

ONE YEAR AT THE CEMETERY

Fine Progress Has Been Made in Many Ways.

Hamilton Now Leads Most Cities in This Respect.

Finances Are in a Highly Satisfactory Condition.

At a meeting of the Cemetery Board, held last evening in the City Hall, the secretary's report for the year ending, December 31, 1908, was presented, and other business transacted.

Complaints have been received concerning the markers used in the cemetery and Messrs. T. Wright and F. F. Dalley were appointed to ascertain if the sort used at present are durable enough.

The Board under the Cemetery by-law has the power to invest its funds but this procedure is not authorized by legislature and on the suggestion of City Solicitor Waddell a resolution was passed that the chairman, F. C. Fearman, and William Armstrong be appointed a committee to wait on the City Council and ask its co-operation in securing legislation granting the Board power to invest its own funds.

The superintendent, F. H. Rutherford submitted his report, from which the following extracts are taken:

The year 1908, taken generally, was probably the most satisfactory and successful in the history of Hamilton Cemetery, as most of the recently introduced methods had passed the experimental stage; the affairs now being conducted as far as practicable, in accordance with the usages adopted by the best cemeteries in Canada or the United States; in fact, very few cemeteries combine the many up-to-date methods in force here.

A telephone system to the five sections, which was installed during the year adds greatly to the efficiency of the work, and such a system is in advance of most of the other cemeteries.

The uniformed attendance at burials, of which there were 885 during the year, is the best I have seen in any of the larger cemeteries, which, added to the satisfactory provisions made by the local funeral directors, has changed entirely the surroundings formerly so depressing.

Favored with good soil, your Board has been able to construct roadways at a low cost, which are suitable throughout the year, both for pedestrians and carriages, so that with the purchase during the past year of a road sprinkler, designed especially for cemeteries, the driveways could hardly be improved upon.

The formation of a separate fund to provide for the maintenance of the roads, buildings, trees, fences, etc., after the ground in the cemetery is entirely sold, was approved by your Board, so that a question which is simply being advocated by a few of the most advanced cemeteries, has been settled here, and the formation of this fund is under way. This action, we believe, will prove in the future to be one of the most beneficial ever adopted by the Board, and one which all that was required to place Hamilton Cemetery on a self-supporting basis, for with the disposal of available ground, your Board should have on hand several funds, amounting in all to considerably over \$200,000, which will, unaided, guarantee the maintenance of the cemetery in every department in an even better manner than at present.

We would here emphasize the fact, which, while understood by your Board, is not realized by many of the ratepayers and lot owners, namely, that for at least six years your Board has been able to conduct affairs that the receipts for care of burials, etc., amounting last year to \$120,000, have been sufficient to cover all expenses in connection with the cemetery, so that no money has been required from the City Treasurer.

Aside from the above amount there has been added on an average \$100,000 yearly to the general fund, which now amounts to \$52,670. Of this \$52,670, is invested in property purchased for cemetery purposes, while \$44,725, at present earning 4 per cent, is about to be invested by your Board to better advantage.

During the year, besides replacing old stock, a systematic plan for providing trees and shrubs was undertaken, the ground surrounding the chapel being first dealt with, where some 100 trees, etc., were placed. Particularly noticeable were hardy specimens of rhododendron and azalea, which, being the only purer and higher quality plants sold, were planted profusely, were much admired. The continuation of this planting is contemplated during the coming spring. The public and private flower beds, placed in the care of a competent man, were never so successful.

In the older part of the cemetery the one marring element is the presence of so many fences in all stages of disrepair. These not only destroy the natural beauty of the rolling ground, but also prevent any attempt at proper grading.

During the summer memorial services were held by the Sons of England Society, the Army and Navy Veterans, the Bricklayers and Masons, and the Independent Order of Oddfellows, all of which were very impressive. It would seem to be of general advantage if the various societies would unite in one Sunday as memorial day, each society selecting a different hour for service.

During the coming year we would strongly recommend the procuring of suitable stone gateways for the main entrance. There have been, as well, 85 lots in the older cemetery placed in perpetual care.

