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He had been watching the new ferry, Charles Lyons, breaking ice opposite the Police Iron Works...

Parties set out from both places and arriving at the spot, William Jones, 31 Esplanade with Frank Ward of Ward's Island...

These men with Billy Dearing, Sydney Ham-street and Norman Milne, 417 East Queen-street, scrambled out, lying flat upon the ice...

He was terribly chilled, having been in the water 16 minutes and gone under twice. He was taken to the office of the Police...

He said that he lives in West King-street, but was unable to define the locality.

JAPAN DEMANDS AN APOLOGY For Seizure by China of Ship Carrying Arms.

TOKIO, March 1.—Japan has demanded that China apologize and pay an indemnity for the seizure of the Japanese steamship Tatsu...

The Portuguese minister at Peking supports the Japanese contention, Macao being a Portuguese port, and the rifles and ammunition on board the Tatsu having been regularly consigned to a Portuguese merchant at Macao.

The Tatsu was seized by the Chinese authorities on Feb. 7, while anchored in Chinese waters off Canton River.

The Chinese government felt justified in the seizure.

James Palmer, a farmer 60 years of age, who lived at Oak Lake, near this city, dropped dead in Hecker's grocery store this afternoon. Heart disease was the cause of death.

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WORSHIPPERS STARTLED BY FIRE IN THE CHURCH

Flames Worked Up From Furnace to Attic of Church of St. Thomas—General City News.

HAMILTON, March 1.—(Special.)—The service at the Church of St. Thomas was disturbed this morning by an alarm of fire, but everybody got out safely.

The fire was in the Sunday school room adjoining the church and was caused by the furnace. The flames worked their way up to the attic under the plaster, and the firemen had to tear quite a bit of the plaster off.

The damage is about \$2000. A charge of selling candles on Sunday will probably be laid against Fred Munch, 175 East King-street. A constable says he watched from the outside and saw the storekeeper sell candles to a couple of youngsters.

The 75th anniversary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was celebrated today. Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, Knox College, was the preacher at both services.

Fell on icy Sidewalk. Frank Batterhell, 256 York-street, fell on an icy walk to-day and broke his left leg.

John Corcoran was arrested Saturday night on King William-street on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

The 81st Highlanders' Band has been engaged to make a transcontinental trip of two months, leaving Hamilton next June. They will play at the Dominion Fair in Calgary next July.

Training for Olympic Games. George Adams is in training for the five-mile race at the Olympic games, and Tom Ellis expects to compete in the long distance events.

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Charge of Wounding. Oliver Brown Arrested for Sending John Galvin to Hospital.

Charged with wounding John Galvin, 27 years of age, at Mercer street, Oliver Brown, aged 16, 187 Simcoe-street, was arrested by P. C. Bolton (122).

With Galvin and Brown, John Morton, Dean-street, and John Foster, 199 West Queen-street, were carousing in Dennis' express office at the latter address. Galvin, who was intoxicated, lay down on the bed there. Brown and Foster lifted up and laid him on the floor, and Brown started for the door.

Galvin, according to Brown, picked up a heavy hammer and threw it at him, striking him on the nose. There was an altercation, and in the scrap Brown hit Galvin on the head three times, inflicting a nasty gash on the side of the head, and also cut him under the left eye. Galvin was taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

Galvin alleges that Brown struck his deliberately several times without any provocation.

SHOULDER BROKEN BY FALL. The many friends of "Eddie" Mullin, reporter on The Mail and Empire, will be sorry to hear of an accident which befell him yesterday morning.

While iceboating he was jolted out and struck the ice with such force that he received a compound fracture of the right shoulder.

He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

Italian Fomenters Dispersed. ROCHESTER, March 1.—Because they were suspected of having anarchistic tendencies and fomenting disorder, about 50 Italians, who had arranged for a meeting in commemoration of the death of Giordano Bruno, were dispersed by the chief of police and a squad of detectives here this afternoon.

A circular issued by the Italians, calling themselves the "Italian Socialist Federation," drew the attention of the police to the meeting. Among other things this circular said that Bruno was "burned alive by the rascally and infamous ministers of God."

Married on Fifth Birthday. MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Lillian J. Britton, also she has enjoyed the passing of 48 Christmas days and as many New Year's days, arriving at her 11th birthday to-day, and the sixth anniversary of her marriage, despite the fact that her daughter finished her high school course several years since.

It's a case of leap year, and one of the novel ones. Mrs. Britton was born, a daughter of William Cole, in this town, Feb. 29, 1850.

When Feb. 29, 1880, arrived, she was married to Clement Britton. Mrs. Britton was married eight years when her seventh birthday anniversary arrived. One year, when leap year balked, she had to wait eight years before she could have a party. She can never celebrate her silver or golden wedding anniversary, as the year break wrong, so at to-day's party she observed her silver wedding anniversary, as it comes as near as any to that date.

Her marriage came on the fifth birthday, so she was 20 years old.

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WOMAN SAYS CONSTABLE FORGED A FALSE CHARGE. Compelled to Swear to Statement of Assault—Prisoner Who Paid a Cop.

The sensational charge that T. J. Roth, constable of York county, had forced her into making a sworn statement that she had been assaulted, was made by Mrs. Sarah Munro of Holland Landing, the last witness called on Saturday afternoon in connection with the investigation into the administration of justice by Magistrate Woodcock.

Mrs. Munro testified that Roth presented a statement to her and forced her to sign it, to the effect that she had been assaulted by a young man, Thomas Fisher, whereas all that could fairly be charged against Fisher was that he had acted like a "foolish, silly man." He had made proposals, which was the extent of the offence. She had no complaint to make and didn't want to appear against him, and had not written to Magistrate Woodcock. She claimed that the information was laid by the constable and that she was arrested as a material witness.

Judge Winchester asked Mrs. Munro if she had any complaint to make against Roth, and she replied in the affirmative. She then testified that on one occasion the constable left his bicycle in front of her house, and then came in by way of the back door and tried to assault her, but failed in this, went out by the front door.

Constable Roth being permitted to testify, asserted that he had no knowledge of ever having been in the house on the occasion alleged.

"Yes, you do remember, sir. You remember the house and coming in," persisted the woman.

The constable then said he remembered Mrs. Munro having called him in with reference to getting her child back.

"You know you didn't come for any good," Mrs. Munro, who said the constable had once suggested to her that there was impropriety in her having so many children, interposed. She declared that she was more impressed with their good behavior than with that of the constable.

