FIREBUG LESTER GUILTY.

HAMILTON WANTS THE CANAL AT THE BEACH DEEPENED.

Paving Contracts Given a Guelph Firm, No Local Men Being Allowed to Tender —Trouble Between the T., H. & B. and the H., G. & B. Again—Hamilton Orphan Asylum Elects Officers.

Hamilton, Oct. 7.—A special meeting of the City Council was called this afternoon to consider the resolution of the Board of Works to accept the tender of the Guelph Paving Company to pave the sidewalk on James-street from King William to King, and from James to Hughson on King, at 14 cents a foot. After a long discussion it was decided to accept the tender of the company, without advertising for tenders or giving local men a show. An amendment by Ald. Frid to call for tenders was voted down by 10 to 3.

Hamilton Orphan Asylum.

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the Hamilton Orphan Asylum and Aged Waman's Home was held at the institution this afternoon. Mrs. Stuart, president, presided, and the various reports presented indicated that the philanthropic work done during the year had been highly satisfactory. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Stuart, president; Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. J. V. Smith, Mrs. H. McLaren, Mrs. Bickle and Mrs. Wade, vice-presidents; Mrs. Sinclair, treasurer; Mrs. Adam Brown, recording secretary; Mrs. Dayfoot Smith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Turnbull, financial secretary.

Firebug Lester Pleads Guilty.

Harry Lester, the young Englishman who was caught in the act of setting fire to a quantity of books in his room in the Smyth block, on King William-street, was brought before Judge Snider at noon to-day, and pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to swindle an insurance company, but not guilty to the charge of attempting to fire the building. Mr. J. W. Nesbitt, Q.C., was present and addressed the court in the prisoner's behalf. He said that the evidence taken at the Police Court showed no intent on Lester's part to set fire to the building. The prisoner had only been in this country two years, and here but a few weeks. He had struck a streak of hard luck, and as the result of making a confident of Smith, the English bellboy at the St. Nicholas, had decided to try and make some money out of insurance. Prisoner was remanded for sentence till to-morrow.

T. H. & B. and H. G. & B. Again.

The T.H. & B. company, having failed to come to an agreement with the H. G. & B. company regarding right of way near the reservoir, has altered its route, and requires a portion of land owned by the city and also a portion owned by the H.G. & B. Representatives of the T.H. & B. will meet the Waterworks Committee in reference to the former on Wednesday evening, and has served notice on the H.G. & B. that at the next meeting of the Railway Committee application will be made for an order to acquire the land. The H. G. & B. company has written to the City Council, protesting against the application.

Want the Canal Deepened.

In view of the large amount of heavy freight that is expected to pass through the canal at the Beach this season, communications from the coal dealers and the Hamilton Iron and Steel Company have been sent to the City Council, asking that body to bring the necessity of deepening the canal again before the notice of the Minister of Public Works. It is desired to have the canal 14 feet deep, so that heavily laden vessels will not go aground in passing through. Next year probably 100,000 tons of freight will be brought through the canal for the smelting works alone.

Markets and Police Committee.

At a meeting of the Markets, Fire and Police Committee this evening a petition was received from the Y.P.S. C.E. Society asking that blinds be removed from pool room windows and screens be taken from the rooms. The matter was referred to a special committee. The matter of the Star Theatre license was laid over. William [illegible]ad was appointed fireman, and [illegible]ntract for feed for the city [illegible] was given to Morgan Bros.,

Rev. Father Coty Resigns.

[illegible] meeting of the Separate [illegible] Board this evening the resig[illegible] Rev. Father Coty as superi[illegible] of the Separate schools of [illegible] and secretary of the board [illegible]ted, Rev. Father Coty has [illegible]ferred to Dundalk, and Rev. [illegible]len was appointed in his [illegible]

Notes.

Tuckett will leave for [illegible] week, and upon his re[illegible] are for the Mayoralty [illegible] Stewart, it is said, is [illegible] offering himself again [illegible] and Ald. Brown and [illegible] still in the field, while [illegible]drew and Reid still have [illegible]ions.

[illegible]A. Bradley, the English 100 yards [illegible]ampion, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of an old friend, A. W. Challand, 33 Park-street north. In company with Mr. Challand and R. B. Harris, he went to the Hamilton Jockey Club track this afternoon, and gave a private exhibition of his sprinting ability.

