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The Loan Companies.

The condition of the Ontario Loan & Investment Companies as detailed in the official return for last year has much interest at this season in view of the approaching issue by them of their annual statements, especially in regard to those operating in this city, where five-eighths of the entire business of this province is done.

We have already shown that the falling off in the total amounts loaned in Toronto last year, compared with 1889, was about two millions, or about 16 per cent., whereas in London there was an increase of about 18 per cent., and in Hamilton of 11 per cent., the gross decrease of the whole province being 20 per cent. in the last two years.

The returns show to what an increasing extent these companies are relying upon foreign capital for means to maintain and enlarge their business, consequently how the disproportion is growing between their resources from native sources and their loans to native borrowers.

In 1887 the amount of stock paid up was $26,772,000, their total loans on real estate then current being $75,000,000, the excess of loans over paid-up stock being $48,228,000. In 1891 they had $32,336,000 paid-up stock and $101,161,000 of loans on real estate, the excess being $68,825,000. That is, on an increased basis of paid-up stock of $5,564,000 they had enlarged their advances to borrowers by over twelve times that sum. To enable their business to be so expanded they issued debentures payable in Great Britain by about $14,000,000, the total amount thus due on these securities to foreign investors in 1891 being more than 50 per cent. over the amount of them in 1887. They also enlarged their issue of debentures to Canadian investors from five and a half to eight millions.

This utilization of foreign capital by our loan companies may not be quite as directly profitable as the use of local deposits, but it has decided advantages, which indirectly compensate the companies for any higher price which may be given for money realized from debentures over that paid for deposits.

A loan company makes advances which are repayable after a term of years. To borrow money which may be withdrawn any day and invest it in a mortgage payable in three, five or more years involves a risk which cannot be too carefully guarded against. Were a panic to occur the loan companies would all be requiring money to pay off depositors. The banks would at the same time be too strictly defending their own fort to have resources for helping loan companies. The possibility of this trouble shows how desirable it is for these companies to base their borrowing operations on the same *time* basis as their loaning, as when sudden pressure occurs their debenture resources are safe from attack.

The amount of deposits held by these institutions only increased from $17,533,000 in 1877 to $18,177,000 in 1891. The stream was diverted towards the chartered and the Government savings banks, whose decreased rate of interest on deposits is to no little extent owing to the large importation of foreign capital by loan companies.

The more important features in the above respect in the returns of the Toronto companies are seen in the following table, showing the amount of debentures held by foreign investors and their deposits in 1891:

	Debentures. 1891.	*Deposits.* 1891.
Canada Permanent	$ 6,231,000	$ 911,000
Western Canada	2,885,000	1,110,000
London & Canadian	3,416,000	.....
North of Scotland	2,850,000	.....
Trust & Loan	4,750,000	.....
Freehold	2,596,000	744,000
Other Companies	12,101,000	3,667,000

Since 1877 the total reserved funds of the whole of the Ontario companies have increased two and a half millions, over 33 per cent, good evidence of their having had a profitable run for five years.

In regard to the gross amount of properties upon which mortgages are so far in default that the companies have assumed possession of them, the returns are not as clear as they ought to be. This is a very serious item, and ought to be set out distinctly. It looks as though the foreclosures in 1891 were $330,000, about a third less than in 1889, but the official figures are somewhat mixed.

Other things being satisfactory the relation of the amount of stock paid up to the amount loaned should afford a key to the earning power of a company. In this matter the loan institutions have advanced in late years. Since 1889 they have only added $1,600,000 to their paid-up capital, and they report an increase of $6,200,000 in loans, while their reserves have grown $1,100,000 and costs of management have not increased.

The plethora of money in the banks has, we believe, increased the amount of private loaning this year, and the very low price of wheat will have lessened the receipts of the companies for interest and for instalments and redemptions. Some of our local companies will, we fear, have a sorry tale to tell of foreclosures and advances on non-productive properties. On the whole, however, we believe the report from over the whole province will show the current year to have been a fair average one in the business done and profits made by the loan companies.

