

WOULD PASS FORGED CHEQUE

Two Englishmen of the People's Loan Co. Office Arrested on Serious Charge.

HAMILTON SPURNS CHEAP FICTION

According to Librarian's Report—Board Won't Accept of a Reduced Grant.

Hamilton, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The police made sensational arrests this afternoon about 4:30 when they took Alfred Crossley and H. F. Baker in on charges of forgery. The prisoners are both Englishmen. Crossley is about 31 years of age, and Baker is ten years his junior. Crossley was the agent of the People's Loan and Deposit Company, Toronto. The concern opened a branch here about four months ago in Treble's Hall, North Street. Baker was employed as a bookkeeper, and the firm says it knows nothing about him. It is alleged that the two men went to the local branch of the People's Loan and Deposit Company on Monday afternoon and tried to cash a cheque for \$300, drawn on the Dominion Bank, and bearing the signature of the People's Loan and Deposit Company. The bank refused to honor the cheque, and it is charged that the pair then tried to pass it off on the bank of Hamilton. The arrests were made by Inspector McNamee and P.C. Oakes.

Their Annual Meeting. The Public Library Board and the City Council have got into a tangle, just the same as last year, over the board's appropriation. At their meeting this afternoon the members of the board brought down their estimates. By last year they asked a grant of \$14,500 from the city, and they are planning this year to apply \$25,000 to their overheads. Mayor Morrison appeared before them this afternoon and asked them to let the city have the running expenses of the library, \$14,500, and he said that the board, unless the board and all other independent boards consented to cut, it might be necessary to raise the rate of taxation. The board refused to agree to any cut, and will insist on its \$25,000. The city council, on the other hand, is now only \$20,000. The annual report of Librarian Kendrick showed that during the past year the board's overheads had cost \$10,102, and is now only \$20,000. The report also showed that while not so many books were taken out last year as the year previous, the public use of the library was improving, for they were demanding a higher class of literature and were leaving fiction alone. The six day assistants applied for an increase of pay.

Firemen Had a Fall. While responding this afternoon to a false alarm from Eighth-street, the head of the Victoria fire company, John P. Smith, and Cole were both severely injured.

Since Sunday last James-street Baptists have raised \$250 to help pay out the debt on the church. Their diamond jubilee services, which opened Sunday, were closed this evening when Rev. Dr. Perry, pastor of the church, preached at the Baptist Church, Toronto, delivered an address.

Miss Margaret Taylor, a West-End milliner, and Walter Pomphrey, a shopkeeper at the Hamilton Branch, were quietly married last evening at St. Patrick's by Rev. Father Carty.

Cleaning Up Stations. The Police Commissioners, Chief Smith and the members of the Police, Markets and Jail Committee, held a meeting at the Police Station this afternoon to get an idea of what was needed in the way of repairs. They found that the police stations, and the largest amount will be spent on No. 3 on King William-street, which will be painted inside and outside.

FIRE. Omease, Jan. 28.—The Omease High School building was burned to the ground this morning. The alarm was given at half-past eleven, and the school was closed. The fire started in the furnace, and as the building was of wood, it burned very quickly. The loss is about \$40,000, insurance \$24,000.

Station, Jan. 28.—About 7 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the building occupied by the Barnard Trading Company as a bakery and confectionery store. The secret hydrants were frozen. The loss on the contents will be total.

Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 28.—The Central Methodist Church of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, was burned by fire to-night. The fire was caused by the explosion of the boiler and a few minutes after the explosion the building was in flames. The loss will be about \$35,000, with insurance covering about \$10,000. The building was completed in 1903.

Crimes of Hottoway. Ottawa, Ontario. Toronto people are having difficulty in dealing on the pronunciation of "Hottoway." No wonder. That is, that is the name of the region, which was built up by Ottawa enterprise, until they swung the Ross government into building the provincial railway line from Hottoway, instead of Mattawa, in order to steal the trade away from the capital.

\$250,000 of Lumber Burned. North Tonawanda, N.Y., Jan. 27.—Half a square mile of glowing embers is all that remains of one of the largest lumber yards in North Tonawanda. Between twelve and fifteen million feet of lumber, valued at a quarter of a million dollars, were destroyed. The loss is fully insured.

Has Found the Trust. New York, Jan. 28.—After a two-weeks' inquiry by the health department of rumors that a trust had been formed to handle anti-toxin, Health Commissioner Darlington has come to the conclusion that there is such a combination.

The Toronto Orthopedic Hospital, the only institution in Canada devoted exclusively to the treatment of the lame, crippled and deformed, is appealing for funds. Since it was opened five years ago it has treated 120 cases, a large proportion of whom are little children.

Revises Dreyfus Trial. Paris, Jan. 28.—The President of the Court of Cassation has ordered the trial of Captain Dreyfus to be reopened for a revision of his trial.

Listed When He Was Old. Millersburg, Ohio, Jan. 28.—Calab Tharp, believed to have been the oldest soldier in the Civil War, is dead, aged 103 years. He was past 100 when he enlisted. His widow is 101 years old.

St. Lawrence Hall. Seats \$2.00 per day. Seats \$2.00 per day. Seats \$2.00 per day.

TO UNSECURED CREDITORS OF A. E. AMES & CO.

Toronto, Jan. 28th, 1904.

