WHERE ARE THE TICKETS?

AND HOW DID THEY LEAVE THE COMBINATION SAFE?

City Officials Cannot Tell How—Developments Yesterday in the Trial of the Coal Case—The Weigher Who was not Particular About His Weights.

All day yesterday the alleged "coal conspiracy" case dragged it weary length along and from present indications it will keep on dragging until Saturday night or perhaps next week. The witness who bore the brunt of examination and cross-examination yesterday was Assistant-Engineer T. J. McMinn of the Waterworks Department. The greater part of his evidence was published at the time of the preliminary investigation. What was the chief point of interest in his evidence was regarding some missing coal tickets which are left by the carters on delivering a load. On finding that some tickets did not correspond with entries in Venables' coal book they were referred to the City Auditors. After the investigation he got them back from the late Secretary Morris and put them in the safe. During the hearing before the Police Magistrate he searched for these tickets but they were gone.

Then Crown Counsel Irving pitched in to ascertain where the tickets had gone. Mr. McMinn said that Superintendent Hamilton and a clerk named Evans had access to the safe, but the tickets were in a burglar-proof compartment, which was opened by means of a combination. He and the Superintendent knew the combination. The Crown called Superintendent Hamilton in its search for the tickets, and the Superintendent said that he and two clerks named Hewitt and Evans had access to the outer safe, while he, Mr. McMinn and a clerk named Raffan were the only ones who knew the combination of the compartment in which the tickets were placed. He had been informed that there was a difference between these tickets and the account as sent in by Burns. He knew nothing of the disappearance of the tickets.

Mr. Raffan swore that from 1877 until last July the combination safe was not used. He had a key for the outer safe, but the inner one was not locked. He last saw the tickets in the hands of Secretary Morris, a few days after the auditors' enquiry.

Two of the counsel for the defence were satisfied that the tickets had been traced to Morris, while the Chief Justice thought that McMinn was the last man shown to have had them.

Capt. Maw of the Jessie Drummond and Capt. Cook, of the same vessel, gave evidence as to what cargoes that vessel carried.

Thomas G. Skippen was a witness who created amusement for the defence and the audience, while he rather disconcerted the Crown counsel. He had been weighing coal as it came from the vessels occasionally in 1884, but he wouldn't swear to figures in a certain weigh book as being his own. When Mr. Osler got hold of him he admitted that when coal was coming to the scales in carts from Burns' yards and also in carts from a vessel he would enter the weights of both in the book without keeping them separated. Mr. Osler pointed out that every weight ended in tens, as "1620," "1650," "1670," etc., and the witness was not at all able to explain this remarkable evenness of weights, that if there were odd weights such as "1675" or "1661" they were averaged up. He could not explain how four leaves had been taken out of the book. His evidence was most unsatisfactory for the Crown, but pleasing to the defence.

The coal ticket disappearance was resumed when Clerk John Evans, sr., was called. So far as he knew the combination safe was always closed, but he saw no coal tickets and didn't take any.

John Shaw, a clerk who had been in Burns' office in 1885, was called to identify pages of the ledger, but the defence objected because the ledgers and other books had been taken from Burns' office by force. The objection was overruled, but Shaw was not able to positively identify the pages.

The trial will be continued this morning.

—Wire mats may be left out of doors in the rain, as all the parts are thoroughly galvanized and japanned, and will not rust or injure carpets or painted floors. 361

AMONG THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Appointment of Commissioners and Auditors—A Reduction in Membership.

At the York County Council meeting yesterday these communications, petitions and reports were read: From the 12th Batt., York Rangers, for a grant of $225 to purchase helmets; from the Clerk of the County Court, urging an early remedy for the insufficiency of accommodation for public documents; report of commissioners re Vaughan Bridge; from the County Treasurer, submitting accounts for the past year; petition of ratepayers for the construction of a bridge on the line between Vaughan, York and Etobicoke, over the Humber River. Statistics of the Markham and Weston High Schools were also presented.

The usual bylaws appointing Commissioners of County Property and auditors were passed. The Wardens John Richardson, jr., and W. H. Pugley will be the former and J. Jones and J. P. Wheeler the latter.

A report of the Committee on County Property, recommending the abolishment of the check gate at No. 5 toll-gate, Yonge-street, was adopted.

Several notices of motions were given, the only important one being by Mr. Bruce of an application to the Local Legislature to reduce the number of county councillors.

