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DID WE LIBEL THE MAYOR?

SOME FURTHER LIGHT ON HIS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

An Information for Criminal Libel Laid Against W. F. Maclean—Rundle Tells His Story of the Blank Notes—The Journalistic Friends of the Mayor Very Hot on The World's Track—Mayor Fleming's Answer.

The following information was sworn to by Mayor Fleming yesterday afternoon:

The information and complaint of Robert James Fleming of the City of Toronto in the County of York, gentleman, taken on oath before me, John Baxter, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said city, acting for at the written request and in the absence of the Police Magistrate in and for the said city, on the 23rd day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

The said informant, upon his oath, says that he is informed and verily believes that William F. Maclean, on the 23rd day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, contriving unlawfully, wickedly and maliciously to injure, villify and prejudice him the said Robert James Fleming and to deprive him of his good name, fame, credit and reputation and to bring him into public contempt, scandal and infamy and disgrace on the said 23rd day of December, 1892, in The Toronto World, the newspaper published by the said William F. Maclean, at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, unlawfully, wickedly, maliciously did write and publish and cause and procure to be written and published a false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory libel in the form of an article in the said newspaper called The World, on the said 23rd day of December, 1892, under the title "Rundle's Serious Charge," containing divers false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory matter and things of and concerning the said Robert James Fleming. That he is a man who swindles others, and that he is a man who raises notes to the sum of $5000 and $2000, where only $100 and $150 was intended, and that he caused the embarrassment of one Arkless H. Rundle according to the tenor and effect following, that is to say:

RUNDLE'S SERIOUS CHARGE

AGAINST ROBERT J. FLEMING, THE MAYOR.

The Contractor Claims That the Mayor Filled in Two Notes Bearing His Name for $6700 More Than He Was Authorized to and Kept the Proceeds.

To those of his creditors whom Mr. Rundle has seen he has given a statement of the case as follows: He gave Mayor Fleming two blank notes on the understanding that they were to be filled out for amounts not to exceed $100 or $150 each and used to pay joint debts. These notes have matured—one in the Traders' Bank for $5000 and one in the Union for $2000, and Rundle is held responsible for them, although he claims he never received any benefit from the proceeds.

Some weeks ago this matter was talked of, and at that time Mayor Fleming gave an explanation of it. He said he had had no money misunderstanding with Mr. Rundle and he expressed amazement that anyone should say that such was the case. Nevertheless Mr. Rundle did at that time assert most emphatically that a note in blank had been given by him and used by Mr. Fleming for a much larger amount than intended. Yesterday the charge again came forward and is now made specifically in connection with Rundle's explanation to his creditors of his present embarrassment. Meaning thereby that the said Robert James Fleming was a dishonest, disreputable man and a swindler, a humbug, a man unworthy of respect, that he was a man who swindles and humbugs, he the said William F. Maclean then well knowing the said defamatory libel to be false.

And further, that the said William F. Maclean did maliciously publish, and cause and procure to be published to the great damage, scandal and disgrace of him, the said Robert James Fleming, to the evil example of all others in like cases, and against peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her crown and dignity.

The complainant prays that a summons may issue and justice be done in the premises.

[From The Evening Telegram of Yesterday.]

SLANDER IS THEIR HOPE.

THE RINGSTERS' FIRST BOMB.

Mayor Fleming Lays a Slanderer by the Heels—W. F. Maclean Called to the Police Court.

Since the campaign opened the effort of Mr. Edmund E. Sheppard has been to create distrust of his opponent by hinting at the Mayor's financial embarrassment. This is the meaning of his vain-glorious parade of his boasted affluence. Late last week Mr. Sheppard's right-hand man, Mr. Richard Armstrong, was heard to say:

"When the time comes we will fire a bomb that will end the whole fight before it begins."

Accordingly this morning the bomb was fired through the agency of that sweet-scented civic reformer, W. F. Maclean, M.P. The morning World came out with a scare head article practically charging Mayor Fleming with forgery. So scandalous an attempt to ruin and dishonor an honest man in order to injure a candidate was worthy of Mr. Maclean. The story was too preposterous to be believed, and Mayor Fleming's friends did not need to be assured of his honesty by his indignant declaration: "There's not a word of truth in it." Mayor Fleming consulted W. Lount, Q.C., and with all possible speed an information was drawn up.

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The Foulest Blow in Civic History.

The atrocious slander which the organ of Mr. Sheppard and the Street Railway printed against an honest public servant this morning needs no further comment in these columns. It is absolutely and wholly untrue. It is for the courts to decide now between Mayor Fleming and his accusers on this issue. The other and the graver question for the citizens is whether they will allow a campaign of criminal slander to wreck the life of a man who in their interest has antagonized the corporations and contractors that want to run this city.

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Speaking of hypocrisy, Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., must have been loaded with it when he arose and chatted pleasantly about "character assassins." He is the nice, lady-like young person whose pen has beslimed half the reputable citizens in town.

[From Yesterday's News.]

Mayor Fleming was seen in regard to the matter to-day. Acting on the advice of his solicitor, he refuses to say anything more than this, that the story published in The World is absolutely untrue.

"I expect the case will be up in the Police Court to-morrow," he added, "and then the whole story will come out."

[From Yesterday's Star.]

HIS WORSHIP'S REPLY.

HE HITS W. F. MACLEAN FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL.

People who read The World this morning found therein an article concerning the personality, honor and honesty of Mayor Fleming. They talked of it and it soon became a subject of general conversation throughout the city. The matter was pie for the opponents of the Mayor, and was regarded as something of a roorback by his friends.

His Worship himself refused to make any further statement other than to enter a complete contradiction, until he had seen his solicitors, Messrs. Curry & Gunther. He talked it over with them and this afternoon an action for criminal libel was begun against W. F. Maclean of The World on the ground that he had made libelous statements, knowing them to be untrue, at the time they were published by him.