The Annual Conversazione.

The students of McMaster Hall held their annual conversazione last night, being the anniversary of Founder's Day. A program of music, recitations and singing was rendered by the students, promenade numbers being interspersed. Over 200 guests were present. Refreshments were served during the evening.

There can be a difference of opinion on most subjects, but there is only one opinion as to the reliability of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is safe, sure and effectual.

California or Mexico.

The Wabash Railway have now on sale round trip tickets at very low rates to southern points, including Old Mexico and California. The only line that can take tourists via Detroit through St. Louis and Kansas City and return then via Chicago and (vice versa) finest equipped trains on earth, passing through six states of the Union. Spend a winter in Mexico, the land of the Aztecs and Toltecs, finest climate and scenery in the world and older than Egypt. Time tables and all information about side trip at new ticket office, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets. J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, Toronto. ed

MUSIC HALL AND ESPLANADE.

Mr. Massey's Big Project and Exemption—An Esplanade on the Lake Shore-road.

Mr. H. A. Massey appeared before the Property Committee yesterday afternoon to explain his scheme for the erection of a music hall at Victoria and Shuter streets and requested that the building be exempt from taxation when finished.

It was decided to ask for the necessary legislative power to grant the request. At Mr. Massey's suggestion the City Solicitor will co-operate in drawing up the lease.

Mr. Frederick Chambers again submitted the scheme of Wallace Maclean, Dr. Bentley, R. Kidney, C. C. Robinson, Frederick Chamberlain, John Small, Esther Chamberlain for the reclamation of the water-front along the Lake Shore-road. The proposition is to create land from High Park westerly to the Humber and extending 600 feet out into the lake. The petitioners will build a 66-foot esplanade, properly piled, and present it to the city. In return for these improvements they ask a free lease of the water lots fronting on High Park. The syndicate agree to expend $50,000 the first year.

The matter was sent on to council without recommendation.

Commissioner Coatsworth submitted another proposition for increasing the capacity of the Registry Office. At the last meeting of the committee it was decided to put on another story, but this, it seems, is not satisfactory to Registrar Ryan. He desires that the two departments (east and west) be entirely separated, one upstairs and the other downstairs.

According to the estimate of Architect Burke the total cost would be $19,408. Mr. Coatsworth said of this sum he already had $7600 on hand, and a further sum of $5000 had been placed in the estimates for 1893. A balance of $6808 would in consequence have to be raised.

It was decided to recommend the desired improvements to the council.

Engineer Keating, Solicitor Biggar and Commissioner Coatsworth were instructed to report on the request of E. A. Cullerton for the lease of the east end of Ashbridge's Bay with the object of damming it off for ice harvesting purposes.

City Fathers' Absurd Street Naming and Numbering.

Editor World: It is one of the strange anomalies of the City Council in street naming that the great thoroughfare College-street on its south side between Queen-street-avenue and Elizabeth-street is called "Avenue-street," while it is an integral part of College-street. There is a like absurdity in the numbering. No. 1 begins at Yonge-street running on up to Elizabeth-street; then another No. 1 begins, from which the numbers run consecutively till Queen-street-avenue is reached, where a new numbering begins again, which divides the south side of College-street into three sections, as if each were a separate and distinct street. Another absurdity is the misuse of the word "avenue," which in sense and practice formerly designated a wide street, but is now applied to every little back lane street in the city.

It is to be hoped that a new council may be elected which will see the confusion that the College-street anomaly gives to people trying to find any place there, and name and number the whole street what it really is—College-street. A.

A Plea for a Name.

Editor World: I notice with regret an article in this morning's papers stating that a recommendation is to be made to the Council to change my name to "Moulton" street. Why should this be done? It can only create confusion, and many years must elapse ere residents in my neighborhood can accustom themselves to the change.

The family whose name I bear have long been, and still are, favorably known in the city; but who is "Moulton"?

