THE BELL MONOPOLY

Mass Meeting of Citizens at Pickering Arrange for Rural Telephone Connection to Brougham—Mr. Hoover Replies to Mr. Scott.

AWAITING ACTION AT WHITEVALE

Trial Has Been Postponed Till Thursday, Feb. 26, to Allow President Sise to Appear—Hon. John Dryden Thinks Company Was Foolish to Deny Demands of People.

Pickering, Feb. 18—(Special.)—A mass meeting was held here Tuesday night for the purpose of arranging for a rural telephone connection from this village to the Village of Brougham. A delegation of citizens who are interested in the Markham and Pickering Independent Telephone Company were invited to be present. President Alpheus Hoover of Green River, D. R. Beaton and H. J. Hurd attended. The meeting was held in the firehall. W. V. Richardson acted as chairman and J. Ross Thexton as secretary.

Among other prominent people present and actively interested in the plan were Messrs. Vanstone, Pugh, Dickie, Spink, Ham, Love and Gordon. Most of them made short speeches, touching the vast advantage to the rural districts, as well as the villages, from these independent phones.

It was decided that a line should be constructed from Pickering to Brougham, and connected with the co-operative service there, just as soon as the Crown determined the virtue of the contention of the people around Whitevale, who have lodged a criminal complaint against the Bell Company, in order to have the exclusive contract with the railroads invalidated.

It was the sense of the meeting that the line should be constructed just as soon as they were sure they could receive equal treatment with the Bell Company.

HOOVER CORRECTS SCOTT.

Whitevale, Feb. 18—(Special.)—Some delay has been occasioned by forwarding to Montreal the criminal summons for the Bell Telephone president. There was some question about the legality of a summons by mail and a special constable to-night left for Montreal with the summons, as well as subpoenas for Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and others who are expected to testify in the case.

The people continue much aroused. Alpheus Hoover, president of the co-operative company, denounces in the severest measures the statement of Special Agent Scott of the Bell, who said that the co-operative people had never applied to the Bell for permission to enter the station at Locust Hill. While denying the legal rights of the Bell to demand such recognition, Mr. Hoover declares most emphatically that even before their service was completed, some time in November, he, in company with two prominent citizens of Whitevale, met Scott in person and requested this permission.

Scott's exact words were: "We could not think of such a thing."

The date of the trial of the case has been changed to Thursday, Feb. 26, in order to give President Sise all the time required for him to put his affairs in such shape that he can appear in person before Magistrate Davidson at Whitevale.

HON. JOHN SPEAKS OUT.

Hon. John Dryden was seen yesterday by The World and he gave his attitude on the telephone question in a few concise sentences. When asked if he would be willing to use his influence to induce the Attorney-General to have a Crown Attorney go to Whitevale and prosecute the president of the Bell Telephone Company, he said:

I have been approached by no one but a World reporter. What sort of figure do you think I would cut snooking my nose into a matter that did not affect me? I think it is rather cheeky to come in and ask me that question.

"I think the Bell Telephone people are fools to try to stop it."

"That is, trying to stop the farmers taking the line into the station?" suggested the reporter.

"Yes. I don't think you will get Mr. Sise down there."

"Will he not be compelled to obey the summons?"

"Well, I don't know. I am not enough of a lawyer to say."

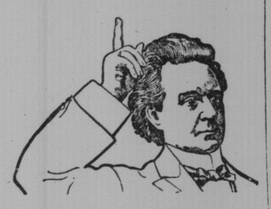
"Would you take action if you were approached by a deputation from the farmers?"

"I don't want to be approached by a deputation. It is not a case for government interference. Private persons are merely taking advantage of their privileges under the law."

FEARED

He Would Have Catarrh —An Obstinate Head Cold Cured by

MUNYON'S COLD CURE.



"There is no punishment too severe for those who deceive the sick."—MUNYON.

A head cold is an inflammation of the membranes of the nose and head. It is of a temporary character, but may easily become permanent if neglected or improperly treated. My Cold Cure will speedily cure a cold and remove every vestige of it from the system. It will restore the body to health and enable every organ to perform its duties naturally and properly.—Munyon.

FEARED CATARRH.

"I had a very severe cold in my head and it caused me great distress. It kept on so long that I began to fear catarrh. It had almost developed that way. A few doses of Munyon's Cold Cure gave me relief and a vial and a half of this excellent remedy cured me completely." C. Turff, 285 Wilton-avenue, Toronto, Jan. 24, 1903.