Late on Saturday evening the Rev. J. F. Barker, pastor of Victoria-avenue Baptist Church, received a telegram stating that his father had died at his home in Norwich, Ont., from paralysis. Deceased was 80 years old. The Rev. Mr. Barker went to Norwich this morning.

D Co.'s, Q.O.R., Annual Match.

The annual rifle match of D Co., Q.O.R., took place at the Ranges on Saturday afternoon. There was a good turn-out of the company, about 35 being present. The new regulations, calling for the kneeling position at 400 yards, had a visible effect on the scores, as the practice of the Queen's Own Rifles has been for years to shoot at this range lying down.

The prize list is a valuable one. Following are the scores of the winners:

GENERAL MATCH.

$20 00	Lieut. J. M. Davison	103
18 00	Private Pearson, R.	92
10 00	Private Blainey	91
8 00	Private Aylett	89
6 00	Private Damer	86
5 00	Private McIntyre	83
5 00	Private Anning	82
4 50	Private J. Pearson	81
3 50	Private Johnston	80
2 50	Private Duncan	79
2 00	Private Wickson, J. H.	75

NURSERY MATCH.

$6 50	Private Johnson	80
5 50	Private Kempthorne	68
4 00	Private Sloan	58
2 50	Private Woodman	48

EX-MEMBERS' MATCH.

$7 00	Ex-Private Page	67
2 00	Ex-Corp. Lyon	65

Pure Water for Toronto.

Now is the time to use Saugeen Magnetic Mineral Water, flowing from an artesian well 1500 feet deep, and bottled as it flows from natural spring. Every household during the present waterworks mishap should not be without it. No danger of typhoid or malaria while using this water. All leading hotels keep it. In Toronto, C. H. Saunders of the Silver Creek Brewery is the agent, or for further particulars address Saugeen Mineral Water Company, Southampton, Ont.

When all other corn preparations fail, try Holloway's Corn Cure. No pain whatever, and no inconvenience in using it.

GAS COMPANY WILL APPEAL

Against the $12,000 Levy on Their Mains.

The Consumers' Gas Company has definitely decided to appeal the recent judgment in favor of the city in the suit as to their liability for assessment on gas mains, and has filed the necessary bonds in the Court of Appeal, to which court the appeal has been made. The taxes amount yearly to nearly $12,000. The assessment was confirmed by Judge McDougall and upon appeal by Chancellor Boyd.

Fined for Breach of Bylaws.

Yesterday Justice of the Peace Hugh Miller imposed a fine of $2 on the following citizens for breaches of bylaws:

John Anscope, 92 Richmond-street west, losing control of his team on the street; William Foster, 46 Wallace-avenue, driving at a trot on Humber Bridge; William Dawson, 36 St. Joseph-street, riding a bicycle on the sidewalk of Lansdowne-avenue; A. L. Lyons, 141 Church-street, riding a bicycle at an immoderate rate in Church-street; Frank Abbott, 322 Queen-street east, tying his horse to a telegraph pole; Joseph Irving, 546 Sherbourne-street, riding a bicycle at an immoderate rate in Queen-street; Walter Poulter, 253 Ontario-street, obstructing Cumberland-street by driving coal cart on the sidewalk; Arthur Smith, 83 Davenport-road, same offence as Poulter; A. R. Williams, 102 Esplanade-street, leaving an engine standing in Yonge-street; Frank Hedley, 127 Beaconsfield-avenue, riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. James Cormack, 365 Wellesley-street, was fined $5 and costs or 30 days for assaulting one Cannifff Haight.

Second City of the World.

The census of 1890 proves that within a radius of 15 miles from the centre of the city of New York there is a population considerably in excess of 3,000,000 people, or more than two-thirds that of the city of London.

In the official language of the report, "Next to London, New York and its suburbs form the largest city of the globe."

Says Mr. Porter: "The people within this 15-mile radius are, in effect, citizens of New York, so far as their business and social interests go, although politically they live in different cities, counties and states."

These figures are conclusive; there can no longer be a doubt that New York is, and must ever remain, the financial and commercial metropolis of the western world.