We beg respectfully to report as follows:

(1) Of the 846 accounts in excess of \$10, consents to the plan outlined in our circular letter of the 17th inst. have been received for 548 accounts, representing \$292,438.33. The question of the consent of the Atlas Loan Company, involving, as it does, the approval of the court, has not yet been finally taken up. Excluding that claim of \$83,255.06 from the total unsecured liabilities of \$322,901.89, leaves \$140,183.27, so that consents have been received for 63.1-2 per cent. of this sum.

(2) After full discussion with many creditors, we are satisfied that the plan proposed is the one method by which we could pay creditors in full, or in reasonable times. The only alternative is an assignment, under which the estate could realize but a few cents on the dollar, because of the sacrifices that would follow.

(3) We felt, in submitting the proposal, that many objections could be made to it. The plan is wholly unreasonable, unless creditors believe it would carry with it our bona fide, unceasing efforts to pay all creditors in full. If, however, confidence is felt in our sincerity, the plan proposed is undoubtedly the best one possible under the circumstances.

(4) Of the 298 accounts for which consents have not yet been received, absence and illness account for a number. Some creditors are simply postponing sending theirs in, but a considerable number are holding back, apparently with the idea that if, in such numbers as to make the creditors accept, special terms can be secured by the few who hold out.

(5) We must treat all unsecured creditors alike, and accordingly, will not use money belonging proportionately to all to pay any one in preference to others.

(6) It appears not to be generally realized how precarious the situation is, and that because of liability to suits, etc., the present position cannot be continued much longer.

(7) In view of the foregoing, unless, in the meantime, consents are received in such numbers as to make the plan can be carried through, a general assignment will be made on the 6th of February, or earlier if necessary. This would be the only course left open, as otherwise it would be impossible to prevent preference.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

To-day the Liberals at South Simcoe will meet at Cookstown to select a candidate. W. C. Henry of Thornton is president and G. T. Somers of Beeton is secretary of the association.

The annual convention of the South Wellington Liberal Association was held at Cookstown, N. B., on Wednesday last. The attendance was large and the meeting enthusiastic. Resolutions of confidence in the board were passed. Short addresses were given by Hugh Guthrie, M.P., Col. Mullin, N. Jeffrey and Dr. Perry. The officers elected for the year were: President, A. W. Tyson; first vice-president, Dr. Johnston; second vice-president, T. G. Richardson; Elora; secretary, G. L. Higgins; treasurer, W. Laidlaw; George Hastings. The Executive Committee will comprise the above officers, the officials of the township association and the town councilors.

LIBERALS OF MUSKOGEE. Bracebridge, Jan. 28.—The Liberal convention held here to-day was well attended, the section of delegates from Gravelly and vicinity did not reach here because they expected the convention to be called off on account of bad roads. About six delegates attended and some of the most remote parts of the riding were represented.

SMASHED COMBINE'S PRICE. Montreal, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Pennsylvania Steel Company, to secure a large contract for rails from the Canadian Pacific Railway, has smashed the combine price of \$25 a ton for rails in the United States. To secure the contract, which will be worth \$800,000, the Pennsylvania Company quoted a price of \$21.75 for the rails landed in Montreal. The United States Steel Company, which is at the head of the combine for \$28, quoted the same price as the Pennsylvania company. The latter showed that the rail of the latter company was of higher quality.

In These Days of "Sweet Fronts." These are the days of "sweet fronts," and a sure sign of prosperity and progressiveness in business circles is the use of "sweet fronts" in the name of the business. The Pennsylvania Steel Company, which is at the head of the combine for \$28, quoted the same price as the Pennsylvania company. The latter showed that the rail of the latter company was of higher quality.

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My Physicians Told Me I Must Die. This is a sentence from a letter of a man who was a constant sufferer from sternal distress. He was a man of 40, a clerk in a business office, and was a constant sufferer from sternal distress.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP BRIGHTENS AND CLEANS

Quite as good for cleaning household utensils as washing clothes.

SMALLFOX AT THE FALLS.

Three Places Under Quarantine and Patient is Doing Well.

Niagara Falls, Jan. 28.—Every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of smallpox in this city from the case contracted by Mrs. Julian Thornley and developed here yesterday morning. Dr. Hodgson of the Provincial Board of Health, Toronto, arrived here last evening and, with City Health Officer Dr. McQuinn, made a thorough investigation into the case and pronounced Mrs. Thornley's case one of mild type of smallpox.

After consultation with the local Board of Health, he quarantined the Thornleys residence, Mrs. Kink's private boarding house and the Hewson residence, the second place being where Mrs. Thornley and her husband boarded before taking up their abode in their own residence. The last place is where Mrs. Thornley was guest at the time she was vaccinated, and all other clothing fumigated.

Mayor Hannan, Medical Health Officer Dr. McQuinn, City Clerk John Robinson and Chairman of Board of Health A. E. Ames, Jr., held a conference this morning and decided to strictly maintain the quarantine on the three places. The Board of Health also decided to strictly maintain the quarantine on the three places. The Board of Health also decided to strictly maintain the quarantine on the three places.

THE MILLIENIUM. Atchison Globe. Karl Marx, the Socialist, says the Millennium will not come until governments have been reorganized. William Morris says society must be reorganized. Hundreds of other leaders tell what must be done before the Millennium will arrive.

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