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A FIRE AMONG OIL TANKS.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY SUFFER SEVERE LOSS.

Two Large Warehouses, Three Immense Tanks, Four River Piers and About Ten Thousand Barrels of Oil Fall a Prey to the Flames.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Half a million dollars' worth of property of the Standard Oil Company disappeared in smoke early this morning. One of the largest fires that has yet visited the gigantic corporation at Constable Hook, N.J., broke out fifteen minutes after midnight. Two large warehouses, three immense tanks, four big docks and about 10,000 barrels of oil were licked up by the destroying element, leaving nothing but a smouldering mass of ruins. Soon after midnight residents of the City of Bayonne, which includes the former villages of Pamrope, Bayonne, Centreville and Bergin Point were startled by the continuous blowing of the large whistle at the works of the Oil Company. Those who looked in the direction of Constable Hook saw a mass of red flame shoot skyward, and realized that the oil works were on fire. There was one man, however, who had probably seen it before anyone else. He was the lookout in the bell tower of the fire department. Comprehending at once the terrible import of a blaze among such inflammable material, he rang out a general alarm on the big bell. Soon the members of the eight companies had their apparatus out and the hook and ladders, hose carts and engines were tearing from all parts of Bayonne City to Constable Hook.

When the firemen arrived at the oil works they found that the large frame house at the lower end of the works was on fire. The flames had been discovered by the watchman who had given the alarm to the foreman of the yards. As work is carried on by night as well as by day there was a strong force of men about the place, and these were summoned. As lines of hose are always kept at the fire pumps about, the place, several streams of water were soon playing on the fire. The arrival of the firemen was, however, none too soon as the flames were making great headway, being carried by the wind in the direction of half a dozen large tanks that intervened between the burning structure and a large warehouse. As the building in which the fire broke out was of wood it was not long before it was a mass of flames.

The firemen and others on the scene realizing that there was no hope for it turned their attention to saving the oil tanks and other property in the neighborhood. The heat from the burning oil and barrels was intense. Apparently not minding this in the least, the firemen approached as near to the threatened tanks as they could, and erected barricades of empty barrels, behind which they concealed themselves, throwing volumes of water, the pressure for which was supplied by the stationary engines in the yard upon the tracks. At the same time the oil was being pumped out of the tanks by means of the underground pipes. Despite the efforts of the firemen the tank nearest the fire became overheated and a column of flame burst from the top of it. This drove the fire-fighters back so that they had to abandon a second tank which was separated from the burning one by only a few feet. It was not long before this was a mass of flames also.

Things then began to assume a threatening aspect. It looked as if the office, several warehouses, the dozen or more banks in the neighborhood, a large brick storehouse, the docks along the river front and the manufactories of the Bayonne Chemical Works, the Oxford Copper and Sulphur Company and the Standard Match Company and the large lumber yard of A. W. Booth & Brother, would be destroyed. The Standard people, seeing their danger, telegraphed to their works at Greenpoint for assistance. Five powerful tugs were sent from that place, and they arrived at Constable Hook at 1.40 o'clock. Though the firemen kept throwing powerful streams upon it, a large frame warehouse, used also as a cooper shop, caught fire and was soon blazing. For about half an hour the firemen kept the destroying element from crossing the dozen feet that still intervened, and they might have saved the threatened building had not a pipe at the base of the tank burst and hurled burning fluid in against the structure and fired it. As it was stored with inflammable material it was speedily licked up by the flames, which then got beyond control and swept down the river.

At the docks there had been a large number of vessels. These had, however, been towed out into the stream, but none too soon. First one pier took fire, then another and another until the four large piers were also in flames, casting a lurid glare upon the waters of New York bay. By this time the tugs had arrived, and they fought the fire from the water. Each of them threw several streams upon the burning piers, and it was only the efforts of the men on the tugs that checked the spread of the flames, and saved the factories and lumber yards along the water front. On the land side the fire had also been got under control, and the office, storehouse and neighboring tanks were saved.

By 6 o'clock the fire was under control, and by 10 o'clock, with the exception of two tanks that were still ablaze, had burned itself out.

The loss is estimated at about $1,500,000.

GEN. SHERMAN'S CRUISE.

The Steam Yacht Meteor on it Way to Lake Ontario.

