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SIR CHARLES DILKE TO RUN.

HE WILL ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE FOREST OF DEAN.

Preferring the Troubles of Political Life to the Ease of a Literary Career—Many Steamships Wrecked—The Bishop of Ardagh Warns His Flock Against Secret Societies.

LONDON, March 9.—At a meeting held today the council of the Liberals of the Forest of Dean decided to invite Sir Charles Dilke to become the Liberal candidate for member of Parliament for that constituency and said they felt confident of his moral integrity. Sir Charles spoke and said he had often announced his decision not to return to public life until he had cleared his character. No legal process existed by means of which he could prove a negative, but the vindication published in the pamphlet recently issued enabled him to prefer the troubles of a political life to the ease of a literary career. He would therefore consent to become a candidate if the constituency ratified the invitation which the council had extended to him.

IRELAND'S CURSE.

The Bishop of Ardagh Warns His Flock Against Secret Societies.

DUBLIN, March 9.—Most Rev. Bartholomew Woodlock, who has been preaching at Athlone, exhorted his hearers to shun secret societies, as an immediate attempt was being made to entangle young men in the renewal of plottings which have been the curse of Ireland. He was grieved to have to state that certain Catholics of his diocese had broken into a meeting house while services were being held and had insulted and assaulted the minister who was conducting the services.

The Bishop of Cork denounced the promoters of the proposed Parnellite meeting to be held in Cork on St. Patrick's day. He says he will not administer to the needs of the souls of his people unless they protest against the desecration of the holiday.

MANY STEAMERS WRECKED.

Collisions, Broken Machinery and Accidents of Many Kinds.

LONDON, March 9.—The steamer Strathendrick from Cardiff for Sourabaya collided with the steamer Devonhurst at Sourabaya and sank in 36 fathoms of water. The engineer of the Strathendrick was drowned. The Devonhurst was badly damaged.

The steamer Clan Mackay, while leaving Galle, struck on the rocks and filled with water.

The steamer Salient, while on a voyage from Rotterdam for Sunderland, broke her shaft and drifted helplessly in a dense snowstorm. The vessel eventually stranded at Fivan, a watering place of England, and filled with water. Her captain and crew escaped.

A NIHILIST'S BLOODY DEEDS.

Degajeff, the Murderer of a Russian Chief of Secret Police.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—Degajeff, the Nihilist leader and murderer of the chief of the secret police in 1883, has been arrested at Kostroma. He was lodging under an assumed name in the house of a government official.

The chief instructor at the Kostroma Gymnasium, who was suspected of being implicated with Degajeff, either in the actual murder or in the conspiracy which led to it, committed suicide just as the police burst open the door of his room with the intention of arresting him.

In connection with the murder of General Strelnikoff at Odessa, Degajeff was transported to Siberia, but escaped and returned to St. Petersburg, professed to have renounced Nihilism and offered his services to Lieut.-Colonel Sudeikin, chief of police for the district of St. Petersburg, and soon became his confidential spy.

Degajeff was also engaged in the secret service of the Revolutionary Committee, then sitting in Paris, which began to suspect him of treachery and sent on Lopatin to enquire into his fidelity. Lopatin reached St. Petersburg in safety and soon brought matters to an issue by ordering Degajeff to murder his patron, Sudeikin, in proof of his loyalty to the Paris committee.

This he did, and next day crossed the imperial border with a passport from the official he had murdered and fled to London.

A Decision That Cost Thousands.

LONDON, March 9.—The appeal which the House of Lords has decided with regard to the liability of banks to pay forged bills which have been duly accepted by the principal will cost London alone the sum of about £100,000 including the £71,500 which Glyphs, their clerk, obtained from the Bank of England on the forged bills.

Foreign Notes.

Prince Jerome Napoleon is sinking fast.

A terrific blizzard prevailed throughout the southwest part of England and it is feared enormous damage has been done.

A despatch from Madrid says: The Spanish Government is about to despatch 6850 troops to Cuba, on account of the increasing political agitation on the island.

Novel Attempt at Suicide.

NEW YORK, March 9.—John Braun, aged 65, leaped overboard from the ferry boat Waterbury to-day, and directly he came to the surface the passengers on the boat saw him raise both arms aloft and strike at his head. With boat hooks the deck hands hauled Braun aboard. Strapped to his wrists were 2 sharp-pointed knives, and with these while in the water he had made several severe wounds in his breast, which accounted for the motions that the witnesses to his plunge had seen. The weapons were unstrapped, and Braun after the Brooklyn slip had been reached was taken to the hospital. He is not likely to recover. Braun was formerly a barber in Brooklyn. He has been without employment for some time.

