THAT BUNGLING BOARD!

CONTRACTOR MACDONALD BEATS THE CITY IN THE DON CASE.

Solicitor Biggar Tells the Executive How ex-Mayor Rowland Neglected to Answer Certain Letters That Had Now Got Them Into Trouble—Asking for Instructions as to Whether They Shall Appeal.

Another instance of bungling in the Works Department was pointed out by City Solicitor Biggar at the meeting of the Executive Committee yesterday. Mr. Biggar asked for instructions from the Executive as to whether he should or should not appeal from the judgment given by Mr. Justice Ferguson yesterday in the case of Macdonald v. The City in regard to the Don improvements. He explained the facts, which are briefly these: In March, 1889, just before the spring freshet, Contractor Randolph Macdonald was ordered by the City Engineer to excavate a flood channel under the Gerrard-street bridge. He declined to do so on the ground that the city had prevented him from carrying out the work during the summer months, when it could have been done at a profit, whereas when ordered by the engineer to do the work the cost would be 70 cents per yard and the contract price was only 18 cents per yard. The City Engineer offered 30 cents a yard, but this was declined. The city thereupon went on with the work itself at a cost of $1 per yard. The action in which the decision was given yesterday was brought for a declaration that under the circumstances the city had no right to enter upon the time for the completion of the contract, Nov. 1, 1888, having expired and the delay being entirely due to the non-fulfilment by the city of its part of the contract. Mr. Macdonald swore that the city had not given him possession of the right of way at his point until the Christmas of 1888, though the contract was signed in January, 1887. He put in 17 letters written to Mayor Rowland, Chairman Carlyle and Engineer Sproatt for plans of bridges, etc., and swore that not one of these letters had been replied to.

When Mr. Biggar had arrived at this point in his recital of the facts in the case, Chairman Carlyle asked if during the trial he had questioned Engineer Sproatt.

Mr. Biggar replied in the affirmative and repeated the questions and answers which had passed between him and the engineer. Here they are:

Mr. Biggar: "Did you receive those letters?"

Mr. Sproatt: "I think I did."

"Did you answer any of them?"

"No, I don't remember that I did."

"Have you a receiving letter book in your office?"

"I don't think I have."

"Who is the head of your department?"

"I am."

"Then you have no record of letters received?"

"No, I don't think I have."

Mr. Biggar continuing said that by reason of these plans not being furnished the prosecutor could not fetch the bridges, and for want of the bridges could not excavate this channel in the summer of 1888, although the dredge was on hand ready to go on with the work. His contention was that he having been ready and willing to do the work at the time provided for in the contract, having been prevented from so doing by reason of the neglect and default of the City Engineer, could not call upon him in March, 1889, to do the work which should have been done months before.

His Lordship decided in favor of the plaintiff, awarding him costs but no damages, and giving him a declaration that the city was not justified in the course it took.

The City Solicitor further stated that, in view of the fact that the Don improvements involve the amount of $575,000, he would require instructions as to an appeal from the decision. The Executive decided to refer the matter to a sub-committee with power to advise the solicitor.

The Sherbourne-street Bridge.

The reports of the various committees were taken up. That of the Committee on Works was adopted with few amendments. The most important clause was that recommending the construction of the new Sherbourne-street bridge. It recommends the construction of an iron bridge, with stone abutments and iron piers as a local improvement and on the initiative principle. The cost of the work will be approximately, for bridge building $50,000, for land damages $45,000, and $95,000. Of this amount $30,000 will be paid by the city and the balance will be assessed on the several properties situate and abutting upon the streets benefited equally in proportion to frontage, they being equally benefited by the construction of the bridge.

There was some discussion on the above clause, but it was finally decided to send the recommendation on to the council.

The recommendation that bridges be constructed over the railways at Dundas-street in a line with College-avenue was also sent on. The approximate cost of the bridge is $38,000, of which the city is to pay $14,000, leaving the balance to be paid by local assessment.

When the report from the Property Committee came up a communication from J. & J. Taylor, the safe-makers, was read asking for a lease of a lot north of the City Morgue for a term of 21 years at $2.70 per foot frontage per annum. The company desire to lease the land for factory purposes.

Ald. Vokes opposed the application. He was of opinion that the company could afford to purchase the property and moved that it be put up for auction.

The application was referred to the Board of Works.

The Mill on the Esplanade.