We cannot express too strongly our appreciation of the excellent work performed by the foremen and men in the Board's employ, while to the present chairman, who has devoted so much valuable time to the affairs of the cemetery, as well as to the Board as a whole, we would express our sincere

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Receipts. Expenditures. Burials and removals, Dressing and tent, Care of lots, Int. perpetual care, Foundations and markers, Care of rough lots, Sodding, Sale of lots after deducting perpetual care, Sale of single graves, Road construction and care, Headstone repairing, Grading, Care of trees, etc., Snow cleaning, Painting, Watching, Sundries.

ST. CECILIA.

L. O. D. E. Preparing For the Forthcoming Events.

There was a large attendance of members at the meeting of St. Cecilia Chapter, held on Monday afternoon at the Y. W. C. A. The regent, Mrs. H. F. Burkholder, presided. Three new members were proposed and initiated. The chief business of the meeting was the distribution of tickets for sale for the Memorial A. Church, Burnham-Thorp, England. This matter was deferred till after the meeting of Municipal Chapter.

A grateful letter of thanks was read from the secretary of the Willing Workers at the Mountain Sanitorium, acknowledging the cake and plum pudding sent by St. Cecilia Chapter at Christmas.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

A letter was read from the L. O. D. E. head office, Toronto, suggesting that all chapters in Canada unite in giving the tender bell for the chimes for the Nelson Memorial A. Church, Burnham-Thorp, England. This matter was deferred till after the meeting of Municipal Chapter.

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OIL AND GAS.

May Find Enough of Gas at Cooksville to Light Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—Gas enough to supply the whole city of Toronto with light and fuel, is promised within a few months by the Toronto Oil and Gas Syndicate, who have leased up many acres of land in West Toronto, Cooksville, and Port Credit, and will start drilling in Cooksville to-morrow.

A "drill" or drill has already been set up on a 20-acre farm, about 500 yards from the village, just north of the Dundas road.

To-day Thomas Cox, oil expert and "diviner," of Brantford, with Thomas Bull, of Cooksville, will go to Port Credit to lease up more property, with the understanding that drilling will be commenced in that district within thirty days.

GOVGANDA.

The quickest and best route will continue to be via Grand Trunk and T. & N. O. railroads to Chatham, thence by stage to Elk Lake and 32 miles Elk Lake to Gowganda. This route will enable stops to be made at Temagami, Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard and Englehart. Cobalt special leaving Toronto 10.15 p. m. daily makes direct connection with stage, reaching Elk Lake at 5.50 p. m. Information from Chas. E. Morgan, C. P. and T. A., of W. G. Webster, Depot Agent.

CASTORIA.

Notice to Housekeepers. When buying house supplies do not forget to order Gerrie's Perfection Baking Powder. It is the strongest, purest and highest quality powder sold, and has been used by the best housekeepers for years. Try it and you will use no other. Price, 30c per lb.—Gerrie's Drug Store, 32 James street north.

A NOVEL CELEBRATION.

Sikhs at Vancouver Observe a Religious Anniversary. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 19.—To-day the Sikhs resident in Vancouver are celebrating the anniversary of the installation of the sacred Sikh Scriptures in the temple here. The Sikhs of a New Westminster district chartered a special train to Vancouver this morning. A number of Hindus voluntarily laid aside caste and affiliated with the Sikh brotherhood, and the temple was filled to overflowing. Conspicuous among the worshippers was a son of Prof. Teja Singh, seven years old, wearing a turban of brown and gold. There were the usual chants, drums, cymbals and prayers.

SEVEN YEARS FOR PEPIN.

Young Man Who Assaulted Clerk in Montreal Jeweller's Store. Montreal, Jan. 19.—Oliver Pepin, a young man from the country, who undertook to knock out a jeweller and his assistant a few days ago and walk off with some diamonds, will expiate his crime by spending seven years in the penitentiary. Pepin entered the premises of Mr. Farmer on St. Lambert Hill, and after knocking the assistant down, had a desperate but unsuccessful struggle with a farmer, who overpowered him and handed him over to the police.

