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A Friendly Warning.

The prevalence of fires at Montreal, together with the suspicious circumstances attending them, is likely to cause the withdrawal of some of the best English companies. This will be a painful disgrace to the credit of the commercial capital of Canada; and its good name will suffer in consequence on both sides of the Atlantic. It is remarkable, under the circumstances, that the civic authorities do not bestir themselves to alter a state of things that statistics prove to be within their own control. [Th]e latest number of The Insurance and [Fi]nance Chronicle, published at Montreal, [gi]ves a table of figures showing the amount [pe]r head of the population expended in [lea]ding American cities for the purposes of [pre]vention of fire. Thus the amount at Cin[cinn]ati is $1, at San Francisco $1.14, at Buffalo [...], at Detroit $1, at Winnipeg $1.67, at [Mon]treal thirty-five cents. From another [tab]le we gather that the total amount of loss [sus]tained by the insurance companies of Mon[treal] up to the end of November last was [$1,]124,105; a truly appalling total. It is [cur]ious that the heaviest losses were sustained [in] the summer months of June, July and [Au]gust, when the number of fires kept going [in] the houses of the city must of course be at [the]ir minimum figure. The Chronicle says: "[T]he city of Montreal has the poorest and [wo]rst paid fire department of any city of its [po]pulation and wealth on this continent; and [i]t will remain as long as its control remains [in] the hands of a committee of the City [Co]uncil. Fire departments to be effective [an]d reliable must be untrammelled by politics [or f]avoritism." And the want at Montreal is [...] to be a competent, practical chief. In [sel]ecting such a chief no false economy should [be] used, a competent man in this capa[ci]ty being able to save a year's salary in the [m]anagement of a single ordinary fire. Favorit[is]m must indeed be rampant in our sister city, [i]f all the complaints made against the present [m]anagement of the fire brigade be true. Here [in] Toronto the brigade is under the control of [a] committee of the Council, and neither the [in]surance companies nor the public have any [...]g to complain of. It all depends, there[fore], on the character of the committee. [Me]antime, if there are any public-spirited [me]n in Montreal we would advise them [to] commence an organized crusade against the [exis]ting state of things, which in a material [poin]t of view is as ruinous as in the matter of [repu]tation it is scandalous and deplorable. [We] find all Toronto gravely excited over the [ques]tion whether Harry Piper, when an alder[man], did or did not accept free drinks from [Mr.] McIlroy, a tenderer for corporation sup[plies]. But Montreal appears to be asleep [whi]le a far more momentous scandal is openly [eat]ing at the very vitals of its commercial [pros]perity. We invite the authorities of [Mon]treal to come up and see how it is done [...]here, and to learn here the lesson that prevention is better than cure. It can be abundantly proved that an expenditure on fire purposes of 35 cents per head of the population is not half enough to prevent the recurrence of those calamities which have during the past year desolated Montreal. To the [insur]ance companies we would say, Stop your [...]e jealousies and unbusiness-like rivalries, [u]nite on a tariff that will impose upon the [prope]rty owners and merchants of Montreal [...] a rate of premium as will compel the [auth]orities to take steps for the due preserva[tion] of a magnificent city—admitted on all [hand]s to be more solidly built than any city [on] the continent, with unequalled opportu[nities] for water supply and unrivalled situa[tion] for its application of gravitation over [the] principal parts of the city.

Mr. George Laidlaw on Deck.

Mr. Laidlaw is out again with another letter on Commercial Union, which appeared in The Mail of Saturday. As before, he is strong on points which tell against the "fad." In the true spirit of National Policy, he holds that Sir John's Government was amply justified in asking the country to make the sacri[fic]es it has undertaken for the sake of build[ing] up a great Dominion, of continental [dim]ensions. Let us add this—that the single [fac]t of the discovery of *coal* between Mani[tob]a and the Rocky Mountains, is itself im[por]tant enough to go far towards justifying [the] building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. [...]ngs, is it not?—that there are people who [...] in belittling their own country and its [resourc]es, while magnifying the importance [and] great prospects of some other. Now, [had th]is railway been an American instead of [a Ca]nadian undertaking, and laid down on [t]he very same geographical line as it is now, [t]here would have been no end of praise for the [p]luck and enterprise of the wonderful, go-ahead people, who had pushed it through. But being a Canadian railway, and not an American one, it is of no account, and can never [be] a success. Such is the kind of distorted view which some people amongst us take, in every comparison between their own country and the United States.

Some people are eager for getting quit of the Mother Country's interference in our treaty affairs, and want the treaty-making power vested in Canada only. Well, to tell the truth, it is more the appearance than the reality of control over Canada in such matters which the Home Government exercises now as things are. But Mr. Laidlaw gives this true warning, that if [...] we were bound to Commercial [Union we shoul]d quickly discover that the [...]er, instead of being trans[ferred to] Ottawa, had simply been [...] Our foreign diplo[macy would b]e controlled, not by [...] millions to whom [...] wholly un[...] [...]an market [...] for

must get from Canada anyway, duty or no duty. Horses and poultry have been much talked of; and Mr. Wiman's tempting promise of $2.50 a pair for "broilers" will not soon be forgotten. But now it turns out that there is no duty on poultry at all at present, a thing which 'Ras ought to have known: and the experiment, only just recently tried, of sending turkeys to England, is turning out so successfully that already we may consider it a business established for every Christmas season to come. The case being altered alters the case, don't you see?

Mr. Laidlaw states forcibly two points which have been time and again brought out in the columns of The World. First, that Canada and the United States—the Northern States, at all events—are so much alike in productions that they are naturally more competitors than customers to each other. How, he asks, is the one going to enrich the other by trading between the two, when both are trading in the same ultimate market for the same products? And, next, that when talking about the big prices that our farmers might be getting, people have really in their minds the old times, when the Russian war first, and the American war afterwards, poured gold into Canada; instead of the changed times we have now. At present, he says, many parts of Russia and of the United States don't get for wheat the prices that Canadian farmers get for oats. But, as The World has time and again said, some people here are dreaming dreams about a past time which is gone, never to return, while they are strangely blind to the realities of the present.

"There is no fear," says Mr. Laidlaw, "of simple reciprocity in natural products affecting our loyalty to Canada or the Empire. But what about the generation of young people who would grow up under Commercial Union, taking their orders about the tariff and revenue from Washington?" which last point we recommend to the consideration of those who think that Canada has any right to be a country at all.

Mr. Chamberlain to Visit Toronto.

As was mentioned in our news columns on Saturday, Mr. Chamberlain has accepted an invitation to be present at the Toronto Board of Trade annual dinner, which takes place next Friday night. So we shall have the pleasure of seeing amongst us a man of whom we have lately been hearing a good deal; and he, for his part, may be sure of a hearty welcome in the Queen City. It was Mr. Chamberlain's thorough familiarity with matters commercial which marked him out as the man for President of the Government Board of Trade in the last Gladstone Administration; and both the Toronto Board's invitation and his acceptance of it are therefore peculiarly appropriate. In handling trade questions he ought to be the right man in the right place; and we have every confidence that his selection as British Commissioner on the present important occasion will be amply justified. We hope to see not only the city, but the Province of Ontario besides, well represented at the dinner on Friday night.

