

Sporting World.

Capron of Canada Leads in the Billiard Contest.

William Daily Loses on Account of Foul Fighting.

THE WHEEL.

Stearns' "Yellow Fellow" was well represented at the recent six days races at Madison Square Gardens, New York city. The list of Stearns' riders was as follows: Six day riders, Major Taylor, Peter Golden, Albert Kosmer, Geo. Van Emberg, F. Asher, E. C. Moore, J. A. Glitch and Red Reading. Professional short distance, Charles M. Murphy and Teddy Goodman. Amateurs, Arthur S. Lee, J. W. Jones, C. S. Henshaw, A. T. Jenkin, W. A. Brown, Wm. Harbeau, Chas. Hadfield, Babcock and Tomlinson. It was generally conceded by all the fast track and road riders present that the Stearns is the easiest running wheel manufactured.

OUT A WORLD'S RECORD. Denver, Col., Dec. 30.—A. L. Hatchberger, brother of the well-known professional cyclist, yesterday made the world's record for 200 miles, riding it in 14 hours and 2 minutes.

PEDESTRIANS.

THE COLORED MAN AHEAD. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Frank Hart, the negro pedestrian, led all the six day men at the Natatorium in the first day's trip. Hart has 57 miles and 9 laps to his credit. John Ody, the Englishman, is a close second, and Gus Guerrero, the Mexican, third. Wm. Hoagland, of Auburn, N. Y., fourth. The others walkers are strung out. The affair is a six day heel-and-toe walking match. Twelve men started.

THE CANADIAN LEADS.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—In the afternoon game for the Benninger-Siler tournament, Matthews (260) defeated Hatley (260) by a score of 300 to 118. Averages: Matthews, 11 3-27; Hatley, 4 11-27. High runs: Matthews, 54 1-3; Hatley, 21.

In the evening game Capron (260) and Sutton (260) were the contestants. Capron won by a score of 260 to 135. Averages: Capron, 6 32-38; Sutton, 5 3-37. High runs: Capron, 41; Sutton, 28.

PLAYERS.

	W.	L.	H.R.	AV.
Capron (260)	...	...	...	...
Matthews (260)	...	...	...	...
Hatley (260)	...	...	...	...
Sutton (260)	...	...	...	...
Gallagher (400)	...	...	...	...
Thatcher (260)	...	...	...	...
Matthews (260)	...	...	...	...
Perkins (260)	...	...	...	...
Harrison (260)	...	...	...	...

Joe Capron (260) defeated William Hatley (260) by six points on Saturday afternoon in the Chicago handicap billiard tournament, after one of the most desperate contests of the series. The score was 260 to 294, and it took 55 minutes.

Curiously enough, George Sutton (260) defeated Frank Maggioni (260) in the evening game by exactly the same number of points that Capron won with.

DIAMOND GOSSIP.

Frank Selee believes that Boston and Washington, year in and year out, are the best patrons of the game. Buck Ewing says the pennant next year will go between Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Boston and New York.

Ed Deleahanty's desire to play ball under Pat Tebeau will never be realized. It is doubtful if he would outplay Deleahanty from Philadelphia.

Old Jim Mutrie, the best manager of the hurrah and circus that baseball has ever seen, comes to emerge from retirement next season and hustle for a berth in a minor league.

Connie Mack, Charley Comiskey, Jimmy Manning, Richard Glenavlin and Walter Wilmet make a quartet of former major league players, who became magnets in the Western League.

James Ryan says it's a base fabrication that he is trying to get away from the Chicago club. He says he will stay there as long as Anson will keep him.

The Louisville club claims to have spent \$48,000 in salaries, and \$3,000 for new players last season.

Joe Quinn, the hardy little second baseman who was let out by Chris Von der Ahe in the middle of the season, and who was immediately snapped up by Ned Hanlon, will in all probability guard second for the Colonels.

FLYS.

The supervisor of umpires should not be a firebrand or a back number. The Pittsburgh club has already leased the Mobile grounds for its spring training in April.

Dexter, of the Louisville, is a member of the reportorial force of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Brodie has accepted the terms of the Pittsburgh club, but Donnelly still holds out for more money.

The Springfield club of 1897 will have a strong representation of New England League material.

Pittsburg has its eye on Gockel, the ex-Pennsylvania player, who was with Wilkes-Barre last season.

The time for the drafting of minor league players by the big league expires on Thursday evening next.