James Busk, an employee of the Tannery, Uxbridge, Ont., had his back broken by being thrown from a load of hay. Mr. J. J. Hill, President of the G. W. Northern Railway, has given \$5,000 to the Friends' College at Newmarket.

A BIG PILE

What U. S. Heiresses Have Turned Over to Titled Husbands.

Table listing heiresses and their husbands with amounts. Includes Duchess of Manchester, Princess Poniatowski, Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Curzon, Lady Lister-Kaye, Countess von Pappenheim, Princess Colonna, Countess Castellane, Lady William Beresford, Duchess of Manchester (Helena Zimmerman), Duchess of Roxburgh, Countess of Stratford, Princess Aurepurg, Lady Thomas Hesketh, Mrs. Arthur Paget, Mrs. Vivian (Mrs. Marshall R. Roberts), Countess of Craven, Marchioness de Buren, Princess Viovara, Marchioness de San Marzano, Countess de Rohan-Chabot, Princess Scey-Montelaire, Princess Hatzfeld, Princess Bocklin, Princess Engaltheff, Duchess de Dino, Countess Pastieva, Lady Gilbert Thomas, Countess von Larisch, Mrs. Michael Henry Herbert, Baroness Halkett, Mrs. Burke Roche, Duchess de Valency, Lady Gordon-Cuming, Countess Moltke-Huitfeldt, Countess Yarnout, One hundred lesser American heiresses, Mrs. Colin-Campbell, Countess of Suffolk, Countess Schzeny, Countess Granard.

Music and the Drama

The Imperial Opera Company, which delighted Toronto audiences for nearly five months at the Royal Alexander Theatre, will appear at the Grand Theatre to-morrow evening in the Clines-English musical comedy, "San Toy."

In this company are all the principals that make themselves so popular during the Toronto engagement, including Agnes Cain-Brown, the prima donna, and Hallin Mostyn, who will be remembered here in "The Country Girl." Sam Collins, who has been specially engaged for the role of Li, played the part in the first production of this musical comedy in Hamilton.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT

Annual Report Shows What It Has Accomplished. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The annual report of the Labor Department for the last fiscal year is one of the first of the seasonal blue books to be issued. In respect to the industrial disputes act the report says that it was the means of eliminating from the category of strikes and lockouts practically all disputes affecting public utilities.

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CUT WITH KNIFE.

Prescott Man Assaulted by a Peddler From Ottawa. Brockville, Jan. 19.—W. Scott and J. Fisk, peddlers, hailing from Ottawa, drifted into Prescott a few days ago, and in the bar of the Mansion House got into an altercation with Clifford Hollingsworth, of that place. The result was that Hollingsworth emerged from the melee very much disfigured. He was slashed several times with a knife across the face and neck, while his coat was split in places, showing that an effort had been made to plunge the knife into his back.

Scott and Fiske escaped to Brockville, but were arrested by the police and taken back to Prescott for a hearing before P. M. Halpin. It was shown that Fisk had no part in the assault and was discharged. Scott was sent to the county jail here to stand his trial on a charge of occasioning grievous bodily harm.

DIED ON PRAIRIE.

James Holden Loses the Trail and is Found Dead. Medicine Hat, Alberta, Jan. 19.—Last Thursday James Holden, a farmer, residing near Seven Persons, attempted to walk home through the raging blizzard, a distance of three miles. He was never heard of again until to-day, when his body was found on the prairie. He had lost the trail and perished in the snow.

STREET RAILWAY LOSSES.

Damage Awards for Accident During London Old Boys' Week. London, Ont., Jan. 19.—Two more damage suits against the street railway, growing out of the collision which occurred on Richmond street during Old Boys' Week, were tried to-day, and as a result the Street Car Company is poorer by \$1,450.

CANADA CLUB LUNCHEON.

The Canadian Club will hold an informal luncheon at the Royal Hotel to-morrow evening, at which Mr. J. A. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Courier, will speak on "Civil Service Reform." This is a question which Mr. Cooper has been advocating through the columns of his "national weekly" and a question which ought to interest the people of Hamilton.

