The Toronto World.

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RIDDEL ON ROADS.

During his nomination speech in St. Thomas ward yesterday, Coroner Ridde unriddled the great prize conundrum—Why are the streets of Toronto so muddy? This question has puzzled some of the most powerful minds in the community. The theory has been advanced that it is owing to leaving the streets out doors when it rains, but this idea is exploded by Dr. Riddel, who has sat upon the question, held a crowner's quest upon it, as it were, and with his little scalpel laid bare its true inwardness.

He says that it is all the fault of the young men from the country, who are engaged to do manual labor on the city press. Thus: Young men from the country are engaged, at an enormous salary and board himself, on the Morning Snob's staff. The able editor of the Morning Snob waves his lily white kid glove and turns the young man from the country loose upon a defenceless city. The young man wades down King street and up Yonge, and having come from where the mud on the side lines is only three feet deep on the level, and is astonished to find himself up to his chin and the tide still rising. The young man from the country returns to the office in a flat boat street car, removes the plaster cast of himself which he has involuntarily made, and writes a severe critique of Toronto's streets.

Dr. Riddel says that the streets are good enough for the money, and good enough for anybody but the unacclimatized young men from the country who write for the papers. Any cosmopolitan citizen who knows what mud is, and really likes it, will never complain of our streets. Every man who has been accustomed, as Dr. Riddel has for years, to going home with his hair, eyes and pockets full of mud gathered from the wheels of passing vehicles will join with him in standing up for Toronto's mud. Our best citizens would feel that a great blank space, as big as a sheet of foolscap, had come into their lives if our streets were to become as painfully clean as an ordinary township concession.

The least the electors can do in recognition of Dr. Riddel's defence of our peculiar institution is to elect him by acclamation, so that he may become chairman of the board of works. He is an honor to his sex.

BACKING DOWN.

We are rather pleased than otherwise to see that the Globe is beginning to profit by the advice we have been freely extending to it, and is disposed to occupy more tenable as well as more sensible ground on the trade question. Its leading article yesterday is about as complete a back down from its nail-the-free-trade-to-the-mast policy as we could reasonably hope to see.

It now assures the manufacturers that it has no desire, no intention to insist on any very material change in the tariff in the direction of free trade; tells them in the nature of things the tariff must be kept as high as to be practically a protective tariff. This is not bad, but why in the name of all that is sensible did not the Globe have all this in mind when it published its recent rabid free trade tirade? There is no reason for permanent high duties now which did not exist then.

Our contemperorary complains that the position of the reform party on the tariff question has been badly misrepresented, and we agree with it, but the misrepresentation has been on the part of the Globe. What could be our contemporary's motive for such misrepresentation we do not pretend to say, but we must frankly admit that those who have attributed it to a deep laid plot to politically assassinate Mr. Blake and compel the reform party to self destruction in the interests of the syndicate, have not been without intelligible reasons for their belief.

Let us hope that the Globe having stopped in its mad career, may in future not only cease its mad, fatuous advocacy of an anti-national trade policy, but frankly adopt the more patriotic and sensible course of supporting a policy which has proved itself to be conceived in the best interests of the Dominion.

None but bigoted partizans will maintain that the tariff as it stands is altogether perfect, and an intelligent agitation for needed changes is quite right and proper, and we will gladly assist the Globe in any efforts in this direction; but we hope we have heard the last of wholesale, unreasoning denunciations of the tariff as a whole.

AN OUTRAGE UPON THE SNOBOCRACY.

The Mail will learn with pain and indignation that a gross insult has been offered to the British nobility, to say nothing of Canadian knighthood, by certain vulgar hoopkeepers of the city of Guelph, who ave procured the arrest at Halifax of a scion of the old nobility upon the charge of fraud. Mr. Hay is a howling swell who was for sometime believed in Guelph to be the son of Sir Thomas Hay, and who still claims to be the genuine articles, with the trademark blown into the glass. The snobdom of Guelph was very much taken with and not a little taken in by this noble young man, until he paid a visit to Toronto that was prolonged into a journey to Halifax en route to the baronial halls of his knightly father. A telegraphic despatch overtook him at Halifax before the Parisian sailed, and he will have to stand his trial for bilking certain Guelph plebians out of filthy lucre by false pretences.

It is quite evident that an infamous spirit of democracy is abroad in this land, threatening that British connection, which is only preserved to us by the conservative sentiment of respect for the nobility. The chief organ should give no uncertain sound on this subject. The only comments that occurs to us is that a percentage of Canadians are snobs and toadies, and that when they permit themselves to be imposed upon by aristocratic airs and pretensions, no matter by whom assumed, they deserve very little sympathy.

THE MAYORALTY.