Pitcher Frank Dwyer will coach the University of Virginia boys for next season. An excellent choice, surely.

Herbauer, of Pittsburg, for McFar-

land, of St. Louis, is one of the possible deals before next season opens. Anson insists that the abolition of the trapped ball put a penalty on skill, and would like to see the play resumed.

O. P. Caylor, the able baseball writer of the New York Herald, has been taken to the hospital at Thomasville, Ga. Sullivan will probably again be found in Texas next year, as he is considering an offer to manage the San Antonio club.

Sam Wise speaks in the highest terms of Boston's new outfielder, Stahl, and prophesies that he will have a regular place on the team.

The backers of the Portsmouth club of the Virginia League have thrown up the sponge, and declared that they are out of baseball for good.

THE TURF.

IDEAL PARK has issued a list of its stake events for the season of 1897. The aggregate value of the 12 stakes is \$26,000. Individual values range from \$5,000 in the Ideal Park handicap to \$1,000 in several other events. The meeting will begin in May, nominations for the events closing March 1.

The French Jockey Club has given the ground and a sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of building a hospital for jockeys. A further grant of \$20,000 will be made from the profits of the mutual betting machines. There is a fund for disabled jockeys in this country, but the jockeys have looked in vain for it.

In 1892 12,700 American horses were exported to Great Britain, and in 1894 the figures rose to 22,865. In 1895 it was 22,865. While for nine months of this year it totals up to 36,542, so that it is safe to say that when the year's statistics are footed up, close upon 40,000 will have been exported. These horses have been shipped principally from New York, Montreal, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

ATHLETICS.

POUL FIGHTING. Danielson, Conn., Dec. 30.—Music Hall was well filled last night to witness a fight that was scheduled for 15 rounds, to take place between Johnny Ryan, of Lowell, and Wm. Daily, of Boston. In the middle of the fourth round the referee threatened to give the decision to Ryan, because of Daily's foul. In the fifth Daily continued his foul fighting, and the decision was given to Ryan. As a certain-ty, John Regan, of Lowell, and Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, fought three rounds. The referee decided it a draw.

HOCKEY.

AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH. New York, Dec. 30.—The St. Nicholas hockey team, consisting of Malcolm Macne, W. A. Larned, J. W. Callender, Thomas Barrow, H. W. Sloum, R. D. Wrenn, and Erskine Hewitt, will leave New York on Thursday night for Toronto. They will play an all-Toronto team on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock they meet the combined banks team.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Allis Craig.—The nomination of reeve and councilors passed off very quietly. All the members of the council are in by acclamation: Reeve, R. J. Robinson; councilors, John H. MacArthur, Thomas Stephenson and John H. McKay.

Bracebridge.—Mayor, S. Brown, S. H. Armstrong. Bowmanville.—R. R. Loscombe is elected mayor for the coming year. Cobourg.—Mayor, J. D. Hayden and H. G. Harley.

Carlton Place.—Mayor, A. H. Edwards. Embro-Reeve, John McLeod, John W. Gordon, D. R. Ross, G. M. Creighton, councilors, R. Duncan, James M. Munroe, S. Hodgkinson, J. W. Duncan, Jas. Bowles, John Douglas, Geo. Royall, Dr. Adams, Andrew Bain, Ferguson-Reeve, Charles C. Groves (acclamation).

Gravenhurst.—Mayor, J. J. McNeill. Gananoque.—Mayor, C. E. Britton and W. W. Carroll.

Harrisonville.—Mayor, R. G. Lambert and J. L. Eddy. Milverton.—Reeve, Messrs. W. Appleton and George Goodall; councilors, Messrs. Wedderhold, Spencer, Schaffer, Couss, Schmenker.

Gravenhurst.—Mayor, Charles C. Cole (acclamation). Orangeville.—Mayor, Thomas Stevenson, Henry Endacott, Elgin Myers, J. Lindsay, Harry Gillespie and Dr. Lewis.

Port Hope.—Mayor, J. W. Fitzgerald (acclamation). Port Hope-Reeve, Alex. Taylor, Samuel C. Nicholas; councilors, Clarence Cromwell, Geo. Thorne, Alexander C. Brown, W. C. Mackay, Chas. Goodhue, James Ferguson, Benj. Hough, John Newman.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Ontario Government has decided to investigate the Sudbury coal fields again, this time using the diamond drill, this time using the diamond drill.