To the strong and unselfish man it is a constant satisfaction to know that his loved ones are protected by a life policy. He may have expectation of long life, but he knows not what day his policy may be called on to take the place of his earnings. Life is uncertain—therefore be assured in the Ontario Mutual Life.

The plan for the Canadian Order of Foresters' concert at the Pavilion To-night is at Nordheimer's. A few good seats left.

Probs—Dineen—"Still Selling Furs."

The unsettled state of the weather prevented them packing away as early as expected. Just now they offer very decided bargains in Gents' Fur Coats, Ladies' Fur Mantles, Ladies' Fur-Lined Circulars, Beaver, Sable and other Capes, Storm Collars, Boas, Muffs, and about twenty-five very fine Seal Mantles and Short Jackets in Seal and Persian Lamb. Keep the above in mind if furs are wanted and visit Dineen on corner King and Yonge-streets.

Shell Oysters—Selected Rockaways and East Rivers. Keachie & Co., 30 King west.

Street Car Factory.

ST. CATHARINES, March 9.—The voting on the bylaw loaning Patterson & Corbin $9000 to start a street car factory took place today. The bylaw was carried.

Mr. W. H. Rieger, leading tenor at Thomas' Orchestral Concerts, New York, will sing at Canadian Foresters' concert To-night.

C.P.R. Round House Burned.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., March 9.—Fire destroyed the round house of the Canadian Pacific Railroad here last night, together with an engine and several cars. Loss $40,000.

A WORTHY CELEBRATION.

They Spoke of the Wonders God Had Wrought—A Great Record.

It is noteworthy that the centennial of John Wesley's death should coincide with the centennial of the introduction of Methodism into Canada. It was not easy to celebrate two such important events on the same day. Last week full justice was done to the memory of the founder of Methodism, witness a hundred sermons and the united mass meeting at the Metropolitan. Last Sunday and yesterday it was not so much the life and labors of John Wesley that occupied the thoughts of loyal Methodists. It was the consideration of how, in the past 100 years, "the little one had become a thousand," and the grain of mustard seed, sowed in faith and hope by zealous pioneers, had become a great tree, whose branches overshadowed the broad Dominion. Full of interest, not unmingled with romance, is the story of the progress of this great evangelical denomination in the Dominion.

This was the fruitful theme on which eminent ministers, who have borne the burden and heat of the day and long labored in the cause, descanted last night in Queen-street Church in the west, Woodgreen in the east and St. Paul's in the north of the city.

It would require a volume to adequately recount the organization of Canadian Methodism, and the committee having the matter in hand did wisely in sub-dividing the addresses under such headings as "Statistical Statements," "Methodism and Literature," "Memories and Traditions," "Canadian Methodism," "Toronto Methodism," "Methodist Missions," "Class Meetings Past and Present" and other cognate topics.

An idea may be gained of the important status of Methodism in Canada from the subjoined facts and figures: There are 1718 ministers, 3142 local preachers and exhorters, 6198 male class leaders, 945 female class leaders, 233,868 church members, 12 annual conferences, 3173 Sunday schools, 28,411 Sunday school officers and teachers, 226,060 Sunday school scholars, 37,158 Sunday school scholars meeting in class, 49,419 Sunday school scholars pledged against tobacco and rum, 3002 churches, 1169 other preaching places, total value of church property $11,597,491, 967 parsonages, 2 weekly newspapers, 1 monthly (Sunday school), 1 quarterly review, 1 Sunday school periodicals, two of these weekly, $504,316 invested in publishing interests, 14 colleges and other educational institutions, 157 teachers on the professional staff, 3157 college graduates, 2652 college students, 473 mission stations, 507 missionaries, 96 native assistants and teachers, 4265 members on mission stations, 4360 Indian members, $220,026 of missionary income for 1890, $88,182 of juvenile offerings for 1890, 250 auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society, 8534 members of the Woman's Missionary Society, 4462 members in mission bands, $35,559 income of Woman's Missionary Society, about 200 Epworth leagues, about 15,000 members of Epworth leagues.

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At a Ripe Old Age.

CALEDON, March 8.—Mrs. McKinnon, mother of Chief McKinnon of Hamilton, died here yesterday, aged 88 years. Mrs. McKinnon came to Canada in 1819 and settled with her husband in Vaughan township, York county. The McKinnon homestead was one of the rallying points for the sympathizers of William Lyon Mackenzie during the troublesome time of 1837, and subsequently the farm was claimed as rectory lands by the Church of England, and for many years the case was before parliament, but finally the title was made good. Only two of Mrs. McKinnon's family of nine survive—Chief McKinnon and his sister. David McKinnon, one of the sons, was at one time a prominent lawyer, and Alexander McKinnon was editor of The Hamilton Banner and was elected M.P. for West Elgin at the early age of 28.

