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SEPARATE SCHOOL TALK.

LOOKING AROUND THE GREEN FOR PROMISED WIGS.

There Will be Contests for Trustees in But Five Wards—The Liquor Interest Well Represented — Letters From Messrs. Cahill and Walsh.

If there is any truth in prognostics there is little doubt but that there will be wigs on the green in the coming elections for members of the Separate School Board. Each side has got a different story to tell about the excellent qualities of its candidates and the bad ones of the opponents. Boiled down to a fine point, however, so far as The World can judge, the fact that some of the candidates who walked in the procession held in honor of the Queen's Jubilee is the chief plank in the platform of their opponents. Of course there are the usual charges and counter-charges of inattention to duty, etc., but the issue according to both sides rests on the one reason given.

The great centre of attraction is St. Patrick's Ward. Mr. William Burns is the retiring trustee. He took part in the procession, and worse than that on the occasion of the election of Hon. T. W. Anglin as trustee in St. Andrew's ward expressed his views on the subject of William O'Brien's visit in a manner which brought down on his head the grave displeasure of the local branch of the Irish National Land League. The opposition party has been hard at work for many weeks past, and there is not a Catholic school supporter in the ward that they have not canvassed.

Of the twelve wards open for contests but five will enjoy the pleasures of a fight. These are St. George's, St. Patrick's, St. Thomas, St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's. The other candidates went in by acclamation. Three saloon-keepers, Patrick O'Connor, Michael O'Connor and E. J. Rielly form part and parcel of the board now, the first named in by acclamation for St. Lawrence Ward. John O'Connor, another hotel-keeper, is a candidate in St. Patrick's Ward, and should he succeed the liquor interest will have four representatives on the board of Catholic education.

It was only in St. Patrick's Ward where there was anything like interest manifested yesterday. Mr. William Burns was nominated by Owen Cosgrove and D. Kennedy. His opponents in Mr. Michael Walsh, who was nominated by J. Goulding and J. Dermody. Mr. Burns refused to address the assembled electors, preferring to have his friends do the word speak for itself. The friends of Mr. Walsh adjourned from the polling-place, 164 McCaul-street, to the square in front of the school house where Dr. P. Cahill, J. A. Mulligan, and several others delivered addresses.

The list of candidates stands as follows:

St. Matthew's Ward—Rev. Father O'Reilly, re-elected by acclamation.

St. Andrew's Ward—Hon. T. W. Anglin, nominated by Very Rev. Administrator Rooney and Mr. McCurdy; J. P. Carey, Mr. Michael Ryan and E. Rielly.

St. Stephen's Ward—William Fraser, retiring trustee, by John Sullivan and J. J. Ryan; J. W. Kennedy, by W. Kennedy and J. Ryan.

St. Thomas' Ward—J. J. Cosgrove, by Mr. O'Connor and T. O'Leary, John O'Brien, by Thomas Crowley and Ralph Byrne; William Barron, by W. Petley and E. J. O'Reilly.

St. John's Ward—James Ryan, re-elected by acclamation.

St. Paul's Ward—Neil Smith, by J. Cooney and J. J. O'Brien, elected by acclamation.

St. Patrick's Ward—William Burns, by Owen Cosgrove and D. Kennedy; Michael Walsh, by J. Goulding and J. J. Dermody.

St. Mark's Ward—Rev. Father McCann, re-elected by acclamation.

St. David's Ward—Charles Burns, by J. T. Daly and J. Larkin, elected by acclamation.

St. Lawrence Ward—Patrick O'Connor, by D. Kelly and Charles Burns, elected by acclamation.

St. James' Ward—Patrick Kelly, by P. Curran and E. J. Rielly, elected by acclamation.

St. George's Ward—E. A. Cullerton, by P. Tynan and S. McInerney; D. A. Carey, by D. P. Cahill and J. Stormont.

MR. CAHILL IN REPLY.

He Does Not Agree With "Common Sense Catholic" in Separate School Matters.

