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The Mayoralty.

Toronto has been a city of wonderful growth and prosperity.

Such a city ought to be well governed and administered: have first-class waterworks, well paved streets, properly lighted, a system of parks, efficient fire and police protection, good sanitation, public buildings equal to her wants as well as an ornament to her thoroughfares, and, above all, the business affairs of such a city ought to be so looked after that the citizens get 100 cents' worth of benefit from every dollar that is spent. Not that such a progressive city should not be in debt—that is impossible, but that any debt incurred should be for value received.

Toronto has a large debt, and for some of that debt she has not got full value. The waterworks, while self-sustaining, are not equal to the wants of the place, the streets might be much better, we have important sewage problems yet to be solved, much has to be done to complete a system of parks, and we are only starting our new city hall and court house.

These things all involve thorough administration, and those who have to deal with them ought to be competent. If ever this city wanted a competent mayor and a competent council it wants them both to-day.

And yet the issue, in so far as the mayoralty is concerned, is concerned rather with the morals of the people and the morals of the city than about the administration of the city's affairs. We are hearing much about temperance reform in connection with Mr. Fogers' candidature, and much about the coalring from the friends of Mr. Clarke; but we hear little about the big sewer problem, the street problem, the park problem, the water problem, the Esplanade problem, the debt problem, and that still greater problem of securing full value for every dollar of the city's money.

This question of temperance reform must not be the main issue before the people. It is entitled to its full share of discussion, but it is not paramount. What the paramount issues are we have already indicated. The extreme temperance advocates have overstepped the mark if they have in effect declared that if they can prevent it no citizen who is a drinker, either temperately or to excess, or any man who is connected with the manufacture, sale or support of spirituous liquors or of beer, shall have a say in the government of this city. No matter how much taxes he may pay, or how deeply interested he may be in the city's government and progress, he is to be denied representation and justice. This is the worst form of interference.

Of the three candidates Mr. Defoe is the only one who has approached the citizens and the situation in the proper spirit. When he addressed the large meeting in Shaftesbury Hall the other night he discussed all the important subjects now up for solution. And why did he talk about these things? Why, because he knows all about them. He has had a long experience in the Council, he understands them, and he has capacity.

All that has been urged against Mr. Defoe is that he is a Roman Catholic. Is Toronto then so intemperate as to elect only Prohibitionists or so illiberal as not to elect a Roman Catholic? Things have come to a pretty pass if this be so; we decline to believe it.

If the people of Toronto are earnest in securing sound civic government and fair representation to all classes of taxpayers they will turn in and elect Alderman Defoe.

More About Circulation.

Why did The Globe and Mail suddenly stop their dispute about circulation? The publication of sworn affidavits of mail clerks, and managers, and pressmen, and the like is done solely for the purpose of misleading the advertising community. An affidavit such as those published by Globe and Mail is utterly unreliable. There is one way, and one only, of giving the circulation of a newspaper, and that requires no swearing, viz., to give a detailed statement of the disposition of the papers like that given by The World for the last two Saturdays. The statement is so exact and so clear that any one can verify it for himself. We gave the name of every newsboy and every newsdealer in the city and the number of each of the three morning papers taken by them. It is the easiest thing in the world for an advertiser to ask his newsboy or his newsdealer if our statement is accurate. It is also the easiest thing in the world to get up special editions and practically cook the figures for an affidavit that gives no details.

In the meantime the public have in their possession the figures published by us on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 10, and all advertisers and others interested in them for their own information and guidance. In these statements we were specially careful to our big rivals.

The World is by these figures demonstrated to be by all odds the leading morning paper in Toronto. When we publish the remainder of the comparative statements this will be still further elucidated.

For city advertising The World is the best paper in Toronto. It is read by the entire run of business men and by the people who have money to spend, and these two constitute the majority of those whom advertisers wish to reach.

According to The Mail's Ottawa correspondent a large quantity of contraband potatoes has been seized by the customs officials at Morrisburg. These potatoes come from a country whose 60,000,000 of people are alleged by The Mail to be unable to raise enough produce to feed themselves, and are therefore just aching to afford the Canadian farmer an unlimited and high-priced market for his potatoes and breadstuffs. It is always easy to find in the news columns of The Globe and The Mail conclusive contradictions of their editorial assertions.

A desperate effort is to be made at Washington to legislate Canadian railways out of the field as competitors with the American roads. These are the people who used to sneer at the Canadian Pacific Railway as a line that "ran nowhere from nowhere," and these are also the people to whose tender mercies the gang advise us to hand over the control of our commerce for just and even generous treatment.

President Cleveland's Toronto organs are making tall predictions. We have before now heard them make many such predictions, but no one that came true.

