

to Rev. J. A. Rankin, president of the Toronto Methodist Conference, who introduced the deputation. Rev. Cleaver and Dr. B. E. Mackenzie spoke for the Methodists, and Prof. G. Speed, of McMaster University, Rev. Dr. Sowerby for the Baptists.

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WRECK NEAR GUELPH.

Guelph, April 4.—Five cars on the freight going west were completely destroyed through a breakaway which occurred on the G. T. R. a short distance east of this city on Friday morning. The train was pulled by two engines and was running down a heavy grade when the breakaway occurred. The front half was slackened to allow the rear to overtake it, but the two sections came together with such force as to pile the five cars in a heap of ruins in the ditch, where they were afterwards burned. Traffic east and west was cut off for upwards of two hours owing to the wreck.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 2-3.—At New York—United States, from Copenhagen; Lucania, from Liverpool; Princess Alice, from Bremen; Prinzess Victoria Louise, from Havana; La Touraine, from Havre; Gallia, from Marseilles.
At Boston—Oxonian, from Antwerp.
At Naples—Lombardia, from New York.
At Manchester—Iberian, from Boston.
At Liverpool—Campania, from New York; Devonian, from Boston; Victorian, from New York; Rotterdam, from New York; Noordam, from New York.
At Genoa—Auguste Victoria, from New York.
At Halifax—Southwark, from Liverpool.

ENGLAND STIRRED BY GURU AFFAIR

Feared Incident May Bring On Quarrel With Russia.

EXPEDITION ON MOVE AGAIN

Younghusband Expected to Proceed to Lhasa Direct—Is Prepared for Heavy Fighting.

Tuna, Tibet, April 2.—The fighting at Gurau will not alter the political aspect of the British mission to Tibet, which is going to Gyantse, as has been arranged. Col. Younghusband has not received any communication since the fight from either Chinese or Tibetan officials. The Tibet general killed at Gurau belonged to one of the most influential families at Lhasa. Among the identified dead was found the body of the most truculent Lhasa Lama, well known to the political officers. All the Tibetan prisoners have now been released. A British force is occupying Gurau where the fighting line is being extended. The Tibetan wounded were attended by surgeons, and men from the British forces, whose services were gratefully received, though without a show of cringing, the wounded men preserving an attitude of proud independence.

WHAT ENGLAND THINKS.

London, April 2.—The slaughter of the Tibetans entirely kills such waning interest as still exists here in the Japanese-Russian struggle. The news of the wholesale bloodshed excites as a general rule a feeling of depression, and, secondly, because there is general apprehension that it may lead to complications with Russia. The last thing the British public wants at the present moment is another war, and what is most dreaded, increase in the income tax. Hence the tragic events in far-off Tibet are especially unwelcome at this period, when the taxpayer is nervously awaiting to see how he will be called on to pay off the national deficit. The extreme Liberal papers seized on the slaughter at Gurau as one of the worst blots on the history of England. Some of the papers described Col. Younghusband's mission as another Jamieson raid. The Government organs, while expressing regret at the event, reiterate Foreign Secretary Lansdowne's assurance to Russia that Great Britain has no intention of annexing Tibet. The Opposition declares that Great Britain is at war, not with Tibet, but with China, thereby endangering China's neutrality towards Russia and Japan, and risking the future of the world. This extreme view is ridiculed in official circles. It is held in Downing street that Tibet, by refusing trade privileges, returning official letters unopened, and not respecting boundary rights, has become as dangerous a neighbor to the Indian Empire as Cuba in her unrest was to the United States. Much stress naturally is laid on the fact that the regrettable bloodshed was only due at first to hostility emanating from Tibetans but this defense is not likely to have much weight in the agitation in which the Liberal party will doubtless foster against the motive that prompted the expedition. Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, is soon likely to share with Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, the bitter personal hostility aroused among the opponents of the Government by the introduction of Chinese labor in the Transvaal. In the minds of the masses who have shown in the bye-elections that they have lost faith in the present Government, the slaughter at Gurau is likely to be considered as a stain on Lord Curzon's administration, which only the defeat of the responsible ministers can wipe out. The Indian secretary, Mr. Brodrick, the least popular member of Mr. Balfour's

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cabinet, will again be in hot water, as the minister who must explain to Parliament. Lord Curzon's recent speech at Calcutta, which the press in St. Petersburg dispatches say, has created so much feeling, was not warmly welcomed here. The Government has done everything in its power to belittle and keep quiet its plans in regard to Tibet. Indeed, if the war between Japan and Russia had come earlier, it is quite likely that the Tibet expedition would have been postponed. Though apparently Col. Younghusband's mission is mainly aimed at destroying Russian influences in Tibet, this is not regarded as vital when compared with the paramount importance of keeping clear of the Russo-Japanese war. It is not regarded as likely that serious international complications will follow this affair, but China's action in the matter will be rather anxiously awaited. The Russian minister at Peking is not expected to let the incident pass without drawing some comparisons that will scarcely be favorable to British policy towards the Chinese Government.

