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INVESTIGATE THE AQUEDUCT AFFAIR ALSO.

While Judge McDougall has his inquisition in working order there ought to be delegated to him a thorough investigation of the connection between the Aqueduct Company and the aldermen. Enough evidence has already been adduced in the electric light enquiry to convince us all that if certain aldermen were not bribed they were at least ready and willing to be bribed. Whether the charge will be brought home to any single individual alderman is problematical. But it is clear that bribery was recognized as part of the details that had to be reckoned with by those who filed tenders and were anxious to get the contract. Here then we have proven the susceptibility of some of the aldermen to bribery, and the aldermen may say what they please about it, but the citizens of Toronto are convinced of the fact that dishonest and unfaithful men are among the aldermen who represent them at the City Hall. If certain of the aldermen were ready to sell the city in the electric light business, the inference is that the same gentlemen would be ready to sell the city's interests in the Aqueduct affair. In regard to the Aqueduct Company The World has already established the fact that blocks of stock, giving an interest in the franchise that was sought, to be got from the city, were distributed to many public men. The question naturally arises why? What was the reason why the agent of the Aqueduct Company gave Elgin Schoff, for instance, a block of $10,000 worth of stock in a concern that was to obtain a valuable franchise from the city? The stock was to be valuable, because the city was expected to part with a consideration that would make it valuable. The agent of the company was therefore giving to the public men a valuable consideration derived from the city. The "trusted agent" was virtually giving these public men a civic asset. Why did he do it? The inference is that they would use their influence with the aldermen and get them to part with a favorable franchise to the company. In other words, the blocks of stock were issued to indirectly bribe the aldermen. That at least is a fair inference, and the council will be failing in its duty if it does not order a thorough investigation into an affair which has been characterized by more impudence, lack of good faith and general indefiniteness than any other within our recollection of civic affairs. The stock certificate given to Mr. Schoff was numbered 56. Who got the other 55, and for what were they given? The investigation should extract the reason why the Aqueduct Company hasn't started work at the canal as it promised the citizens of Toronto it would start. The investigation should go into the details of all the transactions between the company and the city. The groundwork for the investigation rests on these facts:

The agent of the company distributed blocks of stock to publi men, and the fair inference is that he did so to indirectly bribe the aldermen.

The same aldermen whom we believe to have been acting dishonorably in the electric light deal were engaged in the aqueduct affair.

If there was bribery in the one case, there was bribery in the other. That is not only a natural, but a probable inference.

Furthermore, the public has a right to criticize any individual who is applying to the city for such a service as supplying us with water. Suppose that the company, or any of its agents should be detected in a deliberate attempt to hoodwink and deceive the public, what then? Would such a company or such an individual be likely to bribe our aldermen? If the Aqueduct Company is a company of that description, would it not be likely to attempt to bribe the men who, if we are to believe the evidence adduced in the present investigation, are standing ready and anxious to have their hands greased? In order to protect the public interest, The World often feels called upon to use strong language and to run the risk of being subjected to expensive law suits. We do not fear damages, but law costs are expensive. Why should the council throw this burden on a newspaper? We have shown that there is excellent ground for making a thorough investigation into the aqueduct affair. Will the council not order it in the interests of the people?

Look at the last fraud we have unearthed against the company! But before referring to that, fellow citizens, just look at the list of directors of the Aqueduct Company! What a mountain of confidence their names inspire in the minds of those who know them! Isn't it a joke to publish these men as financing and directing the construction of another Panama Canal? Oh, it is rich! It is immense!

But we forgot. Perhaps this list is not intended for circulation in Toronto, but in London, where the scheme is to be floated. It looks like it. Some of the directors, whom we know to be less than worthless, have "Esq." tacked on to their names. They would therefore stand on an equality with the president of the Bank of Toronto, who is simply "Esq." and nothing more.

