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The Ditch Business

Creates Confusion in French Political Circles.

A Wife Dies on Account of a Clairvoyant's Prediction.

Seven Villages on the Solomon Islands Shelled by British Ships.

Loss of a French Vessel With Her Entire Crew.

Engr's President Has a Would-Be Assassin Executed Without Trial—A Panzer Falls Heir to \$1,000,000.

All the Crew Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—L'Esperance, a French vessel, has been wrecked on the island of Guernsey. All of her crew were drowned. Twenty-seven naphtha barges burned. Twenty-seven naphtha barges were burned here yesterday.

Shelled by British Ships. News has reached Honolulu of the shelling of seven villages on the Solomon Islands by the British warship Rapid for the killing of white traders.

Germany's Army Bill. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Post's Berlin correspondent says that the majority of the Army Bill Committee are pledged to oppose an increase of the peace footing.

Mrs. Maybrick Out of Danger. LONDON, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Maybrick is reported to be well out of danger, and the Government has, consequently, withdrawn the permit for her mother, Baroness de Roges, to visit her.

From Pauper to Millionaire. LONDON, Dec. 15.—A pauper named Sheridan, an inmate of the Lambeth workhouse, has come into a fortune of \$1,500,000 by the death of an aunt, Mrs. Blake. Sheridan has two sons, both of whom emigrated to America a number of years ago.

Held by Pirates. MADRID, Dec. 15.—The Moorish pirates who recently captured the Spanish schooner led and carried her crew into the mountains near Cape Juby refuse to surrender the prisoners until ransom money to the amount of \$15,000 shall have been paid. They threaten that if any attempt be made to release the prisoners by force they will kill them.

The Prince and the Pug. LONDON, Dec. 15.—Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria has had an anxious time. His pet dog, an animal much disliked by his courtiers, has been seriously ill, owing, it is supposed, to poisoning. The dog is now progressing toward recovery, and the Prince feels that life is worth living again.

The dog, a pug, was presented to the Prince by Queen Victoria, and his Royal Highness has taught the animal a number of tricks. It grows for Russia, cheers for the Queen of England, and when told "to die for Bulgaria," falls and remains with eyes closed and without moving a muscle until bidden "to jump with his Prince," which the dog invariably does at the end of his performance.

Had the Madman Shot. KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 15.—A report was circulated here a few days ago by the constable for Hayti that an attempt had been made to assassinate President Hippolyte, and that the two men who made the attempt were shot. In now appears that Hippolyte's life was not endangered at all. The would-be assassin never got near the President. The man was a woman, who, for some days, had been going about Port-au-Prince saying that he was possessed of magic and must kill the President in order to get rid of him. On the morning in question he succeeded in gaining an entrance into the palace, but was promptly arrested. He was shot forthwith by order of the President without trial.

The Bag-Sewer's Fate. LONDON, Dec. 15.—As briefly mentioned yesterday the body of Patrick Macduffy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was found in the hold of the Anchor Line steamship Bolivia, at Glasgow, from New York, embedded among the grain. This shows that the mother and friends of Macduffy were correct in their belief that he had been smothered when the steamship was being loaded, and that his body was among the grain. Patrick Macduffy was only 22 years old, and was given the job of bag-sewer on the Bolivia. It was his duty while the vessel was discharging her cargo, to go down the hatchways and sweep up all the torn bags before they were hauled out. This was what he was doing when missed. His work took him down the first and second hatches. The import cargo from the third hatch had been taken out and a lighter alongside several tons a minute. The officers of the ship were of the opinion that Macduffy had been smothered, and in spite of the suspicion of the steamer was permitted to go on without interruption. Mrs. Macduffy went to the steamer distracted with grief and appealed to the officers not to go to sea with the body of her son on board. They insisted in their opinion that the body was probably not on board, and refused to undertake the task, which would have occupied two or three days, of removing the grain to get where the body was supposed to be located.

The Canal Scandal. PARIS, Dec. 15.—The evidence given yesterday before the Panama investigating committee by M. Thierce, of the firm of Thierce & Co., which exchanged with the Reich 26 of their own checks for one drawn by the Panama Canal Company on the Bank of France for the sum of \$300,000, leads La Libre Parole to state today that the checks of the company were not the checks of the company, but were those of M. Rouvier, Emanuel Arène and John Ruchon. M. Thierce stated the whole charge of bribery may have been innocent.