ON TO LHASSA.

Col. Younghusband has 75 more miles to travel before he reaches Gyantse, where he has been ordered to stop and parley before actually demanding entrance into ancient Lhasa. It is possible that he may not be permitted to proceed even to Gyantse, which is 160 miles from Lhasa. But he is probably quite strong enough to reach Lhasa, and there establish such control of affairs as might be considered necessary. For this emergency, which is not likely to crop up, Gen. Kitchener personally supervised the fitting out of the command of Col. Macdonald, who is escorting Col. Younghusband, the political agent of the Indian Government.

Paris, April 2.—The British advance in Tibet is attracting widespread attention here, the general view being that it is due mainly to Russia's pre-occupation in the far east.

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YAMAGATA SEES TROUBLE AHEAD

Jap Commander-in-Chief Points Out Weaknesses of His Armies.

Chicago, April 4.—A special from the Chicago Daily News staff correspondent from Tokyo, says: Field Marshal Yamagata, who, after the Emperor, is first in command of the Japanese forces, and was the original organizer of the Japanese army, said that the Japanese may have to fight odds of two to one, and that the clash may come at the Yalu River. The marshal said:

"Russian troops have been coming south for a long time, and it is evident a clash must result. As matters have turned out, it would have been better if the war had occurred when the Russians first occupied Manchuria, because ever since they have been strengthening their position in that province. Our statement, however, wished to preserve peace as long as possible. It is difficult to say when the first battle will take place. The Russians seem to be in force between Liao Yang and Kai Ping on the Manchurian Railroad. They may cross the mountains and possibly meet us at the Yalu. Bridges and roads north of Anhui have been destroyed by the Russian troops, and therefore the Japanese advance will be difficult. No doubt if the Russians destroy the Manchurian Railroad it may not be difficult to repair it for the use of the Japanese troops. We might even replace old material with new, but the difficulty is to reach the railroad. Five months ago the Russian general planned to put 350,000 men in the field. They must have contemplated supplying them with ammunition and food. Two rivers that empty into the Arctic Sea run near Lake Balkal. They are navigable in summer, and can be used for transportation. The Russians in this way need not rely on the sea for their supplies. Large supplies of American flour have been sent to Vladivostok for years, and we must expect to meet a well-equipped and well-nourished army of 350,000. It is a difficult matter to fight a nation with 3,000,000 soldiers. We have to lay our plans very carefully. There is no doubt that the Cossack cavalry will worry the Japanese army, which was originally intended for home defense in the mountainous country, and is mainly composed of infantry. We must work with the material we possess. When the Japanese army is compared with other armies it must be remembered that it only has been lately organized. I had no small share in its organization, and therefore I see its faults and try to improve it, but never find that it reaches my ideal."

BERING SEA AWARDS

Compensation for Canadians Agreed Upon.

Ottawa, April 4.—A dispatch has been received from London to the effect that the Russo-British commission, in session there, has agreed upon the compensation due to certain of the British Columbia sealers who suffered unlawful seizure at the hands of Russian cruisers in the Bering Sea. Their award must be confirmed by the Czar's Government before it becomes binding upon them, and till this decision is taken the official announcement of the award is withheld. The commissioners are still in session, and are now engaged in the adjustment of the remaining claims.

FOUND DROWNED.

Chatham, Ont., April 4.—John Turill, who resided near Cedar Springs, was drowned in Lake Erie Saturday. He was out in a small boat duck-shooting, and in some way the craft overturned, throwing him into the ice-cold water. The body was found yesterday morning.

