

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Yes, that is what we said. We want Niagara power if it can be got without too great an expenditure.

It's rather tough on a fellow, when, after attending church nearly every night for 3 weeks in succession, some fellow in St. Thomas calls us a liar and proves it.

Scientists are now working in an endeavor to find a fatigue anti-toxin. If discovered, what a godsend that will be to Ed. Monteith, Granville Haight and Fred Ashbaugh, our overworked government officials.

We will be awfully glad when the electric light service is on again. This carrying a lamp around, breaking chimneys, stumbling over chairs in the dark, hunting for matches and being scared all the time for fear the house will be burned down by an accident, isn't what it is cracked up to be.

We are glad to be able to announce that our Water & Light Commissioners are taking steps to look carefully into the question of Niagara power, and get all the details as to cost &c., which will in time be laid before our citizens for consideration. The chief engineer will probably be in Aylmer to look over the situation this week.

The Electric Light Commission have been working hard to get the lights going again in town. A new dynamo has been secured and installed at the Condenser. It was first tried on Sunday night last, but a loose pulley prevented good results, and this is at present the cause of no light. It seems impossible to tighten it enough to carry the heavy load and a new pulley has been sent for and the lights will probably be on to-night. There is still a doubt as to whether this engine and dynamo will have sufficient power to supply the town, but if not another will be put in at the canning factory.

Aylmer is not the only fair that has to face a big falling off in receipts this year. The gate receipts at Simcoe this year were \$392.35 as against \$1,602.40 last year. This deficit can be attributed to what we would call bad judgement in the selection of dates. Ours was caused by bad judgement in supposing that one man could do it all and perhaps in too great an expenditure for attractions, races &c. We think, however, on the whole, we have the best of the argument, as we had a lot of fun and a good time out of our loss, while Simcoe had nothing but snow, cold and disappointment.

The committee having in charge the raising of \$5,000 by private subscription to be given to the Brandon Shoe Co. in order to retain them in Aylmer is making good progress, and have already secured between three and four thousand dollars. We cannot impress upon our citizens too strongly the importance of doing their share in this work. There are some probably, who can give, who will not, but who will without a blush, reap the benefit of the giving of others. Every town has such men and it would be a surprise to them no doubt, to know what their neighbors think of them. They never give anything they can get out of, and seem to imagine no one knows or notices their smallness. There are others who will give more than they can really afford to. There will also be cases where men would gladly help, but cannot, and we must be careful in making our judgments, not to do an injustice in our opinion to some one who would, but cannot give. We have not seen the list and have not the slightest idea who has given and who has not, except the few whose names were put down at the first meeting, so anything we have said in this article has no personal reference to anyone. If it hits any of our readers, however, we hope it will do them good and open their small hearts for once. If everyone will give as he is able and as he knows he should, the scheme will go. Do your share; do not let your neighbors do it all, while you reap as much or more benefit than he does.

In last week's issue we made a statement that a deputation headed by the Mayor of St. Thomas, came down to Aylmer a few days after the fire and tried to take the shoe factory away

from us. The Times in its issue of the 22nd replied as follows:

"Mayor Geddes says that in the first place he never went to Aylmer; in fact hasn't been in Aylmer since the day of Mayor Steven's funeral last winter. In the second place the St. Thomas Council made no overtures to the shoe people in an effort to rob Aylmer of its shoe factory. Assessment Commission Freck, it is true, went to the East Elgin town a day or so after the explosion to look into the matter, but his specific instructions were that unless the company had decided to move there should be no negotiations. St. Thomas had no desire to compete with Aylmer for the location of the factory. Mr. Freck was told that the company was undecided as to its future course. The next move was on the part of the shoe factory officials, who asked for an interview. It was granted and at the conference they were told right at the start that if the move was one of playing St. Thomas against Aylmer in order to get the best possible offer, they might as well call off the interview. They were given to understand that St. Thomas would not at any time try to rob Aylmer of the factory, but if the company had decided on a change of location they would make an offer."

Well, when a fellow makes a mistake and puts his foot in it, the best way is to draw it out as gracefully as he can. During all the years that we have conducted THE EXPRESS, we have never intentionally made a mistake, or said anything to hurt the feelings or injure anyone. We accept the statement that Mayor Geddes was not in Aylmer as we stated, but that it was Commission Freck. We therefore tender to Mayor Geddes our most sincere apology. We are glad to hear also that Com. Freck had instructions not to bid against Aylmer for the shoe factory nor to negotiate with the Co. until after they had decided not to remain here. Mr. Peterson, of the Brandon Shoe Co., confirms this statement, so we will pull the other foot out also and acknowledge our mistake. Now boys, "rub it in." You have not had a chance before for a good many years and it may be some time before you get another.

