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SOME PRINCIPLES OF LAW REFORM.

The Division Court system is an excresence on modern civilization. It is a warty growth that ought to be treated with the surgeon's knife. Division Court clerks, bailiffs and judges are just so many useless officials. More than that, the system itself is a fraud. It is founded on false principles. The world is moving. We are getting new ideas in everything—in science, in theology, in politics. But in law we seem to make but little progress. Our legal procedure still remains as full of forms and ritual as the Greek Church. Our law-makers have constructed a machine so unwieldy, so expensive to run, that public opinion is unanimous in describing it a failure. Those who build up the system have provided for so many contingencies and have encouraged such fine hair-splitting on irrelevant side issues that the main issue not infrequently drops out of sight altogether. A party named Benton brought an action of libel against several papers about two years ago. The papers have already been put to thousands of dollars expense in jumping from one court to another to defend side issues. The trial of the action itself is not yet in sight. Those who propose to remedy the situation by patching up the system are on the wrong track. We want a new system altogether. We want to get hold of a few leading first principles and build up a new system consistent with them. The World begs leave to announce one such principle: the exchange of articles of merchandise, of services, etc., of small amounts at least, should be regarded as of a strictly private nature, and neither party to such transaction should have recourse to law. The Division Court, in other words, should be abolished. We will suppose a merchant has a watch to sell. It surely ought to be his own affair how he deals with that article. No one forces him to sell it against his will. If he chooses to let it pass from his possession without a sufficient equivalent the after-consequences he should assume himself. The present law allows him to impress a judge, jury, bailiff and witnesses into his service to help him to get even with the party to whom he parted with the watch without a due equivalent. That is a bad principle. It is founded on a mistaken idea of justice. The principle belongs to a past age. It ought to be shelved.

That's our theory. We will prove the principle is a bad one by experience. There are half a dozen big departmental stores in Toronto that do probably one-half the retail trade of the city in certain lines of business. These stores conduct their business in such a way as to render the Division Court an entirely superfluous adjunct as far as they are concerned. Before they part with an article they receive its full equivalent. Each exchange is a complete and finished transaction. No books are kept, no Division Court proceedings are possible. What is the result? People flock to these stores. Their success is one of the features of the age. Not a little of their success is traceable to the fact that they pay not a cent tribute to the Division Court and its train of attendant evils. They sell goods cheap because they are not obliged to add five per cent. for bad debts and the expense of collecting their accounts through the Division Court.

The men who conduct their affairs on sound business principles have no need of the Division Court. The people who buy certainly do not want it. We believe no one really wants it, except the court officials themselves, and the petty sleuth hounds who use it as an instrument of extortion.

Another principle that obtains in our legal procedure might very judiciously be modified. We refer to the latitude that is allowed in the domain of evidence. Business men who manage their affairs with any degree of carelessness, and whose books are slovenly kept, are allowed the greatest latitude when they come to the court as litigants. They have the power to summon their neighbors, strangers, fellow-business men or anyone else who they think can throw any light on the matter in dispute. If an individual is to have the right of appealing to the courts it should certainly be a condition of his exercising this right, that he should use common sense and precaution to prevent disputes arising between himself and those with whom he does business. Not unfrequently do we find days and weeks spent in traversing the evidence that is adduced in regard to some small dispute which never would have arisen had the litigants exercised ordinary precaution in transacting their affairs. A man who allows a business transaction to go on from month to month and year to year without having any definite understanding with the party concerned should have no recourse to the court when he finds trouble arising. The laws of the land should insist on something like monthly or periodical statements between individuals in business. All the affairs of business men should be conducted so as to prevent the immense waste of time that takes place in the courts of determining the facts in law suits. In other words, an individual who expects the protection of the court should come into court with the evidence in regard to his case in its completest shape. As far as possible the court should be reduced to a medium for recording judgments. As it is, most of their time is wasted in discovering facts. It is principles like these that law reformers should work upon if they wish to give the public genuine relief from the present expensive and cumbersome legal machinery.

COMPETITION IN TELEPHONES.