MEDICAL ADVICE.

Personal letters addressed to Prof. Munyon, Philadelphia, U. S. A., containing details of sickness, will be answered promptly, and free advice as to treatment will be given.

London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, Limited

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Company was held at the Head Office, Toronto, on Wednesday, 18th February, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon. Among those present were the following: Rev. Dr. Moffatt, Dr. Larratt W. Smith, K.C., Dr. N. G. D. Parker, Mrs. Harrison and Messrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, Thomas Long, T. R. Wood, C. S. Gzowski, John J. Long, William Gordon, John Aitken, F. G. Alleuby, J. J. Woodhouse, C. C. Baines, George Ridout, A. Myers, W. L. Hime, J. G. Ridout and C. Temple.

On motion the President, Mr. Cockburn, occupied the chair, and the Secretary, Mr. W. Wedd, jr., acted as Secretary of the meeting. The following Report was adopted:

Twenty-Ninth Annual Report.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Company and the accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902, the result of the Company's business being as follows:

The gross earnings, including the balance ($15,642.76) brought forward from last year, amounted to		$217,382.26
After deducting the cost of management, interest on Debentures, and all other charges, amounting in all to		114,606.98
There remains a net profit of		102,728.28
Out of which two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum and the usual tax on Capital and Income have been paid, amounting in all to		60,556.52
Leaving a surplus of		42,171.76
Out of which has been transferred to the Contingent Fund		24,000.00
Leaving a balance to be carried forward to 1903 of		18,171.76

The Company's funds have been fully employed during the year and applications for loans on mortgage were received to the amount of $1,135,857, and loans were approved and accepted to the amount of $445,680 on property valued at $803,000.

Owing to the magnificent crops in Ontario and Manitoba, and the consequent stimulation in value of real estate, several mortgage claims hitherto of a doubtful nature have been recovered in full, thus materially increasing the profits of the year.

The Company's Office Building on Main-street, Winnipeg, was disposed of at a satisfactory price. The Directors decided on this course as the building was not suitable for such a valuable site.

The payments on the Final Call on the Capital Stock of the Company have been fully met, and it now stands at $1,000,000 fully paid, thus completing the readjustment of the same in accordance with the decision arrived at by the Shareholders at the Special General Meeting held on the 21st February, 1900.

The various officers of the Company in Ontario and Manitoba have performed their duties to the satisfaction of the Directors, and the books, vouchers and securities of the Company have been duly audited, as per certificate appended.

GEORGE R. R. COCKBURN, President.

Toronto, 5th February, 1903.

Assets and Liabilities, 31st December, 1902.

Assets.

Loans on Mortgages and Interest		$2,385,238.80
Properties—		
Account—Company's Offices and Buildings in Toronto	$75,000.00	
Other Real Estate Owned by the Company	28,471.66	
		103,471.66
		$2,488,710.46
Municipal and other Negotiable Debentures owned	308,669.41	
Loans on Call or Short Date on Debentures and Securities	624,832.55	
		1,023,501.96
Sundry Debtors		2,089.43
Cash in hand— With Company's Bankers in Canada		57,587.43
		$3,572,469.32

Liabilities.

Capital Stock paid up	$1,000,000.00
Rest Account (invested in Municipal Debentures)	210,000.00
Contingent Fund	24,341.27
Debenture Stock	479,853.34
Debentures and Certificates payable at fixed dates	1,704,667.59
Reserved for interest accrued on Debenture Stock, Debentures and Certificates to date	32,195.46
Sundry Creditors	31,943.87
Due to Company's Bankers in Britain	41,296.03
Dividend No. 65, payable 2nd January, 1903	30,000.00
Balance at Credit of Revenue Account carried to next year	18,171.76
	$3,572,469.32

Revenue Account for Year Ending 31st December, 1902.

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Cost of Management, including Head Office Expenses, inspection Charges and Directors' Fees		$ 13,427.43
Commission on Debentures issued and Loans effected during the year, and Agency Charges in Edinburgh and Winnipeg		16,406.00
Debenture and Certificate Interest paid and accrued to 31st December, 1902		84,770.46
Balance Available for Distribution 31st December, 1902		**$102,728.28**
Appropriated as follows:		
Dividend No. 65 3 per cent., paid 2nd July, 1902	29,742.82	
Dividend No. 64 3 per cent., payable 2nd January, 1903	30,000.00	
Tax on Capital and Income	813.70	
Amount transferred to Contingent Fund	24,000.00	
Balance at Credit of Revenue Account carried to next year	18,171.76	
		102,728.28
		$217,382.26