The municipal nominations passed off yesterday without any marked excitement. In several of the wards there was a good deal of the badinage and buncombe characteristic of parish politics, but no one was the worse for it.

The re-election of Mr. Mayor McMurrich by acclamation was almost a foregone conclusion from the opening of the municipal campaign, and the compliment was well merited. Elected twelve months ago in defiance of fierce party opposition, Mr. McMurrich has so comported himself as to win golden opinions from all quarters, and to amply justify the confidence reposed in him by the electors. Mr. McMurrich's record justifies the belief that his second year of office will lend to still further raise him in public esteem. It is to be hoped that the wards will return such a council as will strengthen his hands in the administration of the city's affairs, and that the blunders, and worse, of 1881 may be avoided in 1882.

EAST YORK.

We hear from good authority that Hon. Mr. Mackenzie will accept the reform candidature in this riding, providing his friends in Lambton are agreeable to the change. He will consult them publicly on January 5, at a meeting which has been called for that date.

A SAVAGE may commit suicide but it will only be under stress of the most desperate circumstances. His wants are few and his nerves of the firmest. It is your finely organized and highly civilized being who soonest grows world weary and raises his hand against himself upon slight provocation. Men have been known to kill themselve for love, for hate, because they were too poor, because they were too rich, because they were married, because they could not get married, in wicked despair, and in pious exaltation. The young man Milne who shot himself yesterday in this city was of that age when the world was all before him, where to choose, and when his troubles might be supposed to have been of a temporary character, if he had any troubles. But there is no accounting for the motives of suicides. What would not disturb one man's slumbers will drive another man to despair by night and day.

THE KINGSTON WHIG does not wish to be misunderstood upon the syndicate question, and we do not wish to misunderstand it, but we cannot say that we clearly comprehend our contemporary. It either desires that faith shall be kept to the letter with this syndicate or it does not. If it does there is no use in asking the electors to pronounce against it, as in such case they would have nothing to gain by a change of government. The World's opinion is that it will be competent and probably necessary for a future parliament to offer the syndicate modified terms. Surely the Whig can state its opinion in as many words.

THE CREATION of a privileged class in this Canada of ours should be opposed by those who set up as political reformers. From a judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Rainville of Montreal we learn that the salaries of civil servants are exempt from legal process. Why should a civil servant enjoy any immunity not enjoyed by a mechanic, a baker, a clerk in a mercantile establishment, or any other wage winner? This is one of those conundrums arising out of the injustices perpetrated by party politicians. Civil servants should enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded to other citizens—no more and no less.

THE HAMILTON TIMES incautiously admits that the fictitious value placed upon western wheat temporarily affects the Liverpool demand. This admission is fatal to the arguments built up by the Times and the Globe upon a comparison of Toronto with Chicago prices.

THE WEAK POINT in the reform attacks upon Canadian knighthood is the eager acceptance of titles by Sir Richard Cartwright and Sir Albert Smith. Their example does not justify the practice, but it renders the tory retort easy.

IF A CENSUS could be taken of all the sore heads that there are in the city this morning, some estimate might be formed of the extent to which yesterday's festivities assumed a liquid form.

THERE IS A COOLNESS among the conservatives of the Montreal Cartier club, a seceding number having carried off the stove. This is not the way to heap coals of fire upon one's enemy.

BOOTH'S THEATRE, New York, is to be converted into a dry goods shop. Our play houses are all more or less used for the display of dress goods, anyhow.

THE READERS of several of our weekly exchanges are taking a holiday, the publishers having announced that they will not publish this week.

THE SMALL BOY who goes forth to skate this season should have the faith that can walk upon the water.

THE ICE CROP has not been perceptibly affected by the early frosts.

—The causes of colds are getting over heated in hot rooms or crowded assemblies, sitting in a draught, or cooling too rapidly after exercise, muffling up warm and changing to lighter wrappings, cold and damp feet. No matter what is the cause Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam is the cure for all throat and lung diseases that induce consumption.

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JUST TO HAND.

QUEBEC MAPLE SYRUP, TURKEY PRUNES, DRIED SWEET CORN.

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Noted for Teas and Coffees. 135

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Parlor Seances held at 104 RICHMOND STREET WEST every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 p. m.

Admission, - - - - 50 Cents.

Arrangements can be made for Private Seances. 135

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STRICTLY HIS OWN MAKE.

Having a long experience in business is a Guarantee that all goods purchased from him are A No 1. Ladies will do well to examine his stock for fine Boots and Shoes, as his stock is complete and prices very low. 36

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Christmas Goods at Our Usual Low Prices.

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NOTICE

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By order of the Board,

CHARLES DRINKWATER, Secretary.

MONTREAL, December 1, 1881.