Steel wire mats are self-cleaning and require no shaking. They cost one-third to one-half less than the corrugated rubber mat of equal thickness, and are adapted for any and every place where a mat or matting is needed. 61

Marine Engineers in Session.

President Joseph Patterson presided at the annual meeting of the Canadian Marine Engineers' Association, held last night in Shaftesbury Hall. The delegates present numbered fifteen, all from Toronto, with the exception of Thomas Barlow of Kingston and George Keats of Lindsay. Several communications from outside points were read, explaining the inability to send delegates. C. E. Morgan and S. A. Mills, of Toronto, and T. Marriott of Aldershot were elected members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, S. S. Malconson; First Vice-President, W. H. Dillon; Second Vice-President, W. Kennedy. Council, J. L. Crowne, P. Kenny, M. J. McFall, John Harrington and W. Lowe; Secretary, F. E. Smith; Treasurer, J. Ellis; Auditors, J. Doran and S. Mills.

Judgments by Judge Rose.

In the Civil Assizes yesterday Mr. Justice Rose disposed of this business: Judgment for plaintiff for $835 and costs in Murray v. Radburn; judgment for plaintiff in Butler v. Keep for full claim, $217.73; judgment for plaintiffs in Canada Company v. Kyle to recover rent and interest, a test case which will be carried to the Supreme Court; judgment reserved in Mitchell v. Paterson, an action to recover $386 on two promissory notes; Toronto Lime Company v. Macdonald, judgment for plaintiffs for $235 by consent. The list for to-day is: Shea v. Grand Trunk Railway, Imperial Bank v. Shields, Langstaff v. Langstaff, Gunther v. Rosenbloom.

Immigrant Arrivals in Ontario.

During 1886 there were 69,539 arrivals of immigrants at the five agencies in Ontario, against 41,853 in 1885. Of the former number 49,685 went to the United States, 6 to Quebec province, 4560 to Manitoba, and 15,288 remained in Ontario, being 1315 more than remained in Ontario in 1885; in that year 25,139 going to the United States, 34 to Quebec, and 270 to Manitoba. The nationalities of the arrivals last year were 8344 English, 2497 Irish, 2268 Scotch, 936 German, 77 Scandinavians, 4 Swiss, 802 American and 360 from other countries.

To Enlarge the Canals.

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 27.—The Senate Canal Committee will report favorably Daly's bill appropriating $400,000 for enlarging the Erie Canal locks, $70,000 for the Champlain Canal, $15,000 for the Oswego Canal and $15,000 for the Black River Canal.

Steel wire Mats are now in use in all our principal churches, schools, banks and public buildings. Offices and factory, 6 Wellington west. 136

SCRAPS OF SEASONABLE SPORT.

Curling Matches for the Ontario Tankard in This City and Paris.

The Brampton Club succeeded yesterday in defeating the Toronto Granites on the latter's ice in the second draw for the Ontario Tankard. The game was magnificently played, and excitement ran high. The Granites were beaten by 4 shots. Score:

BRAMPTON.		GRANITE.	
Rink No. 1.			
R. H. Hodgson,		J. D. O'Grady,	
Robert Wilson,		R. B. Hamilton,	
William Adams,		W. G. Matthews,	
R. Nicholl, skip	22	C. C. Dalton, skip	14
Rink No. 2.			
C. Dawson,		T. O. Thornton,	
A. Morton,		R. H. Myles,	
J. W. Main,		B. Leacon,	
W. Peaker, skip	16	W. Badenach, skip.	20
Total	38		34

Ontario Tankard Matches at Paris.

PARIS, Ont., Jan. 27.—Three curling games for the Ontario Tankard were played here today. The following are the scores: Woodstock 38, v. Bright 34; Brantford 42, v. Simcoe 35; Paris 52, v. Ayr 29. The victorious clubs will play off to-morrow for the final result.

The Gun Club's Annual Meeting.

The Toronto Gun Club held its annual meeting last night in the club rooms, King-street east. The attendance of members was large. The principal business transacted was the election of these officers: President, George Pearsall; Vice-President, J. W. Millar; Secretary, J. E. Beswick (re-elected); Treasurer, R. J. Kidd; Committee, F. Martin, G. H. Briggs, A. Elliott and J. Worden; Auditors, J. C. Forman and J. Wright. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President, Mr. T. W. Downey, who for the past three years has so ably directed the club's affairs.