Robert A. Gardner, division foreman of construction of the Michigan Central Railway, shot and killed himself at Detroit Monday morning.

Ex-Queen Liloukalan, who has about decided to remain in and about Boston for a month, has taken up her temporary home in Brooklyn.

The Weekly Publishing Company, Toronto, has assigned to Mr. A. McLachlan, The independent Justice Department is about \$3,000, and the nominal assets are said to be about the same.

Scores of children and many adults in Toronto are victims just now of a peculiar disease that resembles a mild sort of smallpox. The victims break out in eruptions, which have the appearance of vaccination sores, and these are accompanied by colds and slight fever. The disease is "cow-pox."

FIRE BUG'S SENTENCE.

New York, Dec. 30.—Justice Furman, in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, sentenced Isaac Zucker, who was convicted of arson in the first degree, to 36 years imprisonment.

A TORONTO WOMAN'S FATAL FALL.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Christina Wasson, wife of Thomas Wasson, Ontario Medical College detective, fell down the elevator shaft in the Ontario Medical Council building last evening, falling from the third floor to the basement. She was picked up unconscious, and was found to have sustained a fracture of the base of the skull. A doctor who had been conversing with Mrs. Wasson a minute before she fell was at hand and rendered what help was possible, but the unfortunate woman died in three hours without recovering consciousness. The deceased woman was about 60 years of age, and leaves a grown-up family. She came from Halifax.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, Ont., Dec. 30.—A fatal accident happened here last night. Mr. John McKay, late of the North American Hotel, Woodstock, and Mrs. McKay were at Woodstock and came

back on the C. P. R. train about 8 o'clock. On arrival here they started to walk home on the C. P. R. track. A bridge fast is at work repairing the bridge across the river, which was about 40 feet above the water. The men were driving piles at the east end and, of necessity, had left an opening, into which Mr. McKay, in the dark, stepped, falling 45 feet. Mr. McKay's cries were heard at once, and help arrived, but life was extinct.

Three Wives

Claim Fred Pulfer — One a London Girl.

Will Be Arrested as Soon as He Is Well.

Now in the Hospital at Toronto — Was Woman Conqueror.

Toronto News, Dec. 23.

Fred Pulfer, the young laundry man, whose big adventures with three different women were exposed in the News last Thursday, and who is now confined to the General Hospital with typhoid fever, will be arrested as soon as he leaves the institution. Staff Inspector Archibald having today sworn out an information charging him with bigamy.

Pulfer is a fine-looking man, and his acquaintances say that he was very popular with the fair sex, of whom he was a constant associate. After the News had called the attention of the police to the case, Staff Inspector Archibald detailed an officer to make inquiries, and his investigation has developed some extraordinary circumstances, it being claimed that Pulfer had not only three living wives, two of them residing with him in the city and each in ignorance of the other's existence, but that he was on the eve of being married to a fourth. The record which the police will endeavor to prove Pulfer earned includes these victims.

Miss Fegan, employed in the Domestic Laundry, whom he courted, gave presents and was engaged to be married to.

Kate Limpert, of Scarborough, married in Toronto in 1887.

Minnie McDonald, eloped from Chesley with Pulfer in 1893.

Edith Chuter, married in London in 1896.

Pulfer, it is alleged, first courted a young girl named Kate Limpert, whose parents resided in Scarborough township. The two came to the city and were married at the parsonage of the Elm Street Methodist Church by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the latter's wife having acted as one of the witnesses. The two set up housekeeping at the Domestic Laundry on Richmond street. Three children were born to them.

Pulfer decided to move out to Chesley, where he went into a laundry business. He had a young girl named Minnie McDonald, and one morning three years ago the two disappeared. Later on he turned up in London, where he formed the acquaintance of a pretty Salvation Army lass named Edith Chuter, to whom he made violent love.

TWO WAIFS.

Pulfer was a Bernardo boy, brought to Canada from England as a waif, and was taken into the family of Joseph Stephens, a farmer near Chesley, where he was brought up.

Enough was a waif, having been brought to this country by Miss Rye. The result of the investigation was that on Jan. 15 last Pulfer married Miss Chuter, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. Dr. Sutherland. Six months ago the two came to Toronto and took up house at No. 29 Stewart street. Pulfer secured his old employment as driver for the Domestic Laundry. The News has already reported how the young wife, with her three-months' baby, was called at the laundry for her sick husband's wages, and made the discovery that he had another wife living in the city, how the "other Mrs. Pulfer" had turned up, and how Miss Fegan narrowly escaped becoming a victim.