An important bill has just been introduced in the Michigan State Legislature by Senator Johnson for the regulation of the interchange of telephone messages between different telephone companies in the state:

The first section provides that whenever two or more telephone companies are doing business in any city or village either shall have the right to have its switchboard connected with the switchboard of any other company, so that the lessee of an instrument owned by one company shall have facilities for conversing with the lessees of any other company anywhere in the state. The company making the application is required, however, to tender to the other company the annual rental for a single telephone instrument, in order to establish a right to connect.

Section 2 provides that it shall be the duty of any company whose switchboard is connected with that of any other company under the provisions of the first section to connect upon request, and on payment of the prescribed fee any telephone connected with its lines with the line or lines connecting the two switchboards.

Section 3 provides that the fee for each connection shall be five cents, if the two points connected are in the same city or village; and where the connection is made with a telephone outside the city or village, the company making the connection may charge the customary fee for such service in addition to the five cents. It provides also that the companies shall be permitted, in order to avoid the difficulties arising from the collection of the five-cent fee at the time of service in deposit money in advance with any company with which it is connected to pay for such connections as may be made. The section also provides for a forfeiture in case of neglect or refusal to comply with the law.

A measure of this kind would have a far-reaching effect in states or provinces where a single company enjoys a monopoly.

The citizens of Barrie have great faith in their town as an attractive spot for travelers and a health resort. At a well-attended meeting of citizens the other night it was decided to advertise the attractions of the town and to adopt measures to make the natural advantages of the locality more accessible to visitors. Barrie has undoubtedly a splendid situation on Lake Simcoe. If the cures from hay fever that were mentioned at the meeting were genuine, it certainly has a right to rank as one of our health resorts. Barrie is the natural starting point for many desirable localities on Lake Simcoe, Lake Couchiching and different points in the Muskoka district. The citizens are doing the right thing in taking united action to have the features of the town made known.

They Do Not Dodge the Question.

There was a time when if a man made up his mind that the liquor habit had become a disease with him and he wanted to be treated for it every movement would be attended with the utmost secrecy. The successful treatment at Lakehurst Sanitarium, Oakville, has changed all this, because those who go there get cured to stay cured. The public are aware of this, and knowing that in 99 cases of 100 treated there the results are permanent, graduates are looked upon with more confidence than when subject to the fearful and ever-present craving produced by alcoholic disease. The double chloride of gold treatment, as administered at Lakehurst, has created a standard of its own in Canada, for which there are no successful competitors. The location, appointments and equipments of the grounds and buildings are complete for the comfort and enjoyment of patrons, and the present day graduate is not at all backward in speaking of his stay at Lakehurst and recommending its beneficial influences. For full particulars address 28 Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto. 25

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The proprietors of Parmelee's Pills are constantly receiving letters similar to the following, which explains itself. Mr. John A. Beam, Waterloo, writes: "I never used any medicine that can equal Parmelee's Pills for Dyspepsia or Liver and Kidney Complaints. The relief experienced after using them was wonderful." As a safe family medicine Parmelee's Vegetable Pills can be given in all cases requiring a Cathartic.

City Hall Notes

Ald. Bell, chairman, and Ald. Leslie were the only members of the committee for the Encouragement of Manufacturers who attended at the meeting convened yesterday afternoon. In the absence of a quorum no business was transacted. The chairman stated that an official return is being compiled of the rebates allowed manufacturers already established in the city. This will be of use to the committee in its dealings with any applicants. The return is expected to be ready for the next meeting of the committee, a week hence. Mr. Joe Barrett was present in the interests of a firm who wish a temporary location near the water-front. His representations will be considered at the next meeting.

President McKenzie had an interview with City Engineer Keating on the supply of extra morning and evening street cars. The question will come up at the next meeting of the Board of Works.

The newly-appointed heads of the Fire Brigade have not yet received final instructions. It is stated at the City Hall that they will next week enter on their new quarters, which will likely be: Chief Graham at Bay-street; William Villiers, Yonge-street; Joseph Davis, Portland-street; John Thompson, Wilton-avenue.