Morris Gluckstein of Sutton swore that he paid County Constable Savage \$5 for getting him bailed out on a charge of theft.

Altho that official made a wholesale denial of all the charges, Gluckstein took the stand and testified that he had paid Savage's expenses, including railway fare, meals, telephone, etc., from Sutton to Toronto, by request of that official. He had also given him a pair of socks before he left Sutton. In all witness spent \$12 on the constable's expenses.

At the same time Savage turned in a bill to the county for his railroad fare, his meal at 25 cents each for himself and Gluckstein's bill, each, and expenses amounting to \$21.45.

Morris Levinsky and Samuel Bielick, who went on Gluckstein's trial, saw money pass between the prisoner and Woodcock on an official. Woodcock sent Gluckstein on his trial before Judge Winchester, and the case was dismissed.

"Big Canoe," who had a case against Goodwin before Woodcock, was a chief witness this week, along with Mrs. Munro, who has made serious allegations against Constable Bout.

The enquiry resumes Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

MINSTRELS MADE A HIT. Went Down to Whitty by Special Train.

WHITBY, March 1.—The Heureux Minstrels of Toronto gave their initial performance for the season in Music Hall here last night, winning down the city nearly one hundred strong by a special train. The choral singing under direction of F. Eugene Wilson was much admired.

Cook's Church Orchestra accompanied, and Bert Henderson was pianist. The solo number was most potently received was the singing of the wonderfully gifted boy soprano, Master Wilfrid Morrison.

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UNEMPLOYED BARTENDER THREATENS TO KILL WIFE. Woman Rushes Barheaded Into Police Station to Ask Protection From Husband.

Rushing barheaded into the Estherville police station at 6 o'clock Saturday night, Mrs. Newton Cornfield of 282 St. Patrick-street told Sgt. Mulhall that her husband had attempted to shoot her.

The sergeant, with P. C. Taylor, went to the home and arrested Cornfield, who is a bartender, but has not been working of late.

The man, who is 36 years of age, had been drinking. Mrs. Cornfield said that while she was getting supper ready in the kitchen the husband walked in and drawing the revolver, said: "Now there will be two lives here."

Jealousy of another man is the reason given by the woman for the act. Cornfield is charged with attempted murder. He was formerly a bartender at the Bull's Head Hotel.

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THE READING CAMP ASSOCIATION

The seventh annual report of the Reading Camp Association, of which Mr. Alfred Fitzpatrick is the founder and present secretary and superintendent, puts vividly before us the needs of a large group of frontier-laborers for whom very little has thus far been done by church or state. There are in Canada at least 250,000 men engaged in lumbering, fishing, mining and railway construction camps, removed from the refining, restraining and educating influences of civilized life. Many of these men are foreigners, unable to speak our language; many others, the Canadians by birth, have had little or no education, and all of them are forced for many months of the year to a 10 or 12 hour day of monotonous labor and a night spent in a crowded camp where it is almost impossible to read or write or even get away from the unedifying conversation of the crowd.

To meet such conditions the Reading Camp Association was organized by Mr. Fitzpatrick some eight years ago, and its activities have grown steadily year after year as the character and results of its labors appealed to the public. It aims to provide for each group of workers a reading camp, either a tent or a box car or a log shanty—with chairs, tables, papers, magazines, books, writing materials, etc., and a college student to take general charge of the camp and give instruction to all who can be induced to desire it and work for it. The duties of the student are genuinely heroic, for he works along with the men as navy or miner or lumberman during the day and teaches at night, besides conducting some sort of musical service on Sunday. And yet 20 brave young fellows from our Canadian colleges did that sort of work encouraging reading. All are agreed that the work is worth while, and in spite of the great hardships and difficulties of many of them return to it year after year.

The work of the Reading Camp Association has already commended itself to the Governments of Ontario and Manitoba, which both give it a small annual grant. It has also appealed successfully to a considerable circle of friends, but it could easily utilize to good advantage a far larger revenue than it now has. Its work is inspired by the broadest humanitarianism; it aims to help all the men on the frontier irrespective of creed or tongue and consequently every broad-minded citizen ought to be anxious to see it succeed. The association itself, the head office of which is in the Traders' Bank Building of Toronto, hopes that the time may come when its work will be taken over by the provincial governments as part of their educational systems.

BRITISH LICENSING REFORM.

Judged from a Canadian standpoint, the terms of the licensing reform bill introduced in the British House of Commons last week, by the chancellor of the exchequer, appear to be undeserving of the exceedingly strong adjectives instantly forthcoming from Mr. Balfour, and later from the interests specially concerned. That licensed houses are far too numerous in many localities has been frequently admitted by "the trade," a distinctive epithet assumed and, by custom, accorded to the makers and traffickers in intoxicants. By the operation of Mr. Balfour's own act considerable reductions have been made, and apparently it is not intended to disturb the basis and manner of compensation then established, the method of its computation and distribution may be varied to meet special cases. The new bill, indeed, accepts in full the principle of vested rights in existing licenses, the matter of fact these run from year to year only. But as Mr. Asquith recently observed, however much may theoretically be said against compensation under such circumstances, no real measure of reform can be achieved in Britain which does not concede its necessity.

The bill allows fourteen years as a period of grace within which compensation for the withdrawal of licenses will be granted on a continually diminishing scale. After its expiry nothing will be paid a dispossessed license-holder, and the property rights inherent in the monopoly created by the action of the law will revert to the state, which thus regains the free hand it should never have lost. The term is unexpectedly generous, careful expert calculation having fixed ten years as a fair limit within which license-holders could protect themselves from dispossession, and may be taken as evidence of the government's desire to deal justly with them. But if present indications are to be taken, the bill, as introduced, will be strenuously opposed by the trade, by the opposition, and even by ministerialists whose investments may be hit. The value of the bonds and stocks of companies in the wine, spirit and beer business are stated to have already dropped in value by £50,000,000, and a general feeling of uneasiness among investors is reported. This may be due in part to speculative action, but it shows the heavy character of the task the government has undertaken.

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A FEW INCHES WHICH MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The World desires to direct the attention of the department of marines and fisheries to what may be an oversight, but nevertheless constitutes a grievance on the part of Canadian shipbuilding interests on the great lakes. On Thursday last The Globe and The Star contained an advertisement calling for tenders for the construction of a steel ice-breaking mail and passenger steamer for use in Northumberland Straits, to be delivered at Charlottetown, P. E. I. The vessel is to be 250 feet in length, 46 feet breadth and 27 feet moulded depth. Tenders are to be in by March 8. The breadth of the steamer, 46 feet, is slightly too wide to permit of passage thru the Canadian canals, and therefore well equipped yards on the great lakes, perfectly competent to build this vessel, are cut off from submitting tenders. A slight modification of the plans would remove this injustice and give to Canadian shipyards work which otherwise will go to Great Britain.

THOUGHTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Editor World: Hurray for Billy Maclean, the one man who stands head and shoulders above all other men at this present time for the toiler—especially the farmer—working and striving for the interests of the man who tills mother earth! What a mighty good thing it would be if there were but a half dozen or so more such men holding power, representing the people of Ontario; the corporations and monopolists would not live in and hoist so much of the promise of the land, the public would have a share of what was going. It is a sad thing to see a part of the Whiteites astride the fence, pointing at the other side, and forgetting that by keeping silent they are working against the public welfare. Please pinch 'em and if they're asleep, An Anxious Looker-On, Streetsville, Feb. 28.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

For some time past we have been urging upon the government the necessity for a reorganization of the board of railway commissioners, in order to make that body an efficient force for good throughout the country. We are pleased to know that this view has met with favor and that a decision has been arrived at to increase the number of members and divide up the work so that it may be handled with some degree of expedition.

The Hon. George P. Graham has shown a commendable regard for the rights of the people since he became minister of railways and canals, and he deserves to be heartily supported in any measure having for its object the amelioration of existing abuses.

We believe that many members of both political parties are sincerely desirous of assisting in the passage of legislation introduced for the benefit of the people of this country, and no hesitation should be shown by anyone in giving credit to the government (no matter what political party may be in power), when measures are proposed which admittedly make for the welfare of the people.

As The World has taken a prominent part in the demand for reform, perhaps at this time it may not be amiss to point out for the consideration of the Hon. George P. Graham some of the reasons why the present board has failed to meet the expectations of the people, and to offer some suggestions with regard to the reorganization, bearing always in mind the idea that the board exists for the purpose of protecting the public against the abuses which undoubtedly exist in connection with the handling of freight and passenger traffic in Canada.

The original purpose for which the board of railway commissioners was created was the supervision of railway rates. From various causes this matter has been pushed into the background, and to-day the tariffs published by the railways are accepted and tacitly approved by the board, without inspection or analysis.

The changes which were rendered necessary in the personnel of the board may to some slight extent have been responsible for this state of affairs, but the real cause of the inaction of the board has been the fact that its members had not the necessary knowledge of railway business which would enable them to criticize the tariffs intelligently.

Then, again, new duties were constantly being imposed upon the board of railway commissioners, until, indeed, they got so hopelessly behind that it became a physical impossibility for them to cope with the volume of work placed before them.

It should be borne in mind, however, that if the members of the board had been experienced railway men, a great deal of time would have been saved, as they would then have been in a position to deal with the different questions with full knowledge and from a practical standpoint, instead of having to study them out on a theoretical basis.

Practical railway men, who are traffic experts, are required upon the board of railway commissioners, and the aim of the government should be to secure men competent to deal expeditiously with the questions submitted, rather than leave these to railway theorists who are obliged to learn by degrees how to handle intricate and novel points of railroad administration.

The government should profit by the lessons of the past, and make the reorganized board one that will be effective for good. This can only be accomplished by appointing men who thoroughly understand the transportation problems of the country.

The time has passed for experiments in this direction, and the government will do well if they take steps to convince the people that they are sincere in their desire to better existing conditions.

THERE'S NO SPLIT IN THE OPINION QUESTION

Mr. McNaught Declares Government, Commission and City Are Working Together.

So much misrepresentation and "hystrics," to use Premier Whitney's phrase has been appearing in the press recently regarding the hydro-electric power policy of the government and the city's interest therein, that the average citizen may well be confused.

Explicit denial has been given by Premier Whitney and other cabinet ministers to statements that the Electrical Development Co. directors had made offers of their plant and assets to the government. The only basis for this story is the fact that common friends of the Electrical Development Co., the Electric Light Co. and the government, would have liked to arrange a basis of negotiation among them. It is even stated that some of these friends had been together attempted to bring the parties together. But that the Electrical Development Co., in an official way or thru its officers or directors, made any proposals to the government is absolutely denied by all responsible persons connected with the matter.

Probably no one knows the whole situation better than W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., a member of the hydro-electric commission. "With regard to the statement that an offer was made to the hydro-electric power commission by the Electrical Development Co., I can say that no such offer was made," he told The World on Saturday. "I have never heard of any such offer having been made to the government. If there had been such an offer of any kind, we would have put it in shape to submit to the government."

"The Telegram," he continued, "is absolutely wrong. There is not and has not been any conflict between the government and the commission. Whatever might occur in the future, up to the present our relations have been harmonious. The government and the commission are working together, and you may say so as plainly as you like. The Star report of what Mayor Oliver had given of a conversation with him could be correct. The fact is that the Star gave a distorted version of the interview in an important particular. The Star account would lead the reader to believe that Mr. McNaught had inside information regarding the contract between the Toronto Electric Light Co. and the Electrical Development Co. Mr. McNaught declared he was as much in the dark about the contract as anyone."

Mr. McNaught repudiated The Star version of the interview. What Mr. McNaught told him he said was to go ahead and see the contract. He would not show the city their contract there was only one thing to do. He thought there might be a possibility of doing business with them."

Should Get Together. The position of the city and the commission is in the interests of the city and the Light Co. to get together. They could not do so till they knew something of the contract agreement with the Electrical Development Co. The city must have the right to have its engineer look over the contract of the plant and get some idea of its value.

"I am going to take the matter up next week," said the mayor. "I have had about eight or ten checks and have had a great many things to attend to, including a visit to Chicago over the weekend. I intend to get into negotiations with the Light Co. without full consideration. I intend to fight a battle Toronto should not have to fight. It is a battle for the whole province. I will take it up with the company in the coming meeting."

"The board of control and myself are unanimous in our opinion that it is the duty of the citizens, and we will carry it out, unless ordered otherwise."

WM. A. ROGERS, LIMITED.

From the annual report of Wm. A. Rogers, Limited published in another page, it will be seen that this company had another prosperous year, and its net profits were \$195,649.32, being the largest in the company's history. After payment of dividends of per cent on common and 7 per cent on preference shares, amounting in all to \$123,000, there was transferred to Realty and Plant Reserve \$25,000, and \$42,649.32 was carried forward in Profit and Loss Account.