Banks Will be Closed To-day.

The Interpretation Act declares what days are to be holidays, but makes no reference to the case of the designated holiday falling on a Sunday, and as December 26 and January 2 have not been proclaimed holidays by the Dominion Government is would appear that their observance as such is largely within the discretion of the public. The case of the banks, however, is different, the act respecting bills of exchange and promissory notes expressly providing that when the holiday falls on a Sunday the day following is to be observed. The section dealing with the matter is as follows:

In all matters relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes, the following, and no other, shall be observed as legal holidays or non-judicial days, that is to say: *(a)* In all the provinces of Canada, except the Province of Quebec—Sundays; New Year's Day; Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Christmas Day; the birthday of the reigning Sovereign; the first day of July (Dominion Day); and if that day is a Sunday, then the second day of July as the same holiday: Any day appointed by proclamation for a public holiday, or for a general fast, or a general thanksgiving throughout Canada; and the day next following New Year's Day and Christmas Day, when those days respectively fall on Sunday; *(b)* and in the Province of Quebec the said days and also—The Epiphany; the Annunciation; the Ascension; Corpus Christi; St. Peter and St. Paul's Day; All Saints' Day; Conception Day.

The banks, therefore, will be closed to-day and next Monday following Christmas and New Year's Day.

Tenacious Kalakaua.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Advices received by the steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Sydney and Auckland via Honolulu to-day, report that King Kalakaua has vetoed two bills passed by the Hawaiian Legislature, one of which was to abolish the office of governor. The Legislature denies the right of the King to use veto power and claims that one of the specific pledges given by Kalakaua at the time of the revolution provided that he should not interfere with legislation.

The Big Raft Broken Up.

NEW LONDON, CON., Dec. 25.—The United States steamer Enterprise arrived here this afternoon after an unsuccessful search for the big lumber raft abandoned by the steamer Miranda on Nantucket Shoals. When the Enterprise was 135 miles southeast by south from the shoals she fell in with an immense number of logs from the raft, proving beyond doubt that the raft had broken up.

The Dog Pawed the Matches.

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning the fire brigade was summoned to extinguish a blaze in the hotel of Geo. Briggs, Queen and Bay-streets. The fire was discovered to be in the kitchen, and was subdued after about $100 worth of damage had been done. It originated by a dog which was placed in the kitchen to catch rats, but which got into a pantry and scratched into a box of matches.

St. James' to be Made a Real Cathedral.

It is thirty years since there has been a dollar spent on the interior of St. James' Cathedral. The managers and rector have held several meetings, and as a result they contemplate the expenditure of $40,000 in completely overhauling the inside. Just what changes will be made has not yet been decided, but The World was informed that it was the intention to make it a "real cathedral," externally and internally.

How Doth the Little Boozy Bee.

From The New Orleans Picayune.

A lady living in Rappahannock County, Virginia, had twelve stands of bees, which were very valuable until a distillery was started in the neighborhood. Since it was started, however, the bees pay frequent visits to the still, get very drunk and are of little profit.

Amusement Briefs.

Joe Murphy will be at the Grand all week in his Irish comedies. Matinee this afternoon.

Chas. A. Gardner in the "New Karl" commences his engagement at the Toronto theatre this afternoon. The Reading Times says: "'Karl, the Pedlar,' was presented by the popular dialect comedian, Mr. Chas. A. Gardner, and a strong cast, last evening. Mr. Gardner is a most felicitous actor, a clever dialectician and a good singer. His songs are a very agreeable feature of the performance, although the comedy is in itself bright and entertaining."

The National Opera Company will sing at the Toronto on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The sale of seats commences on Thursday.

At the Christmas concert to be given by the Philharmonic Society at the Pavilion tomorrow night, "The Messiah" will be rendered by a grand chorus of first-class artists, Mme. Giulia Valda, prima donna, taking the soprano solos. Of Mme. Valda's singing at the late Worcester festival, The Worcester Spy says: "Mme. Valda showed in her singing a voice of such combined sweetness and strength throughout its entire compass, united to facile execution, as has not been heard in Boston for many a day, and responded to a triple encore by singing Bizet's 'Pastorale.'"

The Cyclorama management offer to their patrons to-day handsome panel photographs of the battlefield, to all adults visiting, and the [c]hildren are not forgotten. As they enter the [l]ittle Santa Claus will present them with [...] candies.

SERMON ON CIVIC RULERS.

REV. MANLEY BENSON'S ELECTION TALK LAST NIGHT.

Preachers Have a Right to Talk About City Government—Vote for God and the Good of Toronto—Reopening of the Woodgreen Church—Other Sermons.

The Berkeley-street Methodist Church was thronged last evening to hear Rev. Manley Benson preach on "Our Civic Rulers for 1888." As a text the rev. gentleman chose Exodus xviii.:

21. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of ten.

After explaining that the text contained Jethro's counsel to Moses, which was accepted, the preacher said: Some people question the right of the Church having any voice in the government of the country or in the administration of its laws. Let us ask ourselves if we should be less cautious than Moses; if we should be less careful than Moses in selecting our governments. Men are made for special work and for this special work there needs to be special preparation and qualification.

What qualification is necessary to a man to represent us as alderman? Some men say in answer, "Plenty of time." Is it our place to find employment for a man with plenty of time? Because he has time on his hands is no reason why he should represent us. Idleness is a curse. If I had my way I would place a special tax on any member of society who lives in idleness.

Others tell us to vote for a man of wealth. It is true that the cloth of gold covers many scars, but does wealth alone give a man qualification to fill such a place? Some say we should vote for this man because he is a man of our political party. I am a Reformer because I want all things proved, I am a Conservative because I would hold fast to that which is good. Sometimes we sacrifice the good of the country to follow politics.

There should be a test before election. There is a test in medicine, there is a test in law, arts and medicine. Why should there not be a test for election to any office? I have no sympathy with the man who nominates himself. The man should honor the office and not the office the man. There are some men who are at this election sneering at the Church, and say we shall not be governed any longer by the Church. Then what I want you all to do, whether Reformer or Conservative, rich or poor, is to see the Church sustained.

Another qualification is to have men of truth, men who conform to fact, men of veracity, fidelity and honesty. Another qualification is a man who hates covetousness. Nothing like covetousness defiles man. All nature gives. Death and the grave are the only things in the world which do not give. What can you expect of a man in a high position who has not the fear of God in his heart? What can you expect of a mayor, a judge, an alderman or a policeman who has not the fear of God? When there is a contest between the liquor party and a party of purity, if you get on the side opposite the liquor you may be sure you are right. Are you going to stand by your party when such a question is at issue? You might just as well pull a rail out of the track and expect the train to pass as to put your vote on the side of strong drink and expect society to move steadily. I ask you as a Christian people of a Christian city, What ought you to do, on the side of God and good of the city?

