

TOM LEE SING GOES HENCE.

End of a Noted Local Chinese in Hospital.

Tommy Figured in a Number of Gambling Cases.

Had the Local Colony of His Countrymen Against Him.

In the death of Tom Lee Sing at the City Hospital last evening, Hamilton's Chinatown loses one of its oldest and best known members. Tommy was one of the first Chinese to come to this city, and he had an eventful career. For many years he ran a laundry business on James street, south of Hunter, and while there he was converted to the Christian faith, and became a member of Knox Church. Tommy had peculiar ideas as to the obligations of his faith upon him, and he lived strictly up to them. One of his fixed ideas was that to expose and help stamp out gambling among the Chinese in the city would be an act of Christianity. Tommy worked with the police in many a raid on Fan-tan and Chinese poker joints, and numerous convictions were registered with his assistance. While on James street he took unto himself a wife, a pretty little English girl. He and his wife decided that a laundry was good pay, but that a restaurant might pay them better and they moved to York street where he had purchased the good will of another Chinese restaurateur. At the restaurant, Tom became a little reckless and sold liquor. He was convicted of this twice and realized that he had lost the friendship of the police. He bought for his protection a little white mongrel dog, and it soon became attached to him. If any person laid a finger on the general Tom he had the dog snarling at him and trying to chew the scoundrel up on the spot.

Some years ago, when Tom's campaign against gambling was at its highest, the Celestial received several letters from the Highlanders in Toronto, threatening him with death. He was very much frightened and purchased a big six-shot revolver, army calibre, which he obtained permission to carry. A couple of years ago a brother Chinese attempted to stab him, and was taken down for it, and several times the local contingent from the Flawery Kingdom made demonstrations against him. The latest of these was in the fall of last year, when he was arrested on a charge of burglarizing a laundry at James and Hunter streets, the one he used to run. Tommy swore that he was invited there by letter and that half a dozen of the Chinese he had helped to convict of gambling bound him up with a rope, put a "jiminy" in his pocket and then broke open the till and put the money in his pockets. This defence made an impression on Magistrate Jells, who acquitted Tom of the charge.

At that time the White Plague had gained a hold on poor Tom, and he was unable to stay his progress. He faded rapidly and a few weeks ago was taken to the City Hospital, helpless. He sank steadily until the end last night. His faithful little wife was notified and was with him at the last. But two weeks ago the only child of the oddly-mated pair died, and Mrs. Tom Lee Sing has been boarding at 35 1/2 King William street since then.

Tom Lee Sing calculated his age at 61 years, but he looked many years younger, and was sharp and lively till his last illness. Contrary to the usual custom of the Chinese, Tommy's body will lie in Hamilton Cemetery. In the case of staunch Chinese, the bodies are shipped back to the land of their birth and interred there, 5000 being shipped from New York a month or so ago. The remains will be interred on Monday afternoon, the funeral taking place from Dwyer's undertaking establishment.

Saturday Cigar Bargains.

Benquet and Hilda cigars, union made, 8 for 25c; Stonewall Jackson cigars, 6 for 25c; Barristers, J. C. F.'s, La Fortuna, Arabelas, 4 for 25c; Julia Arthur cigars, 6 for 25c, at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

UNTUTORED "LO" FAVORED CLERGY.

Ohsweken Indian Seems to Have Found City Ministers Quite an Easy Mark.

George Martin, 46-year-old Indian from the reserve at Ohsweken, was arrested last night by Detective Sayers, charged with vagrancy. This morning the charge was changed to obtaining money by false pretences and at present the big chief looks a likely recruit for Governor Ogilvie's stone breaking gang. In Martin's case those pitying expressions: "Lo, the poor Indian," and "Simple Redman," don't apply at all. The way the prisoner got money from four Methodist clergymen was like finding it. Last night Rev. W. F. Hollinrake, pastor of Zion Tabernacle, called up the police and told them that an Indian was begging from him, and he had reason to believe he was crooked. Detective Sayers found the Indian later in the Terminal Station, and arrested him. This morning he was charged with obtaining \$1 from Mr. Hollinrake by false pretence, and he pleaded not guilty, and elected for summary trial. Mr. Hollinrake said that Martin called at his house early yesterday morning, and told him he was from Caledonia. He said he was driving in to the market with a load of clover seed and potatoes when his horse slipped at the time he was on the mountain top and broke the harness. He could not bring his load to

Who She Is

Cleveland, March 26.—The Cleveland Leader this morning says: The woman known to the police as Mrs. James Boyle and believed to be the brains behind the kidnaping of "Billy" Whittle, was identified yesterday by a Cleveland vessel owner as Anna McDermott. She was born in Chicago. Her father is a well-known business man there, and she has a brother who is a banker. She was educated in a convent. Three years ago she disappeared from home. Since then her family have been in ignorance of her whereabouts. She is 22 years old. The vessel owner's half-sister is the girl's mother. A sister of the woman visited here a short time ago.