Editor World: Your anonymous correspondent of the 25th instant seems unusually anxious to evoke public sympathy for the class whom he, I take it by the tone and composition of his letter, may be fairly said to represent. The "dangerous and pernicious element" of which he speaks can only be accused of having exercised the common functions of citizenship in an independent manner. To other than a man unaccustomed to breathing a healthy political atmosphere the "dangerous and pernicious element" is much more likely to be found among that class which endeavors to stifle political freedom by calling into activity power never intended to be made use of in that way. It is a little too much of a good thing to assert that opposing Mr. Anglin was opposing the church.

It is a pity that shelter should be taken in such a paltry excuse. It appears to be an understood thing among your correspondent's friends that when beaten in the open sanctuary shelter should be sought within the "Church," a custom widely prevalent in the Middle Ages among refugees from justice. Let us look for an instance in the case in question your correspondent tells us worked long and earnestly for the good of the schools, and the defeat of whom he takes so much to heart. Three of them were wholly illiterate or destitute of the slightest traces of education. To name them would be superfluous. The public which amused itself with their absurdities will recognize the portrait.

These men were replaced by intelligent, well read men. This, then, is what your correspondent calls undermining the stability of the Board. In which case the sooner such stability is disposed of the better for everybody concerned. The Queen's jubilee procession in which these men took part, is alleged to be their sole offence. Not at all. It simply directed public attention to them. The closer the public looked at its representatives the more ashamed of them it grew, and when the opportunity presented itself it rid the community of them in a decisive manner. Your correspondent need not be alarmed at the influence of Irish politics in this matter. Its influence amounts to this: that the overwhelming majority of the voters are Irish by birth or extraction and do not care to be represented by men who have no respect for their national feelings.

The man or men who deliberately outrage these feelings need not be surprised if in turn they should have to reckon upon receiving the hostility of those whom they thus outraged. It is well that this should be understood. Once well understood no further fear need be entertained on that score. The voters of the separate schools are very well able to distinguish between those who have their interests at heart and those who simulate such interest in order to advance their private fortunes. Some of their representatives appear to sit in the interests of contractors rather than in the interests of their constituents. When we find men who hold important school contracts working assiduously on behalf of a man who championed their tenders upon the board, then we are at liberty to come to the conclusion that, while everything may be straight and fair, yet common decency would be better observed if the relationship were not so apparent.

DANIEL P. CAHILL.

Toronto, Dec. 26.

A Letter from Candidate Walsh.

Editor World: In your issue of to-day I noticed a letter with regard to the pending separate school election, reflecting on certain members of the Separate School Board and on certain candidates for the vacant seats over the nom-de-plume of some character who styles himself "Common Sense Catholic."

It has often been said that common sense is the most uncommon thing in the world, and nothing further is required in proof of the saying than a careful perusal of the letter of this stupidly presumptuous "Common Sense Catholic," who either maliciously misrepresents the facts of the case or else through invincible ignorance is in cimmerian darkness with regard to the matters about which he has the audacity to write.

"Children should never play with edge tools," but this homely advice has evidently been thrown away on this anonymous scribbler whoever the character may be. He has the hardihood and the presumption to stigmatize some of the members of the board elected last year as a "dangerous and pernicious element to assume control of the affairs of the separate schools," but had this "Common Sense Catholic" known the amount and the character of the work and the good this "pernicious element" has done on the board for the past year for the welfare of the Catholic school children of the city, I am generous enough to believe he would never have written that letter. Verily "where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." Can he be so stupid as to say that the members elected last year, either in a religious or in an intellectual sense, are inferior to those whom they defeated? Assuredly not. Morally I suppose they are not the peers of the then defeated candidates. Were not comparisons odious, I would like to place the records of the present candidates before the readers of your valuable paper, and I feel confident that this "dangerous and pernicious element" would appear to very good advantage.

To say that this "element" hurried our late Archbishop to the grave is the veriest twaddle and needs no comment except to say that it is utilizing in a mean and contemptible manner the bones of the late respected Archbishop to make petty capital for a certain section of aspirants for seats at the Separate School Board. Speaking for myself I may say I am not a member of the Irish National League, though I have always given aid both morally and financially, as far as my means would permit, to the cause of Ireland and will continue to do so as long as such aid is necessary.

