



## You've all heard of Diogenes

the old fellow who, a few thousand years ago, went looking for an honest man with a lantern. (Oil was cheaper then.)

His diligence and patience were no whit greater than that of the book reviewer of **TORONTO SATURDAY NIGHT**, looking for the great Canadian novel.

Like Diogenes, his methods are peculiar.

For instance—

he has been known to fill his pockets with books and seek some secluded spot at the Island, where, under a spreading elm tree, he would spend the afternoon in the company of aspiring writers and—mosquitoes.

Or else—

you might occasionally see him on the front seat of an open car, where, screened by the bulky form of the motorman, and totally heedless of the clanging gong and traffic noises,

he would follow to the bitter end the tribulations of some Robert W. Chambers heroine and be carried—four blocks past his street.

Still, it isn't this that has tinged some of his reviews with gentle cynicism. It's because good books are scarce. And it isn't good for a man—not even a book reviewer—to have his optimism embittered by too many disappointments.

But—

one thing you can always count on: **SATURDAY NIGHT's** book reviews are always written in a live, entertaining vein. Never slangy or flippant—just frankly sincere, candid and fearless.

If you're in the habit of shirking book reviews be sure to read this week's in **SATURDAY NIGHT**. You'll not only like it, but you'll be filled with self-reproach because you missed so many other good ones.



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## HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

### PRICE OF SHAVES TOO HIGH

Trades Council Discussed It—Barbers Deny Responsibility.

HAMILTON, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council to-night, the recent increase in the price of shaves to 15 cents by some of the barbers was discussed. The delegates from the barbers washed their hands of the matter, however, by announcing that they were in no way responsible. It was also announced that efforts were being made to re-organise the Barbers' Union, and that John Heintz of Buffalo, international organizer, was here for that purpose.

Arrangements were made for the holding of the annual conference of the Bricklayers Union in the Labor Hall next Tuesday night. A grant of \$10 was made to the Sick Children's Hospital.

**Girl's Death Investigated.**  
The sudden death of Rosita Kossa, 128 North Sherman-avenue, at the City Hospital this afternoon, was the basis of a coroner's investigation. She was working at Tuckett's tobacco factory, when she was taken suddenly ill and had to be removed to the hospital. She was unconscious and died soon after reaching there. Coroner McNichol was instructed by Crown Attorney Washington to conduct an investigation and from what he could gather it is unlikely that an inquest will be held, death apparently having been due to natural causes.

**Canadian Club.**  
Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., addressed the Canadian Club at its bi-monthly dinner at the Hotel Royal to-night on the subject of "The Criticisms of Arthur C. R. McCulloch, president of the club, was in the chair. Mr. Nesbitt alluded to the fact that he began business in Hamilton in 1881, but he did not see many of the old faces around him. He referred to his address before the Economic Club in New York in which he told the Americans that the reason Canadians appeared to favor a tariff war was because they had been tricked by the United States in previous treaties, and were not going out of their way to oblige the Americans. In speaking of the British situation, he said that monarchy without a second chamber was merely a rubber stamp. He endorsed Sir James Whitney's suggestion of a round table conference of the overseas dominions with the mother country.

**Bishop DuMoulin to Reply.**  
When asked if he had any reply to make to the criticisms of Arthur C. R. Hawkes before the Empire Club at Toronto yesterday, of the bishop's recent utterances in regard to suffragette and other English problems, Bishop DuMoulin refused to speak on the subjects, other than to say that a counterblast was imminent, but that this would be issued thru the pulpits or platform rather than thru the press. His lordship thought Mr. Hawkes absurdly wrong on many points.

The Canadian Northern Railway has opened a commercial agency in Hamilton, with George R. Fairhead of Toronto as commercial agent. Mr. Fairhead will have jurisdiction over the Niagara Peninsula.

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### VICTORIA "CONVERSAT"

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Victoria College was the scene of a brilliant function last night when the students and faculty held their annual conversation. Over 700 guests were present, and the college halls were resplendent with the fashionably attired ladies and gentlemen. An excellent program was presented, Toronto's best artists contributing to the success of the evening.

The evening began with a reception by Lieut.-Gov. and Mrs. Gibson, Chancellor and Mrs. Burwash, and the patronesses. After this happy beginning musical programs were rendered in the chapel of the Alumni Hall at the same time. The Toronto string quartet gave two excellent selections at each of these concerts. Frederic Nicolai, the cellist, also acting as soloist.

