



Fifty Years Ago.

This is the stamp that the letter bore which carried the story far and wide. Of certain care for the loathsome sore that bubbled up from the tainted side of the blood below. And 'twas Ayer's name that was on the wrapper of the medicine that was just beginning its fight of fame with its cures of 50 years ago.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

is the original sarsaparilla. It has behind it a record for cures unequalled by any blood purifying compound. It is the only sarsaparilla honored by a medal at the World's Fair of 1893. Others imitate the remedy; they can't imitate the record:

50 Years of Cures.

U. S. TARIFF ON COAL

Increased by the Ways and Means Committee - Canadian Competition.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee, have decided to restore the McKinley tariff rates on coal and coke. These were 75 cents per ton of 28 bushels on bituminous and shale, and 30 cents on coal slack, such as will pass through a half-inch sieve. The present rates are 40 cents and 15 cents. Coke is advanced from 35 to 20 per cent ad valorem.

Representatives of the coal interests declared that the Wilson rates had increased Canadian competition so greatly that the mine owners had been obliged to reduce wages to keep in the field.

An English chemist writes: "Brown's Bronchial Troches are most useful, and I never knew an article so universally well spoken of and gain such rapid notoriety before." Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, etc., should try them. Price, 25 cents a box. **xt**

The man whose cause is wrong is sure to be the loser if he gains it.

New Streets Wanted.

Petitions From Ratepayers in the Fifth and Sixth Wards.

Board of Works' First Session in the New Committee Room.

The Board of Works met last night, the session being held in the old committee room for the first time since the recent renovations there. Although nothing was prescribed as to the manner in which the room should be opened, instinctively each alderman paused as he entered, and, with a face lighted with pleasure, gazed admiringly upon the transformation. The walls and ceilings have been repapered, the woodwork painted, and the floor oiled—not a spot in the room that has not been brightened. The incandescent lights added greatly to the attractiveness of the place. The congratulatory smiles exchanged by the aldermen were justifiable on other grounds than that they were in keeping with the cheerful aspect of the surroundings—the money had been well expended.

Chairman Parnell, Ald. Carrothers, Cooper, O'Meara and Nixie, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell were present.

Samuel Munro and other residents of Evergreen and Riverview avenues, South London, petitioned the council to consider the question of opening a street from the one avenue to the other, west of the Wharfedale road.

Mr. D. Sare appeared on behalf of the petitioners, and said that at present the residents were very much inconvenienced by reason of Evergreen avenue being blind. The opening could be made at very little cost. The lot dividing them was 150 feet deep, and could be bought for about \$100. Mr. Sare had written to Mr. Geo. Walker, owner of some of the land available for the purpose desired, to ascertain if he would make a gift of it, and, if not, to learn the price set upon it.

If the request is granted by the committee, a number of the ratepayers would build. The speaker himself would erect a house worth \$2,000, at least, but if the opening were not made he would not spend ten cents in building.

Ald. O'Meara pointed out that there would be no extra frontage, by which the city would be remunerated for the outlay. "Do you call upon me as a citizen," said he, "to buy land to increase the value of your property?"

Mr. Sare replied that the city would be benefited by the increased value of the property, and strongly pressed the suit.

The chairman and engineers will report on the matter, and advise as to the opening of Marshall street to Lyle, East London, which Thomas Mungall and other ratepayers petitioned for.

A petition from W. F. Roome and others, for a macadamized roadway on Wolfe street, was referred to the assessment commission.

Mr. A. Ritchie and a number of other ratepayers asked for a sidewalk on Layard street. Referred to the engineer.

The Industrial Brotherhood's representative—George Nixie, brigadier general, and Robert Burleigh, secretary—wrote, asking that the scale of wages

for work on the new sewer be, for men at the top, 15 cents; on the scaffolding, 10 cents; and at the bottom, 17 cents per hour.

Chairman Parnell said if they were union rates they would prevail, and if not, the specifications for sections for which tenders have been called could not now be changed.

WRECKED.

rs. Barkley, the wife of Captain Barkley, Well-Known Lake Captain of Owen Sound, Ont., Tells How La Grippe Left Her, and How Often Doctors Gave Up Hope and Her Family and Friends Despaired of Her Recovery—The Great South American Nervine Was the Beacon Which Directed Her into the Good Health Harbor.

"About four years ago I was afflicted with a severe attack of la grippe, which left me almost a complete wreck. I was prostrated for weeks, doctors with several physicians and used many remedies, but none had any lasting effect. My friends began to be alarmed for my recovery. The doctors shook their heads, and held out little hope. I was attracted by an advertisement of South American Nervine, and as my trouble was of a nervous nature I decided to try it. The first bottle helped me greatly. I persisted in its use, and this great remedy has completely built up my system, and I positively declare that it is the only medicine that gave me any relief."

Sold by C. McCallum and B. A. Mitchell.

A horse car line to the pyramids has been authorized at Cairo.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me. I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

A prophet is not without honor save in his own country. The Guild Hall Library in London has refused to accept a bust of the late Joseph Whitaker, whose "Almanac" is one of the most useful books ever devised.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!

SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itching and stinging, mostly at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue, tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. All druggists, or by mail, 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Lyman Sons & Co., Montreal.

One of the potsherds, inscribed with the name of Themistocles, with which the Athenians voted for his ostracism in 471 B.C., has been discovered at Athens.