Paris, Dec. 15.—To the Chamber to-day

M. Bourgeois, for the Government, said that the Ministry was determined to bring matters to a settlement, and he stated briefly the reasons of the Government for opposing the Boissier Bill, which proposes to give the Panama Investigating Commission judicial powers. The question was put to a vote amid confusion, and the decision in favor of proceeding with the discussion of the bill in accordance with the Government's desire was carried by 424 to 122. Immediately after the vote it was reported that in consequence of this reverse M. Brisson would retire from the presidency of the committee.

A long discussion of the bill followed, the vote at the end being 271 to 263 against the Boissier proposals. It is regarded as tantamount to an expression of confidence in the Government. Immediately after the vote the Chamber adjourned.

Sensational Suicide. NICE, Dec. 15.—A most sensational suicide has just been made known to the police of this city. It appears that Mme. Mairague, wife of a well-known Parisian jeweler, married scarcely a year, who has been living here for some time, about two weeks ago consulted a fortune-teller on the subject of the sex of the baby she was about to present to her husband. The fortune-teller told the woman, who was nervous and easily susceptible, that she would die in the event.

The young woman thereupon grew frantic with grief and anxiety, and at once telegraphed to her husband to attend her. M. Mairague came on from Paris, and tried in vain to persuade his wife that the prophecy of the clairvoyant was not worth considering, but the poor woman continued in her lamentations, and said she was sure of death, and the only thing that made her grieve was that she believed her husband, when a widower, would remarry, and probably unite himself to the woman she hated most. The husband, to quiet his wife, said:

"If God ordained it so that you should lose your life I will die with you."

He then made his will, and the two prepared everything for taking leave of this world. On Saturday night Madame was taken with pains, and in spite of best medical assistance died early on Sunday morning, a few hours before the husband arrived from Paris. The servants were afraid to tell him the sad news, and when he found his wife dead he was so overcome with grief and the consciousness of having made a vow to die with her so prayed upon his mind that he drew his revolver, and, after depositing the will in an envelope, shot himself through the heart.

The police are now endeavoring to find out which fortune-teller made the statements to the woman that led to death and suicide, for the doctors agree that it was the anxiety and the horror of death that resulted in the wife's demise. However, as there are hundreds of clairvoyants in this city and neighborhood, it will be extremely difficult to find out the guilty one.

Called Back. PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Figaro says that the recall of M. Waddington, French Ambassador to the Court of St. James, has been decided upon.

No Wedding. VIENNA, Dec. 16.—It is officially denied that a marriage has taken place between Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the Princess Helene Louise Henriette, daughter of the Count of Paris.

Destitution in Samoa. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 16.—For the next three months no official salaries will be paid in Samoa except those of the chief justice and the president of the council. Even the King is not exempt. The prevailing destitution is the cause of this action. Public bankruptcy impends, and appeals for assistance will be made soon.

"An H-Wind," etc. LONDON, Dec. 16.—A Vienna special says it is expected that the scandalous developments regarding the Panama Canal enterprise will lead to a rapprochement between Russia and Germany owing to the fact that the fall of M. Rouvier, the French Minister of Finance, will prevent the Russian Government from obtaining loans from France.

A Flat Failure. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Times, referring to the monetary conference, says: "The American delegates must have been largely responsible for the ignominious failure of the conference. America called the meeting as it prepared with a practical scheme, and then offered only vague platitudes. The exuberant rhetoric of Senator Jones would have been more to the purpose if the Americans themselves had not grown tired of protecting silver."

Father McGlynn in Favor. ROME, Dec. 16.—The statement by Archbishop Corrigan, published in New York papers in September in regard to a settlement of the differences between the Church and Rev. Father McGlynn, has received full confirmation at the Vatican. The news of the reconciliation has produced the happiest impression at the Vatican, where Father McGlynn had always been a favorite prior to his differences with his religious superiors.

Plot to Kill a President. PANAMA, Dec. 16.—Advices from Salvador state that a plot to kill President Ezeta was discovered a few days ago. The plot was formed by Salvador exiles in Guatemala. The President was invited to a banquet at Salvador, at which an Italian, hired to assassinate him, had been engaged to serve as waiter. After all the guests at the banquet and taken their places at the tables a body of police entered and arrested the Italian. The prisoner confessed that he was a member of the Guatemala Association, and that he had been hired for \$5,000 to kill the President. He gave the names of many persons in Salvador and Guatemala, who were in the plot. Many arrests have been made in Salvador, and the extradition of several Salvador exiles has been requested by the Guatemalan Government.

Two Children Cremated. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—Two children of Mrs. John Eames, were cremated in a fire last night.

