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BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

THE VICTIM OF THE MYRTLE STATION AFFAIR STILL ALIVE.

Intense Excitement in the County of Ontario—The Party Who Accompanied Bartender Brown—They Claim They Were Unarmed—Scott Act Tactics—Blackmailing "Detectives."

Hovering between life and death, and tossing nervously on a couch in a darkened room in Vernon's little hotel, near Myrtle Station, The World found George Brown, the victim of the platform fusilade, at 7 o'clock last evening. All day long Brown had given unmistakable evidences of the pain he was suffering, notwithstanding that he had been put under powerful opiates. The reporter had seen him at 10.30 in the morning, and his condition was unchanged when he called in the evening at the hour named. Dr. Starr and Dr. Warren of Brooklin and Dr. Clemens of Port Perry had been with him from late Wednesday evening until early yesterday morning. Dr. Warren was the last to leave yesterday. In answer to the reporter's enquiries as to Brown's chances of recovery, he shook his head ominously. All efforts to find the bullets which entered the chest have proved ineffectual. The doctors make no secret that his chances of recovery are very, very doubtful. He may live for some days. His wife, little boy and two brothers were at his bedside almost throughout the day.

The Feeling in Ontario County.

The reporter found the feeling in the County of Ontario over the shooting something unparalleled. In Whitby and Port Perry, where the wounded man was as well known as the Town Hall, especially was the excitement red hot. In both places business was almost entirely suspended, and nothing else was talked about. When the supplies of Worlds reached the different parts of the county they were grabbed for like gold dollars. At Myrtle, when the morning train arrived from Toronto, a young man mounted a bench in the station and read The World's account of the affair to a crowd of about 100 rustics. In the hotels in Port Perry, Brooklin and Whitby, the same thing was done. At Uxbridge, one of the greatest strongholds of the Scott Acters in the county, the feeling ran very high. At this town the "whisky men" were roundly denounced as assassins. In Port Perry and Whitby there was a great deal of sympathy expressed for the wounded man. Nearly 300 people visited Vernon's Hotel during the day to attest their sympathies.

Something More About the Shooting.

There is still a wide diversity of opinion as to how the shooting started and how many were engaged in it. Even the eye-witnesses of the affair, so sudden and unexpected was it, are puzzled about its origin. As far as The World could learn yesterday, it was the original intention of the liquor men of Brooklin to give McCrea and Dennen a good thrashing ere they left that town, but the "detectives" managed to give them the slip, and then to reach Myrtle. It is now said that a commercial traveler carried the word to Port Perry that the two men were at Myrtle shooting over their success in Brooklin and their prospective conquests in the Port. This seems to have exasperated the wet apostles in the Port, and so the party was organised to go to Myrtle and warm the "detectives."

The party, as far as could be learned, was composed of William Lattimore, Fred Corbett (better known as the "Grey Lid"), Tom Trebell and the wounded man. All of these men, except Brown, stoutly maintain that they were unarmed, and that they ran off the platform as soon as the firing began. They say that the spectators of the affair were so confused with what was going on that they could not tell who was really firing. Trebell claims that while he was running from the platform McCrea deliberately fired at him. He also says that he had taken no further part in the row than to catch hold of Dennen and try and make him desist firing. Trebell says he was unarmed.

A Statement by Brown.

County Crown Attorney Farewell sent a couple of telegrams to Myrtle during the day enquiring whether the wounded man was in a condition to make a statement. No favorable answer having been sent Mr. Farewell did not put in an appearance. However, during the afternoon Magistrate M. G. Robinson of Port Perry went to Vernon's Hotel and took the wounded man's statement. To The World in the evening Brown gave a similar statement, adding that he "might never live to see morning." He said Dennen wrested his revolver from him before he had a chance to fire. "Besides," added the wounded man with great pain, "my pistol was not loaded. I had cartridges in my pocket, but there were none in the revolver. This is the truth. I was shot by both men. Dennen shot me first in the chest, then McCrea shot me a second afterwards, an inch below Dennen's shot. I was not hit in the leg, as the doctors at first supposed. I had a scuffle with Dennen, but did not mean to shoot him. I merely wanted to ask him why he intended to prosecute me after I had used him so well."

"Were your companions armed and how many shots did they fire?" asked the reporter.

"Fahey had two revolvers I did not see them fire. I think the people on the platform were so excited that they did not know who did the firing."

To a friend of his who called in the morning, the wounded man complained very bitterly about his companions deserting him when he had become disarmed and was in close quarters.