I suppose I am included in this "dangerous and pernicious element," yet I have the temerity to consider myself a not very dangerous character, and I am not afraid to place my career for the past fifty years as a resident of this city and for the past thirty years as a business man and as a private citizen before the scrutinizing gaze of the public, and I am not quite certain that, if the character of some of our traducers were put to the same test, they would come through the ordeal untarnished and unscathed.

"Talk" is cheap, but it takes money to buy whisky." I really pity poor "Common Sense Catholic." The expressions which a man generally makes use of almost invariably give the key note to the true inwardness of his character, and the expressions of "Common Sense Catholic" would lead one to believe that he is an individual possessed of rather bilious tendencies. Why does not "Common Sense Catholic" come from behind the hedge and into the open, and in a manly and straightforward manner, and not conceal his identity behind the cover of a nom-de-plume?

I am persuaded that he is both ashamed and afraid to do so; not so with me. In a word I wish the contest carried on in a fair and honorable manner, and if we are only given "a fair field and no favor," trusting to the honesty and intelligence of the electors, I have no apprehension with regard to the result.

MICHAEL WALSH.

Candidate S. S. Trustee St. Patrick's Ward.

Toronto, Dec. 26.

ZETLAND'S NEW OFFICERS.

Grand Lodge Officers Present—Other Friendly Society Matters.

Zetland Lodge No. 326, A. F. & A. M., G.R.C., held its installation meeting last night. The proceedings were conducted by R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.D.D.G.M., assisted by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D.G.M., and Thos. Sargant, V. W. Bros. S. Davison and W. Hoaf, W. Bros. B. Allan, J. W. O'Hara, A. S. Ardagh and Johnson Fletcher. These are the officers installed: W. Bros. Hy. A. Taylor, W.M.; C. A. B. Brown, I.P.M.; Bros. Hugh J. Grelg, S.W.; J. Hall, J.W.; G. M. Rose, chaplain; W. Bro. J. W. O'Harn, treasurer; Bros. G. Maurice Furnival, secretary; J. W. McCabe, S.D.; Harry Vigeon, J.D.; A. W. Abbott, S.S.; Andrew Jeffrey, J.S.; Lownds, D. of C.; F. W. Fletis, organist; Geo. Kapella, I.G.; J. H. Pritchard, tyler; rep. to benevolent board, R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D.G.M. Hall trust, R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, W. Bro. John Fletcher.

Richmond Lodge No. 53, Sons of England, met last night in Shaftesbury Hall and elected these officers: Capt. C.W. Allen, W.P.; Lieut. Charlton, W.V.P.; J. T. Easton, W. Sec.; J. Terry, Treas.; Drs. Martin and Allan, Surgeons; T. H. Stafford, R. Waite, T. Birt, C. Collins, R. Rowe, Guards; M. Wetrm, Guide; R. Hoar, I.G.; W. Wells, O.G.; Auditors, Bros. Skardon, Bell, Wiggins, Collins; Grand Lodge Delegates, E. G. Boswell and Capt. C. W. Allen.

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 4, K. of P., last night elected these officers: W. R. Tilley, P. C.; W. F. Morphy, C. C.; R. W. Deane, V. C.; T. F. Stewart, Prel.; A. J. Rattray, M. of E.; A. Thomson, M. of F.; J. F. King, K. of R.; and S. R. Grainger, M. at A.; R. Gifford, I. G.; Grand Lodge Representatives, A. Thomson, elected for two years; T. F. Stewart for one year; surgeon, Dr. G. B. Smith; relief board, A. J. Rattray, Dr. G. B. Smith, and J. E. Hall; auditors, G. Thomson, W. F. Morphy, and H. R. Tilley; library committee, Dr. G. B. Smith, F. King.

Court Eglington, Independent Order of Foresters, has chosen these officers: C.D., A. A. Dixon; C.R., J. Ryan; V.C., J. Ryan; R., Wm. Douglas; P.C.R., Geo. C. Moore; R.S., W. H. Doel, Jr.; F.S., W. J. Douglas; Treas., Hugh Cooper; S.W., G. R. J. Turner; J.W., Jas. Pierce; S.B., W. W. Edwards; Jas. Bell, Chas. Peterman; Chap., Geo. Lawson; Phys., Dr. Geo. W. Jackes. Mr. W. J. Douglas, the popular financial secretary, who was recently married, was presented with a handsome clock by the members of the lodge.

