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COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

A Funny Scene in East Toronto Police Court—Legal Lights Create Amusement for Public—All About Sheepskins.

East Toronto Police Court, famous for many a scene of humor, furnished yesterday another chapter full of merriment and dramatic passages, to a large and keenly appreciative audience. The case which Magistrates Richardson and Ormerod opened court upon was that of Gardener H. Stevens v. F. Baldwin, F. Maynard and S. Wyatt, the defendants being charged with trespass and malicious injury to Stevens' property at the Woodbine. Lawyer E. W. Owen represented the defendants, and Mr. J. Hughes of local celebrity appeared for Stevens. As soon as the opening ceremony was over, Lawyer Owen jumped up and raised an objection against the presence at the table of his rival pleader, on the grounds that he was neither a counsel nor an attorney. Mr. Hughes protested as strongly that he was.

"Excuse me, sir," objected the lawyer, in a tone that implied that the matter was settled, though several people proved otherwise.

Hughes (warmly): I might excuse you forever. What is your name, sir?

Owen: My name is Owen, sir.

Hughes (ironically): A very good name, too; but when did you pass?

Owen: You are getting too personal, sir.

Hughes (warmly): I have just as good a right to question you, sir, as you had me. I don't believe you have any qualifications, judging from the weak questioning you have raised.

Here the Magistrate remarked that the lawyers had better question everyone's right, and go on an equal footing.

Owen (holding up the act): He's neither a counsel nor an attorney, according to the act which I hold here.

Magistrate Ormerod here interposed: "I guess that you will both have to produce your sheepskins"; but this diplomatic statement didn't end the battle, by any means.

Hughes (excitedly pointing at Lawyer Owen): He's produced no proof that he's passed. There are numbers of men in Toronto who have the necessary red tape, but who have never passed an examination, and I will tell you what's of a man Mr. Owen is. He's one of the kind who went to the Northwest to fight Indians, and came back a lawyer.

The Magistrate now tried to raise the deadlock by suggesting that both sides discard their legal advisers. The proposition pleased the audience well, and a voice called out: "That's right; they'd want $100 apiece." The plan, however, didn't work, because the defendants wouldn't yield their man. The lawyers now re-opened the scrimmage.

Hughes (hotly): There are numbers of attorneys and baristers in the city who are not members of the Law Society.

Owen (sharply): I deny it.

Hughes: If my learned friend will not stick at trifles, the case would go on.

Owen (savagely): I'm not your learned friend. Bring out your parchment.

Hughes: I've got my parchment in my hand, and you can't get it out.

Affairs seemed now entangled up completely, and, seeing no end to the bloody squabble, the Magistrate suggested adjournment of the case until Thursday next, and this arrangement was finally accepted.

East Toronto.

Mr. J. P. Wheeler of East Toronto was yesterday summoned to appear before Squire Wingfield at the Toronto Court House, on Wednesday at 11 a.m., on the charge of appropriating $12 belonging to the municipality.

East Toronto is gay this week in the social way. On Tuesday evening Hope Methodist Church holds a big social at the residence of ex-Reeve Richardson.

On Wednesday night, fancy dress carnival at the Aberdeen Rink.

Thursday night, at Boston's Hall, the benefit concert and dance of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Friday night, at Boston's Hall, the Sunday School entertainment of St. John's Church, Norway.

The belongings of Brakeman J. Cosgrove, who was killed by the cars at Belleville on Saturday, were shipped yesterday from East Toronto to his parents' home at Brockville. Conspicuous in the load as it left the Don were his "Yellow Fellow" bicycle and a pair of racing skates, in both of which sports he was an adept.

Etobicoke Township

Mr. Cornish has disposed of his interest in the Summerville Hotel to Mr. Lippincott of Toronto.

The Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, No. 220, Lambton Mills, held a very successful box social in Oddfellows' Hall last night. The ladies brought the boxes and the gentlemen who bought them found inside the lady's name whom they had to entertain for the evening.

