaged condition. It is believed to have been insured, but details cannot be obtained to-night.

NO LAW TO FIT THE CASE.

A Woman Arrested at Montreal for Wearing the Attire of a Man.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—A woman named McKeen was brought before the Chief of Police to-day charged with going about dressed in men's clothes. She came from below Quebec some six months ago and hired out as gardener to a gentleman in this city and has been working there ever since. She has occupied the same room with the coachman, who this morning made the discovery that she was a woman dressed in man's attire and had her at once arrested. The Chief discharged her as he could find no law under which he could hold her. She says that she left her husband because he threatened to kill her and she was dressed in men's clothes in order to obtain employment.

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HIS TRUNK WAS MISSING.

A Montreal Commercial Traveler Loses $6000 Worth of Jewelry Samples.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—Arthur St. Jean, commercial traveler for Alfred Eaves, wholesale jeweler, has returned from a three weeks' trip in the Eastern Townships, during which he had with him two valuable trunks, each containing over $6000 worth of jewelry. When St. Jean came to Waterloo from Sherbrooke on Tuesday of last week he missed one of his trunks, and since then every effort to find it has been fruitless. One supposition is that it was stolen and smuggled over the line.

Ambitious City Notes.

HAMILTON, Nov. 28.—Shortly before noon today a scaffold on which several men were working at a house in process of erection, gave way and Marshall Kirkendall, a painter, was thrown to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet. His jaw was broken and he sustained other painful injuries. The other men saved themselves by jumping on the roof of the bay window.

J. D. Barnes of Philadelphia, Supreme Chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, instituted a lodge of the order here this evening.

A painter named Pollit took a fit at the top of the main staircase of the Masonic Building this morning, and tumbled to the bottom. The fall cured his fit and he was able to walk home.

The work on the two arches for the Stanley reception is proceeding rapidly. The merchants' and manufacturers' arch will be 70 feet high. It is a double arch, with one passage for the street car lines, and the other for carriages.

Russell's selling off, 9 King west. 246

A Heavy Suit for Damages.

HAMILTON, Nov. 28.—The Spectator this evening says: A writ has been filed in Mr. Ghent's office, in which Joseph S. Brennen, a well-known citizen, sues John Earles, of Toronto, for $20,000 damages. The reason is set forth in the endorsement on the writ as follows: "The plaintiff's claim is for $20,000 damages for alienating the affections of the plaintiff's wife and for enticing her away from the house of the plaintiff and his said wife, and for harboring her, and for inciting and maintaining legal proceeding in her name against the plaintiff and the plaintiff's family." The suit is entered by Fuller, Nesbitt & Bicknell.

The Proclamation Will Issue.

The pros and cons of Parkdale's annexation were fought out before Attorney-General Mowat and Provincial Secretary Hardy yesterday afternoon. The city was represented by Ald. McMillan, Galbraith, Verral, Roaf, Carlyle (St. Thomas), Gillespie, City Treasurer Coady, City Clerk Blevins. The friends of annexation from Parkdale were Mayor Lynd, Reeve Terry, Deputy-Reeve Goodman, and Councillors Threlkeld and Hall. The anti had for their champions Mr. H. H. Cook, M. P., Deputy-Reeve McMath, Major Carlaw, Deputy-Reeve Gowanlock and Councillor Sinclair. The talking lasted over an hour, and was closed by the Attorney-General giving the delegations to understand that the proclamation would issue, and that as soon as possible.

THE CLOUDS ARE LIFTING.

Mr. Jeffery Nominates Stewards and the Quarterly Board Accepts Them.

A fortnight ago the society—that is, the members—of the Western Methodist Church elected their first representatives to the Quarterly Board. A technical objection was raised as to the number. Mr. Jeffery defended the legality of the course and called on the church to again meet and ratify their decision. This was to be the business of last night. But the question never came up; it is shelved for the present; perhaps it may not arise. There was more important business and a surprise in store for those who attended the wooden sanctuary. The pastor has the right to nominate stewards and the Quarterly Board to accept or reject the nominations. No stewards have hitherto been appointed. Mr. Jeffery submitted seven names—some of them from the discontents—and the board accepted them. The olive branch of peace has been extended by the pastor and there is a rift in the cloud of the church trouble.