In his closing prayer Mr. Benson supplicated the help of God to array the people on the side of purity and right and to enable them to make party sacrifice for good.

Reopening Wood-Green Methodist Church.

The Wood-Green Methodist Church on Queen-street, over the Don, was reopened yesterday, three special services being held to celebrate the event. The repairs and extensions have doubly increased the seating capacity of the church. Two large transepts have been built and a neat vestibule has been erected. The Sunday School building has been repaired, refurnished and extended. A furnace and excellent heating arrangements in connection are completed. The church has been furnished with new cushioned seats and carpets, and a new $350 pipe organ has been placed behind the pulpit. These improvements cost about $6000, exclusive of the organ.

Large congregations attended all the services. In the morning the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Dr. Potts, in the afternoon by Rev. Dr. Milligan, and in the evening by Rev. Dr. Dewart. The pastor, Rev. C. Langford, and Rev. Mr. Hall assisted at the services.

Christmas at St. Michael's.

Christmas was celebrated yesterday at St. Michael's Cathedral, with all the pomp of the Roman Catholic Church, masses being said from 5 till 10:30 in the morning. At 6 o'clock the Archbishop sang "Pontifical High Mass," the full choir rendering several selections. His Grace gave the Papal benediction. There were at this, as at the other masses, a large number of communicants.

High Mass was sung at 10.30, the celebrant being Vicar-General Laurent assisted by Rev. Father Hand as deacon and Mr. Carberry as sub-deacon. His Grace assisted at the throne in full pontificals and preached on the gospel of the day. The choir was in good voice and sang a celebrated mass by Theodore de la Hache which has never before been sung in Toronto. Besides the old Christmas hymn, "Adeste Fideles," the choir sang a Noel by Adams and a pastorate by Lambillate.

In the evening grand musical vespers were sung and Rev. Father Hand preached.

Church Chimes.

The services in the Metropolitan Church yesterday were attended by large congregations. Rev. E. A. Stafford, the pastor, preached in the morning on "Christ and the Holy Ghost" and in the evening on "The Fulness of Time." The special collections were in aid of the poor fund. The musical service was an elaborate one and was carefully rendered.

At the Church of the Redeemer yesterday special musical services were held under the direction of Mr. Schuch, the choir master, and with the assistance of Mr. G. H. Fairclough, the organist. The church was handsomely decorated. Sermons were preached by Rev. S. Jones and Rev. A. K. Griffin.

On entering yesterday the portion of St. Alban's Cathedral now used for service, it was evident that busy hands had been engaged in providing appropriate decorations, consisting of evergreen wreaths, sacred monograms and texts, prominent among which were "Emmanuel" and "Star of Bethlehem." The services opened with the singing of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" as a processional, led by a choir of seventeen men and boys, clad for the first time in the surplices and cassocks provided by the congregations of St. George's, St. Luke's, St. Matthias' and St. Alban's. Morning prayer was said by Rev. J. G. Davis, and in the evening by the Bishop. His Lordship preached an eloquent sermon from the text: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." A short children's service was held in the afternoon, when the Bishop gave an address to the children.

Resignation of the Medical Health Officer

On Saturday Dr. Canniff, Medical Health Officer of Toronto, tendered his resignation to Mayor Howland. The doctor has filled the office since 1883. The vacancy will be immediately filled.

Dr. Theodore S. Coverton is an applicant for the vacancy. He has been doing the work of the office, off and on, for some time. He has made public health a special study. When smallpox was raging in Quebec he was employed by the Provincial Board of Health to take charge of the quarantine regulations enforced against travelers from that province. Dr. Coverton worked for some time in the Hygienic Laboratory, London, Eng., and studied the general methods of hygienic analysis. He there had an opportunity of gaining practical experience in these subjects, and fully availed himself of it. Dr. Coverton has also obtained the sanitary science certificate of the University of Cambridge, which shows him to be well qualified for the office of medical officer of health. The applicant is a son of Dr. C. W. Coverton of 47 Gould-street, and is a young man and full of enthusiasm for his special line.

—Dollars, which might otherwise be thrown away by resorting to ineffectual medicines, are saved by purchasing that inexpensive specific for bodily pain and remedy for affections of the throat, lungs, stomach, liver and bowels, Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, which does not deteriorate and is thorough and pure.

THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT.

Latest Developments Regarding the Changes in the Cabinet.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 25.—The result of the Conservative caucus has at least averted, if not indefinitely postponed, a crisis which it was generally expected would have been reached on the meeting of the House. One account of the caucus is that on being called to order Mr. Norquay at once insisted that he should step down and out in the interests of the party. Mr. Lariviere also said that he had handed in his resignation. Both said they were willing to abide their time for vindication. One report says that Mr. Lariviere produced documents to show that the Manitoba Government was warranted in handing over provincial bonds to the Hudson Bay Railway. At any rate it is a fact that his and Mr. Norquay's addresses were so convincing that their resignation would not have been accepted had they not peremptorily insisted upon it.

Dr. Harrison was unanimously chosen leader, to whom both Mr. Norquay and Mr. Lariviere pledged allegiance. It was decided not to fill the vacancies in the Cabinet until after the meeting of the Legislature. Dr. Harrison's policy, as alleged to have been stated in the caucus, is a strong stand on provincial rights, completion of the Red River Valley Railroad, rigid economy and retrenchment, and steps to secure the Hudson Bay Railway land grant.

THE SAMOAN DIFFICULTY.

A Strong Opposition to the Plan of Foreign Interference.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The steamer Mariposa, which arrived yesterday, brought advices from Samoa to Nov. 14. The Apia correspondent of The Sydney Morning Herald states that the Samoans are becoming more keenly alive to the fact that the party represented by the new king, Tamasis, has been made use of merely to serve the policy of the Germans. The whole plan of foreign interference, as represented by the German plan of operations, is steadily raising a strong opposition.

The arrival of the United States man-of-war Adams, Oct. 19, was the occasion of much rejoicing to many in Apia. The men were not permitted to leave the ship because of the presence of the German guards and sentries along the beach and the possibility of a conflict taking place. Soon after the Adams arrived a number of natives under Asie, the fighting chief, visited the vessel and after inspection the Samoans assembled on the upper deck and had a dance. The correspondent states that the Germans have expressed their annoyance at the circumstance, and the natives have been virtually prohibited from giving any more such entertainments.

A collission is reported to have taken place between American sailors and a German on the street.

THE MEXICAN BANDITS.