If that list is intended for publication in England, and if attached to their prospectus is an agreement with the city of Toronto, we say it will be a public scandal and a public disgrace. Why is the name of L. E. Cooley inserted in their list of officers?

What is the intention?

Isn't it meant to deceive innocent investors in England?

Are we going to enter into a deal with men who will thus hoodwink and deceive the people from whom we borrow money in England?

Are we going to give a letter of introduction to acompany whom we ought to be ashamed of?

If the city of Toronto will make an agreement with men who will deceive our friends in England, when we know or have a good idea of their intention so to do, is not the city just as culpable as the company itself?

We are equally as bad.

We are worse.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

What we foreshadowed in these columns has taken place. The constitutional amendments, one of which prohibits all forms of betting in the State of New York, have been carried. Consequently, the Coney Island, the Morris Park, the Brooklyn and Jerome Park courses, to say nothing of over one hundred trotting tracks, will have to abandon the sale of betting rights, which has hitherto, as in Toronto, yielded a revenue of $100 per diem from each authorized bookmaker. The moral wave has snowed under all forms of gambling, and the excuse that racing is to improve the breed of horses, and that without betting there can be no racing, has not availed New York sportsmen. It remains to be seen whether the moral reform party in Canada, emboldened by the success of their American confreres, will now persuade Sir John Thompson to withdraw the privilege extended to race tracks by his Criminal Law. The exception made in favor of betting during the races at the track of any duly incorporated racing association was practically the same as that extended to New York race tracks until Tuesday last. What the outcome there will be it is hard to say. There are millions invested in horses, buildings and properties devoted to racing purposes, and the owners are not going to throw up the sponge without an effort to save themselves. Probably the State of New Jersey could be induced to pass a law similar to the Ives Pool bill, under which hitherto betting has been allowed in New York. But this won't be a remedy for the powerful owners whose properties are, so to speak, confiscated. The effect on Canadian racing may be for a time to swell the number of American visitors. In the end it must, however, be ruinous, for Buffalo "sports" will be sure to cross over the Niagara River and establish trotting and galloping tracks on this side, a nuisance will at once be constituted, and the Criminal Act would be amended at the next session of Parliament. It needs no prophet to say that the sports of the turf are in a very ticklish condition.

CIVILIZATION AGAINST BARBARIANISM.

The Japanese Minister to Washington, Mr. S. Kuirino by name, although only 45 years of age, has had a thorough Western education and ranks high as a diplomat. He has an article in the curent North American Review dealing with the war between China and Japan, and we think he hits the nail on the head in both of the following extracts, which we take from the article:

"Japan and China have a great deal in common, and in the past Japan owed much to China. But the two peoples differ greatly in many ways, and of recent years their paths have diverged more and more widely. I have already said something of the progress of Japan since she emerged from a state of almost complete isolation. The sturdy conservatism of China is not less a subject of wonder. The difference between the two peoples consists in this: That the Japanese realized the perils of their former condition, and sought to obtain the benefits of western civilization; while the Chinese are perfectly content to remain as they are, and have no desire to depart from traditional methods."

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"The decision has been made, and the two leading nations of the East, after centuries of peace, are arrayed against each other in open hostility. Both have hazarded much upon the fortunes of war, but it seems to me that the world at large will gain much more by the victory of one than by that of the other. For I trust I may say, without appearing to be boastful, that this war is in some measure a struggle between the forces of modern civilization and the vis inertiae of a conservatism the strongest and most stubborn the world has ever seen. The advance of one may be checked by the stolid resistance of the other, yet in that case not Japan alone, but in her end China also, will be the loser, for victory in her case will give renewed life to that spirit of intolerance which has hitherto been an insuperable bar to her progress, while defeat will make the truth clear even to the most obstinate and cause the obstacles to national development to disappear in the conflict. I do not mean to say that it is Japan's design to act as the regenerator of China any more than it is her purpose to wage a war of conquest or of selfish aggrandizement. The one attempt would be as presumptuous as the other would be culpable. Japan is contending for the protection of her rights, and for that alone; but, unless all auguries fail, in her victory in this war the truly sincere friends of China may see the brightest hope for the future of that country."