The above quotations include an information against the publisher of The World for criminal libel and also the news and comments thereon published by the three evening papers of last night, and all of which are friendly to Mr. Fleming. The public are requested to read them carefully. The whole matter arose out of the publication in The World of yesterday morning of the so-called libel in the information. One would think from reading these papers, friendly to Mr. Fleming, that The World had gone out of its way to obtain the information and had sprung it upon the public in order to injure the prospects of His Worship. Nothing could be further from the truth. The World was called up on Thursday by telephone and told as ever other paper is told, in similar cases, that information in regard to Rundle's business embarrassments could be had by interviewing certain parties. These persons were interviewed, and the substance of the information gained from them was given to the public and constitutes the libel alleged. The World has not been a party to springing any bomb, and it does not know even now that it has slandered anybody. It has simply told the public the reasons that Contractor Rundle gives for his business embarrassments, and paragraphs similar to which are published every day of the year by these papers friendly to Mr. Fleming in regard to other business men. If it was a slander to publish these facts in connection with Rundle and Fleming it has been a slander still more gross for the papers in question to publish the facts of other men's embarrassments as they have been doing from day to day.

Mr. Maclean will be at the Police Court this morning and he will offer no obstruction. All he asks in order that the public may reach a speedy decision in the matter is that Mr. Fleming will himself get in the box and answer a few straight questions that will be put to him. If he is earnest in the expression that he desires to clear himself in the speediest way he will get right into the box, and not take advantage of any formality that may allow him to avoid an examination at the present moment. Neither ought he to ask for an adjournment. Simply let him go into the box and answer the questions that will be put to him. If his answers are satisfactory then his case will be much improved and his candidature benefited rather than injured.

Mayor Fleming's Business Troubles.

One would think from the statements of one of the above papers, friendly to Mayor Fleming, that his business affairs were not subject of public observation. The Telegram has, however, paid a great deal of attention to other person's affairs. How many poor devils have had their losses, their failures, their executions ruthlessly paraded in its columns? How many times has a request for suppression met with a curt refusal? The one taunt that in season and out of season The Telegram has thrown at The World, or its owners, was that an execution was out against it or them; that this paper was bailiff-proof and the like. Well, here is some of its own medicine in regard to its favorite Mayor in the matter of executions:

WRITS OF EXECUTION IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CITY OF TORONTO.

PLAINTIFFS.	DEFENDANTS.	DATE.	DEBT.	COSTS.
The Bristol & West of England Canadian Land Mortgage and Investment Company (limited)	Robert J. Fleming	19 Aug., '92	$ 849 08	$21 82
The Traders' Bank of Canada......	Robert J. Fleming	12 Oct., '92	2010 28	35 72
Benjamin Brick......	Robert J. Fleming	13 Oct., '92	12921 24	40 42
Stanley Peterson......	Robert J. Fleming	25 Oct., '92	1010 50	24 01
The Traders' Bank of Canada......	Robert J. Fleming	2 Nov., '92	4010 84	37 92
William Wilson......	Robert J. Fleming	17 Nov., '92	1350 90	.....
TOTAL......			$22,162 84	

I CERTIFY that the above list contains all the Writs of Execution, or Extent, in my hands this nineteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, at four o'clock, against the lands and tenements of Robert J. Fleming.
FRED MOWAT, Sheriff.

Last night at 4 o'clock a further search was made and an additional execution for $4000 was registered by the Molsons Bank, making the total $21,162. Besides these it is understood that judgments for additional amounts have been recorded, and actions for other amounts are entered or about to be entered.

How the City Is Affected.

The matter of the Mayor's credit has been common talk for weeks and weeks back. Judgments against him have sold for 18 cents on the dollar and friends of his have offered that sum for others. The World takes no pleasure in the business embarrassments of Mr. Fleming, or Mr. Rundle or of any other man. But there are a great many people in this town who think that when Mayor Fleming finds himself in the unfortunate position in which he really is it is only doing the proper thing for himself and the still more proper thing for the city of stepping down and out. People are liable to judge of the city's financial standing by the financial standing of its Mayor. At all events the city would be saved the taunt which has already been made, "O! Toronto is in a bad way through over-speculation and her Mayor has thousands of dollars of executions lying against him and offers for which never exceed 18 cents on the dollar." The Mayor's salary will never pull him out.

The Mayor and The Telegram.

This development in Mayor Fleming's affairs has brought also to light the relation which the Chief Magistrate bears to the proprietor of The Telegram and of the editor of that journal. It is a matter of common remark that the Mayor takes his orders from these two gentlemen, and certainly they are so busy in civic affairs and so frequently in His Worship's company and say such unfair, untruthful and insulting things of all those who oppose Mayor Fleming's policy.

Mr. Strathy Talks.

Mr. H. S. Strathy, manager of the Traders Bank, said that the note for $5000 made by Fleming and endorsed by Rundle had been brought to him already filled out by Fleming. The bank had discounted the note, and when it came due Rundle met it, paying part cash and part by a renewal note endorsed by Fleming, which is now in the possession of the Traders' Bank. At the time the note came due Mr. Rundle, or his solicitor, Mr. Strathy forgot which, stated that he had given Fleming a blank note on the understanding that the amount should be filled in for a sum not exceeding $300.

The other note for $2000 was discounted by the Union Bank, and Mr. Strathy said that he would have been glad to discount both notes.

"I do not think The World has much to fear from any libel suit of Mr. Fleming's," concluded Mr. Strathy.

RUNDLE TELLS HIS STORY.

He Explains His Dealings With the Mayor the Past Three Years.