What an evidence of the wisdom of the founders of "The Great Republic!" What a monument to the energy and integrity of its sons! In the geographical as well as the practical business centre of this, the second city of the world, stands the Grand Central Station of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, from which 11 great through passenger trains depart every day for the North and West; this in addition to the nearly 300 other trains that daily leave this great station, giving a service to the patrons of "America's Greatest Railroad" that is not surpassed on either side of the Atlantic. ed

The Test of Time.

A pleasing feature of the past week has been the large number of inquiries which have come to the Toronto office of the Lakehurst Institute for information respecting their famous treatment for alcoholism. Not less gratifying to the constantly increasing accessions to the ranks of those who have found the long-sought-for relief from the slavery and nightmare of strong drink, and have become free men, all traces of their servile bondage gone. With wonderful anonimity these now speak of the benefits received. Not one leaves the institute without a doubt, and not one has the faintest doubt about his cure. They all feel it and know it. Many say to us: "I thought that when I should leave Oakville it would require an effort of the will to avoid a saloon or say 'No!' to an invitation to take a drink; but, instead of that, I have almost forgotten the taste of whiskey, and can hardly realize that I was once a slave to it." To all such the benefit received is good for a lifetime. Our earliest patients say that after nearly four years they find the same perfect freedom from the old appetite. Toronto office, 28 Bank of Commerce Building.

Local Jottings.

Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wilson of Quebec has filed a writ claiming $20,000 against D'Arcy MacMahon of Ottawa, son of Mr. Justice MacMahon, for an alleged libel.

Don't use any substitute when you can buy "L. & S." brand of pure lard so cheap; there is nothing so good as purity in eatables.

A meeting of the Montgomery Estate Executive held a conference at the Palmer House yesterday. This is the estate in which Mrs. O. B. Sheppard is interested.

If you are bilious or costive this morning, use Fruit Granules. Nature's own remedy. Cleanses the liver and kidneys, purifies the blood. ed

We would ask your attention to the advertisement in to-day's issue about Dr. Carson's Stomach Bitters. It is a first-class medium for all stomach troubles. Give it a trial.

The Presbyterian Synodical Committee meet on the 15th inst. to consider augmentation grants to the various charges. Rev. D. C. Hossack's appeal in reference to the Fern-avenue augmentation will be discussed at this meeting.

A bonfire at the new city park, foot of Yonge-street, gave the firemen a run at 7 o'clock last night.

The sub-committee on teachers of the Public Schools met yesterday.

The semi-annual meeting of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church commences to-day at St. Andrew's Church.

Conductor Snider lectured on "Queer People" in McCaul-street Methodist Church last night.

Ed. Murph, 83 Mitchell-avenue, went on a spree yesterday, and flourished a revolver in a reckless manner in the barroom of Duke's Hotel, Adelaide-street. P. C. Snell escorted him to police headquarters.

John Riley is under arrest at police headquarters on a charge of stealing $5 from his employer, Isaac Harwitz, butcher, 181 York-street.

To remove bad breath from catarrh, bad teeth, etc., use Odoroma.

No Recourse Against Damage by Hens.

Joseph Barras and James Thompson were fined $2 and costs by Magistrate Ellis on Aug. 2 last, for allowing their fowl to trespass on a neighbor's garden. On the ground that the act under which they were convicted is ultra vires, Judge McDougall yesterday quashed the conviction.

Cannot Be Beat.—Mr. D. Steinbach, Zurich, writes: "I have used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in my family for a number of years, and I can safely say that it cannot be beat for thee ure of croup, fresh cuts and sprains. My little boy has had attacks of croup several times, and one dose of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil was sufficient for a perfect cure. I take great pleasure in recommending it as a family medicine, and I would not be without a bottle in my house."

Five Months for Theft.

Joseph Wallace was yesterday sent to the Central Prison for five months on a conviction of stealing a number of silver knives and forks from T. J. Wardell, 13 Gwynne-avenue.

For stealing a pair of boots from Richard Reynolds, 462 Yonge-street, John Jackson, an old jail-bird, received a similar sentence.

How To Cure Headache.—Some people suffer untold misery day after day with headache. There is rest neither day nor night, until the nerves are all unstrung. The cause is generally a disordered stomach, and a cure can be effected by using Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, containing Mandrake and Dandelion. Mr. Finlay Wark, Ugander, P.Q., writes: "I find Parmelee's Pills a first-class article for bilious headache."