A Novel Advertising Scheme.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The evening papers contain the following advertisement:

The perjured traitor, Mr. Erastus Wiman, whose prominence in the recent Canadian conflict has earned for him the Tories this epithet, will lecture in the regular course at the Calvary Baptist Church, 57th-street near 6th-avenue, on Tuesday evening, 10th inst. The occasion affords an opportunity to many in New York who desire to hear the kind of treason in which Mr. Wiman indulges and which will have abundant scope in the subject of his address, which at this juncture has an especial appropriateness, viz. "The Great North Land and Its Relations to the United States." Admission 50 cents.

Excursion to Washington on March 25 Via the Picturesque Erie Railway.

Don't miss this last chance to visit Washington, Richmond, Old Point Comfort and Petersburg and only cost the small sum of $10 round trip. Suspension Bridge to Washington. Tickets good for ten days. Parties intending to take advantage of this extremely low rate should secure their Pullman berths early. For full particulars apply to S. J. Sharp, 19 Wellington-street east, Toronto.

"Our Mary" Makes a Stir.

LONDON, March 9.—Miss Mary Anderson (Mrs. Navarro) has created some stir in theatrical circles here by advertising the sale of all her stage dresses, theatrical scenery and stage properties, thus confirming the announcement that it is her intention to retire definitely from the stage.

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

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.25 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.20 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

Two Met Death.

MONTREAL, March 9.—An unknown man was killed to-day at Dorval by being run over by a freight train on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Joseph Paupert, a Grand Trunk Railway brakeman, was run over by the cars at Hemmingford. He was taken to the Notre Dame Hospital to-day, where he lies in a critical condition.

Loans at Low Rates.

Owners of central properties can secure loans on very favorable terms by applying to Mr. Troy at Ontario Mutual Life office, 32 Church-street.

Catarrh—Hay Fever—Catarrhal Deafness

A New Home Treatment has been discovered whereby the worst cases are permanently cured by a few simple applications made fortnightly by the patient at home. Send stamp for circular. A. H. Dixon & Son, 340 West King-street, Toronto.

Shell Oysters—Selected Rockaways and East Rivers. Keachie & Co., 30 King west.

Taps From the Telegraph.

Benjamin H. Paddock, Episcopal bishop of the diocese at Massachusetts, died yesterday.

The printing house of Gibson, Miller & Richardson at Omaha, Neb., was burned yesterday. Loss $100,000.

Seets, a noted lion tamer, was fatally mangled by an enraged lion at a hippprodome in Paris yesterday.

Detective Rogers has arrived at Belleville from Bremen, Germany, with Chester W. Yourex, who was extradited on a charge of forgery.

The Bewitter Manufacturing Company of Chicago, contracting builders and sash, door and blind manufacturers, assigned yesterday. The assets are placed at $110,000 and liabilities at $10,000. Inability to make collections is given as the cause.

Wires from the telephone exchange at Albany came in contact with the trolley wires of the Broadway Electric Railroad last night and the immediate result was a fire, which has completely disabled the telephone service and caused a loss of $30,000 to the Hudson River Telephone Company.

PITIFUL TALES OF WOE

Recounted by District Visitors Yesterday—Some Apt Reflections.

The Associated Charities met at 7 Louisa-street yesterday afternoon. There were present J. E. Pell, in the chair, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Brett, Miss Leigh, Robert Swan, J. Bailey, G. Keith and E. Taylor.

Mr. Pell called the attention of the conference to a very urgent case of distress in the East End. The father is an aged and decrepid old man, the mother is very feeble and is disposed to be weak-minded. This latter affliction has no doubt been brought on by the tortures of poverty and the wretched circumstances she finds herself and her family in. There are three daughters, two of whom are so ill that they cannot earn the smallest wages, and the burden of supplying the bare means of existence and of attending to the peevish demands of four invalids has for months devolved upon the third sister. She has, of course, been assisted by the different charitable societies, but the sum of $40 per month, which is necessary to keep the family alive, is a pretty large amount to give to one family, and the societies are at a loss to know what action to take. The family has relatives in England who have for the last few years relieved them to the extent of about $50 per annum, but in answer to a demand for further assistance they say that they cannot possibly send more and that they must entrust them to the charitable people of the city.