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BAYAN'S DECKS RAN WITH BLOOD

Jap Shells Bowled Over Man After Man, Until Cockpit Was Crowded.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—The Novik, of Port Arthur, describes the scene on board the cruiser Bayan, during the recent bombardment, in which she distinguished herself, as follows: "Bursting shells howled over man after man until the decks were slippery with blood. Amidst this hell the captain stood unmoved in the coming tower, calmly telephoning his orders to the gun captains. His wonderful calmness had a marvelous influence upon all the officers. The cockpit was soon crowded, 30 men being there before the fight ended; but amidst the crash of the guns, the hiss of flying projectiles, the thunder of explosions, the racket of splinters and the din of the working engines, the surgeons labored over the wounded at the hospital operating table. Although some of the men suffered frightful agony, there were few groans, in spite of the fact that anaesthetics were administered in only one case. When the battle ended and the enemy began to draw off the officers on the bridge cheered, and the cheering extended down into the hold, the stokers, and even the wounded joining in it. The captain signaled for full speed ahead after the retreating Japanese, but the Bayan had not gone far before the flagship signaled it to return."

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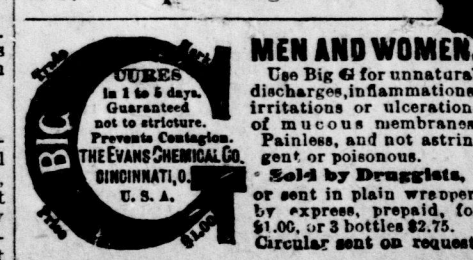


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The Peace River Country.

Mr. James Macoun, of the Dominion Geological Survey, who went to the Peace River district to investigate its wheat-growing capabilities, has presented a rather disparaging report, which gives some comfort to the opponents of the Grand Trunk Pacific project. The Peace River Valley, which the Grand Trunk Pacific is expected to traverse, has been described in numerous official and unofficial reports as a granary of the future, equal to the valley of the Saskatchewan. The late Dr. Dawson, the highest authority in the geological service of Canada, gave a most favorable account of it, based upon personal observation. Prof. Macoun's father, Mr. John Macoun, also a member of the geological survey, expressed the same opinion as Dr. Dawson. Mr. James Macoun, who has lived at the southern end of Lesser Slave Lake for eight years, chanced to be in Ottawa when Prof. Macoun's report was made public the other day, and hastened to contradict Macoun's statement that the Peace River Valley was not adapted for wheat-growing. Mr. Cornwall speaks from actual experience. Macoun, in the three or four months he spent in the Peace River country, was stationed at the greater part of the time at Dunvegan. At Fort Vermilion, in a latitude 200 miles north of Dunvegan, the Hudson Bay Company has two large mills grinding the wheat produced in that neighborhood and is now erecting a third. Prof. Saunders, director of the Dominion Experimental Farms, has shown that the discovery and breeding of new varieties of wheat, which ripen earlier than the Red Fife, have indefinitely extended the wheat-growing area in a northern direction. We are very much mistaken if the Government will accept Prof. Macoun's report as the last word on the subject. It will be cited as an argument against the Grand Trunk Pacific enterprise, but higher considerations require that there shall be more thorough and exhaustive experiments before the public is asked to believe that the great Peace River Valley has no future as a wheat-growing country. Prof. Macoun is, no doubt, sincere in his conclusions, but they are only one man's opinion, and are in opposition to testimony as expert as his own.

Will Newfoundland Come In?

Premier Bond, of Newfoundland, says there is no sentiment in the island favorable to incorporation with the Dominion. Newfoundland, like Canada, has enjoyed great prosperity for several years, and on the principle of let well enough alone there is no outcry for constitutional changes. A touch of depression may put the people of the island in a different mood. In 1895 they were knocking at the door of the Dominion for admission, and the fact that Sir William Whiteway, the leader of the Opposition, has recently declared in favor of the entrance of the island into the Canadian confederation, indicates that the issue is not as extinct as Sir Robert Bond would have it. The next move may come from the Dominion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier having hinted that something of the sort will be brought to the attention of Parliament during the present session. Any attempt to coerce or bully Newfoundland into confederation will defeat its own purpose. Canada need not disdain to approach the colony as a suitor. The prize is worth going after and public opinion in the island will be conciliated if the Canadian overtures are made in a discreet and tactful manner. Canada is in a position to offer better terms than nine years ago, though subsequent events have shown that the Dominion Government of that day let a great opportunity slip when it refused to accept Newfoundland's proposals. The island belongs geographically to the Canadian system. Should it fall into the hands of a foreign power, say the United States, Canada would have no outlook on the Atlantic, as Newfoundland includes a long stretch of the coast of Labrador and dominates the ocean trade routes of the Dominion. This strategic importance is more keenly realized in this country than it was a few years ago, and if the Government decides to offer generous inducements to the ancient colony to abandon its political isolation, the question will not be made a party one in Canada. If the French shore difficulty has been removed, the argument for union will be strengthened. It is gratifying to know that the Dominion Government has addressed itself to this problem of rounding out confederation.