Some Temperance Opinions.

The World heard considerable during the day from the Scott Act element in different parts of the county. Many of these were prone to believe that more of the Port Perry crowd than Brown were armed. They took the ground also that the party had no right to go to Myrtle to even threaten the "detectives" by their presence. The fact of Brown having a pistol at all was an indication that they meant mischief and intended harm to Dennen and McCrea. Said one prominent Scott Acter: "They should have allowed the 'officers of the law' to depart in peace."

The affair has engendered a more bitter feeling than ever between the wet and dry parties.

Dennen Surrenders Himself.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Dennen entered the detectives' room at Toronto Police Headquarters and "surrendered himself, handing over a "Defender" revolver with all the seven chambers loaded, and which he said was his own; also a "Lone Star," with five of seven chambers emptied, which he said he had taken from Brown. Dennen said that Brown had three times snapped a pistol in his face without it exploding. McCrea and Dennen appeared in the Police Court yesterday and were remanded to jail to await warrants from Ontario County.

A Message from the Solicitor-General.

The World was standing in the book-room of Mr. McCaw in Port Perry yesterday afternoon, when he was approached by an elderly gentleman who said his name was Allison. Said Mr. Allison: "I have just got this message from the Solicitor-General, from Mr. Hardy." And he held up a piece of paper, an alleged copy, on which was written: "See The World reporter; he was on the spot and can give you correct particulars. Be sure and telegraph them in full to me." The reporter said he was not aware that Mr. Hardy was Solicitor-General, or that murders came within his department. Mr. Allison was asked for the original telegram, which he reluctantly produced. It read: "Get all the particulars you can and telegraph them at once. PARDOE, Globe." Mr. Allison was bid a pleasant good evening.

Licensed to Carry Firearms.

A great deal of speculation was indulged in throughout the county because of Dennen and McCrea being so heavily armed. The men claimed at Myrtle, after the shooting, that they had been told by Police Magistrate Horne that they could "carry all the guns they wished in the county."

Resting Easy.

The World received a message from Myrtle at 1.30 this morning that the wounded man was then "resting easy." A doctor was in attendance.

SCOTT ACT TACTICS.

Blackmailing Detectives—The Measure a Failure All Over Ontario.

During his observations in the county yesterday, the reporter devoted some attention to the working of the Scott Act, and he has no hesitation in pronouncing it an unqualified failure. With possibly the single exception of Uxbridge, whisky and beer is sold as openly as it is in Toronto. One hotelkeeper the reporter met had just ordered a carload of beer. In twenty taverns the reporter saw whisky bought, paid for and drunk. It was as free as the mountain dew to all who had the price. The rancor existing between the two parties had probably ended with bloodshed. Dr. Sangster, that veteran educationist, who has lived for over 13 years in Port Perry, told the reporter that he had written and talked for the act when it passed, but he would not do so again. He had seen so much loose drunkenness since the act came into force that he was disgusted. "However," added the Doctor, "I don't believe in bartenders interfering with the officers of the law and causing murder." Other prominent men who had voted for the act were heard to denounce it because of its non-enforcement.

Dennen and McCrea Blackmailers.

The most disreputable tactics are resorted to on both sides; one to catch the gin seller and the other to punish the informer. The "detectives" resort to all manner of low dodges, going so far as to represent themselves as travelers for respectable commercial houses, and thus entrapping the hotelkeepers into selling them liquor. "And," as one man put it, "when the genuine man comes along he has to suffer for it." The Bible and Prayer Book whisky flask was a favorite ruse of McCrea's. These good books were so profaned as to be exhibited on bar counters as the innocent holders of bad whisky, to get at which a "devilish cantrap slight" is applied.

Dennen seems to have gone into the blackmailing business on quite an extensive scale. He and McCrea had worked up forty-one cases in the county. Dennen boards at No. 102 Adelaide-street west in this city. In the same house boards a companion, who calls himself Frank Morris. Nearly all of the "likely" men whom Dennen's cases were against, and which had not come to trial, were sent letters of which the following is a copy:

102 ADELAIDE-STREET WEST,
TORONTO, Dec. 5, 1887.

C. S. Rae, Whitby.—DEAR SIR: Having heard in Toronto that a couple of whisky informers have been in your county raiding the whisky men pretty heavily, I thought I would send you a few "tips" concerning these fellows, as I suppose you like us all to settle such things as easily as possible. These men are slick ones at that business, have raided this city last month to the extent of $120, and are known as *hard swearers*. Out of 43 cases they convicted 41. They use all kinds of ruses to obtain whisky, and are old hands at the business, but I have every reason to believe they are *for sale*, as I have found out they were bought out west of here, and they skipped out, their business all falling through.