Queen Victoria Lodge, C.O.O.F., Ingersoll, has held its regular and last meeting of the year. It was an extremely successful one, there being several propositions laid on the table, making twelve candidates shortly to be initiated. At the close of business the literary program was opened by an exciting debate.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

They Are Turning Out in Large Numbers at the Grand—Coming Attractions.

The Grand Opera House was filled with a large and fashionable audience last night. "The Yeoman of the Guard," is gaining many friends among the lovers of grand opera, to which it is more closely allied than the comic. The sale of seats for to-night is large. Last night's turn out recalled memories of Irving and other great artists at Manager Sheppard's theatre.

"The Kindergarden" has many patrons among the patrons of the Toronto Opera House, and this notwithstanding the inclement weather of these nights.

Mr. William B. Gross, representing Mr. Robert Mantell, is in town. Mr. Mantell will be the New Year's attraction at the Grand. On this occasion he will again appear in O'Kenney's interesting romantic drama "Monbars," in which he made such a pronounced hit throughout the country last season. In the role of the hero Mr. Mantell has a really strong part, and praise of his impersonation is universal. The part gives him a splendid opportunity to show his versatility, and aside from his Lorris in "Fedora" it is by far the best work he has yet undertaken. This season, it is said, Mr. Mantell has a much stronger supporting company, and several names in the cast are those of artists who have travelled a great. There will be two matinees: New Year's day and Saturday.

On account of a long list of other engagements that will take the Hungarian Band far from this city, Messrs. Nicholls & Howland will have to part company with this their most popular attraction. Three more nights and a Saturday matinee remain, during which sweet music will be discoursed by these musical and talented Gypsies.

"The Messiah" at the Pavilion this evening.

The West End is about to form a quartette club. Mr. R. Englis is to be the leader.

The St. Mark's Church Literary Society held their first public concert last evening in the Masonic Hall, and presented a program which has rarely been equalled in Parkdale and never excelled. Miss Pyke and Miss Fahey played the opening number, a duet, for which they were warmly applauded. Mr. Blackburn followed with a capital song, and in rapid succession the various numbers were run through, each revealing some unexpected merit. A selection from "Marmion," as recited by Miss Ida Wingfield, called for a hearty encore, which was responded to with a comic witch story, "For the Goblins will get you if you don't watch out," and rounds of applause followed. Mr. J. B. Harris read an appropriate selection from Dickens and also recited two Scotch selections, "'Twas a Mouse" and "Bairnie's Cuddle Doon," both of which were splendidly rendered and well received. The amusing feature of the evening was a "medley" put down on the program as "Ye Olde Fashioned Songe." This was sung by the Entertainments Committee of the society: Walter Creswick, J. A. Culverwell, A. Blackburn, A. S. Potts and Misses Pyke, Perse, Fahey, Wingfield, Beasley and Goodsland. This was nothing more than one verse each of a number of Varsity songs with the chorus, but these popular songs and the peculiar and unexpected manner in which they were presented created no end of fun. The chair was occupied by the president of the society, Rev. C. L. Ingles.

From Police Blotters.

R. Shaw, 35 Dunn-avenue, Parkdale, reported yesterday that his house had been entered on Sunday night and a quantity of jewelry stolen including two gold watches.

Annie Chadwick, 167 Brunswick-avenue reported at Headquarters yesterday that her husband Richard had been missing since Monday last.

McAlpine's factory, 30 Bay-street, was broken into on Christmas day and five boxes of tobacco carried off.

Lizzie Sweeney, a young girl, no home, is at St. Andrew's-market station charged with stealing a purse containing 90c from Mary Clooney, No. 6 Hackney-street.

Samuel Wilson surrendered himself at Wilton-avenue station, having heard there was a warrant out for his arrest on a charge of aggravated assault on Thomas Whiting in a billiard room at 88 Bay-street.

John O'Neil, Alfred Teague, Robert Johnston and Mark Lewis, all boys, were locked up at Headquarters last night by Detective Davis, on suspicion of being concerned in the raid on O'Connor's fur store.