At the close of the prayer meeting Mr. Jeffery said:

The Quarterly Board met this evening. There was not time to bring the matter of the election of representatives of the churches consideration. This will be subsequently considered. The Board has the power to decide the number. What the number may be I cannot know. The principal work done was, I am happy to say, satisfactory. I felt a streak of daylight shining out of the dark cloud of this church's trouble, and I thank God for it. As far as I am myself concerned I put myself in the lowest place possible so that God's cause may be honored in the church. What I have done I did for principle, not for myself. To-day I have had the ambiguity of the board to act as I never had before. I was informed, and I believe it to be correct, that certain of the trustees are prepared to come in and do what has often been asked of them as to the therapeutics of the church and the fulfilment of work to be done here. The greater number of the trustees have determined to do what is required, bringing the church to a Christian condition, and that this church shall be more united than it has ever been. I have recommended to the quarterly board Brothers Parkin, son, Perkins, Blanchard, Guy, Lloyd, Byrne. I have nominated them to this office in the sincerest and most sacred belief that these men are from this time henceforth going to do more for the Western Methodist Church than they have ever done. Circumstances may for a time have changed their views and feelings respecting me, but I believe that the resolution, to prevent further disturbance, and to keep as out of what has almost been disruption, is one that will be followed by them in so acting put yourself in my place. I think it is all for the best and that we shall work well together in future.

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LOGS AND LUMBER.

Mr. W. R. Meredith Talks About the Increase of the Export Duty.

The World came across Mr. W. R. Meredith in the Queen's last night, and the question of the threats of the Michigan lumber men to put an increased duty on Canadian lumber going into the United States was referred to. Mr. Meredith expressed his views on the subject:

"I was afraid some such retaliatory action would result from the increase of our export duty on logs. The only way to get over the difficulty, as I have pointed out to the Ontario Government, is that timber limits be sold only on the condition that the timber be manufactured into lumber in Canada."

"Is there not force in the objection to this plan that new timber limit buyers would be placed at a disadvantage as compared with the present holders?"

"No. For the limits would be bought with the condition known."

"Don't you think that if the bill of the Michigan men is passed, it will hasten the development of the United States and Canadian forests and thus eventually be to the benefit of this country?"

"Undoubtedly. But in the meantime these poor limit-holders will die. I think the sale of the timber I suggest, is the best plan, and the fiscal policy of the country not concerned the United States can have no excuse for retaliatory measures.

THE INCORPORATION MOVEMENT.

West Toronto's Neighbors Will Discuss Their Union With the Junction.

West Toronto Junction Council will tonight confer with a deputation from Carleton West as to the terms of union of Davenport, Carleton and West Toronto Junction. The secretary of the committee which is desirous of these places being incorporated with their thriving neighbor wrote asking for the conference. If the majority of the ratepayers assent there is every probability of the incorporation taking place. It would not be difficult to arrange the terms.

The Lights of the City.

The Fire and Gas Committee met yesterday afternoon. Present Chairman Shaw, Ald. Frankland, Ritchie, Dodds, Drayton, Macdonald, Bell, St. Leger and Swait. Secretary Pearson appeared on behalf of the Consumers' Gas Company to explain that the delay in erecting the gas lamps required by the city was caused by the failure of the pipe manufacturers to keep up with the demand. However, the company had made a big effort, and had only a few more to put up. The effect for the city when it could show a clean bill.

Ald. Dodds wanted to know what had been done with a communication from a company desiring leave to erect electric light poles on the street. The chairman stated that the letter had been sent to the Board of Works. Ald. Dodds then moved that a sub-committee be appointed to assist the Board of Works to handle the subject. The matter was arranged by the secretary undertaking to inform the Board of Works to take action on the communication as soon as possible.

The revenue of the water supplied the department for the year amounted to $64,705. The appropriation was only $57,000. There was a discussion over the items, and the committee resolved to defer consideration of it until the next meeting.

Half price—no humbug—we will sell full plated new Base Burner Stoves from $14 to $20, regular prices from $28 to $40. Wheeler & Bain, King-street East.

Our Friends Abroad.