The Victoria College Glee Club, under the direction of J. M. Sherlock, gave a very satisfactory performance, as did Norman L. Murch, year '12. The other artists were: Miss Laura Hughes, Albert David and Robt. Stuart Pigott, all of whom were much appreciated. Mrs. Gerard Barton accompanied on the piano.

After the concert promenading began. Two orchestras supplied the music thru the ten promenades, and the happy throngs marched tirelessly around the corridors, enjoying the innocent pleasure to the utmost. The decorations were well attended to, especially the lower hall, which was beautifully appointed. The luncheon was dainty and delicious. Everything in fact showed care and forethought in preparation.

The patronesses were: Mrs. J. M. Gibson, Mrs. R. A. Falconer, Mrs. N. Burwash, Mrs. S. D. Chown, Mrs. G. A. Cox, Mrs. J. C. Eaton, Mrs. S. C. Rose, Mrs. J. C. Robertson, Mrs. C. P. James.

In rooms 6 and 7 a very interesting exhibit of curios, portraits and archaeological specimens were shown, and in Alumni Hall was an almost complete collection of photographs of the graduates since 1860.

### A WANDERING BOY.

The police of No. 7 division found a lad of 14 wandering around last night, giving his name as George Davidson of Morganville, Ont. He was sent to the shelter.

## CHLORIDE TOO PLENTIFUL MADE WATER TASTE BAD

Yesterday's Experiences Were Annoying to Great Body of Consumers and Many Said So.

Too much chloride of lime in the water supply caused many consumers yesterday to express disgust. According to the M. H. O., two analyses of the water showed different amounts of lime present. The first one showed 27 per cent, and the second one 35 per cent. The proper proportion is about 30 per cent. If the men at the treating station received the first report and increased the amount, it would of course be too much. The amount of lime ordered to be used is one gallon to two million gallons of water.

Mr. Ross, superintendent of the Hastings, City Engineer, said he had been told by the Engineer Rust made investigation of the shaft of the main pumping station where chloride is deposited in the water, but could find no evidence that more than the prescribed quantity which has been put in daily for months was being used.

One lady received a number of complaints by phone yesterday, several being from ladies, who stated that their husbands expressed themselves in no mild manner when they discovered a strong chemical taste in the water. "One lady said her husband was seldom in a very bright humor in the morning and that he was worse than usual," said the engineer.

One restaurateur complained that it was impossible to make tea that his patrons would drink, because of the water.

Superintendent Ross of Robert Simpson's restaurant, was asked what he thought of the water. "It's awful," he said. "People would drink the tea or coffee that is made from it. And then, after it goes thru our new filtering plant, giving a demonstration filtered water to wear anyone from drinking city water from the tap. The water is forced thru a porous stone, which in a few hours becomes so clogged with sewage that it is no longer porous. One of the stone filters was cleaned out to show The World man what condition the water was really in. Air was forced thru the cylinder, and water, muddy with sewage, oozed out.

The filtered water, however, was clear and inspiring—until you tasted it. Then a sweet, insipid taste informed you of the fact that the substance was chlorine tea, not water.

"It might not be so bad if they would put the stuff in gradually," continued Mr. Ross, "but it comes thru all at once. Early in the morning the filter brings out clear natural water, and then, as the workmen man sets on the job and dumps a few barrels of chloride in, it becomes sickening."

**Ocean Rates Reduced.**  
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## YORK COUNTY West Toronto North Toronto East Toronto

### COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE WARDEN FINE TIME

Event Was Best Ever Held in City—Mass Meeting in North Toronto.

Warden Arthur Pugsley was last night at the St. Charles cafe presented by his colleagues of the York County Council with an address, together with a beautifully mounted gold head-of-cane.

The presentation was made by Reeve S. P. Foote of Whitecourt on behalf of his fellow members, following which the retiring warden made a reply couched in fitting terms. Warden Pugsley has by his unflinching courtesy and his social and local life of his own district, as well as in the larger sphere of municipal politics, endeavored himself to all. Last night's tribute was most fitting and well deserved.