William Jock, an able-bodied man residing at 19 Richmond-street east, was arrested on a warrant yesterday afternoon for assaulting his wife.

POOR SEXSMITH'S DEATH.

CORONER DUNCAN OPENS AN INQUEST AT THE MORGUE.

Evidence as to the Condition of the Tanks and Machinery—The Inquest Adjourned until January 4—The Funeral to Take Place To-Day.

The body of George Sexsmith, who met an awful death on Christmas, lay on a marble slab in the City Morgue yesterday afternoon while Coroner Duncan and a jury, with Mr. Wm. Allen as foreman, took part in the inquest. County Crown Attorney Badgerow was there, and so was the father of the dead man, as well as Dr. Schmidhorn, the president of the Toronto Ammonia Company. Mr. A. W. Wright, member of the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, and Mr. Sanderson, Master Workman of Mayflower Lodge, K. of L., were present in the interests of the family of the dead man.

The first witness called was William Sinclair, foreman of the Consumers' Gas Company works. He said that at 10.50 on Christmas morning he was standing at the corner of Front and Parliament streets talking with Dr. Schmidhorn. They were fifteen feet from the building, when they heard three explosions. After the explosions were over they went back and found Sexsmith and had him taken into one of the gas works' buildings, where he died a few minutes later without having spoken. The foreman of the Ammonia Company was Charles Steinmeyer. The witness did not know how the ammonia company's work had been placed upon the premises of the gas company's work. It was not an explosion of the boiler, but of one of a series of tanks called the "agitator," and made of iron. He had seen it a few minutes before and he understood that it contained a quantity of dissolved lime and some ammonia, and was covered with a metal plate. There were some valves and stop cocks, but he was not sure whether or not there was a gauge to indicate the pressure. While he was in there a few minutes before he did not see Steinmeyer do anything with the machinery, but he could tell his witness he had said that one of the ammonia wells was overflowing. Steinmeyer could not speak English very well, but he was able to give instructions to those under him. Steinmeyer's duty was to regulate the pressure and see that all was right.

In answer to Dr. Schmidhorn, the witness said that Steinmeyer knew enough English to tell his subordinates to open or close valves.

To Mr. Badgerow: Mr. Sinclair said that he was not aware of an engineer leaving the place because he thought it was dangerous. The machinery was under the charge of John Perkins, the boiler maker, was at the scene of the explosion yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Perry Doolittle, physician to the Gas Company's employes, said he was there in half an hour after the explosion. He described the scene and told how the top of the agitator had been blown through the roof into the street. In his opinion the explosion was caused by a collection of gas in the agitator without sufficient means of escape. He had frequently been in the place and never saw a pressure gauge. There was, however, a "seal," which acts as a gauge.

The inquest was adjourned till Jan. 4 at the Police Court, and the coroner said it was most important that an examination should be made of the pipes connected with the tanks.

The funeral of the deceased will take place at 3 o'clock to-day from 38 Water-street.

Buy your pocket and office diaries for 1889, now. Canadian almanac 15c., Grip Almanac 10c, Belgravia Annual 25c., London World 25c., London Truth 25c., Xmas Queen 50c. at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

The Weather Don't Hurt.

To the casual observer this weather appears to be against the fur trade, but Dineen, on the corner of King and Yonge, reports business very brisk—the largest they had for years. The Christmas trade was immense. The large stock of furs and sealskins carried by the exclusive fur houses are bringing buyers from all the neighboring towns to the city to buy. They do better and get a greater assortment. Exclusive fur houses that manufacture can do much better for the public than the general stores and the people are flocking to the city and simplified all furs at the lowest wholesale rates. Those making New Year's presents should give Dineen a call.

Great reduction in prices at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east, Jenkins, direct importer. 246

Topics of the Trades.

The Cartors' Union met last night in Shaftesbury Hall. The action of Chief Grassett in enforcing the by-law relating to traffic on the streets was discussed and heartily indorsed. The meeting was also unanimous in the wish that the police should compel vehicles to keep the proper side of the street.

