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24: There is a story in all this [the stand taken and the fights made in the interest of the people by the where. member for South York, Mr. William Maclean, and his journal, The Toronto World. On the subject of railways you find in parliament the same dispositions as you find animating the newspapers: just as one is able to say La Presse is the tool of Mackenzie and Mann, La Patrie the tool of the C.P.R., and Le Canada the tool of the Grand Trunk, of the Grand Trunk Pacific; so one knows that the bulk of the members and the ministerswe speak here of those who count for something-divide their favors between these three: the public fall into last place, after Hays, Shaughnessy

It is more than three years since

and Mackenzie and Mann.

of the passenger tolls to two cents. press and the members gave him the laugh the companies had so long exploited the public that to disturb them in the practice was almost a sacrilege. But Maclean persisted like another Plimsoll in the British McIntyre, a western member, . just 3 1-3 cent rate east of Toronto; men. the denial of the penny-a-mile thirdtion of public opinion—and one is ferced to say that not one member and ot one journal of Quebec outside of not one journal of Quebec outside of Stuam Lyon, speaking for the Young The Nationaliste group contributed to Men's Municipal Club, was strongly oplonger be tolerated.

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# CONVERTING IT INTO PARK

Dr. Sheard's Drastic Proposal to Wipe Out Toronto's Ghetto-Housing Problems Discussed.

The bold suggestion that the city hould expropriate St. John's Ward in entirety and convert the extensive area into a park and playground as a means of ridding the city of a district notarious for its filth and unsanitariness, was made by Medical Health Officer Dr. Sheard at the conference between the civic housing committee and interested organizations at the city hall Thursday night. The proposal appeared to be of too sweeping character to find favor with the gathering of about 50 delegates, over which Controller Hocken presided. The bodies represented inen presided. The bodies represented in-cluded practically all the organiza-tions of a public nature in the city, and while the views expressed were many, the consensus of opinion ap-peared to favor the establishing of in-dividual homes as against tenement or apartment houses. There was a de-cided difference of opinion shown, how-ever, as to whether the city should emever, as to whether the city should em-bark in the undertaking. Dr. Goldwin

bark in the undertaking. Dr. Goldwing Smith was among those who entertained doubts on the subject.

R. C. Steele, president of the board of trade, declared that the problem was a very pressing one. Sanitary homes were an absolute need. He pointed out that in Hamilton the Westinghouse Company has purithouses for their employes, and an Oshawa firm had done the same, at rentals ranging from \$7 to \$10 a month. He thought Toronto might follow the example.

Expropriate the Ward. Dr. Sheard said that inspection had shown that there was little to complain of as to overcrowding in the lodging houses of the city. He thought that the whole question was one that was intimately related to the question of profit making on investment. Because of the fact that houses in St. John's Ward had not been able to command good rentals they had been allowed to the fall into neglect and filth, and the Jews had been steadily acquiring ownership good rentals they had been allowed to fall into neglect and filth, and the Jews had been steadily acquiring ownership to the exclusion of other races. Dr. Sheard drew a picture of squalor and general unsanitariness through the bold suggested that the building bylaws and and same cult with the bold suggested that the building bylaws and and same cult with the bold suggested that the building bylaws. ward, and came out with the bold suggestion that the city expropriate St.

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land could be made into a playground

chairman had invited each organizanew General Hospital. Replying to Ald. Vaughan, he said that the displac-

Dr. Goldwin Smith's Views. Dr. Goldwin Smith, who was received with hearty applause, thought the housing problem in St. John's Ward could be easily dealt with without expropriating the land. He referred to project of several years ago tablish workingmen's homes, which had failed because of the extraordinary opposition to it. The city could not adopt a policy without the definite assent of the ratepayers. Considerable expense would be involved, and the municipality would be under a disadvantage because the cause of the thanging personnel of the city counsel. He referred to the experience in the building of the city hall, it having been originally estimated that the cost would be \$800,000, while the actual cost had been about two and Mr. Maclean proposed the reduction one-half millions, owing to the changes in the city council. was undoubtedly suffering Toronto from congestion of population, due to the arrival of new industries and to the

natural tendency of country folk to flock to the city.

the denial of the penny-a-mile third-class rate between Toronto and Mont-pal undertaking to erect cheap houses almost feroclous strength of the feareal, all these brought up not only would cause a good deal of underhand tures and the figure. He towers—this the denial of two cents a mile, but a competition, and that if the city went giant—above the size of even the of of arbitrary treatment accorded into the market and sold at a low ordinary big man, and his jaw has the public. Before this manifesta-price the value of property in general squareness, and the mouth a tight would be depreciated.