Their Murder of Leon Baldwin May Lead to International Trouble.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Dec. 25.—It is learned that Gen. Moral with a party of troops went to Otaez soon after receiving the news of the sacking of the town by Bernals. He found the houses barricaded and the streets deserted, and that half had not been told regarding the outrages committed by the Bernals' band. The women, both old and young, had been compelled to submit to numerous indignities, often in the presence of their husbands and brothers. All of the able-bodied inhabitants have joined the Federal troops in an effort to exterminate the band.

It is stated that the Mexican Government fear international trouble with the United States on account of the murder of Leon Baldwin by Bernals' band, consequently they are prosecuting the campaign against the gang with renewed vigor.

A New System of Vessel Classification.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Capt. W. W. Bates, Manager of the Inland Lloyds' Register, has issued to-day for next session a new system of classification for the instruction of vessel-owners wishing to insure their property. Vessels are classed into nine grades solely for adjusting the rates of insurance. According to their intrinsic qualities for safe navigation, oak-built vessels are to have for their class seven years; other woods for five years; if composite and strapped, or if iron or steel, ten years; if composite, with metal decks or metal shell, with double bottom and metal decks, fifteen years. The grade of A1 will be given to all vessels new, built of perfectly sound materials, in strictly workmanlike manner, fully and thoroughly fastened, the scantlings of materials, model and plans, equipment and free board, all conforming to the best general practice on the lakes. New vessels not filling these conditions will be classed and graded to correspond with their merits. Vessels which overload may be withdrawn from one class and assigned to a lower one, unless the disqualification be promptly removed. Another new feature is a chapter on repairs, which provides that materials and workmanship for repairs must be equal to the standard for new vessels of the grades given. All vessels rebuilt must be surveyed by the manager of the Inman Lloyds before the work is completed, so that it may be known what manner of work is done before a higher classification is accorded to the boat.

Christmas Festivities in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Christmas in Chicago was marred by an unusual number of affrays fatal and otherwise. In twenty-fours hours preceding 6 o'clock this evening four persons had been reported stabbed and shot dead, and a policeman and an alderman nearly pummelled out of existence. The worst cutting was done by a woman and her victim is also a woman. Nellie Taylor plunged a dirk four times into the breast and back of Annie Crawford, inflicting mortal wounds. The assailant claims that the Crawford woman had stolen her child. Both women were colored and disreputable.

—Premonitions of approaching danger, in the shape of digestive weakness, lassitude, inactivity of the kidneys, pains in the region of the liver and shoulder blades, mental depression coupled with headache, furred tongue, vertigo, should not be disregarded. Use Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, and avert the peril to health. It removes all impurities and gives tone to the whole system.

Found Unconscious on the Street.

About dusk Saturday evening a couple of actors of the "Rio Grande" troupe picked up an unconscious man from the King-street railway track near the Upper Canada College. The man was bleeding profusely from a cut across the side of his head. He was removed to the drug store at King and John streets, where the wound was dressed. He recovered partial consciousness and said his name was Harris and that he lived at 107 D'Arcy-street, to which place he was taken. Dr. Riordan says the wound is a serious one, and if inflammation sets in will result fatally. Besides giving his name and address the only words he uttered were: "I'll make it hot for that fellow who kicked me off." So it is inferred that he was thrown from a street car.

The World is the paper for bank presidents, managers, cashiers and clerks. Twenty-five cents a month.

Found Dead in a Stable.

The dead body of Maria Green, an elderly woman employed as a domestic by Flora Webber at 98 Albert-street, was found at 9 o'clock last night in a stable in rear of the house. The body was discovered by Mrs. Cleland, occupant of the house at 40 Elizabeth-street, who went into the stable to feed a horse. There were no marks of violence on the body. Deceased was last seen alive about 7 o'clock. She had been drinking all day. There were evidences of her having freely vomited, and death may have been caused by choking. Coroner Powell was notified and will hold an inquest to-morrow. The body was removed to the morgue.

Accident at an Iron Furnace.

NEWCASTLE, PA., Dec. 24.—The iron broke through the vosh of the Neshannock furnace yesterday afternoon, and coming in contact with the water surrounding it, created a terrible explosion. James Kileen, James Lawler and James Cunningham were caught by the molten metal and horribly burned.

—Thomas Myers, Bracebridge, writes: "Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is the best medicine I sell. It always gives satisfaction, and in cases of coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., immediate relief has been received by those who use it."

HOWLAND'S [S]TEWARDSHIP

THE MAYOR'S SUNDAY SPEECH ON TORONTO AND ITS CRIME.

He Addresses a Large Audience in the Pavilion, and Produces Some Interesting Statistics—License Inspector Dexter Tells The World What He Thinks and Knows.

The announcement that "Mayor Howland and other prominent citizens" would address the Young Men's Prohibition Club's gospel temperance meeting in the Pavilion yesterday and that "a well organized choir, with leading soloists and special musical instruments, will render appropriate sacred songs, solos and duets during the afternoon" drew an audience that filled the seats on floor and gallery. President F. S. Spence, had the chair, and about him sat the Mayor, whose entrance brought forth cheers, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. Mr. Graham. Brewer Robert Davies, he of the junction, had a seat in the rear. The musical part of the program was well carried out, the "special musical instruments" being a piano and a cornet. Mr. Alex. Gorrie's solo was expressively sung and was a choice feature.

Mayor Howland's speech was the "chef d'œuvre." He started out by wishing the compliments of the season. He thought he had reason to be proud of Toronto, as he was recently in New York, when he found that everyone had a good word for "this dear city," looking towards us as a city set on a hill. Toronto is good were it not for the birds here who foul their own nest. He told New York that Toronto was not perfect, but that bad things were being gradually wiped out. And then he was told by people with "bated breath, sorrowful air and shame in their faces," how their council is composed largely of liquor dealers.

The Mayor said he wanted to make a statement regarding what had been a misunderstanding as to the increase in crime since the number of saloons was reduced. The argument of the other side saying that if there would be more saloons there would be less drunkenness, amounted to saying "The more you have of a thing the less you'll have of it."

His Worship undertook to prove that the increase in Police Court cases is because the city's growth must be accompanied by a proportionate increase of crime, as in all growing cities, and because the police are doing their work better. Since 1884 the population has increased from 105,000 to nearly 150,000, and the city's acreage has grown from 5778 to 9188, nearly double. "Take that in and digest it quietly till I give you some more," said His Worship, who at intervals quoted these figures which he said had been furnished to him by police officials:

	1884	1885	1887
Burglaries	[illegible]	35	31
Larcenies	805	797	795
Vagrants	499	470	425
Cruelty to animals	[illegible]	1	198
Houses of ill-fame	44	74	90
Breach of City Bylaw	607	623	1592

"Look at the reduction and compare them with the increase in population; many more people and less licenses. These are the facts. You don't want anything better than that, do you?"

His Worship stated that the law is better enforced now than it was when he took office. In the old time it was dangerous for a policeman to make many arrests. Formerly no one was responsible, but now each division has a responsible head. "Don't you see that the police are doing their duty? That's why there are so many cases in court."