The Property Committee had been asked by McLaughlin & Moore, the lessees of the lot on the northeast corner of Bay and Esplanade-streets, upon which a large stone flour mill is erected, to omit the clause in their renewal lease binding them in case the present building is burnt down to rerect a similar mill, to cost not less than $25,000. They say that it would not pay to re-erect the mill, as the land is too expensive for this class of building, and that if the clause for re-building is to be insisted upon they must decline to accept the Assessment Commissioner's valuation of $10 per foot as the renewal rental. The Assessment Commissioner states that the renewal rental represents the actual value of the land without any building restrictions.

The committee recommended that the clause referring to the rebuilding of the mill be omitted from the lease and a clause be inserted in lieu thereof, providing that in the event of the removal or of the destruction of the mill by fire the lessees be required to erect within one year and maintain buildings on the lot to the value of at least $10,000.

This recommendation was hardly approved by the Executive and it was decided to send the clause back to the Property Committee.

Publishing Assessment Rolls.

Among other miscellaneous matters considered by the committee was a report dealing with the proposal to print and publish the assessment rolls signed by the City Clerk and City Treasurer. In compliance with the directions from the committee they had made enquiries and submitted that there are 13 separate assessment rolls for the entire city, comprising in all 3000 pages. In addition to the above these rolls contain recapitulations and necessary return for taxes imposed and lands liable for imposed taxes. If prepared for the printer the necessary copies of the rolls, exclusive of the recapitulations mentioned, would cost over $1000. The cost of procuring one copy would be about $10,000. The cost of printing and binding had been variously estimated and would range from $11,500 to $14,000, and each additional 5000 copies would cost $1825. To print every one hundred copies after the first copy would cost for each single 100 copies $400.

The committee decided to invite tenders from all the city papers of the cost of publishing the assessment rolls.

H. Devon, a colored gentleman from St. John's Ward, appeared before the committee to claim $1500 due him for his property on the Drill Shed site. On the strength of receiving this money he had built a house in "The Ward." He said he was willing to take half the amount on account. As the case was considered a hard one, the treasurer was instructed to provide funds for the payment of the claim.

Routed By Randolph.

Mr. Justice Ferguson yesterday at Osgoode Hall gave judgment in the action brought by Mr. Randolph Macdonald against the city for damages for the latter interfering in the work of the former in the work of the Don improvement. His Lordship holds that the city had no authority to interfere with the work of the contractor, and that they must pay the costs of the injunction proceedings and of this action. He refused leave to the city to appeal direct to the Court of Appeal, but is understood an appeal will be made to the Divisional Court against the present judgment.

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QUEBEC POLITICS.

A Hot Fight in Bronse—The Rimouski Contest—Mr. Chapleau's Book.

MONTREAL, Nov. 21.—It is said that Hon. J. A. Chapleau is to publish a complete history of the part he played in the Jesuits' estates question, which will contain documents not yet brought to light and likely to surprise even the Mercier regime.

To-night's Star says: Friends of the Mercier Government to-day claim that their leader has just found positive proof in the archives of the department at Quebec to confound Hon. J. A. Chapleau. This alleged discovery is said to be a letter by the ex-Premier to a high church dignitary in which he declared himself ready to settle the Jesuits claim in a quiet way and so as not to give offence to any class of the community. The Liberals claim that this letter completely destroys Mr. Chapleau's previous statements that he never recognized that the Jesuits had any claim to their former estates or to compensation in money. It is further reported that the Premier has wired his colleague, Hon. D. A. Ross, who is at the Knowlton meeting to-day, to announce the discovery and to declare that the Government are ready to prove conclusively that Mr. Chapleau would have done what Mr. Mercier has in this matter had he not been removed to Ottawa.

The vacancy in the Legislative Council caused by the death of Hon. L. E. Pacaud will, it is expected, be offered to Hon. Mr. Joly de Lotbiniere.

Archbishop Fabre is to act as arbitrator in the final settlement of the difficulty between Laval and Victoria.

The political forces of both parties are being concentrated in Bronse. The fight is to be the most hotly contested one since 1886 and promises to be close. So far Mr. England, the standard bearer of the Conservative party, seems to have the advantage. The Equal Rights and Prohibitionists are giving him short support and cries of "Down with the Mercier Administration" are frequently heard. In Rimouski the Government expect to hold the fort, but the Opposition are making such a stubborn fight that Mr. Mercier deems it necessary to be on the spot.