SERVIAN THRONE.

If Prince George Quits Alexandra Will be Made the Heir.

Servant Was Killed by Falling Down Stairs, It is Said.

Belgrade, March 26.—As soon as Crown Prince George informs his father, King Peter, that it is his irrevocable wish to renounce his right of succession to the Servian throne, the King will assent and will ask parliament to sanction the proclamation declaring his second son, Alexander, to be heir to the throne. Alexander spent some time at St. Petersburg as a student and is an intelligent and serious-minded young man. The cabinet has issued a statement that the servant, Kokolovitch, for whose death the Crown Prince was said to be responsible, asserted when he was brought to the hospital that his injury had been caused by falling down stairs in the dark. The body showed no external injuries and consequently the authorities have no reason to pursue the matter further. In the event of new facts being discovered there will be fresh investigation.

EXPOSED BODIES.

Earthquake Laid Bare Cholera Victims—Epidemic Feared.

Oaxaca, Mexico, March 26.—The recent earthquake cracked the walls of the cemetery and exposed the bodies of many victims of the cholera epidemic of 1881. The discovery to-day caused much consternation. In 1881 deaths from cholera were so numerous that it was found impossible to bury all. Many bodies were sealed up in the niches in the walls. The people fear a recurrence of cholera, but physicians declare all danger passed.

FILLED UP HARBOR.

Veracruz, Mexico, March 26.—The recent earthquake made the harbor here so shallow that ships drawing 24 feet touch bottom. Dredging will be necessary.

BROKERS CLOSED.

Chicago, March 26.—Twenty brokerage offices operated in different cities by A. W. Nobe were closed quietly yesterday. Announcement was made to-day that the claims of all customs would be made good.

Get a Bar

Of our "Shell" brand castle soap at 20c. These are the original 2 1/2-lb. bars with the stamp on the ends. We have this soap in cakes, which are handier, and sell at 50c per dozen or 5c per cake. Our stock of toilet soaps is the most complete to be found anywhere.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

HAMILTON'S BILL PASSED COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY.

City Empowered to Raise \$237,000, by Debentures—Mr. Waddell Makes Out Good Case For the City.

Cemetery Board Has Now Legal Standing—Sunday Cars For Port Arthur and Fort William.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—The Hamilton bill was the first one called in the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature this morning. A goodly deputation of Hamiltonians were on hand to back up the requests contained in the bill. They were Mayor McLaren, City Solicitor Waddell, City Engineer Barrow, Aldermen Lees, Farmer, Peregrine, Crerar and Allen. Mr. Waddell introduced the bill, asking that the city be empowered to raise \$237,000 in debentures to meet various debts contracted by the city, notably one of \$135,000 to be paid to the Street Railway Company for ex-

tensions and for improvements. The Railway Board, he said, was strongly in favor of the city carrying out its bargain with the company. "As to our financial standing," said Mr. Waddell, "I think I may say it is equal to or better than that of any other municipality in Ontario. Our tax rate was up to last year 20 mills, this year it is 21 mills, but of this 5 mills goes to support public and separate schools, leaving only 15 mills to be met by the taxpayer. The assessed value of property in the city is \$39,836,000, and we confidently expect that next year it will be forty and forty-three millions, not inclusive of the sinking fund. I think I may say

that the financial standing of Hamilton is equal to or better than that of any other city in Ontario. Of course there is an overdraft, but the citizens would rather have an overdraft than a high rate of taxation. I have only one thing further to ask, and that is the legalization of the Cemetery Board. For some years we have had a Cemetery Board of Management in Hamilton. It has been acting for years, and apparently without authority. It has between thirty and forty thousand dollars, which it has accumulated from the sale of lots and from permanent improvements, and we now ask that it be given authority to invest this amount. "Carried," was the general cry, and the Hamilton bill went through without a dissenting voice.

Spur Lines and Switches.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Toronto, March 26.—City Solicitor Waddell and Ald. Crerar, of Hamilton, presented to the Railway Committee of the Legislature this morning their bill to issue debentures to cover the city's share of the cost of constructing various spur lines and switches on the property of the Hamilton Street Railway Company.

Ald. Crerar said that the work was absolutely essential to provide transportation facilities for Hamilton industries. "This is practically a terminal station you are asking for," said Chairman Cochrane. "It is somewhat unusual."

Nevertheless, the committee passed it without discussion.

Did Mr. Studholme Use Bad Words?

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Toronto, March 26.—Allan Studholme, Labor M. P. P. for East Hamilton, and J. P. Downey, M. P. P. for South Wellington, indulged in warm talk this morning at the meeting of the Railway Committee of the Legislature, where the Southwestern Traction Company was again being discussed.