There are cases of consumption so far advanced that Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup will not cure, but none so bad that it will not give relief. For coughs, colds and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest, it is a specific which has never been known to fail. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, thereby removing the phlegm, and gives the diseased parts a chance to heal.

The First Hansom Cab.

Editor World: I see in your paper of to-day that the first hansom cab appeared in the streets of New York in 1870. That may be so, but hansoms were in Toronto more than thirteen years previously, there being two plying for hire here in March, 1857, and they remained until 1860, at any rate, perhaps longer. T. E. C.

In a suit brought by John Doner, farmer, Sunnidale Township, to set aside certain mortgages made by Joseph Rogers Barrie in favor of his son, Joseph E. Rogers of Toronto, and in which the son was named as defendant, tried by Judge Street at the assizes yesterday, judgment was given in favor of the defendant, with full costs. The jury were unanimously of the opinion that the mortgages were bona fide, and that the suit should never have been brought.

FOR BUSINESS MEN.

Call money can be had on debentures at 3 1-2 and on gilt-edged stocks at 3 3-4 to 4 per cent.

$ $ $

Depositors in several loan companies have been notified to either withdraw their money or be content with 3 1-2 per cent. interest.

$ $ $

During the month of January Canadian Banks withdrew $1,350,720 from the United States. On the 31st ult. they had a balance of $23,949,166 due them there.

$ $ $

Local bank clearings are disappointing. They, however, are a quarter of a million more than during the same week of last year.

$ $ $

There is a revival of the interest in Postal Telegraph stock, which is higher at 60 bid.

$ $ $

The net exports of gold at New York since Jan. 1 are $24,800,000, as compared with $2,000,000 the corresponding period last year, $20,600,000 in 1893 and $545,000 in 1892.

$ $ $

There is some talk of acorner in peas. Sales are reported outside at 56c to 57c.

$ $ $

The gold reserve of the United States Treasury, which was down to $42,000,000 a fortnight ago, is now up to $62,000,000.

$ $ $

There is a big decrease in the number of failures in Canada this week. According to R. G. Dun & Co., the number is 32, as compared with 51 last week and 51 the corresponding week of last year.

$ $ $

The decrease in the circulation of Canadian banks during January is much larger than had been anticipated. The total is only $28,017,000, a decrease of $3,458,000 for the month.

$ $ $

The total exports from Canada for the six months ended Dec. 31 are valued at $71,324,223, as against $76,594,792 during the smae period of last year, a decrease of $5,270,569.

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The total value of imports into Canada for six months ended Dec. 31 is $28,046,705, as against $32,845,718 the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of $4,799,013.

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The great depreciation in values of produce and merchandise accounts in a great measure for the large decrease.

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Our banks continue to increase their cash reserves. Specie and Dominion notes aggregate $24,000,000, as against $23,227,000 on Jan. 1. Bankers are observing a cautious policy, and have restricted discounts from $195,836,000 to $193,754,000 during January.

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The Daily Bulletin (R. G. Dun & Co.) says: The Montreal wholesale trade report that the effects of the late widespread storm have not yet altogether passed off, and are still apparent, more particularly with regard to remittances, which are decidedly poor. In orders there has been some improvement. The fine bright weather and warm sun have brought in numerous requests for the speedy shipment of spring dry goods, and the warehouses in this line show much bustle, while travelers are sending fair orders. * * * The spring millinery openings at Toronto, beginning next week, are likely to attract a large number of buyers from all over the province, and kindred businesses will be benefited to some extent. Wholesale millinery houses are displaying large and varied assortments of goods imported from the chief markets in Europe, and indications are favorable for a good season.

A SILVER PRESIDENT.

White Metalists Will Nominate a Candidate of Their Own Next Year.

Washington, Feb. 21.—There will be a new element of aprties in the next presidential campaign, said Representative Bland of Missouri to-day. Free silver men intend to get together and nominate a man who reflects their sentiments. Representative Livingstone of Georgia, who is also a strong advocate of the free coinage of silver, agrees with Mr. Bland that th esilver question will be the question of prime importance before the country next year. He insists that the silver men will nominate a candidate of their own, but he does not believe that this will be done after a Democratic convention shall have nominated a candidate opposed to free silver.