The Canadian Marine Engineers' Association held its regular meeting last night in Shaftesbury Hall. A discussion took place on hydraulic pumping. It was decided to hold a series of open meetings during the winter for the consideration of mechanical subjects and an invitation to attend is extended to the members of all kindred associations.

Business Troubles in Town.

The livery business of Isaac Stratton, 850 Yonge-street, was put up to auction yesterday at the instance of John Bruce, who held a mortgage for $600. The business was bought in for Mr. Stratton by a friend for the amount of the mortgage.

D. W. Weston, wholesale builders and hardware supplies, 48 Adelaide-street west, has been in trouble for some time, and yesterday it culminated by the bailiff being put in.

Clearing sale at 117 Yonge-street, previous to removal. Juvenile books, illustrated works, small and large. Booklets and a large general stock of books. 246

Polly Bredin Committed for Trial.

Col. Denison yesterday formally committed Polly Bredin alias Mary Pattison Hill for trial on the charge of bigamy, in marrying Fred. Barber, whose tragic death occurred at Niagara Falls two days after the marriage. The accused allowed her deposit of $1000 to remain in the custody of the clerk of the Court as bail for her appearance at the assizes.

Diamond sale, 9 King west. 246

"The Rangers' Quickstep."

The World has received a copy of "The Rangers' Quickstep," composed by Mr. Tom Hurst, the popular instructor of the Fife and Drum Band of the Royal Grenadiers. From the composer's well-known reputation at Nordheimer's and as a military man it must prove a success. Copies may be obtained at Nordheimer's.

The Street Traffic By-Law.

Chief of Police Grasett has instructed his men to strictly enforce the by-laws regulating street traffic. All vehicles will have to drive on the proper side of the street, and when brought to a standstill must be drawn up close to the kerbstone.

A $500 Fire.

At 10.23 a.m. yesterday a fire broke out in Joseph Tait's bakery at 660 Yonge-street. Before the flames could be extinguished damage to the extent of about $400 was done to the stock, while a loss of $100 was sustained on the building. The losses were fully covered by insurance in the Lancashire.

City Hall Small Talk.

The Property Committee meets to-day to try to get at the bottom of the Island Park indebtedness.

A permit for the erection of two brick dwellings in Jarvis-street near Wellesley to cost $10,000, has been issued to A. C. Thompson.

The Waterworks Committee meets this afternoon.

The City Commissioner is testing a new street scraper before the corporation closes the bargain for its purchase.

The Mayor spent Christmas morning viewing Ashbridge's Bay.

The Sheffield House Importing Co. (Registered), 65 Yonge-street (below King), are still in business and keep the best English silver plate and cutlery. C. E. Robinson, Manager. 246

In Readiness for Christmas.

Just arrived, one of the largest and best assorted stocks of Christmas fruits in the city, and we will undersell any house in the trade. Look to your interests and inspect our stock before buying. Also in our wine vaults is a splendid assortment of wines and liquors for cooking and table use. S. P. Brazill & Co., market grocers, Toronto. 246

MR. BIGGAR AND THE RIVALS.

He Defines the Rights of the Toronto Passenger Transport Company.

At a recent meeting of the sub-committee of the Board of Works charged with the consideration of the offer of the Toronto Passenger Transport Company to supply increased street car service in the East End, a resolution was passed asking the City Solicitor to give his opinion as to the powers of the city in the premises and the position it was in in the matter of compelling the Toronto Street Railway Company to contribute its share of the cost of the block pavements used on the streets on which its tracks run. The following is Mr. Biggar's reply, addressed to Secretary E. P. Roden:

DEAR SIR: I have your letter of the 12th inst., stating that you are directed by the sub-committee of the Committee on Works to ask my opinion upon the following questions:

1. Is the City Council now in a position to enter into an agreement with any parties or companies to lay down a line of car service on the streets proposed by the Toronto Passenger Transport Company, as set forth in their offer of Sept. 12 last?

2. Can the city enter into such an arrangement with the Toronto Passenger Transport Company?

3. Can the city in any way make the Toronto Street Railway Company contribute toward the cost of block pavements already laid down along the said streets?

4. If the city should desire to enter into an agreement with the new company, can the city alter the terms of such company's offer?