Against Orange Incorporation.

Parkdale True Blue L. O. L. No. 207, W. M. F. Reeves in the chair, at its last meeting unanimously passed this resolution, of which the W. M. and Bro. James Virtue

That this L. O. L. puts on record its entire disapproval of the suggestion of the committee appointed by certain members of the Grand Lodge to apply for incorporation of the Orange Association to Parliament. The present time is not the time for such an application, when among the alleged representatives of a Protestant country we see so many who have favored Jesuitism, the enemy of all liberty and progress. Orange incorporation should not have been asked for in such a government. It would be undignified on the part of the Loyal Orange Association of B. N. A. to make any such application until we can have a more responsible and representative government by and for the people in power.

This lodge has from 90 to 100 members, and at the last meeting four joined by certificate and there were two initiations. The next regular meeting is on the first Wednesday in December, when the election of officers will take place.

The beautiful new Arlington Hotel at John and King-streets since its opening has been most liberally patronized by the traveling public. The appointments and cuisine of the Arlington are unsurpassed in Canada and the rates are moderate. Street-cars pass the door every minute. The location is central and convenient.

Ambitious City Notes.

HAMILTON, Nov. 21.—A consignment of Zola's novels to a Hamilton bookseller has been seized by the customs officials and condemned under the clause in the tariff which prohibits the importation of immoral literature.

It was stated at the Board of Works meeting last night that ex-Constable Hawkins had been drawing his pay right along since his resignation was sent in. A reporter turned up the civic rolls this morning, but Hawkins' name did not appear. The Police Commissioners have not met since Hawkins sent in his resignation, so that no action has been taken on it. A good many people are wondering what the commissioners intend doing in the matter—whether Hawkins will be reinstated or not.

The Hospital Committee to-day decided to investigate the charge of malpractice preferred by Mrs. McNab against Dr. Cresthwaite, resident physician of the City Hospital. Mrs. McNab's father, John Hannah, was injured in a street melee and died two weeks afterwards in the Hospital, as Mrs. McNab alleges owing to lack of proper care and attention.

Wm. Harvey, a laborer aged 35, working in the Hamilton brick yards, was this evening buried under a mass of falling sand, and when the earth was removed he was dead. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

There is trouble here in the Church of Ascension. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Crawford, is ritualistically inclined and the church wardens claim he wants to make the Ascension a "high church."

Powderly To Be Arrested.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 21.—Ex-Representative John R. Byrne of the Knights of Labor was arrested at Scottdale, Pa., last evening on a charge of conspiracy preferred by ex-Representative Edward Callaghan. The information also includes the general masterworkman, Mr. Powderly, and Peter Wise, a local leader. Mr. Powderly will be placed under arrest on his return from Atlanta to Scranton. Wise is absent from home, but will be arrested at the earliest possible moment. The suit grew out of letters that Mr. Powderly published in The Journal of United Labor in June, 1888. At that time Callaghan was a candidate for the senatorial nomination, but was overwhelmingly defeated. Callaghan alleges that he was boycotted and injured in his business by the Knights of Labor through the influence of Byrne, Powderly and Wise. Byrne was released under bail.

Severe colds are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

Revenue Frauds in Quebec.

MONTREAL, Nov. 21.—Gigantic frauds on the revenue have been discovered in Quebec. The customs officials estimate that the Federal treasury was defrauded last year by whisky smugglers at Quebec alone of a sum considerably in excess of $250,000. The figures thus far in this vicinity foot up 117 barrels of fifty gallons each, upon which the duty should be $2.60 per gallon. This would make $140,000 that the smugglers would have pocketed; but there is no ascertaining how much they have defrauded the revenue out of. The spirits so far seized are principally highwines of greater strength than Canadian standard, and supposed to be of American manufacture. Several prominent persons are involved. Among the defendants is Dr. Belanger, house physician of Beauport asylum, upon whose premises, concealed in a well, 270 gallons of contraband stuff was found.

Some may think that Burdock tea would be as good as Burdock Blood Bitters, but in the latter compound there are a dozen other herbal medicines equally as good as Burdock for Blood, Liver and Kidneys.

A Council With Backbone.

INGERSOLL, Nov. 21.—The poles of the Reliance Electric Light Company not having been removed in accordance with the notice served by the council, a force of men was put on by the authorities at 1 o'clock this morning and by daylight the poles were all down.