I think if you fellows could chip in $10 and $15 each you would have no trouble getting both of them out of the country during the trial. I hear they are having some trouble with the inspector. Of course I give you this all on the quiet, and do not wish it to get outside people in the business, as I would expect such a "tip" from any one who could give it; and if you folks are *sharp you can raise a pot and ship them out*.

If in Toronto call on me. I can give you more information. FRANK MORRIS.

The World called at the above number last night and was told that Morris and Dennen were dress friends. Morris represented himself as a sewing machine agent to his landlady, but this letter will serve to show him and Dennen up in their true light. And these are "officers of the law." Of all the hotelkeepers who had received these letters that the reporter met not one had been caught by the bait. The wording of the epistles (corrected above) was clumsy and ungrammatical and proved a dead failure as a source of blackmail.

Men's real Astrachan caps, $2.50. W. & D. Dineen, corner King and Yonge streets.

THE ENQUIRY PROCEEDING.

Magistrate Dugas Makes Public His Evidence Against the Montreal Detectives.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—Constable Plante, who is accused of conspiracy in the robbery of a ring from Mr. Dufresne with Detective Naegele, and who has been admitted to bail, has been suspended from his functions as special constable and night watchman.

Detective Maxwell concluded his evidence to-day and Detective Flynn and Judge Dugas have also been examined.

Judge Dugas has made his evidence public. It is in effect that the witness had been informed that Bureau wanted to see him and he was consequently taken into the witness' private room, where, after being warned that every admission he would make would be voluntary and would be used against him, he stated that Fahey had one day asked him for the key of the vault and subsequently Naegele got the key and robbery was committed on that day, and Naegele afterwards gave him (Bureau) $25, but he got no share of the money. Bureau afterwards withdrew his admission in Fahey's presence, stating that he had been influenced by Flynn and others to make that confession. That he had been offered his liberty in four days if he would do so and was also promised money for his wife if he would say that Fahey and Naegele were guilty.

Mr. C. Glackmeyer, jr., Clerk of the City Registration Office, was called before Judge Desnoyers and made a verbal deposition and explanation of the circumstances surrounding the safe robbery in the registration office, and the alleged connection which Fahey and Naegele had with it. Before leaving the room the magistrate enjoined silence upon him as towards the press.

Ask your grocer for Davies' Brewing Co.'s Cream Ale on draught. It is tip top.

The Freedom of London City.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The corporation of the City of London to-day voted the freedom of the city to the Marquis of Hartington in recognition of his services in defence of the Empire.

The Protest of the Dissenters.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A mass meeting of the dissenting ministers of England, held at Manchester to-day, protested against the action of the British Government in relation to Ireland.

Finely bound and illustrated booklets, Christmas Cards, etc. McAinsh & Ellis.

McHenry and the Banker.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Magistrate has dismissed McHenry's suit against Mr. Bischoffsheim, the banker, holding that the charges of false pretenses were entirely unproven.

In Defiance of the Police.

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The Board of Guardians of Kildessart resolved to grant the use of the board room for a meeting of the National League in defiance of the police authorities. The meeting will be held with locked doors.

Nominated in East Northumberland.

WARKWORTH, Dec. 15.—Dr. A. E. Mallory, Commercial Unionist, and E. Cochrane, Conservative, were nominated to-day.

Men's black fur coats, $18; fine value. W. & D. Dineen, corner King and Yonge streets.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

Mr. Gladstone will leave for Venice on Dec. 20.

M. Wilson has resolved to retain his seat in the French Chamber of Deputies.

A Times Paris special repeats the story that M. Grevy destroyed two of the Limousin letters because his name appeared in them, and says that the scandal case was dismissed to avoid implicating Grevy.

ALD. DEFOE TO THE FRONT.

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN THE WEST END THAT HE SHOULD BE MAYOR.

A Great Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall—The Howland Regime Condemned—Challenge to Ald. Rogers—A Clear View of Civic Affairs—No Clique, Politics or Religion for the Council.

Ald. Defoe's second address to the electors last night in St. Andrew's Hall was a pronounced success. Great as was the enthusiasm at his inaugural meeting a week ago in Shaftesbury Hall, this was eclipsed by that of last evening, when a crowded audience unanimously declared in his favor for Mayor. And this was not the outcome of impassioned addresses and appeals to party and sectional prejudices, but the verdict of an intelligent working-class audience who listened intently for an hour and a half to a calm, clear exposition of the city's affairs and urgent needs. Not an interruption occurred, the cheers were hearty and frequent, and the candidate's reception was most flattering.