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Balance at Credit of Revenue Account, 31st December, 1901	$17,242.76	
Less amount voted to President and Auditors at the last Annual meeting	1,000.00	
		$ 15,642.76
Net interest, etc., received and accrued to 31st December, 1902, inclusive of interest recovered on old accounts		201,689.50
		$217,332.26
December 31st—By Balance carried to next year		$18,171.76

The following gentlemen were duly appointed Directors: G. R. R. Cockburn, Sir W. P. Howland, Donald MacKay, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Dr. Larratt W. Smith, Thomas Long, T. R. Wood and C. S. Gzowski. At a subsequent meeting of the newly-elected Board, Mr. George R. R. Cockburn was appointed President, and Mr. Thomas Long Vice-President.

V. B. WADSWORTH, Manager.

SPAIN GETS BIG JUDGMENT.

Judge Thinks Had Ships Been Ready She Could Have Saved Cuba.

Edinburgh, Scotland, Feb. 18.—The Court of Session to-day awarded the government of Spain $337,500 in the action begun here January 20 by the Spanish Minister of Marine, Senchex Toca, to recover $375,000 from the Clydebank Engineering and Shipbuilding Company because of the company's failure to deliver in contract time four torpedo boat destroyers, which had been intended for use during the Spanish-American war.

Lord Kyllachy, the judge of first instance, said he thought if more than probable that if Spain, even in the spring of 1897, had been in a position to establish a really effective blockade in Cuba against the unloading of munitions of war, the insurrection might have been crushed and American intervention have been avoided. He therefore allowed Spain $2500 a week for the 135 weeks' delay to which she was entitled under the contract.

LOADED CARS ON G.T.R.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—There is a great movement of loaded cars on the Grand Trunk system these days. The number of loaded cars handled by the company during the month of January exceeded that of the same month last year by 50,000. The greatest increase, however, is found in the figures for the present month.

During the past sixteen days of this month the Grand Trunk system handled 53,000 more loaded cars than during the same period of 1902.

Canadians in London.

These citizens of the Dominion of Canada were registered at the High Commissioner's Office, London, during the week ending Feb. 3: N. C. Ogilvie, Montreal; G. W. M. Farrell, Halifax; George H. Burke, Mrs. Burke, Dawson; Egerton L. Pope, Belleville; F. W. Evetts, Regina; Mrs. John Sloan, Mr. H. A. Sloan, Toronto; H. G. Nivin, Montreal; W. L. Crossland, Toronto; Dr. F. B. Carron, Brockville; Robert D. Noble, Petrolea; Major Paul Weatherbe, Mrs. Weatherbe, Ottawa; John W. May, Hamilton; Richard Sibley, Henry Hunnisett, W. D. Matthews, Mrs. A. Gardiner, Herbert H. Evans, Toronto; C. W. Weldon McLean, Arthur G. Piddington, A. Maclaurin, Montreal; J. B. Duford, A. Harwood, Ottawa, W. Davey, Sheffield; A. Clifford Jack, James H. S. McClure, Montreal; E. W. Phillips, Brockville; James J. Murphy, Quebec; A. G. Duder, Montreal; Mrs. W. P. R. Street, Miss Street, Miss Evelyn Street, Miss E. Boulton, Miss H. Boulton, Toronto; Stuart DuMoulin, Hamilton; Allan G. Hurdman, Mrs. Hurdman, Ottawa; Dr. E. Aull, Winnipeg; Campbell Davidson, Montreal; C. G. Mair, Vancouver; W. R. Marshall, Hamilton; D. V. Power, J. P. Craig, Montreal; Henry St. J. Munn, Dawson; Miss A. C. Hughes, Miss F. Hughes, Toronto.

Prince Komatsu Dead.

Yokohama, Feb. 18.—Prince Kamatsu, who was the envoy of Japan at the coronation of King Edward, died to-day from an affection of the barin.

Sir Wilfrid Out Again.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Sir Wilfrid is out again after a two-days' siege with cold.

AT SESSION'S CLOSE.

Joint High Commissioners May Then Get Together.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Sir Wilfrid has received a letter from Senator Fairbanks suggesting that the Joint High Commission should resume its sittings and naming a date early in March for the first meeting. Sir Wilfrid has replied that it would be better to defer going on with the Joint High Commission until the Alaska boundary question is out of the way. A second reason assigned is that, altho the sittings of Congress will shortly terminate, thus releasing American politicians from their legislative labors, the Dominion Parliament is just about to enter upon a session which may be very protracted. The "Joint High" may meet at the close of the session.