THE PEERLESS MELBA.

Scalchi, Bauermeister, Campanari and D'Aubigne—A Great Quintet of Artists at the Massey Hall.

One of the largest and most brilliant audiences that ever graced the Massey Music Hall assembled last evening to greet the incomparable Melba, Mme. Scalchi, Mlle. Bauermeister, Sig. Campanari, and Sig. D'Aubegne, who, as a whole, contributetd to one of the greatest treats ever provided for Toronto music lovers. The program published lately was not adhered to to any great extent, and it must be said that much disappointment was expressed that "Zampa" should have been substituted for the "Oberon" overture by the orchestra, and "L'Attague du Mouttin" by Sig. D'Aubigne altogether. Of the singing of Melba it may be said that, although she has not the soft, flute-like tones of Patti, and probably will never reach the fame achieved by the lady of Craig y Nos, yet the whole world welcomes her as the finest and best soprano now before the public. The mad scene from "Lucia" was grandly given, and received an encore, when Mme. Melba responded with a little gem composed by Mr. Landon Ronald, the musical director of the company. But it was in Arditi's "Le Saran Rose" that she touched the hearts of the public, and the great impression made was further enhanced by her generous response with Tosti's "Good Bye." This was Melba's last effort, and the audience hungered for more; but were obliged to desist when the famous singer came out once more and kissed her hand to the audience in last adieu. Mme. Scalchi's voice is as powerful, as resonant, as pure in quality, as much under control as of yore, and she gave a noble rendering of the cavatina "Nobil Signor" from the "Huguenots." In response to an encore the famous contralto sang a serenade of Tosti's. Scalchi's second number, an aria from Gluck's "Orpheus," was also encored. The rich tones of her voice call to mind the lucious fruits, the bright sun, and the glorious etheral skies of la belle Napoli, and the audience heaved a deep sigh of sincerest regret as the last full notes died away. Sig. Campanari owns Toronto now. His splendid rendering of the "Toreador's Song" from "Carmen," and the aria from the "Barber of Seville," aroused unusual interest, the latter waking forth a vociferous encore. What a grant voice he has, and what an ideal Mephisto he must make; in fact, it was in Faust that the great baritone fully shared the honors with Melba, the peerless. Sig. D'Aubigne is a pleasing tenor, and in the "Queen of Sheba" aria, the aria from "Rigoletto" and in the prison trio from "Faust" he acquitted himself well, although comparison with Campanari could not help but place him at a disadvantage. It must be remembered also that Mr. Lloyd Dabney, late singing comedian of the Augustin Daly company, now Sig. Lloyd D'Aubigne, the operatic tenor, has sung in Toronto but once before, and that only at a concert. Had a chance to get over the effects of an ocean voyage and the effects of the sea air on a tenor's throat, as heonly landed a week from Tuesday, sang at Worcester on Thursday, rushed off by the midnight train to New York, and on Monday was rehearsing with the Melba company at Boston. Then followed ortland, Montreal and Toronto in quick succession; in fact, the tenor has been the busiest of busy men lately. Mlle. Bauermeister has a fine voice—sweet and pure, and of some power—but it seemed almost cruel to place her directly before Melba on the program. It gave the audience the impression that she had been so placed as a mere foil to the great singer. Nevertheless the little lady with the mezzo voice gave great pleasure to her hearers by her admirable rendering of Bishop's "Bid me Discourse," a beautiful selection, by the way. In Mr. London Ronald, the able musical director of the company, we find a thorough musician; a professor of the Guildhall school of music, and late chef d'orchestra under Sir Augustus Harris. Mr. Ronald is a better musical director than a compositor, and the rendering of the "Zampa," overture and the grand overture to "William Tell" was deserving of all praise. The Melba engagement was a huge success, both artistically and financially, and Mr. F. E. Stocklitz is to be congratulated, as well as thanked for the rare treat he provided for Toronto music-lovers.

Run Down by a Wagon.

While crossing Queen-street, near McCaul, yesterday, Mrs. E. C. Pearson, a Weston lady, was run down by a heavy wagon and painfully bruised about the body. The ambulance removed her to her sister's home, Adelaide and Simcoe-streets.

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Ada Cavendish Dead.