Supporting the worthy alderman were many influential citizens and well known residents of St. Andrew's Ward, who accorded a hearty welcome to Mr. Defoe as he briskly and with business-like air mounted the platform. The preliminary proceedings were brief but gave no uncertain sound. Attention was claimed for one who would speak with authority and not as the scribes, and would be worthy of every right-thinking and honest man's vote for the high and onerous post of Toronto's Mayor at a crisis in the history of the Queen City.

Chairman Joseph Powell voiced these sentiments as a Protestant, political opponent of Ald. Defoe, and a temperance man, and was followed by Ald. Hunter, who bore personal testimony to the excellent work Mr. Defoe had done in the Council. "In all my long experience," said he, "a more upright, honorable man I never met." [Cheers.] He had been faithful in the smaller matters, which was a grand recommendation for the higher honor which he beliged the citizens were about to confer upon him. [Cheers.] Mr. Hunter referred to Mr. Defoe's acknowledged business qualifications, his independence and impartiality and his readiness to devote his time and energies to the service of the city. This he would do not as a party man but as a citizen having the weal of his adopted city at heart and determined that nothing should influence or prevent him in the discharge of his duties. He had the greater pleasure in bearing this testimony as politically he was not of the same "kidney" as their worthy candidate. [Applause.]

Ex-Ald. Evans waxed eloquent on the need for civic reform and the grand qualifications of Mr. Defoe to take the helm in the present juncture. Their candidate had risen from the ranks, was a practical man, well versed in municipal affairs, deserved an acknowledgment for his uninterested services, and was far ahead of the other candidates for the civic chair. Prejudices and party considerations should be put aside and the electors vote for the best man—Ald. Defoe. [Loud cheers.]

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"I am the last man in the world to be dubbed a bigot. I have been liberal since my childhood. Although a Catholic I was educated in a Protestant college. I was a student four years in the Methodist College at Belleville, my native place. No one ever interfered with my religious views and I never interfered with theirs. [Applause.] Bishop Carman, then the principal, if he were in Toronto today would give me a vote—yes, a dozen votes if he had them. [Renewed applause.] I defy any man to say that there has ever been the slightest bigotry or partiality evinced by me in public or private life." He energetically denied the insinuation that any pressure or outside influence from bishop or priest would be brought to bear upon him as Mayor, and said if such a thing were possible it would certainly be of no effect. [Cheers.]

In conclusion, he asked their votes on Jan. 2, pledging himself to his utmost to work in their interest and for the benefit of the city.

A vote of confidence by Mr. S. May and Ald. Hunter was put and carried unanimously by the crowded audience and followed by prolonged cheering for the Queen and Ald. Defoe.

The candidate acknowledged this gratifying result and promised future elucidation of additional topics.

A Word in Season.

From The Canada Presbyterian.

Would it not be well to have it distinctly understood all round that Protestant ministers who "take the stump" at the municipal elections in Toronto or elsewhere, do so as citizens and not in their professional capacity as ministers of the Gospel? A minister who pays his taxes has, of course, a perfect right to canvass or "take the stump" if he sees proper. By so doing he may incur some risks, but that is his own affair. He has a perfect right to take the risk if he so wishes. In certain emergencies it may indeed be his duty to take the risk. But then it should be remembered that we cannot lecture the priests of Quebec about interfering in elections if Protestant ministers use their official position to help their favorite municipal candidates. Nor can Protestants consistently denounce the Catholics of Quebec for their Sabbath church door political meetings if Methodist churches are used on Sabbath afternoons or evenings for political meetings—that is for municipal meetings sugar-coated with some religious name. Let it be distinctly understood then that every Presbyterian minister who takes part in any political contest does so in his personal capacity as a citizen. He is not a Methodist friend to go into municipal or other contests as a church, or as churches, and then denounce Roman Catholics for doing the same thing. In one of those contests there is no one outside of Methodism can understand, and no one inside that excellent body ever rises to explain.

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THE TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

A Meeting Regarding the Building of the Waterway.

PETERBORO, Dec. 15.—Forty men met in the Council Chamber here to-day. They were the representatives of the municipalities situated along the route of the Trent Valley Canal, to be, and they were gathered together for the purpose of devising the best method of placing before the commission appointed by the Dominion Government undeniable evidence of the canal's usefulness and comparatively small cost. Incidentally the commission are to decide upon what section of the canal shall be put under construction next.