At a Methodist church not far from Lambton Mills, on Sunday, the pastor was discoursing on brotherly love. The church got dreadfully hot. One of the church dignitaries arose from his seat, went to the back of the church and opened the door. A decided brother across the aisle felt the cold breeze coming in to his feet, and looked askance at the dignitary across the way who had opened the door. Arising from his seat, he at once went to the back of the church and closed the open door. This seemed to irritate the first elder, who once more went back to the door and reopened it. This necessitated a second trip for the elder across the aisle, who immediately jumped up and again closed the door. Then the first elder was about to go back again, when the brother across the way said: "If you open that door again there'll be a row right here." The parson went on with his sermon, and a brother in the front of the church, who thought things were getting very hot at the back, got up and opened the windows. Quietness reigned until the service ended, and the hot and cold elders were allowed to enjoy the sermon in comfort.

DEATH OF LUDLOW CAMPBELL.

Ludlow Campbell, a resident of Etobicoke Township, over 70 years of age, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Moore, lot 12, con. A, on Sunday morning, very suddenly. While sitting at the table about two weeks ago, the old gentleman, in reaching over the table, caught his arm on the teapot and upset the whole of its scalding contents over himself. He was badly blistered, and seemed to gradually weaken from the pain attending his injuries. On Saturday he appeared better, and on Sunday morning got up as usual and asked for his breakfast. While his sister was preparing the morning meal, the old man fell back in his chair, and when she returned to his side he was dead. Ludlow Campbell was a son of Alex. Campbell, a lieutenant in the English army in New Brunswick. When his regiment broke up, he took up land in New Brunswick, and later, with his family, moved to Etobicoke, in 1843. One of a family of nine, only two remain—Mrs. Moore and another sister, Mrs. Armstrong of Thornbury. He was an uncle of the wife of J. Macpherson, son of Etobicoke township clerk. Ludlow Campbell was a firm adherent of the Episcopal Church, and will be buried on Tuesday in St. George's Cemetery, near Islington, where the obsequies will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Tremayne.

County of York.

R. W. Proctor of Woodville-avenue, Todmorden, and Isaac Rickles of Salmon-avenue, have each suffered within the last few days by the theft of chickens and pigeons.

Several persons who had been cutting poles in Taylor Bros' bush, Todmorden, were taken before Mr. H. H. Frankland, J.P., yesterday, and allowed to go under suspended sentence, after a warning.

Brogan v. Rosmond was a Mount Albert suit, tried before Magistrate Kennedy, the plaintiff being a wagon maker there, and the defendant a hotelkeeper. The action was for slander, and the defendant was present with several witnesses. As neither the plaintiff nor his counsel appeared, the case was struck out.

At the Queen-street east station of the G.T.R., yesterday morning, about 10, an elderly gentleman named E. E. Foster just escaped serious, if not fatal, injury. He had got off the train from the east, and was crossing the track behind the rear car, in ignorance of an approaching outgoing train, when another passenger, Mr. Walter Marr of Mount Albert, who also had just alighted, realized the danger and threw Mr. Foster off the track, himself barely escaping injury.

William Huff and his wife, Mary Ann, lodging house keepers, of Toronto, sued the Mrs. Foster, father and mother, of Mount Albert, in the Assize Court yesterday, for alleged unskilful medical treatment. As opened by counsel, the case was that Mrs. Huff, who was visiting relatives in Mount Albert, fell on the 10th November, 1895, and broke her right leg just above the ankle. Defendants were called in and attended her until the second week in January, 1896. She then returned to the city and entered St. Michael's Hospital on the 23rd, and remained there for three months. Mrs. Huff is still lame, and walks with a crutch, and gave her evidence seated. From the time of the accident on the 10th November, the limb was kept in wooden splints until the 23rd, when they were removed and the leg was encased in plaster of paris till the 16th December. All this time Mrs. Huff was suffering great pain, and it is claimed that the treatment of the case by the doctors showed a lack of professional knowledge. After the plaintiffs had been examined, medical testimony was called on their behalf, and the further hearing of the case was adjourned until this morning.

Toronto Junction.

Toronto Junction, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The presents which were donated by the children of St. John's to the Sick Children's Hospital were to-night taken by Mrs. Johnston to the shelter on Adelaide-street east as a donation to the Children's Aid Society. The Sick Children's Hospital authorities say the children there have an abundance of toys, more than they need.