Mr. J. Moore was re-elected President, and Mr. J. L. Morrison Vice-President of the Company. The following gentlemen constitute the directors: J. J. Moore, J. L. Morrison, Robert Kilgour, Wm. A. Rogers, Hon. Chas. H. Duell, Hon. W. Caryl Ely and Hon. H. S. Duell.

THE ST. LAWRENCE ARENA.

Editor World: I notice in an evening paper of Feb. 26, an article regarding an application to the board of control by Dr. Young on behalf of the National Horse Show Association. I notice that the city has made a grant of \$100 to the association and has taken the association's bond covering this amount. I also notice that of this loan the association have repaid only \$200 to the board of control, which, of course, goes to show that they must be in financial straits.

As a ratepayer of the city I would like to know from the board of control what security they have taken for the due payment of this indebtedness and any interest that may accrue thereon.

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Many a lady knows by painful experience what a trying ordeal it is to stand patiently in a constrained and rigid position while the modiste fits and readjusts the hat. For those who would readily escape this inconvenience and delay, if assured of equally good results in a "Ready-to-wear" suit, we would say we have by persistent cultivation of the best makers, reached a point where our ready-to-wear suits are not distinguished from the finest tailored-to-order work.

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INCREASE OF SALARY FOR THE FIRE DEPT.

Chief Thompson Will Submit Desirable Schedule Before Committee To-Day.

Fire Chief Thompson will approach the civic fire and light committee this afternoon with a list of recommendations for increased salaries in the department, which, if adopted in entirety, will mean an addition to the total of about \$17,000.

The chief is not asking for a personal increase, but Ald. McEldrie, who is chairman of the committee, says he will favor advancing the latter's salary from \$3900 to \$5000.

Deputy Chief Noble and J. M. Gow, secretary of the department, each of whom receives \$2000, are billed for advances of \$500. The three district chiefs, who receive \$1200, are billed for an increase of between \$100 and \$200.

There are 28 captains and a like number of lieutenants, the former getting \$1000 and the latter \$800. They are scheduled to receive advances of \$100 and \$50, respectively. An increase of \$20 is asked for J. Craig, superintendent of telegraphs, who now receives \$1300.

There are at present five grades of salaries for firemen: first year men getting \$450, second \$500, third \$550, fourth \$600 and fifth \$650. The new schedule to be submitted provides the following scale: first year \$600, second \$700, third \$800, fourth \$900. This fireman will be entitled to enter upon the maximum of \$900 on completing three years' service. Under the existing schedule he must complete four years before he can reach the \$850 maximum.

The chief, in explanation of his request, points to the fact that there has been no increase asked for since 1905, although, he says, the pay in other branches of service has gone up. The fire department is doing a greatly increased work.

THE WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, March 1.—High winds, accompanied by a moderate snowfall, have prevailed to-day throughout Ontario, owing to the eastward movement of a disturbance which this evening is centred over Ohio. Light local snowfalls or flurries have occurred in the western provinces, whilst from Quebec eastward the weather has been fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 22 below—14 below; Atlin, 12 below—3; Port Simpson, 36—38; Victoria, 35—41; Vancouver, 37—44; Kamloops, 23—28; Edmonton, 12 below—12; Prince Albert, 2—14; Calgary, 2—14; Regina, 4 below—14; Winnipeg, 12—20; Fargo, South, zero—22; Toronto, 10—25; Ottawa, zero—18; Montreal, 6—18; Quebec, 2—14; Halifax, 15—22.

THE BAROMETER.

Time	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
5 a.m.	25	29.94	24 East
Noon	22	29.92	24 East
2 p.m.	22	29.92	24 East
4 p.m.	22	29.92	24 East
8 p.m.	22	29.92	24 East

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Ettruria	Queenstown	New York
Baltic	Liverpool	New York
Empress	Brit. Liverpool	St. John
Devon	London	Portland
Federland	Antwerp	New York
Necker	Boston	New York
Caledonia	New York	Glasgow
Nubia	Boston	Liverpool
Bohemian	Portland	New York
Sumatran	Liverpool	Boston
Ettruria	Liverpool	New York
New York	Southampton	New York

FUNERAL DESIGNS

made up on shortest notice Moderate prices THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED

BIRTHS.

BOWLING—To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowling, at 291 Lippincott-street, Feb. 29th, a daughter.

DEATHS.

LEVACK—On Sunday, March 1st, 1908, Fred Alexander, son of W. B. Levack, 624 Dundas-street, aged 4 years.

HOUSE TALKED ON

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cent diversion, during which the minister of agriculture promised to send him a box of Canadian best cigars, a burst of generosity that afforded much amusement. Presently a huge box, containing a 15-cent cigar, was carried across the floor to the member for Haldon.

SUNDAY FIRES.

Horse Burned at a Markham-Street Blaze Last Night.

At 8.14 last night fire broke out in a shed at the rear of 120 Markham-street, doing \$200 damage to the building, which was owned by Mrs. Stirling, and \$200 damage to the contents, owned by James Bronkie. A horse was burned.

The cause is unknown. Fire, thought to be caused from a gas stove, yesterday afternoon in Frank Spooner's grocery store at 157 William-street, did \$200 damage to the building and \$200 damage to the contents. John Parkinson's tailor shop, next door, was damaged to the extent of \$50.

At 1.15 a.m. an alarm from box 43 brought the fire fighters to 270 West Queen-street. The building, a three-story brick, owned by Dr. Ogden, was damaged to the extent of \$350.

The first flat is occupied by W. T. Turner, tailor, whose loss of \$600 on contents insured in the Standard Mutual for \$1000. Albert Hill's furniture, on the top flat was slightly damaged, about \$50, and his insured for \$500 in the British and Mercantile.

At 3.23 fire, caused from gas grate, damaged the contents of a two-story house occupied by W. H. Phippen at 122 Logan-avenue.

740 STREET CARS BURNED IN BIG NEW YORK FIRE

Loss Estimated at Over \$2,500,000—Firemen Have Desperate Battle.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Two fires that brought out all the fire apparatus in the upper section of the city and raged in lively fashion from midnight until dawn to-day, burned down the car barns of the New York City Railway Co. in Second-avenue, in Harlem, and destroyed the factory of Geo. W. Grote & Co., only a few blocks distant. There were 740 winter and summer surface cars burned in the destruction of the barns. The loss to the company is estimated at \$2,500,000.