"Drunkenness," said the Mayor, "is the permitted crime, because you can't arrest a drinking man till he's drunk. You can't stop him if you know he's going to get drunk like you can arrest a man who is known to intend larceny. When I went into office it was stated by licensed victuallers and by such men as O'Keefe that there were 500 unlicensed dives in the city. Now, we have the police suppressing the places and wiping them out as fast as possible.

His Worship said that another reason why drunks were so numerous was because of so many old stagers who spend their time between the saloon and the jail and till they were dead or reformed the list of drunk convictions would continue to be heavy. There was a certain class which would be sent to jail for thirty days, come out, get drunk and so down again. A September day statistic showed that out of 170 people in the jail 28 were lunatics, while about 140 represented 1500 convictions. And still newspapers, influenced by the whisky ring, talked about the increase of drunkenness since the licenses were reduced. The police returns show that drunkenness is on the increase. For December they will average 164 and if the present policy is carried out next year there will be a further and surprising reduction. As to the talk about unlicensed dives, he told of how a few Saturday nights ago some police officials accompanied by reporters went on a whisky-searching tour. The officials were capable men and the reporters were unprejudiced. They could not get liquor, but discovered that there are only twenty-eight places in the city where there is an attempt to sell liquor illegally. And there are only eighteen houses of ill-fame. [Applause.]

"I thank God," said the Mayor, "that I can come before you at the end of two years' service and tell you all this. You cannot entirely get rid of these crimes but you can keep fighting them and control them. Don't compromise, wrong is wrong, and can never be right, strike it when you meet it, and elect a man who will do it. We are always a little nervous over good things. When I put on the wall of the Mayor's office that motto, 'Except the Lord Keep the City the Watchman Waketh in Vain,' I was a little nervous. But many a man has come into the office and winced when his eyes struck the text. I was nervous about preaching from a pulpit which I never did but once before I was elected Mayor. I was asked by Rev. Mr. Starr to preach in his Berkeley-street Methodist Church. I hesitated, but finally I did it, and I decided that I was then fighting with a vengeance."

In conclusion His Worship said: "I go out of office feeling proud, and more especially of the recent kind, generous words of Ald. Frankland. He's not the only one by a jugful who thinks the same, but he's the only one who had the manliness to say it. As for the honor of the position, I cared for that only because I love to work for the people. I cannot say like the old German, 'I have lived and loved,' but I can say, 'I have lived and been loved.'" [Applause.]

President Spence said that among the many falsehoods circulated recently was one that their meetings were started for the purpose of booming a mayoralty candidate. There was not a word of truth in it, because the meetings were started long before it was known that Mayor Howland, who would be re-elected without opposition, was going to retire. But a ballot would be taken a week hence and it was intended that the two last meetings of the year should be addressed by local men who could speak intelligently on the question of reduction of liquor licenses. The opposing forces have even put the machinery of the law into force in the hope of balking the issue before the electors.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland made what was in reality an election speech. Howland, he said, had the courage to start a big thing, and what was wanted was a man who would carry it out. When Mayor Howland is relieved from his municipal duties he will be available for the leadership of a temperance movement throughout the Dominion, a man who could be a legislator and stand up to his temperance convictions. [Applause.] He also referred to "this candidate whom we are going to support, thank God."

Rev. Dr. Castle made a dramatic but earnest speech, in which he followed the line of the previous speakers and ended by a sarcastic smile at the expense of Candidate Clarke, which brought out the heartiest applause of the day.

After the meeting the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union who were present met, upon the announcement of Mr. Spence, for, it is presumed, making election arrangements.

Ald. Fleming telephoned The World last night that Mr. S. H. Blake and Dr. Potts will speak at their meeting next Sunday afternoon. The champagne lunch given by the Ontario Government at the timber limit sale will be one of the subjects up for attention.

THE MAYOR'S FIGURES AWAY OUT.

Inspector Dexter Says There Are 200 Unlicensed Places in the City.

The World met License Inspector Dexter last night and gave him a brief resumé of Mayor Howland's address, particular mention being made of the statement that as per latest police returns Toronto contains only twenty-eight places where liquor is sold, or supposed to be sold, illegally, and only eighteen houses of ill-fame.

Inspector Dexter was surprised and expressed his opinion of what he knew to be the case so far as illegal liquor-selling is concerned. "Why," said he, "I have 41 cases of unlicensed cases before the court now, and 36 were disposed of last week alone."

"Mr. Dexter, will you state what is in your opinion, the number of unlicensed places in the city?"

"Well, I have in my office a new list that is very interesting. I stated two months ago that the number was 200. It has been reduced some since then, but I can say that they are now near that number. And I divide them up this way: one-quarter of the city druggists, one-half of the 74 men who lost their licenses last year, and the rest made up of the houses of ill-fame, eating houses, lodging houses, cigar shops and billiard halls."

Officials and men of the police force who learned of the Mayor's statement were talking about it last night, and the general opinion was a laugh.

A Small Rogers Meeting.

The meeting held by Ald. Rogers in McKay Hall, King and Sherbourne streets, on Saturday night, lacked the turbulent and boisterous proceedings which have characterized his meetings. The audience waited patiently for some person to open up, until the timepiece indicated that 9 o'clock was approaching, when Mr. H. S. Howland took the chair, and said Mr. Rogers would eventually arrive. In the meantime he called on Ald. Morrison to address the meeting. Ald. Morrison alluded to Ald. Rogers' honesty and uprightness. He was sure that when polling day came and the voter got the pencil in his hand, the cross would go down on the virtuous side. He was also sure all present would vote for Mr Clarke. An audible smile from the audience and a vigorous yank at the coat tail from the chairman led the speaker to correct himself. Mr. John Hallam blamed all bad works, misconstructions, needless and extravagant expenditure on ward politicians, and said that if Ald. Defoe or Mr. Clarke were elected they could put up with a bad Mayor if they had a good Council. Speeches from F. S. Spence and the candidate closed the meeting.

A Chicago Woman Shoots Her Husband.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wm. McAuley, bookkeeper for the Bartholemay and Resing Brewing Company, was shot and probably fatally injured by his wife this afternoon. Shortly after the shooting a constable arrived at McAuley's house with a warrant, charging the dying bookkeeper with adultery. The warrant had been sworn out by Joseph W. Mackin, a cigar dealer who stated that his wife had run away with McAuley and gone to housekeeping in the city less than a mile from McAuley's family residence. McAuley went home occasionally to his wife, but Mrs. Mackin monopolized most of his time. Mrs. Mackin was arrested just before the shooting and Mrs. McAuley immediately after it.

The Market in London Weak.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Discount was quiet during the past week at 2½ to 1½. On the stock exchange business was limited owing partly to the holiday. The tendency throughout the week was rather downward. American railroad securities were inactive with a weak tone owing to the number of sales to liquidate accounts prior to the close of the year.