A special meeting of the Town Council to sanction the agreement with the bondholders was held to-night in the Council Chamber. Mr. J. W. St. John, M.L.A., will be asked to assist the council in obtaining the necessary legislation. His Worship the Mayor and the Clerk were authorized to sign and attach the corporate seal to the agreement. The Executive Committee gave instructions to have inserted in the special act a provision repealing the section of the act of 1895 limiting the right of the council to exempt manufacturing establishments. The report was adopted. Councillors Goodlee, Leachman and Ryding voting nay. Ex-Councillor Abbott, Arch. Campbell, M.P., Mr Jennings and Councillor Smith all spoke at length in reference to the agreement. Mr. Jennings thought it favorable. Mr. Campbell opposed some features of it, but thought it might be the easiest way out of a great difficulty. Mr. Abbott opposed it. Insurance on the fire hall was left with Chairman Smith. Council then adjourned.

At the statutory meetings of the Board of Health to-night Mr. Byron Abbott was elected chairman and Mr. Conron appointed secretary.

The business men of the town have under consideration the advisability of organizing a Board of Trade or Mercantile Association for mutual benefit.

Mimico.

Mimico, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Mr. Gould, assistant superintendent at the Industrial School, has recovered from his recent illness and leaves for a recuperating trip to-morrow.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday School will give a concert on Feb. 2.

A sleighing party will leave the Windsor Hotel for Marion-street, Parkdale, on Wednesday evening.

The party at Mr. George Stubbs', in Church-street, last week, was well attended by about 30 of the young people of the village. Dancing was kept up until 4 a.m., the music being supplied by harpists from the city.

Mr. Warren of Trinity College took the service in Christ Church last night and assisted Rev. Canon Tremayne at the morning service, who is laboring under the disadvantage of a severe cold.

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Via picturesque Lehigh Valley R.R. Tickets good going Thursday, Jan. 28, 7.10 a.m., 5.20 and 8.20 p.m., from Suspension Bridge. Special Pullman sleeping cars from Suspension Bridge to Washington for Canadian passengers on 8.20 p.m. train. Tickets sold and sleeping car berths secured at Station Ticket Office, Suspension Bridge, N.Y.

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KELLY CASE DISPOSED OF

The Proposal to Establish a Bureau of Labor Endorsed by Council.

Some Conflicting Statements Respecting the Awarding of a Contract—An Attack Upon the Works Department—The Consideration of Legislation Respecting the Island Railway, Sunday Cars and Other Matters Deferred Until Wednesday—Effort to Have Johnston v. Gas Company Settled on Its Merits.

The City Council spent six hours yesterday in transacting its business, and was then forced to adjourn until Wednesday in order to give due consideration to the report containing the draft notice of legislation which it is intended to ask for at the coming session of the Legislative Assembly. All the members were present except Ald. Lynd, who is sick.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Rising to a question of privilege, Ald. Scott took exception to an article which appeared in an evening newspaper, stating that he had posted a notice upon his front door informing the unemployed who called to obtain work that they could only see him at the City Hall. He characterized the story as false in fact and malicious in origin, and expressed regret that the paper referred to saw fit to revive a story which had been circulated in December, 1895, for the purpose of injuring him in the eyes of certain parties.

Among the communications which were read was one from Mr. T. E. Washington, asking that 1500 acres of land in the Ashbridge marsh be surveyed and set apart as sites for manufactories of mining machinery, or other new enterprises. He also urged the establishment of a nickel refinery in Toronto.

ELECTRIC SERVICE ALL RIGHT.

J. J. Wright of the Toronto Electric Light Company, notifying the Council that the company is busily engaged in getting the plant into shape again. On Sunday night he had 800 incandescent lights in operation, and expected to have 100 more on Monday evening. He expressed the confident hope that by the end of the week a full service would be in operation. Dynamos had been obtained from the Canadian General Electric Company and from the Royal Electric Company of Montreal, which were the only ones to be obtained in Canada. Additional dynamos had been intercepted while in transit from American firms to other countries and would shortly be in stalled. It was the intention to erect a fire-proof building and, in conclusion, on behalf of the company, Mr. Wright thanked the Council and public for the consideration received under trying circumstances.

ANOTHER TELEPHONE COMPANY.