As the season advances the Canadian Club luncheons are becoming more popular, and at each affair the attendance has increased. At the last luncheon over ninety were present to hear Dr. Sexton speak on technical education. To-morrow's luncheon will be from 6 to 8 and tickets at fifty cents may be purchased from J. P. Hennessy & Bros., drug store.

FLIRTING IN CHURCH

PASTOR SEES NO HARM IN "LITTLE MINGLES OF GLANCES."

But It's Wrong in the Theatre—Rev. S. B. Dexter Tells Why He is Opposed to Shows on Sunday.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—May a maiden in church with countenance demure and modest grace, look at her book at a youth, look away, and then look again? May she flirt if she would? Is there any harm in learning the color of the other's eyes?

These questions have been answered by the Rev. S. B. Dexter, pastor of the Park Street Baptist Church, of Aurora. The clergyman holds that the mingling of glances consequent upon opposite seats is not objectionable if it is in church.

"On the other hand," said the minister yesterday, "flirting in theatres and other places of public amusement should be tabooed—it is harmful there, but in church it is purged of its harmfulness." The clergyman was led to make these remarks after he had cited flirting in theatres as one reason for the crusade which has been started in Aurora to close the playhouses on Sunday nights.

At the same time he pointed to an assertion of the theatre owners that a show had been given in his church on Sunday. A moving picture exhibition was given in the Park Place Church a week ago, and in defense of this the pastor said: "Church surroundings and associations are entirely different from those which attend performances in public playhouses. Sometimes the plays in our theatres are a trifle risqué, and if the show be given on Sunday, the result is a general forgetfulness of that fact. Under such conditions flirting is harmful."

"In church, however, you can see no harm in a 'little bit' of flirting, if the young people come not to look at each other but to learn the scriptures."

"I am not opposed to the theatre—in fact the theatre may be termed an 'aid to indigestion.' But the Sunday show is a step below the plane of Christianity should occupy. It degrades the conscience, inasmuch as the possessor refuses to listen to the 'still, small voice.'"

The Rev. Mr. Dexter has one of the largest congregations in Aurora, and his opinions have given rise to much "tea table chat." He has been pastor of the Aurora church a little more than a year.

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The Right House

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE

Mink furs all greatly reduced

ELEGANT natural Canadian Mink Furs are absolutely reduced for to-morrow's selling. These beautifully rich neckpieces and muffs are double bargains. They were specially purchased and marked at much under real value in the first place. Now the beautiful pieces that are left are still further reduced. Handsome styles in Throws, Stoles and Ties and new large Empire and Novelty Muffs. Beautifully trimmed; exquisite natural markings.

Our \$22.00 Mink stoles now at \$16.50 Our \$27.50 Mink throws now at \$21.00 Our \$40.00 Mink throws now at \$27.50 Our \$28.00 Mink muffs now at \$22.00

Many bargains in Marmot Mink furs \$12.50 Stoles for \$7.50 \$8.50 Stoles for \$5.50 \$7.00 Ties for \$3.50 \$10.00 Muffs for \$7.50 Rich coloring and nice marking; elegant full-furred qualities in warmest, smartest styles.

The dress goods you want are here at greatly reduced prices

THE most desirable and fashionable weaves that the season has developed, in either black or colors, plains or novelties, are here at absolutely reduced prices for the next nine days. Thousands of yards are included. And every yard has been marked down to go with a rush. Why not get the new Spring dress or suit now and share in the wonderful saving.

39c, formerly 50c to 85c 69c, formerly \$1.25 50c, formerly \$1.00 yard 88c, formerly \$1.50 Broadcloths, Venetians, Panamas, Worsteds, Satin Cloths, Henriettes, Voiles, Armures, Bengelines, Crepe de Chine, Chevrons, Cheviots, Serges, Bedford Cords, Wide-wale Diagonals and novelties, in black or any shade or fashionable pattern effect you could desire. Wide widths—44 to 54 inches.

Boys' sweaters Free! Free!!