This is Rundle's story in brief as narrated to The World last night in Devon Lodge, overlooking the Rosedale ravine, and the December air marked zero or less without: In April or May, 1889, Fleming came to me on three different occasions at intervals of a week and made a proposition that we should build a number of houses in Hamilton-street; that there would be money in it for both of us. I refused on all three occasions to join with him, explaining that I had reached my present position by 20 years' hard work, that I was comparatively free from mortgage entanglements, and that I was not inclined at my time of life to risk anything in the speculative line that might prove fatal. Fleming was persistent, explained that he had sold a portion of the property on one side of the street to the School Board and again urged me to go into partnership with him and build up the other side. I explained that I had no money to put up. He replied: "My dear fellow, you needn't put up. I'll put up the money." Eventually I consented and commenced the construction of eight houses. As the work progressed I advanced him notes, which he endorsed and which were discounted. No advances were secured by mortgage until the first lot of eight houses had been built. Shortly afterwards a mortgage of $8000 was placed with the Canada Permanent. Eight additional houses were then built and another mortgage of $7500 was executed with the Confederation Life. The understanding all along was that we were joint owners of the property, but the business was all transacted in the name of A. H. Rundle. I had been giving notes to Fleming—in nearly every instance blank, to be filled up and utilized in the best possible way. In March or April, 1891, six weeks after the $7500 mortgage was issued, Fleming again came to me and suggested obtaining a second mortgage on the property for $6000. I demurred, but finally agreed to it on the distinct understanding that all notes were to be taken up. As a matter of fact, it was for the express purpose of retiring these notes that the second mortgage was executed.

I understand no cash was obtained on the second mortgage, the mortgage being simply transferred from Fleming's Czar-street property to the Hamilton-street property.

Among the blank notes then outstanding were the two which subsequently turned up for $5000 and $2000 respectively. The circumstances under which Fleming obtained these two blank notes were as follows: I was in Fleming's office on business, and during the visit Fleming said to me: "Oh! by-the-by, Messrs. Hewitt and Self are a little hard-up just now and I promised to give them some assistance; I suppose it is all right. Give me a couple of blank notes, will you?" I at first demurred, as I had begun to get sick of having so many notes floating about, and suggested that he raise the money on his own personal note. He replied that it would be a little more difficult to get the cash, as bankers did not take much stock in real estate men, however much they were worth. He then said, "They won't be for more than $100 or $150; they need not cost you one moment's concern, Ark."

Meeting Fleming subsequently, he said, "I didn't use those notes." I replied, "All right, Bob, all the better. I hope you destroyed them or got rid of them, or something to that effect. The reason I asked was that I recollected the case of J. H. Samo and the Central Bank.

The first knowledge I had that the notes had not been all retired was the day I signed the contract for the plastering of the Parliament buildings. Fleming was one of my sureties. We had driven to the office and signed the contract, and on the return journey Fleming said to me, "By the way, Ark, I didn't take up all the notes. There is a $5000 note due to Strathy." I was dumfounded and rendered practically speechless, but said, "Bob, what does it all mean?" He replied, "My good fellow, I was pressed at the time, but the Greenwood estate deal is now going through, and when that is completed that will be the end of it." The Greenwood deal was one in which the Coatsworths, father and son, were interested. Fleming had just put me under a compliment to him, and like an astute man had waited a favorable opportunity to let me know what he had done. The first I knew of the second note for $2000 was in October, when I received a notice that it was in the bank.

MAYOR FLEMING EXPLAINS.

What His Worship Has to Say as to Rundle's Charge.

At the Fleming meeting in the Auditorium last evening the chairman said that the Mayor desired to make a little explanation.

The Mayor Rises to Explain.

His Worship on rising to make the explanation was received with loud applause. "Ladies and Gentlemen," he began, "I thank you for your very hearty reception. I just want at this stage of the meeting to make one word of explanation. Upon picking up The World this morning—[some hisses]—I was very much surprised to see my name connected with a very dishonorable action. There is no man who can point his finger to any act of mine of which I have reason to be ashamed. [Applause.] At the earliest opportunity after the reading of the article I consulted my counsel and immediately laid an action for criminal libel against Mr. Maclean, and he will have an opportunity to-morrow of either clearing himself or me. [Hear, hear.] I trust this explanation will be satisfactory to you. Just allow me to say that there is not a scintilla of truth in the charge."

Conclusions.

What, then, does it all amount to?

1. That Mayor Fleming is hopelessly involved in real estate speculation, executions of over $25,000 having being entered against him, judgments for additional amounts recorded against him, and suits for still other and large sums begun, or are about to be begun, against him. We believe $100,000 is within the mark.

2. That Arkless H. Rundle, a builder and partner of Fleming's, is also embarrassed and tells his creditors, through his solicitor, that his embarrassment is due to Mr. Fleming having improperly filled in and discounted blank notes for thousands when the understanding was that the amounts were to be hundreds.

3. That in publishing this statement of Rundle's Mr. Fleming thinks the publisher of The World is guilty of criminal libel.

4. That Mr. H. S. Strathy, who knows all the facts, thinks The World has little to fear.

Combined recital Pavilion New Year's night, Charles Roberts of New York and Miss Jessie Alexander.

A Dainty Display.

While most of us are pleasantly occupied in selecting gifts to make others happy, it will be a wise step to take a glance at quinn's novelties. It would indeed be a hard matter to better his present Christmas showing. Every tie in the store will appeal to some if not to every tasty neck-dresser in town. An article of especial interest for a Christmas favor is the crown brand of white suspenders with rolled gold plate buckles, which are guaranteed against breakage for two years.

Play Enkosis, the Parlor Game of Lacrosse.

To-day's Rush.

We have had a busy holiday trade, and the prospects are to-day will be the biggest rush known for years. To meet popular demand we have marked our goods at rock bottom prices. Our Christmas umbrellas made of union silk, paragon frame, gold and silver-trimmed handles, at $1.50, are worth $2.50. Our elegant Algerian oak handles, gold and silver patched, finest silk, at $4. Be sure and call on East, 368 and 370 Yonge-street, corner Walton-street, before 11 o'clock to-night. We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Toothache—When suffering from toothache try Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

A Generous Act.

Collector John Small of the Custom House has at least made some 80 odd families happy for Christmas. When the news came from Ottawa that the employes could not receive their monthly checks as usual at Christmas, Mr. Small made arrangements with his own bank, the Imperial, whereby he gave his own personal check for each official's monthly salary.

Enkosis or Lacrosse at all fancy goods dealers.

A Good Investment.

Unlike many of the gifts presented by you as Xmas boxes to different members of your family a policy of life insurance on the investment plan will give to them protection in case of your untimely death and a good investment to yourself if you live a certain number of years.

The compound investment policy issued by the North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, is one of the most excellent plans through which to secure the above object. 246

Patriotism, like charity, should begin at home—buy Taylor's White Rose perfume. 246

THE MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN.