W. J. Knowles, a director of the Callender Telephone Exchange Company of Bratford, wrote, asking the city of Toronto not to take steps to award the privilege for a telephone franchise until the company which he represents has had an opportunity to make an offer. The communication intimated that their system, which has been installed at Brantford, can be put in at a much lower figure per subscriber than the Bell Telephone Company, and a greater reduction can be made to subscribers in Toronto as the expenses of the system, unlike those of the existing system, are less for a large exchange than for a small one.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Mr. O. A. Howland, M. L. A., addressed the Council in support of the request of the Citizens' Committee that a bylaw authorizing the issue of 10-year debentures for $25,000 be submitted to the ratepayers. After dwelling upon the great prominence which the celebration would bring to the city of Toronto, he took advantage of the opportunity to repudiate some of the intentions which has been imputed to those whom he represented. It was not the intention to spend the money in erecting buildings, neither was it proposed to spend it in the purchase of old bones, fish or human, but in obtaining portraits and other interesting relics and mementoes of one of the most interesting series of men that ever placed their names upon the pages of history. The Parliament Buildings had been placed at their disposal for the purpose of an exhibition of these articles. The Dominion Government, he thought, should be invited to cooperate by bearing the cost of transportation of the exhibits which had been promised from foreign countries, as well as Great Britain. The exhibition would produce a large revenue; the city would be asked to pay in interest about $1000 per annum for ten years, and he thought there would be good value received from the advertisement. At present the deputation desired the Council to take the first step towards holding a proper celebration by appointing two commissioners to act in conjunction with commissioners to be appointed by the Ontario and Dominion Governments.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins also addressed the Council urging the beneficial results which would accrue to Toronto and the whole Dominion from such an event, if properly carried out.

TO RELIEVE INDIAN SUFFERERS.

Upon motion of Ald. Spence and Scott, the Mayor was authorized to receive subscriptions on behalf of the sufferers from famine and plague in India and the Board of Control was requested to report at the next meeting what contribution the city should make toward the fund.

MOTIONS ADOPTED.

Ald. J. J. Graham—City Engineer to report cost of erecting a shelter on the south side of the Lake Shore-road, opposite High Park.

Ald. Shaw—To memorialize the Dominion and Provincial Governments to consider the best way of dealing with the constantly increasing number of Canadian citizens who seem to be condemned to enforced idleness with a view to ameliorate their condition and promote the welfare of all classes. Ald. Spence submitted a motion, reaffirming the opinion expressed by the Council of 1896 in favor of amalgamation of the High and Public School Boards, but failed to get a suspension of the rules, only Ald. Spence, Scott, Burns and Hallam voting yes. The notice stands for the next meeting.

Ald. Sheppard also failed to obtain a suspension of the rules for the appointment of Ald. Rutter, Preston and Sheppard to confer with the county authorities as to the cost of the administration of justice for the County of York and city of Toronto, and to report to Council whether the city and county are paying an excessive share of such costs.

GAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS.

The City Solicitor wrote, forwarding a copy of a letter from ex-Mayor Kennedy, dated 15th inst., stating that he gave no instructions in connection with the matter of the Kelly-Archabold case for the arrest of anyone. Copies were enclosed of correspondence which passed in July, 1894, between the then Mayor Kennedy and the Chief of Police and the opinion of Sir William Meredith, then corporation counsel, that anyone using the railway for street railway purposes on Sunday would be a trespasser, and that all the powers of the law for the arrest of offenders should be put in force.

The renewed recommendation of the Board of Control to pay $1000 to Kelly in full settlement of all suits by himself and family against Officers Archabold and Barton, such amount to be devoted to the payment of his solicitor's costs, gave rise to a sharp debate.

Ald. Gowanlock moved that the report be referred back until the information which had been asked for was presented to Council.

Ald. Spence admitted that the correspondence did not contain the information it ought to for the guidance of the Council.

DID NOT ADVISE.

Ald. Preston declared the correspondence distinctly showed that there was no authority for making the arrests. The advice of Sir William Meredith, upon which it was alleged the officers acted, applied only to the operation of street cars and not to omnibusses.

Ald. Carlyle, as a new member, wanted all the correspondence brought down before the report was adopted.

Ald. Hubbard supported the payment of the money.

Ald. Shaw was of the opinion that Archabold exceeded his duty in making the arrest. The officer should have satisfied the judgment against him and then applied to the Council for redress.