QUEBEC, July 20.—The steam yacht Meteor, having on board Gen. W. T. Sherman, Commodore A. E. Bateman and wife, and Chas. E. Coone, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under President Arthur, arrived in this port at 5 this evening. The Commodore explained that the party left New York City direct for Newport, where they were most cordially received. From Newport they steamed to Boston, meeting with slight detention from fogs. Their reception in Boston was most enthusiastic. The General's old comrades, the bankers and citizens generally uniting in a spontaneous welcome. From Boston to Bar Harbor, where they spent one day, thence to Halifax, where they were most hospitably entertained by the yacht club of that city. From Halifax they steamed through the Cut of Canso to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where they remained for one afternoon. Thence to Gaspe Bay, where they spent one day. All the points of interest in the Gulf were taken in up as far as Tadousac where they disembarked to receive dispatches. They then set sail for Saguenay River, going up as far as Haha Bay, which place they left this morning at 6 a.m., arriving here at 5 p.m., a distance of 190 miles.

Upon arrival in port they had the distinguished honor of being saluted by a volley of 17 guns from the American frigate Galena, Commander Chester. They were also visited by Commander Chester and his staff of officers as a mark of honor to the distinguished hero of the rebellion. The yacht leaves to-morrow afternoon for Montreal, thence to Upper Ontario. All parties on board were in excellent health throughout.

"RUSSIA THE FRIEND OF FRANCE."

The French Republic Preparing for a Sanguinary Struggle.

LONDON, July 20.—According to letters received from Bucharest, M. DeCoutouly, the French Minister there, in a speech at a banquet on July 14 said that the French Republic was preparing for a sanguinary struggle, which would be the more formidable the longer the outbreak was delayed, and he concluded by offering a toast to the health of the Russian Minister, whereupon all present shouted, "Success to Russia, the friend of France."

Cholera in Italy.

ROME, July 20.—From 12 to 15 deaths from cholera are reported at Catania daily. Cases of cholera are reported at Francofonte, Paternuovette.

A DISPUTED DOCTOR'S BILL.

When Princes Want Medical Attendance it Comes High.

LONDON, July 20.—There is some trouble over the bill of Dr. Morell Mackenzie for medical attendance upon the Crown Prince. The German papers say that Dr. Mackenzie submitted to the Emperor a bill of £2500 for his services up to July, and that he should expect as much more upon the complete cure of the Prince. The same authority asserts that the Emperor only allowed £500 on the bill as submitted. The Crown Prince continues steadily to improve. He is now considered as good as cured. He has begun to go out, and is occasionally seen at London dinner parties and receptions.

The Crown Prince Rapidly Mending.

BERLIN, July 20.—Advices regarding the condition of the Crown Prince of Germany say that his throat affection is being rapidly cured. Dr. Mackenzie thinks that no further operation will be necessary. The cicatrix in the larynx, which is oblong in shape, does not affect the vocal chords. After visiting Ems the Crown Prince will go to the Riviera to pass the autumn.

TROUBLE AT SOFIA.

It is Reported that the Army Intends to Proclaim Alexander as King.

BUCHAREST, July 20.—It is reported from Russian sources that the Bulgarian Government has arrested M. Radostavoff, Premier and Minister of the Interior in the cabinet just superseded. The arrest is said to have been made on a charge of treason. The new ministry, it is reported, will not at present venture to enter Sofia. The ministers are said to be afraid of the opposition of the army to the new government. It is also reported that the troops intend to proclaim the independence of Bulgaria and Prince Alexander of Battenburg as king.

A Scheme Which Failed.

VIENNA, July 20.—The Fremdenblatt, discussing the mission of the delegates sent by the Sobranje to officially apprise Prince Ferdinand of his election to the Bulgarian throne, says it is certain that the attempt made by the delegates to induce the Prince to go to Sofia, take the throne without waiting for the powers to approve of his selection, and confront them with the accomplished fact of his occupancy, has definitely failed.

FUNDS FOR THE DEFENCE.

A Collection Started in aid of Publisher Ridgway.

LONDON, July 20.—The Earl of Dartrey, a Liberal, and Baron Ardilaun, a Conservative, have started the collection of a fund to defray the expenses of Mr. Ridgway, the Picadilly publisher, in defending himself against the action for libel brought against him by Mr. Edward St. John Brenon.