Now there comes to light a third Mrs. Pulfer, in the person of Minnie McDonald.

WIFE NO. 1.

The original Mrs. Pulfer, who is living on Queen street east, is prostrated with the news of her husband's perjury, and believes that he has been guilty of bigamy. He had lived with her until recently, but although he was very irregular in his comings and goings, explaining that his work kept him away from his home, and in a few months their fourth baby will be born.

Pulfer's attack of typhoid fever is not considered dangerous by the hospital authorities, but the fact that he has been guilty of bigamy is considered a serious matter.

Some one has said that the three wives of Pulfer in the English language "say are these: 'I was wrong.' If, by force of self-discipline, he could make these words the easiest to say when he knows justice demands them, how peaceful and happy would be our home life with each other."

THE MEDICINE FOR LIVER AND KIDNEY COMPLAINT.—Mr. Victor August, Ottawa, writes: "I take great pleasure in recommending to the general public Parment's Pills as a cure for Liver and Kidney complaint. I have doctored for the last three years with leading physicians, and have taken many medicines that were recommended to me without relief, but after taking eight of Parment's Pills I was quite relieved, and now I feel as free from the disease as before I was troubled."

Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart., announces in the London Morning Post that he will not be responsible for the debts of his wife, whom he married 22 years ago.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness in the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many who were supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

RATS have for years been a pest in Paris, but never more so than now. They team everywhere, and are said to issue in thousands from the drains, while in outlying districts they scour the streets in hordes, affording fine sport to the policemen, who spit them on sword-bayonets.

I asked him who lived in a certain house. "I do not know," he answered, "in his relative, 'Nothing in London is more remarkable than

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea.

So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine.

But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. There are many Sarsaparillas—but only one Ayer's. It cures.

English Society

How It Is Made Up and the Passport to the Inner Circle.

Not Wealth, Nor Even Rank, Nor Political Eminence the Agency.

Peccolus Exclusionism That Is Evident in the British Metropolis.

Society, whether English or American, is a word which means several different things.

It is a word which has never been used to the satisfaction of every body; nor is it certain that any two men or women, whether inside or outside its magic circle, would give exactly the same definition of it. The nearest approach to such an account of the matter as might please every body may be found in an epigram by the late Mr. Abraham Hayward.

A man not given to epigrams except in quotation, and certainly one of the most competent authorities on most social questions, he was for 40 years an important and sometimes a dominant figure in London drawing-rooms.

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such a district as this. For the last half hour we have been wandering among houses the possession of which implies wealth. You could not live in such a house for less than \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year, often more, and not a single person you ever saw or heard of lives in any one of them."

They have a society of their own, but it is not society. They are important persons in the city, or in whatever department of business or industry will be published in an illustrated weekly paper with the amounts of their fortunes.

The same may be said, and will seem perhaps still more surprising, of literature, art, and science. No one of these by itself and of itself as a guarantee of social admissibility. Nor is rank or position alone more difficult to persuade people of this last than of any other negative proposition about English society. A notion has prevailed in America that the perage is of itself the Golden Book in which are written the names of the elect.

Wealth and rank—these are the two tests or true certificates of position. If you have impure blood you may sometimes succeed in getting into the "From 'English Society,' by George W. Stanley, in Harper's Magazine for January."

Think It Over. Have you ever heard of a medicine with such a record of cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla? Don't you know that Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier, has provided, over and over again, that it has power to cure, even after all other remedies fail?

If you have impure blood you may take Hood's Sarsaparilla with the most confidence that it will do you good.

HOOD'S PILLS assist digestion. 25 cents.

The returns for the first year of operation of the Chatham waterworks system since being taken over by the city have been most satisfactory. The Grand Trunk Company have made application for the use of the city water at \$600 a year, and the offer will be accepted.

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We had been led to think, from the actions of some of our competitors, that the beautiful story of "George Washington and his little ax" had never reached their infantile ears, or else that its beneficent influence had been lost upon them in after life. But something has happened which has induced us to change our mind, or at any rate to hold our opinion in abeyance.

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And Heintzman & Co. don't hesitate at all to couple them with the name of Steinway, all of which, we repeat, "is very gratifying to us."