London, Oct. 7.—Miss Ada Cavendish, the actress, died here to-day.

Fire Engineers.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 7.—The 31st annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers will be called to order in this city to-day by Chief Benoit of the Fire Department of Montreal, Canada. Two hundred and fifty fire chiefs of the various fire departments of the United States and Canada arrived yesterday. It is expected that 400 chiefs will be in attendance.

A New York Y.M.C.A. Building Burned.

New York, Oct. 7.—The building of the Yorkville branch of the Young Men's Christian Association was wrecked by fire early Monday. Loss $10,000. Adjoining houses were damaged to the amount of $3000.

WON HER CASE.

First Appearance in the High Court of a Lady Lawyer.

For the first time in the history of Canada, a lady lawyer officially appeared in a High Court of Justice at Osgoode Hall yesterday, when Miss Clara Brett Martin, Toronto's lady legalite, applied to Judge Ferguson for the payment out of court of interest on money due her client, Miss Lillie Thompson, a 16-year-old Detroit girl. Barrister Martin showed by affidavit that her client was in poor health and in need of the money. The principal in court is about $1000. As Dr. Hoskin the official guardian did not oppose the payment of the money, the Court granted the plea of Portia.

Tramp Printer Falls Off a Freight.

Bismarck, Ont., Oct. 7.—John Reid, a printer, beating his way on a Michigan Central freight train from Detroit to London, fell between the cars. His right leg was cut off above the knee and he was otherwise injured. His home is in Petrolea.

DEMERS' VERDICT TO-DAY.

The Case Not Given to the Jury Until This Morning.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—There has been another adjournment in the Demers murder trial. Tuesday morning the judge will finish his address, and the case wil go to the jury. Mr. Quinn, Q.C., delivered a masterly address for the Crown.

Action Taken Against Smugglers.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 7.—The Government cruiser Fiona has been despatched to Placentia and Fortune Bay to investigate cases of alleged smuggling and to arest a number of persons accused of complicity in the offence. The vigorous action of the magistrates in punishing the first offenders so severely forced the Government's hand and compelled it to put the law in motion against its own.

HAD HE A PREMONITION?

Put $6000 Accident Insurance on His Life 24 Hours Before He Was Killed.

London, Ont., Oct. 7.—The St. John Record says it is understood that the late Byron Taylor, the London Bank employe, who was shot early this week, placed $6000 accident policy on his life the day before he went to Fredericton. Besides this Mr. Taylor had $42,000 straight life insurance.

A Barrister Suspended.

Chancellor Boyd yesterday suspended J. A. Donovan, barrister, from practising until his fees, together with the fine imposed by the Law Society, are paid. The motion was made on behalf of the society by Mr. Walter Reid.

FEMALE INSPECTOR APPOINTED.

Dr. Sheard Gives the Position to Miss Rosie Scovell.

Out of the many applicants for the position of Female Factory Inspector, Medical Health Officer Sheard has selected Miss Rosie Scovell, 7 Madison-avenue, for the position. Miss Scovell has received her appointment, and will commence her duties at once. She has been employed as manager of the supply department of the Bell Electric Light Company. Miss Scovell is 37 years of age, and has been a bookkeeper for some years.

PULLMAN SELLING OUT.

All His Property Except the Factory Bought by a Syndicate.

New York, Oct. 7.—The papers for a new corporation the name of which is not yet learned are ready for filing at Trenton, N.J. The capital of the company is $18,000,000, and it is chartered to purchase the title to all real estate now owned by the Pullman Company in Pullman and elsewhere which is not directly essential to the manufacturing business of the old corporation. In other words, the Pullman Company will cease to be landlord for its workmen.

E. F. B. Johnston Will Prosecute.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—The Assizes open here on the 22nd, when Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, Q.C., will conduct the prosecution in the Kurschinski murder case.

Burglars Still Working.

The midnight mechanics are still active. Sunday night the house of Mrs. Rogers, 173 Crawford-street, was broken into during the absence of the family at church, a quantity of silverware and $5.50 in cash being taken.

Crawford-street school was entered by thieves, and the teachers' desks rifled. Little of value was taken.

The Bear Was a Buster.

London Advertiser.

The bear shot some time ago by Mr. Latimer at Euphemia, Grey County, was a buster. It weighed 250 pounds. He got four gallons of tallow from it. The skin was a beautiful black.