The action was begun last October. It is based on the allegations contained in a pamphlet issued and circulated by Ridgway in the interests of the Conservatives in the political campaign of 1886. The pamphlet was entitled "The Repeal of the Union Conspiracy," alleged that the Irish National League and the Fenian Brotherhood were identical, and accused Mr. Brenon of being a go-between f om London to Paris and of thwarting police searchers for dynamite conspirators.

The Liberal-Unionists are appealed to to subscribe to the fund.

THE FUGITIVE BOODLER.

Ex-Alderman McCabe of New York not at Hamilton as Reported.

HAMILTON, July 20.—It is now said that Ex-Ald. McCabe of New York is not in Hamilton as reported, nor has he been here. His relatives in this city declare that he and his wife sailed from New York last Saturday for Europe.

McCabe's Whereabouts.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Lawyer Richard S. Newcombe, counsel for ex-Alderman Francis McCabe, whose trial as a boodler was averted by his being judically pronounced insane, says that the story that McCabe had fled to Canada was without foundation in fact.

"McCabe" said Mr. Newcombe, "has gone with his wife to Hunter, Greene County, New York—in the Catsskills—and I suppose he will stay there till the hot weather is over. I received a letter from Mrs. McCabe on a business matter this morning. There is no reason why McCabe should go to Canada. All this talk about his 'flight' is absurd."

Declared a Little War of His Own.

PARIS, July 20.—Zangerie, the German who stabbed a French customs officer yesterday, was expelled from France in 1880. He presented himself to the Minister of Interior on Monday, and it is supposed now that his purpose was to assassinate M. Fallieres. He used abusive language and was ejected from the building.

Zangerie has been imprisoned at Nancy. A crowd tried to lynch him. In his examination Zangerie declared he deserted and his wife, a Vesmoni lady, to whom he was married five years ago, is also wealthy. Miss Hunter in Sunday school and religious work has been thrown into Mr. Hines' company a great deal.

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SIR JOHN TO LEAVE FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES TO-DAY.

Miners to be Brought from Pennsylvania to Work the Northwest Coal Mines—The Deposits in Post Office Savings Banks—Bank Statistics.

OTTAWA, July 20.—Mr. Scarth, M.P., who was recalled suddenly from Winnipeg on account of the death of one of his children, arrived here this afternoon. Mr. Scarth and family will leave for Dalhousie to-morrow, as will Sir John and Lady Macdonald.

Hon. Mr. White, Minister of the Interior, left for the Northwest to-night. He has changed his program, and instead of going through to the coast will spend five or six days in Winnipeg, and visit Brandon, Regina, Calgary and Banff before proceeding to the Pacific coast. He will be absent about four months.

Hon. Dr. Harrison, Minister of Public Works, Manitoba, had an interview with the Minister of the Interior yesterday, discussing immigration matters. The Doctor is sanguine of a large influx of population into Manitoba this year. Although the interview lasted nearly two hours no reference was made to the boundary railway.

Mayor Stewart and Mr. Scarth had an interview with Hon. Mr. White with reference to securing sites at Anthracite, the new mining town near Banff, for some fifty or sixty miners from Pennsylvania, who are expected to arrive shortly, to work the coal mines there. These men will bring their families with them and want to secure homes. The Minister entertained the proposal favorably, and the miners and their families will be brought on at once.

The Canadian Anthracite Coal Company, Banff, will shortly try the experiment of shipping coal from their mines at Victoria and San Francisco via the Canadian Pacific Railway. If the experiment pays a large trade will no doubt be developed.

The Mail and other papers have lately stated that the deposit in the Postoffice savings banks will increase as rapidly in the future as in the past, because the Government has reduced the amount which one person may deposit from $1000 to $300. This is a mistake. No such change has been made. The maximum amount allowed to remain at the credit of one account is the same as it has been for several years, $1000. The only change made recently, and that was made some time ago, is that the amount depositable in one year is limited to $300, but that does not prevent deposits accumulating until they reach $1000.

The United States fisheries schooner Grampus, Capt. J. D. Collins, is going to Labrador on a scientific mission. The Dominion Government has advised all Canadian officials to further the voyage in all possible ways, and waive in its favor all customs regulations.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau left for New York last night, en route for Paris. It is understood that prior to his departure the location of the proposed printing office was changed from the canal basis to Nepean Point.