A Word in Conclusion

We have now at our mammoth warerooms a large and varied stock of the celebrated

BELL PLANOS

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BELL PIANO WAREHOUSES

167 Dundas St., London, Ont.

THE WITNESS SPOKE UP.

"Now, sir, I hope we shall have no difficulty in getting you to speak up," said the lawyer, in a very loud, commanding voice.

"I hope not, sir," shouted the witness, at the top of his lungs.

"How dare you speak to me in that way?" angrily asked the lawyer.

"Because I can't speak no louder," said the hostler.

"Have you been drinking?" "Yes, sir."

"I should infer so from your conduct. What have you been drinking?" "Coffee," hoarsely vociferated the knight of the stable.

"Something stronger than coffee, sir; you have been drinking! Don't look at me like that, sir

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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Browning.

Now is the time to resolve.
Even the seasons keep turning over
new leaves; but is not the better?

Next year, Premier Laurier will have
three Lieutenant-Governorships to fill—
that of Ontario in May; that of British
Columbia next summer; and that of
Quebec next December.

Somebody, aching for expensive ex-
perience, is talking of starting another
daily newspaper in the already over-
crowded Ottawa field. Punch's "ad-
vice to those about to marry" is in
order: "Don't."

Here is another view of the London
election case. It is from the Stratford
Beacon: "The Toronto Star thinks
that Major Beattie, of London, ought
in decency to resign. It would be not
only decent; it would be sensible as
well. The more the election is investi-
gated the worse it will look."

The Russian railway through China
will soon be an accomplished fact.
Big results are expected from this
extension of civilization's great aid
into the Flowery Kingdom. It used
to be said that "railway communica-
tions corrupt good Mormons." Now it
will soon be proved that railway com-
munications are fatal to Chinese ex-
clusiveness.

In connection with the proposal to
put an import tax on wheat entering
Great Britain, a well-known English
expert has made the interesting cal-
culation that the addition of one far-
thing to the price of the four-pound
loaf of bread involves a total increased
expenditure in the United Kingdom of
\$18,500,000 per annum.

The Blotted-Out Newspaper.
L'Electeur, hitherto an influential
daily newspaper, published in Quebec
city, has been placed under the ban
by the Catholic bishops of the dis-
trict, and the proprietor, after stating
that this attack means his financial
ruin, has promptly brought the life
of his journal to an end.

The extraordinary effect of this ac-
tion on the part of these men can be
appreciated when it is said that the
decree makes it a mortal sin, for
which there is no absolution, to read
the journal which has been excom-
municated. For a Catholic such a de-
cree means very much.

Of what has this newspaper been
guilty to bring it under the ban? It
has taken strong grounds in favor of
the Manitoba school settlement, and
it has criticised the methods of those
clergymen who at last general elec-
tion and since entered the political
arena. The language which it used
was doubtless trenchant, and it may
not always have been discreet; but
those who favor free speech are able
to retort that it is somewhat strange
that, while this tremendous power is
used to crush an independent news-
paper, and to injure those whose
cause it advocated, the most vehe-
ment and inflammatory utterance of
the leaders in the crusade against
L'Electeur and the Liberal leaders of
Canada is passed by with approval,
or at least without objection.

It is an interesting, if not extreme-
ly edifying, spectacle which is pre-
sented in our sister province. There
are few portions of the civilized world
in which the turning on of the engines
of autocracy to suppress freedom of
speech and freedom of thought would
now be tolerated by either Catholics
or Protestants. Suppose, for example,
that in this Province the heads of the
Methodist, or Presbyterian, or Bap-
tist bodies were to issue an edict that,
under a penalty of damnation, no per-
son should henceforth read either the
Globe, the Mail and Empire, or The
Advertiser, the effect of such a rul-
mination would be that in many
thousands of cases, instead of obeying
the decree, there would be a demand
for additional copies, to prove to
the would-be autocrats that there was
such a thing as individual right and
individual freedom to read, to think,
to act.