Imp. Billet.

The English horse Billet again occupies a very important position among the winning sires. Billet has been a leader for the past seven years. Ever since Miss Woodford has been on the turf she has maintained her sire's pride of place, and, despite the misfortune which attended her, the great mare last year again held aloft the banner of her sire, and placed him a good second in the amount of money actually won. If Billet never sires another racer, Miss Woodford will save him from oblivion, but as the sire of Volturno, Runnymede, Barnes, Elias Lawrence, Belle of Runnymede, Brookwood, Binnette, Ballard, and Blue Wing, he must always be favorably regarded.

Billet was bred in England by Mr. James Smith in 1865, and was bred to race, his sire, Voltigeur, having won the Derby, St. Leger and Doncaster Cup of 1850, while his grandsire, Flatcatcher, won the Two Thousand Guineas of 1848. As a race horse he was quite successful. Mr. Baxter, his owner, presented him to Mr. Youngman for riding a steeplechaser for him, and that gentleman sold him to a Mr. Thompson, who imported him to America. Billet arrived here in the autumn of 1868, and was for some time in a sale stable in New York City. Finally Mr. Powers of Decatur, Ill., purchased him, and such was his good looks that he beat Pat Malloy and Preston in the show ring at St. Louis.

Billet stood in Illinois until 1878, when he was purchased by Col. G. F. Clay of the Runnymede Stud, Paris, Ky., to which stud Billet was taken, and where he has remained ever since.

The prominent performers of Billet's get last season, besides Miss Woodford, are Blue Wing, a very unfortunate but really good horse, who was second for two Derbys, one of which, in the opinion of many good judges, he should have won. Millie, a nearly first-class mare; Peekskill, a most reliable performer, who started last year forty-three times; Pure Rye, who has been fairly successful, both at 2 and 3 years old; Spalding, an exceedingly fast horse, and winner of several races in very good company, and Wellington, a very good performer in hurdle races and steeplechases. Bimette, Belvidere, The Bourbon, Berlin, Belle B., Reggie Bush, Annie Woodcock and Orlando have also added considerably to their owner's winnings and to the total earnings of Billet's get.

General Notes.

Harry Johnson is out with another challenge to run any man in America 100 yards for $500 a side.

The great Kentucky stakes for $50,000, to be run in the spring of 1889, and which was to have closed Jan. 15, has now 175 entries. Col. Clark is considering, with the consent of the stables already in, a postponement of a month in order to attain the 300 necessary to fill.

K. K. Allcock paid a visit to Jerome Park last week and tried to negotiate for the purchase of Strathspey in the interest of Mr. Hendrie for breeding purposes. Spellman, the owner, not being present, nothing was done.

The dry goods branch of the Commercial League Baseball Association to the number of fifty-five enjoyed itself in royal style at their sleighing party Wednesday night. Collins' Hotel, Thornhill, was reached at 10 o'clock. A lovely spread was followed by two hours of good fellowship.

The directors of the Latonia Jockey Club on Friday last awarded the contract for the exclusive privilege of selling pools at the Latonia race track for the present year. White & Co., of Lexington, Ky., received the contract. Their bid for it was $53,750, and it went to them for that amount.

Walter Green and Billy Clow had a shoot yesterday afternoon at Eglinton, seven birds each. Mr. Green killed one bird, but Mr. Clow failed to score until the last bird. Both insisted upon shooting at this one, and it no sooner rose than it was blown into flinders. Both men claimed it and there was an animated discussion as to who should count it. The referee, after careful consideration of all the facts of the case, decided that Mr. Green had won by half a bird. They will shoot again.

During 1886 1609 races were run in England and Ireland, those races reported in the Racing Calendar counting for the sister isle. For these events 2076 horses started, comprising 880 2-year-olds, 593 3-year-olds, 293 4-year-olds and 310 5-year-olds and upwards. The number of foals for 1880—1882—shows a slight increase upon 1885. The colts had a preponderance last season, whereas the fillies were in a majority of seventy-two the year before. A few of the new sires likely to make a name are Border Minstrel, Ossian, a St. Leger winner, Victor Emanuel, Chevroneil, Elzevir, Camelliard, Ishmael and Southampton. The latter has twenty-seven foals to his credit.