The number of witnesses summoned in a Canada Shoot Act case the other day had their trouble for nothing, because the Police Magistrate was engaged at a funeral in his capacity of undertaker. This recalls the western judge who used to adjourn court to attend to his business as a mixer of cocktails.

Dr. McGlynn's former parishioners have not followed his advice to boycott the Pope, as their contribution of "Peter's pence" is more than treble what it was last year. The other New York parishes did likewise, the total increase for the city being over $36,000.

Should Dan'l Defoe prove a dark horse we shall not see a red-headed mayor.

The fight thickens across the way, but we listen in vain for the battle cries of either the bobtailed Ohio statesman or the star spangled Canuck monopolist of Staten Island. They save their wind for Canadian "farmers' institutes" and other verdants. In practical politics they do not count. Canadians can judge of the value of these men's promises by the little weight which attaches to their opinions in their own country.

The Chicago News is a Democratic newspaper, but that does not prevent it from urging the Republican senators to nullify the President's appointment of Mr. Lamar to the Federal Supreme Court Bench. It charges Mr. Lamar with having perjured himself when he went into secession, and with having gone to Europe to negotiate and conspire against the life of the nation. It thus appears that the cruel war is not yet entirely over, which is awkward for a good many politicians, including some who kept carefully under the barn while the war was going on.

The Mitchell Recorder (Liberal) is hardly fair to Mr. J. D. Edgar, M.P., when it says that "he had better wait until he has something to say," because "he has not made a single point" in his open letters to Mr. Wiman. He has made these points: that the promise to abolish the custom houses is impossible of fulfilment, and that the Liberal party will not give the fad a solid support.

The New York World demands "not Free Trade but Freer Trade," which is a long way from the abolition of the custom houses. How is it that 'Ras affords several organs in Toronto and has none in New York? This looks like a wicked waste of wealth in one spot.

The Annexationists are "trying it on the dog" in East Northumberland, which is a truly rural and nominally Liberal constituency. Should the dog survive he will fare better than the Haldimand canine did.

French-Canadian Growth in Ontario.

From Le Canada, Ottawa.

Monday's Mail raises the alarm against the invasion of the French-Canadians in the northern part of Ontario. What horror! It is a Protestant minister, bearing a French name, the Rev. Mr. Rondeau, who writes in The Journal, published by the Presbyterian College of Montreal, November issue, that out of a population of five or six hundred in the town of Sudbury, one-half at least is French-Canadian and Catholic. Mr. Rondeau adds that the French-Canadians are rapidly taking possession of the country through which the Canadian Pacific Railway passes from the Ottawa River, and the result is, says Mr. Rondeau and The Mail, that the invaders bring with them the institutions of the Province of Quebec. Then their schools are classed among the public schools. They are subsidized by the Ontario government although French is the language taught and the Catechism is also taught instead of the selections from the Bible. Hence The Mail exclaims that it is evident that in the north of Ontario, as well as in the counties of Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Glengarry, and one or two townships of Simcoe, French is taught in the schools as the chief language, in contravention to the Public Schools Act of Ontario, which says that in the public schools subsidized by the province English alone shall be taught as the principal language. It, says The Mail, the Ontario Legislature gives grants to the French schools it must sooner or later recognize French as an official language, which will have to be recognized as such also in municipal council and other public institutions. It is horrible, in truth, to place the French tongue on an equal footing with the English everywhere French-Canadians are numerous enough to force the powers that be to such an emergency.

It is not less horrible to see the Catechism substituted for the incoherent extracts of the Bible.

Pass It Around.

From The Belleville Intelligencer.

The Toronto World quotes a homely proverb about people who have orchards receiving gifts of apples, and makes it a text for some good advice to those who contemplate making Christmas presents. The rich generally receive valuable gifts that they do not need, while the poor get nothing, and they need so much. It will pay well for us to remember the proverb when distributing Christmas Cheer.

What Many Say.

From The Maple Leaf, Port Dover.

The Toronto Daily World is a newsy and ably edited paper. Its editorials are pithy, clear, pointed and sensible. It isn't as big as some of its rivals, but has more news in small space than you can carry till the next one comes to you.

We Did Mr. Mowat an Injustice.

From The Ottawa Journal.

Our esteemed friend The Toronto World rises to criticise an appeal by La Minerve that the next Prescott and Russell County judge be a French-Canadian. The World says:

"Mr. Mowat is bidding for French Canadian support as the next Premier of Canada, and accordingly is susceptible to pressure of this kind. Already the schools in Prescott and Russell are French, next the judge will be, and then the law."

Which may be all true, but the judgeship is not Mr. Mowat's funeral. Judge Rose is Dominion perquisite. Sir John Macdonald is the gentleman to whom The World's remarks apply this time. x

To Mr. "Scottan."