An extra of The Canada Gazette, published to-night, containing the bank statement for June, shows that the volume of trade has considerably increased over the same month last year, and that overdue debts have been decreased 25 per cent. in the same time. The total liabilities are $149,413,632, being $1,865,949 more than in June last year, and the total assets $229,241,464, being an increase of $819,110 over last year. The note circulation has increased about $1,200,000, and discounts to the general public are six and three-quarter millions more than six millions. The deposits have increased nearly six millions, about five and a half of which are in the savings department, showing that the public have that much more than last year to save up, in addition to the largely increased sums deposited in the Post Office and Government Savings Banks. The best feature in the statement is the decrease of overdue debts by about $370,000, being twenty-five per cent. of the amount outstanding at this time last year.

A special from Cornwall says the second case of criminal libel brought by P. Purcell, M.P., against Mr. Stilwell, editor of The Alexandria Glengarrian, was up at the Police Court to-day, the accused pleading not guilty. The charge was in connection with the publication of a letter signed "Flora MacDonald," after hearing the witnesses both Stilwell and Purcell were bound over to appear at the next assizes.

GONE WITH A PRETTY GIRL.

A Wealthy Young Man of Indianapolis Disappears.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 20.—Fletcher Hines, a young man of high social standing living on an extensive farm near this city, and Alice Hunter, a pretty girl of 18, have disappeared. It is believed they have eloped. Hines is the son of Judge C. C. Hines, formerly law partner of Senator Harrison. The young man is worth upward of a half million dollars and his wife, a Vesmoni lady, to whom he was married five years ago, is also wealthy. Miss Hunter in Sunday school and religious work has been thrown into Mr. Hines' company a great deal.

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CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

The Unionists have approved the concessions made by the Conservative meeting at the Carlton Club.

Emperor William was warmly cheered by a large crowd on his arrival at Gastein. The town was tastefully decorated in honor of the Emperor's visit.

William O'Brien, editor of United Ireland, and Hon. Patrick Collins of Boston, Mass., will be tendered the freedom of the City of Dublin on Friday.

The police of Belford have seized thousands of chromos of Gen. Boulanger addressed to a Lyons trader from a Hamburg lithographer.

The Government is making special inquiry into the condition of the external inland defenses of India, although it is stated that no entanglement is feared.

A hurricane has prevailed on the Brazilian coast and a number of vessels have been driven ashore. Among them is the Italian bark Marcnino from Pensacola.

Baron Seillière, the rich Frenchman who was placed in a lunatic asylum by his relatives, who charged that he was insane over imaginary fortunes he had made in America, has been released.

AN OLD MAN WITH SPECS.

How He and His Partner Betrayed Certain Hamilton Liquor Men.

HAMILTON, July 20.—Two whisky informers named George B. King and Charles Davenport have been operating among the saloon-keepers and grocery stores for the past three weeks with considerable success. At the Police Court this morning Thomas Armstrong, Hood Bros., Alex. Dunn, Peter Meegan, Luke Doyle, John Staunton, Richard Irwin, Andrew Dillon and Daniels & Wilson were charged with selling liquor during prohibited hours. Armstrong, Hood Bros., Dunn, Meegan, Doyle, Dillon and Daniels & Wilson (two charges) pleaded guilty and were each fined $30 and $2 costs. Staunton was only fined $20, as it was five minutes after the hour for closing that the informers got the liquor. The charge against Richard Irwin was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

George Heilig and John Hunter, grocery storekeepers, were charged with allowing liquor to be sold on their premises. Heilig pleaded guilty and was fined $30 and $2 costs. Hunter pleaded not guilty. King swore that he got liquor in the defendant's store on July 2 and drank it in a back room. Hunter called the witness a liar and the magistrate committed him to the cells for contempt of court. As soon as the other cases were disposed of Hunter was brought into court and apologized for his hasty remarks. He said he was not the first man that had been made a martyr of. The magistrate found him guilty and imposed a fine of $20 and costs.

King, the informer, is an elderly man, with gray hair and whiskers. He wears spectacles. Davenport, the other informer, was not put in the witness box. The fines imposed aggregate $320.