The Source of Corruption.

Mr. Lincoln Steffens, who has made a penetrating study of municipal corruption in the United States, takes a wider survey of the subject in the April number of McClure's. This time his scrutiny embraces a whole state, the state of Missouri, and he sums up his conclusions in this terrible generalization: "Not the politician, not the bribe-taker, but the bribe-giver, the man we are so proud of, our successful business man—he is the source and sustenance of our bad government. The captain of industry is the man to catch. His is the trail to follow." Mr. Steffens says his gropings into the misgovernment of cities have drawn him everywhere, but always out of politics into business, and out of the cities into the state. The corruption of

American politics is political, but financial and industrial, too. Mr. Folk, the circuit attorney of St. Louis, convicted the boss and members of the boodle combine that was selling out the city, but he did not break the ring because back of the boodlers stood the big business men who were buying the city up. The boodlers who wanted to turn state's evidence, or as we call it in Canada, King's evidence, "stood pat." Ed. Butler, the boss of St. Louis, assured them that the courts would reverse all Folk's cases. Sure enough the boodle cases were reversed, the court giving a ruling which made it necessary for Folk to reinstate and re-try half a dozen of them. Not a single boodler is in jail. Butler has been restored to power and has helped to nominate candidates for the vacancies on the bench which was to try the boodle cases, and also for the court which will hear these cases and his own, on appeal. While Steffens was probing the city, he kept an eye on the state, and getting hold of a clue to corruption in the Legislature, followed it until the Lieutenant-Governor of the state fled to escape him. He was brought back and confessed.

"The lid was off Missouri. The stone Mr. Folk had had so long to leave unturned, was lifted. What was under it requiring the light and whirling off into their dark holes, were state senators and state officers, state committeemen, and party leaders, but also there were the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Missouri Pacific Railroad, the St. Louis and San Francisco, the Iron Mountain and Southern, the Wabash, the St. Louis Transit Company, the breweries, the stock yards, the telephone companies, business men of St. Louis, St. Joseph and Kansas City—the big business of the whole state. There they were, the 'contemptible' bribe-takers, and the very 'respectable' bribe-givers, all doing business together. So they still traveled in pairs; and the highway still lay between the deadly parallels—business and politics."

There is no public opinion to punish the business boodler, and Mr. Folk has decided to go into politics and run for governor with "boodle" as the sole issue. The machine element in the Democratic party is shrieking and raging, but Folk has been received with great enthusiasm by the people. It may be that he will lead the state to better things, but as Mr. Steffens puts it: "Some power greater than Folk, greater than that of the people of Missouri, must rise to bring home to the captain of industry the truth: That business, important as it is, is not sacred; that not everything that pays is right; that, if bribery is treason, if the corrupt politician is a traitor, then the corrupting business man is an enemy of the republic."

ME AND SULLY.

[Baltimore American.]
 Two weeks ago I envied him. The millions he had got; But now his pile is like as slim As mine is, like as not. But he is worse than I, because I'm used to it, you see, And he, though wondrous rich he was, Is now as poor as me. In climbing up he didn't seem To care who else was broke; He would realize his dream—No thought for other folk. But now he knows just how it feels To be a human wreck. And have the world's financial heels Caving on his neck. I was impatient when I knew He'd made a monstrous stack. I sighed: "What power will I do—Alas, alas, alack!" I thought me such a common dub, With skills and useless hands. Again I've learned that every tub On its own bottom stands. Yet I've some troubles, like as not, That Sully'd hate to own. Just as there's some that Sully's got, Would make me sweat and groan. The lesson, then, from Sully is Along this special line: He's glad his worriment ain't his, I'm glad that his ain't mine.

A SOLEMN THOUGHT.

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]
 It is a solemn thought, A solemn, of a verity, With pregnant meaning fraught. That we were once posterity. The people were my forgot, Even the very perk of them, Were once our fathers' not. We know what we would think of them. From this a lesson good. We learn about futurity; Cease vain solicitude, And rest in full security.

THE GERM THEORY RUN MAD.