Editor World: A decent Scotsman like our friend "Scottan" should have given his name when he undertook to notice my little squib. My inference is fairly drawn from the premises laid down by Mr. Lindley Murray. If these premises are incorrect, "Scottan" must look to Mr. Murray; but as that gentleman has been in his grave for more than sixty years, "Scottan" will have some difficulty in bringing him to book. Old authorities are often preferable to those of more recent date, and Mr. Murray will compare favorably with any who claim to succeed him.

W. J. MACDONELL.

Work for the Humane Society.

Editor World: I wish to draw the attention of the Humane Society through the medium of The World to the shameful brutality used on horses going up the hill at the foot of Brock-street. (The road certainly is in a very bad state and I might say is never much better). The men load their wagons and carts up so much that when the horses come to this hill they are knocked about in the most shameful manner. In most cases if a passer-by asks the drivers to be easier he is subject to all manner of abuse, and sometimes threatened with a thrashing. I was an eye-witness of a case of this kind on Friday. I feel sure if an officer in private clothes were to stop around the above named place for a few hours he would see many cases of cruelty, and by making an example of a case or two would do a vast amount of good in this respect for some time to come. OBSERVER.

Treaties and Our Neighbors.

Editor World: Before the Elgin Treaty Canada wheat ruled the American market, as New York State press reports of that date will show. The American had to buy our wheat to make No. 1 flour. We had both quality and quantity. The treaty came into force with the Russian war; the Russian wheat of that date was a great factor in the world's productions, and with the blockade of the Russian wheat came an unprecedented demand. The Americans had the money and the road facilities to move our produce; they bought it and sold again and made money. No one blames them for that, but was it the American market that created the demand? We have no right to give to the Reciprocity Treaty the full fictitious value it is supposed to have had. Treaty or no treaty, the demand would have been there. The treaty had what we would call now-a-days a boom, and not for one year but for several.

In regard to treaties the American policy has been, out of court, to claim all, admit nothing. Canada might well be afraid that they would be able by some means to make the 1818 treaty of no avail, but there is a power behind that that is stronger than the Washington Government, and that is international law which bears out the three-mile limit, and if they were to invade our rights to that all the civilized powers would say: No, you can not to make international law of yourself, but we have something in the making of that, and you must respect that law. They are trying to find out some plan under the international trade laws, to make our treaty worthless, but they can't do that. Look at the Pacific Ocean question. Their whole policy is to keep it out of court, for they know they have no standing in court. E.J.B.

Mitchell, Dec. 10.

OPPOSED TO PROTECTION.

THE FAIR TRADE MOVEMENT TROUBLESOME TO LIBERAL UNIONISTS.

No Alliance with the Tory Party is Possible Hereafter if the Tories in Their Parliamentary Action are Associated with Fair Traders.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lord Hartington's reference, at the Union conference, to the fair trade agitation has failed to satisfy the Free Traders and has given offense to most of the Conservatives. The latter feel that he spoke too much in the tone of a master to the Conservative leaders and that he attached too little significance to the fair trade movement. On the other hand, the Liberal Unionist press declare that Free Trade is distinctly a more important question than that of Home Rule for Ireland. They assert, moreover, that no alliance with the Tory party is possible hereafter if the Tories in their Parliamentary action are to be associated as a party with any measure directed toward protection. Lord Hartington is charged with being ready to acquiesce in some isolated measure for the furtherance of fair trade, preparatory, in all probability, to complete acquiescence later in an entire reversal of the fiscal system of Great Britain. Taking it altogether, the Unionist conference has resulted in a prevailing sense of the great uneasiness among the Unionist Liberals, which plainly forbodes a rupture with the Tories, if any further developments should take place toward a fair trade policy in place of Free Trade.

The Hope of the Gladstonians.

While the conference was proceeding over 1000 members of the National Liberal Club met to discuss the proposal that the club assume an active part in the political warfare now going on. Although the resolution which was offered did not specify Home Rule as the subject on which it was proposed to take a definite stand, that was manifestly implied. Of the 6000 members of the club only 1200 are Unionists. This resolution, therefore, would have been carried by a vast majority; but this would have been done at the cost of driving the wealthy minority from the club. In the course of the discussion the principle of Free Trade was mentioned as a lasting bond of union between the Liberals and the Dissidents, stronger than their differences on the Home Rule question. Finally the decision was taken not to disturb the unity of the club by proclaiming it as committed to Home Rule. This conclusion indicates that the Gladstonians entertain the hope that the rupture with the Unionists may be healed through the fair trade agitation.

The World is the young man's paper, the old man's paper. Twenty-five cents a month.

THE WORK OF TRAIN ROBBERS.