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Late Canadian News

Thirty-Nine Railway Clerks Get Notice to Quit.

Amalgamation of a Nova Scotian With a Boston Benefit Society—Fatal Dynamite Explosion.

The \$4,000,000 of Montreal loan has been fully subscribed for in London.

Chief Justice Strong was sworn into office by the Governor-in-Council Thursday.

The Mutual Relief Society of Yarmouth, N. S., has been amalgamated with the Massachusetts Benefit Association, of Boston.

Archbishop Begin, coadjutor of Cardinal Taschereau, has started for Rome, via New York. It is said his mission relates to the Manitoba schools.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Inland Fishermen's Association was held in Montreal on Thursday. There were 40 members in attendance, chiefly from Georgian Bay ports.

The Ottawa Free Press suggests editorially that the C. P. R. should be made to pay interest on that portion of the Dominion debt which was contracted in building and equipping their railway.

The Belleville girl, May Rockey, who was supposed to have been kidnapped some weeks ago is in Montreal, Ind., with her mother, who is married to a reputable business man there named Ehrenhardt.

Arthur Wallace, of Carleton, who had his horse and buggy stolen from the churchyard at Komoka Monday evening, has recovered the entire outfit in a farmyard near Stratford. The thief is still at large.

Thirty-nine extra clerks in the Railways Department of the Dominion Government have received notice that their services are not required. It is understood the notice in most cases is merely formal in order to weed out a few of the employees.

A terrible accident happened Thursday morning at Malaga mines, Queen's county, N. S., by which Joe Francis was blown to atoms and two others were severely injured. Francis went to draw a dynamite cartridge, when it unexpectedly exploded.

OPENED A VEIN OF SILVER.

A monstrous stone that fell from the sky in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 16.—The largest and most remarkable aerolite ever seen in Mexico has been brought to this city from the State of Chihuahua. The stone or metal weighs 49,000 pounds, and is owned by Miguel Asencio. The aerolite fell about four months ago.

It struck a cliff in its descent, and in its course down the mountain side plowed a deep furrow in the earth and rock, revealing a rich vein of silver at one point in its wake. The claim was immediately taken by a practical mining man, and is being worked with great profit. The cost of transporting the aerolite to this city was \$900. It has awakened great interest in scientific circles throughout the Republic.

BURNED OUT.

A Big Cracker Factory Burned—200 Lives in Jeopardy.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—At 8 o'clock this evening fire broke out in the basement of the large building of the Higgins' cracker and Candy Company, and an hour later the entire plant was ruined. The loss will approximate \$150,000. This is the third time within five years the factory has been destroyed by fire. On the third floor of building were 75 girls, and scattered through the different portions of the building were 125 men. When the fire suddenly broke out there was a panic among those employed, and a general stampede for the stairways and the fire escapes, in which several of the girls were badly bruised. Nearly all of those were known to be in the building have been accounted for, and although a few have not been found it is not believed that anybody perished in the flames.

Die's furniture factory, located in Alexandria, Va., was burned Thursday evening. Loss, \$110,000; insurance, \$35,000. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The interior of the Thompson and Houston electric light station was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss heavy.

IN QUEBEC.

Tailien Takes the Premiership—Bain's Election to be Contested.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The Hon. L. O. Tailien, M.P., has accepted the office of Prime Minister of Quebec Province, with the portfolio of President of the Executive Council. It is considered probable that all the members of the De Boucherville Cabinet, with the exception of the late Premier, will retain their portfolios in the Tailien Administration.

The election of Mr. Bain (Con.) for Soulanges is to be contested in the courts.

Played With Matches. UTRICA, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Ida Vogel, 8 years old, while playing with matches in this city yesterday set her clothing on fire, and was so badly burned that she died in a short time. The parents were at work away from home.

Registration of Immigration. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The World to-day prints the result of its efforts to ascertain from the Governor of the United States the Union their views regarding the question of immigration. From the east, west, north and south restriction of immigration is urged, but opinions differ as to the methods to be employed. All the Governors heard from oppose absolute prohibition except for warding off disease.

Must Wear Trousers. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 5.—One of the things most noticeable to a stranger in Mexico is the scant and peculiar garb worn by the lower classes of men. Their dress consists of a pair of white drawers and a loose-fitting blouse. The present National Congress is agitating seriously the question of enacting a law prohibiting the wearing of the drawers and compelling the Mexicans and Indians to wear trousers. Several of the larger cities of Mexico have a municipal law prohibiting the wearing of drawers, but the lower classes protested so vigorously against its enforcement that the old custom still prevails. This white cotton garb is very cheap and comfortable, and if the proposed national measure is passed by Congress much trouble will be spared in putting it into effect.