CHICAGO'S BUM BOATS.

The Disreputable Resorts in the Harbor Will Be Cleaned Out.

CHICAGO, July 20.—The United States officials have decided to purge Chicago Harbor of the dens known as "bum boats." Steps were taken to-day to prosecute the keepers and remove the boats from the lake. The most available method was to inflict the full penalty for not carrying lights at night, and accordingly a fine of $200 was assessed against each of the boats. Most of them were owned by "Black Jack" Weber, who, with the other proprietors, will have until 1 p.m. to-morrow to pay the fines assessed and remove the boats. If this is not done, the revenue cutter Andrew Johnson, which was ordered down from Milwaukee to-day, will seize all of the vessels.

Collector Seeberger says no mercy will be shown to the owners of these boats until their dens are driven from the harbor. Every night fifty to sixty disreputable women and an equal number of men can be found on Yataw's principal boat engaged in the wildest orgies.

SMALL BLAZES LAST NIGHT.

A Prospective Groom's Cozy Retreat Gets a Scorching.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening Policeman Geddes called the Court Street firemen by telephone to 106 Front-street east, the premises of Sanderson & Pillow, brush manufacturers. Smoke was issuing from the basement. When the firemen broke in they got a sniffer of sulphuric atmosphere that made them think of things below. There was something wrong with the hair drying apparatus, but the men snuffed out all indications of fire with the chemical machine.

At 10.20 one of the new boxes, No. 247, at Gerrard and River streets, was sounded. A young man named Wm. Greene, who was about to be married, had just fitted up a nice little home at No. 65 Spruce-street. Fire was discovered in the dining room of the house, in which there was no one at the time. The new furniture was damaged to the extent of $200 before the flames were extinguished. No one seems to know how the fire originated. Mr. Thomas Bryce is the owner of the house.

A Scene in a Broker's Office.

There was a lively scene in the private office of "Gus" Kerr, broker, in Front-street yesterday morning. Mr. Kerr reached the city in the morning from Buffalo, where he also carries on a broker's business. The scene was but a sequel to the proceedings which were instituted against Mr. Kerr in Buffalo by Mr. Hugh Cameron of this city for alienating the affections of his wife and to recover possession of his children. The matter, which was one of those nasty social scandals now so prevalent, was settled out of court, Mrs. Cameron and a woman named Mary Morrison, who lives in St. George-street, met in Kerr's office yesterday. They became angry at each other over the broker's attentions and for other reasons better known to themselves. Fierce looks were followed by a scene that could better be described by calling it a hand-to-hand encounter and ink-stand throwing match than anything else.

It took the generalship of the broker to separate the fair combatants.

The Races at Chautauqua Lake.

One of the grandest aquatic events will take place on Chautauqua Lake on July 26 and 27, when the annual contest of members of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will occur. The Erie Railway has decided to sell special excursion tickets on July 25 and 26, good for return for three days, at about one fare or less for the round trip. Aside from the attractions offered by the boat races, the beauties of the lake and surrounding hamlets will, without doubt, draw out a very large number who will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of a visit to the Chautauqua Assembly, the largest summer city in the world. Particulars as to rates and limits of tickets and other desired information may be had of the nearest Erie ticket agent.

Married at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Yesterday morning in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Sherbourne-street, Mr. J. J. Cashman of Bracebridge and Miss Lizzie Payne of this city were joined in marriage by Rev. Father McBride, assisted by Vicar-General Rooney, Rev. Chancellor McCann, and Rev. Father Harold of Niagara. The groom was attended by Mr. Philip Lynch of Toronto and Mr. George Aust of London, and the bride by Miss Lynch of Belleville, Miss Aust of London and six petite assistant bridesmaids. The bride is a sister of Mrs. William Petley, and a wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony in Mr. Petley's residence in Duke-street. The honeymoon will be spent down the St. Lawrence to the seaside.

A Boy Drowned in the Don.

Tuesday evening a colored youth named William Thomas Davies, 16 years old, son of Jacob Davies, furrier, of King-street east, was drowned whilst bathing in the Don. A party of four entered the water, the other three being boys of about 10 years of age. The deceased who could not swim, got out of his depth, and one of his youthful companions in vain tried to save him. His clothes were brought to his parents' home, and three-quarters of an hour elapsed ere the body was recovered. No inquest was held, and the body was interred yesterday in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Britton Bros., the Busy Butchers.