Thieves Take $40,000 From the Express Car on a Southwest Railway.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 11.—The train bound north on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway was stopped by train robbers ten miles this side of Texarkana, Ark., on Friday night and the express car robbed. The mail and passengers were not molested. The robbery occurred at 7 o'clock. R. P. Johnson, the postal clerk on duty at the same, says the train was suddenly stopped while moving out of Genevia station. He saw three rough-looking men board the engine, and he knew something was wrong, so he blew out the lights in his compartment and locked the doors. The express messenger did the same thing. The three robbers were armed with a Winchester rifle and a couple of pistols each. They ordered the doors opened and fired several shots through the windows. They then used a pickaxe, and Johnson fired once shot out through the window which was answered by a volley.

Finding resistance useless and the lives of the engineer and fireman at stake, the express messenger opened his door, when a light was struck and the search by the robbers began. The leader of the robbers was much agitated, and the mail clerk told him he was more scared than he (Johnson) was.

Johnson says he would know one of the men anywhere. The leader weighs 200 pounds, and is thick and heavy set. There was a panic among the passengers, who seemed paralyzed with fear. After going through the express car they entered the mail car. Johnson expostulated that that was Uncle Sam's dominion, but they had already a good deal of booty, and if they disturbed the mails it would go hard with them. One replied: "That's so," and that they would not touch the mails.

Great excitement prevails in the region of the robbery, and mounted men are scouring the woods. Governor Hughes has offered $200 for the arrest and conviction of each robber. The railroad company also offers several thousand dollars reward. The amount taken is said to reach $40,000.

Jabez Snow, Gunning Cove, N.S., writes: "I was completely prostrated with the asthma, but hearing of *Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil*, I procured a bottle, and it did me so much good that I got another, and before it was used I was well. My son was cured of a bad cold by the use of half a bottle. It goes like wild-fire, and makes cures wherever it is used." x

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Annual Meeting of the Association at Montreal—Election of Officers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association was held here last evening. The annual report showed a total income for the year of $21,988, being an increase of $2346 over the previous year. The capital of the association now is $57,775, the net gain for the year, after paying all expenses, being no less than $9859. The membership now is 1684, there being a net increase of 178 during the year. During the year 478 members were added, but 200 dropped out. Four children of deceased members are now availing themselves of the advantages of the educational fund. Relations with the railway companies are somewhat strained at the present moment, owing to the question of liability for baggage.

The officers elected were: F. Birks, of the firm of Belding, Paul & Co., President; W. Percival, Vice-President; Joseph Armstrong, Charles Hutchison, James Croil, W. Mussell and Geo. Browne, Directors.

Among the resolutions adopted at the meeting was one to provide that any applicant for membership over 55 years of age shall waive all right or claim for mortuary benefits, accepting benefits covered by the accident policy.

At the quarterly meeting in May a bylaw was passed providing that no funds of the association should at any time be used in payment for wines or other spirituous liquors, but at this meeting that bylaw was rescinded. The annual dinner and ball will take place on Dec. 22.

The coughing and wheezing of persons troubled with bronchitis or the asthma is excessively harassing to themselves and annoying to others. *Dr Thomas' Eclectric Oil* obviates all this entirely, safely and speedily, and is a benign remedy for lameness, soreness, injuries, piles, kidney and spinal troubles. x

Get your name on The World's subscription list. You will never regret it. Twenty-five cents a month.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Hugh Thompson has been appointed clerk of the Third Division Court of Wentworth, vice James McMonies, resigned.

Henry Winterhall, of Hespeler, has been appointed chief constable of Berlin.

Hamilton is being industriously worked by confidence men, who have victimized several merchants by passing off counterfeit $10 bills on them that had been raised from $5 bills. They are on the Merchants', Montreal and Commerce banks.

Grand Trunk Railway Constable Ross arrested Frank Newhall at St. Catharines on Saturday and took him to Oakville for trial for trespassing upon the railway premises and being drunk and disorderly. It is alleged that he took part in the disgraceful row at Oakville Station last Saturday night.

For about a year past Miss Annie Wardell, from Goderich, has been assistant in the Postoffice at Fort Erie, but for some reason she left her position over a week ago without any previous warning, proceeded to St. Thomas and purchased a ticket to Amherstburg, via Michigan Central Railway, with the intention of becoming a member of the Salvation Army at that place.

The World is the paper for ladies, young and old. Twenty-five cents a month, delivered to any address in the city or mailed to any country address.

DISGUSTED SPORTS.