Morgan Wants Heavy Damages.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Henry J. Morgan, a clerk in the office of the Secretary of the State Department, will take action against The New York Herald for $50,000 damages for publishing an article reflecting on Mr. Morgan's probity. He will also enter actions against those Canadian journals which published the slanders.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

The Austrian Reichsrath will reassemble on Jan. 22.

The North German Gazette announces that the Emperor has appointed Count Herbert Bismarck Privy Councillor, with the title of Excellency.

Advices from New Zealand state that the Colonial Parliament has passed the Naval Defence Bill.

It is said that the Queen has written a letter to the Prince of Wales containing a sharp rebuke to His Royal Highness for meeting a prize fighter.

The opponents of the prize ring propose to introduce a bill in the Imperial Parliament forbidding the publication of reports of prize fights in the newspapers.

Capt. Dunne, who was committed for trial at Dublin for firing a revolver at the Rev. Henry Melville, the betrayer of Dunne's daughter, has been admitted to bail.

Count Von Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador to England, will arrive at Freidrichsruhe to-day. His purpose in going there is to inform Prince Bismarck of the outcome of his interview with Lord Salisbury.

The trial of thirty-five persons at Philippopolis implicated in the revolt of October, 1886 has just closed. Two of the accused were sentenced to death and four to imprisonment for various terms and the rest were acquitted.

The Mitchellstown Land Court has made a reduction of 22 per cent. in rents on the Countess of Kingston's estate.

The British Mission to Abyssinia has returned to Massowah.

The recent rumor that an attempt had been made to assassinate the Czar was due to the discovery of a secret door beneath the Imperial box in the Marie Theatre.

The Sultan has conferred upon the King of Greece the decoration of the Order of Nichani-Imtiaz set in diamonds.

The Sultan will send a congratulatory letter to the Pope on the occasion of the jubilee.

Business on the Paris, Berlin and Frankfort Bourses during the last week was quiet, but prices steady.

Don't.

let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a slight thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

Catarrh is disgusting. Pneumonia is dangerous. Consumption is death itself.

The breathing apparatus must be kept healthy and clear of all obstructions and offensive matter. Otherwise there is trouble ahead.

All the diseases of these parts, head, nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs, can be delightfully and entirely cured by the use of Boschee's German Syrup. If you don't know this already, thousands and thousands of people can tell you. They have been cured by it, and "know how it is themselves." Bottle only 75 cents. Ask any druggist. 135

UNITED STATES NEWS.

A residence in Washington is shortly to be presented to the widow of the late Gen. W. S. Hancock.

A serious riot took place at Erlanger, Ky., a few miles south of Cincinnati, early Sunday morning.

The Papal Jubilee was celebrated at the Baltimore Cathedral yesterday, Cardinal Gibbons officiating at the High Mass.

The President and all the members of the Cabinet and Col. Lamont will attend ex-Secretary Manning's funeral at Albany on Tuesday.

Burglars dynamited the safe of the Farmers' State Bank, Concord, Mich., last week and secured a quantity of valuable papers but failed to get $15,000 in money, which was in an inner vault.

John J. Littleton, editor of The National Review, the leading Republican paper of Tennessee, was shot last week by Jos. R. Banks, a member of the opposing faction of the party.

The drinking water at Pittsburg, Pa., has been found to be dangerously contaminated with organic matter and disease germs. The epidemic of typhoid in the city is still increasing.

Fire in the four-story building on west Forty-fifth-street, New York, on Saturday, occupied by Jacob Betz, suspender manufacturer, caused a loss of $20,000 and will throw 150 persons out of employment.

Henry Marshall, colored, shot and killed Will Mason, colored, at Soddy, Tenn., Saturday. The murdered man was trying to quell a row when he was shot. The murderer was captured and has been put in jail at Chattanooga.

Fire broke out in the Indiana State Penitentiary at 8.30 o'clock Saturday night and completely destroyed the shoe department. The loss is estimated at $75,000. The fire caused little or no excitement among the convicts.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has ordered the captains of all of its steamers in the China service to carry no more Chinese female passengers to San Francisco unless they can furnish positive proof of their right to land under the provisions of the Restriction Act.

Cecil Fleming, who for many years was Superintendent of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, then for a while of the Cincinnati Southern, and finally of the Texas Pacific, New Orleans Division, was found dead Saturday morning at Mobile with a bullet hole in his brain.

A fatal difficulty took place last night at Jackson, Miss., between Melville Mitchell, son of Dr. I. F. Mitchell, superintendent of the lunatic asylum, and a negro desperado named Whiteside. Mitchell had his throat cut and died shortly after. Before he fell he shot the negro dead.

—Mr. George Tolen, druggist, Gravenhurst, Ont., writes: "My customers who have used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure say that it has done them more good than anything they have ever used." It has indeed a wonderful influence in purifying the blood and curing diseases of the digestive organs, the liver, kidneys and all disorders of the system.

RACERS AT LESLIEVILLE.

MR. BILLY OWEN'S THOROUGHBREDS SHOW UP IN GOOD FORM.

Paddy Ryan Whipped by McAuliffe—A Short Battle—English Racing News—Hudson River Baseball League—Diamond Dust—Other Sporting News.

The World, accompanied by Trainer Owen, made a visit on Saturday to Leslieville to look over the thoroughbreds wintering there under the care of Mr. Owen. On arriving at the stables the first to meet was Charlie Phair, who was busily engaged with his steeplechaser Vigilance. The first one led out for inspection was the famous Drake Carter, who it was stated some time ago had received the firing iron, and from all appearances yesterday, the operation had taken wonderful effect. He is being fed very light and is naturally low in flesh, Mr. Owen not desiring him to put on fat, as it would only have a greater tendency to break him down. Drake Canton, who was schooled last fall over the jumps, will likely follow the hounds next spring and probably be sent to the post in some of the fall events, and Mr. Owen has great hopes that he will turn out another Lelex. The next brought out was Baffle, a 3-year-old, by Bill Bruce out of Goldfinch. He is a good-looking colt, with plenty of bone and substance, and showed to be very fast last fall, and will likely be a contestant for the Guineas. Longspin, a 3-year-old, by Long Taw, next appeared. He has only faced the starter once, that being in the Derby at Montreal last season, when he finished third. He was a big, green, raw colt, and the performance was fairly good, but he has shown a good turn of speed, and if he faces the starter next season for Her Majesty's prize will not be last. George L. and Felix, which complete the lot, were taken over to a field opposite the stable and turned loose to play in the snow. The pair are looking well and will both figure at the May meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club. The string are all looking the picture of health, and Mr Owen is deserving of great credit for the condition his horses are in, and if looks go for anything "Billy" will have a prosperous season next year.

English Racing News.

It is said that Carlton has been retired from the turf and goes to the stud, his fee to be 50 gs. He has been secured by Alex. Taylor for his stud at Manton.

Rumors have been very rife lately that a certain popular jockey, Wood being the one referred to, will not get his license next year.