The loss on the paint factory is given as \$125,000. It was the second company's second serious fire within a year, the former blaze having destroyed the Madison-avenue car barns.

DANCING HAS NO FAVOR

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to the body was a small matter compared to the loss of the soul. Dancing was not a recreation. The tune, place and accompaniments of the ball room were all at variance with hygienic laws. It should be avoided as the pestilence that walketh in darkness. It would be better to be bitten by rattlesnake than to be bitten by society.

Dancing was a relic of heathenism, having no place in our civilization and being diametrically opposed to Christianity. Mohammedans thought it unseemly to the dignity of a man. The better class of heathens had slaves to do it for them.

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PORTUGAL'S ELECTIONS FIXED BY DECREE FOR MARCH 5

Various Decrees Issued by Ex-Premier Franco Are Also Declared Annulled.

LISBON, Feb. 28.—King Manuel to-day issued a decree fixing March 5 as the date of the next general election and another annulling the regular cortes April 29.

At the same time, the decrees issued by ex-Premier Franco, for the re-organization of the house of peers and giving the new chamber of deputies constituent power, are revoked.

Francisco's augmenting the civil list and liquidating the advances from the treasury to the royal house also have been annulled by the king.

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His story was that as he was coming up Jarvis-street about 7.30 he saw a man called Carree, who made a race at him with a knife, apparently open in his hand. Carree made a slash with the knife and cut him across the shoulder, thru his clothes, but did not break the skin. He grappled with him and both went down, when Carree stabbed him in the thigh and below the knee. Caskie came to his rescue and Carree threw the knife away.

Howard got up and walked to his room, where he remained until taken to the hospital a few hours later. He said he did not know why Carree had stabbed him.

SUNDAY'S SNOW STORM TIES UP SOME TRAINS

G. T. R. From North Bay Halted at King and Western Trains Delayed.

Snow plows and shovels were again in demand on the railways yesterday when March announced itself with a big snowstorm and a thirty-mile-an-hour wind. Two inches of snow fell and the wind piled it up in drifts.

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WM. A. ROGERS, Limited

Report of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held at the Company's Offices in Toronto, on Thursday, February 27, 1908, at twelve o'clock noon.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Wm. A. Rogers, Limited, was held at the Head Offices of the Company in Toronto, on Thursday, February 27th, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon.

The President, Mr. S. J. Moore, occupied the chair. The Board of Directors presented the following report:

The Directors beg to present the Seventh Annual Report, with accompanying statement of Assets and Liabilities, as of December 31st, 1907.

Balance brought forward from 1906 \$ 18,489.15
Net profits for the year 195,649.32
..... \$210,498.47

The appropriations were:
Dividends on Preferred Stock, Nos. 25, 26 and 27 Reserved for Dividend No. 28, payable Jan. 2nd, 1908 15,760.00
Dividends on Common Stock, Nos. 21, 22 and 23 Reserved for Dividend No. 24, payable Jan. 2nd, 1908 15,000.00
Transferred to Realty and Plant Reserve Account \$25,000.00
..... \$148,000.00

Balance carried forward to 1908 \$210,498.47
The transfer to Realty and Plant Reserve Account brings that account up to \$100,000, and the total Reserves up to \$400,000.

By order of the Board.
S. J. MOORE, President.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 31st Dec., 1907

Capital Stock:	Preferred Stock \$900,000.00	Common Stock 750,000.00	..... \$1,650,000.00
Reserve Account	..... 300,000.00	Realty and Plant Reserve	..... 100,000.00
Dividends	..... 100,000.00	Preferred Stock, No. 28, payable Jan. 2nd, 1908	..... 15,750.00
Common Stock, No. 24, payable Jan. 2nd, 1908	..... 15,000.00	Debts payable, including all accrued wages and charges	..... 275,882.99
Profit and Loss Balance carried forward	..... 62,498.47		..... \$2,417,061.46

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) CLARKSON & CROSS, Auditors.

The President, Mr. S. J. Moore, said: "It is the pleasure of the Directors to present another report to the Shareholders which will be received with much satisfaction. Again, the net earnings show an increase above those of any preceding year. They amount to \$195,649.32, and are equal to 21 1/2 per cent. of the Preferred Stock of the Company. After payment of 7 per cent. upon the Preferred Stock, they are equal to 17 1/2 per cent. upon the Common Stock.

"Out of the profits of the year dividends of 7 per cent. on the Preferred and 8 per cent. on the Common Stock have been paid. These have absorbed \$123,000, leaving \$72,649.32 to be added to the balance in Profit and Loss Account brought forward from the preceding year. After transferring to Realty and Plant Reserve Account the sum of \$25,000, there is left in the Profit and Loss Account \$62,498.47.

"By this year's transfer to the Realty and Plant Reserve Account that account has been brought up to \$100,000, while our total reserves are now \$400,000.

"The following table will show the quite remarkable progress which has been made in building up the business of the Company. This table, it will be observed, includes the five years which preceded the organization of the Company, and covers in all a period of twelve years:

Sales for year 1898	..... \$123,898.40	Increase	..... \$ 78,025.25
" " 1899	..... 252,635.23	"	..... 41,211.58
" " 1900	..... 386,099.66	"	..... 30,674.32
" " 1901	..... 450,202.74	"	..... 39,592.18
" " 1902	..... 582,561.88	"	..... 125,359.11
" " 1903	..... 715,351.41	"	..... 150,789.53
" " 1904	..... 1,028,123.88	"	..... 290,772.47
" " 1905	..... 1,189,235.17	"	..... 150,112.29
" " 1906	..... 1,896,961.71	Increase	..... 237,156.96
" " 1907	..... 1,995,955.45	"	..... 98,993.74

"The Company continues to make a most satisfactory showing as to the liquid condition of its assets. The Cash, Accounts and Bills Receivable and Stock in Trade on December 31, 1907, exceeded the total liabilities, exclusive of capital, by \$811,000, and this sum is equal to 90 per cent. of the total issue of Preferred Stock.

"For the six years ending with December 31, 1907, the surplus of quick assets over liabilities has been in the following proportion to the Preferred Stock of the Company":

1902	..... 1902	1904	..... 1905	..... 1906	..... 1907
57 p.c.	70 p.c.	64.7 p.c.	78.5 p.c.	89.6 p.c.	90 p.c.

After being seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. J. L. Morrison, the motion for the adoption of the report was submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: S. J. Moore, J. L. Morrison, Robert Kilgour, Wm. A. Rogers, Hon. Charles H. Duell, Hon. W. Caryl Ely and Hon. H. S. Duell.