The South Western Traction line was sold by public auction in London on Thursday last and realized the sum of \$538,067. J. E. McDougall, representing London, Hamilton and Toronto capitalists, was the purchaser. Mr. McDougall stated that the line would be extended to Aylmer and Delaware within one year's time. Just how this news will be welcomed by Aylmer people is a matter of conjecture. The citizens on the whole will be pleased to see it come, but some of the merchants are a little nervous and are afraid of their customers, when in need of something or other, jumping on the car and going to London and St. Thomas. The way we are situated now, it is hard to get over to London or St. Thomas, at any decent time, and get back the same day. There is no reason why citizens of Aylmer should go outside for their goods. The local merchants can give the same thing for the same money, or even at a lower price. Aylmer merchants are able to buy from the wholesalers just as cheaply as those of St. Thomas and at the same time it does not cost as much to do business as it does in St. Thomas. There are always a certain number of people who think that nothing in their own town is good enough for them and that they must go outside for it. Some of these people, fortunately a very few, live in Aylmer. When they want something, they go to the railroad city and buy it, thinking, poor foolish mortals, that because St. Thomas has a few more people than Aylmer, the goods sold there must necessarily be very much better than those sold in their own town. St. Thomas has a few of the same kind, who go to London when they want something "real nice." And then, there are people in London of the same calibre, who trot down to Toronto to do their shopping. This class of people always have and always will exist and the best thing to do is not to bother with them at all. If the Traction line is built to Aylmer we do not believe that it will hurt the town one iota, but that on the contrary, it will bring it in closer touch with other places and will increase the value of property. We believe further, that our town merchants can pull more business right out of St. Thomas and London if they go at it right, than these places can pull from Aylmer.

James J. Jeffries, former heavy-weight champion of the world, and who still claims that title, is back from Carlsbad where he has been taking the baths, and announces his intention to fight Jack Johnson, the chocolate gentleman at an early date.

A mellow old lawyer who used to live on the banks of the Androscoggin was famous for his fine distinctions. But often after the shades of night had fallen the squire might have been seen struggling home so boozed that he apparently could not split a shingle, to say nothing of a hair. One night when he was drunker than usual he staggered completely out of his course and could not find it. Realizing that he was lost and drifting into unfamiliar regions, he called at a house to ask for information. "Madam," he gravely said to the lady who came to the door, candle in hand, "can you tell (hic) me where Squire Blank lives?" "Certainly," she said and gave him full directions. But as she talked and looked and as her candle gradually brought out the features of the man before her a puzzled expression came into her face, and she finally said, "But isn't this Squire Blank?" "Madam," replied the old lawyer, assuming a judicial air, "that is entirely (hic) immaterial."

Important Notice for Cobalt Miners and Brokers.

Arrangements have been made by the Grand Trunk with the T. & N. O. Ry., to operate a Parlor-Library-Cafe car, commencing Monday, October 25th on the Cobalt trains, 47 and 48, serving meals a la carte, between North Bay, Cobalt, Halleybury, Lickard and Englehart, enabling visitors to the silver country to enjoy a comfortable breakfast, northbound, and serving dinner, south, which is filling a long felt want and one which will be appreciated by its patrons.

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Cruelty to Animals.

There seems to be a large amount of ignorance as to what the law, regarding cruelty to horses and other animals, is, and this letter is sent out in the hope that a better understanding of that law may result and court proceedings prevented. We believe that every man who handles horses, using them for his purpose, knows when he is treating them properly, or in any wrong manner, no matter whether he has seen, or has not seen, the law on the subject. Here is the law:—Criminal Code, Section 512. "Everyone is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, or to three months' imprisonment with or without hard labor, or both, who (a) wantonly, cruelly or unnecessarily beats, binds, ill-treats, abuses, overdrives or tortures any cattle, poultry, dogs, domestic animal or bird, or wild animal or bird in a state of captivity; or (b) while driving any cattle or other animal, is, by negligence or ill-usage in the driving thereof, the means whereby any mischief, damage or injury is done by any such cattle or other animal; or (c) in any manner encourages, aids or assists at the fighting or baiting of any bull, bear, badger, dog, cock or other animal, whether of domestic or wild nature." R. S. O., chapter 173, S. 2.

It is passing strange that many a man, good in many ways, is often exceedingly cruel when the care of his animals is not very long ago I visited a man who was reported to be very cruel to his horses, working them when they had bad sores on their shoulders. He said to me, "What am I to do when the rub comes on?" If that man had such sores on his shoulders, or on any portion of his body, what would he do? Lay off, of course. Such a man must know, and if he does not know he must be taught, that, when he works an animal in such a condition, he is breaking the law of the land and the higher moral obligations which govern every man's relation to the dumb part of creation.

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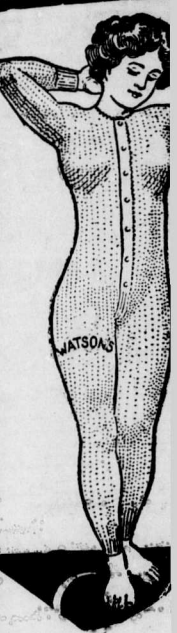
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