Further, I look as well written

GWYNNE-STREET.

Repudiating the Fad.

Editor World: E. A. Macdonald's paper, The Sun, of yesterday has our election cards; they have been inserted without our authority. We are native Canadians and loyal British subjects and not Annexationists or Political Unionists. W. T. STEWART.
CHARLES C. SMALL.

A Raid in the Ward.

Sergeant McFarlane of No. 2 Police Station last night took a squad of officers and raided No. 35 Centre-avenue, an alleged house of ill-fame. Mary Ann Hill, the keeper, was arrested, together with Mary Ann Beard, Sarah Baxter and Thomas Hill, inmates, and Emma Williams, a frequenter.

THE SEARCH-LIGHT.

Reindeer transit might do for the old-timers; but Kriss Kringle will yet require a trolley to reach all his little friends.

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The Earl of Lovelace, Byron's son-in-law, who is in his 88th year, sits side by side with his son, Viscount Ockham, who inherits through his grandmother the dignity of Baron Wentworth.

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A bank manager in Cheshire was about to get married; he borrowed £300 at 50 per cent. interest. But he could not pay back the principal, and in interest he had paid £1400. To pay off the debt he ultimately appropriated £300, and was sentenced at Chester Assizes to four months' imprisonment. It is a brief, a touching and a scandalous story.

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The gross value of the personal estate of the late Lord Tennyson amounts to $180,000. His eldest son, Hallam, is acting as executor to the will, which is dated in June, 1884, and the codicil in April, 1888, which codicil reserves the power of granting probate to Emily, Baroness Tennyson, as executrix. The will of the Laureate appoints his son his literary executor, and bequeaths him all his manuscripts, literary works and copyrights, subject to the payment of an income for Lady Tennyson's life.

The estate of Aldworth and the Farringford estate, all arrears and all other real estate are to be held in trust during Lady Tennyson's life. The real estate, subject to the trust for Lady Tennyson's life, is left to his son in fee simple and to the heirs male of his body entail.

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The Kings of Abyssinia claim to be sprung from the progeny of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. Semites they certainly are, and that there is a strain of Hebrew blood in their lineage is not improbable. They claim to have it anyhow.

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Assessment Reductions.

Appeals against assessments were again taken up by Judge Macdougall yesterday. Mr. John Dixon, carriage maker, had his income tax of $2000 removed. Mr. T. H. Beck was successful in getting $1500 knocked off the assessment of Notre Dame Institute. The land of S. H. Janes in King-street west, near Bay-street, was reduced from $700 to $600 per foot.

Don't Be Swindled.

Why pay 20 or 25 cents for a pound or a package or tin of poisonous alum baking powder when you can buy "The Borwicks," which is proven by the Dominion Government to be an absolutely pure cream of tartar powder, at the same price? 135

Are you a sufferer with corns? If you are get a bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure. It has never been known to fail.

LIVELY WEST END MEETING.

OPINIONS AIRED IN ST. ANDREW'S HALL LAST NIGHT.

Discussing Municipal Questions, But Principally the Single Tax—The Mayor's Apology—Aldermen Give An Account of Their Stewardship—Some Warm Discussion.

The meeting held in St. Andrew's Hall last night to discuss municipal questions was not that success which its object warranted. At no time were there more than two or three hundred people present.

Interruptions and unseemly harangues were frequent. Mayor Fleming presided, and he was accorded a warm reception when he smilingly advanced to take the chair.

On the platform with His Worship were: Ald. Verral, Ald. Jolliffe, Ald. Burns, Stewart Lyon, T. W. Banton, President of the Trades and Labor Council; Alf. Jury, Dan J. O'Donoghue, ex-Ald. Evans, F. E. Titus, R. Cribben, R. C. Glockling, Ald. Ball, J. Boyle.

When the Mayor called the meeting to order at 8.20 there were about 100 people in the audience, and the Mayor requested those present to come to the front in order to help keep him warm.

