## ARCTURUS AND HIS SONS.

### Researches of the Toronto Astronomical Society.

The regular meeting of the Astronomical and Physical Society, which was largely attended, was held at the residence of Sir Adam Wilson, Spadina-crescent, the vice-president, Mr. Ahrens, in the chair. Among many interesting reports of telescopic work was a description of Wolfe's comet as seen in a 10¼ inch reflector by one of the members, and also a report of an observation of Saturn devoid of the rings, which will re-appear on Oct. 30. Full details of these observations will be published in the society's transactions, shortly to be issued.

It may be of some assistance to observers desiring to "pick up" the comet to note that it is now in right ascension 4 hrs. 41 m. and very near the celestial equator, moving west about one-half degree daily.

The variable star Algol had been observed by several members, who have made some careful records of the duration, etc., of its minimum.

It will be seen on Oct. 30, 10.41 p.m. and on Nov. 2 at 6.39 p.m. at its lowest magnitude. The society would be pleased to hear from any of its correspondents who may have an opportunity to verify these predictions.

The secretary read a paper on "Parallax," introducing a model of the star sphere to illustrate the displacement of a body by parallax in right ascension and declination. Diagrams were also shown to illustrate the graphic method of determining the circumstances of solar eclipses and occultations of stars.

Mr. M. Turnbull exhibited a "Terrestrial seasons' orrery," constructed after a new design, to illustrate the orbital and axial motions of the earth.

A mechanical representation of the radius vector is introduced, doing away with the necessity of tracing the circle of the ecliptic upon the globe, which represents the earth; the rays of light proceeding from the sun and represented by a fine rod held in the hand, and all the problems connected with the phenomena of sunrise and sunset, etc., are very readily solved by its use. The apparatus was much admired for the simplicity of its construction and accuracy of its adjustments.

Some discussion arose in regard to the favorable position of Jupiter for observation, and the vice-president gave a short description of the "red spot" as seen in good telescopes. As many of the members take particular interest in studying the giant planet the following dates were noted as being the times when the spot will be on the central meridian of the disc: Oct. 24, 10h. 46m.; Oct. 25, 6h. 37m.; Oct. 27, 8h. 15m.; Oct. 29, 9h. 53m.; Oct. 31, 11h. 31m.; Nov. 1, 7h. 23m.; Nov. 3, 9h. 8m.; Nov. 5, 10h. 43m.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 3, at Dr. Foster's office.

### Sales at Oliver, Coate & Co.'s.

The following sales will be held at The Mart during next week: Saturday, Oct. 24—Real estate—Lot. No. 1, east side of Crawford-street, plan 734, being sub-division of lot No. 14, in block I, registered plan 399; frontage on Crawford-street of 21 feet and ⅜ inch.

Leasehold property in King-street east, known as No. 109 King-street east.

Lot No. 30, block S, plan 518, north side Dundas-street, just beyond the Junction limits; subject only to township taxes and 7 minutes from Belt Line station. Lot No. 100, east side Admiral-road. Lot northwest corner of Euclid-avenue and London-street; part of lot No. 97, registered plan 219, having a frontage of 50 feet on Euclid-avenue by a depth of 89 feet on London-street, with six solid brick houses and solid brick store and dwelling on corner. Bellwoods-avenue, lots Nos. 1 and 2, plan 618; each lot 50x90 feet. Treford-place, part of lot 4, plan 43, 90x124, with five roughcast cottages and a 2-story roughcast store.

Bloor-street west—Parcel 1—The westerly 37 feet of lot 108 and westerly 3 feet of lot 100, plan 632, making a frontage of 40 feet by a depth of 130 feet. Parcel 2—Lot 151 and easterly part of lot 152, plan 632, making a frontage of 62 feet by a depth of over 123 feet. Tuesday, Oct. 27—Sale of household effects at 11 a.m. and a collection of oil paintings (by Miss Muntz) at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28—Sale of high-class English plated-ware and china, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30—Sale of general household effects.