[Baltimore American.]
 Now that the scientists are discovering everything to be germ-infested and dangerous, only one more point of attack remains. That will fall when the germ hunters discover that the human breed is swarming with bacilli and that the only way to be entirely safe is to stop breathing. Already the flat has gone forth that we must stop eating and drinking, so that the last alternative is perhaps merely the logical conclusion of the whole germ theory.

ISN'T WORTH IT.

[Washington Star.]
 "Don't go 'round' telling yoh habd luck stories. De 'mount of sympathy yoh gits ain' worth de suspicion yoh excites of bein' a Jonah."

SOME WAR WITSKY.

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]
 A dashing young soldier named Itsky By a Japanese bullet was hit; He said, "I'll not fight, I don't think it's right, And instead I'll gitupandgetski."

A PLEASANT OUTLOOK.

[Bystander in Weekly Sun.]
 Prof. Ashley, once of the University of Toronto, is now dean of the faculty of commerce in the new university at Birmingham, the city of "Our Joe." He comes out strongly in the Chamberlainian line, advocating a commercial union of Great Britain and the colonies against the rest of the world. But the part he assigns to the colonies is one which will not be enthusiastically assumed. They are "to avoid the evils of overhasty industrialism." "Their main interest lies in the distribution of population over the land, and the maintenance of its physique by rural life." In plain words, they are to raise wheat and leave manufactures to the imperial country. Pleasant reading this for our Manufacturers' Association!

POLITICAL ABILITY.

[Hamilton Herald.]
 A necessary qualification of Ontario statesmanship these days is the ability to go without sleep.

FRENCH CHARACTERS.

[Dr. Emil Reich in the Contemporary Review.]
 The statistical returns of money developing by inheritance show a total for France nearly 30 times as great as those for England, Austria or Germany. It is the great commercial houses to receive money by legacy; in Hungary the legacy has become so fabulous as to be the stock subject for gibes; but in France the accumulation of riches by bequest is so common as to be almost the rule. There is a hint of the great wealth of France in the peasant dowries up from \$2,000 to \$10,000, which are by no means uncommon. * * *

ALDERMEN'S MINDS NOT MADE UP IN THE TELEPHONE MATTER

Fate of the Franchise Applications Is Yet Unknown—Situation in Toronto.

That the aldermen have not made up their minds as to what they will do regarding the granting of a telephone franchise in this city is demonstrated by the action of No. 1 committee, when considering the estimates, the other night. It was understood that the city had two offers of a cash bonus for a franchise—one from the Bell Telephone Company of \$2,500 for an exclusive franchise, and one from the Canadian Telephone and Telephone Company of \$1,000 for a competitive franchise, but in estimating the receipts the committee placed the sum which the city can rely upon securing from the franchise at \$1,000 only. If the Bell proposition be accepted later on the aldermen will stand \$1,500 to the good, whilst if the new company's offer be accepted the city will break even.

Toronto has three offers for a franchise—one from the Bell Company, one from the Canadian Company, and one from the Stark Company, the latter being a purely Toronto concern, who are in the heat, light and power business, and wish now to extend their sphere of action to the telephone system. The people are much worked up over the granting of a franchise there, and a certain Mr. G. Dugger sent a letter to the papers, which contained much information of interest to town-dwellers. Mr. Dugger says: "It has been said that the city engineers estimated the cost per line of a system for Toronto at \$300, notwithstanding the fact that the other that report is high, or low. What the city council stated the cost of a municipal telephone system for 10,000 subscribers, to be \$250 per line. I may also add that at the time the city engineer prepared this estimate, by his instructions, I made independent estimates for the purpose of comparison, my figures averaging \$125 per line. Both these estimates were for manually operated systems, with underground wires, and equal in every respect to the latest equipment of the Bell Telephone Company. I will, however, go further and say that there is no reason why the cost per line should exceed \$100; in fact, I believe the present mayor, when he heard of the cost of the municipal telephone committee, received a letter from an