Dempsey and Reagan Fail to Appear for Their Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Dempsey-Reagan contest for the middleweight championship, which was to take place on Friday, ended in a fizzle. On Friday morning representatives of the contestants agreed that Frank Stevenson should be referee, but the battle ground was kept a secret. About 3 o'clock Reagan, with some friends, appeared at the Warren-street station of the Ninth-avenue Elevated. Stevenson, with a number of sporting men, came along soon and boarded an uptown train. After two trains had passed Reagan and his followers took seats in the last car and rode as far up as Christopher-street. There they rushed down the stairs to a carriage and hurried off. At Knapp's Hotel, on the Nyack turnpike, many sporting men had gathered, but the fighters failed to appear. At midnight a rumor was set afloat that Dempsey and Reagan were in Ducklin's Hotel, in Spring Valley, and that they would fight in a ring pitched in the Rockland County Trotting Association's grounds. At Ducklin's another mob was found waiting for some trace of the pugilists. No train could be found for New York before morning, and curses were heaped upon the heads of the managers responsible for the fizzle. At last morning came and so did the train, and the disappointed sporting men came sadly home. It is said that a party of club men have taken the matter in hand and that the pugilists have agreed to fight under the Queensberry rules. Dempsey and Reagan are at their respective training quarters.

JOHN DYMENT'S STRING OF HORSES.

A Letter to The World from Orkney Farm —General Sporting News.

ORKNEY FARM, Dec. 10.—Orkney Farm is rather quiet just now, as all my horses are in winter quarters and training is suspended for the season. I have upwards of thirty horses, the majority of them being brood mares, both thoroughbreds and standard-bred trotting mares, which I have bred to all the best horses in this part of the country.

I was fairly successful with my stable this past season. I only trained three, Lucy Lightfoot, Maggie May and Aunt Alice up to August when I added King Bob to the string, whom I purchased at Niagara on a bay colt, 4 years old, by King Ban out of Bobadilla, by Bonnie Scotland, bred by Chinn & Morgan of Harrodsburg, Ky., and I think he will be a good horse next year. My stable consisting of Lucy Lightfoot, Maggie May and Aunt Alice won during the season $1600, of which the former contributed $1400, which amount I think is the largest won by any province bred this season.

I have a black 2-year-old filly, a full sister to Lucy Lightfoot. I also intend to train a yearling bay filly christened Flip Flop. The pick of all my youngsters is a weanling filly called Alice D., by Terror, dam Nettie, and is nearly a full sister in blood to Disturbance, Alice D.'s dam being a daughter of the dam of the famous province bred. Nettie is in foal to Terror again, and Rosabelle, a 4-year-old by Inspector, out of Nettie, also in foal to Terror. I stinted two thoroughbred mares, Fanny, by King Tom, dam Ada, and Red Rose, by Sharpcatcher, dam Ada, to Issachar a standard bred son of the great Princeps, the sire of Trinket. I also stinted two trotting bred mares to Issachar, viz., Malinda, by the standard bred trotter Orkney, out of thoroughbred Nettie, and Maid of Beverly, by Jupiter Abdallah, dam Lady Almont, by Benedict, son of Almont. From this above crop I expect some first-class trotters, and if they are as successful between the shafts as Lucy Lightfoot between the flags I will be satisfied.

My stable on the turf next season will include the following, whose ages count from Jan. 1 next: Lucy Lightfoot, ch.m., 5, by Big Sandy—Nettie; Maggie May, ch.m, 6, by Big Sandy—Nettie; King Bob, b.h, 5, by King Ban—Bobadilla; Blackbird, blk.f, 3, by Big Sandy—Nettie; Flip Flop, b.f, 2, by Blackiron—Rosabelle. I did not train Aunt Alice next season, as she went lame this year, but will breed her. I completed a 6 of a mile track this fall, which will be the station track for the Canadian Pacific in the spring of the year, where I will prepare my horses next spring. The above is only half of what I have to go about my stock, which information I will leave for another time.

JOHN DYMENT.

Increasing patronage is sufficient evidence of The World's popularity.

Gossip of the Turf.

The numbered saddle-cloth system was introduced at the spring meeting of Wollongong Turf Club, Australia, last month.

Tasmanian files record the death of the race horse Duke of Atholl, who recently succumbed to an attack of inflammation.

One very peculiar stipulation is made by Mr. J. B. Haggin, the California turfman, in his contract with Jockey Garrison. It is that when Garrison is riding any other Mr. Haggin's horses in a race, any bets made by the jockey on that race must be made through Mr. Haggin.

The most extensive breeding establishment in Kentucky is that of Mr. Daniel Swigert, known as the Elmdorf Stud, Muir's, near Lexington. There are no less than ninety brood mares and the three stallions, Glenelg, Rotherhill and the new purchase, Tremont, whom Mr. Swigert bought from the Dwyer for $25,000, the highest price ever paid for a native stallion.