### A Great House Going Out.

From the advertising that is daily appearing in the newspapers, it is evident that Messrs. Guinane Bros. have determined to retire from the retail shoe business. This will undoubtedly be a serious loss to the general public, as no firm has done so much to make a beneficial competition, their business having arisen from very small proportions to be the largest in the Dominion, which has been accomplished by their persistent efforts to keep prices down and the quality of the stock up. In the meantime great opportunities are offered up to the time of their retirement, Jan. 1, 1892. As they are sacrificing their stock at 33⅓ per cent. less than cost to enable them to accomplish this intention, and as it is the last opportunity that will be given, we are certain that the majority of our citizens will take advantage of these remarkable reduced rates. A perusal of their advertisement in our columns will fully explain both their object and their prices.

### Little, But Lively.

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the pleasant land."

And dropping into prose, we would say that Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are mild, but prompt in relieving constipation, sick headache, bilious attacks, pain in the region of kidneys, torpid liver, and in restoring a healthy, natural action to the stomach and bowels. 25 cents a vial. One pellet a dose. Little, but lively. The use of the old style, drastic pills is an outrage on the human system.

### Rev. E. P Crawford.

On Sunday morning the citizens of Toronto will have an opportunity of hearing Rev. E. P. Crawford of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, at the newly-consecrated Church of St. Luke's. Belonging to an old Toronto family, Mr. Crawford was educated at Toronto University long before Wycliffe College had an existence. He entered the ministry and spent a useful and honorable life in Eastern Ontario. But he accepted promotion in Hamilton, and there his troubles began. It may be because there is so little going on in Hamilton that Mr. Crawford has been so much talked of and written about. Without deserving it he is undoubtedly one of the Ambitious City's most prominent citizens, although personally almost unknown in his native town.

### Excursions.

Special excursions to California and Mexico, at lowest rates, via the great Wabash line, the shortest, best and quickest route to all west and southwestern points. People who like solid comfort always travel via the Banner route which run the finest equipped trains on earth. Ask your nearest ticket agent for tickets via this line. J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, 28 Adelaide-street east, Toronto. ed

### A Challenge.

Everybody who uses the goods of the York Soap Company, limited, now admits their superiority.

We leave the issue to the public and challenge any unprejudiced person who tries our Leader bar, Wonder or Magnetic laundry soaps to deny that they are purer and will last longer than any other soap in the market.

Our Lily White Washing Compound has been declared superior to all others and it is only half the price. Try it and see what it will do. 246

### Certificate of Merit.

Dear Sirs,—This is to certify that my husband had asthma for about 8 years, combined with a bad cough, and that his lungs also were badly affected, so that he could not rest or work. I then got Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam, which has greatly relieved him. After taking six or eight bottles it has entirely cured his cough, and done a great deal of good to his lungs.
Mrs. Moses Cough, Apsley, Ont.

### Scientific.

The nerves and muscles depend upon each other for efficiency, and the organs they sustain depend on both. It is necessary to treat the nerves and muscles with Sanador in order to cure diseases of these organs. Sold at Room 4, 172 Yonge-street, and guaranteed to cure. 136

## FIRST YEAR MEN HUSTLED.

### The Sophomores Paid Their Respects to the Juniors Yesterday.

A week ago the lady seniors and sophomores of Toronto University gave a reception to the freshets, and yesterday was the boys' turn to welcome the new boys. The welcome may not have abounded in Christian love as did the one of Saturday last; but it certainly did not lack in fervor. It was warm and interesting.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock the main corrider presented a lively scene. At first it was two long lines of students whistling, shouting and singing alternately "Litoria" and "We won't go home till morning." Then there was a deathly pause; and then the hustling began. In vain Sir Daniel implored the boys to go home. For some time he marched up and down the lines, but at last came to the conclusion that his efforts were fruitless and that it was no place for him. Scarcely had he left the scene before a curly-headed unfortunate had his movements somewhat accelerated by the noisy lines that fringed the hall. Next came two or three describing a beautiful zig-zag course as they rebounded from one side to the other. Next came a large number four deep and arms linked. They were determined to sweep things before them. They looked behind and saw the encouraging smiles of several of the ladies, whose vantage ground was the stair. They invoked the aid of the gods and sailed in. Gradually, however, the phalanx became broken and one by one the freshmen were assisted to the door.