This case is particularly distressing since the unfortunate family have never before known what poverty was, and their intelligence and refinement revolts under the present circumstances. Poverty is a great evil in any state of life, but it is never felt so severely as by those who have, to use a common phrase, "seen better days." The poverty of the poor is misery, but it is endurable misery. It can bear the sight of the poverty of the formerly affluent is unendurable; it avoids the light of day, and shuns the sympathy of those who would relieve it; it preys upon the heart, it screws up every nerve to such an extremity of tension that one cool look, the averted eye even of a casual acquaintance met in prosperity, breaks the chord at once and leaves the self-despised object of it a mere wreck of man. Sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier days.

This is certainly a case which merits the attention of the charitably disposed, as the resources of the relief societies are taxed to the utmost.

A number of other cases were brought before the conference, among them a woman named Hunter, who resides in Queen-street east. She told the relief officers a pitiful tale of woe and was given a large basket of provisions and about a dozen eggs. She then returned to the butcher's and indignantly demanded better meat, in fact the best he had! She now figures in Mr. Pell's memory as the "woman with the eggs."

One word to those who find themselves in a charitable mood and who have determined to do a little good during the coming Easter tide exists in the city: Don't try to do it yourself. Hand over your subscription to the Associated Charities and be assured that it will be expended where it will do most good. Don't imagine that you have found a case unknown to the charities. The city is divided into 50 districts, and in each district a number of ladies are working and they know of every case of distress. No doubt there are instances which a false or misplaced pride restrains the distressed from applying to a charitable society for relief, and in such cases a little personal assistance tell us a source of great comfort to both giver and receiver; but generally it is wiser to entrust the distribution of subscriptions to an organized relief society.

A Murderer Caged.

GENEVA, March 9.—Lieut. Levraghi, the Italian officer charged with having murdered Abyssinian merchants, has been arrested at Lugano.

Swollen and Stiff Knee Joints. 26

The knee joint is the largest joint on our body; anything wrong there, look out. With an instrument of my own invention I have completely restored over 30 joints that were swelling. References in city. Chas. Cluthe, surgical machinist, 134 King west, Toronto.

Wedded to a Burly Negro.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 8.—Delicate little Mary Thornton, a blonde without a drop of negro blood in her veins, to-day married black Austin Thornton in this city. The groom, though of the same name, is not her relative, and is unlike her in every way. He is a burly, repulsive negro. Squire J. J. Miller married the pair. Then they walked arm-in-arm up the street before thousands of citizens.

A Vitriol Thrower Arrested.

JAMAICA, L.I., March 9.—Thirty Polish cloakmakers from East New York, raided a non-union shop here to-day. They smashed in the doors and proceeded to destroy the stock. The proprietor, who tried to restrain them, was assaulted, and one of the party took a bottle of vitriol from his pocket and threw some of it on the storekeeper's little daughter, burning her in a terrible manner. The fiend was arrested. He gave his name as Frank Rango.

Mr. J. A. Lawrie, the favorably known caterer, late of Headquarters, has now reopened at "The Shades Restaurant," 99 Kingstreet west (upstairs), a comfortable and cheerful dining-room, where he will be pleased to see his old customers. Breakfast 7.30 till 11 a.m., lunch from 11.30 till 3 p.m., supper from 5.30 till 12 p.m. Don't forget to call on the old reliable Gus. 246

Impaled on a Cane.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 9.—T. I. Powell, assistant superintendent of the South Penn Pipe Line Company, died to-night of a peculiar injury. While out walking with a companion yesterday Powell stumbled and fell. In falling he struck his companion to the ground, and a sharp cane in the latter's hand pierced Powell's abdomen, literally impaling him. Powell died in a few hours.

Plan now open at Nordheimer's for Canadian Order of Foresters' concert at Pavilion. Don't miss the best musical and literary event of the season.

Board of Trade in Parliament.

The Board of Trade boasts of three members of the new Parliament. Among its members: J. Hargraft, West Northumberland; A. Allan, South Essex, and J. Stevenson, West Peterboro. Mr. John Small, ex-M.P., and now collector of customs is also a member of the board.

Don't go round feeling sore for days because you missed the Foresters' concert at the Gardens To-night.

Jottings About Town.

At the Western Cattle Market, 852 head of cattle, 192 sheep and 251 hogs were received last week.

The rotunda of the Board of Trade was lighted for the first time last night and presented a fine appearance.

Surrogate Court proceedings took place yesterday in these estates: Adam Scott, $375; George Missner, $90; Harriet Cone, widow, $2292.

Mr. Wilson of 380 Queen-street east wishes it to be known that the stabbing affair did not occur at the above address as stated in some papers.

A cigarmaker named Dowdell, who lives in Yonge-street, fell in an epileptic fit yesterday afternoon in Wellesley-street. He was carried into Johnston's drug store, corner Wellesley and Church-streets, and after being carefully attended to he was sent home in a cab.