Nor must it be supposed that this
coming of proper independence and
individual self-respect would be con-

finned alone to the Protestant section
of our population. In this Province,
as is well known, the Roman Catho-
lics divide on public questions accord-
ing to their individual political con-
victions, and no prelate would be able
to enforce his views on his flock save
by the intrinsic justice of his argu-
ment. The same is true of the people
of Ireland. That island is overwhelm-
ingly Catholic, and its population
clings with the warmest affection and
respect to their religion and their
spiritual advisers; but all students of
the history of Ireland know that
nothing is more certain than that the
people will never give up their political
convictions at the behest of prelate,
priest or any power whatsoever. In-
deed, their constant declaration, again
and again renewed, has been that
while in matters of religion they place
implicit faith in the church, in politi-
cal issues they follow their own con-
victions. Similar views are main-
tained by the Catholics of the United
States, where the opinions of that
section of the population are politi-
cally just as much divided as are the
opinions of Protestants. Indeed, the
chief effect of the recent establish-
ment of a Papal Alegate in the
neighboring republic has been to re-
lease from any attempt at undue
episcopal control those priests and
members of the church who choose to
exercise their own judgment on pub-
lic questions.

The Province of Quebec is the only
civilized country of which we have
any knowledge where these astounding
pretensions to suppress freedom of
thought and of argument are now
seriously set up. It is well known,
however, that very many of the
priests in Quebec are not in favor of
this absolutism, and that vast masses
of the laity are determined to ex-
ercise their manhood rights in accord-
ance with what they consider to be
just. This was demonstrated in a
marked degree at the last Dominion
general election.

It will be very interesting to ob-
serve the outcome of this new crusade
in favor of absolutely crushing out
political freedom and independence in
the Province of Quebec. We venture
to say that the large forces now in
play are of such a character that the
narrow restrictionism attempted will
be no more successful than would be
an attempt to turn back the torrents
of Niagara.

Butte, Mont., as an Example.
What we are coming to, in Canada,
in the matter of the development of
our mineral resources, is made ap-
parent by a Butte, Mont., correspon-
dent, who gives the following as a
conservative estimate of the output
in that district during 1896:

Pounds copper.
Anaconda Company120,000,000
Boston and Montana45,000,000
Montana Ore Purchasing Co., 18,000,000
Parrot Company14,000,000
Colorado Company5,000,000
Clark's Reduction Works4,000,000

Total216,000,000
The value of the copper at 11 cents
per pound is \$23,760,000. The gold and
silver, by-products of the copper ores,
will yield \$8,000,000, making the total
yield of the district \$31,760,000. This
exceeds 1895 by about \$1,000,000. Take
a map of Montana and draw a line
for an axis, passing through Helena
and Virginia City, make the axis
to exceed 120 miles long, and mark
off a strip of territory on each side
about 30 miles wide, and you have
the boundaries of a tract 120 miles
long and 60 miles wide from which
has been produced all Montana's cop-
per, most of the lead, three-fourths
of the silver, and nine-tenths of the
gold. Bannock and Gold Creek are
the only placer districts of note out-
side this rich mineral zone. Butte,
with its unparalleled deposits of cop-
per, lies near the center of this min-
ing zone. It is not likely that there can
be named anywhere a tract of equal
area that has produced so much value
in so short a time, and still retain so
large a proportion of unworked ground
of unknown richness. The daily out-
put of the Anaconda Company is now
5,000 tons. During the present year
the company has expended \$2,000,000
in making improvements, and has di-
vided \$3,000,000 among its stockholders.
Among the improvements was the
purchase of several new mammoth
hoisting engines. These enormous
pieces of machinery are capable of lift-
ing many tons from a depth of several
thousand feet. Next year nearly all
the mines of this company will be
sunk several hundred feet deeper.

We give these figures to show the
enormous benefits accruing to a coun-
try from the effective development of
its minerals. Many assurances have
been supplied recently by min-
ing experts that we in Can-
ada have just as rich mineral
lands as Montana—both in On-
tario and the Rocky Mountains.
What we need is intelligent develop-
ment, which has not hitherto been
possible because of the holding back
of mounted men. The era of progress
has, however, set in, and the eyes of
the investing public, hitherto kept on
Butte, on Johannesburg, and on West-
ern Australia, are now being directed
to Rossland and to the Rainy River
District. Canada's turn has surely ar-
rived.

The Anti-British Tax Policy.