American contractor to the effect that he would be pleased to have the contract at that figure. "Notwithstanding Mr. Dunstan's statement that there are 12,000 subscribers in Toronto, the latest 'Bell' directory fails to record more than 8,700, two-thirds of which are business connections, which brings the average rate, per subscriber per annum, business and residence, to \$43.35. The rate in Glasgow, with 10,000 subscribers, over an area of 18 square miles (Toronto area is about 18 square miles), is \$35.00; Stockholm, Sweden, with a radius of 4½ square miles and over 100,000 subscribers, with reduced rates for limited and measured service; St. Petersburg, Russia, is instance of service, but 24½ subscribers, at \$28 per annum. It may be said that the cost of construction and material is less in these cities, but I assure your readers that the reverse is the case, the cost of the instruments being very much higher, and in Stockholm, where the great 'Ericsson' factory is situated, the estimate of the Ericsson Company for the St. Petersburg system was \$250 per line. "The fact is overlooked that in the United States the independent rates in large cities are governed by the extortionate charges of the 'Bell' before the advent of competition, and from no basis as to what rates might prevail if it were only a question of earning a profit on capital legitimately invested. The practice of independent promoters has been to water stocks and bond the plants, with the result that some have become millionaires in the short period that has elapsed since the expiry of the 'Bell' patents. I am not excepting to this rule in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which has a capitalization of less than \$100 per line, and in which the rates of low, medium and high, with no bonded indebtedness, and which has paid 8 per cent per annum for the use of the city rates of \$10 for business and \$20 for residence, and country rates as low in some cases as \$9 per annum. "It does not, however, concern the citizens of Toronto what rates are charged by the 'Bell' company, but what they do concern them is the fact that a company, whose directors are citizens worthy of all confidence in regard to sound business judgment and integrity, offers to supply service at much lower rates than hitherto, such rates being rendered possible by improved methods of construction, which they control. Four thousand contracts have been entered into by the citizens for this service, which number would be trebled in a very short time from the granting of a franchise. Are those citizens to be debared from the advantages offered by this company for no better reasons than those which have been advanced against the Stark Telephone, Light and Power Company, up to the contrary? On the contrary, should not the city council render every assistance to enable the company to carry out its offer, within the shortest possible period?"

ALDERMEN'S MINDS NOT MADE UP IN THE TELEPHONE MATTER

from you," said Ald. Wyatt. "We have enough of you, to date, Mind that." Ald. Cooper appeared to deem discretion the better part of valor, and he was lamblike and subdued thenceforth. **BLAMES WEST LONDONERS.** Though he deeply sympathizes with the people of West London who have suffered through the late flood, through being frightened from their homes or having their premises filled with water, Engineer Graydon, nevertheless, claims that those who have nobody to blame but themselves. Had they waited until the corporation laborers allowed the water to escape from the village there would have been no gaping holes in the breakwater, as the laborers would have gone about their work systematically and would have put in the village which would have prevented the earth being washed away. Mr. Graydon says also that the cost of the repairs to the breakwater could be done to repair the break made by the people. There is one point, however, upon which the West Londoners appear to have good cause for a grievance. It seems that under the agreement by which West London came into the city, the latter agreed to spend a certain percentage of West London taxes on the breakwater each year. Last year the city agreed to spend a certain amount to about \$125, but the auditors' report shows that only \$650 was spent on the breakwater during 1900. The city drew \$1,016 was spent on the embankment. Just what reason the city had for cutting down the amount to \$650 last year is not quite clear, but it may possibly be satisfactorily explained.

CITY TAX RATE AND ESTIMATES LIVE TOPICS IN CIVIC CIRCLES

Cut in the Figures for Street Improvement—Somebody Sat On Ald. Cooper.

The estimates and the tax rate continue to be the liveliest topics of discussion in municipal circles these days. As was announced some days ago, the proposed fire hall for the north end has gone the way of all such previous proposals, and the market-house as far as good as dead, if the opinion of several of the aldermen are to be relied upon. As a sample of what the city as a whole are disposed to do to the estimates of the committees, it may be cited that the board of works presented one of \$24,000 for streets, and that it was promptly cut to \$20,000. Last year the board spent but \$18,900, and as the present allowance is only \$20,000, an increase of \$1,100, it is likely that if the council find themselves in a pinch to keep down the tax rate, this item will be further pared another couple thousand.

The decision to do without the North End fire hall and the repairs to the market-house means a cut of \$1,500 in the estimates. This year the council also begin with a cash balance of \$1,500. The other day City Auditor Jewell made a trip to Walkerville to audit the books of the Pere Marquette, with a view to determining the city's percentage on the earnings of the company over \$80,000. The city draws \$10,000 a year, and this percentage for the lease of the road. Last year the city received only a portion of the percentage to which it was entitled, and the result of the audit was that the Pere Marquette have handed over to the city, in addition to the \$1,500 percentage paid last year, the sum of \$2,500, or \$4,000 in all for the percentage last year. Thus the L. and P. S. Railway earned last year \$14,000 in rental, adding the extra \$2,500 to the surplus from last year, the council have now on hand, \$5,700, to begin work on.

