

THE TOPICS OF THE TOWN

INTERMINGLED WITH ITEMS FROM THE SUBURBS

Blah, Race and Race—Sad, Soloman and Serious—Fresh, Parties and Party—Comics, Sports and Curious.

The choking dust has given way to the dirty mud.

The Borden street primary school is now being enlarged.

Why is not the pavement before the post-office completed?

An interesting and pleasant strawberry festival took place at Christ church last night.

Owing to the excavation for the Borden street sewer, the Spadina avenue car cannot run on College street.

The members of the Uxbridge mechanics institute will have an excursion to the Falls on the 19th inst.

Furious driving is not tolerated in Yorkville. Justice Carr fined a former named Jackson \$6.35 for this offence.

The trustees of the collegiate institute have awarded the contract for coal to E. Burns at \$4.75 for stove size and \$4.55 for egg.

Woodbine park will soon be accessible by water, the managers having determined to build a wharf there. This is a good move.

Rev. J. Wilkinson was welcomed to the pastorate of Woodgreen Methodist church Wednesday night. There were music and addresses.

There will be no inquest on the body of the old man Porter, whose sudden death Wednesday night was reported in yesterday's World.

The city Orangemen will attend divine service at St. James' cathedral Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. P. Lewis of Grace church will officiate.

The Yorkville public schools closed yesterday. The distribution of prizes will take place this afternoon in Ketchum park, adjoining the main school.

The cost of laying a third rail on the Toronto and Nipissing road will be \$700,000. The bridges have already been widened to suit the gauge.

St. Paul's church, Lindsay, will ask the Bishop of Toronto to appoint Mr. Weston Jones, a graduate of the Protestant Episcopal divinity school, as their minister.

The street railway company has at last made a concession to smokers. It will hereafter allow them to enjoy their weed on the last two seats of the open cars.

City hall programme to-day: Court session at 2 p.m.; fire and committee at 3.30; property committee at 4; city council at 7.30. Enough for one afternoon.

Excursionists from the Nipissing railway to the number about 150 were in town yesterday. They belonged principally to the Stouffville Congregational church Sunday school.

The entry for entrance to the Toronto collegiate institute commenced at the institute yesterday. 105 candidates presented themselves. This is the largest number yet.

Rev. R. P. McKay of Scarborough has been made the recipient of a covered buggy and a set of silver-mounted harness at the hands of his Agincourt and Highland Creek congregations.

The Kentuckians only paid \$6 for their excursion tickets from Louisville to Toronto and back. Why don't the Canadian railway get up as cheap trips? They would be largely patronized.

For having liquor in his possession contrary to the statute, Charles Chamberlain of Richmond Hill was yesterday fined \$20 and costs by Justice of the Peace Carr and Gibson. The liquor has been confiscated.

You can't run the toll on the Kingston road. Richard McDonald tried it, but failed. Instead of only paying five cents, he had to pay \$2 and costs, being the fine imposed upon him by Justice of the Peace Doch.

Mr. Thomas B. Weir, late cashier of the Globe, who disappeared some time ago, has turned up in Tennessee all right. His friends will be glad to learn that there is no trouble between him and the Globe company.

It is the intention of Mr. James Michie to increase the amount of his scholarship to the Toronto collegiate institute from \$40 to \$50. Mr. Daniel McLean, the singer and artist, has received the D.C.L. degree from Oxford.

Rev. Thos. Lovyer has resigned his pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Bradford.

Dr. Beckell and the Misses Beckell of New Orleans will arrive the summer in this city, being quartered at the Rossin house.

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OVER THE BORDER

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