Around the foot board were more than one hundred warm personal friends, together with nearly every member of the York County Council. Among those assembled to do honor to Warden Pugsley were Governor Chambers, County Crown-Attorney James Baird, ex-Warden Alex. Baird, ex-Warden J. D. Evans, W. J. Hill, registrar of York County, Frank Barber, C.E.; Mr. Macdonald, county treasurer; T. H. Lennox, M.L.A.; Archie McCallum, W. J. Douglas, Jacob Bull, James Gardhouse and William Shiele of Weston, High Constable Ramaden, C. Lewis Wilson, T. F. McMahon, Councillor Ormrod of Scarborough, and scores of others.

The toast, a lengthy one, was royally received and followed by the toast "King" and "County." Archie McCallum, T. H. Lennox, J. D. Evans, Alex. Baird and W. H. Pugsley responded to the "Dominion and Provincial Parliaments."

"Public Institutions" was replied to by Governor Chambers, who claimed that the humane policy introduced since the assumption of the government by himself had resulted in a greatly improved condition of affairs generally. There was less occasion for punishment, and additional co-operation by himself had resulted in a greatly improved condition of affairs generally. There was less occasion for punishment, and additional co-operation by himself had resulted in a greatly improved condition of affairs generally.

Incidentally the governor (who by the way was once a resident of Newmarket) said that the same policy of humane dealing will be continued.

"In a sense you are my masters, but so long as I am in control of the situation the same policy of humane dealing will be continued."

"County Officers" fell to the lot of John A. Ramsden, Frank Barber and Crown Attorney Baird.

"Municipal Institutions" found able sponsors in Reeve George H. Henry, Deputy Reeve Phillips of King Township, and Messrs. J. B. Scarborough and Reeve John Gardhouse of Etobicoke.

"Transportation" fell to the lot of Assistant General Manager Clark Wilson of the Toronto & York Radial Railway.

Although the event was one of the most enjoyable ever held in the city, and not a little of the credit for this is due to the splendid work of the committee and members, of whom were Reeve Coulson of Stouffville.



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### KING CITY.

Lennox Club Had Great Meeting on Thursday Night.

KING CITY, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Unbounded enthusiasm animated the 175 members of the Lennox Young Conservative Club of King Township at the regular monthly meeting held in the Crossier's Hall last night. Round-robin addresses were given by Sam Charters of Peel and T. H. Lennox, M.L.A. Archie McCallum, in the absence of Dr. Lockhart, presided, and the rally was one of the best ever held in the northern riding. The Lennox Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month and all are cordially invited.

### ARE CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

Merritt Thompson, aged 21; Leslie Rose, aged 21; Stanley Ladore, aged 20, all of North Gwillimbury, and Ralph Gates of Toronto, aged 18, will appear before Magistrate Ramaden to-day charged with burglary from the store of Paul Chappelle of Brown Hill. The robberies have been going on for some time, and the articles taken are more valuable than the arrests followed investigations made by County Constable John T. Brown.

### HIGH SCHOOL HAD GREAT TIME.

The fourth annual banquet and reunion of the Markham High School ex-students' Association, held at the St. Charles Cafe, where more than one hundred former students gathered together, was a great success.

After the dinner the program consisted of a series of addresses by the high school, which were responded to by Messrs. F. A. Reesor, David James, Prof. C. A. Chant, T. A. Gibson, Rev. Dr. Brattwhite, and J. H. Reed. M.A. Readings by Miss Ethel Cocking, and solos by Messrs. W. T. Kennedy and Alex. Park were heartily applauded.

The annual event is becoming popular each year, and with Thomas A. Gibson as president and Bert French as secretary, assisted by a good executive, the success of the next annual banquet is already assured.

### NORTH TORONTO.

"Annexation" Will Be Theme at To-night's Meeting.

NORTH TORONTO, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The sale of work in the town hall on Thursday and Friday evenings has been among the most successful events ever held in the town. The Ladies' Aid of the Episcopalian Presbyterian Church, who conducted the affair, deserve nothing but commendation.

Don't forget the mass meeting to be held in the town hall on Saturday evening to discuss "annexation." Let everybody come and express an opinion on one way or the other. The meeting is yours.

Yonge-street, thru Deer Park, where the city put down the sewer and is supposed to have subsequently improved the road is in a awful state or was until the present cold dip came. A sea of mud with the cross-section of a filthy condition. Two or three good men found employment up in this district all the time.

The best feature in years will be that of Monday evening when the Farmers' Association will give their annual concert. If you miss this you will miss the best treat ever given in town, and that's saying quite a bit.