"You were the only member who opposed this yesterday," was Mr. Downey's salutation to the member from Hamilton.

Mr. Studholme jumped to his feet and mentioned the names of two or three other members who voted with him yesterday. Then he sat down, and said something more—something that was not audible to the majority of the committee.

Sunday Cars for Port Arthur

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—The wind up of the Port Arthur-Fort William bill was productive of some amusement in the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature this morning when the question of Sunday cars came up. The rest of the bill has been passed, but this one contentious clause remained, and the committee tackled it this morning. "There may be legislation relative to this question this session," said Chairman Lucas, "and again there may not, but so far as Fort William and Port Arthur are concerned it is desired to leave it also-lutely open."

F. H. Keefer, city solicitor for Port Arthur, spoke very strongly on the necessity for Sunday cars. "We submitted plebiscites on this question twice," he said, "and both times they carried by large majorities. Before we began to operate the plebiscites carried by 81 majority; afterwards when we had been operating for some time the plebiscite carried by 484."

Dr. T. S. T. Smellie, of Fort William, spoke also, using the same arguments. Dr. T. S. T. Swellie, of Fort William, made a speech that moved the committee to unrestrained mirth. "I want to see Sunday cars," he said. "Of course there is a certain amount of opposition to them, but it comes from members of one or two churches, by no means a considerable portion of the population. It would be very unfair if the cars did not run. Some time ago, you know, there was a great deal of opposition to organs in the churches. To-day every respectable church has an organ. Two generations ago, I can't speak of this for myself naturally, if a man asked for a little hot water on Sunday morning he was considered a suitable candidate for the nether regions, and two hours later if he asked for a stiff glass of hot Scotch whiskey before going into the pulpit it was considered a very meritorious and laudable action to give it to him. I object to having other people's principles thrust down my throat in this way. If this present intolerant spirit keeps on we will some day see the principal of Knox College burning Canon Cody on the University lawn because his principles do not agree with his own, or drown-

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

I have an idea that John Patterson's cars will run up James street to Main and work their way to the Terminal Station along that street. They would never be noticed.

STUCK BY FLYER.

These civic trips to Toronto are laying the foundations for another overdraft, or I am grievously mistaken.

Engine Turned Over on Its Side—Fireman's Ear Cut.

Rowmanville, Ont., March 26.—The Montreal flyer ran into an engine and caboose, returning to a siding after taking on water, about 300 yards west of the station here, about 1:30 this morning. The flyer, which was about half an hour late, does not stop here, and therefore had the right of way. Engineer David McKibbin, of Toronto, applied the brakes, but could not avert an accident. Notwithstanding that his engine was turned over on its side, he escaped unhurt, but Fireman Almon Arnold, who jumped, was badly cut about the face, one ear being almost cut off. None of the passengers were injured.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES.

Asparagus, spinach, butter beans, cucumbers, egg plant, green sweet peppers, new potatoes, new cabbage, Bermuda onions, Spanish onions, green onions, rhubarb, pineapples, Malaga grapes, apple, cranberries, new Brazil nuts, new maple syrup, marmalade oranges, Tunis dates, grape fruit, cicoes, haddie, oysters, bananas, limes. Bain & Adams, 29 and 91 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and up, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

SCHOOL CASE.

North Grimsby Must Pay \$3,600 and the Costs.

Decision was given this morning in a school case, which has kept the rate-payers of School Section No. 1, North Grimsby, and the whole district as well, interested for about two years. When the trustees of that district found the school site too small they decided to take an acre and a quarter of the land of Mr. G. D. Bell and build a new school upon it. Mr. Bell's lot is on the Queenston and Grimsby road, between Grimsby and Grimsby Park, and is an ideal spot. It is also valuable, and the owner declined to allow the trustees to take it, unless the terms were satisfactory to him. The trustees favored expropriation and arbitration to fix the price, and this morning the arbitrators, three in number, made their award. They allowed Mr. Bell \$3,600 for his acre and a quarter, the school board to pay the costs.

WILL HEAR BOTH SIDES.

Annexation Proposition to be Discussed Next Week.

Street Railway Company to Begin Work Next Week.

Art School Not Without Champions in City Council.