Paris Papers Attack Baron Cromer.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Several of the party newspapers this morning publish attacks upon Baron Cromer, British Agent and Consul in Egypt, for his attitude towards the Khedive. The Soleil deeply laments the apathy of France in regard to Egypt, and expresses hope that she may speedily become aroused.

Honors For a Toronto Boy.

From Scottish papers received The World learns that Dr. D. D. Wickson, who, some 18 months ago, graduated at Trinity Medical College, and who, after his term there, served for 12 months at the Home for Incurables, has now been studying in Edinburgh, Scotland. After a term there he has taken the degrees of licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh; also that of licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow. When it is taken into consideration that out of five who went up for examination but two were passed, of whom Dr. Wickson was one, this may be considered as a high honor. The many friends of Dr. Wickson in North Toronto will be glad to hear of his success in the Scottish capital.

Covered With Liver Spots.

Gentlemen,—I was covered with liver spots over my back and chest. I took three bottles of your Burdock Blood Bitters and am now perfectly cured of Liver Complaint. I can truly say that I think B.B.B the best medicine ever discovered. 246 L. KITCHEN, Hamilton, Ont.

The Late Hon. C. F. Fraser.

Perhaps the best likeness of the late Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. C. F. Fraser, which has yet been executed, is a life-size crayon bust drawing now on exhibition in the library of the Legislative buildings. The artist is Mr. T. M. Hennessy, a draughtsman in the department, and he has produced a picture which is a credit to himself and to the department. Many intimate friends of the late commissioner have inspected the work and expressed high appreciation of its excellence and faithfulness to detail.

Messrs. Northrup & Lyman Co. are the proprietors of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, which is now being sold in immense quantities throughout the Dominion. It is welcomed by the suffering invalid everywhere with emotions of delight, because it banishes pain and gives instant relief. This valuable specific for almost "every ill that flesh is heir to," is valued by the sufferer as more precious than gold. It is the elixir of life to many a wasted frame. To the farmer it is indispensable, and it should be in every house.

Rare Bargains By Auction.

A very large crowd attended Taggart's great auction sale yesterday at his store, No. 89 King-street west, and they secured some rare bargains. The sale will be continued this afternoon at 2.30, and evening at 8 o'clock and business at the same hours. Mr. Chas. M. Henderson is conducting the sale.

Worms derange the whole system. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator deranges worms, and gives rest to the sufferer. It only costs 25 cents to try it and be convinced.

THE LEGISLATURE OPENED,

TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTEND THE CEREMONIES.

Mr. W. D. Balfour Assumes the Duties As Speaker—The Speech From the Throne As Read By the Lieutenant-Governor, But It Does Not Say Anything Very Remarkable.

It was a veritable field day for the ladies at Parliament buildings yesterday. They asserted their right to test the softness of the cushioned chairs of the legislators and display the beauties of their many-colored millinery and themselves in the hall of debate and theatre of belligerent verbosity. They ignored both the claims of the Ministers and the leaders of the Opposition for seating accommodation, and even Leader Haycock, the standard-bearer of the Patrons, had perforce to stand aside. Nor was the press gallery left alone by the invading fair sex. The reporters' tables were turned into seats for them, and the unfortunate scribblers were politely informed that their presence was for the nonce not required.

When His Honor arrived to formally open the first session of the Eighth Legislature, the assembly room must have contained over 2000 persons. Chairs had been placed on the floor of the House and between the desks, but this extra accommodation was altogether inadequate for the throng that was desirous of witnessing the ceremony. The interval between 2 and 3 o'clock was devoted to a general exhibition of hand-shaking. The veteran Premier toddled backwards and forwards among the ranks of his followers and the ladies, and even condescended to cross the floor of the House to exchange greetings with people "opposite." There was an audible titter among the assemblage when Mr. Marter, the new leader of the Conservative party, walked over to Sir Oliver Mowat and shook him heartily by the hand. It reminded one of the preliminary hand-shake that is inseparable from exhibitions of the noble art of self-defence, and to lovers of Dickens it recalled the exchange of courtesies between Serjeant Buzfuzz and the opposing counsel, which roused the ire of Mr. Pickwick.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Arrival.