The other students, however, could not but show that there was no hard feeling in the matter and consequently relieved the guests of coat-sleeves, hats, buttons, suspenders, etc., to say nothing of the many small mementos distributed in the shape of bloody noses, skinned shins and torn clothes.

Hustling is a part of the university curriculum, although it is a part over which the senate exercises no control and to which it gives no encouragement.

### A Word on Sanitation.

*Editor World:* I am sorry to see that Gladstone-avenue school has had to be closed from any cause, particularly from the existence of infectious diseases among its scholars. These do not appear to have arisen from any fault in the school itself, which I know to be perfectly well ventilated and kept, my friend Mr. Muir, the enthusiastic headmaster, having kindly shown myself and friends the working of the whole system, exemplifying its excellent results, from the school rooms to the furnace, through which all impure air passes. But I may be allowed to give in this connection some observations which I made on the occasion of my visit to Gladstone-avenue school, since the same will no doubt apply to many, if not all others.

On looking down from the windows of the beautiful kindergarten room with, I confess, a critical sanitary eye, I was sorry to see in several back lanes thus revealed in all their shameless disfigurement refuge, garbage, dirt lying all about them, just as thrown from the houses they belonged to. My fears then were awakened lest the near neighborhood of so much fermenting vegetable and animal matter might not nullify much of the purity attained for the school by its splendid ventilation.

The dirt may be removed frequently, but it is never removed thoroughly enough to prevent the lurking in edges and corners of lanes sufficient of it to form fruitful sources of disease. Moreover, though these perils may be reduced to a miminum by dry weather, let any intelligent person with the slightest chemical knowledge judge what they must be under the influence of rain and sun.

In my estimation, sir, our back lanes, greatly improved as they have become under the present management, are still our greatest menace—setting aside our horrible sewerage slips and the ventilation of our sewers into our streets—ye gods and little fishes! giving the filth and foul air of the sewers an exit whereby to get at the lungs and stomachs of innocent citizens, and then bemoaning the presence of typhoid and diphtheria among us!

We have bylaws by the carload dealing with our city sanitation, and what are they all good for? The worst and best obeyed possibly is the bylaw passed a few years ago divorcing our garbage from our ashes. Now, sir, I, as an old housekeeper and a rabid sanitarian, perhaps, I take the liberty of saying this is all wrong. The refuse of a house, particularly of its food preparation, makes moisture as a constituent of garbage inevitable. And our ashes, particularly during the cold months, acted usefully in absorbing it, and thus lessening the danger of putritive fermentation. They are all gathered in the same scavenger cart and should be kept together. But at the risk of making this letter long, I may be allowed also to say that the throwing of our refuse on to the ground is worse still. I do not do it, but there are many who do, and too many, even among the very respectable, who ought to know better, allow their servants to drop both garbage and ashes over the back place, caring for nothing but to get rid of them, and never reflecting that bacteria can come into their parlors and bedrooms just as readily from the back lane as from the front street whence such a condition of things has long been banished. If, as is done in London, and many European cities, our garbage were removed daily it would be easier to manage from every point of view, and then clean lanes would be attainable. Until this is done cleanliness cannot exist in our city any more than it could in our homes under the same conditions.
S. A. C.

### Oh, What a Cough! 246

Will you heed the warning? The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c, to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails.

### A Local Firm Fails.

The big profits which are supposed to accrue to the coal and wood trade seem to have been an exception in the case of William F. Johnston & Co. of 94-100 Arthur-street. At all events such is to be presumed from the fact that they have assigned to Harry Vigeon of McPherson, Clark & Co. The firm's indebtedness is said to be $8000.

### Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.25 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 1.10 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

### Life Grip Best of All Grips.

Had such bad attack of grip could not shake off its deadly hold until I got a barrel of St. Leon Mineral Water, of which I indulged freely, and glad to say it soon freed me from the deadly grip, and soon filled me with the grip of fine, vigorous health, and I am 67 years of age; St. Leon is great; try it everybody. T. Rivard, saddler, Joliette. 63

No article takes hold of Blood Diseases like Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery. It works like magic. Miss C——, Toronto, writes: I have to thank you for what Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery has done for me. I had a sore on my knee as large as the palm of my hand, and could get nothing to do any good until I used the Discovery. Four bottles completely cured it.