Mayor Stevenson, Peterboro, occupied the chair, and, on explaining the objects of the meeting, stated that he had every confidence that the Government intended going on with the work.

This view was demurred to by several.

Mr. J. Carnegie, ex-M.P.P. for West Peterboro, stated that though he had been a supporter of the Dominion Government, he had no confidence in the Minister of Railways and Canals. He looked upon the appointment of this commission as a plan to thwart the whole scheme.

Mr. Geo. Hilliard, ex-M.P. for West Peterboro, stated that if the Government did not push the work on he, for one, was ready to give up his politics and support the party that would build the canal. This work had been begun fifty years ago. The Government had time and again expressed their intention to build it as soon as the finances of the country would warrant it. Because they had been slow to press the Government was no reason why they should be treated shabbily.

The Rev. J. Logan of Fenelon Falls remembered a statement he had made some time ago to the effect that he was a dyed-in-the-wool Tory. Henceforth he had "only one politic," and that was "Trent Valley Canal."

Mr. Ostrom, Mayor of Trenton; Col. Deacon of Lindsay; Police Magistrate Dumble of Peterboro; Thos. Walters, Mayor of Lindsay, and others spoke.

Mr. John Burnham, ex-M.P. for East Peterboro, said that it was his opinion that the late chief engineer, Mr. Rubidge, had scared the Government by figures. He learned that Mr. Rubidge held that it would cost $20,000,000 to construct the canal. No other engineer, even when going on the basis of building a nine-foot canal, ever computed that it would cost at the outside $9,000,000. They should be prepared to prove before the commission that Mr. Rubidge's figures were wrong.

A committee was appointed, consisting of the mayors of towns and the wardens of counties situated along the route and others, Mr. Carnegie being the conveuer. The duty of the committee will be to place the required evidence before the commission.

Davies' Brewing Co.'s Family Cream Ale is really splendid. Sold by grocers generally.

The Last Rail Laid.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—The last rail was laid yesterday on the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway, thus forming a continuous line from this city to Sault Ste. Marie. The Canadian Pacific line reached the Sault last week, and the only break in an uninterrupted line from Minneapolis to the Atlantic seaboard is the international bridge now being built across St. Mary's River, and which will be completed by Jan. 1. It is expected that the line will be open for through business to the seaboard by Jan. 1.

Boys' and Girls' Sleighs 60 cents, worth $1, Magic Lanterns and Rocking Horses at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st. 135

A Scotch Firm's Venture.

KINGSTON, Dec. 15.—The Canadian Engine and Locomotive Works went into the control of Dubs & Co. of Glasgow, Scotland, to-day. This is a world-wide firm, who employ 2000 workmen. The firm was considering the establishment of a branch here, when the proposition was made and accepted to take half of the capital stock of the Kingston concern. It is said that foreign orders will be filled here.

Gold and Silver-Plated Skates cheap, at 169 Yonge-st. 135

The Work of the Note "Raiser."

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The officials at the sub-treasury were thrown into a state of consternation to-day by the appearance in large numbers of $2 silver certificates, which had been altered to fives. The altered notes seem to have been put into pretty general circulation.

A Late Trip.

CHARLOTTE, N.Y., Dec. 15.—The schooner Annandale, with 14,000 bushels of barley, arrived here safely this morning after a thirty-hour passage from Port Hope. This is the latest arrival in many years.

The Carbolic Smoke Ball.

Patients in want of "The Smoke Ball," so popular in the city as a relief and permanent cure for catarrh, colds, etc., etc., will find a full supply as usual at Kennedy's Drug Store, 233 Queen-street west, opposite McCaul-street. 51

Brass Fenders and Fire Irons at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st. 135

F. H. TORRINGTON'S ORCHESTRA.

A Splendid Performance Last Night—Amusements at the Theatres.

If those who heard "Torrington's Amateur Orchestra" last season would compare that organization with "F. H. Torrington's Orchestra," which gave such an excellent entertainment in Horticultural Pavilion last night, they would hardly credit it that it is one and the same, and the development which is noticeable is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Mr. Torrington; and that the orchestra should bear his name is a fitting tribute to his energy and skill. The orchestra numbers some sixty-five pieces, and their performance last night was really excellent and must have been gratifying to the conductor. The World was glad to see that this praiseworthy effort to place good music before the citizens at a popular price, was met by a large attendance at the first concert and that the audience showed their appreciation by hearty applause. All this was encouraging to the performers and will no doubt have its effect.