Promptly at the appointed hour the strains of the National Anthem, played by a military detachment from the fort, announced the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor, and a few minutes later the doors of the House were thrown open by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Then, in full state, His Honor, accompanied by Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, Commander Law, R.N., Lieut.-Col. Otter, Lieut.-Col Hamilton, Lieut.-Col. G. F. Denison, Lieut.-Col. Dunn and Major Lessard, marched up the centre of the House.

The Lieutenant-Governor having taken the Speaker's chair, and the Clerk of the House having placed on the table a roll containing a list of the members returned at the general and subsequent elections, Provincial Secretary Gibson arose and stated that as His Honor did not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning the Legislature until a Speaker had been chosen, he would do so an hour later. The procession re-formed and left the House amid many smiles.

Sir Oliver Mowat then nominated the member for South Essex, William Douglas Balfour, to be Speaker. With the exception, said he, of the hon. members for North Wentworth, East Peterboro' and Leeds, Mr. Balfour was the senior member of the House. He had been for many years a most active and useful member, and they had learned how much untiring energy he possessed, how much close application and ability and sound judgment, and it was with great pleasure that he proposed Mr. Balfour for the office of Speaker, feeling assured that he would discharge his duties with dignity and impartiality.

Mr. Nicholas Awrey seconded the nomination and Mr. Marter supported it, and then the clerk declared Mr. Balfour the Speaker-elect.

The New Speaker.

Mr. Balfour then took the chair and the mace was laid on the table. In a few suitable remarks he thanked the members for the distinction they had given him, and promised to carry out the duties of the office faithfully and to the best of his ability.

The Lieutenant-Governor, after an interval of 15 minutes, returned to the House and Mr. Balfour, addressing him, stated that he had been elected by the Assembly as their Speaker, and claimed for them in the usual manner all their "undoubted rights and privileges." The Provincial Secretary replied as laid down by law, and then His Honor read the following

The Speech.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening this, the first session of the eighth Parliament of the province, I am glad to welcome you as the representatives of the people assembled for the despatch of business.

While the past year was unfavorable to the agricultural interest in some respects, the prices of many products, especially grain and stock, remaining unusually low, it is very gratifying to know that increased interest has been taken in improved methods of farming and in the reports and publications of the Department of Agriculture. Various agricultural associations and organizations have been making increased demands for instructors. The special dairy work in connection with the Agricultural College at Guelph has been prosecuted with very satisfactory results, and I am pleased to learn that last year proved to be the most successful year in the history of the college.

From time to time public attention has been directed to our northern districts as suitable for settlement by an agricultural population. At the present time considerable interest is being manifested in this direction, and it is proposed to establish, with your approval, at a moderate expense, a pioneer dairy farm to attract further attention to these new districts, and also to prove their adaptability to agriculture.

During the past year the Rainy Lake region has come into notice as a gold field. Many explorers have been attracted to it, a number of promising locations have been taken up and partially developed, and it is expected that several mills for treating ore will be in operation this year. The prospect of gold mining in this district will no doubt promote settlement of the rich agricultural lands in the Rainy River Valley.

Election Laws.

A bill will be laid before you containing some supplementary provisions which the experience of the last general election has indicated to be desirable in the election laws. The Registration of Voters' Act of last session with respect to cities having worked satisfactorily, you will be asked to consider the propriety of extending its operation to towns.

Your attention will be invited to a measure designed to lessen the number of appeals in the courts of the province and otherwise to simplify the proceedings of the High Courts; a measure to provide, in matters of provincial jurisdiction, that where jurors are not unanimous, ten jurors may give a verdict, and some other measures of law reform.

You will further be asked to consider bills for extending the benefit of the Factory Act and the Children's Protection Act; for revising and consolidating the Acts relating to agriculture, and the Acts relating to mechanics' institutes and free libraries.