The latest rumor concerning the merits of the Kingsclere 2-year-old, the first favorite for the Derby, is that Orbit is 7 lb. in front of Friars Balsam at anything like a mile or over.

The Licensed Victuallers' Gazette says: In our opinion a steeplechase jockey should receive a higher rate of remuneration than his confrere on the flat. His life is in his hands every time he has a mount.

The gentleman rider, Mr. Abington, had, up to Dec. 5, ridden 74 winners out of 176 races, a capital average of 1 win in 2⅓ attempts. This is even better than what Fred Archer used to do.

The dark horse Duke of Marlborough was introduced into the Derby quotations on Monday. A few superstitious people believe that because Mr. Abington won the Derby with a dark horse this year, history will repeat itself next.

It is reported at Newmarket that Ayrshire will be kept in reserve for the Epsom Derby. If the Duke of Portland follows the same practice that he did with St. Simon it is very likely that his crack 2-year-old will not be seen out very often next year.

The Licensed Victuallers' Gazette says: If Lord Marcus Beresford's suggestion that hurdle races over a mile and a half be adopted we shall have more accidents than ever. There will be such a lot of rushing and racing for a good place at the first jump that collisions will be frequent and tumbles many.

It is stated on the best authority that it's not yet definitely decided whether Bendigo will be sent to the stud or not. Charles Jousiffe, his trainer, is very anxious that the old horse should continue in his care. There are some nice plums to be picked up next year, that with the retirement of Ormonde, Minting and Carlton now look certainties for the public's idol.

Centaur says: Steeplechasing has received one of the most unfortunate blows of recent date in the almost total secession of such a princely supporter as the Duke of Hamilton, not to mention other influential owners whose colors were seldom absent from any steeplechase of average importance. I sincerely hope, however, that the palmy days of the ever-popular French grey and cerise will soon come again and revive the fortunes of cross-country competitions, which have certainly sunk to a, comparatively speaking, very low ebb.

Steeplechasing a Dangerous Game.

For we gallop so fast at the fences high;
There's too much of the spur and whip,
We give no heed to the danger nigh,
Nor of the chances of tumble or slip.
We forsake all care in getting ahead,
We care not a jot for spills,
Forgetting the warning that Fordham said,—
"It is the pace that kills."

Paddy Ryan Beaten by McAuliffe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Paddy Ryan and Joe McAuliffe met in an 18-foot ring at the California Athletic Club last night. Both men appeared in fine condition. The directors of the club informed the combatants that no ordinary fouls would be taken notice of, as the club was putting up $1000 to be fought for, and the spectators, who paid $10 apiece, should have the worth of their money. McAuliffe won in three of the worst fought rounds possible to imagine. In the second round Ryan was knocked down twice. The third round was all a scramble. Ryan was groggy, and McAuliffe was too awkward to hit him. Ryan threw up the sponge on the fourth round being called. McAuliffe's father, who was present, bet all the money he had on his boy.

Hudson River Baseball League.

YONKERS, N.Y., Dec. 24.—The baseball enthusiasts of Yonkers are forming a stock company and intend to put a strong team in the field next season. They expect to join the Hudson River League, which is about forming. It is said this league will consist of clubs on the river only, so as to make the traveling expenses as light as possible.

Dust from the Diamond.

The Chicago and St. Louis Browns played a poor game at San Francisco on Saturday. Mullane was batted freely and the game was practically won by the Browns in the second inning. The score was 18 to 5. King pitched for the Browns.

It is reported that a controlling interest in the Toronto Club has been purchased by the owners of the Detroit Club, and it is presumed that the object of the purchase is to utilize Toronto as a training school for Detroit's new players.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. Ding!—Detroit Free Press. Ding, ding ding!

The Brooklyn club could put a nine of catchers and pitchers in the field. They are Caruthers, Foutz, Mays, Harkins, Terry, Toole, Porter, Cushman and Lynch, Donohue, Holbert, Bushong, Clark, Greer and Peoples. There is some prospect of Detroit and Brooklyn playing for the world's championship in the fall of 1888.

Phil Powers, who manages the London club next season, was in Detroit on Saturday in quest of players for his club.

When Tyng, the new pitcher of the Phillies, walks up to Henry Wright next season and remarks: "Really, Mr. Wright, my arm is so lame I can't pitch to-day," Harry will smile and simply remark: "Tyng a ling."

A meeting of the Boston Baseball Club stockholders is an amusing affair. There are nine stockholders. Three, the triumvirate, own sixty-eight shares and the other six own one apiece. On Wednesday a stockholders' meeting was held and the triumvirate of course reelected themselves into office and approved last year's business.

Spots of Sport.

Jim Adams, the New York bookmaker, who is a great admirer of Jack Dempsey, and thinks he can whip any man in the business except Sullivan, has authorized Billy O'Brien, who refereed the La Blanche-Fallon set-to, to issue a challenge to Jake Kilrain to fight Dempsey for $3000 to $5000 a side.

One hundred dollars was refused at the New York Poultry Show by a Mr. Edward Thompson for a Plymouth Rock cockerel. One trio of light brahmas commanded $80 and another $85.

Duncan C. Ross took his hipprodrome sword contests over to Cuba, but the people there, who are accustomed to witnessing bloody bull fights, wouldn't turn out to see Ross' sham contests. Now, if Duncan had stipulated to fight a bull, he might have drawn a crowd.

—There is nothing equal to Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.

HONORING THE TWO DROMIOS.

Dromio of the Grand and Dromio of the Toronto Both Get Handsome Presents.

When the curtain was rung down on the second act of "Erminie" at the Grand Opera House Saturday evening something interesting that was not on the bills immediately followed, but the big audience enjoyed it just the same. It was a presentation to Manager O. B. Sheppard from the attaches of the theatre. The present was a beautiful horn armchair, richly upholstered in crimson plush. Fred Solomon (the dear, dear Baron, who could always prove han halibi) made the presentation on behalf of the donors and well wishers of their manager.

The worst that Mr. Solomon could wish O. B. was that he would live long enough to wear the chair out.

Mr. Sheppard made a neat little reply, hoping he would meet his patrons in the Grand for many a Christmas to come, said he would ever cherish the gift, and told a funny story. Then Mr. Sheppard wished everyone a merry Christmas, bowed himself out, and the audience applauded handsomely.

Manager Shaw Also Honored.

An act of the same nature was introduced into the performance at the Toronto Opera House. Mr C. A. Shaw the capable and popular manager, being surprised by his stage hands with a handsome writing desk. The "Colonel" waxed eloquent in reply, and wished the boys a merry Christmas. Later on the manager did something in the line of presentation himself. He gave a turkey to each of the married men in his employ, and a comfortable pair of Astrachan gloves to the bachelors.

Election Excitement.