The Canadian Shorthand Society had a pleasant and profitable time last evening in its rooms, Y.M.C.A. building, when a paper on "Stenographic Blunders" was read by Thomas Pinkey. There was also an exhibition of the leading typewriting machines by local operators. Arrangements were made for the society's annual supper next Monday evening.

The members of the Toronto Architectural Sketch Club last evening listened with great interest to a very entertaining paper on "H. Hobson Richardson and His Works," by Mr. W. A. Langton. As the lecturer passed a number of years in Mr. Richardson's office in Boston he was fully qualified to speak on the subject, and did so in a very interesting way.

Bristol Lodge No. 90, Sons of England, at their last meeting, presided over by W. P. Bro. A. Oldfield, initiated three new members. This young and prosperous lodge has received 12 new members this quarter. They will hold their first annual social at the parlors of Shaftesbury Hall next Thursday, when the newly elected Supreme Grand President, Bro. Ivens, will preside.

The funeral of Fireman James Hughes took place from St. Andrew's Hall to St. James' Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The fire department was represented by 50 men. The Orange Society was also largely represented. Deputy-Chief Graham had charge of the funeral. Rev. A. Williams of St. John's Church performed the service. On the coffin rested a beautiful floral pillow, with the words, "Our Comrade," presented by the firemen.

At the regular meeting of Rugby Lodge No. 80, Sons of England B.S., in Pythian Hall last night three candidates were initiated. The lodge received a visit from the S. G. President, Bro. R. Ivens, who with Bro. J. Lister Nichols, past president of Chesterfield Lodge, performed the pleasant duty of presenting Bro. ex-Ald. J. C. Dowie, P.S.G.P., with a handsome P.G. president's jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Speeches were made eulogizing Bro. Swait's past service, which was a credit to so young a lodge as Rugby.

THE COUNCIL'S BUSY NIGHT.

MANY MATTERS OF IMPORT DISCUSSED AT THE HALL.

No Medical Health Officer Appointed—How to Provide the Sinews of War—Waterworks and Supply—Level Crossings Once More—Hanging Signs to Be Inspected—Lighting in the West.

His Worship the Mayor presided over the City Council last night. These were present: Ald. Allen, Atkinson, Bailey, Bell, Boustead, Burns, Farquhar, Foster, Gibbs, Gillespie, Gowanlock, Graham, Hall, Hallam, Hewitt, Hill, Joliffe, Kerr, Leslie, Lindsay, Lucas, Macdonald, Maloney, McDougall, McMurrich, Orr, Pape, Park, Phillips, Rose, Saunders, Shaw, Small, Stanley, George Verral, J. E. Verral.

The C.P.R. reported its acceptance of Judge Macdougall as sole arbitrator in determining the value of Esplanade property required for railway purposes. With reference to the proposal by the city that a road justment should take place every 50 years the company replied that it required time to consider the proposal.

Notwithstanding the auditors' opinion that the proposed $3000 grant to the Springhill relief fund was illegal the grant was made and will not be objected to.

Manager Pearson of the Gas Company wrote to say that the substitution of smaller burners in the Lambeth lamps in St. Alban's ward would much reduce the expense for gas.

Ald. Saunders was appointed the city's representative on the Northern Railway Board.

Toronto's Water.

Acting Medical Health Officer Pyne wrote to demand a place on the sub-committee appointed by the special Committee on Gravitation to secure samples of water from Jackson's Point. He considered himself as competent as any member on it if not more so.

Prof. Ellis read an analysis of the city water. Samples were taken on the same day (March 6) from the Bell Buoy and pumping-house well. The samples were found to be exactly the same so that there can be no leakage in the pipes. But the water was severely criticised. Prof. Ellis saying it was "of very bad quality; much worse than I have ever known it since the adoption of the present source of supply in consequence of the Bay Pollution." The cause must be sought for among those conditions which affect the character of the water at its intake.

Messrs. J. E. Ellis & Co. sent a bill for $452.80 for medals, etc., supplied the Reception Committee for last year's Dominion Day celebration. They explained that the account had been already returned because erroneously included in carnival accounts, payment of which had been prevented by an injunction, and solicited settlement.

Twelve hundred subscribers of a new concern, the Provincial Telephone Company, petitioned for right of way.

Bills for local improvements were passed to the amount of $91,400.

On motion of Ald. Shaw a bylaw was passed for the first time providing for the erection of new iron and steel bridges over the tracks at Dundas street.

On motion of Ald. Boustead the Mayor was authorized to oppose in the House of Commons a measure to authorize the securing water from Lake Simcoe.