Indian Woman's Balm is nature's remedy for the curse of pains in travail. The Indians discovered it, and no women in the world have less sorrow than they. It gives tone to the reproductive organs, resulting in vigorous and healthy offspring. A. J. Truss, 456 King-street west. 246

### Cure for Chapped Hands.

Dear Sirs,—I think it is a privilege to recommend Hagyard's Yellow Oil as a sure cure for chapped hands, swellings, sore throat, etc. I recommend it to all. Mrs. George Ward, Josephine, Ont.

### Sick or Delicate Children.

No difficulty will be experienced regarding nourishment if Dyer's improved food for Infants be used. It is made from pure pearl barley, easily digested and highly nutritious—25 cents. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

### Dr. T. A. Slocum's

Oxygenized Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil. If you have Bronchitis—Use it. For sale by all druggists. 35 cents per bottle. 136

Why suffer rheumatic pains when by wearing perforated Buckskin Underwear you can be free from pain? Recommended by physicians. All sizes shirts, drawers, vests and chest protectors. Treble's, 53 King-street west.

## TO INVESTIGATE DEPARTMENTS.

### The Labors of Each Civic Employe Will be Enquired Into.

The special committee having under consideration the feasibility of reducing the civic official staff and their salaries met yesterday afternoon; Ald. Saunders was in the chair. Ald. Jolliffe was the most sanguinary-minded, and he wishes a complete revolution in this connection to be effected.

The members of the committee present were: Ald. Saunders, chairman; Aldermen Jolliffe, McMath, Bell, Burns, Hall, Phillips and Small.

William Hamilton submitted a report in which he specified several reductions which have been made in his department during the past year. The salaries of those whose services have been dispensed with aggregated $110.48 per week. Mr. Hamilton also supplied the committee with a list of the employes now under his supervision, together with a detailed account of the renumeration they individually receive.

After a good deal of discussion it was finally decided to have a thorough investigation into the condition of all the departments, and the following were appointed a committee to visit each of them at the times stated:

Waterworks Department—Ald. Jolliffe, chairman; Aldermen Park, Hill and Phillips. Saturday 2.30 p.m.

Works Department—Ald. Hewitt, chairman; Ald. Hall, Bell and Hill. Saturday, 2 p.m.

City Solicitor's and Treasurer's Department—Ald. MacMath, chairman; Ald. Burns and Small. Monday, 2.30 p.m.

City Clerk's and Assessment Department—Ald. George Verral, chairman; Ald. MacMath, Hewitt and McMurrich. The time at which this committee will investigate this department was left undecided.

City Commissioners' and Superintendent of Parks Departments, including License Department and Jail—Ald. Phillips, chairman; Ald. Jolliffe, Burns and Hill. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.

Fire and Medical Health Departments—Ald. Park, chairman; Ald. Hewitt, McMurrich and Bell. Wednesday 2.30.

### Alien Labor.

*Editor World:* I have read with considerable interest your article copied from The Buffalo Express, headed "No Canadian Need Apply." The authorities at Washington seem to be very much exercised lately about their Canadian neighbors, many of whom are American citizens, but who for the present are living on the north side of the imaginary line that runs through this continent. The Niagara and Detroit Rivers are the objective points at present.

I have recently returned from Detroit, where my business frequently calls me, and where I have to cross the river early on the ferries, and was surprised to see the boats so crowded when arriving at Windsor. I have counted nearly 200 get off a single boat. On making inquiry, I was told that several draining and paving contracts had lately been let and some of them had been secured by contractors from Detroit, who had not only brought their plants, but had also brought their full staff of overseers and men. The latter, in nearly every instance, brought their lunch baskets with them, depriving the poor Canadians of any profit they might expect from the noon lunches.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is a poor law that won't work both ways. Why don't the Canadian customs officers stop American aliens from coming here taking the bread and butter from our own deserving laborers and mechanics? Surely times are changed since 1863 and 1864 when bounties of from one to two thousand dollars were not considered and too much for any ordinary Canadian to take the place of some good for nothing U. S. citizen afraid to expose his carcase to the Southern bullets. What is our Government doing in Ottawa? Why don't they duplicate or more than duplicate the McKinley bill, and prevent making Canada a slaughter market—there is nothing would bring our American cousins to time quicker than to touch theo buckets or to do unto others as they dodoiy; r
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### New Books at the Public Library.