It is right enough in its way, but the excitement experienced by the customers of S. P. Brazil & Co. to get their groceries, fruit and liquor is something terrific. We have put on a special run of delivery wagons during the holidays and will deliver goods to all parts of the city, leaving every half hour. tf

The Aurania Delayed.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The steamer Aurania, from New York Dec. 17, which arrived at Queenstown to-day on her way to Liverpool, was detained for eighteen hours in midocean, her machinery having become disabled.

Police Court To-Day.

As the Court House will be closed to-day the Police Court, for the disposal of drunks only, will be held in a room at the Police Building. Other prisoners will be remanded.

The Carbolic Smoke Ball.

Patients in want of "The Smoke Ball," so popular in the city as a relief and permanent cure for catarrh, colds, etc., etc., will find a full supply as usual at Kennedy's Drug Store, 233 Queen-street west, opposite McCaul-street. 61

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Fifty-four births, 12 marriages and 36 deaths were registered at the City Hall last week.

The detective department now occupies the former apartments on the upper floor of the police building.

The Princess and Metropolitan roller skating rinks will be open this afternoon and to-night. Band at both places.

There will be no meeting of the Toronto Young Men's Liberal Conservative Association to-night, the association having adjourned for the holidays.

Queen-street west and Parkdale merchant tailors (with the exception of one small shop) have agreed to close at 7.30 p.m. during January and February.

John Shmidt of Oshawa reported to the police that he was robbed of $140 by Flora Graham at her house, 31 Louisa-street. The accused was arrested.

Last evening while Mr. and Mrs. Nunn of 28 St. Mary's-street were at church their house was entered by burglars and all the silver taken. The value of the stolen goods is estimated at about $75.

The safe in the St. James Hotel was robbed of $88 during Friday night by some one who knew the combination. F. M Escerdier, a former clerk, is believed to be the guilty party, but so far the police have been unable to find him.

Garland Council No. 41, O.C.F., was instituted at the house of Mr. Dixon, Colborne-street, Seaton Village, on Dec. 22, by Acting Supreme Councillor James Gowanlock of Parkdale Council, and P. Deputy Organizer Mrs. E. G. Kemble of Jubilee Council.

Mr. Robert Norman, head waiter at Clow's Restaurant, slipped in the kitchen on Saturday evening and fell to the floor, sustaining a compound fracture of the ankle. Yesterday Mr. Norman was removed to the General Hospital, where he is doing well.

Mr. A. F. Webster agent for the Cunard Line, reports the following Torontonians as sailing by the Umbria on Saturday: Mrs. Justice Macmahon, Mr. D'Arcy Macmahon, Mr. Jno. Workman, Mr. Jno. Charleson, Mr. H. Sumner, Mr. Jno. Purvis, Mr. Thomas Brackstone, wife and two children, Mr. C. Coffin, wife and four children.

The proposed establishment of an Agricultural Hall in this city, a scheme which Ald. Frankland has fathered, was a subject which the robust representative from St. Lawrence Ward intended lecturing upon in Poulton's Hall Saturday night. The attendance was however so small that it was deemed advisable to postpone the lecture till next week.

On Saturday afternoon while Albert Smith, a lad about 10, was crossing King-street, near Bay, he was knocked down by a passing cutter, the shaft striking him in the face under the eye. The boy was carried into Hooper's drug store, where his wound was dressed, after which he was removed to his home at 139 Lippincott-street.

The Ontario Lead and Barb Wire Company have given each of their men a Christmas turkey, and those who have been in their employ for twelve months got a $5 bill besides. The company and men apparently get on well together. About a year ago the company presented Mr. T. S. Bayles, the superintendent, with a handsome and valuable gold watch.

These building permits have been issued: Bishop Strachan School for a two story brick addition, $3000, St. Simon Church, Howard-street, $4000, George McConkey, brick addition at 11 Temperance-street, $1200; H. Adams, two semi-detached rough-cast houses, corner Sarah and Belmont streets, $1600, and eight rough-cast houses corner McMurrich and Belmont streets, $6400.

Mayor Howland acknowledges donations for the Christmas supper from the following: R. J. Tackaberry $2, J. W. Corbett roast of beef, A Friend $1, A Friend $5, Mr. Mannell roast of beef, Miss De Wilton a goose. Also a contribution from R. J. Tackaberry of $1 for the Industrial School. The Mayor says he has not enough material for a Christmas supper and will thankfully receive any more donations.

York Legion, Select Knights A.O.U.W. has elected the following officers for 1888: Commander, Thomas Gardner; Vice-Commander, William Daney, Lieut.-Commander, William G. G. Watson; Recorder, George Lawrence (re-elected); Recording Treasurer, Robert Platts (re-elected); Treasurer, James Harris; Standard Bearer, Frederick Nott; S. Workman, T. H. Smith; J. Workman, James Gardiner; Marshall, John Cauldwell; Medical Examiner, Dr. Pollard; Trustees, Jos. Harton and Geo. Waltz; Rep. to G.L., John Coulter; Alternative, Geo. Lawrence.

In the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on Saturday judgment was given in several cases. In Boylan v. City of Toronto, an action for the invalidating of the Fleming Bylaw, the court held that the bylaw was legal and dismissed the motion with costs. In Frawley v. Parkdale the defendant's appeal was dismissed with costs. In Cornell v. City of Toronto the court dismissed the order nisi with costs, and without costs against Cornell, without prejudice to the city's right to bring an action against Cornell within one week, and, if so, they are to pay Cornell's costs.

Don't fail to procure Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for your children while teething. It has been used by millions of mothers during the last forty years for their children. Cures wind colic, diarrhœa. Be sure and get Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. 25c a bottle. 135

DEATHS.

GIROUX—At her late residence, 28 Power-street, on Dec. 24, Nathalia Giroux, in the 75th year of her age.

Funeral on Monday, Dec. 26, at 9 o'clock.

BARTON—On Monday, Dec. 26, Francis Herbert, eldest son of Ald. Barton.

Funeral on Wednesday afternoon from 20 Givens-street at 3 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation.

AMUSEMENTS.

JACOBS & SHAW'S
Toronto Opera House.

Week Dec. 26—Matinees Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday—Special engagement of the eminent German Dialect comedian,

CHARLES A. GARDNER,

Supported by a specially selected COMEDY COMPANY, in the latest production of CON. T. MURPHY, Esq.,

"THE NEW KARL."

New scenic effects; new songs, new dances. 10 cents, 20 cents, 30 cents, 50 cents.

Jan. 2, 3 and 4—NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY.

LOST.

LOST—On Christmas Day—Between Richmond and College streets, a small gold watch with fob and seal attached. Finder liberally rewarded at Sleepy Hollow, 140 College-street.

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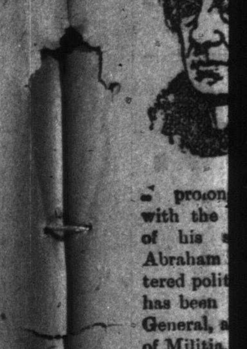

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