Bears Fond of Mutton.

On Wednesday last Mr. Thomas Mason of Boskung, Stanhope, had five sheep killed by bears in broad daylight. He had been killed the night previously and bruin had returned to satisfy his appetite for mutton the next day. The bear was seen chasing the sheep by a cattle buyer who was driving past the place at the time. We expect to hear of a big bear hunt in that locality, soon, as if the bears are not either killed or driven from the locality, we will hear of more such depredations on the flocks of the Stanhope settlers.—Minden Echo.

C. of E. Woman's Auxiliary.

The Board of the Church of England Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Thursday next in St. Stephen's School House, College-street, at 10.30, instead in St. James' School House as incorrectly stated in yesterday's paper. The Lord Bishop will take the chair at 2.15 p. m. and addresses will be given by Mr. Eugene Stock and Mr. Percy Grubb. All members of the Auxiliary, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and any others who are interested in missions are invited.

A Convict's Luck.

Owing to the death of a relative in Yorkshire, Eng., William J. Spencer, now serving a term of two years in the Central Prison for the theft of a bicycle, has fallen heir to £20,000. His sentence expires in August, 1896.

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15-Year-Old Thief Sentenced.

Fifteen-year-old Charles Dawser was yesterday convicted of stealing a sum of money from the trunk of Miss Madeline Brant, 91 Peter-street. He was sentenced to the Reformatory for two years.

Alleged Sneak Thief.

Detective Burrows yesterday arrested Harry Allan, 20 Sullivan-street, on a warrant charging him with theft. It is alleged that Allan sneaked a quantity of clothing from a room in the Grand Union Hotel, the property of one of the guests there.

To know "Odoroma" and use it is evidence of good taste.

REVENGE WAS HIS TEXT.

Chicago Colored Preacher Advises Use of the Torch in Lynching Districts.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Negroes who crowded Quinn Chapel yesterday morning rose in a body to their feet in endorsement of an impassioned declaration by the Rev. J. M. Townsend, the pastor. He read to the audience from a morning newspaper clipping an account of the torturing of Neal Smith at Chattanooga. Then he said: "This must stop in a Christian land. At this moment men of the cloth are protesting to the Heavens, and they are united in recommending what I am going to say. If the law is not to be allowed to take its course concerning our men involved in crime, the torch must be applied to those cities where the outrages occur." The audience's spontaneous indorsement confused Mr. Townsend and he remained silent. In a moment the stillness was broken by a heavy voice, which said: "We rise to indorse what you have said." The audience was then dismissed.

Critical Situation at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Oct. 7.—It is stated on what is seemingly good authority that the representatives of the powers have ordered the warships here of the nations they represent to take their postitions along the Quay to-night.

Road Auct is Hold Up a Trolley.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Five armed and masked road agents held up an electric car in the outskirt sof the city between 8 and 9 o'clock to-night and went through the passengers in regular train-robber fashion. One passenger was shot and the robbers escaped without leaving a clue to their identity.

Where Water is at a Premium.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Oct. 7.—Amidst the cheers of a large assemblage, the first water train pulled out of this city to-night conveying 70,000 gallons of water to the relief of the drought sufferers in Altoona. Trains are running at frequent intervals, now to supply water to the Pennsylvania railroad shops, and 35,000 residents of Altoona. The water famine situation in other surrounding towns is alarming, but it is believed Hollidaysburg reservoir can furnish relief to all if needed until there is a rainfall.

Victoria Hockey Club decided at the annual meeting to-night to again send a team to play matches in Eastern Canadian cities in February, provided satisfactory arrngements can be made.

Don't be deceived, see that all hams, bacon and lard you buy are branded "L. & S."

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Strong Bills at Two Theatres—"Forget-Me-Not" Revived With Great Success—"The Fatal Card" Excellent.

A new departure was taken at the Toronto Opera House last night, when a celebrated emotional actress presented a famous society play at popular prices. Miss Jeffreys Lewis is an artiste of much power and distinction, and has surrounded herself with a good company. There have been many inferior organizations playing here at what are called first-class prices.