Ald. Scott denounced the practice of arresting well-known citizens for breach of city bylaws when a summons would answer the purpose. If Archabold and Barton to go scot free of the blunder the Chief of Police or other officer under whom they were acting should bear the brunt of the storm.

Of the members who raised objections to the report, only Ald. Gowanlock, Scott and Preston voted against its adoption when the vote was taken.

WILL TRY TO SAVE COSTS.

Ald. Scott moved that the report of the Board of Control be amended by adding to the paragraph re Johnston v. Consumers' Gas Company the following: "That the City Solicitor be instructed to suggest to the Consumers' Gas Company the advisability of having the case now before the courts argued upon its merits."

There was a brief debate, during which Ald. Scott asserted that his only object was to endeavor to arrive at an amicable arrangement by which the Johnston case might be argued and decided upon the merits and so save the expense of a second suit.

The Mayor intimated that the understanding at the conference which took place was that an effort would be made to obtain the consent of the Gas Company to try the case upon its merits. In reply to Ald. Shaw, he denied, however, that there was any intention of joining with the Gas Company in preparing a test case.

The report recommending the prosecution of the second suit in the Privy Council and the institution of a second suit was adopted as amended by Ald. Scott.

ALD. GOWANLOCK OBJECTS.

The report of the Board of Control, awarding the contract for special coatings required for the 24-inch water pipe on Front-street to the St. Lawrence Foundry Company because McQuillan & Co., whose tender was $51.50 lower, had declined to do the work, was objected to by Ald. Gowanlock.

Ald. Saunders intimated that Mr. McQuillan had expressed his readiness to accept the contract, and, therefore, he moved that the report be referred back.

Ald. Scott stated that Mr. McQuillan had just informed him that he was never given an opportunity to decline to accept the contract, as he had never received notice that his tender had been accepted. The report of the Engineer that he had done so was not in accordance with what Mr. McQuillan had stated to him.

The contract was awarded to McQuillan & Co. and several members asked that the matter be further enquired into.

BUREAU OF LABOR ENDORSED.

The report of the board, making provision for the establishment of a bureau for the unemployed was productive of a long debate, which was not concluded when the Council rose at 6 o'clock.

Upon resuming at 8 o'clock, another half-hour was spent in discussing the report, which was adopted, Ald. Sheppard, Leslie and Preston being appointed an advisory board to direct the formation of the bureau.

THAT GRANT WITH A STRING.

Ald Saunders arose when the report in reference to the extra grant of $2500 to the House of Industry, $500 being retained to be disbursed through City Relief Officer Taylor, was read, and, referring to an article which appeared in The World on Saturday last, demanded an explanation respecting the matter from the Board of Control. No alderman, he asserted, had any right to sign orders upon that fund.

The Mayor thought that none of the members of the Board of Control knew anything about it. He did not know of any alderman whose order had been honored, and he did not know of any alderman who is in the habit of giving orders, except perhaps Ald. Scott. [Laughter.]

Ald. Scott was very much inclined to say that from the mouth of any other person the joke of the Mayor would be an impertinence.

The Mayor: You must not take that seriously.

Ald. Scott wanted to know how it was that the $3000 was set apart for this purpose, seeing that the House of Industry had not asked for it. When he voted in favor of the grant he was certainly under the impression that there had been a request made for it.

TWO OR THREE IN THE PIE.

Ald. Crane said that this grant had rather a peculiar history. At the time the money was voted the Board of the House of Industry had money to their credit. The House Board found that there was a string upon the money, and that it was to be distributed through Mr. Taylor, the City Relief Officer, which meant that he (Ald. Crane) or any other alderman could send his orders through Mr. Taylor. When the orders were sent it was with an endorsement that no questions were to be asked by the House of Industry Board. The trouble was that only two or three of the aldermen got their fingers into this pie.

There were cries of "Name! Name!" and Ald. Crane named Ald. R. H. Graham and the Mayor.

The Mayor declared that he never gave an order.

Ald. R. H. Graham emphatically declared that he never gave any such order.

Ald. Crane produced an order by Ald. Graham, asking Mr. Taylor to send groceries to a certain party, who had already received a large amount of relief from the House. It was not the first time there had been a raid made upon the House of Industry.