During January WE will pay your round trip fare to Hamilton and return during the balance of January. The rebate or refund is arranged according to the amount of your purchase. Get full particulars of the sale.

All Curtains will be hung free during January. Sheets and Pillow Cottons hemmed free during January. All targets made, laid and lined free during January.

Free Lessons in Embroidery work. Join our large class now. Lessons each Wednesday and Friday. All kinds of Embroidery work, crochet work, lace making, etc., are covered.

THOMAS C. WATKINS HAMILTON ONTARIO

YE BURGLAR.

Lake Bluff Women Await You With Miles of Horrid Din. Horns and Guns Ready—Bells Will Ring, the Bloodthirsty Rush Out and Posses is Eager.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Should a stranger in Lake Bluff incur the suspicion of any woman resident hereafter—here is what will happen: The woman will rush to the second storey window and fire five shots from a revolver.

She will then begin to toot a tin horn as well as be instructed to buy. Her women neighbors will open windows and toot their horns until there is a mile and a half of tooting.

The man nearest the fire bell will start it ringing and the church bells will be rung. By this time the town policeman and new town bloodhound will be rushing forth.

The daylight posse of forty men or the night posse of 100 will also leap to activity. And there are more things to happen, as will be seen by this story.

These measures to put a stop to the attacks and robberies which hold the women of the suburb in perpetual terror are likely to make Lake Bluff present more of the aspect of an armed military camp than a peaceful and fashionable residence suburb.

The Citizens' Committee, composed of H. S. Bunting, E. W. Wallace and M. W. Cook, yesterday issued a notice which embodies about all the precautionary measures that can be thought of without the planting of cannon on the village green.

The notice includes a recommendation to the village to purchase a trained bloodhound. The notice is in part as follows: "The Lake Bluff Citizens' Committee warns householders under no circumstances to give food, drink or clothing to strangers, whether tramps or well dressed."

"Lake Bluff families are warned not to admit strangers to their homes under any pretext during the winter season."

"Every home in the village should provide itself with door safety chains."

"The women and children of Lake Bluff are also urged to call up the village police and give notice immediately in case any stranger calls at their door, or is seen loitering, or gives any ground whatsoever for suspicion."

"Your committee has organized an auxiliary daylight posse of forty citizens, who are always in the village and who stand ready to rush to the aid of village police in case of an emergency upon receiving the proper signals. This number will be increased by about one hundred additional citizens available for service after 6 p. m."

"In addition scouts and vigilantes to the number of 100 or more will be available both the north and south to help search the woods, shore, fields, roads and railroads in case of another deprecation."

"Giving a prompt alarm is the one thing needed, and that rests with the

CHIEF CHARGED.

Peterborough Alderman Has Created a Sensation.

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 19.—Somewhat of a sensation has been caused here by a letter which ex-Ald. Johnston has written to the Fire, Water and Light Committee of the City Council, in which a number of serious charges are made against Chief Howard, of the local fire department. Mr. Johnston was chairman of the Fire, Water and Light Committee last year. An investigation will be made at once to ascertain if there is any truth in the charges that have been made.

OUR ANCESTORS COLORED.

Albinism Responsible for White-Skinned Race.

London, Jan. 19.—Karl Pearson, professor of applied mathematics and mechanics at University College, London, who is also an anthropologist, stated in a lecture before the Royal Institution that it was his opinion the white races sprang from a dark-skinned ancestry through partial albinism. Among other proofs was the fact that albinos are comparatively frequently born of colored parents, but never vice versa. He suggested that the great increase in the relative prevalence of albinism nowadays was due to the less intense struggle for existence.

STABBING CASE.

Assyrian Used Knife on C. P. R. Fireman at Fort William.

Fort William, Jan. 19.—As C. P. R. Fireman Wihel walked into the bar of the Ogden Hotel yesterday afternoon, he was stabbed by an Assyrian named Charles Lescha, and wounded twice, on the thigh and close to the heart. Neither wound is expected to prove dangerous. Lescha then returned to his store, where he was arrested. The attack is said to have taken place over a plug of tobacco which the Assyrian claimed Wihel owed him for.