A bylaw was passed providing the sum of $100,000 for waterworks extension. It will be sanctioned not by the ratepayers, but by the Lieutenant-Governor. Ald. Gillespie started a long discussion by asking if the council was prepared to override the will of the people. The bylaw was carried unanimously.

Money Will Be Provided as Required.

The council went into committee of the whole on reports of Ald. Bailey took the chair. The Board of Works reported in favor of asphalting Jordan and Melinda-streets. The total cost is $15,395, of which the city's share is $5076.

The report of the City Engineer favoring the exaction of a bond from each owner of a hanging sign was adopted in spite of the unfavorable opinion of the executive. Such signs will also be inspected and fees will be charged for each inspection.

A discussion took place on methods of getting money for local improvements. Ald. Saunders said the City Engineer estimated $200,000 could be thought $200,000 could be raised. The banks wished to insist that local and general improvement loans be placed on the same footing and others considered the banks somewhat dictatorial. The executive was defeated. Money will be provided as it may be required.

The Fire and Light Committee reported in favor of erecting 15 electric lights on Queen-street west of the subway. The matter was referred back on motion of Ald. Gowanlock.

The City's Property.

The Property Committee's report appointing Messrs. E. Galley, Thomas Bryce and A. M. Smith arbitrators to determine the rental value of certain leasehold property owned by the city in Market-street, was referred back as it was stated the gentlemen were interested in city leasehold property themselves.

The Property Committee, having received an account from Bryce Brothers for $415.50 for asphalting the floor of Lombard-street Fire Hall, and having been informed by Commissioner Coatsworth that the work was never contracted for, was only worth $300, reported to the Executive in favor of offering that sum without prejudice. The Executive reported that, as part of the work had been ordered, it be paid for and that the contractors be referred to whomever gave the order for the balance. This was adopted.

The Medical Health Officer.

The Board of Health reported as follows:

The question of the appointment of a gentleman to fill the vacant position of Medical Health Officer has again been before us for consideration. The matter has been taken separately upon each of the candidates who had presented themselves for the consideration ordered by last year's council, it was found that the Board would not recommend any of them for the position.

In view of the urgent necessity we now recommend that advertisements be inserted in the city newspapers stating that the position is vacant, and asking that candidates for the position be requested to forward their applications to the Board, accompanied by any certificates or testimonials as to fitness or qualification which they may desire to forward, for the consideration of the Board. The maximum yearly salary to be attached to the position to be $3000 per annum.

The Executive Committee recommend that these clauses be referred back to the Local Board of Health with a request that the name of one of the professional gentlemen who was a competitor for the position of Medical Officer be reported for approval, the salary to remain as at present, viz., $2400 per annum.

Ald. Gibbs and Small moved for the appointment of Dr. Norman Allan.

Ald. Orr moved to increase the salary to $3000. This also was voted down.

The Mayor's motion to strike out the recommendation of the Executive was lost.

Finally the recommendation of the Executive was adopted. Accordingly the Board of Health will report to the next meeting the name of either Dr. Coverton or Dr. Allan as officer with a salary of $2400.

Level Crossings.

The Level Crossings Committee having been advised by the City Solicitor that he could not advise a petition to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council praying for a reconsideration of its order apportioning the cost of protecting level crossings, reported that it could only recommend the executive to adopt its former report. This provided for estimates of the amount to be paid by the city. The executive reported that they could not endorse the views of the Level Crossings Committee and desired to place on record their strong objection to the proposals made therein. This was adopted by the council, which adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

65 Yonge-street (below King). New goods in solid silver English spoons and forks; wholesale prices. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

Personal.

G. M. McMullen, Kingston, is at the Queen's.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, Stratford, is at the Walker.

Ald. Harry Fowell, Belleville, is at the Walker.

Rev. Father Kelly, Kingston, is at the Queen's.

A. F. Wood, M.L.A., Madoc, is at the Queen's.

R. H. Preston, M.L.A., Newboro, is at the Queen's.

Chief Justice Armour, Cobourg, is at the Queen's.

Mr. R. J. Winyard is spending a few days in the city.

John Waters, M.L.A., North Middlesex, is at the Walker.

John Fell, M.L.A., East Victoria, is at the Walker.

Charles McKenzie, M.L.A., Lambton, is at the Walker.

Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P., Kingston, is at the Queen's.

C. D. Barr, editor Post, Lindsey, is at the Queen's.

Mr. John C. Forbes, the well-known Toronto artist, will leave in a short time for England, to fulfil a commission to paint a portrait of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

Mr. Hughes, inspector of schools, went to Montreal on Saturday and succeeded in securing $1125 worth of advertisements for the official bulletin of the National Educational Association.