Found Dead by His Son.

Malone, N.Y., Feb. 18.—William Labarge, a local violinist, was so badly frozen on Monday night that he died late on Tuesday evening. He had been playing at a small dancing party, but became ill and requested to be taken home. Instead he was taken to the home of his son and left alone on the piazza to gain admittance. He became unconscious before he could arouse the family and was found lying near the door when his son started to work the next morning.

WHY?

Why do women continue to endure suffering caused by womanly diseases? There are many answers to that question. Sometimes because they have exhausted the skill of local physicians and remain uncured. At other times it is because they shrink from submitting to obnoxious examinations which local physicians deem necessary. And to sum it all up, they endure suffering because they do not know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"Favorite Prescription" establishes regularity, dries disagreeable drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"I enjoy good health; thanks to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' writes Mrs. J. J. Schuyler, of Pontiac, Livingston Co., Ill. "I was taken sick and the doctors here called it 'Grip.' I lay for four weeks in bed, then when I got up I found I had 'displacement.' Had such aches and pains in my back and limbs could not stand any length of time. I knew that our home doctor would insist the first thing on an examination, and that I would not submit to, unless I was dangerously sick. My son had your book, 'Common Sense Medical Adviser,' and I thought from reading it that Dr. Pierce's medicine would do me more good than all the home doctors—and so it has. I can truly say I was surprised at the benefit I received. I can do all my washing and also tend my flower garden. In fact I am on my feet most all the time. An old friend of mine said to me, 'Why what is the matter with you? You are getting young again.' I told her I had taken six bottles of Dr. Pierce's medicines, and that if she would do likewise she would feel ten years younger, too."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser paper covers is sent *free* on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing *only*. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

PROFITS FOR THE PEOPLE

Public Ownership Yields Great Results to Ratepayers in Chicago.

EARNINGS FROM LIGHT PLANT

Saving of $283,612 in a Year as Against Cost of System Operated by Private Corporation.

New York Journal: Why should we think municipal ownership is anything of an experiment? Why should we think it involves any risk or uncertainty?

In Chicago at this present time they are operating an important public utility by direct municipal ownership and control—operating it efficiently, economically, successfully, without friction, without scandal. What is there strange or alarming about it?

In Chicago the city owns and operates the largest municipal electric lighting plant in this country. It has operated it for fifteen years. Do you care to know how well?

In the year ended December 31, 1902, the municipally-owned lighting plant saved for the city $283,612.89, as compared with the sum private ownership would have charged for the same service.

This significant saving was achieved in spite of an increase of 11 per cent. in the wages of employes and in spite of the increased cost of coal and materials.

Private ownership under the same profit system that Chicago maintains for her street car service charges $103 a year for each arc lamp; the cost to the city was only $53.57 for each arc lamp.

The average number of lamps operated by the city was 4608, and the total cost of operating them was $241,224.11. To have rented these lamps from private companies at the lowest rate offered to the city would have cost $524,837.

The saving to the taxpayers of $283,612.89 is a demonstration of what municipal ownership means.

In the fifteen years that Chicago has been operating a lighting plant it has saved more than enough to pay for the entire plant, and the annual extensions of the system, so that the people now own this enterprise free of charge.

The service has been extremely good, there has been none of that mixture of politics that some persons pretend to fear, and no citizen has any cause to regret that Chicago went into the lighting business.

Of course, this is the sane, reasonable, sensible thing to do. How much better off should the people of Chicago be in any way if they had allowed private capital to get the $283,612.89, which is now saved for the people? Who would now be the better for it? What sense is there in letting these private owners get rich from public utilities? What good does it accomplish? Wherein does the public, the owner of the utility, profit from private ownership?

The street car companies of Chicago make every year about $8,000,000 of profits. What reason can anyone suggest why the city should not have this income?

IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

Judge Sees a Trust Among the Buyers of Cattle.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The demurrer of the packers in the so-called "beef trust" case was overruled by Judge Grosscup in the United States Circuit Court to-day. A motion was granted for a temporary injunction.