The Mayor Apologizes.

This done His Worship said he did not for two reasons intend to speak. "In the first instance, because I shall open my own campaign to-morrow, and, secondly, because I have a bad cold, as you will notice. I am here to occupy the chair for a short time and show my sympathy with the objects of the meeting." [Applause.]

Mr. Stewart Lyon, one of the signers of the requisition, was the first speaker. He said that the meeting was called to show that they did not believe in the still-hunting style of electing aldermen. In the next place it was called to give those aldermen who have served in the council during the year an opportunity of telling them what they have done and what they intend doing during the coming year. [Hear, hear.] He moved that each speaker be limited to 15 minutes, and the meeting concurred, but the rule was transgressed by nearly every speaker.

Duty of an Alderman.

Mr. Jury said he did not think he could define the reason he was in the field for aldermanic honors. They would have to ask the friends who had brought him out.

He sarcastically referred to the representatives of the Fourth Ward. "I am in the field owing to the fact that these gentlemen—our representatives—who called themselves our servants when we put them into office, have assumed to be our masters. I believe it is the duty of the alderman to provide machinery to enable us to properly govern ourselves."

He protested against the petty economy of past councils. "If you are going to economize, why take off first the heads of the fellows who are enjoying fat salaries, instead of cutting down the wages of the men who are doing the hard work?" [Applause.]

Gives An Account of His Stewardship.

Ald. William Carlyle said he always believed in coming before the people and giving account of his stewardship. What he had done in regard to submitting the question of taxation to the people he had done conscientiously. Had these questions been submitted as first intended it meant that all who paid taxes on personalty would vote for it, the people who owned houses would vote for it. "Is not that a reasonable conclusion to come to? Now, gentlemen, what would that mean? Why simply that the entire taxation would be thrust on to the vacant land of the city." [Applause and cries: "That is just what we want."] He said that it was all very well for his single tax friends to laugh, "but it would be no laughing matter for those who had invested their savings."

Says There Was No Surplus.

He said a good deal had been said about the question of surpluses. "Now, Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, the fact of the matter is there was no surplus. [Laughter.] I have always had a high opinion of Ex-Mayor Clarke, and he in his valedictory speech stated that there was but a surplus of $40,000."

He believed that the Court House would be finished by day labor, "because I feel that by the time the case is out of the courts the building will be completed. The only substantial progress made has been since the architect took possession." [Hear, hear.]

Another Alderman Speaks.

Ald. Burns followed. He said the Board of Works had not done as much as last year, simply because they had some $100,000 less at their disposal. "Our public works have been carried on fairly well—as far as they went. [Laughter.] The council adopted the principle of paying as we go. I am not, however, in favor of paying for the reclamation of Ashbridge's Bay out of next year's taxes. It should be paid for by debentures. The people yet unborn will be benefited by the reclamation, and it is only fair that they should bear a share of the cost." Referring to the Court House he said that "as long as the work was being carried on in the present efficient way he was in favor of Architect Lennox finishing the work." [Applause.]

His Worship Favors Day Labor.

The Mayor: "The men are taking special delight in their work and are trying to show that they can do it without a contractor standing over them. [Applause.] And I have no doubt Mr. Lennox will be able to show that the work can be done cheaper by day labor than under contract." His Worship then left the hall and the chair was taken by Ald. Carlyle.

A Hard Row for Ald. Jolliffe.

Ald. Jolliffe had to encounter much opposition. "I am not ashamed of any vote I have given. I have always tried to keep down expenses to a point compatible with the interests of the city.

"I voted against single tax simply because I believed that it was not right that taxation should be taken off buildings and placed on land."

Much interruption followed, and a stalwart policeman found it necessary to advance well into the hall before order was restored.

He favored the Court House being finished by day labor, provided it could be done just as cheaply as under contract and that the architect gave sufficient security.

Mr. Harry Benson, President of the Builders' Laborers' Union, was the cause of some interruption by the persistency with which he queried Ald. Jolliffe. He wanted to know if that worthy alderman believed that property-owners were the only ones who should vote on money bylaws.