It is not surprising that people are looking forward anxiously for the Christmas number of The Montreal Star to send away to friends in England and elsewhere. Somehow The Star always manages to make a hit with its pictorial and commemorative numbers. There is no cheap or 'catch-penny' style about them. In fact they are so pretty and so taking that they sell at sight. We hear that orders are pouring in from all parts of Canada for The Christmas Star, which will be for sale in a few days. Orders should be left at the newsdealers in advance as they have always run short and the orders are filled in the order in which they are received. "First come, first served." The prettiest Christmas souvenir is always the best.

The China Hall Sale.

Oliver, Coate & Co. state that owing to the quantity of goods which have been sold and the short time there has been for delivery, that they will omit the morning sale for to-day in order to give purchasers a chance to get away their goods, and all goods purchased by parties unknown to the firm not taken away by 12 o'clock to-day will be resold. A large quantity of really fine-class goods will be offered during the remainder of the sales.

Watch sale, 9 Kingwest. 624

Burned in His Cabin.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 28.—The facts regarding the death of Stephen Shelby, who was burned to death in his cabin on the 5th concession of Yarmouth, are such as lead to the impression that deceased had while drunk overturned the lamp, which set fire to his cabin, consuming it and him also.

Heavy rich silk Turcoman Curtains for holiday gifts can be had in great variety and very cheap at W. A. Murray & Co's. They are offering the finest qualities at prices that will interest intending purchasers.

In Readiness for Christmas.

Just arrived—one of the largest and best assorted stocks of Christmas fruits in the city, and we will undersell any house in the trade. Look to your interests and inspect our stock before buying. Also in our wine vaults is a splendid assortment of wines and liquors for cooking and table use. S. P. Brazill & Co., market grocers, Toronto.

THE OLD BOYS MEET.

A Pleasant Reunion of the Trinity College School Association.

The "old boys" belonging to Trinity College School Old Boys' Association had a pleasant reunion at the Walker House last evening, when many old friendships were renewed. The proceedings commenced with a meeting at which routine business was transacted.

The members then adjourned to the dining-room where about 70 sat down to a recherche repast. Mr. J. A. Worrell, M.A., B.C.L., presided, being supported amongst others by Provost C. W. E. Body of Trinity College, Prof. W. Jones, Prof. J. C. Roper, Dr. Geikie, Rev. John Pearson, C. J. Campbell, Major Dowling and Capt. Farnham.

The Chairman in proposing the toast of "Canada," the usual loyal toasts having been already honored, said that one of the main articles of faith which was inculcated in the hearts of all "old boys" was loyalty both to their own nationality and the empire at large. This sentiment found expression in a quotation on the card:

I believe in Britain's empire and in Canada, her true and loyal son, who yet shall rise to greatness and shall stand at England's shoulder, helping her to guard true liberty throughout the world.

The head master of Trinity College School, in acknowledging the toast of that institution, made a humorous speech. He said that he recollected the time when he had to administer castigation to many "old boys," a remark that was received with much merriment. Commenting upon the condition of the school, the past year had been an uneventful one, but the number of students upon the books was almost as large as in any previous year. Members of their body were in all parts of the world, and had served beneath the British flag in India and Egypt, while some had risked their lives in quelling the Northwest Rebellion in defense of their country. There were very few "old boys" in favor of Annexation.

Loud cheers greeted this remark, and the speaker concluded with an earnest appeal to all old boys to maintain the honor, the dignity and reputation of their school.

Other toasts followed, interspersed with songs, and an exceedingly enjoyable evening was spent. It was evident that if the old ballad is true,

"A man, whether he be saint or sinner,
Is apt to take his temper from his dinner,"

that the "old boys" had both had a cheerful gathering and a good dinner.

THE ONTARIO COURT.

Miss Campbell's First Reception of the Season at Government House.

Miss Campbell held an at-home at Government House yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6. Despite the unpropitious weather there were a goodly number of visitors. Miss Campbell, who wore a black serge dress with white crape silk vest, was accompanied by Sir Alexander Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt Vernon and Commander Law, R. N.