England shows a falling off in the value of stakes won, as does Scotland, but Ireland is on the improve. The following comparative figures do not include second and third prizes or private matches or sweepstakes, the latter amounting to £2380:

	England.	Ireland.	Scotland.
1885	£404,494, 1s, 6d	£10,549, 9s, 2d	£8,709, 6s, 0d
1886	£339,486, 11s, 0d	£10,491, 7s, 0d	£7,916, 4s, 0d

The St. Louis Republican has the following remarks on a pool bill recently introduced in that state. "A bill is introduced at Jefferson City making pool selling come under the Johnson gambling law—a felony. Country members should study out the situation, when they will see that they will thoroughly kill the goose with the golden eggs if in their endeavors to restrain the amusements of a city they throttle horse breeding. Without speculation racing must languish, and without racing our horses must drop cent per cent in value. Missouri is just commencing to feel its feet in horse raising, and it will be a thousand pities and a shame if fanatic legislation takes a source of large income out of the pockets of our farmers."

Work for the Local Board of Health.

Ald. Drayton yesterday, in thanking the Local Board of Health for reappointing him chairman, stated that the efforts of the board during the year should be directed to the maturing of a scheme to prevent the Bay from being contaminated by the sewage of the city, and to restoring Rosedale Creek to a healthy condition, by compelling residents in the vicinity to drain their premises into the proper sewers. A sub-committee was appointed to enquire into this latter subject, and Ald. Macdonald secured a sub-committee to report on a new site for the Smallpox Hospital. The proprietors of a patent sewer ventilator were given permission to experiment on some of the city sewers. Dr. Canniff complained of the way in which he had been treated in regard to salary. The committee decided to recommend that his salary be increased from $1500 to $2000, and that he be paid $300 for extra services during last year. The members present were Ald. Frankland, Richie, Macdonald, Verral, Carlyle, Shaw and Johnston.

The York Township Vigilants.

The annual meeting of the York Township Vigilance Association was held Wednesday night at Birrell's Hotel, Willowdale. The association has now a membership of forty-four, and a decrease of crime in their midst is reported. Officers were elected: President, Elijah Armstrong, Yorkville; Vice-President, John Heslop, Yorkville; Treasurer, Alex. Gibb, sr., Yorkville; Secretary, David G. Holmes, Willowdale. The annual supper will be held on the evening of Feb. 8.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Caledonians' Concert a Great Success—Mr. Torrington's Amateur Orchestra.

The Caledonian Society of Toronto celebrated Burns' Anniversary last night by their annual concert in the Pavilion Music Hall. The attendance was larger than at any of their previous concerts, for, as one of the members remarked, "we never had the like of it." Among those who had seats on the platform were President W. D. McIntosh, Secretary Wm. Adamson, ex-Presidents Ross and Stephen; A. J. Cattanach, President of the St. Andrew's Society, and Robt. Swan. The program contained twenty numbers to begin with, but was subsequently increased to over thirty-five, including encores, and the audience had themselves to blame for being kept until 10.45 before the last piece was reached.

The program was a thoroughly characteristic one, containing many gems of Scottish song, and it was quite clear that among the audience "Auld Lang Syne" was well represented. Miss Jardine-Thomson sang the "Four Marys" and "Afton Water," and responded to an encore. Miss Forbes of Milwaukee, although not strictly in accord with the piano in "The March of the Cameron Men," improved in the second part, and in the encore to the song "Within a Mile" her merriment became infectious and the audience joined in a "laughing chorus." Miss McNeill of London has a pleasing voice, and interpreted such songs as "Scottish Blue Bells" and "Our Kail Yard" with sentiment and feeling. Mr. H. K. Maitland of Guelph, a typical Scotchman, was quite at home in the "Highlandman's Toast" and other songs, while the sympathetic and mellow voice of Mr. Geo. W. Grant was much admired.

Wee Robbie Burns, who has "danced afore the Queen," celebrated his namesake's anniversary with young Frank Wilson in a number of dances which were gone through in capital style. The little fellows were nimble and very graceful.

Mr. Thomas Hurst, who has not been singing for some time, came up smiling again last night and delighted the audience by several humorous songs. He is as funny as ever.

Mrs. Blight acted as accompanist. The members of the Society were greatly elated over the immense gathering, and the audience dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Torrington's Amateur Orchestra.