Australian horses have been beating the records of that far-away country recently. Spondulix, a steeplechaser, carried 12 stone six feet and three-quarters of an inch high, and Lizette, a mare, cleared a few inches over thirty-five feet in a jump.

The competition for the trio of 3-year-olds, Tea Tray, Torchlight and Satan, at the sale of Mr. Scott's lot on Dec. 15 threatens to be pretty heavy. According to the general estimate, the competition will lie between Messrs. Haggin and Dwyer.

Gen. R. L. Howard has sold to Mr. Charles McGuire the bay colt Almo Wilkes, foaled 1885, by Wilkes Collins, out of Lady Almont. Almo will be taken to the McGuire Bros.' stock farm, located near Ottawa, Ont., and placed in the stud.

Dust from the Diamond.

At San Francisco on Saturday the Chicagos defeated the Philadelphias by 9 to 6. Mullane pitched for Chicago and Vinn for Philadelphia.

A match at long distance throwing has been arranged between Williamson of the Chicagos and Ed. Crane, now playing with the Philadelphias in San Francisco. The contest will take place at an early date, when Williamson and Crane claim that they will beat Hatfield's record.

It is likely that an arrangement will be made between the Hamilton Athletic Exhibition Company and Messrs. Stroud and Crooke, whereby the Hamiltons will play at Dundurn next season.

The four American umpires will be paid these salaries next season: Gallney, $2200; Ferguson, $2200; Doescher, $2300; and McQuade, $3000.

Sporting Clubs Incorporated.

"The Hamilton Athletic Exhibition Company," with a capital stock of $10,000, divided into 2000 shares, has been incorporated. The first directors are: Wm. R. Davis, Wm. H. Clark, John Patterson, James Dixon and Lawrence H. Clonnan.

"The London Toboggan Slide Company," with a capital stock of $1500, divided into 30 shares, has also been incorporated. The first directors are: Joseph Jeffery, George S. Birrell, Robert D. B. Nicholson, Thomas S. Hobbs, Adam Beck and Fred. Drake.

The Grand Trunk Tug of War Team.

Editor World: I see in your issue of Dec. 8, a challenge from the Royal Grenadiers Association, challenging any organized tug of war team. We are prepared to compete with them under the following conditions: 1. To pull for the amateur championship of Canada, the best two pulls out of three, of five minutes' duration, to win. 2. The team to be composed of four men, and the pulls to take place on cleats, anchors to wear best and best belts, with no irons or other artificial means attached to belts. Under those conditions we are prepared to meet the Grenadiers or any other organized team in Canada. A. MCARTHUR,
Capt. G. T. R. Tug of War Team.

Spots of Sport.

At Boston on Saturday Mr. Bennett fired the last 1000 shots in his six days' series and won all the wagers made against his skill. He scored 876. The aggregate score for the six days shows 5172 in a possible 6000 points. This beats all records.

Hanlan's new boat, presented to him by Australian admirers, is a beauty. The craft was built for Hanlan by Sullivan of Blue's Point, and is 21 feet long; beam, 10½ inches; height forward, 3 inches; height aft, 11 inches; is of Richmond River cedar, except the keel and gunwales, which are American pine.

St. John, Gaudaur's backer, confirms the report that the ex-champion is permanently injured to such an extent as will interfere with hard sculling for long distances.

The superiority of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is shown by its good effects on the children. Purchase a bottle and give it a trial. x

The Cross of the Legion of Honor.

The Caffarel-Wilson scandal has greatly reduced the popular value of the cross of the French Legion of Honor. The other day a Parisian millionaire, during a quarrel with a contractor, pointed to the ribbon in his lapel and says: "How dare you talk that way to an officer of the Legion of Honor?" "Ha, ha, ha!" laughs the contractor, "if I had your bank account I could have paid $20,000 to Wilson as well as you. Really, you might have spent $100,000 for a Grand Cross; that would have shown your generosity toward the family of the son-in-law of our poor President, if nothing else." The millionaire brought a suit at law for defamation, and the court inflicted a fine of $61.

NEITHER DRINK NOR CHEW.

Hon. J. P. St. John's Advice to the Students of Toronto University Medical College.

The students of Toronto University Medical College spent an interesting and profitable night on Saturday. A large number of them are members of the Y.M.C.A., and these, together with 250 members of the Medical Students' Temperance League, filled the lecture hall of the college, Gerrard and Sackville streets. Mr. W. H. Smith, President of the League, occupied the chair, and there were present several of the physicians and council of the college.

Hon. S. H. Blake enforced the lessons applicable to the present day from the history of the Rechabites; Rev. Dr. Parker dealt with the moral and spiritual aspects of drinking habits; and Dr. W. T. Aikins treated of the social and medical bearings of intoxicants. Secretary L. F. Barker read a report of the Students' League, which has been established two years and has a membership of 250, eighty having been enrolled since the commencement of the present term.