"ON THE EVE OF AN ELECTION."

D'Alton McCarthy's Confession to an Anti-Home Rule Audience.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—D'Alton McCarthy, M.P., presided to-night at the meeting in the auditorium where Mr. T. W. Russell, an English M.P., gave an address on "Home Rule." In introducing Mr. Russell D'Alton McCarthy remarked that he had had the humiliation of voting for home rule in the Dominion Commons in order to sustain his party and that the vote was carried in 1882 and in 1886. But he would ask them to remember in palliation of the fact that on both occasions it was on the eve of an election. Mr. Russell spoke over an hour in strong opposition to the home rule policy of Mr. Gladstone.

A REMARKABLE REVIVAL.

Even the Saloon-keepers Shut Up Shop to Go to Church.

OMAHA, Dec. 16.—A remarkable religious movement is in progress here. Yesterday at 9 o'clock a religious mass meeting, in which nearly 10,000 persons took part, convened at Exposition Hall. It was composed largely of business men and their employees.

Stores were closed, doors of saloons were nailed up, and even freight trains were temporarily abandoned in the heat of the religious enthusiasm. It is the result of a non-denominational movement conducted by Evangelist Fay Mills under the auspices of all the Protestant churches in Omaha.

Mr. Mills came here two weeks ago. His manner was unostentatious and his words of the simplest. Daily his influence has spread.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning it seemed like Sunday. It is in the midst of the holiday trade, but merchants closed their doors and turned the keys in the locks, marshaled their clerks, and went out with them to Exposition Hall to listen to the religious revivalists. Lawyers left their offices and bankers their desks to be present.

Even saloon-keepers caught the infection, and many of them closed their doors tighter than they do even when the law says they must and took their way to church. This morning every drygoods store and great department store was closed until noon. The banks, too, closed their doors.

The shoe stores and the drug stores and every other kind of stores pulled down their curtains and did no business, and the railroad offices shut up.

Leading three ministers started out to make a tour of the saloons. They went with no hope of success. They went expecting insults and sneers. Their request was listened to, however, with respect, and many saloonists promised not only to close their doors, but also to attend the meeting. One saloon showed a card saying "Closed to go to church."

At 8 o'clock in 200 homes in all parts of Omaha were held neighborhood prayers. The Christians of the neighborhood gathered to pray for a blessing upon the services of the day. The schools were closed.

At 9:30 o'clock the lower floor was filled to repletion, but still they continued to come. Before the services began there was not an inch of space up stairs or down. Even the prisoners in the city jail were taken to the meeting. Some of them were shackled, as they were known to be desperate men.

The text taken by Mr. Mills for his sermon was, "He that covers his sins shall not prosper." More than 1,000 persons requested special prayers.

ON THE VERGE OF THE UNKNOWN.

An Experiment That Makes Us Ask "What's Coming?"

(From the London Spectator.) Mr. W. H. Preece, chief engineer and electrician to the postoffice, has put up a wire a mile long on the coast near Lavernock, and a shorter wire on Flathead, a little island three miles off in the Bristol Channel. He fitted the latter wire with a "battery" to receive messages, and sent a message through the former from a powerful telephonic generator. That message on the mainland was distinctly heard on the island, though nothing connected the two, or, in other words, the possibility of a telephone between places unconnected by wire was conclusively established. There is a possibility here of inter-planetary communication, a good deal more worthy attention than any scheme for making gigantic electric flashes. We do not know if we can communicate by telephone through the ether in New York or Melbourne, but we do know that, if we cannot, the fault is in our generators and sounders, and not in the prohibitory natural law.

Will our habitual readers bear with us for a moment as we wander into another, and as many of them will think, a supernatural region? The thought in a man's brain which causes him to advance his foot must move something in doing it, or how could it be transmitted down that five or six feet of distance? If it moves a physical something, internal to the body, why should it not move also something external, a wave, as we all agree to call it, which on another mind prepared to receive it—fitted with a sounder, in fact—will make an impact having all the effect in the conveyance of suggestion, or even of facts, of the audibility of words? Why, in fact, should we talk to another without connection, save through ether, should not mind talk to mind without any "wire" at all? None of us understand accurately, or even as yet approximately, what the conditions are; but many of us know for certain that they have occasionally, and by what we call accident, been present to particular individuals, and that, when present, the communication is completed without cables, the mind speaks to mind independently of any machinery not existing within itself.