Regulate the Tenements, the government and the commis- posed to tenement houses of the type sion surrendered and the commission, of one that had been begun at the corsenger rates, discreetly became seized built more than four storeys high and of the fact that its inaction would no with a less number of apartments than four, and bath and closet accommoda-tion should be provided. Tenement houses tended toward producing im-

morality, he asserted. Thomas Roden, speaking for the C M. A., outlined the association's plan 36 of having a number of members and others interested furnish bonds from \$5000 to \$20,000 each for the ter. It was desired to build 1000 houses, and it had been figured that land could be bought and houses erected for \$1200 each. A rental of \$15 would cover taxes, low interest and insurance. He suggested that the city might aid by relaxing the Robert Hungerford of the Trades

and Labor Council, believed that the workingmen should be aided to pay for their own houses. Wm. R. Gregg of the Architects' Association thought the central portion of St. John's Ward might be expropriated.

Need \$10 a Month Houses. Houses renting at about \$10 a month were needed, asserted Col. Gaskin of the Salvation Army. He also believed that tenement houses would be a menace to morals. Mr. Gregg thought that the kind of tenement houses in Montreal, which had separate stairways, would avoid the objectionable

mingling of the sexes. Controller Heckenu said he drew a sharp line between the tenement house and the well appointed flat.

Rev. F. H. Perry, on behalf of the
Associated Charitles, said that that body favored the views of the Manufacturers' Association or of Dr. Goldwin Smith, as against municipally owned tenements.

Jas. Ryrie thought the heavy expense in car fares militated against the idea of having houses erected in "I think this tenement business with

proper safeguards is getting around where we want," said he, Leave Workingmen Alone. Harvey Hall, speaking as a workingman, said that the feeling of workingmen, as he had found it, was against the city undertaking to build houses. He thought workingmen should be left to work out the problem for

should aid workmen to obtain sani-tary conveniences, by first installing such conveniences and allowing menthly payments to be made upon

Rev. Robert Hall couldn't see how the expropriation of large tracts of land would give relief, unless some disposition could be made of the dis-possessed population. The present difficulties were largely due to the incoming of the foreign population. The true solution was the providing of accommodation in central localities, as the poor naturally gravitated there, and employment could be morreadily obtained. He said the tenement houses at Glasgow had complete sanitary arrangements, and that there was no such mingling of the sexes as had been complained of

Oppose Civic Undertaking. Frank Saunders of the Builders Exchange said that body was strong ly opposed to the city embarking the project. There were numbers private individuals who would willing to erect houses at small pr fit in rentals, which should be mad weekly. He suggested three or fou per cent, as a fair return, but de clared that the present cost of labo and material precluded the buildit of houses at the low cost mentioned W. Harris of the Federated Cou cil of Building Trades, feared that the expropriation of St. John's Ward would thrust an undesirable class of residents on the rest of the com-

munity. Ald. Jas. Hales, who questione whether any real congestion existed was severely taken to task by Allan Thompson of single tax views of the familiar sort. Mr. Thorn of the provincial secretary's department ex-plained that his interest in housing problems was personal, and that he ernment. He had discussed the Manu-facturers' Association's plans with them, but had not committed himself in their favor.

Defence of Jews,

"The bad reputation of St. John's Ward was there long before the Jews were." asserted Mr. Singer of the Young Men's Zion Club in vigorous criticism of the statements of Dr. Sheard. Mr. Singer doubted that a majority of the Jews in the ward were landlords, and hence responsible for the unsanitary conditions.

Le Nationaliste, Montreal, March

24: There is a story in all this [the reductions in passenger fares to three cents.] But let us recall only the stand taken and take did not expect a plan to be ready be-fore next fall.

We all know what part Bismarck played in the creation of the modern Germany we now see before us; how divisions and her impotence to the splendid strength and unity of to-day. And we know, too, the means' by which he accomplished this tremendous purpose. And yet, says" T. P." in his Weekly, is it not a curious re-flection—it is borne in one me all the time I am thinking of Mrs. Moffatt's 'Queen Louisa of Prussia"-is it not curious comment on this accomplishment of one of the world's most difficult and gigantic problems, tht the impartial student finds it difficult to decide which of two commanding personalities deserves the greater redite for the ultimate success? And the problem is made even the more curious and interesting if you conlike another Plimsoll in the British Dr. Smith believed in financially ald-house. This year again the ministry ing workmen who desired to own their turned down the Maclean bill, but homes. He had observed the workings be. hTey do not belong to the same revelt began to show in the ranks-Mr. of the experiment for years, and had sex; the one is a womanfi the other McIntyre, a western member. . . . never known of a case where a cent is a man. Their temperaments are Mr. Gorden of Kent. The two-cent had been lost. He believed the practice created good citizens and nappy ticn. Look at Bisfarck, even in the statue and the photograph, and you ness, that seem to suggest rather the tiger than the mere ordinary man of flesh and blood. If ever there were a picture of ruthless, cruel, dominating brute masculine strength it is Bismarck. And now turn to the picture of the other being who deserves to which, never before the present session, had attempted to regulate pasteness should be allowed to be stand by the side of Bisfarck in that German Valhall which contains the creators of the modern and noble fa-bric of to-day; and was there ever a form and a face which suggested more the softness and the sweetness and all the other divine attributes which distinguish the good woman?