Many of Toronto's best music-loving citizens, and ladies particularly, occupied seats in Philharmonic Hall last night by invitation to hear an open recital by Mr. F. H. Torrington's amateur orchestra. This orchestra is something that Toronto people don't know enough about. Six weeks ago Mr. Torrington organized it, aiming only at the advancement of musical culture and not deriving the least benefit from it. Last night it appeared forty strong, and its rendering of five numbers was, without exaggeration, simply surprising. Composed mostly of young men, with a few ladies, it has developed into an organization showing capabilities of such a high order that it must surely keep together and abide with us. Almost marvelous was its execution of its numbers. In kindness only, it may be said that the only fault noticeable was a slowness of attack, as evinced in Delbruck's "Les Grenouilles," and Watson's "Queen's Jubilee" march. The orchestra deserves every encouragement, and it is to be hoped that this season the public will be granted an opportunity of hearing it play.

Mr. J. Churchill Arlidge, with his silver-toned flute, and Mrs. Parker, Miss Ryan, Miss Severs and Mr. Curren, in delightful vocal solos, filled the interval between the orchestral numbers.

At the request of Ald. Boustead, always the champion of music, Ald. Baxter, seconded by Ald. Defoe, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Torrington, the orchestra and the vocalists. In replying Mr. Torrington said that for thirteen years he had struggled and greatly succeeded in developing chorus singing in Toronto, and now he was going in to develop music in the orchestral branch. He made a strong appeal for the financial support from wealthy citizens, which he richly deserves.

Music and the Drama.

Miss Louise Elliott, soprano, and Miss Alma Dell Martin, contralto, both of New York, and Mr. Ronconi, bass, and Mr. Winch, tenor, of Boston, will be the soloists at the Choral Society's concert on February 15. The large chorus rehearsed "St. Paul" with a portion of the orchestra last evening.

At the Theatres.

"Saints and Sinners" at the Grand till the end of the week.

"Across the Atlantic" still holds the boards at the Toronto Opera House to good business.

Richard Mansfield opens a half-week's engagement at the Grand on Monday in "Prince Karl."

For the week commencing Feb. 14 the successful opera "The Maid of Belleville" will be presented at the Grand.

"Little Corinne" and her company will appear in the popular operas at the Toronto next week.

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Causes of Depreciation in Goods.

The causes or origin of the depreciation in goods are laid down by an old dry goods dealer as follows:

First—From the introduction of improved articles better suited to supply the demand or want.

Second—From change of fashion.

Third—From decay, rust, corruption, etc.

Generally the first of these influences is not difficult to guard against. The change from the use of one article to another by the community is quite gradual. If the dealer has any reasonable perception and judgment, he will notice the change going on and avoid purchasing the older style of goods timely enough to dispose of all he may have of them. Losses through changes of fashion are more difficult to guard against. The best general rule is to cut short the loss as soon as possible after the fashion changes, by selling the goods at once at the best price they will bring. No matter how great the reduction seems to be, the loss will not be so great as it would be if the goods were kept over until the next season. The extent to which any dealer suffers through the perishable nature of goods may be very approximately taken as a criterion of the attention which he gives to the details of his business. If goods are permitted to remain exposed to dust, light, moth, etc., and which may be injured thereby, or care is not taken against chemical and other changes, the losses in this way will be quite large in the course of the year. When any damage of this kind occurs to goods, it is good policy to sell them off quickly, making the loss at once.

A Midget Mother.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Nellie De Courcy, known as the heaviest midget in the world, has just become the happy mother of a bouncing baby boy, fully developed and weighing seven and one-half pounds. The child and mother are both at the Lying-in Hospital at Eleventh and Cherry streets, where, owing to the peculiarity of the case, the little mother had been taken some time ago for special treatment. The child is doing well, and has none of the peculiarities of midgets.

Nellie is 24 years old, forty-five inches tall and weighs 126 pounds. She is married to a man six feet three inches tall, who is at present absent on business in New York State. She is a niece of Mrs. Tom Thumb and has traveled all over the country with Barnum and Forepaugh and is still in active professional life.

This is the first child she has given birth to that lived, and as soon as she is in a condition to go on exhibition she will take the road with her baby as the star. There is also a midget at the Woman's Hospital, North College-avenue and Twenty-second-street, and she, too, will soon become a happy matron.

Iron in Greece.

From the New York Herald.

Consul Moffett of Athens reports that Greece yields about fifty thousand tons of iron ore per annum. The company mining it guarantees 50 per cent, of pure metal, and finds its best market in France. Of late, however, a very considerable quantity — during some months from five to six thousand tons—has been shipped to the United States. The Greeks who work the mines receive the moderate sum of from 57 to 77 cents a day.