There was a similar fund last year, and the statement which appeared in The World was then made by one of the applicants.

MOTIVE WAS GOOD.

Ald. Lamb defended the grant and the special provision as to the method of distribution.

Ald. Saunders affirmed that no member of Council has any objection to the House of Industry getting the grant. He objected to the $500 being retained for disbursement by Mr. Taylor. Somebody seemed to have a special reason for keeping it there.

The Mayor explained that this was to meet special cases.

Ald. Gowanlock admitted that he had gone to Mr. Taylor and obtained orders for relief for deserving cases in his ward.

Ald. Crane moved that the whole $3000 be handed over to the House of Industry, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Scott, J. J. Graham, Russell, Gowanlock, Carlyle, Crane Hubbard, Burns—9.

Nays—Ald. Lamb, Leslie, Dunn, Shaw, Spence, Woods, Beale, Frame, Rutter, Preston, Sheppard, Hallam—12.

ATTACKING THE WORKS DEPT.

A long and acrimonious discussion between Ald. Gowanlock and Saunders was brought about by the statement made by the former that there had been two men employed on the dredge Daniel Lamb during this month when one would have been sufficient. Ald. Saunders gave a point-blank denial to the statement.

Ald. Gowanlock declared that he had that morning seen the paysheet himself. He further stated that there were too many engineers employed in the department and that the local improvements were charged up with work done upon them, instancing the case of a lane near the Grand Opera House, where the charge for inspection amounted to one-third the cost of the work. He was challenged by Ald. Saunders to test the Council upon that question and promised to do so at an early day.

Ald. Gowanlock was successful in his effort to strike out the recommendation of the Board of Control deferring action on the construction of Fort Rouille sewer until the estimates are considered.

LEGISLATION REPORT DEFERRE

The remainder of the report of the Board of Control was adopted, with the exception of that part dealing with the proposed legislation respecting the Island railway, Sunday cars and other matters.

Ald. Shaw, who had previously held consultations with a number of other aldermen, rose and moved that consideration of that portion of the report be deferred until a further date.

Ald. Spence and Scott protested against the motion, Ald. Rutter strongly urged that the Council continue in session for another hour and dispose of as much of the business as possible.

Ald. Shaw's motion carried, despite the opposition of Ald. Scott, J. J. Graham, Spence, Frame, Rutter, Preston and Sheppard.

The City Solicitor was, upon motion of Ald. Spence, directed to give notice of intention to apply to the Dominion Government for permission to erect a swing bridge across the western channel of the harbor.

Ald. Scott and Burns were, upon motion of Ald. Crane, appointed to the vacant seats upon the Board of the Western Cemetery.

An enquiry by Ald. Sheppard asks for information as to the amounts paid to Ald. John Shaw by the city during 1896, with particulars as to the purpose for which paid, and also for the production of the vouchers.

Council adjourned to meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

GETS INTO THE COURTS.

Mr. Newsome Does Not Intend to be Expelled From the Young Conservatives' Club—An Injunction Asked.

At Osgoode Hall to-day Mr. W. B. Newsome, ex-president of the Young Conservative Club, will apply for an injunction to restrain the members of the Executive Committee of the club from expelling him from their institution because he has refused to retract certain statements made by him regarding the club. Last Thursday night Mr. Newsome appeared before the committee regarding his charges and, after he had presented his side of the case, the meeting adjourned until to-night. In the meantime Mr. Newsome claims he has been told that his expulsion was a certainty, and in order to protect himself against this he has had writs issued against the committee, and these writs were served at the club meeting last night.

The writ is accompanied by a lengthy affidavit by Mr. Newsome, the contents of which are in most part utterly denied by members of the committee, who are now preparing their side of the case and will fight the matter out.

But little business was done at last night's meeting. Mr. Macdonald's resolution to the effect that Canadians should assist the sufferers in India passed and Mr. Hinds's motion to keep alien labor out of civic contracts was laid over till next week.

Mr. L. F. Stevens rose to a question of privilege, and stated that his name had been mentioned as the author of a scurrilous, malicious and false article which had appeared in an evening paper last Friday. He denied having anything whatever to do with it, although a supporter to some extent of Mr. Newsome. "The man who wrote that article," he continued, warmly remarked Mr. Stevens, "and I wish emphatically to deny that I am connected with it."