Sir Edward Lacon, Bart., of Norfolk, who is in town visiting his brother, Mr. Thomas B. Lacon of Jarvis-street, was shown how the fire department goes through its work in front of the City Hall yesterday morning. The drill consisted in extension ladder exercise

MR. ANTROBUS' DEATH.

The Verdict is That He Died by Accident and Not Suicide.

LONDON, March 9.—An inquest was held to-day on the body of Mr. Robert Lindsay Antrobus, second son of Sir Edmund Antrobus, Bart., and a junior partner in the well-known banking house of Coutts & Co., who was found dead in his bed yesterday with a pistol lying by his side. From the evidence given by the members of his household it was learned that nothing unusual had been noticed in his habits recently. It appears that he died at between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening. The fatal shot was heard by no one in the house. The surgeon who was summoned when the body of Mr. Antrobus was discovered testified that in his opinion the death of Mr. Antrobus was due to an accident and happened while he was examining a new and curiously constructed pistol. A verdict was rendered in accordance with these facts.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Plenty of Amusement This Week for the People of Toronto—Notes and Comments.

A rare treat is in store at the Grand Opera House next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for all lovers of beautiful music, when Miss Agnes Huntington will appear at the head of her own English opera company of 70 people. It is said Miss Huntington possesses a voice of surpassing excellence. It is as pure and clear as a bell, of great power and, although a contralto, the upper register is equally good as the lower. She towers somewhat above the other lady members of her company, and is a beautiful figure and graceful in movement, fairly fascinate one. Miss Huntington assumes the title role of "Paul Jones" in the opera of that name, and although a masculine character she is able to play the part with all the ease imaginable, but with so modest a demeanor that the audience never for a moment forget that she is a woman. She is a cultured lady by nature. The company with which Miss Huntington has surrounded herself is exceedingly strong, including the leading opera singers in England, and is in every respect first-class. The scenery and costumes are said to be very beautiful, and no expense in the entertainment will be given. The sale of seats will begin on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be no matinee.

Great Attraction at the Grand.

The Boston Grand Athenaeum Company, one of the strongest and most refined vaudeville organizations on the road, opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night. The audience, though not as large as it should have served, was one of the best-pleased that ever gathered in this popular house. There are many novel features, which were highly appreciated nearly every act receiving several recalls. Fitz and Webster, musical artists, start the show off merrily, followed by the five Boissets, jugglers of skilful and daring feats on the trapeze bars, Conroy and Fox with new songs and gags and Miss Kate Davis in clever imitations. Cinquevalli is one of the most expert jugglers ever seen here. He handles cannon balls, eggs, plates, goblets in a marvelous skill. Dutch Imp "rejuvenated," and is possible funnier than ever. The Brothers Poluski are two grotesque knockabout comedians, they made a hit with the great hurt and business. The performance winds up with a weird and fascinating act by the Salambos. These people handle fire in a most unconcerned manner, eat it, drink it, blow it out of the mouth, in fact everything they touch seems to ignite at once. There will be a Wednesday and Saturday matinee.

At the Academy.

"Little Puck," with Frank Daniels and Bessie Sanson at the head of the bill, will no doubt prove the strongest attraction the Academy of Music has had this season. Miss Sanson has appeared here some years ago with the Vokes family and made a decided hit in the parts she played. Mr. Daniels as a comedian has no equal and is spoken of as being the funniest man on the stage. This engagement only runs five nights, with a Saturday matinee.

Out in the Streets.

The popular young actor, Mr. N. S. Wood, and his talented company presented the successful drama, "Out in the Streets," before a full house at Jacobs & Sparrow's Toronto Opera House last night. The clever plot is laid in New York City, and affords opportunity for some very realistic scenery including the Washington market at night, Grand Central depot and the grand finale, scene of the burning oil works. Everyone present was pleased with the performance. The piece runs all week, including matinees to-day, Thursday and Saturday.

The Robinson Musee Theatre.

The program at this theatre was well received by its patrons yesterday. William Mitchell in his character of Uncle Ginger, a senator from Way-Back, assisted by the dashing male personator, Miss Claude Lorraine, created a hit. Master Hubert Lamartine, a 5-year-old boy, made a great impression with his songs and dances and was heartily encored. Harry Price and Miss Ada Price gave amusing representations of German dialect. Miss Aggie Lorraine sang a couple of songs very sweetly. Miss Coatsworth, assisted by the eccentric comedian, Harry Thorne, were very amusing in the sketch, "Fooling a Bachelor."

In the lecture hall the attractions are Miss Emma Ferrimore, a fat lady, and Eli Bowen, a legless man.