Messrs. Clarkson & Cross were appointed Auditors. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. S. J. Moore was re-elected President, and Mr. J. L. Morrison Vice-President of the Company.

WHO PAYS THE UNDERTAKER?

Moving of Warnock's Body Causes Fresh Complications.

BROCKVILLE, March 1.—After the post-mortem on the body of the late J. G. Warnock, a dispute arose as to who should pay the cemetery superintendent for delivering and again receiving the body which had been placed in the cemetery vault. The coroner's order was not acceptable and to settle the point the crown attorney, M. M. Brown, communicated with the attorney-general, who, in a reply, says the counties must stand the bill notwithstanding that Warnock died in Brockville.

Kansas for Taft.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 29.—Kansas delegates to the national convention will send a solid delegation to Chicago. The first of the eight districts to select delegates, the third, yesterday declared for Taft. All the delegates will be chosen next week.

Pianos to Rent.

Pianos rented on very reasonable terms. Six months' rent allowed in case of purchase. Heintzman & Co., 115-117 West King-street, Toronto.

BOYS WANTED.

GOOD STRONG BOYS WANTED. APPLY Parkdale Bowling Alley, 1488-1490 Queen-street West.

A New Spanish Baby.

MADRID, March 1.—It is officially announced that the accouchement of Queen Victoria is expected to take place about the end of July.

CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION
TORONTO STREET TORONTO
 Paid-up Capital \$4,000,000.00
 Reserve Fund 2,750,000.00
 Unappropriated Profits 76,410.00
 Paid-up Capital and Surplus \$6,826,410.00
 Investments 25,775,800.00

Executors and Trustees are authorized to invest Trust funds in this Corporation's DEBENTURES.
 They are issued for sums of \$100 and upwards and are transferable.
 A specimen and all particulars will be forwarded on application.
The Corporation is also a Legal Depository for Trust Funds

Insiders Are Playing For a Short Interest

New York Market Narrow, But Not Weak—Local Securities Show More Strength.

World Office, Saturday Evening, Feb. 29.
 It was stated in these columns a week ago that the New York market at that time had the earmarks of advancing quotations. This week's operations have confirmed this impression, and also any upward movement have been very limited, the cautious process of advancing prices without disturbing the confidence of bears has been continued in the usual skilful method of procedure. The inactivity and lethargic condition of the market has not been attractive to outside speculative purchasers. It is but a repetition of the market's history to expect that there will be no volume of this class of buying until prices show more buoyancy than they are doing.

The market at the close of the week, while narrow, gave no evidences of weakness. Supporting interests are using their operations against short traders, and if a sufficiently large short account can be developed a covering movement will be forced and likely carried farther than seems possible under present conditions.

The outcome of the electrical development reorganization on Wednesday was a foregone conclusion. Its effect on the Toronto market was nil, the securities of the company having long since ceased to interest local traders. Montreal manipulation was attempted in Toronto rails, but except that the price of the shares were held firmer there was no evidence of any increased interest in the stock. Trading at both the Toronto and Montreal exchanges has become frightful. The institutions are not yet inclined to grant any more freedom in the matters of loans. Indeed, during the week several calls were reported. Liquidation of Mackay preferred on Tuesday was the result of calling in a loan on these shares. This week an unfavorable incident has been a tribute to the general strength of the situation that this weakness was not an influence on the market as a whole.

The statement of the Dominion Coal Co. for last year has stiffened the backbone of local holders of the common stock and less nervousness is felt even in regard to the outcome of the litigation between this concern and the Dominion Steel Co. The whole week has witnessed a rather peculiar kind of trading for any of the listed issues, but price improvement, the stock market and less nervousness in purchases on behalf of the public are still for cash. This kind of buying is slowly reducing the floating supply of securities, and it is becoming much more difficult to borrow stocks than has hitherto been the case. The shares of the financial institutions continue to attract small investors, and there has been a hardening of quotations in this department.

New York Bank Statement.
 NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The statement of clearing banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$29,262,675 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is an increase of \$3,205,875 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows: Loans, increased \$17,088,000; deposits, decreased \$2,054,100; legal tenders, decreased \$816,200; specie, increased \$2,943,000; reserve, increased \$2,120,000; reserve required, increased \$5,333,075; surplus, decreased \$3,205,875; ex-U. S. deposits, decreased \$420,000. The statement of actual reserve of the clearing house banks at the close of business yesterday was \$7,200,000. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not members of the clearing house shows that these institutions have aggregated \$1,378,801,000; total cash in hand, \$578,082,400, and loans amounting to \$780,650,800.

Wall Street Pointers.
 NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—As long as the steady growing market is able to reap profits on the long side of Amalgamated and Smelters, they will of course help along the upward movement, but we would warn those who are long of these securities that the professional are the more sort of bulls and when the market turns they will be on top of it. We have no

faith in this movement and cannot see wherein any of the reported "deals" would particularly benefit Amalgamated stockholders, unless the controlling interests are able to find some copper interest willing to give away something for nothing and are themselves willing to give their fellow-shareholders a square deal. But we are even more skeptical regarding the rise in smelting and would not hesitate to sell that stock on all the bulls. The way Union Pacific acts is disappointing to the bulls, but there has been no short interest to speak of in this stock since the dividend came off. Traders have been talking bearish, but doing little selling. There is, however, liquidation pending in it and those who take the short side of the stock on the strong spots will be well rewarded before long. The short interest has been largely reduced by the recent manipulation and the market is much more vulnerable than for some days. Bank statement prospects are for a moderate reduction in the surplus reserves, but this will be of minor importance in view of the professional character of the market and such overwhelming bear factors as the business, labor and political outlook. Railroad earnings continue of a character to increase appreciation already felt, not only as regards the active stocks, but also the value of important corporations. We still recommend the sale of the active stocks on the basis of the short interest in issues, Atchison, Smelting, New York Central and Northern Pacific—Toronto.

On Wall Street.
 Charles Head & Co. to R. R. Bondard at the close.
 At the close of the market was decidedly weak and rather uninteresting. Speculation was presented of the market's sales on Saturday making a much better showing than those of Friday. The market was rather triumphantly bearish, as they have been operating on the theory that stocks should break out both ways and downwards. One of the most definite stories current on the market was that the \$100,000,000 preferred stock authorized two years ago would be issued in various denominations financial securities. The market closed heavy.