MR. FLEMING'S OPENING MEETING LAST NIGHT.

The Mayor's Speech At the Auditorium—Those Who Supported Him—Mr. Sheppard Also Held Two Meetings—Great Reception In the West and Northwestern Districts.

Mayor Fleming opened his electoral campaign by a large meeting in the Auditorium last night. There was a good muster of His Worship's supporters, who cheered the proceedings from beginning to end.

Mr. Hart A. Massey presided and accompanying him on the platform were Mayor Fleming, Ald. Hallam, Hugh Miller, Robert Jaffray, Ex-Ald. Withrow, T. Thompson, Thomas W. Banton, F. S. Spence, G. B. Smith, Alexander Boyd, W. B. Hamilton, J. McKendry, Dr. Barrick, A. W. Dingman, Dr. Ogden, Joseph Dilworth, Thomas Webb, Stewart Lyon, Ex-Ald. Evans.

The Chairman made a good honest speech. He said: "Last year I signed the requisiton to Mr. Osler and I contributed to his expenses, believing he was the best man for Mayor, but after a year's experience I am satisfied that Mr. Fleming will do as good service as Mr. Osler would have done. I am satisfied that Mr. Fleming has done better service for us than any Mayor Toronto has had for some years, considering the circumstances." [Applause.]

Then Mr. Massey went on to tell how for 13 years he had been a staunch Conservative, but was proud to see Mr. Fleming a candidate for a second term.

At this stage Mayor Fleming made an explanation with reference to the Rundle charges, which appears in full elsewhere.

Regretted Their Absence.

Mr. F. S. Spence then read letters of apology for absence and endorsation of Mr. Fleming's candidature from Mr. Mortimer Clark, Sir William P. Howland, Robert Kilgour, G. W. Smith and John T. Moore.

Mr. A. W. Dingman made an able speech. He said that no man worked harder than he to defeat the election of R. J. Fleming. He believed that Mr. Osler was greatly superior to Mr. Fleming. One thing he noted, that the element that was supporting Mr. Sheppard this year was that which stood aloof from Mr. Osler a year ago. So the fight went by the board.

Mr. Dingman went on to say that Mayor Fleming had proved obstinate or dangerous to this element and hence their opposition. Then the speaker told a story which, irreverent as it was, called forth loud laughter and cheers. It was about a maiden lady who wanted a husband and prayed the Lord to aid her. The owl answered, "Whoo! whoo!" and she, mistaking the owl for the Lord, answered, "O Lord, I'm not particular so long as it is a man." Then the moral was that Saturday Night had found a man for mayor.

Mr. Dingman, while paying high praise to Mr. Sheppard as a bright, clever literary man, held that Robert Fleming is miles ahead of him in requisites for the administration of the city. "Sheppard has already made promises enough not only to bust up the City Hall but to bust the city." [Applause and laughter.]

Then the speaker analyzed and approved generally the Mayor's course, especially his connection with the street railway, Ashbridge's Bay and other public works. Still, Mr. Dingman added, "I do not believe in Mr. Fleming's policy altogether," and then, turning to Mr. Sheppard's platform, he deprecated "booming the city" as a Mayor's duty. A candidate advocating repudiation of obligations, as Mr. Sheppard did, was a dangerous man to the community. Everyone should meet his obligations. As an example he said that some years ago he could have "gone under," but he did not think it was honorable to do so. He would not compromise with his creditors. "I am an honest man to-day and I paid my debts. That is the proper way to do. And the Mayor of Toronto should advocate this." He hoped the electors would leave the dreamer at home and that Mr. Fleming would be returned for a second term.

Ald. Hallam's Pleasant Speech.

The chairman, in introducing John Hallam to the meeting, said, "Everybody knows, loves and respects him." The people cheered and called, "Let 'er go, Johnny!" And the Alderman did. He was funny and incisive. He said that a year ago he was not very well disposed to Mr. Fleming. But he improved as he went on. He opposed the gang at the City Hall. "The gang called for money more than the committee could spend. They got the money from the people's pockets, and this was the history of the Clarke surpluses. Liabilities were also incurred which the public knew nothing of and the surpluses went to cover these deficits.

"The Mayor has been a match for the gang that wanted fat contracts and fat jobs at the people's expense." And other good things the alderman told of, and then turned his scorn on Mr. Sheppard. "A man of that poetic kind is no good for Mayor; he is a visionary man and has not common sense. We do not want an ornamental poetical nonentity. The gang has been dumfounded and next January they will be annihilated."

Ex.Ald. Withrow Speaks.

Mr. J. J. Withrow compared the merits of the two candidates. He said Toronto wanted a Mayor to concentrate affairs and not to initiate new schemes. The man who could best serve the city would be the one who would "nurse" it in troublous times. Such were these times, he proceeded to show. "The worst thing that ever befel Toronto was the boom of real estate, the wrecks of which he proceeded to sketch.

"An era of economy is before us and the example should be set at the City Hall. Vote for a tried man and not an untried one. Mr. Fleming has done well and he deserved to be returned by acclamation. He has carried out some of his promises, and will, I hope, carry out other reforms."

A Knight of Labor Speaks.

Mr. Thomas Webb of the Builders' Laborers' Union made the most outspoken speech of the evening. Every interruption urged him on and he came back to the point again and again with most Boanerges earnestness. "Fleming stood by me and I'll stand by him." Then he told how "Tommy" Webb had always been a Conservative and always would, and how it was on account of the 15-cent an hour by-law he supported Mayor Fleming. "I'm not here for politics, but for principle," shouted Tommy, and the hall resounded with his untutored eloquence.

Then he defended Mayor Fleming in the Court House business and said that it caused work for men who were much in need of it and could not get it before. On these grounds he called on his brother workingmen to stand by their friend.

The Ratepayers' Platform.

Dr. Barrick could not refrain from once more enumerating the main features of the program of the Ratepayers' Association. He was strong on the point of previous municipal experience being a qualification for Mayor and on the council electing the same. Then, as all the other speakers had done he told how "Codlin's your friend, not Short."

