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City and District

A circular letter has been issued by the London Charity Organization, calling a meeting for Thursday at 4 o'clock in the city hall, with the object of inquiring into cases of poverty amongst immigrants reported here.

Police Clothing.
The police commissioners met yesterday afternoon and awarded the contracts for the clothing for the coming year, as follows: Winter trousers, Messrs. Dambra & Welch; summer trousers and tunics, John H. Chapman & Co. The specifications call for 84 pairs of trousers and 42 tunics.

Good Advance Sale.
The advance sale of seats for the Orient Club show, which is to be given in Bennett's Theater on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20 and 21, has been exceedingly successful to date, and the boys are assured a bumper house. Seats are now on sale by all members of the club, and those desiring to attend should secure tickets at once, as persons having tickets before the opening of the plan, are positively guaranteed seats.

A sale of work and confectionery will be held at the home of Mrs. John Marr, 385 Dufferin avenue, on Friday, next, under the auspices of the Mission to Lepers. The ladies expect a large crowd of their members and friends will be present.

Fred. Ward's Condition.
The condition of Fred. Ward, the young man from St. Thomas, who has been unconscious so long at Victoria Hospital, has slightly improved, and for a short time this morning he regained consciousness. Shortly afterwards, however, he again became unconscious. The physicians attending him are in hopes that he will soon show an improvement.

—Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's, presided at the regular meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association held in the First Methodist Church last night, when the subject, "The Woman of Samaria" was dealt with in a most interesting manner.

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BENEVOLENCE IN SARNIA

Ladies Form Useful Society—Arrest of Two Elopers.

Sarnia, Feb. 4.—The council meets on Monday, Feb. 10.

The Conservative Association of Sarnia will run a special train to the convention to be held in Petrolia on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Mrs. T. A. Williams, of this place, died on Sunday, Feb. 2. Mrs. Williams was 79 years of age.

Messrs. J. A. Farquharson and A. Chester left today for St. Marys, where Mr. Farquharson will be married to Miss Esther A. Hayes, daughter of Mr. A. Hayes, of Brantford.

William Walker, a Grand Trunk fireman, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday. No. 1 Express from Toronto was about two miles from Sarnia, when the sidings on the fireman's side of the engine broke, and in its revolution, smashed the side of the cab to splinters. As it happened, the fireman was not sitting on the fireman's seat in the cab, and from that fact alone he escaped without so much as a scratch. The disabled engine was at once replaced.

Cynthia Furr, a widow, 40 years, and Albert Frank, aged 32, a married man with three children, eloped from Berlin, Ont., Sunday and came to Sarnia. From here they went to Port Huron, but the officer at the tunnel were waiting for them and they were taken to the county jail to await information from Berlin.

On Monday afternoon in response to the invitation of Mayor Proctor, a large number of ladies met in the council chamber of the town hall, when a Ladies' Benevolent Society was formed. Mrs. T. F. Towers in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. G. Johnston; vice-president, Mrs. George A. Proctor; treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Samis; secretary, Mrs. F. W. Kittumaster. The membership fee is \$1 per year, and an invitation is extended to all ladies to become members by sending \$1 to the treasurer, Mrs. G. Samis.

Ladies have been appointed to visit different sections of the town and report cases needing assistance at the next meeting to be held in the council chamber, Feb. 10.

Annual Statement of North American Life Shows Good Progress.

The report for 1907 of the North American Life Assurance Company, which appears in another column, shows that the year's work from every standpoint has been highly satisfactory. A saving in expenses of nearly \$27,000 was made over the previous year, while the cash income shows the satisfactory increase of \$68,553.69. The assets of the company increased by the sum of \$936,811.62 and now amount to the large sum of \$3,725,876.08, while the net surplus was augmented and now stands at \$675,556.94. During the year the company paid out on policy-holders' account the sum of \$607,347.44, representing amounts paid in death claims, dividends, matured annuities and investment policies.

Greater security to policy-holders and a reduced expense ratio are the outstanding features of last year's operations by this Canadian company, which has made solidity and stability its chief aims.

The company's London office is at 204 Masonic Temple, and is under the successful management of Mr. Angus Elliott.

Four Japanese from Mexico tried to smuggle themselves ashore at Vancouver, and one was drowned, and the other three caught.

FINE MELODRAMA AT THE GRAND

Burgess Stock Company Make a Hit With Stirring Play and Good Vaudeville.