The World yesterday dropped into Britton Bros.' commodious meat stalls in St. Lawrence Market. Mr. James Britton, the energetic young head of the famous butcher firm, was so busy entering orders for Island customers that he did not observe one of his men, Harry Robinson, faint from exhaustion and overwork in getting out the numerous orders. "We never sent half so much meat to the Island in any previous season as we are doing this year," remarked Mr. Britton. "The weather is hot, but the people over there must have Britton's choice roasts, steaks and chops."

BEAUTY IN THE PAVILION.

A Fine Display at the T.E.D.A. Society's Annual Flower Show.

Flowers, lights, music, the big fountain spouting hundreds of gallons of water over many colored lights, a fair attendance of visitors and scores of Toronto's fair girls as pretty as the flowers, made things lively and bright in and about the Pavilion at the Horticultural Gardens last night. It was the first night of the annual flower show of the Toronto Electoral District Agricultural Society.

The arrangement of the flowers upon tables and stands is the same as last year, with the exception of the floral designs which, instead of being ranged along the front of the stage, are displayed on the centre table, which is most artistically laden with cut flowers, bouquets and designs, while from the centre rise lofty palms. Although the entries, about 350 in number, are less than those of last year, owing to several old exhibitors not being represented, they are most excellent in character and drew forth the admiration of all visitors. The striking feature of the show is the fine display of specimen palms and ferns.

There is a great improvement noticed in coleus foliage plants of which there are many varieties. The display of foliage begonias and flowering begonias is much better than in former years. Geraniums, double and single, are in good shape, while the exhibit of small fruits is as good as ever. Notwithstanding the dry weather the cut flowers shown make a good display, while bouquets and fancy designs, although not so numerous as last year, are handsome and well gotten up. Several 4x 10 tables, each filled by one exhibitor, show the richest of flowers arranged in artistic profusion and these receive much attention. A Yonge-street florist shows many new and rare plants only for exhibition, not competition. Though somewhat out of season there are a few orchids in flower. Some well filled hanging baskets are to be seen.

The prizes are all awarded. Considering that the price of admission is only 10 cents the Pavilion should be crowded this afternoon and evening, when the show will close. The band of the Royal Grenadiers was stationed on the first balcony last night and played sweet music.

The band's program for to-night will be:

Overture	"Zampa"	Herold
Valse	"Cynisca"	Metzler
Selection	"Erminie"	Jakobowski
Lancers	"Forty Thieves"	W. H. Butt
Overture	"Polyhymnie"	Petrée
Valse	"Fan"	Asher
Selection	"Mariana"	Wallace
Valse	"Auf Wiederstehen"	C. Lowthian

The officers of the society are: President, Geo. Vair; First Vice-President, P. G. Close; Second Vice-President, J. E. Mitchell; Secretary-Treasurer, J. P. Edwards. Directors, Messrs. W. F. McMaster, Wm. Christie, Lt.-Col. Gray, J. J. Withrow, Robert Davies, Dr. Andrew Smith, D. C. Ridout and B. Saunders. Most of these gentlemen were present last night and helped to make the affair pass off pleasantly.

What the County Clerks are Doing.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario County Clerks' Association in Osgoode Hall yesterday, several questions of interest affecting their office work were discussed. President M. B. Jackson of this city was in the chair and these members were present: Clerks Northrop of Hastings, Grace of Victoria, Wilson of Welland, McBeth of Middlesex, McDougall of Waterloo, Mitchell of Haldimand, Baker of Northumberland, Ross of Peel, Grant, McLaren of Dufferin, Edgar of Halton, Stevenson of Simcoe, and Deroche of Lennox. Among the subjects discussed with a view of simulating the work were the taxation of bills of costs, the new Surrogate Court tariff and a uniformity of the local registrar's office with that of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown. President Jackson, who is one of the legal inspectors of the clerk's offices, will give his opinion upon these questions which the meeting did not dispose of. Mr. Jackson was re-elected President and Mr. Northrop Sec.-Treasurer.

He Was in the Foundry Business.