Ald. Jolliffe: The people who own property have that property mortgaged as security for the city debt, and consequently it is they alone who should say as to how and to what extent that property should be mortgaged.

Ald. Verral said he was not in favor of putting the tax on land, and he believed that those who owned property should say how the tax should be levied. He favored completing the Court House by day labor.

Mr. F. C. Cribben, labor candidate for public school trustee, followed with a criticism of the policy of the present board.

Condemnation of Aldermen.

Mr. E. A. Titus moved and Mr. T. W. Banton seconded a resolution condemning the action of those alderman who voted against submitting to the people the questions, re taxation and municipal fuel yards.

Ald. Carlyle said he was surprised at sensible men advocating such a fake as municipal coal yards. [Sensation.] He charged that the single tax men had endeavored to hide the real issue, having coupled it with the question of removing the personalty tax, in order to lead those favoring the latter to vote for their scheme.

Mr. S. T. Wood said that as the bylaw was now going to the people the single tax people would oppose it. And the applause that followed seemed to indicate that he spoke the truth.

Mr. J. Boyle said they would never get good aldermen until they paid them. "Send brains to the City Hall," he added, amid much laughter, "and not bricks and mortar."

Mr. Titus' motion was carried unanimously.

Ald. Carlyle and Burns expressed themselves favorable to abolishing property qualification for aldermen, and Ald. Verral and Jolliffe as opposed.

It was 11.30 o'clock when the meeting broke up.

THE TRIALS OVER.

Close of the General Sessions—The Grand Jury's Presentment.

The Court of General Sessions finished its sitting yesterday afternoon, both the Boyd and Maybee cases being traversed to the March sessions in order to give the parties an opportunity of settling the points in dispute. The case of Mrs. Julia Alma, charged with larceny of a pair of opera glasses, has also been traversed, as is that of Clancy W. Riggs, in which he is charged with passing counterfeit bills.

Took the Case from the Jury.

William Mooney, when he entered the witness box yesterday afternoon as the complainant against Thomas Foster, presented, indeed, a ludicrous spectacle. His head was bandaged and the parts of his visage which were not covered with plaster looked as though they should have been. He and Foster had a difference in opinion. He called Foster a liar, Foster said he was another; Mooney invited him to fight and they fought; but it wasn't long before Mooney was sorry he spoke, as Foster seems to have used him up pretty badly. Mooney said that he would not have complained if Foster had "did him up fair," but that his opponent hit his fingers. This Foster denied, but stated that Mooney tried to gouge out his eyes with his fingers.

The judge took the case from the jury and discharged the prisoner, as by his own evidence the complainant proved that he started the "scrap" himself.

The Presentment.

The grand jury in making its presentment referred to the number of small larcenies with which they had to deal and agreed with the remarks of the judge when, in his opening address, he attributed this fact to the depressed state of trade in the country. They recommended that G. W. Roberts, "the cowboy evangelist," be dealt with severely on account of the revolting nature of his crime.

They had visited the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, the County Jail, Central Prison, Mercer Reformatory and General Hospital and complimented the managements of these institutions on the efficient way in which they discharged their duties.

Judge Macdougall congratulated the jury on reaching the end of their arduous labors, and pointed out how their work had been lightened during late years by the fact that prisoners for petty offences could be tried by the Police Magistrate forthwith if they desired it. He concluded by wishing them all a very Happy Christmas and the usual compliments of the coming new year.

The prisoners will receive their sentences Saturday morning.

The Road Through Wonderland.

A Western Ticket Agent who recently made a trip on one of the New York Central fast trains from New York to Buffalo, taking his first daylight ride over "America's Greatest Railroad," wrote one of the company's officials as follows:

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Yours very truly,

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To Aid the Distressed.