Blackinar, Spanish Institutions of the Southwest; Beatty-Kingston, Music and Manners, 2 vols.; Eggleston, Faith Doctor: A Story of New York, 2 copies; Thomson and Harris-Smith, Ulu: An African Romance, 2 vols.; Cozzens, Sayings of Dr. Bush whacker and other learned men; Macqueary, Topics of the Times: Farrar, Darkness and Dawn, 5 copies; Shorthouse, Blanche, Lady Falaise, 5 copies; Edwards, American Marine Engineer: theoretical and practical; Plympton, How to Become an Engineer; Brainard, The Sextant and other Reflecting Mathematical Instruments; Badt, Electric Transmission Hand-book; Edwards, 600 Examination Questions and answers for Engineers and Firemen; Langbein and Brannt, Electro-deposition of Metals; Hale, Four and Five, 2 copies; Admiral Rodney, by David Hannay (English Men of Action); Stockton, House of Martha, 2 copies; Fox, Lectures to the Working classes, 2 vols.; General Houston, Life, by Henry Bruce (Makers of America); Thomas Hooker, Preacher, Founder, Democrat, by G. L. Walker (Makers of America) Barrett, Old Merchants of New York City; Sandell, Memoranda of Art and Artists; Stonemason and Bricklayer, by practical writers; Life of Lord John Campbell, edited by Hon. Mrs. Hardcastle, 2 vols.; Newall, Scottish Moors and Indian Jungles.

### One Hundred and One.

Having carried over from last year a large number of Fine Alaska Seal Skins, J. & J. Lugsdin can sell all the latest styles of Seal Mantels, Jackets, Capes, Muffs, etc., in the finest grades of Alaska Seal at prices very much lower than garments made from Seal purchased this year.

The fashionable styles in jackets are the 30-inch length Reefer and the Oxford. In capes the Military and Princess take the lead. See them now at 101 Yonge-street, while you can make your selection from a large stock.

### Everybody Should Have One.

Published to-day—the Toronto Pocket Street Guide, a useful little book, being a complete directory of all streets and numbers in Toronto, alphabetically arranged with great care. For sale by all newsdealers. Price 10 cents.

Ease by day and repose by night are enjoyed by those who are wise enough to apply Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil to their aching muscles and joints. A quantity easily held in the palm of the hand is often enough to relieve the most exquisite pain.

### Made from Pure Pearl Barley.

Dyer's improved food for Infants is highly nutritious, easily digested, endorsed by leading Physicians and not expensive—25 cents. Try it. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

### Don't Leave the City

Without a few Hero Cigars—cost 5 cents. Good value and highly recommended. Try them. Cigar stores keep them. J. Rattray & Co., Montreal.

### Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

### No More Bother.

Gentlemen,—I have used Hagyard's Yellow Oil for my chilblains and it cured them. I have never been bothered with them since.
Regie Kbown, Victoria, B.C.

### All Men. ed

Men, young, old or middle-aged, who are weak, nervous and exhausted, broken down from overwork or from any cause not mentioned, should send for and read the book of Lubon, a treatise on diseases peculiar to man. Sent sealed, secure from observation, on receipt of 10c. in stamps. Address M. V. Lubon, 50 Front-st. east, Toronto

### The Only Puffing

The Rialto Cigar wants is to smoke one. Try Lt. O. Grothe & Co., Montreal.

Is there anything more annoying than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting rid of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it. Try it and be convinced.

### Dr. T. A. Slocum's

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### We have a series of brilliant bargains in heating stoves, half price. Wheeler & Bain, 179 King-street East. 135

A lady writes: "I was enabled to remove the corns, root and branch, by Holloway's Corn Cure." Others who have tried it have the same experience.