As to your first question, I think that the city, having received an offer to lay down street railways on certain streets not already occupied by the Toronto Street Railway Company, and having, pursuant to the 24th resolution of the original agreement with Easton, communicated to the Toronto Street Railway Company the nature of these proposals, and offered the Toronto Street Railway Company the option of constructing such proposed railways upon similar conditions to those contained in the original agreement with Easton, and such preference not having been accepted within one month, is now in a position to enter into an agreement with any other party or company (provided such company has power to make such a contract), to lay down a line or lines of rails on the streets mentioned in the offer of the Toronto Passenger Transport Company, made on the 13th day of September last, and set out in Report No. 22 of the Committee on Works.

As to your second question, "Can the city enter into such agreement with the Toronto Passenger Transport Company?" What do you mean by the Toronto Passenger Transport Company? If you mean John Arthur Macdonald and Charles William Nash, who trading as partners under that name, made the offer of 12th September last, then I have already given your committee the opinion that this firm has authority under section 28 of R. S. O., chap. 171, to operate a street railway in Toronto with the consent of the Railway Company in which declaration it is stated that this new partnership has subsisted since Sept. 28, 1888. I also find that on Sept. 28, 1888, letters patent were issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, incorporating John Cudmore, John Arthur Macdonald, James Allen, I. E. Johnston, G. Rae, R. J. Fleming, C. W. Nash and H. H. Williams, under the name of "The Toronto Passenger Transport Company," for the purpose of establishing, equipping and operating a line or lines of coaches, omnibuses or other vehicles to run on and along all such streets in Toronto and its suburbs, with power to let or hire any or all conveyances, horses, beasts of burden or draught in possession or under control of the company, and with power to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, such real estate and interest therein as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the company.

I presume the Messrs. Nash & Macdonald chose the name, "The Toronto and York Street Railway Company," for their firm from and after Sept. 28, 1888, in order that their partnership might not be confounded with "The Toronto Passenger Transport Company" which was incorporated on that date. I do not suppose that Messrs. Nash & Macdonald are carrying on business under the two names of "The Toronto Passenger Transport Company," and "The Toronto and York Street Railway Company." I take the only company now in existence bearing the name of "The Toronto Passenger Transport Company" is that which has been incorporated by Letters Patent under date of 28th September last. I have already advised your committee that in my opinion the Act does not give the city any power to contract or operate street railways. If I am right in this view the Company mentioned in your letter cannot legally make the offer to do so.

As to the third question, "Can the city in any way make the Toronto Street Railway Company contribute towards the cost of block pavements already laid down along the said streets?"

I have carefully considered the statutes and bylaws relating to the Toronto Street Railway Company and such of the decisions of the Courts as bear upon the interpretation of the Council as are printed in the minutes of the Council, and I find that there is no provision directly relating to this. It is, however, provided that the Street Railway Company shall not lay down the rails on any street until plans showing the position of the rails have been submitted to and approved of by the City Surveyor; and it is also provided that no such Act or bylaw relating to the company that they shall not operate their railway on any street without first obtaining the authority or permission of the Council. In the Act incorporating the present company it is provided that such consent or permission may be given "upon such conditions and for such period or periods as may respectively be agreed upon between the company and the city." I think, therefore, that the city may as a condition of allowing the company to occupy with its rails any block-paved street, require that the company shall pay either a rental or a lump sum towards the cost of the block-paving.

As to your fourth question, "If the city should desire to enter into an agreement with the new company, can the city alter the terms of such company's offer?" In reply, I beg to say that when once the option of laying down rails upon any street has been offered to the Toronto Street Railway Company and not accepted within one month, the city is at liberty to grant the privilege to any party on such terms as may be agreed upon between the city and such party, and in arriving at such agreement there is no reason why any proposal made by any party may be altered or modified by the city and submitted to such other party for approval or acceptance.

THE TRAVELERS' BENEFIT.

The Association Has a Successful Year—Nine Members on the Death Roll.

The Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Association had a most successful year. It has a reserve fund of $12,000 and 1520 members. During the year nine on its roll passed away. Six of these losses were paid out of the association funds and three out of the reserve.