GEBHARD TO MARRY MRS. LANGTRY

The Wedding Will Take Place as Soon as She Gets a Divorce.

From the New York Journal.

The report of the coming marriage of Mrs. Lily Langtry to Mr. Frederick Gebhard has been revived on much better authority than the past rumors of the sort. All that Mrs. Langtry is waiting for now, it is said, is a decree of divorce, which she will soon be enabled to obtain on the ground of abandonment on the part of Mr. Langtry. It is quite understood between the parties that such an application will be made and Mr. Langtry has no objection to it whatever. They have now not lived together for four years and six months, and according even to the laws of the State of New York, which is the strictest of all in the matter of divorce, five years is the period at which abandonment is a good ground for a decree.

Though there have been periods of estrangement, it is quite certain that Mr. Gebhard is as much in love with Mrs. Langtry as ever he was, and that the feeling is returned as much as is possible on the part of so passionless and cold a woman as is the fair actress. They are still together as much as ever. During the whole of Mrs. Langtry's engagements at the Fifth Avenue Theatre and at Niblo's Mr. Gebhard was in the habit of calling for her at the conclusion of the performance. On foot they would go to her house on Twenty-third-street, if the weather was fine, and in a carriage if otherwise. Frequently they would stop for a bit of supper at Delmonico's or the Hoffman. It has been remarked that Mr. Gebhard's attentions to the Langtry were of the most assiduous sort.

One of Mrs. Langtry's discharged butlers, the very one, by the way, who let out the story of the particular disposition of the crockery from Mrs. Langtry's house, says that the question of marriage was a frequent one between Freddie Gebhard and Mrs. Langtry, and that usually he was hurrying her to fix the date, while she was always coy and disposed to withdraw. But she never answered a positive negative, and always at the most asked him to defer the date in consequence of her complications.

The beautiful Jersey Lily may be called an American lily before long, for six months more will give her the vital interest here, as she becomes a citizen. Mr. Gebhard's name for her is the "Tiger Lily," especially when she has had a small house or the performance has not gone well. But he is pleased to get her for all that, and the ceremony is fixed to take place at Newport next June. There is no doubt that Mrs. Langtry will be free by that time.

Fast Track Laying.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

NEAR PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Jan. 6.—On Oct. 1 last the C. K. and N. Railway, which is a western extension of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, commenced to lay track west of the river from St. Joseph Mo., and have pushed it with lightning rapidity, until at this present writing they have completed in a most superb and substantial manner 250 miles of road ready for operation—one of the finest and most substantial railroads west of the Missouri River. They are laying track at three different points.

On December 18 last, at a point midway between McCords (Kan.) and Dubois (Neb.) Mr. William O'Leary, foreman of the track laying force, laying west on the northwest extension, and who is reputed by expert railroad men to be the most able track-layer in the West, laid in nine hours with a force of eighty-one men 10,310 feet of track, tied, spiked and lined, ready for trains to run—250 feet less than two miles. On the 4th inst., at a point four miles west of Dubois, Mr. O'Leary and his force of men laid 4200 feet of track on an up grade of thirty-five feet to the mile in two hours and forty minutes—that is, 240 feet over three-quarters of a mile—in complete running order. The day's work performed on this day, complete and in running order, was 8200 feet of track laid in five hours and fifty minutes. This is the fastest track laying on record performed with a Harris machine or any other track-laying machine now in use. To realize or comprehend the magnitude of this extraordinary amount of work performed in such a short space of time, one must be a practical and experienced railroad man can comprehend when he knows that it requires the following amount of material to lay a mile of track: Two thousand nine hundred and ninety-two cross ties, 211,200 pounds of steel rails, 10,560 pounds of fish plates or angle bars, 12,500 pounds of spikes, 1200 pounds of bolts and nuts, and fifty pounds nut locks and washers. Thus Mr. O'Leary can claim the honor of the fastest track laying on record.

A Nest of Mice in a Queer Place.

From the New York Star.