"Forget-Me-Not" is a society play by J. Comyns Carr, the author of "King Arthur," which Irving produced here. It has been made familiar to Torontonians by Genevieve Ward and Rose Coghlan. It is cleverly constructed, with terse dialog, and is one of those theatric words of French derivation which have their source in the younger Dumas' "Demi-Monde" and Angiers' "L'Aventuriere." It has an adventuress for a central figure, whose evil intentions are circumvented by an astute man of the world. "Forget-Me-Not" is one of the cleverest of the scores of plays written on this theme and which number among them "Home," "The Crust of Society," "Still Waters Run Deep" and "Lady Barter." Last night the gods were diffident at first, but later became rapt in their appreciation.

Miss Jeffreys Lewis, who played Stephanie de Mohrivart, is noted chiefly for vivacity and vitality. She is invariably effective, and paints her effects with a broad brush. She has all the aplomb required for such a part and much theatric pathos as well. Mr. Arthur Forrest, her opposite in this duel between a man and woman of the world, is known as the original "Capt. Swift" in Toronto. He is handsome, virile and clean cut. Mr. W. C. Cowper made a hit in the character role of the revengeful Corsican, and did not make the mistake of vulgarizing his role.

During the week Miss Lewis will play "The Creole" and "La Belle Russe."

"The Fatal Card" a Fine Melodrama.

A remarkably good melodrama was produced at the Grand Opera House. The phrase "remarkably good" is qualified by the term melodrama; there are those who think that a melodrama cannot be good in its very nature. Accepting the well-known melodramatic conventions that the play shall deal with improbabilities rather than probabilities, shall aim at exaggeration rather than truth, shall express theatricality rather than simplicity, "The Fatal Card" is one of the best pieces of its kind that have been seen here. It is fully as interesting and strong in movement as "The Silver King," but it is improbable that the piece will be as lasting, because the central figure of the old play was an attractive man, whereas "The Fatal Card" is the story of a remarkable criminal.

The excellence of the piece as a theatrical entertainment is accounted for by its authorship. It is jointly the work of Haddon Chambers, the author of "Captain Swift," and of Basil Stephenson, who has been associatetd in the authorship of "Diplomacy," "Dorothy" and "The Passport." The work of these clever craftsmen shines in the dialogue, which is excellently written, and in the form of the story, which is splendidly told.

George Marrable, the central character, is a gentlemanly thief. He is evidently a type down from the famous Spider of "The Silver King," a dapper old gentleman who is respected in society and yet is a most determined criminal in private life. The first act, a cleverly written sketch of frontier life in the west, shows how a young bearded stranger saved him from the clutches of a lynching vigilantly committee. At that moment he tore the acks of clubs in two and gave half to the stranger as a lucky token. The folowing three acts show him in England one more dapper and ostensibly respectable, conceived in the image of an old man for his money. The murdered man's son tracks the murderers into their den and is about to be slain. The infernal machine that is to destroy is set. He will be thought to have been killed in an explosion and the criminals will escape scot free. The dauntless youth, who has run Marrable down, asks him to take his mother's likeness from his pocket before he dies. Marrable does so and the fatal card drops out.

"Where did you get that?" he cries.

"From a chap I did a good turn to in Colorado," says the youth.

"I am the man whose life you saved," cries Marrable. He grasps the infernal machine and runs with it to throw it from the window, but is killed in the explosion, having explated his crimes by dying for a man who had saved his life once.

The melodrama is unfolded with an entire novelty of incident, and is thrilling from first to last. It is intensely sensational, but there are none of the maudlin, outworn themes about the hero, pursued by a villain and the heroine turned out to starve in the snow. The sentimental interest is supplied by the love of the young man Gerald Austin for the criminal's daughter.

The company presenting the piece is not brilliant, but for the most part competent. Charles Stedman as the aged criminal, Marrable, lacks distinction, but is a thoroughly effective actor; Walter Howe, as the young man who holds the other half of the card, is handsome and virile. Miss Kathryn Osterman makes a beautiful and charming heroine. The piece will run at the Grand all week.

At the Musee.

The fat women bicycle riders are the main attraction in the lecture hall at the Crystal Theatre and Musee this week and it is a novel sight to see the six ladies whose aggregate weight is 2921 pounds engaged in a bicycle contest, in which Lucy Morris, a 610-pound fairy, appears to be a winner, while Amelia Hill ("Trilby") is hardly as active with her 410 pounds and is at the tail end.