SAT ON ALD. COOPER.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Arthur Jackson, of this city,
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—Miss Pearl Ward, of Clarence
street, is spending her holidays in
Metcalfe.
—Mr. William Cook, of R. G. Dun &
Co., has been visiting his parents in
Toronto.

—Mrs. Fred Lindsay, of this city, and
child, are visiting the Misses Barry, of
Goderich.

—Mr. Robert Wyatt, merchant, of
Winnipeg, is on a visit to his brother,
Ald. Wyatt.

—Miss Dora Jackson, of Toronto, is
the guest of her uncle, Mrs. T. D. Gray,
Waterloo street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crumner, of
Wallaceburg, are spending a few days
with London friends.

—Miss Bessie Brodley, of Port Huron,
Mich., is visiting her sister, Mrs.
Win. Dwyer, 231 Ann street.

—Mr. Blake McKay has resumed his
duties at the Grand Trunk depot ticket
office, after a short illness.

—Miss Nona McBride, of this city,
is visiting her cousins, the Misses
Smith, Ontario street, Stratford.

—Mr. Alvin Harley, baritone soloist
of the First Presbyterian Church, has
gone to Detroit to accept a position.

—Mrs. M. L. Patterson, who has been
the guest of Mrs. T. H. Purdon, King
street, returned to Toronto last evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Findlater have
left for Toronto to attend the funeral
of Mrs. Findlater's sister, Mrs. E. D.
Hidell.

—Miss Isabel Clarke and Miss Edna
Mortimer, of Toronto, are spending
their Easter vacation with their aunt,
Mrs. E. J. Allen, 371 Maitland street.

—Two handsome new passenger
coaches, Nos. 629 and 755, recently
turned out of the shops at St. Thomas,
are now in service on the M. C. R. be-
tween this city and St. Thomas.

—Mrs. Tatham and her two sons,
Ralph and Herbert, of 583 Princess ave-
nue, leave on Tuesday next for Winni-
peg, where they will in future reside.
They will be joined in Toronto by Mrs.
R. A. Gordon, her daughter, Miss Jean,
and Miss Edna Maybank.

A SUDDEN DEATH.
Friends in this city of Mr. W. H.
Netterfield, of Wingham, will regret
to hear of his sudden demise last week.
Deceased was 71 years of age and was
highly respected. Mrs. Peter Wilson

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The annual convention of the East
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be held in the county buildings on May
5 and 6. A good programme of ad-
dresses will be given. Prof. Alexander,
Toronto University; Prof. Lochard,
Geoph. Agricultural College; Rev. W.
J. Clark, and Instructor Pickard, of the
Normal School, being among those who
will speak.

LOCAL TALENT AT LOBO.
The Kenwick Male quartet, featured
in the programme of the concert held at
the Baptist Church, Lobo town, last
Friday night, to the satisfaction of
those present, played a number of
stock, and Mr. Arthur, of Lobo, also
gave a number.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
The executive of the St. George's
Society of London acknowledge with
thanks the receipt of \$500 from
T. A. Hall estate, and the amount has
been placed in a debenture in the
Agricultural Savings and Loan Com-
pany.

MR. CRONYN SERIOUSLY ILL.
In St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday,
and in the Cronyn Memorial Church,
the prayers of the congregation were
requested for the recovery of Mr.
Cronyn, who is seriously ill at his re-
sidence. This morning Mr. Cronyn's
condition was reported no worse, though
still critical.

GOES TO OTTAWA.
Rev. J. G. Stuart, pastor of Knox
Church, South London, leaves to-
morrow for Ottawa to attend the
session of the Dominion Lord's Day
Alliance. The question of Dominion
legislation will be considered.

A TORONTO WEDDING.
Miss Maud Livermore, of Toronto,
sister of Messrs. William and Henry
Livermore, of this city, was married at
Woodgreen Tabernacle, Toronto, on
Thursday, to Mr. William H. Roberts,
also of that city.

WEDDED SATURDAY NIGHT.
There was a quiet wedding at All
Saints Church Saturday evening, the
contracting parties being Miss Ada
Bowe, daughter of Mrs. C. E. Bowe,
Pegler street, and Mr. Stanley D.
Thornicroft, of South London. Only
immediate friends were present. The
ceremony was performed by Rev. E. A.
Clarke, and the bride was assisted by
her cousin, Miss Vina Pegler.