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Hamilton's New City Solicitor.

Hamilton, Nov. 7.—The law firm of MacKelcan, Gibson, Martin & Osborne has dissolved. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Provincial Secretary and one of the City Solicitors, has accepted the position of solicitor for the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Co., and as this would conflict with his duties to the corporation it was decided to dissolve the firm.

Frank Mackelcan, Q.C., will continue as City Solicitor, the duties of which position he has practically performed unaided, and Gibson, Martin & Osborne will be the new firm.

A Baby Saved.

Dear Sirs,—My baby had a terrible cough. The doctor said it was Whooping Cough, but it got worse all the time until baby was just like a skeleton. When he was four months old I tried Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion, and after using one and a half bottles my baby is entirely cured. No other remedy but the Emulsion was used, and baby is now strong and healthy. MRS. J. G. THOMPSON, Callender, Ont. 246

Fees Commission in Session.

Hamilton, Nov. 7.—The Ontario Government Fees Commission is in session here to-day. The witnesses examined were County Treasurer Stock, William Sexton, Ex-M.P., John Nicholson, the defeated Patron candidate in North Wentworth, and Sheriff Murton.

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The Sad Condition of a Little Girl Whose Parents Feared She Was Beyond Hope.

Mr. Horatio N. Robinson of Mount Pleasant, P.E.I., is one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers on the western part of the island. To a representative of The Summerside Journal Mr. Robinson related how his little daughter, Bertha Mabel, had been brought back to health and strength: "Some time ago," said Mr. Robinson, "Mabel completely lost the use of her left leg. She could not use it in any manner whatever, and had to be lifted in and out of bed. The doctor seemed at a loss to understand the cause, and although very attentive seemed not to be able to do anything for her. We were very much alarmed, and as she was not getting better we determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, of which we had heard so much. Before a half dozen boxes were used she could run about and play without the use of her crutches. She is now lively, eats well and sleeps well and is in the best of spirits, and we are satisfied is far on the way to complete recovery. I am convinced that if we had not used Pink Pills she would have been a cripple for life, if, indeed, she had survived the illness. Mr. Robinson also told the reporter that his brother, Peter W. Robinson, was last spring, greatly debilitated and suffered much from rheumatism. He began taking Pink Pills and is now as well as ever. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the greatest blood builder and nerve restorer known to medical science, and cure when all other remedies fail. If not kept by your dealer they will be sent post paid on receipt of 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N.Y. Get the genuine; imitations and substitutes are worthless—perhaps dangerous.

Nellie Ganthony.

To-night Miss Ganthony will make her first bow to a Toronto audience at the Grand. Her engagement is for three nights and Saturday matinee. Miss Ganthony comes to Toronto very highly recommended as the foremost society comedienne of England. Her advance heralding and the many favorable newspaper comments have stirred up much interest and a great desire to see and hear this young English girl, who has won so much praise by her novel style of amusing the public. Several large theatre parties will be present to-night. The theatre is to have floral decorations and a general gala night is looked for by the management.

The Toronto Next Week.

There is really a heap of honest fun in "Hoss and Hoss," the musical farce-comedy, which is announced for Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House next week. It is in the hands of an excellent company of fun-makers, and each member of the cast is equal to an amusing specialty. The famous Bowery dance, the funny court-room scene and the ludicrous jury are still prominent features. There are several prominent farceurs in the company, including Jacques Kruger, an exceedingly funny man, in his dry way; Carrie Sweeney, the original tough girl; Rose Sutherland, the greatest buck and wing dancer in the world; Charles T. Aldrich, an eccentric comedian and impersonator of famous men; Harry Crandall, one of the best German dialect comedians in the profession; Thomas Evans, whose specialty is a tramp, and several others. The sale of seats will commence this morning.