"Outsells all other blood purifiers. I hear customers say it cures when all other medicines have failed," says I. F. Belfry, druggist Sherbourne, of Burdock Blood Bitters.

MARKETS AND EXCHANGES

REGISTER OF THE RESULTS OF TRADERS' TRANSACTIONS.

Money Higher in New York—Stocks, Money and Exchange—Grain and Produce—Statistics as to Supplies—A Small Dividend in a Big Estate—Other Business Embarrassments.

Money in New York is higher. The quoted rate for call money is from 5 to 7 per cent, but few actual transactions are made at that figure. The bulk of the transactions take place at 10 to 12 per cent.

THURSDAY EVENING, Nov. 21.

Business in local stocks was light to-day, the transactions, which all took place in the afternoon, totaling 460 shares. Prices were inclining lower. Declines were noted in Montreal, Toronto and Dominion, and other bank stocks were weak and inactive. Quotations are:

BANKS.	12 M. Asked.	12 M. Bid.	2:30 P.M. Asked.	2:30 P.M. Ask'd. Bid.
Montreal	221½	220½	220¾	220
Ontario	104	103	104	103
Molsons	108	102	....	....
Toronto	224	223	225	215
Merchants'	145	142	145	142
Commerce	124	123½	123¾	123¼
Imperial	156	....	156	....
Dominion	229½	225	229½	225
Standard	166½	157½	166½	157½
Hamilton	....	146	....	146
MISCELLANEOUS.				
British America	109	103	108½	103
Western Assurance	147½	146	147¾	146¼
Consumers' Gas	174	....	173	172
Dominion Telegraph	95	....	95	....
Montreal Telegraph	124	....	124	....
Northwest Land Co.	95¼	94	94½	94
Can. Pacific Rail. Grant Bonds	....	....	....	....
LOAN COMPANIES.				
Canada Permanent	203	202	....	....
Freehold, xd	162	....	....	....
Western Canada	187	....	187	....
Union	....	....	127	....
Can. Landed Credit	120	119	....	....
B. & Loan Association	111½	109	....	....
Farmers' L. & Savings	....	....	....	....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	169½	159	....	....
People's Loan	....	119	....	....

Transactions: In the afternoon—50 and 50 of Commerce at 123 1-2; 25 and 100 of Northwest Land at 81; 10 at 84½.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, Nov. 21, 11.05 a.m.—Montreal, xd, 221½ and 220 1-2; Ontario, xd, 137 and 133½; People's, 104 and 102 1-2; Molsons, asked 105; Toronto xd, 221 and 216; Merchants', xd, 145 and 143; Commerce, xd, 125 and 123 1-2; Mont. Tel., 94 and 93½; Richelieu, 50½ and 58; City Passenger, 220 and 190; Gas Co., 199 1-2 and 198; C. P. R., 72½ and 72.

MONTREAL, Nov. 21, 3 15 p.m.—Montreal, xd, 220 1-2 and 220¼, sales 10 at 220, and 10 at 220½; Ontario, xd, 134½ and 133½; People's, 102 and 101; Molsons, 167½ and 164; Toronto, xd, 224 and 216; Merchants', xd, 146 and 143; Commerce, 124½ and 123½; Mont. Tel., 94 and 93½; Richelieu, 59 and 58; City Passenger, 220 and 190; Gas Co., 199½ and 198½; C. P. R., 72½ and 72 3-8, sales 25 at 72 3-4, 50 at 72 1-2 and 25 and 25 at 72¾.

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LONDON BONDS AND STOCKS.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Consols, money, 97 1-16, and account 97 5-16. U.S. 4's, 127. U.S. 4½'s, 107½; Erie, 22¾; C.P.R., 75½; N.Y.C., 109½.

LOCAL RATES.

BETWEEN BANKS.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
New York Funds	Par	1-16	1/32 to 1/64
Sixty days' sterling	9 3-16	9 5-16	9¼ to 9⅜
Demand do	9 9	9 9-16	9¾ to 9⅞
RATES FOR STERLING IN NEW YORK.			
	Posted.	Actual.	
Sixty days' Sterling	4.81½	4.80¾	
Demand do	4.88	4.86¼ to 4.85	

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THE MONEY MARKET.