His Worship's Address.

Mayor Fleming was the next speaker. The loud applause which greeted him was not unmixed with cheers for Mr. Sheppard. "Now, I will give you all time to cheer for Mr. Sheppard after Jan. 2. Mr. Sheppard will then be delighted to hear your cheers. It is the only thing he will have to hear. [Laughter.]

"The gentlemen who surround me on this platform are such as any man in Toronto might be proud of. When I came on here a year ago I had trouble in inducing people to take the platform. But I am glad to know that after a year's experience I have no difficulty in securing the support of those who were last year my bitterest opponents. [Hear, hear.] True I have lost some friends. I am sorry for that. They rendered me good service and I am grateful to them for it. They, however, have a right to make their selection this year just as they had last.

"I am here to-night for the purpose of giving the electors of Toronto an opportunity of pronouncing upon my course in the council during the past year. When I was elected a year ago I was innocent enough to believe that those you sent to the council were men who would do their duty. I was not long there until I found that there was a compact to prevent me doing as I wished. In consequence of this I have had to fight my way as no other man in the Mayor's chair ever had to do before. And I think the records will show that I came out on top. [Laughter, and a voice: You will beat the gang yet.]

Denies That He Kept Work Back.

"During the year I have suffered from the accusations that I kept back public works. I simply want to say that there is not a word of truth in them. I have the documents to prove that instead of keeping the works back I have done everything I could to forward them. The responsibility will have to rest on shoulders other than mine." [Cheers.]

Ald. Shaw Has Good Points.

Proceeding, he referred to the Board of Works, and when he mentioned the name of Ald. Shaw there were mingled cheers and hisses. "Mr. Shaw is not a gentleman who will see eye to eye with everyone, but he has many good points. [Hear, hear]. Ald. Shaw is chairman of the Board of Works. His committee is selected by himself, or practically so, and the result is that anything he wants done he can carry, as far as the committee is concerned. Now during the first four and half months of the year while Mr. Cuningham was in charge of the department, there were expended in public works $84,328. When Mr. Cuningham resigned his position I supported the acceptance of it. Mr. Shaw opposed it. As soon as his resignation was accepted I appointed Mr. Rust temporarily. While he was in office—some six weeks—he recommended public works to the extent of $470,000, while during the first four months of the year there were only $84,000. I don't know whether that can be called a combination to keep back work. [Hear, hear.]

"I have found that petitions for work had come in during November and December of last year, and these works had never been recommended until Mr. Rust was acting and simply because he was in sympathy with me."

He said that during the term Mr. Keating has been in office as Engineer, public works to the extent of $242,515 had been ordered.

His Connection With Street Railway Matters.

Proceeding he reviewed his connection with the street railway conversion matter, adding, "I am prepared to allow the future to justify the position I then took."

He touched upon waterworks matters. "I said last year that I thought certain departments at the City Hall should be amalgamated. I think so still. I think the Waterworks Department should be amalgamated with the Board of Works. There is no department that needs a change more than this department. I tried a few weeks ago to accomplish this, but failed, and if I am in the Mayor's chair next year I shall try again." [Applause.] The amalgamation of the Street Commissioner's and the City Commissioner's Departments had been accomplished.

His connection with the Court House trouble was next touched upon. "I was opposed in the council in this connection by those who have tried to thwart me all along. The thousands of dollars that have been since spent in wages have justified the taking over of the work." [Hear, hear.]

Work during the year had never been better or more expeditiously done than during the past year. "I think we have in the present engineer a man whom the contractors will not be able to take advantage of. I think he is a man we should all be proud of. [Hear, hear.] I am satisfied and I am proud of the part I took in his appointment."

The sales of debentures that had taken place during the year were on the whole satisfactory, and proportionally sold as high as any other debentures placed on the market.

The Question of Surpluses.

"The question of surpluses is a mere nothing," he continued. "We started with a clean slate, and if there were $264,000 of surpluses there were debts to be wiped out."

In no way had the interests of the city suffered during the past year on account of the lowness of taxation. In all $133,680 has been put in this year's taxes that in previous years had been put into debentures to be paid for 30 or 40 years hence." He said there was a large difference between the rate of taxation to individuals now and last year. "Now I am free to admit that under Mr. Clarke's reign there were necessary expenses that made the rate high." He said that Gooderham & Worts this year paid $1660 less taxes, Canada Life $1817, Bank of Commerce $6600, Board of Trade $630, T. W. Murray $272, Bank of Toronto $135. "The best way to make this city progressive and attractive to people outside is getting down your taxation." [Applause.]

He reviewed history re Isolation Hospital and added that he favored the hospital being placed under the control of the General Hospital, "simply because if it is not, it will be making a place for men of fat salaries."

Until a few weeks ago he thought that he would have been given a second term unopposed. He thought, and many others thought, that he was entitled to it.

His Financial Position.

"Now, one word in reference to my personal affairs. There has been a good deal of talk about my being financially involved," he gravely continued. "I started out in life in Toronto a poor boy. I was very successful and made money. I did not put that money in my pocket or in the bank. I invested it in real estate. I built houses and expended thousands of dollars in wages. Like many others, I am

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ASKS $10,000 DAMAGES.

Mrs. Grimason, Who Had Such a Thrilling Experience on Suspension Bridge, Suing the Bridge Company.

Mrs. Grimason, who had such a thrilling experience at Suspension Bridge last September, through her solicitors, Messrs. Gibson & Snider, yesterday commenced an action against the Clifton Suspension Bridge Co. for $10,000 damages. It will be remembered that Mrs. Grimason slipped through the bridge and would have lost her life had it not been for the bravery of her companion, an Irish clergyman, who was a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council.

A UNIVERSAL PANACEA.

Electricity in the Hands of Learned Specialists—Various Electrical Currents—The Manual Explained.

No one will deny the great advances which have been made in recent years in all departments of medical science, to the great gain and advantage of suffering humanity. But in no department thereof have greater strides been made than in medical electricity. Up to within a very few years the curative and other medical qualities of electricity were but indifferently understood by the regulars, and consequently this powerful agent was almost exclusively in the hands of ignorant quacks. To-day, in all our large cities, some of the ablest scientists and physicians are giving their best attention to this department of medical science, with the result that day by day, we might say, new discoveries are made as to the great remedial powers of electricity, and its application to the amelioration of human suffering is constantly taking a wider and wider range.