Amusement Notes.

The Torrington orchestra of the Philharmonic Society will rehearse "Elijah" and "Eve" with the Philharmonic Society to-night at Victoria Hall. Every member can expects to sing in the chorus at the Santley Festival should, if the weather is favorable, be present.

The Unitarian Young People's Association will give a dramatic entertainment in the school-room of the church, Jarvis-street, to-morrow evening. The first part will consist of a farce in one act, entitled "Love's Warrant," and the second an original comedy in one act, "Two Negatives Make an Affirmative."

O. B. Sheppard, the Toronto manager, and George W. Cammis have bought the exclusive right for "Dr. Bill." They have also bought all the scenery and equipments, and production of the Hamilton opera house company. It was done at the Garden Theatre. A great many of the present company are to remain.—Dunlop's Stage News.

The Royal Canadian Academy has a musical and promenade concert to-night in the art gallery of the O.S.A., King-street west. The door opens at 7.30, concert commences at 8. As the exhibition is without doubt the finest ever held no one should miss this opportunity of seeing the pictures with the additional charm of sweet melodies. If the concert is as great a success as the one given by the O.S.A. no one can go away disappointed.

On Thursday, March 12, in the Pavilion the Toronto Choral Society and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra will give a combined concert. Among the orchestral selections will be one of Signor D'Auria's arrangements, "Hail Caledonia," also "Die Extravaganten," waltzes, by Strauss. For further particulars see advertisement in another column. Those desirous to attend should secure their seats as the plan is rapidly filling. Plan at Nordheimer's.

Death of a Newspaper Man.

QUEBEC, March 9.—Mrs. James Carrel, editor and proprietor of The Daily Telegraph, died suddenly last night. The deceased was well and widely known as a newspaper man and had been president of both the press gallery of the Legislature and the Associated Press of the province.

Miss Maud C. Fuller, contralto, formerly of Montreal, and Miss Mockridge, pianist, will appear at Canadian Foresters' concert To-night.

The Italian Stabbing Case.

At the Police Court yesterday Stanly McFarlane was sentenced to jail for 60 days for petty theft. John Grassio and Michael Martino, the Italians who stabbed and clubbed Patrick Elwood at 17 Agnes-street on the night of Feb 24, were sentenced, the first to 4 months in the Central Prison and the latter to 30 days in jail.

Mr. W. Edgar Buck, musical director and bass, will make his first appearance in the Pavilion at Canadian Foresters' concert To-night.

Sudden Death and Accident.

BELLEVILLE, March 9.—Mrs. Salima Macnider, wife of Quentin Macnider, formerly manager of the Bank of Montreal here, died very suddenly last night from heart disease. William Hayne, a Grand Trunk brakeman, had his collar bone broken on Saturday night whilst coupling cars.

Miss Alexa Ramsay, the talented young Scotch reciter of New York, will give Shakesperean and humorous selections at Canadian Foresters' concert To-night.

To Be Liberated.

HAMILTON, March 9.—A meeting of the creditors of Rich & Robinson, the Bradford bankrupts, was held at the Royal Hotel today to settle at 40 cents on the dollar, cash. Rich & Robinson will be liberated as soon as the funds are forthcoming.

Safe cough cure—Hallamore's Expectorant.

CRUDE, UNEQUAL AND UNJUST

THE BOARD OF TRADE CONDEMNS A TAX ON CAPITAL

And Endorses the Proposal to Substitute a Business Tax for That on Personalty—The Proposition is Opposed Principally By Real Estate Owners—The Discussion Last Night.

The proposal to substitute a business tax for the present tax on personalty was discussed at a special general meeting of the Board of Trade last night. It was championed by wholesale merchants led by Mr. Paul Campbell, and opposed by real estate men led by Mr. Robert Jaffray.

There was a large attendance of members. The chair was taken by President John I. Davidson. Among those present were:

Messrs. W. R. Brock, W. D. McIntosh, E. Gurney, W. Beardmore, W. C. Crowther, A. Pardoe, C. Reid, T. Kinnear, H. Robinson, R. B. Ellis, T. G. Williamson, A. T. Crombie, F. J. Stewart, J. B. Bickell, R. H. Ramsay, G. Keith, G. S. Michie, W. Blackley, H. Neilson, G. A. Cox, S. F. McKinnon, Paul Campbell, Joseph Reed, W. Wilson, P. W. Ellis, J. Catto, J. F. Ellis, W. Hawke, A. B. Lee, W. B. Hamilton, R. Kilgour, W. B. McGann, J. McMahon, T. Eaton, J. Leys, W. W. Copp, A. Darling, R. Jaffray, J. Brown, J.