Those were the callers:

Col. F. C. Denison, M.P.	Mrs. Denison.
Col. A. G. Smith.	Mrs. Strachan.
Col. Otter.	Misses Murray.
Dr. A. Jukes Johnson.	Mrs. Johnson.
W. H. Gwynne.	Mrs. Becher.
G. Donald.	Miss Maclean.
Mr. and Mrs. Murray.	Mrs. Geo. Moberly
A. Blake.	Mrs. Blake.
B. E. Wilkie.	Miss O'Brien.
Mr. Paxton.	Miss Baldwin.
Fred Jewell.	Misses Jewell.
Dr. Jas. Hall.	Mrs. Hall.
S. S. Hayward.	Miss J. Osler.
G. H. C. Brooke.	Mrs. E. W. Saporta
Mr. Webster.	Mrs. Webster.
S. S. McDonnell.	Mrs. McDonnell.
E. M. Chadwick.	Mrs. E. Chadwick.
T. W. Robinson.	Mrs. A. Robinson.
W. Hawke.	Mrs. Hawke.
J. E. H. Johnstone	Mrs. Johnstone.
S. Bruce Murray.	Mrs. Murray.
W. H. Brouse.	Mrs. Brouse.
A. H. Chadwick.	Mrs. C. King Dodds
P. Beaumont Strickland.	Misses Dodds.
H. Osler.	Mrs. Osler.
L. C. Macklem.	Mrs. Macklem.
A. H. Murray.	Mrs. F. Blake Darby.
V. Armstrong.	Misses Shanly.
Chas. Y. M. Temple.	Mrs. Armstrong.
A. Morgan Cosby.	Mrs. Cosby.
A. J. Robertson.	Mrs. H. McMahon
P. R. Macklem.	Mrs. Robertson.
H. Carty.	Mrs. Macklem.
O. Temple.	Miss O. Grenfell.
W. Alpheus Cole.	Mrs. Temple.
Mr. Laing.	Misses Laing.
H. H. Allen.	Mrs. Laing.
G. G. Adam.	

No place like Jenkins', 108 Queen east, for bargains in Japanese goods. Inspection invited. 246

A HAT FIRM IN TROUBLE.

Langley, Neill & Co. of the West End Make An Assignment.

Langley, Neill & Co., hat manufacturers at 77 Niagara-street, are in difficulties and yesterday afternoon a bailiff was put in charge, while an assignment was made to E. R. C. Clarkson. The firm is made up of John Langley and Adam J. Neill. For some years before April, 1885, the manufacturing was carried on by Nicholls & Co., of which Mr. Langley was a member. At that time Mr. Nicholls went out and Mr. Neill, who was then a traveler for the house, went in. For a couple of years they did a paying business, but by cutting down last year had a hard struggle to carry the business with their small capital.

Chattel mortgages were held by the Dominion Bank and another for $1500 by Mr. Nicholls, who now lives at Newark. The Bank's mortgage was cancelled some time ago, but Mr. Nicholls is now to the front. The assets will probably cover the liabilities. The firm were makers of cheap lines of hats exclusively, and the fact that they did not carry expensive lines as well is said to have been injurious to their trade.

Call on the C. F. Adams Home Furnishing Store, at 1 Queen-street, Newmarket, 1 Yonge-street, 4 doors north of Queen-st. Carpets on credit.

Concert of the East Toronto Fire Brigade.

An entertainment of a pleasant nature was held Tuesday evening at Boston's Hall, Main-street, East Toronto, under the auspices of the Fire Brigade, to celebrate the completion of the organization of that body. A detachment of the brigade, resplendent in their new uniforms, met the city visitors at York station and escorted them to the hall, where an enthusiastic audience enjoyed an interesting and varied program, provided chiefly by the members of the department. Chief Albert Sargent, to whom much credit is due for the production of the evening's entertainment, conducted the proceedings in the best possible manner. The array of local talent was large and much appreciated.

During intermission speeches were made by Chairman Lattrell of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, the Reeve and others, who referred to the success which had attended the efforts of those who had interested themselves in the Fire Brigade. The remarks were vigorously applauded. The concert wound up with the tableau "Scene at a Midnight Fire," which had a fine appearance.

The Toronto Rubber Co. of Canada (T. McIlroy, jr., & Co.) furnished the department with all equipments necessary to make a first-class outfit, hose-reel, fire hose, helmets, belts, torches, etc.

Plenty of money to loan on first and second mortgage, chattels, collaterals and notes. The Land Mart, 52 Adelaide-street east. od

The Wandering Jew Will Come Back.