Flax Cultivation in Chilie. According to The Board of Trade Journal, the British legation at Santiago reports that a German flax-growing expert, acting on behalf of two of the largest flax-spinning firms in Reichenbach, Bohemia, has during the past four years been conducting exhaustive experiments in the districts in South Chile round Lake Lanquihue and the Island of Chiloe, and has now succeeded in determining the species of plant most suitable to the limatic conditions of the country. The flax grown is said to be of exceedingly good quality and of greater length than the flax ordinarily grown in Europe. Unusually heavy crops have been obtained from the land on which the experiments have been made. The German expert hopes to obtain a bounty from the Chilian gov-ernment on the export of flax in order to stimulate its cultivation. It is expected that Puerto Montt will be the centre from which the raw material will be exported.



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HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

## CONVENTIONS AT HAMILTON B.Y.P.U. ELECT OFFICERS

Y.M.C.A. and Christian Workers' Conference - John H. Havill Dies.

Hamilton, March 29.—John H. Hovill, the well-known jeweler, 24 West King-street, died to-day after a long illness. He is survived by a widow, a son and a daughter. The funeral will take place on Monday at 3.30 p. m., and will be in charge of Barton Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

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The provincial convention of the Baptist Young People's Societies of Ontario and Quebec elected officers as foilows this afternoon: Rev. C. M. Schutt, president; Rev. J. A. Gordon, R. A. E. McDonald and Rev. E. A. Brownlee, vice-presidents; L. H. Thomas, recording secretary; H. F. Stenbaugh, corresponding secretary; C. A. Chainen, assistant corresponding secretary; W. L. McKinnon, Toronto, D. A. Hackett and J. M. Ellis, executive. The principal address to-day was given by Rev. Dr. J. H. Farmer, McMaster University. The choir at Zion Tabernacle gave its annual concert this evening to an audience that filled the Course. annual concert this evening to an audience that filled the church. The choir was trained by John Porter, Miss L. Baillie and Miss Anna C. Laidlaw were the accompanists. The choir was as sisted by Arthur Osler, violinist, and

Miss Marietta Ladell.

The Erskine Presbyterian Church choir under the leadership of Dr. darris and assisted by H. Ruthven dac Donald, gave an enjoyable concert to night. Y.M.C.A. Convention. About 100 delegates attended the

first annual convention of the older boys of the Y. M. C. A. of Ontario and we bec, held here to-day. These officers were chosen: George Evans, namilton, chairman; ... Copeland, Collingwood, vice-president; Bert Marshall, Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

A picked team from the 13th negi

ment was defeated by the Windsor Fusi Hent was defeated by the windsor rushliers this evening by a score of 9 to 5.

The teams were: Hamilton (5) Adams,
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Worth, R. S.; Martin, R. F.; Lemon,
C.; Nixon, 2b.; Alton, P.; Dr. Parry, 10.
Windsor (9)—Thorburn, H. S.; Stokes,
B. S.; Brysn, R. F.; Deleney, 3b.; Car. R. S.; Bryan, R. F.; Delaney, 3b.; Gar michael, 1b.; Ruthbun, C.; Brydon, Fuller, R. F.; Nelson, P.

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Harry Gallagher, Stratford, a man 27 ears of age, created some excitement the Stuart-street Station this morn ing. He was arrested on a charge of assaulting the conductor by Constables Farr and Thompson. He put up a fight and succeeded in breaking the handcuffs.

Cancer and the Layman Early recognition in cases of cancer neans early removal in the majority of cases, with corresponding increase in the prospect of life. But too often says The Hospital, recognition is delayed because the patient does not apply for a diagnosis until his attention is drawn to some unmistak-able sigin, and this is due to ignor-ance rather than to carelessness. There is a prevailing opinion that cancer is always painful from the beginning, whereas it is really painless in the great majority of cases; most people are unaware of the precancerous cinditions in which the continuance of irritation is extremely likely to end the formation of a malignant owth. Were the public properly ingrowth. structed in these matters, many tongues would be either saved or re-moved with a better chance of success. Many persons with cancer of the large intestine would submit to a local removel rather than wait until a colotomy was alone possible; and many a woman with cancer of the breast would not need to be told that she had postponed too long her visit to the surgeon because she had not suffered pain. Such information could be disseminated readily enough by the exercise of a little tact, without in any way creating a panic, and it would be very beneficial to all classes of the community.

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