The program contained, among other numbers, orchestral selections from Balfe's opera "Bohemian Girl," "Auf Wiedersehn" valse by Bailey; serenade "Des Mandolines," by Desormes, and Suppe's march "Donna Juanita," together with a popular selection of English and Scotch airs. There was a good body of tone from the orchestra, with considerable brilliancy in the strings, and although the attack was not always prompt there was an evenness throughout which gives much promise for the future. Mr. Clarke's cornet solo was given with good effect, and he played Sullivan's "Lost Chord" as an encore. Mr. Andersen, violin soloist, played Vieuxtemp's "Polonaise," displaying a clean and steady tone, though without much breadth, and his tempo was somewhat incorrect. Mr. Franz Wagner played Popper's "Gavotte" for his 'cello solo and, while his execution was neat, if a little more color had been displayed it would have added materially to an otherwise creditable performance. The orchestra was assisted by Mr. Currie, who gave an admirable rendering of Balfe's solo "Killarney." Miss Fowler and the Misses Ryan also gave vocal selections. Miss Fowler has a light soprano voice, sweet in tone, though somewhat tremulous. Miss Kate Ryan's powerful voice has much depth, and will doubtless develop to a pleasing degree. Her sympathetic contralto voice of Miss Ryan was also heard to fine advantage in the duet and trio in which she took part.

Minstrels at The Grand.

After some very inferior performances witnessed by proportionately small houses, it was rather relieving to see the seats of the Grand Opera House well filled last night when Wilson & Rankin's Minstrels opened an engagement that will last till Saturday night. Geo. Wilson is a funny man all through, and the company is a good one. The balloon act is something quite new and consequently amusing. Leopold and Bunell make rich fun in their musical sketch, and the "Adonis clog" proves a big taking card. Performances tonight and to-morrow night, with matinee to-morrow.

Amusement Notes.

Mr. Mark Price's play, "On the Rio Grande," will last week's bill at Jacobs & Shaw's Toronto Opera House.

The sale of seats for "Erminie," which is on the boards of the Grand Opera House next week, opens this morning at 10 o'clock at the box office. The company, under the management of the Aronsons of the Casino, New York, is a very strong one, and, as this opera is very popular, there will be a big attendance at the Grand during the week.

"Mam'zelle" at the Toronto for the remainder of the week.

Sunday-School prize books, special prices. McAinsh & Ellis.

FIREMAN CRUISE ACQUITTED.

On the Charge of Indecent Assault—Some True Bills Returned.

Judge Morgan presided at the General Sessions yesterday. Geo. Wilson got six months in the Central for stealing three caps, the property of Thos. Thompson & Sons. Edith Griggs, a decent looking woman who says that her husband, a whisky informer, quit town last spring, leaving her to support two children, pleaded guilty to stealing a counterpane, and was allowed to go on promising to appear for sentence when called on. Benjamin Canavon was acquitted on the charge of stealing a pair of boots from Geo. Charles Skilton.

Lizzie Doyle, Minnie Berry and William Elmer, charged with having feloniously assaulted Ida Stephenson, were admitted to bail. Later the Grand Jury returned true bills against them, others being against Hamilton R. Scott, shop breaking and larceny; Thos. Cooper, felonious wounding and wife-beating.

The greater part of the afternoon was taken up in the hearing of the case of Wm. Cruise, a Berkeley-street hall fireman, charged with attempt to indecently assault 12-year-old Kate Littleton. The evidence of the girl was weak and the jury acquitted Cruise.

Derby cigarettes, wholesale, at A. Wilson's.

What the Central's Creditors Will Realize.

An expert gave it as his opinion yesterday that the creditors of the Central would not realize more than 50 cents on the dollar. He said the principal asset of the bank was the notes under discount. These, he thought, after deducting the cost of collection and liquidation, would not realize more than 50 cents on the dollar. The shareholders' liability, he thought, would not realize more than 80 cents on the dollar. Accountant Ord writes that the last return to the Government was neither made out nor signed by him. Though appointed inspector some weeks before the bank closed he never entered upon the duties of the position.

Something new, the Derby cigarette.

Mr. D'Arcy Boulton's Funeral.

The funeral of Mr. George D'Arcy Boulton, Q.C., solicitor of the Northern and Northwestern Railways, took place at 3 p.m. yesterday from his late residence, Spadina-avenue, and was largely attended. Among those present were Mr. Walter Townsend, the acting manager, and many of the employes of the Northern and Northwestern Railways. A large number of prominent gentlemen of the legal profession also attended and many of Mr. Boulton's warm and personal friends. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Smoke the Derby cigarettes.