The Supreme Court of Canada, having held that the province has no power to pass a prohibitory liquor law, my Government is taking the necessary proceedings for an appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council upon this question, and the appeal is expected to be heard and disposed of before the end of the present year.

In accordance with the promise made to the House last session, I appointed a commission to collect and report the facts bearing on the views which have been expressed with respect to the mode of remunerating and appointing certain provincial officials now paid by fees, and with respect to the extent of the remuneration they should receive, including in regard to the said matters respectively the practice and experience of other countries. The commissioners have pursued their task with diligence, and have made full inquiry into the matters referred to them. Their report is about completed, and will soon be placed in your hands for your consideration, with a view to such legislation as may appear to be proper.

Government House.

The question of the maintenance of Government House at the expense of the province will no doubt receive your earnest attention; and I trust that the policy which may be adopted will be such as may prove to be generally satisfactory.

Since the last session, the main building of the Brockville Asylum has been completed, and patients were admitted before the end of the year, relieving thereby the overcrowded condition of some of the other institutions.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that considerable progress has been made during the past year by the arbitrators, to whom were submitted all questions relating to the unsettled accounts between the Dominion and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and between the two provinces; and that all the parties interested have shown their sincere desire to have the differences between thm settled speedily and amicably.

The public accounts for the year just closed will be placed in your hands at a very early day. You will be glad to know that the total expenditures of the province were kept well within the appropriations, and that the actual receipts were considerably in excess of the estimate.

The estimates for the current year, without delay, will be submitted for your approval. They will be found to have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the necessities of the public service.

The session will, I trust, be noted for the wisdom and prudence of your deliberations, and for measures calculated to promote the best interests of the province.

Little Business Transacted.

The Speech having been read, the Lieutenant-Governor handed a copy of it to the Speaker, and having fulfilled his part of the ceremony His Honor retired, this time by the back way. Then Mr. Balfour, gowned and capped, stepped to the chair and cried "Order!"

The rest of the business did not take long. The Speaker made the usual announcements regarding the elections that have taken place since the general election, and Sir Oliver Mowat finally introduced, in order to assert the Assembly's right to legislate, a bill entitled "An Act to provide for the administration of oaths of office to persons appointed as justices of the peace," and the said bill was read a first time.

The Premier then moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hardy, that the speech of His Honor be taken into consideration to-day, and that standing committees be appointed on privileges and elections, railways, miscellaneous private bills, standing orders, public accounts, printing and municipal law, both of which were carried.

The proceedings were adjourned at 3.40 until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Notes.

A committee of the Patrons of Industry, composed of Messrs. McPherson, McNichol, Craven, Gamey and Haycock, waited on the Government yesterday morning. The subject of discussion was kept secret.

At the conclusion of the opening ceremony Speaker Balfour entertained his colleagues at his chambers at the buildings.

Mr. Balfour is in a very poor state of health, and he is glad of the opportunity to take a rest, which will be given him in the capacity of Speaker.

Newspapers will not be allowed this year to be sold by the pages on the floor of the House.

As yet the efforts of the Works Commissioner to improve the acoustic principles of the Chamber have been unsuccessful. The reporters found it very difficult to hear the speeches yesterday. Mr. Harty promises to try several experiments.

The Public Accounts report will be laid on the table next week.

The Address from the Throne will be moved to-day by John Craig, member for East Wellington, and seconded by Donald McNish of West Elgin.

School of Methods.

The Toronto Woman's Christian Temperance Union yesterday held a "School of Methods" in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, Elm-street, conducted by Mr. A. C. Rutherford, the district president. In the morning devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hodgson of Deer Park, and addresses delivered by Miss Tilley, corresponding secretary Dominion Y.W.T.U.; Mrs. Letitia Youmans, hon. president, and Mrs. Thornley, president provincial union. During the afternoon Mrs. Abercrombie led devotional exercises, and Mrs. Fotheringham, Dominion superintendent; Mrs. Pratt, Hamilton, provincial superintendent; Mrs. McDonell and Mrs. Thornley contributed papers.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the lecture room of Elm-street Methodist Church. Mrs. McDonell presided, being supported on the platform by Rev. G. J. Bishop, Mrs. Bascom, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thornley and Mrs. Rutherford, the two latter again addressing the meeting, and a program of excellent music being rendered. The whole of the addresses and papers urged strongly the need for temperance reform.