Dr. C. H. Dixon, lecturer on electro-therapeutics and physician in charge of the electrical department of the General Hospital, states that during the past year 767 patients have been treated by electricity in that institution.

Our space will not permit us to give a detailed description of the different kinds of batteries. But anyone who desires to see some of the best machines can have his wishes gratified by calling at the elegant consultation rooms of Dr. Oronhyatekha in the Canada Life building in this city, where he will find probably one of the best and most perfect static machines, as they are called, to be found in the country. The application of the principles of static induction, as demonstrated in the machine devised by Holtz, is difficult to fully explain without devoting more space to the general subject of electrical machines than is deemed wise.

The patient is accommodated with an insulated chair in front of the machine and a "crown" is suspended a few inches above his head. The wheels are then set in motion and the electricity which is "pumped" into the patient is drawn off by the crown, and the delightful and refreshing sensation known as a "static breeze" is experienced. And in 15 or 20 minutes the patient leaves the chair greatly invigorated and refreshed; in a word, feeling like a new man.

The World Young Man can vouch for this remedy being an unfailing panacea for insomnia or reducing to normal proportions the size of a cranium which has become unduly enlarged by an evening "with the boys."

In cases of rheumatism the patient has electricity pumped into him until his potential rises above that of the earth's, when sparks are drawn from the affected parts much to the relief and to the ultimate cure of the patient, the most virulent cases as a rule having to yield to the current's persistent power.

The ordinary galvanic battery, as well as the Faradaic machine, is also used in conjunction with the new machine in obstinate cases.

Doctor Oronhyatekha has also a number of other new inventions to be used in cases of catarrhal and lung troubles, which diseases he has made a specialty.

We are sure such of the readers of The World as choose to visit the spacious offices of the doctor will be well repaid for their trouble and will get some insight into the perfection to which scientists have brought this branch of the healing art.

The Home, and How to Furnish It. There are many ways and many degrees of expense that the householder may go to in furnishing the home. Some people never want to get anything in the furniture line unless they can pay for it cash down, and often have their home looking very bare and cheerless. The great majority, however, are finding out that it's next to impossible to save money enough for that purpose. The trouble is, there is always some want or another, and they have to go to the little savings and take a little, and again a little, until they are discouraged when they find that instead of the little pile increasing, it's growing less. Then, like many thousands who have bought on credit, they decide to do so too, and pay a little each week, or month, until the article is paid for. Many have made their home comfortable in that way. We know that C. F. Adams Co. have contributed largely towards supplying all the different kinds of goods kept by them. Their Furniture and Carpets find their way to many homes in the City of Toronto and suburbs as well as far out into the country.

In connection with the above we would request a visit this week from all our friends. We are now nearly on the last lap of the race of 1892. We have had a splendid year's trade. We strived for it. We endeavored to please our customers, and we think that we have generally succeeded. We have a splendid lot of upholstered goods laid in for holiday trade. Beautiful Parlor Suits in greatest variety. Rug, Silk, Plush, Silk Brocatelle, Mohair Plush, Silk Tapestry, Haircloth, etc., Ladies' Silk Plush Rockers, Rattan Rockers, Gents' Easy Chairs, Rug, Chenille and other Couches, Fancy Tables, Secretaries, Book Cases, Music Racks of various kinds, Bamboo Goods, Carpets, Curtains, China Tea Sets and Dinner and Toilet Sets, Gas Fixtures, Lamps, Stoves, etc. Presents for men, women and children. Bargains in the following: Chenille Table Covers half price, Fancy Table Covers half price, Dining Table Covers half price, Turcoman Curtains half price, Baby Carriages at a discount till the cold weather's over. Everything goes. Cheap for cash or credit either. C. F. Adams Co., the Home Furnishers, 175-179 Yonge-street. C. S. Coryell, Manager.

Show Cases, Etc.

Those contemplating making alterations in their premises should send in their orders before the fall rush. Upright cases, cigar cases, druggists' cases, counter cases and any other kind of case you require at right prices. Millichamps', 234 Yonge. Telephone 855. 246

"Charles Roberts, the noted Reader of New York, and Miss Alexander at Pavilion, Jan. 2.

Don't Be Without One.

If you want a cheap overcoat made to order and guaranteed to fit, you can get what you require from $10 up. Johnson, the English tailor, 799 King-street west, gives you good workmanship, low figures and your overcoat on a short notice. Give him a call, it will pay you. 67

Another Half Million.

"Board of Trade" Envelopes, and they are better than the last, 35 cents per thousand. H. M. Blight, 51 Yonge-street. 246

A delightful and delicious Christmas present. A box of Adams' Tutti Frutti new flavors—Violet, Rose and Lilac.

1893, "The Cream of the Havana Crop."

"La Cadena" and "La Flora" brands of cigars are undoubtedly superior in quality and considerably lower in price than any brand imported. Prejudiced smokers will not admit this to be the case. The connoisseur knows it. S. Davis & Sons, Montreal. 136

Christmas will soon be here again, and people are already wondering what they will get for presents. Nothing gives more satisfaction than a tastefully framed picture. As usual Matthews Bros. & Co., 95 Yonge-street, have a good supply of water colors, etchings, etc. Call and make your selections early. e

No more suffering from indigestion. Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti is an absolute cure. Sold by all druggists and confectioners, 5 cents.

A Sure Remedy for Languid Stomachs.

Almoxia Wine is especially recommended for constitutional debility, and particularly where the blood grows poor and thin and for persons suffering from languid stomach and where their sleep is agitated and uneasy; also for mental exhaustion and bodily weakness. Gianelli & Co., 16 K[illegible]treet west, Toronto, sole agents for Canada. [illegible]old by all druggists.

Delightfully refreshing and a joy forever—Taylor's White Rose perfume. 246

WILL IT HAVE TO COME OUT?