Another fine audience greeted the Burgess Stock Company at the Grand Opera House last night, when "On the Frontier" was presented. The play is typical of western life, and was very capably enacted. The scenes are strong and the climaxes well taken, and the audience gave the play its approval in no uncertain way. The leading role fell to Miss Arnett, who appeared in the character of Pug, a western girl. Miss Arnett entered into the spirit of the play in a splendid manner, and may be classed as an actress of power. Her work was very good last night; her versatility is great. Jack Morrissey and Norman Wendell took the two leading male roles cleverly. The play itself permits of much good acting, and the roles were all well taken.

Between acts there are some good vaudeville turns. Potts and Potts sing illustrated songs cleverly, and were greatly appreciated. The last evening. Tonight the offering will be "Rose of Virginia," a southern play of heart interest. This will be one of the best offerings of the week.

A ton of coal will be given the holder of the lucky coupon this evening, and Manager Burgess announces that the demand for seats is very large.

Friday night is amateur night, and a side-splitting evening is promised. The Earl Burgess Stock Company should not be missed.

CITY HAD TO HAND OUT INTEREST

Long-Delayed Payment of Montreal Engineer Comes Costly To the Municipality.

The regular meeting of the water commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, when several unimportant items of business were disposed of.

A hydrant at the Wolsey Barracks was broken recently, while being used to flush a sewer, and Secretary Ellwood writes, notifying the Barracks authorities that the hydrants were put in for fire purposes only, and that the Barracks would have to repair them. A request was read from the Barracks asking that it be allowed to use the hydrants for flushing purposes. Permission will be granted on condition that the authorities become responsible for all damage, and also in case any fires result while they are in use.

Engineer Moore's report recommended that the Y. M. C. A. be allowed \$70 of their last quarter's water rates, owing to a leak in the water pipe.

The dredging of the river bank below Springbank dam will be left over until spring, as Messrs. Boss, who are doing the work, find they cannot go on with it.

John Kennedy, engineer, of Montreal, wrote, asking that he be allowed \$67.26, being five years' interest on his account of \$448.43 which was only recently paid. The commissioners decided that Mr. Kennedy was entitled to the amount.

Messrs. E. McDonald & Son of Owen Sound wrote, asking for a location for a miniature railway next summer. The secretary was instructed to write, and tell Mr. McDonald that, in the commissioners' opinion, the road would not pay.

Mr. T. B. Richards wrote, asking the commissioners to readjust the water bills on some houses he owns.

Notice was received of a water-works convention to be held in Washington from May 11 to 29.

Engineer Moore's pumping report showed that 3,741,000 gallons had been pumped daily by the use of the hydraulic pumps.

The report of the Toronto engineers on the boilers were read, and the pairs recommended were ordered to be made.

There were present, Chairman Jones, Mayor Stevely, Engineer Moore and Secretary Ellwood.

Legal Queries

COLCHESTER.—Can a man be a county auditor in the same county where he is a town treasurer? Ans.—No.

The county council justified in borrowing money at the first session of 1908 to pay debentures that fall due before the 1908 rate is struck? Ans.—No.

The council of 1907 should have done so, but as it was not done the council of 1908 are bound to provide for the payment, and are, therefore, justified in borrowing the money required before the rate can be struck and taxes collected.

KOMOKA.—A, who at times is not right in his mind, sells his farm to B below value, and receives small payment on it. The agreement was signed by both. A's son objects to the sale at so low a value. He knows how his father's mind was. Can B enforce the agreement? Ans.—The mere fact that the price is under value and that B objects is not enough to void the agreement. All the circumstances must be considered. You had better consult a lawyer. If A were legally declared of unsound mind then the agreement would not be binding.

ONTARIO.—A sells his farm to B and A's wife did not sign the deed. Would the whole place have to be sold at A's death? Ans.—No.

Could A's widow force a sale to get her share? Ans.—No; she must take her dower or its value.

Would A's widow have to take the valuation at the time A sold to B? Ans.—No, at A's death.

Could A's widow collect interest

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from the time A sold to B? Ans.—No.

Her absolute right to dower began at the death of her husband.

TAXING OUTPUT OF ONTARIO MINES

The Income From This Source Is Estimated at \$90,000 to \$100,000.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The tax on the output of Ontario mines, a law for which was enacted at the last session of the Legislature, is estimated to have produced an income for the past year of between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

The tax this year was collected on the basis of the 1906 output.

The output in 1907 was considerably greater than in the preceding year, so that the revenues for 1908 may be expected to be correspondingly expanded.

The act imposed a tax on the ratio of 3 per cent, of the profits at the mouth of the mine. It also provided that a certain proportion of this revenue was to be set aside as a bounty to encourage refining in Ontario. In regard to the latter provision it is understood, however, that no applications have yet been made.

Several smelting and refining institutions have been started in Northern Ontario, but most of them are not ready for operation yet.