The Melba Nights.

Among the recognized features of the London social season are what are known as "Melba Nights." When the greatest of living singers appears at Covent Garden in one or the other of her two most famous roles, Margaret in "Faust," and Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet," the blockade of carriages in the streets and the array of noted people in the boxes is indescribable. Women, who care nothing whatever for music crowd to the opera house to see the diamonds and the fabrics and the lovely women there assembled, while no lover of music of whatever social standing ever misses the opportunity of hearing her in either of Gounod's great works. Last winter she came to America for the first time as the leading vocalist in the greatest company of singers ever assembled on any stage—the company formed by Abbey, Schoeffel and Grau for the Metropolitan Opera House. To the people of this continent she was then comparatively unknown, but before she had made three appearances the "Melba nights" of London had their counterpart in New York. The event of next Tuesday night is, with no exaggeration whatever, unquestionably the greatest musical event in years, and this fact should also be borne in mind—the prices are lower than those ever charged in Toronto for an event of such importance. People paid double the price for seats at the obsolete Patti's performances as are asked for Melba, who has beaten Patti in La Diva's own particular field. This is the best exemplification of the Massey Music Hall's methods.

Harry Williams' Great Company.

From the announcement made of the attraction coming to the Academy next week, the chances are that the big room at this theatre will continue. Harry Williams' Meteors are recognized and acknowledged to be one of the standard vaudeville attractions on the road. The performance embraces all kinds of specialty performers, acrobats, song and dance people, black and white-face comedians, serio-comic singers, character artists, knockabouts, jugglers and slack-wire performers, Joe J. Sullivan, Carrie Scott, Millbrook and Champion, Barr and Evans, Matthews and Harris, Larry Smith, Charles B. Lawlor and the Harbecks. All of these people have made great names for themselves in their own business, and should be able to furnish a pleasing and excellent entertainment.

Prof. Gleason To-Night.

Professor Gleason will to-night handle Taylor's horse. It was impossible to get him into the city in time for the performance last night, but he will positively be handled to-night. As this horse has not been harnessed for more than 18 months, he will make a hard fight before being conquered. His owner says that the Professor has the hardest task of his life before him. Mr. Frazer's stallion, several vicious kickers and a horse so nervous he will shy at his shadow will be handled to-night.

Massey Hall Lecture Course.

Seats for the lecture course, in which Dean Hole, Max O'Rell, Talmage, and others take part will be given out on the 14th inst. Subscribers' to the course will have the first choice.

The Only Melville.

Those who admire feats of daring, strength and muscle should not fail to see the daring Melville in his thrilling flights and leaps in mid-air. He performs twice daily with the Lilly Clay Colossal Company at the Academy.

French Lectures.

M. Queneau, for many years a professor of French literature in Paris, France, and who is a most highly educated gentleman, will deliver a series of French lectures in the hall, 269 College-street, at intervals of about a fortnight. The first lecture is announced for Saturday next at 11 a.m. The subject for the first lecture is: "Le Literatteur Claissique, and L'Hotel de Rambouillet."

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Girl Burned to Death.

Hamilton, Nov. 7.—Nellie Pereira, six years old, living near corner of John and Macauley-streets, was burned to death last night. She was standing near the fire, when flames caught her clothing, and she ran screaming to the street. Two firemen who were passing put out the blaze, but not before the child had sustained injuries, from which she died a few hours later.

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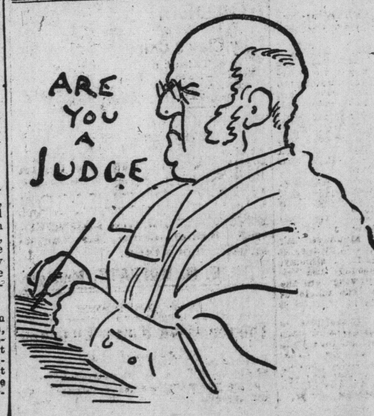

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