The Brown Stone Used in the Construction of the Court House Not Durable.

"The brown stone from the New Brunswick quarries which is being used in the construction of the Court House is composed of material which will not stand the weather, being of a most inferior quality and not to be compared to the Credit Valley product."

This was the statement made to a World reporter by Mr. C. H. C. Wright of the School of Science yesterday, and in support of this utterance he took the reporter to the laboratory and, showing him the samples of rock which he had brought from the quarries himself, demonstrated the worthlessness of the article.

There are three different strata of the stone being excavated, but a comparison failed to make any difference in the quality apparent.

A little water poured on the stone can readily be worked up into mud with the finger, showing that there is a preponderance of clay in the composition of the stone, which will wash out easily, thus staining any lighter stone which may be beneath, as well as spoiling the appearance of its own finished surface.

Mr. Wright when in Sackville, N.B., saw and examined stones in buildings composed of this brown stone, which on being rubbed with the bare hand crumbled away in sand in a manner truly astonishing.

Mr. Wright further stated that as a result of his analytical examination of the formation of the stone in question he was in a position to state authoritatively that the portions of a building composed of this New Brunswick brown stone would have necessarily to be repaired every year and that at the end of 25 years the poor quality of the article would become so glaringly apparent as to render the whole building an eyesore on account of the crumbling condition and general collapse of the corner stones and sills.

A Word of Advice to Steam-Users.

A striking example of the tendency of the times to take hold of anything that is cheap is found in the great number of cases where boilers and steam-pipes are covered with cement and inexpensive plastic coverings, which, being of the nature of a solid, soon become heated to almost the same temperature as the iron itself, and consequently fail to bring about the result for which they are designed. The saving effected in fuel by the use of such coverings is only a small fraction of what it would be were the proper kind of insulating material applied. What qualities should such a material possess? It should be fire-proof, it should be frost-proof, and instead of being a solid, it should contain as many air cells as possible. Mineral wool is the only material from which can be made a perfect covering. It is fire-proof, frost-proof and vermin-proof. It is the only non-conducting covering that will not char, crack, powder or burn on hot air or steam-pipes. It holds 95 per cent. of dead air, which qualifies it at the head of the list of all material employed to prevent radiation of heat.

It is an actual fact, which can easily be proven, that the application of mineral wool covering to boilers and steam-pipes effects a saving in fuel of 25 to 40 per cent.

Discard cements and solid plastic coverings and use a covering, which, on scientific principles, must be the best. Experience will prove to you that mineral wool has no equal as a fire-proof, fuel-saving covering. Canadian Mineral Wool Company (Ltd.), 122 Bay-street, Toronto.

An Author's Tribute to a Great Actor.

An acquaintance with Hall Caine's great novel, "The Deemster," increased the enjoyment of those who saw Wilson Barrett in "Ben-My-Chree" at the Grand Opera House. Those who saw the play but have not read the novel have a new pleasure in store for them. The book is a more powerful work and one of more absorbing interest than the drama. Characters that are only suggested in the play are drawn at full length in the novel. The story is absorbing, powerful and well sustained, and the sad pathos of its incidents is intensely affecting. John P. McKenna, publisher, newsdealer and bookseller, 80 Yonge-street, near corner King, telegraphed and brought on from New York a special cheap edition of "The Deemster," which he is now offering his customers at the market price. All those who have seen the play should read the book.

Christmas Wines.

Ports $2.25 per gallon, $5.50 per dozen, $2.75 per gallon, $6.50 per dozen, $4 per gallon, $9 per dozen, $5 per gallon, $11 per dozen, $6 per gallon, $13 per dozen; very old tawny $14.50 per dozen.

Sherries $2.25 per gallon, $5.50 per dozen, $2.60 per gallon, $6.25 per dozen, $3.75 per gallon, $8.50 per dozen, $4.25 per gallon, $9.50 per dozen, $5 per gallon, $11 per dozen, $6.50 per gallon, $14 per dozen, $7 per gallon, $15 per dozen.

Burgundies, our own bottling: Beaume and Chablis $7 and $9 per dozen quarts.

William Mara, wine merchant, 79 Yonge-street, third door north of King-street. Telephone 1708. e

Public, Take Notice.

Grant & Co., the well-known furriers, 77 King-street east, intend clearing out their entire stock of furs for cash before the New Year, and in order to do so have decided to sell at wholesale prices. Their stock consists of very fine seal mantles, also ladies' and gentlemen's furs of all descriptions. This is the greatest opportunity ever offered to buy a cheap and useful present for Christmas. Customers are cordially invited to inspect their stock. No trouble to show goods. 246

Quality Tells Every Time.

How is it we are so busy while others have nothing to do? Simply because our work tells. Every garment turned out is an advertisement and brings customers. Look. Don't wear ill-fitting, poorly made, thrown-together clothing when you can get first-class workmanship and a perfect fit at Corrigan's, the leading tailor, 123 Yonge-street. No fancy prices. Pants from $4 up, suits from $16 up, overcoats from $15 up, dress suits $25. Call early. 246

Don't go home to-night without a game of Enkosis.

All Lacrosse players are talking about Enkosis.

Bandages of all description for male and female, abdominal supporters in rubber, celluloid, cotton, silk. Suspensories in 60 different patterns. Elastic hosiery in silk or cotton stockings, knee caps, thigh. Fresh goods in monthly. Crutches, 20 pair to select from. Trusses of all description, 98 varieties of spring trusses. The old and reliable one-price house. Charles Cluthe, Surgical Machinist, 134 King-street west, Toronto. 46

Ladies.

Buy your Christmas presents at Bonner's. We have the largest stock of gents' initial white silk handkerchiefs in the city at prices from 50c. up for gents' sizes; also gents' silk umbrellas from $1 up. We have opened up four cases of men's neckwear suitable for the Christmas trade. Gents' four-in-hand ties, only 25c; gents' made-up scarfs, only 25c. You must see these goods to appreciate them. Bonner's, cor Yonge and Queen-streets. 246

An odor that suits every taste—John Taylor & Co's white rose. 246

One, Two, Three, Go.