Municipal Qualifications.

The World has received several queries as to the property qualifications of candidates for municipal offices. Under the act as amended at the Legislature's last session, the qualifications for mayors, aldermen, reeves and councillors are as follows: In incorporated villages, freehold to $200 or leasehold to $400. In towns, freehold to $600, or leasehold to $1200. In cities, freehold to $1000, or leasehold to $2000. In townships, freehold to $400, or leasehold to $800.

St. John's New Choirmaster.

Mr. W. H. Adamson has received the appointment of choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church. He will assume charge on Jan. 1.

Correction.

It was Dr. Platt, the Dominion member for Prince Edward County, who was unseated on Wednesday at Picton and not Mr. Sprague, the local member.

Men's Persian lamb caps, $4, $5 and $6. Prices were never so low. W. & D. Dineen, corner King and Yonge streets.

Woo Chin Shing.

—The above named gentleman is one of the largest manufacturers of pure silk handkerchiefs in China. McKendry, the cheap dry goods man, has received a large consignment of these goods in the original packages, so of course the price is wonderfully low. W.C. S. sent McKendry a present of a beautiful fan which is on exhibition in the window, 278 Yonge. x

IN RUNNING ORDER AGAIN.

THE NEW FRENCH MINISTERS PRESENT THEIR DECLARATION.

It Promises Retrenchment in Expenditures and Other Reforms, and Demands the United Republican Vote on a Scheme of Military Legislation.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, on motion of M. Sarrien, Minister of the Interior, the discussion of the alleged revolutionary plotting among the members of the Paris Municipal Council was adjourned for a month.

M. Sarrien declared that the facts were exaggerated. The Government would enforce respect for the laws in Paris, and in every other part of the country.

The declaration of the Ministers was read. It declares that the Cabinet's sole ambition is to continue the work of concord begun on Dec. 2. The country will perceive that this policy will ensure the pledge of internal peace. The declaration cites the military, financial and economic administrative and social measures that the Government will submit.

The declaration promises a financial equilibrium through retrenchment in expenditures, measures for the repression of frauds injurious alike to the treasury and to French trade, bills dealing with the responsibility for accidents in workshops and factories, and the regulation of the hours of labor of children and women, bills providing for a superannuation fund for miners, reform of the bankruptcy laws and the safety of miners, and bills relating to benefit societies, savings banks; organized poor relief in rural districts, and for the extension of agriculture and the completion of the rural code. Finally the declaration demands the united Republican vote upon the ministerial scheme of military legislation. The reading of the declaration was received with indifference.

The Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 521 to 13, passed the appropriation asked by the Government.

Gas and Steel Spark Guards at Milne's. 135

MAYOR HOWLAND AT NEW YORK.

Over Five Hundred Guests Assemble to Meet Him at a Brooklyn Reception.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The impression made by Mayor Howland of Toronto in New York has been most satisfactory. His address before an immense audience in Steinway Hall was most successful and is likely to have an important influence upon future movements here in regard to observance of the Sabbath and the regulation of saloons in this city. The Mayor was entertained on Tuesday evening at a reception at the house of Elliot F. Shepard, son-in-law of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and last evening a splendid entertainment was afforded him in Brooklyn at the house of Mr. Robert J. Kimball, the well-known banker. Over 500 guests were invited, including the leading people of this city and Brooklyn, and nothing could exceed the heartiness and kindness with which the Mayor was received in both cities.

Gold and Silver-Plated Ware, Casters, Spoon Holders, Cake Baskets, etc., at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st. 135

A DISASTER IN CHINA.

Ten Cities Completely Inundated by the Overflowing of the Yellow River.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The steamship City of Sydney arrived to-day from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Chinese papers give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow River overflowing its banks in the Province of Hanan, and describe it as one of the most appalling disasters in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the evening of Sept. 28, inundating of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea ten to thirty feet deep. It was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow River is now dry and the present bed was formed by the great earthquake ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving.

Real Astrachan coats for ladies, $20 and $25. W. & D. Dineen, corner King and Yonge streets. These coats are of the most fashionable make.

THE QUEEN HAS GOOD NEWS.

The Reports Regarding the Crown Prince Are Exaggerated.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Official Court Circular says that the Queen has received a reassuring report from San Remo concerning the German Crown Prince's condition and that the newspaper telegrams about the Prince are inaccurate or exaggerated.