Money in the local market is firm at the following quotations:

Call money on Stocks	6 to 6½ per cent.
On Bonds	6½ to 6 "
On Commercial Paper	6 to 7 "
On Real Estate	6 to 6½ "

The Bank of England rate is 5 per cent. The open rate in London is 3½ per cent. Call money in New York is quoted at 6 to 7 per cent.

RATES FOR DRAFTS.

C. S. Gzowski, money and exchange broker, quotes rates for drafts as follows:

France on Paris, Bourdeaux, etc	19¼	19⅛
Marks on Berlin, Hamburg, etc	20	21
Roubles on Warsaw, St. Pet'rsb'rg, etc.	53	54
Sterling on London	4.89½	4.89

Grain and Produce.

There was no business doing on call at the Board of Trade to-day.

THE STREET MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were small. Wheat—Steady, 100 bushels selling at 85c for fall, red winter and spring, and 70c for goose.

Barley—Steady; 300 bushels sold at 39c to 46½c.

Oats—Firmer, 100 bushels selling at 32c to 32½c.

Peas—Steady; 50 bushels of shipping peas sold at 45c. Choice peas 60c.

Hay—Steady; 20 loads sold at $11 to $14 for timothy, and $7 to $10 for clover.

Straw—Scarce and firm; five loads sold at $10 to $11.

Dressed Hogs—Choice fat hogs sold at $6.50 to-day. Inferior light fat is cuoted at $5.90.

PROVISIONS.

Commission houses quote provisions as follows: Butter, fresh rolls 15c to 18c, creamery 22c to 24c, store packed 11c to 15c; eggs, fresh 20c to 21c, and limed 17c to 18c; mess pork, $18.50 to $19; l.c. bacon, 8½c to 9½c; lard, Canadian 13½c to 14½c, and American 6½c to 9½c; smoked hams, 12c to 13c.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

OSWEGO, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.—Barley unchanged; sales 10,000 No. 2 Canada at 54, 10,000 No. 2 extra at 56.

OSWEGO, Nov. 21, 1 p.m.—Barley quiet and unchanged; No. 2 Canada, 54; No. 2 extra Canada 56.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21.—Wheat firm, demand poor; holders offer moderately. Corn—Firm; demand poor. Spring wheat, 7s 9d to 7s 10d; red winter, 6s 9d to 6s 10d; No. 1 Cal., 7s 2d; corn, 4s 0½d; peas, 6s 4d; pork, 63s 6d; lard, 35s 6d; bacon, 36s to 37s 6d; cheese, 54s.

Summons to answer.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn, nil. Arrivals nil, sold nil. Awaiting orders, wheat 1. Cargoes on passage—wheat firmer, corn strong. Good cargoes, mixed American corn, present and following month 20s 3d, was 20s. Weather in England colder. Liverpool—Spot wheat firmer, corn strong.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Cotton — Firm, quiet; uplands 10½, gulf 10¾. Flour—Quiet, easy, generally unchanged. Wheat—Receipts 22,500 bushels, exports 94,209 bushels; sales 1,408,000 bushels futures, 131,000 bushels spot; spot moderately active, stronger; No. 2 red 84½ to 84¾, elevator; options dull, ⅛ to ¼ higher, firm; No. 2 red Nov. 84½, Dec. 84¾, Jan. 86, May 89½, June 89¾. Barley—Nominal. Corn—Receipts 22,300 bushels, exports 49,494 bushels, sales 360,000 bushels futures, 21,200 bushels spot; spot active, stronger; ungraded mixed, 40½ to 43½; options dull, unchanged to ¼c lower; steady; Nov. 42, Dec. 42½, Jan. 41½, May 41½. Oats—Receipts 24,000 bushels; sales 360,000 bushels futures, 142,000 bushels spot; spot quiet, firmer, fairly active; options active, stronger; Nov. 28⅛, Dec. 28⅛, Jan. 28¼, Feb. 28½, May 29 7-8, spot No. 2 28½ to 28¾, mixed western 27 to 29½, white do 30 to 35. Sugar — Firmer, active; standard A 6¼, cut loaf and crushed 7 7-8, powdered 7⅛, granulated 7.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec, 81, Jan. 81½, May 85¼. Corn—Dec. 31½, Jan. 31¼, May 33¼. Oats—Dec. 20¾, May 22¾. Pork—Year $9.25, Jan. $9.42½, May $9.77½. Lard—Year $5.97½, Jan. $5.97½, May $6.15. Short ribs—Year $4.85, Jan. $4.85, May $5. Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat and No. 2 red 80½ to 80¾; No. 2 corn 32¾. No. 3 oats 21, ; mess pork $9.75 to $9.87½; lard $5.77½ to $5.80; short ribs sides $5.25 to $5.40; dry salted shoulders $4.37½ to $4.50; short clear sides $5.30 to $5.62½. Receipts—Flour 22,000 bbls, wheat 105,000 bush, corn 259,000 bush, oats 119,000 bush, rye 10,000 bush, barley 47,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 22,000 bbls, wheat 41,000 bush, corn 59,000 bush, oats 147,000 bush, rye 3000 bush, barley 32,000 bush.

AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF AMERICAN WHEAT.

The available supply of American wheat and its equivalent in flour, is as follows, as compared with that at this time last year:

	1889, bu.	1888, bu.
Available supply in the U.S. and Canada east of Rocky Mountains	28,401,377	34,811,943
On passage— Wh't and flour for U.K.	14,362,000	20,800,000
Wh't and flour for cont.	5,750,000	5,120,000
Total	48,513,377	60,491,943

THE BRITISH GRAIN TRADE.

[From The Mark Lane Express.]

English wheats are firm. The sales of English wheats for the week were 77,817 quarters at 30s 2d per quarter, against 49,523 quarters at 31s 11d per quarter for the corresponding time last year. The prices of flour are maintained, though sales are slow. Foreign wheats are steady, with a good request for California and American reds. Barleys are in fair demand and grinding is 3d dearer. Corn is stronger.

NOTING A CO-INCIDENCE.

[From The Liverpool Corn Trade News.]

It is worthy of passing remark that Sir John Lawes' experience of growing wheat continuously on land in this country that has not been manured at all during 46 years should tally so exactly with the American official returns of yield in that country, Sir John's figure being 12½ bushels per acre; the American average for the past 10 years—12 bushels per acre.

AMERICAN ELEVATORS IN RUSSIA.

[From The Chicago Daily Business.]

In St. Petersburg, on the southern shore of the Morskol Canal, engineers are constructing elevators after the American plan on ground hired for 50 years. According to the tariff sanctioned by the Government for these warehouses grain is accepted in them during the time of navigation for 22 days only. At the close of navigation warehousing of grain is reckoned per month at the rate of 2s 5d per cwt.

Business Embarrassments.

Herbert Smart, builder, 575 Deleware-avenue, has assigned with liabilities amounting to $10,000. Mr. Smart was engaged in building six houses in College-street, work upon which has been stopped.

C. A. Pickering, druggist, Yonge-street, has assigned. Liabilities amount to about $3000.

The creditors of Totten, Henderson & Co., general dealers, Gore Bay, have accepted an offer of compromise at 75 cents on the dollar. John Totten is managing the estate.

It is announced that the estate of ex-Mayor McGee of Oshawa, who ran a private bank and gulled the farmers of the vicinity, will not pay more than 3 cents on the dollar. The liabilities are $35,000.

The Lady Godiva must have had exceptionally long hair since it completely concealed her lovely person. Since Ayer's Hair Vigor came into use such examples are not so rare as formerly. It not only promotes the growth of the hair, but it gives it a rich, silken texture.

The Ministerial Association and Evangelists.

EDITOR WORLD: When we consider the nature and amount of work done by newspaper men, it is no marvel that occasional slight inaccuracies occur. I have found the Press most ready to make corrections—a courtesy which I am persuaded you will readily accord me on this occasion.

Your report of the Ministerial Association meeting, held in this city on Monday morning last, is correct when it credits the writer with favoring the use of evangelists, but it incorrectly represents me as insisting that only "ordained ministers" should be employed to do evangelistic work. The latter statement does not represent my views on the question, and I did not so express myself either at the meeting or at any other time. I said, among other things, that I would employ only duly accredited members of some Christian church to do evangelistic work. I made no reference whatever to ordination. I speak but little in the Ministerial Association meetings, but here are some questions on which I have strong convictions and when such questions are under consideration I do not hesitate to state my views when occasion seems to call for such expression. The question for discussion last Monday morning answered this condition.