FUGITIVE RUSSIAN VISITED MONTREAL

Stefan Ludkofsky Cut Quite a Figure in Old Quebec Metropolis.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Stefan Ludkofsky whose house, store and furniture in Winnipeg have been seized in a suit brought against him by the Czar of all the Russias, spent some time in Montreal last summer. Today he and a woman whom he has introduced as his wife, but who is said to be the wife of a high official in Russia, are fugitives from justice.

Ludkofsky came from Turkestan by way of Asiatic Russia to Japan, and thence to Montreal. Here he presented papers which seemed perfectly in order, and sought advice from prominent Russians, who found him a charming companion. They advised him with regard to investments, and when he left Montreal to go to Japan once more, to transact business there, he carried letters of recommendation to prominent Russians in the Nippon cities.

Before his departure Stefan Ludkofsky started railway circles one evening by ordering a special train to take him to New York. He had gone to the station for New York, where the woman now known as his wife was to arrive from Europe. Arriving too late for his train, he made things hustle until a special train was made up, and he was whisked down in time to meet the steamer reaching New York in the morning.

It was only after Ludkofsky had gone to Winnipeg and there set up a Japanese goods store that news from Russia came that Ludkofsky was wanted for defalcations in his former office as treasurer of the Government of the Turkestan Province, and a request for his arrest was forwarded, so that he might be extradited.

Mr. Popoff, who went from Montreal to Winnipeg to manage the store, has been telling people that Ludkofsky started to join his wife in Montreal, whether she had gone to visit the Russian consul, who was a great friend of theirs, and that on being attacked by a fever which he had contracted in Japan he had, on the advice of physicians, gone south to California.

This story is ridiculed by Russians in Montreal, who knew Ludkofsky and the woman here, as is the other story that the alleged fugitive from the law was mixed up with Socialists and Anarchists in Russia, and took part in plots against the Czar and other high dignitaries of Russia. These stories, it is declared, are concocted merely to guard against the eventuality of an arrest and demand for extradition. Ludkofsky is wanted merely for alleged embezzlement, but if he and his friends could make out that he was wanted for political offenses he might avoid extradition, as there is a clause in the treaty which exempts political prisoners from extradition.

Settlers and homesteaders in Alberta and Saskatchewan will be loaned \$2,850,000 by the Government to enable them to buy seed.

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RECEIPTS NAMED
Men Who Will Straighten Out Affairs of Morse's Big Concern.

Portland, Me., Feb. 4. — Receivers for the Eastern Steamship Company, the Metropolitan Steamship Company, and the Consolidated Steamship Lines, of Maine, and two joint special masters as well, were appointed by Judge Putnam in the United States circuit court today as follows:

Eastern Steamship Company, Wm. T. Cobb, governor of Maine; Calvin Austin, of Boston, president and general manager of all three companies.

Metropolitan Steamship Company, William T. Cobb, Calvin Austin and A. I. Culver, of New York.

Consolidated Steamship Lines, of Maine, Wm. T. Cobb, General Thomas H. Hubbard, of New York, and in case the latter cannot accept, Robert E. Herrick, of Boston.

Joint special masters: John F. A. Merrill and A. S. Woodmen, of Portland.

The receivers appointed for the holding company are permanent, while those for the Eastern and Metropolitan companies are interlocutory or temporary. Whether or not the latter will be made permanent it is announced, will depend entirely upon the court and the results they accomplish.

TURK AND PERSIAN MAY GO TO WAR
Former Is Concentrating Large Bodies of Troops in Region Recently Seized.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—Recent advices from the Caucasus indicate that the Russian inhabitants are considerably alarmed over the concentration of Turkish troops in Armenia, and the region seized from Persia, which, it is believed, is designed as a reply to any attempt at demonstration on the part of Russia.

Under cover of Kurdish tribesmen, the Turks are reported as massing infantry at Bayazid and other strategic points near the frontier in such strength as to dispose of the probabilities that the movement is intended solely against non-militant Persia.

Russia now only has two army corps in the Caucasus, a large part of which is dispersed in detachments through the country to preserve order, or engaged in punitive expeditions. An officer is quoted as saying that the Turks could in case of trouble sweep the Caucasus and occupy Tiflis in ten days. Turkish emissaries and spies, it is stated, are to be found everywhere, fomenting disorder, and the Moslem inhabitants, particularly Daghestan, are in open sympathy with their co-religionists across the border.

The authorities here, although admitting the seriousness of the Turkish-Persian relations, do not share the alarmist views held in the Caucasus, and declare that the possibility of hostilities with Turkey, over which Russians there are panicky, is utterly excluded. Certain precautionary measures, however, are being taken by the military council, and during the past three weeks all regiments in that territory have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to move at short notice.

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