Dr. Mackenzie at San Remo.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Dr. Mackenzie reached San Remo this evening and immediately visited the Crown Prince. After examining the throat Dr. Mackenzie declared that he found no dangerous symptoms.

The Queen to Visit San Remo.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Villa Evelina at San Remo has been taken for the Queen, who will go there either the middle of next month or about the third week of March. Prince Christian, who left Windsor on Sunday evening for Berlin, is charged by the Queen with a private mission on family affairs to the Emperor William.

THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT.

The Cereal Bill—A Bill to Exclude Socialists From the Reichstag.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The Reichstag to-day approved the second paragraph of the Cereal Bill, including Dr. Windthorst's proposal that the bill take effect from Nov. 26 last, with a provision that importations under contract before that date be admitted at the old rates until Jan. 15.

The Bundesrath has approved the recommendations of the committee for amending the Socialist law, including a provision for the exclusion from the Reichstag of men proved to be Socialists.

York County Politics.

The election of reeves and councillors for the various municipalities of the County of York will take place on Jan. 2. Of course the elected reeves and deputy-reeves will constitute the County Council and they will elect the Warden. The present candidates for the wardenship are Reeve Yule of Aurora and Reeve Bruce of Markham Township.

It is understood that Reeve Erastus Jackson of Newmarket, editor of The Era, and once a warden, will not be a candidate this year. In that case he will not be heard in 1888 speaking from every corner and every seat in the chamber.

The contest for the Reeveship of York will be between Mr. Frankland, the present reeve, and Messrs. A. L. Willson and Humberstone.

Ask for the Derby cigarette.

High class juvenile books, beautiful Christmas gifts. McAinsh & Ellis.

Fell Down a Hoist.

A young man named Ball fell through the hoist opening in McKay's cigar factory, London, last night. His thigh was crushed, but later in the evening he was reported in a favorable condition. A weekly sum paid while unable to work by the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company of Toronto. x

The Dead.

Governor Bodwell of Maine died at Hallowell, Me., yesterday.

Count Arnio Bolizenburgh, formerly President of the German Reichstag, is dead at Berlin.

Xmas Presents for Everyone.

We're working like niggers, said Mr. Strathern as a World reporter dropped into 179 Yonge-street. What doing?" questioned the reporter, opening out our Xmas goods and presents, the best and cheapest ever shown in Toronto. Let every lady in the city take their children and it will be a treat to see them, and big bargains in everything. x

$160 FOR A BROKEN ARM.

Two Suits Against the City—A Note that Has for 17 Years.

In the County Court yesterday Judge McDougall heard the case of Holden v. Thornton, an interpleader issue to settle the ownership of certain farming goods. Seventeen years ago plaintiff gave a note to John Thornton for $300, and interest at 10 per cent. has been paid on this ever since, till now the interest has amounted to $500. When Holden died the note was renewed by his wife and two sons. The note was renewed several times but not until the back of each note had been covered with entries of interest payments made. Lately Thornton seized on some of the Holdens' farming implements to satisfy his claim and Wm. Holden, a son of the original maker of the note, brought action to recover the goods, claiming that while his mother and two brothers made the note he was the sole owner. The jury decided in favor of plaintiff.

Miss Ellen Thompson, a dressmaker, recovered from the city $160 for the breaking of an arm caused by falling on an icy sidewalk on Hayter-street in April last. The evidence proved that the boulevard was graded toward the sidewalk upon which water accumulated and froze into a small skating rink.

The suit of Amelia E. and John Watkins against the city, to recover damages for the flooding of their cellar on Walmer-road by alleged defective draining, was commenced.

All the latest novelties in Christmas Cards. McAinsh & Ellis.

CLOSE OF THE FAT STOCK SHOW.

The Prizes Awarded—Some of the Winners—Ald. Frankland Congratulated.

This exhibition closed yesterday. It has been a thorough success and the management are sanguine that the City Council and the agriculturists of the district will, before the next show, provide more suitable accommodation. The subject has been urged by members of the Corporation and the council of the Ontario Agriculture and Arts Association, and has been received with approbation by many prominent citizens. The judges did not complete their duties until yesterday afternoon, and considering the limited extent of the accommodation it was generally held it would be desirable that the awards should be given before the admission of the public. The principal prize-winners were as follows: Cattle—J. Oke, Alvinston; Graham Bros., Ailsa Craig; Jas. Deans, Paris; John Kelly, Wo