One of the swell actors in this city wears a $900 fur-lined overcoat. He glories in this cold weather and delights in standing out in front of the theatre each night with his overcoat closely buttoned around him, while his delicately chiseled face peeps out from over the collar, watching every one else shiver while he is perfectly cozy. On New Year's night, while talking to a party of friends, he had occasion to put his hand into one of the inside pockets of the huge and costly overcoat, and to his dismay discovered a Mrs. Mouse and a litter of little mice that had just been born. He succeeded in capturing the mother mouse and is endeavoring to tame her, and will bring up her children as educated pets.

The Philosophy of Death.

From the San Francisco Examiner.

A curious philosophy is being developed by religious thinkers in respect to the law of nature. They hold that this law is "destructiveness;" that it is in fact the condition of things. The spider eats the fly, the sparrow eats the spider, the hawk eats the sparrow, and man eats everything, and it may be added that time or death eats man. That destruction is the law of nature may be true in the sense that the world and all that is in it are constantly changing. The problem of the mystery of the origin of things opens a wide field for theological discussion and a great many singular doctrines may be drawn from it.

Free Trade.

—The reduction of internal revenue and the taking off of revenue stamps from Proprietary Medicines, no doubt has largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufacturers. Especially is this the case with *Green's August Flower* and *Boschee's German Syrup*, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The *August Flower* for dyspepsia and liver complaint, and the *German Syrup* for cough and lung troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicines in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted, in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents remain the same size. 135

Sound Thought.

fl—Don't hurry, don't worry, don't get in a urry when the train you are wanting is gone; don't climb over ridges, or cross over bridges, until you are standing thereon. But only take warning, and get up next morning, and be the first chap in the race. Concerning the latter, 'twill be little matter if your pocket is full of General Middleton, or Our Brave Boys brands of cigars. W. E. Dobson, manufacturer, 159 King-st. east. 246

Cheap Dry Goods.

—It is well for the readers of The World to know that at the January stock taking sale now going on at The Waterloo House all classes of dry goods, mantles, mantle cloth and millinery are being cleaned right out at astonishingly low prices, in fact some of the lines offered are nearly given away. Ladies in quest of big bargains should visit McKendry's Cheap Dry Goods Store 278 Yonge-street, south corner Alice. 246

A Strong Combination.

Medland & Jones, 37 Adelaide-street east, and Equity Chambers, 20 Adelaide-street east, represent the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society of England, the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company of Edinburgh, and the Accident Insurance Company of North America. The assets represented by this firm aggregate over $40,000,000. Telephone number 607. x246

What True Merit Will Do.

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Great Bargains.

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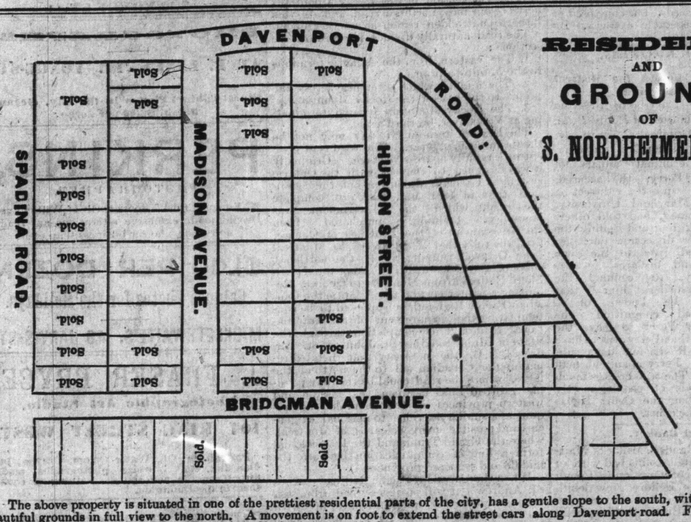

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—Mrs. Cyrus Kilborne of Beamsville, Ont., had what was thought to be a cancer on her nose, and was about to submit to a cancer doctor's operation, when she tried Burdock Blood Bitters, which effected a radical cure. This medicine cures all blood diseases. 246

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NOTICE.
THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
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MONDAY, THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1887, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,
for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Annual Report, considering and passing by-laws, election of Directors and other business of the Company.
By Order of the Board,
JNO. C. COPP, Secretary-Treasurer.
An adjournment of the above meeting will be moved till Tuesday, the 1st day of March at the same hour and place.
JNO. C. COPP, Secretary-Treasurer.

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W. GEORGE MUTTON, Secretary-Treasurer.
Toronto, Jan'y 27th, 1887.

Western Canada Loan and Savings Company.
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 70 Church-street, Toronto, on
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