Under the auspices of Northern Star Council No. 281, R.T. of T., a concert was last night given in aid of distressed members. The audience was large and the amount realized was considerable. Those who took part were: Harry Rich and Tommy Baker, humorists; H. Fielding and J. S. Johnson, elocutionists; Miss Maudie Alexander and the Misses Marks, vocalists, and Miss Jenkins, accompanist.

$10 Excursion to Washington, D.C., on Dec. 27th, via the Picturesque Erie Railway.

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THE CITY'S HEALTH.

Dr. Allen Says It is Better Than Ever Before.

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health Ald. Burns asked Medical Health Officer Allen for his opinion regarding the general health of the city.

"The city," replied the doctor, "is much healthier than last year. In fact, Toronto is healthier than ever.

"Diphtheria is very much below last year, and comparatively speaking lower than for years. Not only are cases now reported with more regularity, but physicians, in order to protect the public health, sometimes report as diphtheria cases that are not really such, but about which there is some doubt.

"Compared with cities I have recently visited in the United States, Toronto is much healthier. We have fewer cases of typhoid than for years past. And if you had those privy pits removed I think we could look cholera in the face without fear.

"These privy pits are our weak spot. The fact that we have so few cases of typhoid is evidence that the water supply is fairly good."

Beams of self-satisfaction overspread the countenances of the members while Dr. Allen was speaking.

Officers Installed.

At the installation of officers of Occident Lodge, A.F. & A.M., V.W. Bro. George Tait, assisted by the past masters of Occident Lodge, conducted the ceremony. The following officers were installed: W.M., J. C. Jardine; I.P.M., J. L. Bird; S.W., E. M. C. Denovan; J.W., F. Prim; Treasurer, J. R. Dunn; Chaplain, W. Huxley; Secretary, T. W. Barber; Assistant secretary, W. E. Smith; S.D., W. J. H. Rich; J.D., Dr. Riordan; D. of C., W. Bell; Organist, T. Price; J.S., J. Lillie; J.S., J.J. Toms; I.G., T. Barber; Tyler, E. J. Firman; Auditors, W. Bro. H. A. E. Kent, W. Bro. J. S. Williams, W. Bro. Alf. Curran; Trustees, W. Bro. Dr. S. B. Pollard, W. Bro. J. S. Williams.

To Legislate Against Impure Ice.

The Medical Health Officer is anxious to have a provision made in the Public Health Act whereby a penalty may be imposed upon those infringing the regulations against cutting sewage-polluted ice. With this object in view he yesterday wrote to the City Solicitor asking him to point out this requirement in his report to the City Council. The present defect in the act is that while the Local Board of Health have passed stringent regulations against the cutting of such ice, the act provides no penalty for their infraction.

A Romance of the Isle of Man.

In dedicating his celebrated novel "The Deemster" to Wilson Barrett the author, Mr. Hall Caine, writes as follows: "Permit me to place your name at the head of my book; for I know full well that whenever this story of great love and great suffering may be put upon the stage by you it will acquire authority, dignity, strength of feeling and tenderness of sentiment from a master of dramatic passion." John P. McKenna, 80 Yonge-street, near corner King, publisher and bookseller, has just received from New York a cheap edition of "The Deemster." All those who purpose attending Wilson Barrett's interpretation of the story should procure a copy and read it beforehand.

The "Christy" Knife.

This is one of the most useful household articles. No house should be without one. A good housewife will thoroughly appreciate a set. Just the thing for an Xmas present for your wife. 30 Wellington-street east.

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Sproule's Great Sale.

Great crowds are attending Sproule's great sale of art goods and are obtaining great bargains. The sale will be continued this afternoon at 2.30, when a very choice assortment of goods suitable for the holiday trade will be offered.

TO STOP THE PROGRESS of Consumption, you will find but one *guaranteed* remedy—Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In advanced cases, it brings comfort and relief; if you haven't delayed too long, it will certainly cure. It doesn't claim too much. It won't make new lungs—nothing can; but it will make diseased ones sound and healthy, when everything else has failed.

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