Why, in the name of science, is that more of a "miracle," that is, a thing prohibited by immutable law, than the transmission of Mr. Preece's message from Lavernock to Flathead?

Mr. Blaine's Condition.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13.—Mr. Jas. G. Blaine said to-day that his father was resting comfortably, and that there was any change it was for the better. His father was a sick man, and while he kept his bed his friends were naturally anxious, but there was no cause for alarm.

CURLING.

THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Grand National Curling Association met to-night, and after the transaction of minor matters it was decided to play the Gordon international match at Albany city rink between Feb. 5 and 15. Edwin L. Thomas was elected vice-president of the association, vice James Kelly resigned.

THE LAST OF SLAVIN.

Execution of the Cornwall Murderer This Morning.

Radcliffe, the Hangman, Makes an Exhibition of Himself.

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 16.—James Slavin, alias McMahon, was executed here this morning at 7:45 for the murder of Capt. J. R. Davey. The execution was witnessed only by the press, medical profession and a few private citizens, about 50 persons in all. The doomed man's father paid him his last visit Wednesday. The unfortunate son bore up wonderfully well during the conversation, maintaining the same marked indifference that he has shown since his incarceration. The conversation between the two was very brief and when the broken-hearted parent was being taken away the son said, "Good-bye, my poor old father."

Slavin sent for several of his old friends to bid them a last good-bye. During his conversation with one he very frequently referred to the shooting of Davey, saying: "I am sorry I shot poor Jack, but had I shot Lefavre and Lefavre, I would have died with a good heart. However, I was worked up to such a pitch that had it been my best friend that tried to effect my arrest the consequence would have been the same. Slavin talked very freely during the night with the guards, and carried on in a loud manner. He arose about 5:30, and partook of a light breakfast. At 7:35, Hangman Radcliffe, who, by the way, made a public exhibition of himself on the day of his arrival by pronouncing the streets, as one of the most respectable citizens remarked, "with a chip on his shoulder, looking for some one to knock it off," entered the cell. At the hotel where Radcliffe put up it required the services of police to keep the sidewalk clear for pedestrians while the object of curiosity was inside pulling away on a cheap chair. He remarked that should he build a wife and place himself in it the revenue derived therefrom would amount to more than the money he was to receive for sending Slavin into eternity. Radcliffe claims he had been lately appointed public executioner for the Dominion. If his statement is correct the appointment does not reflect much credit upon those placing him in the position.

Radcliffe made no resistance, as was at first expected. His hands were pinioned at 7:40, and the march to the scaffold was begun at 7:42. Slavin was very weak. When the noose was placed over his head he said: "Well, good-bye, gentlemen."

The signal was given and the unfortunate man's body bounded from the earth at exactly 7:45. Death was instantaneous. The body was cut down about ten minutes after and interred in the court house yard in a rough box. Slavin maintained his wonderful nerve to the last, and refused admission to any spiritual advisers.

AFTERNOON TELEGRAMS

A compromise in the German Army Bill is talked of.

Senator Gibson, of Arkansas, is dead. He was a Democrat.

Jas. G. Blaine grows weaker. His disease will soon result fatally.

The result of a police census shows that Philadelphia has a population of 114,653.

Walter Gurnea, a Chicago postoffice clerk, has been arrested for robbing the mails. His stealings will aggregate a large amount.

Rev. Alexander Menan, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted the professorship of practical theology in Hartford (Conn.) Seminary.

Charles Balmer, one of the most prolific and best known composers in America, died Thursday at his home in St. Louis, Mo., where he had resided since 1838.

Mr. Jennie Eadins and her children, aged 7 and 5 years, were burned to death Wednesday night at St. Paul, Minn. Their house caught fire and they were unable to escape.

Hebrew circles in Williamsburg, N. Y., are greatly agitated over the action of the congregation of Beth Jacob, in expelling their rabbi, Rev. Heyman Rosenberg, for eating ham.

Next week there will be electrocuted at Sing Sing, N. Y., Peter Schultz, a 16-year-old boy who killed a lady on Long Island, and Frederick Maguire, who killed a Mrs. Gregory at New York.

It is believed that among the crimes for which Frank Bruce, the thief under arrest at Milwaukee, will be compelled to answer will be the daring diamond robbery which was perpetrated on the Sioux City and Pacific Express near California Junction some time ago. G. W. Pollack, a New York salesman, was shot, wounded and robbed of \$15,000 worth of diamonds in the presence of a dozen passengers. Bruce answers perfectly the description of the robber.