The council of the United Empire
Trade League early this month ex-
pressed Sir Charles Tupper at lunch-
con, and in responding, Sir Charles
denied that his party had been de-
flected on the question of preferential
trade within the empire. That is true,
for the chief issue presented by Sir
Charles and his supporters was the
"protection" for native industries,
which the U. E. T. L. was claimed to afford.
But Sir Charles went on to say that
the Conservative party in Canada
took their stand upon the question
of preferential trade within the em-
pire, "with the result that Mr. Laurier
was compelled to declare that he was
as emphatically in favor of preferen-
tial trade within the empire as Sir
Charles Tupper was." The good sense
of his hearers, if not their knowledge
of Canadian politics, no doubt as-
sured them of the absurdity of this
statement. The strongest supporters
of Sir Charles Tupper's party do not
favor freer trade relations with the
United Kingdom, and a few years
ago, when the Liberal members of the
House of Commons voted for a motion
to lower the scale of duties
against British goods, the Conserva-
tive members voted almost as a unit
against it. The N. E. T. L. is framed
by Sir Charles Tupper himself, op-
erated specially to the exclusion of
British goods from Canada.

A FUTILE ARGUMENT.

Byander, in the Weekly Sun.
Nothing can be more futile than the
argument of the Protectionists that
free trade is a failure because it has
not been at once generally adopted,
as Bright and Cobden hoped. The
practical question is whether the pol-
icy of free trade has been successful
in the country which has adopted it.
The answer to that question is the
immense commercial prosperity of
England, and the enormous increase of
her wealth since 1846. If the other
nations have refused to follow suit
and share the prosperity, so much the
more to their credit. The United States
are quoted as an instance of the suc-
cess of Protectionism. The United
States is the greatest free trade nation
in the world. They have absolute free
trade over a whole continent, with an
almost unlimited variety of prod-
ucts. This advantage has been too
great for their protectionist tariffs to
countervail. The Empire of Napoleon
though his policy was ultra-protec-
tionism against all outsiders, enjoyed
commercial prosperity because it had
free trade over an immense area with-
in. It is not by reason or argument,
or by observation of the effect of free
trade on the country which has adopted
it that the extension of Cobden's
principle has been decided; it is by
the action of sinister interests, aided
by national antipathies, influences
alien alike to reason and to the public
good. When Bright and Cobden are
described as visionaries, and peace-mo-
nists, it is forgotten that William Pitt,
who was assuredly no peace-monger,
and Sir Robert Peel were also free
traders. Pitt was looking forward to
the total abolition of customs duties
when his commercial policy was
checked by the outbreak of the
French revolution. Cavour, whom no
body would call either a visionary
or a peace-monger, was also a free
trader.

HUMAN NATURE IN KANSAS.

Atchison Globe.
Every man has days when nothing
but civilization keeps him out of fist
fights.

LOSS AND GAIN.

Atchison Globe.
It is not such a terrible thing to lose
your reputation; some men would be
lucky if they could do it.

NO NEED TO HURRY.

There was a young lady of Crews,
Who wanted to catch the 2:22;
Said the porter, "Don't hurry,
Or scurry, or hurry,
It's a minute or 2 2:22."

Mrs. Mary C. Robbins, in her article
of park-making as a national art, in
the January Atlantic, suggests the pos-
sibility of a system of parks from
New York to San Francisco. This
suggestion, while startling at first,
becomes more and more possible as
time goes on and the growth of park-
making in cities continues.

An interesting paper by Alexander
Meadie, entitled "Fog Possibilities,"
appears in the January Harper's, with
illustrations of fog phenomena photo-
graphed at the Lick Observatory. The
author of the paper hints at future
discoveries which may enable the sci-
entist to disperse fog either in the
form of rain or a precipitate of dust,
and he believes that a full under-
standing of fog phenomena is a neces-
sary precedent to the solution of the
problem of rain-making.

STRIKE IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Because a man
who is not a member of the Book-
binders' Union is allowed to work at
a cutting machine in Hunter, Rose &
Co.'s bindery, fifteen employees went
out on strike yesterday. The employees
said that the man should be paid the
union wages or be discharged. The
firm think that as the man is not a
bookbinder, but has been employed on
cutting machines in other factor-
ies, they are justified in employing him
and paying him as they see fit. The
striking men say that an agreement
made last June was to the effect that
men employed on the cutting machines
must be journeymen bookbinders, has
been broken, as the man in question
is only an apprentice, having never
served his time as a binder. The
printers and pressmen will back the
binders in their trouble.

Keep good company, and you shall
be one of the number.

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—Get Munyon's Guide to Health From
Your Nearest Druggist—Buy a 25-Cent
Munyon Remedy and Cure Yourself.