ELGIN AVENUE MARRIAGE.
Miss Pearl Winslow, daughter of Mr.
W. F. Winslow, Elgin avenue, was
married at her home on Saturday after-
noon, to Mr. Richard Weir Phipps.
After the wedding breakfast the couple
left for the east on their honeymoon
trip.

CASE POSTPONED.
Mr. Justice Meredith presided at a
sitting of the high court on Saturday
last, when the case of the members
of the King vs. McMechan, in which
a motion was made by J. M. McKee,
Esq., for the defendant, to prohibit
Police Magistrate Love from sound-
ing in the proceedings against the de-
fendant for conducting a rendering
business, was heard. There was a very
large attendance of the members of
the two societies to which the deceased be-
longed. The pall-bearers were Messrs.
Albert Jones, Albert Deasman and J. M.
James Routledge, Charles Munger and
H. Cornell, of the I. O. F. The service
of the A. O. U. W. was conducted at
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of the western edition of the Advocate,
which is published in Winnipeg. Mr.
Gunn is a young newspaperman of
London, who has rapidly climbed the
ladder of success. For two years he
has been in the city of this journal, in
May, 1902, to take a position on the
staff of the Toronto News. This latter
position he held for a year, after which
he was associated with T. Eaton &
Co., as advertising manager. Later he
was again employed in this city, and a
year ago joined the staff of the Farmer's
Advocate.

INTERRED AT DELAWARE.
The funeral of the late Mr. J. Fore-
ster was held yesterday from his resi-
dence near Lambeth. Interment took
place at the Delaware cemetery. The
service was conducted by Rev. A. G.
Harris, of Lambeth. There was a very
large attendance of the members of the
two societies to which the deceased be-
longed. The pall-bearers were Messrs.
Albert Jones, Albert Deasman and J. M.
James Routledge, Charles Munger and
H. Cornell, of the I. O. F. The service
of the A. O. U. W. was conducted at
the house by Bros. Joseph Poole and J.
W. Cook, and the I. O. F. service was

**A new message each day
worth for**

WASHBOARDS.
The old-fashioned way of
washing and rubbing was hard on
linen. Many laundries are hard-
er still. But all this wear and
tear is saved by FOREST PRO-
CESS easy washing and
ironing.
1,045 or postal card will
bring one of our white washboards.
FOREST CITY LAUNDRY.
"The Careful Laundry."
72-74 King Street.

Bishop's Spiced Figs
These Figs are preserved and spiced
when picked from the tree.
This is one of the most toothsome and
delicious delicacies bottled. Large glass
jars, 50c.

Orangeate
Marmalade made from the best fresh
picked California Navel Oranges. Try
a bottle, 30c.

Heinz Preserves
These are undoubtedly the finest pre-
serves bottled.
Cherries Large Glass Jars
Pineapples 65c.
Strawberries 65c.

TELEPHONE 317.
T. A. ROWAT & CO.
234 Dundas Street.

conducted at the grave by the chief
ranger, Bro. George Bogue, and the
S. A. M. Hunt.

FARM HELP SCARCER.
The demand for farmers' helpers is
increasing to such an extent around
the Government bureau at the Union
station, Toronto, that many of the vi-
sitors refuse to accept the wages offered
and are demanding their own price.
The other morning there was the usual
number of farmers on hand looking for
help, and the applicants were indiffer-
ent about taking a position. A young
man refused \$250 a year with board.
The farmer raised it and board and
was refused, until he finally said:
"Well, if you have experience,
name your own price," and he
usually from \$120 to \$240 a year, with
board, according to experience. Man
and wife get \$225 and board a year
man with wife and family can get \$300
and board; of course, all members
of the family would be expected
to earn their share of the money. Mr.
Perrine, the Government agent, says:
"I never remember anything like
the demand for farm help before.
I have over 200 applications from
farmers on hand at present, and can-
not fill them."

THE SNOW RECORD.
The records of the Toronto weather
bureau are to the effect that win-
ters in Canada are not always over by
the first of May much less the first of
April, and it is justly famous for
train from making flower beds and put-
ting out plants for some time yet. In
1899 and 1892 there were snow furries
as late as May 20. In 1898 there was
snow on the 30th day of May, and in
1893 the natural product for which
the city is so justly famous was frozen
as late as the fourth day of the leafy
month of June. In 1895 and 1890 it
snowed on May 14. Though these
were the most part merely fur-
ries, in 1875, on May Day, there was a
fall of three inches. Last year we had
a fall of one inch on May 1st, and this
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THE SHOW GIRL played a return date
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