The special committee appointed by the council to name terms for the annexation of a slice of Barton Township east of Sherman had another conference last night with Reeve Gage, and a deputation from the Barton Council. It is still doubtful whether the negotiations will be successful. The township people are still holding out for an exemption for the property owners in the southwest corner of the part to be annexed. First they asked for five years, but now they are willing to consent to a three-year exemption. They say they must get something for these people. The city intends standing pat. It will consent to no exemption for this district. If there is annexation these people must begin paying the city rate on January 1, 1909. The city is willing to give a twelve-year exemption at the township rate to the district from a margin 150 feet east of Trolley street. It was stated that the cost of building the trunk sewers for the district would be about \$100,000. Another meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next, when those who signed the petition and those who objected will be heard. The committee agreed that little would be accomplished by this, but the aldermen promised that all those interested should have an opportunity to state their case before action was taken. The Mayor is hopeful that if both sides can come near to a settlement that the matter can then be left to the Ontario Railway Board.

FINE PICTURE.

Dominion Art Commissioners Purchase Hamilton Man's Paintings.

The art commission for the Dominion Government have purchased the following pictures shown at the recent exhibition of the Canadian Art Club, to be hung in the National Gallery at Ottawa: "The Nut Gatherers," by Mr. Homer Watson; "Mother and Son," by Mr. John Russell, and "A Midsummer Night," by Archibald Brown. The total price paid for the three paintings, it is said, was \$5,000.

The Street Railway Company is anxious to start the work of re-constructing its roadbed much earlier than the city expected. It was thought that it would be the middle of April or perhaps towards the end of the month before the company got busy, but this morning it made application for permission to open James street on April 1. It expects to finish the work on James street, from Kirkimer to Barton street, by June 1. The Board of Works would have been well satisfied if the company had waited two weeks, but will make no objections if the weather is fine.

ONE TRANSFER

Made by License Board—Provincial Auditor Here.

The License Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, and transferred the license of the Turbinia Hotel from Golden Brothers to George Bevan. There was some hitch over the lease of the property of the White Star Hotel, which C. H. Herman wished to obtain the license of from Frank Post, and the matter was laid over until a later date. Inspector Sturdy entered upon his duties as Inspector of the meeting yesterday afternoon, and was given his instructions by Chairman Callaghan in regard to his duties.

The action of the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon in deciding to enlarge the present isolation buildings on the hospital grounds instead of building a new isolation hospital, will meet with vigorous opposition from the Board of Health, and a special meeting to consider the matter will be held to-night.

WHO SHE IS

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—The woman who was found in the ravine north of Glen Grove avenue, early yesterday afternoon, sitting all night in a downpour of rain, has been identified as Kate McFall, a domestic employee in Toronto. Her brother Joseph is in the police station. He and his sister have been in Toronto only a few months, having come here from Ireland. The woman is unable as yet to give an account of her actions, but is decidedly gaining in strength.

It is believed that the Finance Committee's recommendation to grant \$3,500 to the art school this year, but to make no further grants, will furnish material for a lively debate when the Council meets again to-day. One of the aldermen are opposed to making a grant this year, declaring that it is a matter for the Board of Education to deal with. Others say the art school has been a big thing for Hamilton, and they will oppose that part of the resolution which says that there shall be no further grants because it practically means closing up the school in June.

FIRE IN STORE.

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—Fire in the grocery store of Alfred Giesler, 346 College street, this morning, caused two families living above the store to make a hurried exit in their night clothes, and roused the occupants of adjoining properties. Fortunately the fire was confined to the cellar of the store in which it started, and the damage to building and contents amounted to only \$800.

The Mayor, City Solicitor, City Engineer, Chairman Allan, of the Board of Works, and Ald. Crerar and Guy, are in Toronto again to-day, in connection with Hamilton's private bill. It is hoped to get the Railway Committee to consider that part of the bill dealing with the north end spur to-day. The aldermen admit that such strong opposition has developed that it looks as if the city's application for permission to build the spur will be bowled out.

Ald. Morris was acting Mayor to-day in the absence of Mayor McLaren.

G. T. Blackstock, K. C., is suffering from an affection of the eyes, due to nervous strain.

REPORT DAILY ON THE KINRADE CASE.

Detectives Conducting Enquiries in United States—Detroit a Centre For Fake Stories.

The police have not yet succeeded in learning the identity of the writer of the letter signed "Justice," addressed to Chief of Police Smith in connection with the Kinrade murder case. Although they refuse to divulge the contents of this communication, the authorities seem to attach considerable importance to it, and are anxious to discuss the matter with the anonymous correspondent. The detectives who are conducting the enquiry in the United States have already covered considerable ground. They made daily reports to the Attorney-General's department, but the information will be kept strictly under cover until the inquiry is resumed.

Detroit seems to be the centre for sensational fake stories in connection with this remarkable case. One of the afternoon papers there a week ago claimed to have identified Marion Elliott, mentioned by Florence Kinrade in her story on the witness stand as Mrs. Cathy Gullford-Suffin-Caille-Zerleya. This woman was located this week in Los Angeles, where she is conducting a boarding house, and she not only gave an emphatic denial to the story that she ever passed under the name of Marion Elliott, but declared that she never met