At the conclusion of the meeting the executive met to decide its course regarding Mr. Newsome's appeal to the courts. It is likely an adjournment for a couple of days will be asked in order that affidavits may be prepared.

An Ossuary at West Point.

West Point, N.Y., Jan. 25.—Bones by the hundred have been unearthed right under the officers' clubrooms. They were all human bones in good condition, but nobody knows when they were placed or how they got there. It might have been half a century ago, but the probabilities are, judging from the stories told by old residents, that they are the bones of soldiers killed in the Revolutionary War. It is known that spies and Tories hanged on the plains were buried by the patriots where the mess hall now stands.

S. Ackerman, Commercial Traveler, Belleville, writes: "Some years ago I used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for inflammatory rheumatism, and three bottles effected a complete cure. I was the whole of one summer unable to move without crutches, and every movement caused excruciating pains. I am now out on the road and exposed to all kinds of weather, but have never been troubled with rheumatism since. I, however, keep a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Oil on hand, and I always recommend it to others, as it did so much for me." ed

Coming to Canada.

Mr. Reginald Orpen, a resident of the Transvaal, writes to The Cape Town Times scarrifying the Boer Government for the manner in which they are treating Uitlanders, and winds up in these words: "Personally, I am off to Canada." Mr. Orpen's letter is dated Dec. 7, 1896, and he ought to be in Canada by this time.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

ROLAND REED.

"The Wrong Mr. Wright" is a most amusing comedy, and the large audience at the Grand last night had an evening of rare fun. Mr. Roland Reed is a favorite here, and has the good judgment to keep with him the best of support. Mr. George H. Broadhurst, the author of the play, has shown himself to be a master of satirical humor, and Mr. Reed and his colleagues place the situations before the public in such a way as to bring out all the points in an entertaining and refined style. The cast was:

Seymour Sites of San Francisco, who assumes the name of Mr. Wright.....Roland Reed
Wayland Clingstone, who was one of the boys long ago.....Sheridan Tupper
Frederick Bonds, Sites' nephew.....Charles S. Abbe
Captain Crosby, in the 2nd United States Artillery.....Holbrook Blinn
Lord Brazenface, a degenerate..Chas. Coote
David Clews, a detective....John H. Bunny
Front, who runs the Hygeia Hotel.....Julian Reed
Julia Bonds, Sites' niece.....Miss May Monte Donico
Tillie Bird, her maid....Miss Alethea Luce
Arabella Clingstone, an Unappropriated Angel.....Mrs. Mary Myers
Henrietta Oliver, a 'fin de siecle' detective.....Miss Isadore Rush

Miss Rush, who is certainly handsome and clever, in the second act introduces a darkey lullaby, which she sings sweetly. For an encore, she gave "I Want You, Ma Honey," in a style somewhat exaggerated, and which did not add to the effectiveness of the much-sung melody. Her costumes are rich, and the part of the female detective was made highly entertaining. Miss Alethea Luce also showed cleverness, and gave a skirt dance very expertly. Mr. Charles Cote personated the thick-skinned and degenerate Lord Brazenface with great success, and kept the audience in roars of merriment. Miss Donico presented the character of the niece with a lady-like appropriateness, and, indeed, there were no weak spots in the cast. The scene of the third act was a grand representation of the parade ground at Fortress Monroe, resounding one of the cyclorama. Some people in the gallery had the bad taste to hiss the Stars and Stripes, as well as the opening bar of the "Star-Spangled Banner." A special matinee will be given to-morrow afternoon at popular prices—25c and 50c. This will undoubtedly be appreciated by theatre-goers, and a large audience should greet Mr. Reed and his company.

"WHEN LONDON SLEEPS."

Those who are fond of a melodrama written right up-to-date, and perhaps a little beyond, should see "When London Sleeps" at the Toronto Opera House this week. As a name indicates, it is English, written by an English playwright, with the scenes laid in and about London.

Charles Darrah, the author, has handled some delicate subjects in a daring way, and introduces the audience to places which cannot only be found in London when she sleeps but in any other city after dark. Even at that, the play is much more wholesome than the adaptations of the French farces which have been given upon America during the past few seasons.