While admitting that all pastors should do the work of evangelists—that is tell sinners of a Saviour, and while maintaining that it is not a healthy condition in a church when pastor and people think things must be at a standstill until some distinguished stranger is secured, yet for many years it has been my joy to proclaim: "Let him that heareth say come." Let the work be done by all that can do the work, be they men or women, ordained or unordained. If God is drawing I do not approve of undue ceremony as to the precise method of getting him out of the water. So in the matter of soul-saving time is too short and the work to be done is too important to allow us to engage in solemn trifling as to details of methods. The only question in order is: How and by whom can the work be most successfully accomplished? I believe every minister in our association is honestly endeavoring to give what seems to him to be the correct answer to this question. While having due regard to what is becoming in the church of God and to scriptural teaching, speaking for myself, I would say to all who would hamper us with slavish adherence to exact detail of methods, old or new, as I said in the ministers' meeting last Monday morning: "Hang the orthodoxy but save the men."

CHAS. LANGFORD.

436 Euclid-avenue, Nov. 20.

If you are despondent, low spirited, irritable and peevish, and unpleasant sensations are felt invariably after eating, then get a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and it will give you relief. You have dyspepsia. Mr. R. H. Dawson, St. Mary's, writes: "Four bottles of Vegetable Discovery entirely cured me of dyspepsia; mine was one of the worst cases. I now feel like a new man."

John McGregor Pleads His Own Cause.

Lawyer John McGregor appeared before the Common Pleas Divisional Court yesterday to argue his appeal against the orders made in the case of Pritchard v. Pritchard, including one made by Mr. Justice Street ordering McGregor, as solicitor for one of the parties, to pay some $600 into court which he had wrongfully, it was alleged, taken out and the order of Mr. Justice MacMahon for the committal of McGregor to jail for contempt in neglecting to pay in this morning.

The appellant argued that there is no authority for an order for committal to jail for mere non-payment of money; that the payment of the money under the order was never demanded from him, and that having appealed from those orders he was entitled to a stay of proceedings on the order to commit without payment into court of the money, which stay the court refused him. Mr. F. C. Moffat appeared for Pritchard. Judgment was reserved.

Jacob H. Bloomer of Virgilia, N.Y., writes: "Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil cured a badly swelled neck and sore throat on my son in forty-eight hours; one application also removed the pain from a very sore toe; my wife's foot was also much inflamed—so much so that she could not walk about the house; she applied the oil, and in twenty-four hours was entirely cured."

An Estimable Lady's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Colin Skinner took place to Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At 1 o'clock the members of the W. C. T. U. met in Association Hall and proceeded thence to the deceased's residence in Davisville, where they viewed for the last time the face of one who had taken a prominent part in the organization. Here Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of whose church (the Central Presbyterian) Mrs. Skinner was a faithful member, conducted the services. He spoke in touching terms of the excellent qualities of her who had departed, and addressed words of comfort to those who are left to mourn their loss. Among the acquaintances present were Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. G. E. Freeman, Rev. W. F. Wilson and Mr. J. J. Ferguson.

—Caswell, Massey & Co's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Pepsin and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

Argued the City Hall.

It is stated that ex-Ald. Elliott will again be a candidate for St. Matthew's Ward at the next municipal election.

Mr. Cockburn, M.P., has accepted the invitation to accompany the deputation appointed to visit Ottawa re Esplanade matters.

Some of the friends of Ald. Carlyle (St. Thos.) have decided to express their appreciation of the Board of Works Chairman by presenting him next Christmas with a life-size oil portrait of himself.

The legal firm of Smith & Greer has written the Mayor in behalf of Benjamin Booth, the owner of property on the east side of Logan-avenue, claiming damages on account of injury done to his property through the raising of that thoroughfare.

In reply to another letter from Robinson & O'Brien, acting for Sherbourne-street property owners, Mayor Clarke yesterday stated that he had laid their former correspondence before the Board of Works and that the board had referred it to the City Engineer for a report. It is understood that no more money will be paid to the Warren-Scharf Company by Treasurer Coady unless ordered by court to make such payment.

Dyspepsia or indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of headache. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief and effect a cure. Mr. E. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont., writes: "Parmelee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock."

ELECTING THEIR OFFICERS.

The Architects Association Discuss Professional Matters and Have a Dinner.

The annual convention of the Ontario Association of Architects was continued yesterday, President Storm in the chair. Mr. E. W. Gambier-Bousfield read a paper on "Office Management." An interesting discussion followed on the question of the legal position of an architect in his professional relation to corporate bodies, arising out of the case of Power v Bowmanville. Mr. E. Burke read a paper on "Professional Ethics," which gave rise to considerable discussion. Mr. S. G. Curry read a paper on "Competition." The election of officers resulted:

President—W G Storm.