"There can be no doubt," said Judge Grosscup, "that the agreement of the defendants to refrain from bidding against each other in the purchase of cattle is combination in restraint of trade; so also is their agreement to bid up prices to stimulate shipments intending to cease from bidding when the shipments have arrived. The same result follows when we turn to the combination of defendants to fix prices upon and restrict the quantities of meat shipped to their agents or their customers. Such agreements can be nothing less than restriction upon competition, and therefore, combination in restraint of trade; and, thus viewed, the petition, as an entirety, makes out a case under the Sherman Act.

"It may be true that the way of enforcing any decree under this petition is beset with difficulties, and that a literal enforcement may result in vexatious interference with defendants' affairs; but, in the inquiry before me, I am not at liberty to stop before such considerations. The Sherman Act, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, is the law of the land, and to the law as it stands both court and people must yield obedience."

FOLLOWS RUSSIA'S ADVICE.

The Porte Will Not Be Checked by the Czar.

Vienna, Feb. 18.—It is semi-officially stated that the mode of procedure in informing the Porte of the intentions of the signatory powers with regard to reforms in Macedonia will be the presentation of a note by each Ambassador to the Porte. The notes, if not identical in terms, will be so in effect. They will state that the powers join in the Russo-Austrian proposals.

In explanation of the somewhat sudden change in the attitude of the Bulgarian government, it is reported that Russia has replied to the Bulgarian note protesting against Turkey's mobilization, saying that Russia cannot intervene at Constantinople, more particularly as the Porte is only following Russia's advice to prepare for every eventuality. This reply, it is asserted, was a decided shock to Bulgaria, and considerably modified her views as to a possible conflict.

Y.W.C. Guild Notes.

The annual conversazione of the Y. W. C. Guild has with it a new feature this year in the form of a "calendar fair." Excellent programs will be given on the evenings of Thursday, Feb. 19, and Friday, Feb. 20, and on the afternoon of Feb. 20. Mrs. Ema Scott-Raff, Misses Mae Dickenson, Ada M. Briggs, M. Liddell, Berenice Parker, Lena M. Hayes, Mrs. Somers, Messrs. R. Page, Alf Young, B. Love, B. Leigh, C. Fletcher, Sergt. MacMahon and the Pickwick Quartet, will assist. Thruout the building will be booths representing the different months of the year, where useful and fancy articles may be purchased. In the gymnasium a basketball match and gymnastic games will be the attraction.

Strikers Get Their Demands.

Bremerhaven, Germany, Feb. 18.—The strike of about 1500 dock laborers employed by one of the contractors of the North German Lloyd Company, which began Monday on account of the dismissal of one of their comrades, has been ended by the reinstatement of the dismissed workman.

Grip Epidemic in New York.

New York, Feb. 18.—By reason of the changeable weather of the last few weeks, the grip has become prevalent, until it is assuming the proportions of a serious epidemic.

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TORONTO TO HAMILTON.

Arrangements Progressing for the Wireless Test on Saturday.

Dr. de Forest, who wil superintend the wireless telegraph demonstration between Toronto and Hamilton on Saturday, has been called to Buffalo, where he is establishing a station in connection with a series of tests the United States government are making regarding the application of his principle to the lake coasts. Meantime arrangements for Saturday are progressing most satisfactorily. The entire apparatus has been installed at Aykroyd's boathouse, and on Tuesday the doctor was in Hamilton, where arrangements are similarly far advanced. The mast here, which will be 173 feet high, will be placed to-day. That at Hamilton will be 185 feet high, and will also be in position to-day. Dr. de Forest will return from Buffalo to-morrow and personally superintend the final arrangements and the tests.

KINGSTON DRUGGIST DEAD.

Former Port Perry Man Takes Too Much Chloroform.

Kingston, Feb. 18.—E. L. Ebbels, formerly head clerk at Hudnut's drug store, New York, and who for some time worked in Toronto, was found dead in bed this morning. He had been addicted to the use of drugs and took an overdose of chloroform, a bottle being removed from his room last night. When found the body was badly discolored, and the legs and arms drawn up. The death occurred at Irwin's, a fashionable boarding house. Ebbels was in the best of spirits, and yesterday joined a fraternal society, the I.O.O. F. He made the statement jokingly early Tuesday that "he was going to a florist's to buy flowers for his own coffin." His father is a prominent barrister of Port Perry, Ont. He came here in August and bought out E. C. Mitchell, druggist, and started up for himself. There will be no inquest. Ebbels was 28 years old. The young man had been drinking lately. It was well known that he frequently used chloroform.

AWAKENED BY FIRE.

Milton Campbell, a Fireman, Fatally Crushed at Port Huron.