Don't you stop until you get opposite 5, 4, 2, then you will lose your breath at the sight. But you will catch it again when you examine the prices at Howell's shoe parlors, 542 Queen-street west. The results of twelve years' wholesale experience.

DEATHS.

THOMPSON—Suddenly on Dec. 23rd, at the residence of her son, Samuel Thompson, 169 Niagara-street, Mary, wife of the late Samuel Thompson, in the 80th year of her age.

Funeral Saturday, Dec. 24th, at 3 p.m.

DEFRIES—On Friday, 23rd inst., Richard Defries, aged 61 years 6 months and 20 days.

Funeral from his brother's residence, 291 Broadview-avenue, on Monday, 26th inst., at 3 o'clock.

FAST ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

TO BE OPERATED BY THE C.P.R. CO. NEXT YEAR.

A Probable Arrangement With the Dominion Government by Which This Steamship Service Will be Operated in the Most Modern Style—Canadian Enterprise to Girdle the Globe.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—It is understood here that the C. P. R. Co. have come to a definite understanding with the Government in the matter of placing a line of fast steamers for Atlantic service, and that the service will be in operation in 1893.

November Exports.

The statement of exports for November is not so favorable as some recent months, the total exports being $11,829,924, as compared with $16,203,075 in November of last year. The falling off in goods the produce of Canada is $2,330,929 and in produce of other countries $2,042,222. The falling off in both cases is principally in agricultural products, the shipments of which in November last year were exceptionally large, and the price of wheat then, it must be remembered, was about 30 cents a bushel more than it is now.

Taking the five months of the fiscal year, however, the outlook is still very encouraging, the total exports of goods, the produce of Canada, showing an increase of $5,256,942. The produce of other countries, however, shows a considerable decrease, being $3,251,793, which is wholly in agricultural products, which shows that the amount of American grain which found an outlet through Canada this year was very considerably less than last year.

Increased Imports.

The value of goods entered for consumption in November was $9,797,979, an increase of $1,378,263 over last November. For the five months the total entered for consumption was $52,066,414, an increase of $3,572,277 over same period last year.

As the imports show an increase, the duty collected naturally does so too. The amount collected for November was $1,580,873, and for the five months $8,926,818, showing an increase of $814,098.

Gazette Notices.

To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain the formal notice of the calling to the Senate of Hon. Messrs. Angers and Kirchhoffer, and of the election of Mr. McInerny for Kent and Hon. W. B. Ives for Sherbrooke.

Chief Justice Sullivan has been appointed administrator of the Government of Prince Edward Island during the absence on leave of Lieutenant-Governor Carvell.

Notice will appear to-morrow of the appointment of F. C. Thompson, postmaster of Sherbrooke, as assistant postoffice inspector of the Montreal postal division of Sherbrooke, and of Hon. J. G. Robertson as postmaster of Sherbrooke.

William Moyes of St. Mary's has been appointed Collector of Customs.

BOUGHT THE OLD U.E. CLUB.

The Members of the National Club Purchase the Old United Empire Club in King-street.

At a meeting of the members of the National Club last evening the board of directors submitted various sites for a proposed new location for the club. The offer of the C.P.R. Company for the sale of the buildings in King-street used by them and formerly the "U. E. Club" was accepted. The price agreed upon is $17,000. There is also a ground rent from the Baldwin estate at $30 per foot, which has 19 years to run.

The C.P.R. will vacate the premises some time during 1893, when the building will be converted into first-class club chambers, with ladies' dining room, etc.

EVE OF THE GREAT FESTIVAL.

How the Crowds Flock to the Favorite Store.

There was an extraordinary crush in all downtown stores yesterday. Dineens' showrooms were crowded all day, and many hundreds of customers purchased articles for Christmas presents. There will probably be another large crowd to-day, but preparations have been made to attend to all who take advantage of the last day for purchasing Christmas gifts. In selecting Christmas presents for their gentlemen relatives and friends, the ladies seem to display a marked preference for fur caps and gauntlets, and there is nothing more appropriate or more likely to prove acceptable. Gentlemen, too, in purchasing gifts for their mothers and daughters, wives and sweethearts, usually select something in furs. This growing tendency to make appropriate and useful gifts is most commendable. Messrs. W. & D. Dineen of Yonge and King-streets have in stock an unparalleled assortment of the most fashionable furs, made up in every style to suit every taste. For ladies there are beautiful designs in wraps, jackets, capes, storm collars, caps, muffs and boas, surely a sufficiently long list to allow of an appropriate selection. Dineen has just put into stock a large lot of beautiful baby coats, collars, caps and boas in suitable furs. These are in great demand, being both useful and pretty. The fashionable half of Toronto is only waiting for snow in order to commence sleighing. For the full enjoyment of the sleighing season a set of comfortable sleigh robes are an absolute necessity.

There are in Dineens' stock a large number of magnificent robes in musk ox, buffalo, bear and other furs. From these it will be an easy task for anyone, however fastidious, to select robes that will satisfy the taste. It is to the advantage of all who intend to purchase robes to make their selections early. When the season opens it is probable that even Dineens' large stock will prove unequal to the demand.

Xmas Gift, Enkosis, the Parlor Game of Lacrosse.

Actor Townsend Dead.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—John Townsend, the veteran actor, died last night. Three of his children survive him. They are Florence, Mrs. Allen of Toronto; George of Toronto, and Harry, who is an actor. The remains will be interred on Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors.

The Late Bishop O'Mahony.

At Herbert E. Simpson, 143 College-street photographs large and small can be had. 136

The Late Sir Daniel Wilson.

Recently made photographs can be had at Herbert E. Simpson's, 143 College-street. 136

Just Arrived.

A large consignment of very choice dairy roll butter to be cleared at once. Price 20 cents per pound. Skeins Dairy Company, 291 and 293 King west. Telephone 2298. 246

"Clear Havana Cigars."

"La Cadena," and "La Flora." Insist upon having these brands. 136

Canada for Canadians—John Taylor & Co.s' Lilac Blossom challenges the world. 246

Steamship Movements.

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The Cold Snap Continues.

Generally fair and continued very cold; local snow flurries.