Hon. John P. St. John of Kansas spoke of the spread of temperance amongst the young men of the country, and enlarged on its grand advantages. He exhorted the medical students to take a solemn pledge that, except on professional duty, they would never enter a place where intoxicating liquor is sold. He hoped by their voice, influence and vote they would do all in their power to aid in the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic. [Applause.] Alcohol is a poison, destroying, debauching and corrupting everywhere. It was the greatest enemy of the human race, and it played sad havoc with the professional classes. He enlarged on the opportunities for good which the medical profession possessed.

"I never knew a man," said Mr. St. John, "to be a better physician because he took his glass or chewed tobacco—[laughter and applause]—nor is it an evidence of intellectual greatness to see a young man puffing away at a 5-cent or a nickel cigar. [Renewed laughter.] The idea of a fine, healthy, intellectual young man chewing something all day which is not fit to swallow, and which no other living thing except a tobacco chewer would tackle! [Applause.] Suppose you were courting a young lady—some of you perhaps are, for a man never amounts to much until he marries—and when you called upon her you found her chewing tobacco. [Loud laughter.] Why, even if you were engaged to her you would not want to kiss her—[roars of laughter]—and yet it is just as genteel and commendable and nice to see a young woman chewing tobacco as it is to see a young man." [Applause].

In the same style Mr. St. John followed out the parallel case of visiting saloons and taking "nips." He hoped that the time would soon come when society would require the same standard of morality from young men as is prescribed for young women. Special reference was made to the forthcoming elections in Toronto, and the ex-Governor advised them to take their stand on the Lord's side and not on the devil's. [Applause.]

Mr. J. W. Bengough gave a brief address on similar lines and illustrated his subject with a rapid sketch of a drunkard.

Hon. S. H. Blake followed with a vigorous address, and incidentally condemned Rev. D. J. Macdonnell's sermon on Christian liberty to drink. Wisdom spoken at the wrong time was the greatest piece of folly a man could be guilty of. Moderation was the bridge over which people walked into the pit of drunkenness.

Dr. Oldright also spoke of the coming elections. He hoped the students would all have a hand in the result. The liquor side would have plenty of help, and he wished to have the influence of all present on Mr. Rogers' side. He was sanguine of the return of the latter, but he wished to make "assurance doubly sure."

Musical selections were given and the proceedings, which were continued till a late hour, concluded with the National Anthem.

Leading druggists on this continent testify to the large and steadily increasing sale of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, and report its beneficent effects upon their customers troubled with any form of complaint, originating in impurity of the blood, and other physical infirmities, and as a female medicine it has accomplished remarkable cures. x

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Registered vital statistics last week: Births 48, marriages 18, deaths 24.

The capital stock of the Atlas Woolen Company of this city has been increased from $3000 to $25,000.

"E" Co., Royal Grenadiers holds its annual dinner at Hughes' Criterion Restaurant tomorrow night.

Mayoralty Candidate Rogers' committee rooms are now at the corner of Richmond and Victoria streets.

Wm. Rosebrugh & Sons were on Saturday awarded the contract to make 21 ballot boxes for the city, the price being $91.35.

City Clerk Blevins Saturday declared the vote on the Waterworks Bylaw to be: For 427, against 258; majority against 158.

Wholesale Grocers' Association meets to-night in Philharmonic Hall for election of officers and for business of special importance to all in the trade.

Attend the book sale this evening at A. O. Anderson's rooms, 151 Yonge-street. Six cases of new and second-hand books will be sold, among them some fine volumes.

The Arcade Restaurant, Victoria and Yonge streets, is now under the management of Messrs. Birt & Hollingsworth, both of whom have had long experience in the business.

In the County Court on Saturday, before Judge McDougall, Graham v. Pearse resulted in favor of the plaintiff. And Graham v. Pearse, interpleader issue, was taken up, but not concluded. The peremptory list for to-day is as follows: Hardy v. McGill, Hewitson v. Taylor, Sun Life v. Page, Holden v. Thornton, Thomson v. City of Toronto, Watkins v. City of Toronto.

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UNITED STATES NEWS.

Frank Knight, a cigarmaker of Tecumseh, Mich., committed suicide on Saturday.

The Mexican House of Deputies has passed a bill authorizing a new loan of $10,000,000.

The City Milling Company's Works at McKeesport, Pa., were burned on Friday night; loss $30,000.

Irving's season closed in New York on Saturday night. The total receipts far exceeded $100,000.

The tugs Grayling and Angler arrived at Alpena, Mich., on Saturday and reported no ice in Lake Michigan.