Davy Creighton and Organizer Birmingham were in Hamilton yesterday, working the Tories of the Ambitious City for subscriptions to The Empire. The Times of last evening says "they shouldn't find the least difficulty in getting $60,000 from Hamilton Tories. Hamilton Tories chipped in to expel the Mail in 1873, and the same men will be delighted to pour more thousands down the new rat-hole."

The latest story about Davy and Boz's visits among Toronto manufacturers with their red-edged subscription books is to the effect that they went to a prominent foundryman in the West End and asked him to put his name down for a few thousand. His answer was laconic, but pointed: "I'm in the foundry business."

Within the Sound of Bow Bells.

G. T. Constable Cox has some pretty lively experiences with tramps at Little York station. The company's property out there is nightly besieged with snoozers and bums, because there are always plenty of freight cars at the station in which they sleep. Last night Constable Cox had his usual experience. Edwin Chatfield, a robust Cockney, who continually brags of the fact that he was within the sound of Bow Bells," was making things lively around Little York. He was drunk and giving cottagers considerable annoyance. Constable Cox brought him to town and had him locked up on a charge of trespass. He fought the constable while making the arrest.

Troubles in Lumber and Furnishings.

Fisher & Fisher, wholesale gents' furnishing dealers of 32 Front-street west, who have been in deep water for some time, formally assigned to Assignee Clarkson yesterday. The liabilities are said to be about $30,000, and the assets about $5000 less. Most of the creditors are in Montreal.

Harcreaves & Co., lumber dealers, doing business at Front and Lorne-streets, held a meeting of creditors Tuesday. The trouble is caused by depression in the lumber trade. The liabilities are placed at $15,000, and a surplus of $4000 is claimed by the company. The heaviest creditors are on the Midland.

At Lundy's Lane.

The Lundy's Lane Historical Society proposes to commemorate the battle by meeting at the battle ground at 6 p.m. on Monday next—the hour at which the battle began, July 25, 1814. The fight lasted six hours, and resulted in a cessation from sheer exhaustion. Seven-teen hundred bodies of the slain were either interred or burnt next day. At the anniversary next Monday volunteers will reproduce, as far as possible, the movements of the early stages of the battle.

Dr. Grace Admitted to Heavy Bail.

Tuesday Mr. Justice O'Connor made an order admitting Dr. J. C. Grace of Chatham to bail. He has been committed for trial on a charge of abortion, in connection with the death of Miss Ruth Harlow of Hamilton. The bail fixed was the prisoner's own in $20,000, and two securities in $10,000 each.

The Lighthouse Supply Steamer.

For the information of W.A.G. and others, it may be stated that the Government lighthouse supply steamer left Montreal July 8, Toronto July 15 and was timed to leave Sarnia yesterday. The trip occupies six weeks and takes in the chain of lakes, the round fare being $50, which includes meals and stateroom.

Diamonds.

Cash paid for second-hand diamonds, rubies, sapphires and other precious stones. Diamonds bought and sold on commission. Woltz Bros. & Co., 5 Leader-lane, Toronto. 46

The New Literary Club.

A committee meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Capt. Gamble Geddes, when the constitution of the club and other matters of minor importance were considered. The general meeting takes place at the Rossin House at five this evening.

Darwin's Theory.

Darwin said: "Every species of fruit contains a living principle." The great living principle about fruit now is "a woman," as at this time of the year all good housekeepers are laying aside a large stock of preserves, etc., for the year's use, which if properly made in one of Strathern's cheap preserving kettles (the best in the city) is one of the most useful and indispensable commodities necessary to successful and economical housekeeping. x

THE SUPPLY DECREASING.

THE RESERVE IN THE RESERVOIR AGAIN LOWERED A FOOT.

Only a Few Thousand Gallons to Fall Back On—The Big Engine Again Broken Down—What an Engineer Saw at the Reservoir and Pumping House.

In the matter of our water supply, The World is on the right track as usual. Citizens are having their eyes opened to the danger in which the city has been placed and, as a matter of fact, is in now. Half a dozen letters were received yesterday by The World urging this paper to persist until a remedy is reached. The people are right, a remedy must be had and at once.

A prominent engineer made a statement which is deserving attention. He said: "I called at the reservoir and examined the supply of water. There is scarcely any water there. Nearly the whole bottom of the reservoir is dry. There is some water in one part but not sufficient, I should judge, to last the city four hours.