In the theatre the attractions are very good, particularly the Brothers Palaro, aerialists, and the Bonitas, eccentric comics. Other artists are A. C. Lawrence, baritone and imitator; Joe Waldron, illustrated songs; Edwards & Neilson, Irish sketch artists; Larry and Mrs. Tooley. The performance concludes with the comedy skit "Home Spun."

James O'Neill as Virginius.

James O'Neill will open at the Princess Theatre on Thursday night in "Virginius." His performance of Sheridan Knowles' tragedy has been one of this and last season's banner events. It is doubtful if any of his great interpretations, that of "Monte Cristo" included, has left such a deep impression upon his audiences as his grand portrayal of his classical Roman hero. On Friday evening Mr. O'Neill will present "Monte Cristo," "Virginius" being repeated at the matinee and "The Courier of Lyons," or "The Lesurques Case," Saturday night. The sale of seats begins this morning.

Lillian Russell.

Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau, the managers of Henry Irving, are bringing the Lillian Russell Opera Company of over 100 people to the Grand Opera House next week. The operas to be produced are "The Tzigane," by De Koven & Smith, and Offenbach's great opera bouffe, "La Perichole." The sale of seats begins on Thursday next.

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DEATH DUE TO A KNIFE WOUND.

Inquest on the Body of John Scott, Killed at Severn Bridge.

"We find that deceased, John Scott, came to his death from a wound inflicted by a knife in the hands of John McKenzie at Severn Bridge on Friday, Oct. 4, 1895."

Such was the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury in the case of John Scott of Severn Bridge, who died in the General Hospital on Saturday night. Coroner Johnson conducted the inquest at Young's mortuary establishment, 347 Yonge-street, last night.

John Boyd, a big fellow, who hails from Severn Bridge, was the mast material witness. He saw the altercation between Scott and McKenzie and said the two men met in Cleland's Hotel on Friday afternoon, both of them being very drunk, Scott more so than McKenzie. As soon as deceased came into the hotel he saw McKenzie and commenced to abuse him. Witness rushed between them and told Scott there was going to be no fighting. McKenzie was inside a small room and Scott was in the hall. Witness was standing in the doorway between the two apartments. Scott went away and came back again, cursing, at the same time rushing toward him. Boyd stopped him again. McKenzie had a jackknife in his hand and was cutting tobacco. Deceased made another effort to get at him and McKenzie said he would stab him if he did. "I am an old man," said McKenzie, "53 years of age, and you are a better man than I am; I won't fight with you, but if you strike me I'll stab you." Turning to witness McKenzie said: "Take that man away."

Scott rushed past witness and clinched with McKenzie for only about a couple of seconds. Witness could not swear he saw the knife in McKenzie's hand, but he was sure it was there. The men were separated and McKenzie went outside. Scott did not know he was stabbed until he was examined by witness and others. A doctor was called and deceased was laid upon a lounge, where he remained till next day.

Dr. John Caven, who had conducted a post-mortem examination, deposed that death was due to hemorrhage and peritonitis, the former resulting from the knife wound in the groin.

Dr. McFarlane, who attended deceased at the hospital, says that it was apparent that the man was dying soon after his admission to the hospital and that no surgical operation could have saved his life.

Dr. Arthur A. Small of the hospital house staff testified to the treatment deceased had received while in that institution.

McKenzie will be brought before a magistrate at Severn Bridge this morning.

A Boycott of Coal Dealers.

The Longshoremen's Union of Toronto met in Richmond Hall last evening and sent a deputation to confer with the Tailors' Union and the Print and Pressmen's Union, with a view of obtaining support in resisting reductions in wages. The members of the two sister societies resolved to refuse to patronize any of the coal dealers who do not pay the union rate of wages to longshoremen, and it is understood that the dockmen presented quite a long list of such employers.

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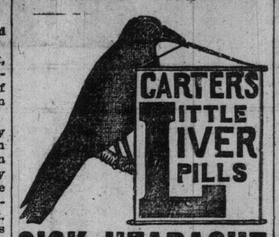

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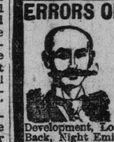

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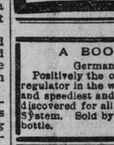

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