The Joliet Steel Company have posted up notices that their rolling mills will close on Dec. 23, indefinitely.

Mr. Lahins, working for Mr. K. Lahins, seven miles northeast of Holland, Mich., was gored to death by a bull on Friday.

Cruz Rodriguez, a Mexican, who had murdered half a dozen persons during his life, was hanged at Uvalde, Tex., on Friday.

On Saturday morning Hart Christopher shot and killed Richard Sullivan on a farm near St. Joseph, Mo. Both were farm laborers.

The National American Sangerbund, to be held at St. Louis in June, promises to be the greatest affair of the kind ever held in America.

A party of men near Beare City, Kan., chased a party of horse thieves into the Missouri Pan-handle on Thursday and killed three of them.

After being out thirty-seven hours the jury in the trial of Vandeven at Knoxville, Ia., charged with the murder of his wife at Pella, failed to agree.

Robert Montgomery and Dr. C. R. Montgomery of Columbus, O., and Olegeman Granville of Chicago, have been arrested at Columbus for forging election tally sheets.

Ten miners descending the shaft at Waddell's mine, Wilkesbarre, Pa., fell 100 feet by the breaking of the tackle. Four of them were killed and six of them were badly injured.

Judge Snell of the Washington Police Court on Saturday fined George W. Harvey, a restaurateur, $100 for refusing to serve a colored lawyer named Hewlett. Harvey appealed.

The strike of the table glassware workers of Pittsburg against the rules adopted by the manufacturers was inaugurated on Saturday. Every factory but one is closed and 3000 men are idle.

Herman Hansen was run over and killed on Friday on the Wright Lumber Company's logging railroad near Meredith, Mich. He was employed as a car repairer on the road and fell from the train.

John Samuel and James Littlejohn, farmers from Glaston, Dak., met a supposed stockman on the train and advanced $600 on the security of a $1000 government bond, which was afterwards found to be worthless.

The residence of S. M. Berry, on King's Highway, L.I., was burned Saturday morning. Loss $30,000. Mrs. Berry, who is better known by her stage name of Bessie Darling, and her daughter were alone in the house and barely escaped with their lives. They left behind $1700 in money and $3000 worth of diamonds.

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GOOD ADVICE TO WORKMEN

BISHOP SWEATMAN'S SERMON TO THE C.E.W.A. AT ST. ALBAN'S.

Rev. E. A. Stafford on the Evils of Drink —The Present "Crisis" in Toronto—Opening of the New Independent Presbyterian Church.

The corporate communion of all the branches of the Church of England Workingmen's Association was held in the pro-cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr, Bloor-street, yesterday morning. The weather was anything but favorable for a long walk, but this did not deter sixty of the members from attending. The service was held in a portion of the new cathedral in course of construction, where divine worship is regularly conducted. Eight Rev. Dr. Sweatman, Bishop of Toronto, preached an admirable sermon, founded on I Peter iv:

10. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

After treating of the spiritual reference of the text His Lordship said:—"You will readily understand how I have been led to select this topic of the ministry of God's gifts in addressing the members of the C.E.W.A. The primary objects of this association according to its constitution are the spreading of church principles on the basis of the book of Common Prayer among the working classes and others, and an awakening in them of a sense of their privileges and responsibilities. The secondary object is the formation of such auxiliary organizations as may be deemed to be for the material, moral and spiritual advancement of its members. Among the means prescribed in addition to those calculated to promote self and mutual religious improvement is that of assisting in such parochial work as meets the approval of the council and receives the sanction of the parochial clergy. These objects and methods are in direct fulfilment of the duty so clearly laid down by the Apostles as binding upon all the members of Christ's church of ministering one to another such gifts as they have received.

"I hail this movement with the deepest thankfulness and look upon it as a sign of bright promise for the future vitality and stability of our church that the workingmen have recognized the part they can and are called upon to take in advancing the Kingdom of Christ, and have associated themselves together both for mutual helpfulness in the spiritual life and for active missionary life in the church.

"It is frequently but most unjustly charged against the Church of England that she denies to the godly and earnest laity their right to share in the work of ministry to the spiritual good of others which Christ has committed to all His true members, and discountenances their efforts for the evangelization of the ignorant and careless and ungodly. To do so would be to contradict such plain teaching of Holy Scripture as we have here, and the organization of the C.E.W.A. under the immediate sanction of the church, is, amongst many other instances of the glad acceptance of lay help, a distinct refutation of the charge.

"But we do maintain that the passage we have been considering does not, any more than other texts of Holy Scripture, give countenance to the dangerous and disorderly doctrine that every man who believes himself to have the gift or the call is competent to constitute himself a