Marshall, Spader & Co. to J. G. Beatty at the close of the market.
 With the progress of events it becomes evident that notwithstanding some gradual increase in business activities, railway lines will be forced to curtail various causes to make further reductions in their working force, and that will undoubtedly be some delay in any pronounced wage scale reduction.

Meantime, most things point to much reduced freight rates in any spring and summer from obvious reasons heretofore pointed out in these columns.
 The price movement in the security list may possibly reflect the full tide of present depression, even in such various financial problems ahead for various railway and industrial corporations, but recent weakness in the bond market does not suggest renewed activity in other directions and we are more cautious about an uneventful stock market situation some little time to come.

A. C. Brown & Co. to J. Lorne Campbell at the close of the market.
 Trade was very light and there was a general disposition to sell. The market was chiefly between room traders and had little significance. There was no unfavorable news or any other news of rumors.
 The early selling seemed to be mainly of small speculative long lines, but the apparent lack of support encouraged a bear drive in the last hour. Texas Pacific was sold by professionals on reversibility talk and other properties with which the Gould interests are connected were also subjected to hammering.
 If there is no unfavorable news over Sunday a recovery on Monday would seem natural.

Railroad Earnings.
 Colorado and Southern, Jan., net \$26,646
 C. P. R., Jan., net \$1,000,000
 Reading Jan., net \$1,684,221
 Toledo and St. Louis, third week Feb., \$11,563
 *Decrease.

Money Markets.
 Bank of England discount rate, 4 per cent. London, 4 per cent. 2 per cent. Short bill, 2 1/2 per cent. Three months' bills, 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. New York call money, 4 to 5 per cent. Demand, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Last loan 1 1/2 per cent. Call money at Toronto, 7 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.
 Glazebrook & Cronay, James Building (Tel. Main 7077), to-day reports exchange rates as follows:
 —Between Banks—
 N. Y. funds, 100 days, 1/4 to 1/2
 Montreal f.d.s., 100 days, 1/4 to 1/2
 Demand, 1/2 to 1/4
 Cable, trans., 9/16-3/4
 Rates in New York:
 Sterling, 60 days sight, 48 1/2
 Sterling, demand, 48 1/2
 Actual, 48 1/2

Price of Silver.
 Bar silver in London, 25 3/64 per oz.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA
 HEAD OFFICE—WELLINGTON ST. EAST, TORONTO
 Capital authorized \$10,000,000.00
 Capital paid up 4,910,000.00
 Rest. 4,910,000.00

BRANCHES IN TORONTO
 Corner Wellington St. and Lecker Lane.
 — Yonge and Queen Streets.
 — King and York Streets.
 — West Market and Front Streets.
 — King and Spadina Avenue.
 — Bloor and Lansdowne Avenue.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT
 Interest allowed on deposits from date of deposit and credited quarterly. 1 1/2

Bar silver in New York, 54 1/2 per oz.
 Mexican dollars, 47 1/2

Toronto Stocks. Feb. 29. Ask. Bid. Ask. Bid.

Bell Telephone	124	124
Can. Gen. Elec.	97	97
do. preferred	105	105
Merchants	140 1/2	140 1/2
C. P. R.	90	90
do. rights	80	80
do. preferred	189	189
Consumers' Gas	189	189
do. new	189	189
Colonial	100	100
Detroit United	100	100
Dom. Coal com.	105 1/2	105 1/2
Northern	100	100
do. preferred	100	100
Com. Telegraph	100	100
Electric Develop.	100	100
Hull's	100	100
Illinois preferred	81 1/2	81 1/2
Lake of the Woods	75	75
Mexican com.	53 1/4	53 1/4
do. preferred	62 1/2	62 1/2
Mexican P. & O.	49 1/2	49 1/2
do. preferred	80	80
Mexican Railway	80	80
N. S. Steel	108	108
Northern	108	108
Nipissing Mines	6 1/2	6 1/2
Northern	9	9
North Star	9	9
N. S. Steel com.	98	98
do. preferred	108	108
Pacific	180	180
Prairie Lands	180	180
Rio Janeiro	31 1/2	31 1/2
St. J. & S. W.	118 1/2	118 1/2
Sao Paulo Tram	118 1/2	118 1/2
St. J. & S. W.	118 1/2	118 1/2
Tor. Elec. Light	112	112
Toronto Railway	100	100
Western	82	82
Twain City	82	82
Winnipeg Railway	138	138

Bank.

Commerce	194	194
Imperial	208	208
Metropolitan	87	87
Molsons	87	87
Nova Scotia	87	87
Royal	122	122
Standard	122	122
Traders'	122	122
Union	122	122

Canadian Pacific Railway. Feb. 29. Last Quo. Last Quo.

Consols, money	87 1/8	87 1/8
Consols, account	87 1/8	87 1/8
Anacosta	87 1/8	87 1/8
Atchison	87 1/8	87 1/8
Baltimore & Ohio	87 1/8	87 1/8
Canadian Pacific	147 1/2	147 1/2
Great Western	87 1/8	87 1/8
Chesapeake & Ohio	27 1/2	27 1/2
Denver	113	113
do. preferred	113	113
do. 1st preferred	23	23
do. 2nd preferred	23	23
Grand Trunk	127	127
Illinois Central	127	127
Kansas & Texas	127	127
New York Central	97	97
Southern Railway	10	10
do. preferred	10	10
Southern Pacific	10	10
do. preferred	10	10
U. S. Steel common	29 1/2	29 1/2
do. preferred	44 1/2	44 1/2

Montreal Stocks. Feb. 29. Last Quo. Last Quo.

Canadian Pacific Railway	147 1/2	147 1/2
Illinois Traction preferred	147 1/2	147 1/2
Dominion Coal	105 1/2	105 1/2
Anacosta	87 1/8	87 1/8
Atchison	87 1/8	87 1/8
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Anacosta	87 1/8	87 1/8
Atchison	87 1/8	87 1/8
Baltimore & Ohio	87 1/8	87 1/8
Canadian Pacific	147 1/2	147 1/2
Great Western	87 1/8	87 1/8
Chesapeake & Ohio	27 1/2	27 1/2
Denver	113	113
do. preferred	113	113
do. 1st preferred	23	23
do. 2nd preferred	23	23
Grand Trunk	127	127
Illinois Central	127	127
Kansas & Texas	127	127
New York Central	97	97
Southern Railway	10	10
do. preferred	10	10
Southern Pacific	10	10
do. preferred	10	10
U. S. Steel common	29 1/2	29 1/2
do. preferred	44 1/2	44 1/2

New York Stocks. Feb. 29. Last Quo. Last Quo.