Port Huron, Feb. 18.—The St. Clair Hotel, one of the largest hostelries of this city, was burned early to-day. Yardman Worthy is missing. Milton Campbell, a fireman, was fatally crushed under falling walls. Three firemen were slightly injured. All the hotel guests made their escape. Many fled in their night clothes, when they awoke to find the house filled with a dense smoke. The fire started in a bakery near the hotel, and burned for three hours, before the firemen made any headway against it. When the hotel wall fell the flames were brought under control. Loss estimated at $100,000.

Miners Murdered by Moros.

Manila, Feb. 18.—John Prucha and E. Chase, miners, who were working on a placer claim, 60 miles northwest of Zamboanga, Mindanao, were murdered by Moros in January.

Guarantees to Cure Rupture

A Syracuse Genius Has Discovered a Marvelous Home Cure that Quickly Heals Rupture and He Positively Guarantees This Wonderful Result.

NO CURE—NO PAY IS HIS MOTTO.

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There has been invented by a Syracuse genius a new and simple electrical appliance, which has been trade-marked "Electrus." He sends it to ruptured people, with

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It combines not only the features of perfect retention, but it sends into the ruptural opening a steady current of electricity, that thoroughly enlivens the muscular tissue, and there is an almost instantaneous activity of nutrition and circulation, that heals up the ruptural opening quickly and permanently. It is having a most remarkable success in curing rupture. Old men, ruptured for years and years, have been cured in a surprisingly short time, so they can walk or work and exercise their muscles without fear of the rupture breaking out afresh.

Send your name and address to The Electrus Co., 729 Wood Building, Syracuse, N.Y., and they will forward free the complete detail of this wonderful cure for rupture. Keep abreast of the times and learn what marvelous progress is shown in this wonderful invention. f. 26

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200 pairs Women's German Felt Slippers, with felt soles, sizes 3 to 7, regular 25c 13c

60 pairs Ankle Supports, Women's, Men's and Boys', our special price 19c, to-day 14c

50 pairs Women's Best Quality Gutta Percha Overshoes, Jersey Cloth Waterproof. Our special price $1.50 all season, to-day size 4 only 90c

90 pairs Men's Boots in Box Calf, broken lots and ends of this season's selling, regular $2.50, $3.00, to-day $1.50

THE ST. LEGER SHOE CO.,
210 YONGE STREET.

MONTREAL INSURANCE SWINDLE.

Detectives Expect to Unearth a Plot Within a Few Days.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—An insurance swindle with extensive ramifications is now being investigated by detectives, which may result in arrests within the next few days. Most of the insurance companies doing business in Canada are said to be, or likely to be, interested in the matter. Six cases, amounting to $29,000, are at present being investigated. The swindle is said to have consisted of misrepresentation at the time policies were taken out, and the scheme was worked by an organized party to defraud the companies. An investigation of past claims is also likely to result.

Mr. Hickman on Canada.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce contains a report of a lecture given by Mr. Albert W. Hickman before the Liverpool Geographical Society on "Western Canada." Mr. Hickman gave a graphic account of the resources of the country. Lord Derby, who occupied the chair, supported the lecturer strongly, and said there were almost unlimited opportunities for those who went to Canada in the right spirit.

Gas Jet Was Turned on.

New York, Feb. 18.—Norman S. Adams, chief clerk of the Auditor's Department in the New York Customs House, died to-day from asphyxiation. He was found in his bath-tub Saturday last with the gas escaping from a partially turned jet. He never recovered consciousness.

Celebrated Lehigh Valley Coal.

Messrs. P. Burns & Co. respectfully beg to announce that they have received a consignment of above-named famous coal, and are prepared to deliver same at special reduced rates for one week.

FIREMEN RESCUED GIRLS

Who Were Cut Off in Second Storey by a Fire.

Gloversville, N.Y., Feb. 18.—Fire, which broke out shortly after 6 o'clock this evening, totally destroyed the two-storey brick structure occupied by the Glenn Telephone Company in Johnstown. The local exchange, consisting of over 1000 telephones and newly instituted and valuable apparatus, is ruined. The telephone girls were cut off from escape and were rescued by firemen from the second storey. The damage is placed at between $15,000 and $20,000, which is practically covered by insurance.

Horsebreeders by the Sea.

Waterville, Me., Feb. 18.—Prominent horsemen of Maine and New Brunswick met here to-day and organized the Eastern Horsebreeders' Association, to include the State of Maine and the Maritime Provinces. The association will be incorporated.

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