Varsity Conversazione To-Night.

Everything promises a pleasant evening and a brilliant gathering. The event is under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor. His Excellency the Governor-General was expected, but will be unable to attend. Agnes Thomson, the celebrated prima donna, who was to have sung at the ill-fated Conservatory, 1890, will re-appear to-night. She was never in better voice, and should be heard by all lovers of artistic music. Many other attractions are contained in the tasty blue and white program issued yesterday. It might be well to state that the ordinary invitation will not admit unless accompanied by small ticket.

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GUINANE BROS' Saturday Shoe Bargain Day. The store will be open to-morrow until 10 p.m. Values increase as we near the end of the season. To-morrow's prices would have been ruinous a few months ago—now they are more profitable than having to carry over winter goods. Don't you know, when we talk this way, that it doubly pays to visit our store? We mention only a few of the bargains you'll find in each department:

GENTS' DEPARTMENT.

Hand-sewed Shell Cordovan and Kangaroo Balmorals, $2, regular $4.50. Shell cordovan walking boots, warranted cork soles, Goodyear welts, $2, regular $3.75. Cordovan Lace Boots, sewed oak soles, manufactured by Guinane Bros., $1, reg. $2. French Calf, hand-sewed, razor toes, Scotch welts, Hatton & Co., England, $2.50, regular $5. Tan Harvard Calf Walking Boots, full Scotch welts, hand-sewed, $2.75, reg. $5. English enamel Walking Boots, Hatton & Co., England, $1.50, regular $4. Carpet Slippers, McKay seam, 15c, regular 50c.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Tan and Black Pebble Skating Boots, 95c, regular $2.25. Dongola Blucher, welt soles, patent tips, $1.75, regular $2.50. Dongola Button, patent tip, special 90c. Parisian Kid Lace Boots, 50c, reg. $1.25. Kid Slippers, turns, 25c, regular $1. Kid Strap Slippers, French heels, 60c, regular $1.50. Kid Buttoned Boots, 50c regular $1.25. Dongola Buttoned, patent tip and plain, 70c, regular $1.25. Oil Pebble Laced and Buttoned Skating 70c, regular $1.50. Fancy Satin and Kid Slippers, 70c, regular $2.25. Waterproof, fleece-lined Rubbers, 20c, regular 65c. Astrachan Dongola Buttoned Boots, extension soles, plain or tip, G Welts, 90c, regular $2.50. Lemoine Polish Calf Buttoned Boots, $1, regular $2. American Kid Buttoned Boots, creased vamps, extension soles, patent leather quarters, Boston, $1.90, regular $4. Double strap and cross-strap Slippers, hand-sewed, kid-lined, 85c, reg. $1.75. Angola Kid Buttoned Boots, St. Louis, square toes, Kempson & Stevens, New York, $1.25, regular $3.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

Fine Calf, hand-made Lace Boots, size 1 to 5, 70c, regular $1.50. Fine Calf, hand-made Lace Boots, size 11 to 13, 60c, regular $1. Cordovan Lace Boots, Blucher cut, hand-sewed, size 1 to 5, 90c, regular $1.75.

MISSES' DEPARTMENT.

Oil Goat Buttoned Boots, spring heels, 70c, regular $1.25. Angola Kid Buttoned Boots, spring heels, H. B. Goodrich, Boston, $1, regular $2. Dongola Kid Buttoned Boots, spring heels, 80c, regular $1.25. German Felt Slippers, 13c, regular 18c.

CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' DEPARTMENT.

Hand-made Lace Boots, size 6 to 10, 40c, regular 65c. Dongola Buttoned Boots, Boston, size 6 to 10, 75c, regular $1. Langtry cut, American Kid Buttoned, Philadelphia, 65c regular $1. Calf Buttoned, hand-sewed, 30c, regular 65c.

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