Amal. Copper	61 1/2	61 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	27 1/2	27 1/2
Famer. Iron & Steel	27 1/2	27 1/2
Amer. Smelters	69 1/2	69 1/2
Anacosta	87 1/8	87 1/8
American Sugar	114 1/2	114 1/2
American Ice	27 1/2	27 1/2
A. C. O.	27 1/2	27 1/2
A. Chalmers	27 1/2	27 1/2
American Hosiery	27 1/2	27 1/2
Atchison	87 1/8	87 1/8
Air Brake	27 1/2	27 1/2
Atlantic Coast	27 1/2	27 1/2
Brooklyn	27 1/2	27 1/2
Canadian Pacific	144 1/2	144 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	27 1/2	27 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	27 1/2	27 1/2
Cast Iron Pipe	27 1/2	27 1/2
Central Leather	27 1/2	27 1/2
Colorado Southern	27 1/2	27 1/2
C. P. R.	90	90
C. E. I.	110	110
Corn Products	110	110
Detroit United	100	100
Del. & Hudson	145 1/2	145 1/2
do. 1st preferred	205	205
do. 2nd preferred	205	205
Foundry	110	110
do. preferred	110	110
Great Northern	110	110
General Electric	110	110
People's Gas	110	110
Great Western	110	110
Illinois Central	127	127
L. & N.	127	127
Missouri Pacific	110	110
North American	110	110
Manhattan	110	110
Metropolitan	110	110
N. Y. Central	110	110
Pennsylvania	110	110
do. preferred	110	110
Ontario & Western	110	110
Northwestern	110	110
Northern Pacific	110	110
Pressed Steel Car	110	110
Reading	110	110
Republic I. & S.	110	110
Railway Springs	110	110
S. S. S.	110	110
Sloss	110	110
Southern Railway	110	110
Twin City	110	110
U. S. Steel	110	110
do. preferred	110	110
Western Union	110	110
W. P. M.	110	110
Western	110	110
Water Sales, 214,000	48 1/2	48 1/2

New York Cotton. Feb. 29. Last Quo. Last Quo.

Marshall, Spader & Co. King Edward Hotel, reported following closing prices:		
Open High. Low. Close.		
March	10.46	10.46
May	10.52	10.52
October	9.24	9.24
December	9.95	9.95
Spot, quiet, 10 points advance, middling upland, 4 1/2, gulf, 1 1/2, sales, none.		

New York Metal Market. Feb. 29. Last Quo. Last Quo.

Pig-iron—Quiet. Copper—Quiet. Lead—Quiet. Tin—Quiet; spelter quiet.		
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EXHIBITION NEEDS.
 Visit of inspection to the grounds by Representatives.
 On Saturday afternoon Mayor Oliver, Acting Exhibition Manager J. G. Kent, Directors Briggs and Cooper, Ald. Vaughan, Property Commissioner Harris, and representatives of the poultry and pet stock interests, went out to the exhibition grounds on a visit of inspection to the poultry, manufacturers' and woman's building, which will henceforth be known as the Applied and Domestic Arts Building, and what repairs were needed. Commissioner Harris made notes of the requirements, which will be entered upon as soon as the weather improves. It was decided to recommend the devotion of the old press building, which is now standing to the exhibition of fancy and pet stock, and to give the poultry building a thorough overhauling. Contracting and painting will be done to the roof of the manufacturers' building and the exhibition building will receive attention in the same way.

ANDREW HAMILTON DEAD.
 Noted Insurance Counsel Victim of Heart Dilation.
 ALBANY, N.Y., March 1.—Andrew Hamilton, formerly counsel for the New York Life and other insurance companies and in charge for many years of a high kicking young body on the United States and Canada, was found dead in bed this morning at his home in this city.
 He was about the city yesterday afternoon and last evening, apparently in normal health, and his death was entirely unexpected, although he has been falling to some extent since the death of Mrs. Hamilton last July. An autopsy this afternoon disclosed an acute dilation of the heart, which must have caused practically instantaneous death at some time during the night.

Torpedo Fleet in Port.
 CALLAO, March 1.—The American torpedo fleet arrived here today from Talcahuano.
 All the vessels are in excellent condition.

Called to Hamilton.
 HAMILTON, March 1.—(Special.)—Connor and Ruddy, Toronto, have undertaken to paint skirts on the figure of a high kicking young body on a sign advertising the Star Theatre of Toronto.
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Called to Hamilton.
 HAMILTON, March 1.—(Special.)—Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, Dundas Centre Church, London, has been called to become pastor of the First Methodist Church.

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KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN & MALTA
 Costly Trophy to Be Awarded for Degree Exemplification.
 The Past Commanders' Association of the Knights of St. John and Malta held their regular convention on Saturday evening in the chapter room of Beaver Commandery. The grand prior, R. E. A. Laird, presiding, announced that the Grand L. Com., E. B. Collett of Toronto, had donated a very costly silver trophy, to be awarded to the officers of the commandery who best exemplify the ceremonies. The competition is open to all Ontario, and will be held in Toronto on St. John's Day, June 24. The commanderies that have signified their intention to compete are: King Edward of St. Catharines, Beaver of Toronto and Laird of Toronto Junction. Other Ontario commanderies may enter, as the date for closing entries for the competition is May 15. Each of the competing bodies selects a judge, and the judges choose the umpire, with the right of appeal in the case of a tie to the grand prior, whose decision will be final. The competition is unique and much interest is evinced by the members of the order.
 On March 30 a new commandery of the order will be instituted in the west end of the city. The new body will start with about 100 members.
 New commanderies of the order are likely to be opened in London, St. Thomas and Brantford within the next few weeks.

NEW MINING COMPANIES.
 The incorporation of the following mining companies in Ontario is gazetted:
 Sonora Mining Co., Limited, Owen Sound, \$250,000, provisional directors, Robert Adam Thompson of Lynden, County Wentworth, miller; Edward Morwick of Hamilton, insurance agent; Frederick Wm. Barrett of Toronto, manufacturer, and Milton Cavanagh, dentist, and Robert Christie, barrister-at-law, both of Owen Sound.
 Donor Gold Mines Co., Limited, Dunnville, \$500,000.
 The Excelco Cobalt Larder Mine Mining Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, \$1,000,000.
 The Erie Cobalt Silver Mining Co., Limited, has been authorized to issue share warrants.

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