"When London Sleeps" contains more novel, stirring and thrilling incidents than most of its predecessors. It is full of virtue, villainy, virtue and heroics, so that all classes can find something to please them. There is any amount of fine scenery; some of it is especially good. The sensational scene of the piece is the daring escape of the heroine and a child from a burning building. This is accomplished by the young woman climbing to the roof and walking across the stage on a telephone wire, carrying the child on her back.

The company contains a number of clever people, who handle their parts creditably. There will be a bargain matinee to-day.

THIS WEEK AT THE BIJOU.

This week the Bijou returned to vaudeville. There are a number of clever performers in the bill. Among them are Burton, equilibrists, and Jeanette Grant and Norton, sketch artists; Harry Powers, vocalist; Kamochi, the woman magician, and others. The performance closes with pantomime shadowgraphs.

A GREAT PERFORMANCE.

"An excellent show" was the remark to be heard on every hand as the large audience left the Auditorium Music Hall last night at the close of the first of this week's remarkable bills. The bright star of Mlle. Olcena, who is one of the best artists in her line that have ever appeared in Toronto, is a slightly-built, fair-haired young woman who held the house spellbound for from 15 to 20 minutes by a marvelous exhibition of the art of equipoise, combined with feats of strength. The performance commenced with a comedy sketch by Richards and Parker, entitled "The Rainmakers from Texas," in which the present comedy team introduced some commendable banjo playing. Baltzunat, a musical genius of rare ability, followed, with his specialty of producing sweet strains on musical instruments. He also appeared later in the program in his great feature, playing very fine operatic selections on the bells. Mamie Gilroy and Hogan, Irish comedians, appeared in two comedy sketches, which gained the applause of the audience. The Hawthorne Family, consisting of a male whimsical jester, told funny stories and sang several parodies on the popular songs of the day. Mr. Emery and Miss Norton gave their comedietta, "A Spoiled Husband." A really fine performance was brought to a close by the laughable farce entitled "Patent Medicine." The same bill will be repeated every evening, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

MONETARY CONFERENCE

Mr. Balfour Says the Government Will Not Initiate the Movement.

London, Jan. 25.—In reply to an interrogation in the House of Commons to-day as to the intentions of the Government in regard to the co-operation in any movement designed to bring about an international monetary conference, Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, stated that there was no probability that the Government would take the initiative in any such movement.

Mr. Balfour was then asked whether, in the event of the summoning of such a conference, a fair proportion of bimetallists would be appointed as representatives thereon.

To this question Mr. Balfour replied that it would be premature to discuss the composition of a conference which, so far as he knew, had not yet been even proposed.

BI-METALLISM.

The presence of United States Senator Edward O. Wolcott in Europe in the interests of bi-metallism has stirred up considerable interest among members of the House of Commons as to the possible action of the British Government. Certain members are desirous the Government should make an official statement on the subject, and for this purpose William Field, representing the St. Patrick's division of Dublin, chairman of the Dublin County Council, President of the Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners' Association, and President of the National Federation of Meat Traders, etc., has prepared the following to present today to the Government leader, A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury:

"Whether the Government intends to co-operate in any movement that may be made to hold a monetary international conference at an early date? Whether, in such event, it will be arranged that a fair share of the representatives will be bi-metallists?"

Costly Books.

Among the costliest books in the world may be mentioned the first folio edition of Shakespeare's plays, a good copy of which is worth $6,000 when it can be had. Baroness Burdett-Coutts gave $8,000 for hers. The Mainz "Book of Psalms" is another precious tome, which was worth 12,000 francs in the days of Louis XVIII. A London bookseller has a copy of the second edition of 1459, for which he asks $25,000.

Gulf of Mexico.

It is stated that the Gulf of Mexico has risen one foot since 1850. With experts the question is as to whether it contains more water or has the erosion of the great area draining into the gulf filled the bottom to the depth of one foot. Possibly seismatic action has much if not all to do with the change.

Canadian Tourists Abroad.

New York, Jan. 25.—The Hamburg-American Line steamer Fuerst Bismarck will sail on Wednesday. Among her passengers will be about 300 excursionists from all parts of the United States and Canada, bound for the Orient.

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