Lack of vitality and color-matter in the bulbs causes the hair to fall out and turn gray. We recommend Hall's Hair Renewer to prevent baldness and graying.

Princess Barnst von Windischgratz, who was rubbed by Corone Nixie, brigadier general, a month or two ago, died recently of consumption at Ajaccio.

Minaud's Liniment for Rheumatism.

LONDON AND WESTERN TRUSTS CO.

First Annual Meeting of the Shareholders—Satisfactory Showings.

The first general meeting of the shareholders of the London and Western Trusts Company (Limited) was held at the temporary offices of the company on Thursday, the 18th inst.

There were present: Messrs. G. B. Harris, R. Fox, M. D. Fraser, T. H. Smallman, A. Robinson, D. M. Cameron, R. Shaw-Wood, John Labatt, R. W. Puddicombe, G. C. Gibbons, Q.C., Wm. Percival, A. B. Cox, A. S. Emery, T. G. Meredith, D. Regan, F. J. Hammond, R. K. Cowan, Dr. Bucke, Dr. Buchanan, D. E. Tennant, S. Stewart, Geo. Moncrieff, Q.C., F. P. Fyfe, G. E. Weir, Dresden, George Sanwell, Esq.; J. H. Nells, Woodstock; T. H. Parker, Woodstock; E. Ironsides, Ilford; E. Sidney Smith, Stratford; John McLean, St. Thomas; Dr. Thompson, Stratford, and others.

The president, Mr. Gibbons, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the costs of management and promoting, and the surplus as showing economical and careful management.

The feeling of the directors was that rigid economy should be practiced, and that in future, while economy must be the watchword every consideration should be given to the necessities arising from time to time for the promotion of the company's interests. It felt that success was assured, and that the number and volume of the estates already on hand, and others amounting to \$2,250, and others amounting to over \$20,000 had been passed, but not yet closed. These had all been carefully considered by the board.

As to a dividend, he felt from the present prospects that the shareholders could look forward confidently to a dividend at the end of this year.

The shareholders expressed themselves as well satisfied with the position and prospects.

The provisional directors were re-elected for this year, and at a subsequent meeting the following were elected: G. C. Gibbons, Q.C., president; John Labatt, first vice-president; Chas. Mackenzie, second vice-president.

BIG BUSINESS

Sorry They Are Leaving

The announcement that the Ko-Da people are going to Ottawa has been met by the London people with an enormous demand for their remedies at the advertising prices. By purchasing at 25 cents now, a saving of 75 cents on a bottle is effected. After their departure the drug stores will handle the remedy. This wonderful blood tonic has been known only four months in Canada and over 70,000 bottles have been sold already. The large laboratory in New York has been taxed to its utmost to keep up the supply, the United States trade alone being as large as any other three medicine companies put together. The number of cures effected in London alone has been miraculous. Do not forget Saturday, Feb. 27, last day. Mexican Medicine Company, 256 Dundas, near Wellington, 441-eod

ARBITRATION

Discussed by the United States Senate—No Action Taken.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Senate discussed the Anglo-American arbitration treaty behind closed doors. Mr. Nelson (Minnesota) urged that action be postponed until the Senate assemblies on March 3. Mr. Platt (Connecticut) antagonized postponement, believing the best interests of the country demanded immediate action. Mr. Frye (Maine) advocated action by the Senate at once. Mr. Daniel (Virginia) spoke for upwards of two hours against the treaty. Senator Lindsay (Kentucky) urged ratification of the convention and action at once.

Various efforts were made to secure a final vote, but they were met by motions to adjourn, which were invariably voted down, or developed the absence of a quorum. Mr. Sherman pleaded in vain for an agreement for a day and hour on which a vote might be taken. Finally, the friends of the treaty proposed adjournment. This prevailed, and, without any notice on the part of Mr. Sherman that he would again call up the treaty, the Senate, at 8 o'clock, adjourned. It is not improbable, however, that Mr. Sherman may make one more effort to secure a vote.

PARKHILL.

Sparrow Shoot at Parkhill—J. D. McColl Leads the Score.

Parkhill, Feb. 20.—At the Agricultural Grounds on Thursday the annual sparrow shoot of the Parkhill Gun Club took place. George Bawden acting as referee. Fifteen birds were shot at 20 yards, and 50 yards boundary. J. D. McColl, the renowned athlete, made the splendid record of 14 out of 15 birds, defeating L. Bove, a well-known crack shot, much to the surprise of friends of the latter. Appended is the score:

J. D. McColl	14
L. B. Bove	13
W. J. Bawden	12
C. Thompson	11
C. Sherdown	11
B. Robinson	10
J. Donaldson	7
C. McCann	7
J. Bolland	7
James Cunningham	6

THE BROWN FAMILY.

They Are a Stylish Lot.

The Brown family owning allegiance to the Diamond Dyes are the delight of thousands everywhere. They are fashionable and becoming colors for young and old, and so fast and durable are the shades that soap, washing and sun will not fade them.

Fast Seal Brown Diamond Dye gives that very rich, dark color so much admired, or will produce beautiful Milan and Red Browns. From Fast Brown Diamond Dye you may have the full Mercur Brown, or Gold and Olive Browns.

One trial of Fast Diamond Dye Browns will convince you of their superior qualities and richness. Beware of imitation dyes; see that what you buy are marked "Diamond Dyes."

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