Detective Inspector Stark told The World last night that another month would see Roland Gideon Israel Barnett back in Toronto. Yesterday afternoon Chief Grasett received the following cablegram from the London police:

LONDON, Nov. 28.

Chief Constable, Toronto: By Fugitive Offenders' Act prisoner must be surrendered within thirty days after committal. Time expires Dec. 6. Officer must be sent from here. He will leave to-morrow.

COMMISSIONER METROPOLITAN POLICE.

It is probable that Inspector Stark will meet Barnett at Halifax.

The Sheffield House Importing Co., 65 Yonge-street. Best English plated ware. Case of carvers, cutlery, clocks. C. E. Robinson, manager. 246

A Large Purchase.

Mr F. X. Cousineau of the "Bon Marche" purchased in Montreal yesterday the bankrupt stock of Messrs. Joseph Gohert & Co. at 37½ cents on the dollar. The stock amounts to $60,000.

The charge of the light brigade was led by Lord Cardigan, and the makers of that very useful garment "The Cardigan," named it in honor of the hero of that famous charge. We have some fine goods in that line, ranging from $1.50 up to the finest silk sleeved goods. A. White, shirtmaker, 65 King-street west.

THE MINES OF ONTARIO.

MR. CHARLTON'S COMMISSION IN SESSION IN TORONTO.

Hearing Practical and Expert Evidence—A Variety of Suggestions Offered—A School of Mining Advocated—The Province's Hidden Wealth.

JOHN CHARLTON, M.P., Chairman.
HAMILTON MERRITT.
Prof. ROBERT BELL.
A. BLUE, Secretary.

The Mining Commission, composed as above, after roaming in different parts of the province and taking big bundles of evidence at their stopping places, sat for the first time in Toronto yesterday at Agricultural Hall. These will probably be their last sittings for the purpose of hearing evidence and recommendations from practical men and experts. They will at once prepare their report for presentation to the Legislature, which it is said will meet about the middle of January.

The commissioners have gathered a rich fund of information on the natural resources of this bountiful province, and there is no doubt that the Ontario Government will evolve a mining policy as the result of the commissioners' labors.

Solicitor Cattanach Gives His Views.

Mr. A. J. Cattanach, solicitor for the Silver Islet Mining Company, was the first to impart his knowledge. He referred to the difficulties the company had to contend with and the final stoppage of work at Silver Islet. The company shortly before they stopped had instructed him to go to Ottawa to see if an arrangement could be made with the Customs Department about remitting the duties on machinery which was required. The value of the machinery was $100,000, the duty on which amounted to $30,000. Nothing could be done in remitting the duties without some legislative authority. Had the company obtained the machinery at that time it would probably be running to-day. In Mr. Cattanach's experience he had found a good many Americans interested in mining. The western portion of the Silver Mountain mining country was nearly all taken up by people from the States. The east end was run by an English company. The Jarvis Island Company was also an English concern. In this section silver had been occasionally found, and it was otherwise a first-class mining country.

Railways Wanted in the Mining Country.

As to the means of construction of roads Mr. Cattanach thought it extremely important that the mineral districts should be opened up by railways and colonization roads. He referred to the proposed James Bay road, which would pass through a large area of land and open communication with Hudson's Bay, as instancing the fact that not only would mining interests be advanced, but general trade would also be benefited by such enterprises. He also believed that there was sufficient mineral wealth in the vicinity of Port Arthur to justify a road being built from that point. He considered that a line should be located into the mining country in that vicinity. On border there was a long range of iron ore partly in the United States and partly in Canada, of good quality and in immense quantities. The development of this range would greatly promote the welfare of the country. He favored building a railway from some point at White Fish Lake in a westerly direction towards the Red River district, which would go through better country than the C. P. R.

The Ontario Government had already affirmed the principle of opening government lands by railroads. An Act had been passed under which it was stated that it would be to the advantage of the province at large to have colonization railways through the unsettled lands in the provinces. As an instance in favor of such railway construction he referred to a very rich copper deposit at a point about forty miles from Sault Ste. Marie on the Canadian side.

Silver points was a few miles east of Silver Islet and the Silver Islet Company had a force of men working for a long time there. They developed it to such an extent as to prove it a valuable location.

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