### A VENERABLE AGE.

UNIONVILLE, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—An event unique and almost without a parallel in this village will be the celebration on Saturday of the 50th birthday of Mr. John Smith, a life-long resident of Markham Township and for the past twenty years of this village. Possessed of a fair measure of health and with all his mental faculties unimpaired, he is the fine type of the hardy Ontario pioneer. He left for the city, where he will pay a short visit. A host of friends throughout the township will tender their hearty congratulations.

### FRAUDULENT COLLECTOR

Worked Sympathy Plea for Alleged Fire Sufferer.

Suspicious of fraud, the natives of West Toronto put P. C. Hyde on to a man who represented himself to be John Freeman, and was collecting funds from door to door for the benefit of a Mrs. E. Anderson, said to have been rendered destitute by being burned out in East Toronto. Hyde brought the man down to headquarters and Detective Guthrie took him into custody, charged with fraud.

The process was to exhibit a letter purporting to have been written by a Mr. Woodcock of York-road, narrating the pitiful plight of Mrs. Anderson and authorizing the bearer to collect funds in her behalf. Investigation by Detective Guthrie revealed that there was no such woman in East Toronto and no person named Woodcock on York-road. The letter he believes to have been written by the prisoner himself.

Furthermore, the detective learned that the prisoner's real name is Hooper and that he had recently from Syracuse, N. Y., where he was in trouble of some kind. Hooper, or Freeman, admitted this, but refused to disclose the nature of the offense. He had a book in his possession, upon which he was wont to make entries whenever he secured a subscription, upon which he had collected \$25 in small amounts.

**Grenadier Sergeants' At-Home.**  
The sergeants of the Royal Grenadiers held their first at home of the season in their mess rooms, West Queen-street, last night. Progressive euchre and dancing were the attractions. Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Phillips received the guests. Prizes for progressive euchre were won as follows: Ladies—Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Seal, Gentlemen—Sergeant, Cooper and Woragast. Col. Sgt. McHugh was given a handsome opal ring on behalf of the ladies present for his courtesy to them.

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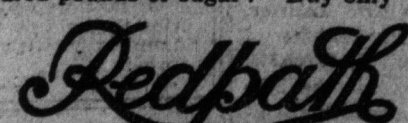
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## PORCUPINE GOLD MINES SOME WILL PROVE GOOD

So Says the Deputy Minister of Mines—Huron Old Boys Elect Officers.

"We have reason to believe that Porcupine will contain a number of good gold mines," Deputy Minister of Mines Gibson.

Croakers and knockers would have been distinctly uncomfortable or have been convinced of the excellence and stability of the Sudbury, Cobalt and Porcupine mining prospects had they heard the authoritative description of their vast resources given by Mr. Gibson, deputy minister of mines, before the annual meeting of the Huron Old Boys' Association at the Prince George last night.

Dr. Stanbury, retiring president, was chairman. Mr. Gibson showed that Ontario's agricultural products still exceeded the combined output of the three Provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and in minerals led the Dominion.

In the course of a comprehensive review of the Ontario mining Mr. Gibson threw into the spot light an inspiring picture of the nickel mining of the Sudbury district, the silver of Cobalt and the future of the new gold camp at Porcupine. So, superior was the nickel product of the district that its only rival, the French penal colony of distant New Caledonia, had been practically put out of business.

After describing the early scenes in the history of the nickel discoveries there, Mr. Gibson said, "I believe the present rate of production at Cobalt will continue for a number of years and that new veins will be discovered."

The deputy minister of mines, when speaking of the new gold field at Porcupine, had his attention called to the fact that he was speaking in the presence of the press. "I am never afraid to speak publicly, as I always say what is true," Mr. Gibson told the meeting that there was plenty of quartz at Porcupine. He explained that it would take time for the sinking of the necessary shafts and installation of mining machinery, but he added, "I have good reason to believe that Porcupine will prove to contain a number of good gold mines. Now that transportation is assured, we can expect that Porcupine will go on and prosper."

"It is certain that nothing would help to develop the adjacent arable land as much as a permanent gold mine, in which case agriculture and mining would go forward hand in hand."

Thomas McGillicuddy gave an address of reminiscences of Huron County. A letter of sympathy was ordered sent to Dan McGillicuddy, who is ill at Calgary.

These officers were elected: Hon. S. Willison, Dr. J. Stanbury, president; Major Jos. Back, vice-president; W. W. Sloan, secretary; E. Flood, treasurer; H. Clucas, auditors; W. O. McTaggart, Thomas McGillicuddy.

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