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A School for Deer Park.

A school section (No. 10) was recently formed at Deer Park and these trustees were elected yesterday by acclamation: Alfred Hoskin, Q.C., J. T. M. Burnside, Joseph Gibson. It is the intention to take steps for the immediate erection of a first-class brick school house equipped with all the modern appliances.

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A Christmas box for nothing. They are giving away handsleighs and drums to every purchaser of a boy's overcoat or boy's suit. Boys' overcoats or suits from $2.50 up. The British Arms Clothing store, 221 Yonge-street, corner Shuter-street. R. Baker & Co.

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Considerable enquiry has been made as to the postponement of holiday festivities at Government House. It has already been announced that these postponements were made because of "serious illness in the family of Sir Alexander." The citizens of Toronto and of the province generally will learn with deep regret that Miss Marjorie Campbell, the estimable hostess at the Gubernatorial residence, is seriously ill. A surgical operation has been performed upon the young lady by Drs. Strange and Grassett, and although the operation was very painful she is doing as well as could be expected. It is stated that no fears of her ultimate recovery are entertained.

THE BENCHERS ON THE BOIL.

A Small Meeting Discussing the Matter of Legal Education.

Seventeen of the benchers of the Ontario Law Society met in convocation at Osgoode Hall yesterday to discuss the report of their Legal Education Committee, dated Dec. 14. The action of the University authorities in establishing a law department independent of the Law Society brought about yesterday's meeting. The report of the sub-committee, of which Mr. Edward Martin of Hamilton is chairman, published in The World of last Saturday, recommended the establishment of an independent law school.

Yesterday's meeting was protracted and it is said somewhat stormy. Mr. Edward Blake, Q.C., was in the chair. There is understood to be a very formidable opposition among benchers who are graduates of the University to two existing law schools, and there is every prospect of a heated contention in future proceedings. The meeting did not come to any definite understanding, as the number present was more limited than was expected. The benchers will meet again on Jan. 4 next.

THE EMPLOYES' CHRISTMAS.

The Generosity of a Toronto Firm and their Appreciation.

Christmas greetings were exchanged this year at the works of the Ontario Lead and Barb-Wire Company on Richmond-street in an exceedingly happy manner. It has been the custom of the management to give every employe at Xmas a turkey and a present of $5 for every year's service with the company. This Christmas was the exception to the rule and each man went home loaded with turkey and proud of his dollars.

On Monday evening the employed crowded around Superintendent T. S. Hayles, and Mr. Edward Dunn in a neat speech presented him with a gold-headed cane with suitable inscription. Mr. Bayles was somewhat surprised, but replied in a nice speech and thanked his fellow workmen for thus honoring him a second time, as some two years ago he was presented with a gold watch by the men.

Such occurrences as these make men feel that wealth of good feeling which should and does exist to a great extent among fellow workmen and this case is a pleasant one to note as an example of a popular man among popular men.

An Annexation Petition.

The following petition has been in circulation at Windsor with indifferent success:

To the Mayor and Councillors of Windsor:

We, your petitioners, citizens of the town of Windsor, desire to state that the question of political union with the United States is at the present time engrossing the most serious consideration of the people of Windsor and the adjoining country, and that a chance of expressing their opinion for or against the measure by means of the ballot is urgently desired, and we therefore pray that an act may be passed by the city clerk of Windsor, or any other authority or permission of the Council, in the Act incorporating the present company it is provided that such consent or permission may be given "upon such conditions and for such period or periods as may respectively be agreed upon between the company and the city." I think, therefore, that the city may as a condition of allowing the company to occupy with its rails any block-paved street, require that the company shall pay either a rental or a lump sum towards the cost of the block-paving.

As to your fourth question, "If the city should desire to enter into an agreement with the new company, can the city alter the terms of such company's offer?" In reply, I beg to say that when once the option of laying down rails upon any street has been offered to the Toronto Street Railway Company and not accepted within one month, the city is at liberty to grant the privilege to any party on such terms as may be agreed upon between the city and such party, and in arriving at such agreement there is no reason why any proposal made by any party may be altered or modified by the city and submitted to such other party for approval or acceptance.

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