## TORONTO'S PLAGUE PIT.

### Where It Can be Found—The Cause of Typhoid and Diphtheria.

*Editor World:* As typhoid and diphtheria are steadily increasing in our fair city the Mayor and the health officers are all out with lanterns searching for a possible cause. In the lanes and byways of the city perhaps it is not going beyond the bounds of a private citizen's right—considering the gravity of the situation—to call their attention to the probable cause of the epidemic. I do not arrogate to myself the honor of discovery, but simply call their attention to it now for fear they might unwittingly run upon it and thereby endanger reputations—now enjoyed, and for which the city pays a goodly wage—for wonderful abilities in administering civic affairs. It has been commented upon by the press and citizens generally as somewhat remarkable that cities like Montreal and Quebec, with not so good sanitary conditions as Toronto, should yet be much freer from typhoid and diphtheria. To those cities may also be added New York, with its teeming population, its large district of the very poor class, and its annexes Jersey City and Brooklyn, Washington and many other cities—which could be cited—and which, according to population, are freer of these diseases than Toronto. The two facts here I wish carried in mind are: 1. That the sewage from these cities is emptied into rapidly flowing rivers, the majority of them having a strong flood and ebb tide. 2. The water supply is from another source than that into which the sewage is emptied.

Now there is in the eastern part of Toronto's harbor what is known as Ashbridge's Bay, in which there is a large marsh area, soft porous, just like a sponge. This extends across the mouth of the Don, into which many of the city sewers empty. But worse still into this bay and marsh for years has been poured the reeking refuse from distillery and slaughter house until the bay and marsh are filled to the depth of many feet with a foul mass, a thousand times worse than that compounded by Macbeth's witches. Now there is no rapid river with strong tide to carry off and drain this stew, no return flood tide to cover it with fresh and purifying salt water, but embedded in the spongy marsh in still water it ferments and spews out death and disease over the city. Why are typhoid and diphtheria more prevailent this year than years before? Simply because the water of the lakes being very much lower this year than for some years back, more of this devil's brew has been exposed to the action of sun and wind and, therefore, more of it disseminated through the city. We get our water supply but a short distance, comparatively speaking, from this infected bay. On the surface of the water 100 miles east from Toronto a perceptible current westward can be noticed, and it is not yet settled which direction the current on the north shore of the lake takes. Is it beyond a possibility, is it beyond probability, that our water is tainted from this cause? Would analysis show it? Analysis will show, it is true, physical organisms. Will it show gases, a chemical effect and the result of fermentation? Wind and water will carry infectious gases, gases carry the infection-producing epidemics, let them be microbes, bacteria or what they will. The refuse from distilleries and slaughter houses will in process of fermentation send out more pestilent odors than the privy pits do. As the privy pits have decreased in proportion as the population and sanitary plumbing and new houses have increased, by what process of logical reasoning can the privy pits be determined to be the primary cause of the present trouble?

An attempt has been made to bring about a reclamation of the marsh lands in Ashbridge's Bay, and that attempt has been quite effectively sat upon by the powers that be at the City Hall. Not only that, but it has even been made by a wily administration and a too sensitive engineer to serve as a "casus belli" between some of the aldermen, who have honestly been striving to better our sanitary condition, and the citizens generally! It is to be deplored if this question, of such vital importance to all parts of the city, should be made the shuttlecock of tricksters who care not as long as their own ends are obtained. We have three representatives in the Commons, three in the Local Legislature and a high salaried civic staff, not forgetting that honorable body the Board of Trade. Surely united action ought to secure the abatement of an evil so manifest. At all events as the civic election is very close at hand voters should see to it that not again for another year shall "Nero fiddle while Rome burns."
A. W. Dingman.