Vice-Presidents—G F Durand, London; James Balfour, Hamilton; K Arnoldi, Ottawa.

Secretary—S H Townsend, Toronto.

Treasurer—D B Dick, Toronto.

Directors—E Burke, Toronto; James Power, Kingston; S G Curry, Toronto; D Ewart, Ottawa; J W Belcher, Peterboro.

Auditors—Messrs Langley and Gregg, Toronto.

It was decided that the next meeting be held in Toronto.

In the evening the members of the association dined at Harry Webb's.

An Alleged Fire Bug in Court.

Robert Brines, the young man who was arrested on suspicion of being the incendiary who set fire to the buildings of J. & J.G. Greig & Co.'s mill supply works, on the night of Nov. 13, was brought before the Magistrate yesterday. Mr. N. G. Bigelow put in a plea of not guilty. A half-dozen witnesses were examined, among them Detective John Cuddy, who stated that the prisoner on one occasion admitted that he had set fire to The Mail building. The prisoner was remanded on his own bail to the 25th inst.

Brines was employed as time-keeper at the building and his duties ceased at 7 p.m. He was almost the first one at the fire on the night in question, although it was locked of midnight. Policeman Forrest took him in charge because he could not give a satisfactory account of his movements just before the fire was discovered.

Found Dead.

BRANTFORD, Nov. 21.—The dead body of Henry Barton, butcher, of West Brantford, was found on the Grand Trunk track at Mount Pleasant yesterday evening. He was very deaf.

KINGSTON, Nov. 21.—The body of Mrs. L. G. Reid of Belleville was found in the slip adjoining Richardson's elevator at noon today. She was a daughter of D. A. Waddell, harnessmaker, of this city, and came here to be treated for an eye affection which rendered her almost blind.

Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of twenty-five cents.

Before the Colonel.

In the Police Court yesterday Richard Pryor was committed for trial on three separate charges of forgery. Pryor's racket was to sign the name of certain persons for small amounts, send a boy and get the money from a friend of the person whose name was used. The names of William Bell of William Bell & Son, John Lumsden of The Empire office, E. T. Constable, Robert Harrison and others were used. Alfred Johnston pleaded guilty to having embezzled $6 from his employer, John Roy, milk dealer. Johnston was given $6 in silver to make change to customers and he failed to make proper returns. He was sent to jail for sixty days. John Murray was proved to have stolen a pair of shoes from W. McAdam's store, Queen-street west. He was sent to the Central Prison for four months. Mary Ann Todd, charged with keeping a disorderly house in Gerevale-avenue, was remanded till to-day.

MR. S. C. FINLAY.

He Wishes to Give His Experience to the Public.

Mr. S. C. Finlay of 290 Farley-avenue, an old and well-known citizen, wishes to give his experience with the Medical Institute for the Cure of Catarrh, Dyspepsia and Chronic Diseases, located at 198 King-street west.

Mr. Finlay had suffered for months, had consulted three physicians, one of whom treated him for six months, he continued to grow worse, his appetite failed, had a cough, his liver was inactive and greatly enlarged, the pain in his right lung was hard to bear, the palpitation of his heart prevented him from making but slight exertion, he was generally run down in health and was obliged to give up work, and he had almost given up hope when he was advised to try the physicians of the Medical Institute for the cure of Catarrh, Dyspepsia and Chronic Diseases, located at 198 King-street west, which he did, and in two months was a well man and is so to-day, although it is nearly two years since. Mr. Finlay is a good, conscientious and honorable man, and will be glad to talk with anyone who may wish to call on him.

This institution besides treating Catarrh and Dyspepsia, treats all chronic and private diseases, and this testimonial is only one of over six hundred testimonials which can be seen on application. No testimonial published without consent of patient. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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A NEW TREATMENT.

Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the lining membrane of the nose and eustachian tube. Microscopic research, however, has proved this to be a fact, and the result of this discovery is that a simple remedy has been discovered which permanently cures the most aggravated cases of these distressing diseases by a few simple applications made (painlessly *apart*) by the patient at home. A pamphlet explaining this new treatment is sent *free* by A. H. Dixon & Son, 307 and 309 West King Street, Toronto, Canada.

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