Excitement in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The only topic of conversation in political and social circles is the Panama scandal. The arrest to-day of several persons charged with being implicated in the affair has caused the greatest excitement.

Scene at an Execution.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Eugene Crampon, the murderer of two men, to-day paid the penalty of his crimes, and the cannibal that gathered to see his execution greatly enjoyed the spectacle afforded by the miserable cowardly wretch as he was literally carried to the guillotine. When Crampon saw the guillotine, with a terrible shriek he threw himself backward and fell to the ground. All efforts to induce him to rise were fruitless, and he groveled on the flagstones begging piteously for his life. While some of the assistants supported him, others quickly bound and threw him against the bascule. Even then he did not cease his struggles. His contortions were terrible. The bascule was dropped into place and the assistants shoved it forward until Crampon's neck rested in the lunette. The blade fell and Crampon's head dropped into the basket. The execution was the most horrible one that has been witnessed in Paris in many years. The crowd, highly pleased with the entertainment the State had afforded them, dispersed laughing and joking with each other.

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To the Editor of the ADVERTISER: One of the objections urged against submitting the question of closing all places licensed to sell intoxicating liquors at 7 p.m. is the expense. In reply to this permit me to say that those who have the matter in hand propose to pay all the expense incurred in taking the vote, and the city will not be asked to contribute one cent towards it. On a previous occasion when the vote for a reduction of licenses was taken the temperance people paid every dollar of expense including the printing of the ballots, preparation of bylaw by the city solicitor, etc. Contrast this with the action of the liquor-sellers, in twice putting the city to heavy expense in defending the vote of the council when they (the liquor-sellers) had not the shadow of a chance of gaining their point, the action of the temperance people and the City Council on both occasions being unsalvageable from a moral or legal standpoint.

TEMPERANCE WORKER.

London, Dec. 15.

Mr. Ellis to Mr. McClary.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER: Kindly allow me space for a word or two in reply to Mr. McClary in as concise a manner as possible, and I have done with this matter. Mr. McClary says he does not know me. Now, sir, I have done some business with him personally, and we have been on speaking terms for the last 25 years. However, if he claims a more intimate acquaintance with a Sam Jones, I have no quarrel with either on that score. Abuse is not argument. While Mr. McClary uses some of the former, it would require the use of a high power microscope to discover a grain of the latter. I deny that I am endeavoring to create a prejudice against a stockholder (Mr. Garth Jones), a candidate for the mayoralty, or the present moment I am undecided as to whom I shall even vote for. Mr. McClary then gives some rambling, disconnected remarks about limitation of taxes. I raised no question as to limit of taxation (although I might very properly have done so); it was a question of free taxation, pure and unadulterated free, as advertised application to the Legislature would be made to exempt the property of the McClary Manufacturing Company from taxation. He also says it might be interesting to know how much I pay into the city treasury, etc. Well, Mr. Editor, 100 per cent. more than the McClary Manufacturing Company, in proportion to capital invested in both real estate and stock. A still further explanation will be necessary to throw some light upon my application of the matter to the Legislature for such a purpose as that advertised. Yours truly,

London, Dec. 16. WILLIAM ELLIS.

Why He Did Not Retire.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER: My attention has been called to a scurrilous article which appeared in the Monday's issue of the Free Press. You may or may not have been then favored with a copy; but no matter. It is simply a childish attempt to ridicule the foreman of the late grand jury. About the only grain of truth it contains is that 17 out of 22 of your late grand jury could not ride on the city to the hotel and back without stopping at Res' Hotel on each trip for a general smoke and drink, and because I did not lead them to the bar with "Now, boys, what will you have?" hence the article referred to. It is a fact that only five of us remained in the "bar" out of the entire crowd. Is it not deplorable that three-fourths of a grand jury should unite to vilify their foreman just because he does not feel disposed to stand treat at every corner they may desire to stop at? Mr. Editor, I am proud to say that I am an uncompromising temperance man; I neither smoke nor drink, and let no grand jury ever again elect me as foreman, expecting what they certainly will not get, namely, whisky or cigars. I will ventilate that present question in another article. Yours truly,

A. C. ATTWOOD,

Foreman of late Grand Jury.

CIVIC OWNERSHIP.

[Montreal Witness.]

Every argument which sustains civic ownership of the water-works seems to apply to the same ownership of the lighting and street-car services. Birmingham, Glasgow, and other English cities have gone on this plan, to the immense advantage and profit of their citizens.

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