"Then," he continued, "I went down to the pumping house to see how things looked. The big Canadian engine was standing idle again. The packing of one of the cylinders was gone almost entirely. It looked to me as though it had been gone for some time, perhaps for months. If so that pump has not drawn a gallon of water in the time. Anyway the big engine was idle, under repairs, and the other two were doing their best work.

"I tell you," he concluded with some warmth, "that this city is in grave danger. We must have a better supply of water at any cost."

So spoke the gentleman. And he did not exaggerate. Yesterday afternoon there were 7 feet 4 inches of water in the reservoir. This would give a supply of no more than 5,000,000 gallons that could be used. Things are not working as well as they should. The past three days have not been excessively hot, and there would not be an extraordinary consumption of water. Yet the reservoir is only holding its own, in fact has lost a foot and an inch since Monday. This is a most serious state of affairs. If we cannot increase our reserve store with such weather as we have had during the past two days, what shall we do when the hot weather comes? All that stands between Toronto and the present danger that ever threatened the city is the possibility that the Worthington engines may work on day after day and never meet with an accident—for the big engine cannot be trusted half an hour.

What have the insurance men to say in the premises? They would seem to be interested parties.

Has the Board of Trade any views on the subject of the preservation of their property?

There is no doubt that the Waterworks Department is doing everything in its power. The public at large recognizes more fully than Superintendent Hamilton the paramount necessity of increasing the possibility of supply. Over a year ago he called attention to the danger which is now upon us, and has repeated the warning at intervals since. But the department cannot work without authority, and until the Council provides the means for extending the service, the department is powerless.

The World had a chat with Frank Turner, C.E., yesterday. That gentleman is fully alive to the situation and the danger thereof. He is rather of the opinion that a new conduit pipe should not be built across the Bay, but that one of the engines should be moved to a new pumping station, if that be feasible. Mr. Turner has not given that branch of the subject sufficient study to be fully decided upon it. As to the location of the new station, he inclines to his first opinion, that the neighborhood of the present Parkdale pumping house is the proper spot, simply because it will save the cost of laying about 4500 feet of mains. "If," said he, "you can get better water at Mimico Point it would be well to go there, and an analysis can easily settle that question." As to building a reservoir on the Mount Heights he did not see the necessity of laying pipe all that distance and then run the possible danger of having the source of supply contaminated by the drift of the city's sewage eastward.

A Letter From Mr. John Galt.

Below is a communication of interest from Mr. John Galt. The World agrees that the citizens are entitled to an abundant supply of water at the lowest possible cost, in fact that they should in hot weather splash it around whenever they please, providing they are willing to pay for what they use and the supply will stand it. Under present circumstances throwing water about is simply wilful waste.

Editor World: Will you kindly allow me space to explain in connection with your article in to-day's issue re city waterworks, that you are slightly on the wrong track.

I do not think it right to be continually blaming the citizens for waste of water, because they have a right to expect water at the lowest possible cost, and it is quite natural and proper that they should use it more freely in exceptional seasons, such as we are now experiencing. By all means let the department use every effort to regulate supply and restrict all useless waste, but not by this fault-finding outside of the department, which can anything be accomplished—the remedy lies in their own hands. Let them see to it, and apply it correctly.

The limit of supply is the measure or capacity of the conduit pipe across the Bay, which we may assume to be approximately fourteen million gallons per day of twenty-four hours. Now assuming this amount to be pumped and the same amount to be used, the reservoir level will remain stationary. If more is used it will fall; if less it will rise until the demand increases or supply diminishes.

The reservoir has really little or nothing to do with our water supply, it merely serves as a convenience to the pumping station, the danger therefore lies with the conduit pipe and pumping machinery, which, unfortunately, at present are not in any too good shape in respect to capacity and reliability; but in a recent visit to the pumping station I judge things to be in better condition now than for some months back. The total capacity of pumping machinery in the three machines is fifty per cent. greater than the capacity of conduit. This is essential to permit of stoppages for repairs, etc.; so that the proportion of supply to pumping power is about right, being fourteen to twenty-one.

I do not care at this stage to say how far I fall in with the views of some of your correspondents as the Waterworks Department should alone be held to account for any scheme they may