### The Legal Budget.

In the matter of the North Perth Dominion election petition Chancellor Boyd made an order for the issue of a subpœna to J. F. Walker, Montreal, auditor of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, to attend the trial as a witness, and to bring with him certain papers and books in his possession. Before Chief Justice Galt a motion was made to quash a bylaw passed by the town of Essex under the local option bylaw, prohibiting the sale of liquor within the municipality. The grounds on which it is sought to set aside the bylaw are that it should not altogether prohibit the sale of liquor, that the act under which it is passed is ultra vires in that respect and that the bylaw should enact a penalty for infringement thereof, which it does not do. Judgment was reserved. A similar motion came up in respect to a bylaw of the village of Wellington but was enlarged.

The cases of Manning & McDonald against the city made very little progress yesterday. The examination-in-chief of Mr. McDonald was concluded and his cross-examination by Mr. McCarthy, Q.C., begun. The cross-examination will not likely be finished when the court rises to-morrow and the case will then be postponed to a fixed day, probably in January next.

Chief Justice Galt reserved judgment on a motion for an injunction to restrain the county court judge of Kent county from proceeding with an investigation into certain alleged defalcations by the late treasurer of the county. A new treasurer was appointed some time ago instead of J. Arnold, who was deposed. The ground on which the injunction is claimed is that the Municipal Act does not authorize the proceedings, the officer having ceased to be such.

### Suggested Retrenchments.

*Editor World:* Toronto is in dire need of an economical administration of its affairs, and the electors should not vote for any candidate next Sanuary, unless he distinctly pledges himself to retrenchment of our expenditure. Last year we paid $700,670 interest upon debt. It should be the aim of every citizen to have this large annual charge reduced. If not, when will we be able to obtain a trunk sewer or permanent roads, our greatest needs.

Our police cost $230,420, when $150,000 should suffice. We have 325 police and 180 should be enough. A graduol reduction can be made as dismissals, resignations or superannuations occur.

Our schools cost $350,425 for running expenses. This does not include the interest upon money spent in school buildings. The schools are now overcrowded, by admitting scholars under six years of age, who would be far better at their homes. Reducing the cost of free libraries from $34,546 to $25,000, would cause few taxpayers uneasiness. Our fire department is greatly in excess of our needs. If we spent $30,000 upon our parks instead of $47,800, they would be there all same. Reducing by ten per cent. the amounts for street lighting, watering and maintainence, and salaries, would save $70,000 per year. We spend too little upon charity and health and this fact should incite to reductions elsewhere. Increased revenue can be obtained by causing heavier fines to be levied in the police court, by increased water rates to meter consumers, by obtaining rent for the use of city buildings and the Exhibition Pork.

A horse and wheel tax should be levied, as those who wear out the roads should contribute to their maintainence. There never was a time in the history of Toronto, such as now, for the electors to put principles of economy above mere friendship, and effect the institution of an economical expenditure. After the past fifteen years of liberality, we can retrench without being miserly. Manufacturers will not stay with us unless we are able to greatly reduce our rate of taxation. I have penned the sentiments of thousands of electors who are wishing for a newspaper to "plead their cause."
Toronto Traveler.

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## THE WOMEN'S WORK.

### What Has Been Done During the Past Twelve Months.

The 10th annual Dominion meeting of the Women's Methodist Missionary Society commenced yesterday in the Elm-street Church and will continue till the 27th. Mrs. Gooderham, the president, occupied the chair. Reports of the work in Quebec, Japan and among the Chinamen of British Columbia were read during the afternoon. The president's address showed the Women's Missionary Society had been organized about 10 years. In the beginning the membership was small. There were 20 auxiliaries and the income was less than $3000. During the last year the demand for missions had been in excess of the supply. There were not enough lady candidates for the missionary work. Lady medical missionaries are particularly desirable. The chief efforts of the society are unmistakably to aid young women. The work of the society is also especially directed to the elevation of womankind in heathen lands.

Drs. Potts and Sutherland were present in the afternoon to present to the society the greeting of the General Methodist Missionary Society. They also gave some fatherly advice and expressed the belief that the general society would gladly incorporate the ladies with them.

In the evening an address of welcome was presented to the society by Mrs. Rev. J. E. Starr. A most appropriate reply was given by Mrs. J. D. Chipman of St. Stephen, N.B.

The work among the Indians of the Northwest will be taken up to-day.

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