With Munyon's Remedies every one
can become his own doctor. No ex-
perimenting, no guess work, no purg-
ing, no nauseous doses. The cure is
certain, quick and permanent. Mun-
yon's system is to build up, not tear
down; to strengthen, not to weaken.
If you are sick, cast aside all other
medicines, bury prejudice, slip into
the nearest drug store, and ask for a
Munyon "Guide to Health." It will
cost you nothing, and will tell you
how to cure yourself and save your
doctor's bills. A 25c vial of one of Mun-
yon's Remedies may be all that you
need to cure yourself, after everything
else has failed. In any event, your
cure will cost you but trifles. Thou-
sands of testimonials from grateful
patients in all parts of the country
attest the wonderful efficacy of Mun-
yon's Remedies in the cure of every
curable disease.

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Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 11-
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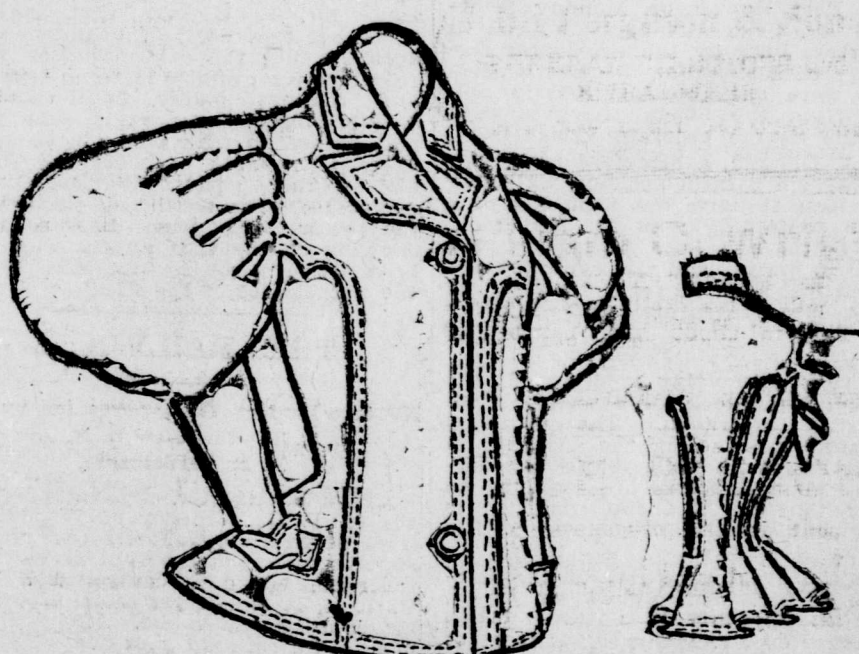
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\$10 Mantles for - \$ 5 00
12 Mantles for - - 5 00
13 Mantles for - - 6 50
15 Mantles for - - 7 50
19 Mantles for - - 10 00



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Misses' Jackets also at a great reduction. A number
of warm Jackets we will clear out at \$1 each.
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Is the best—it is the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take

Commercial.

A Barge in the Chicago Wheat

Market.

Local Market.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 30.

WHEAT, white, per bu. 78c to 81c

Wheat, red, per bu. 77c to 79c

Oats, per bu. 35c to 37c

Peas, per bu. 24c to 26c

Corn, per bu. 25c to 27c

Buckwheat, per bu. 24c to 26c

Rye, per bu. 22c to 24c

Barley, per bu. 20c to 22c

Beans, per bu. 35c to 37c

The amount of business done in this

market for the week just closing has

been good in provisions and poor in

grain lines.

Among the changes that occurred

were an advance in oats, corn and

eggs, a decline in butter, beans and

hays, and a widening in the range of

dressed hogs.

Potatoes were a little higher, at 30c

to 40c.

There was a steady demand for

most lines.

The following list gives latest values

for staple lines:

GRAIN.

Wheat, white, per 100 lbs. 130 to 135

Wheat, red, per 100 lbs. 128 to 130

Oats, per 100 lbs. 35 to 37

Peas, per 100 lbs. 24 to 26

Corn, per 100 lbs. 25 to 27

Buckwheat, per 100 lbs. 24 to 26

Rye, per 100 lbs. 22 to 24

Barley, per 100 lbs. 20 to 22

Beans, per 100 lbs. 35 to 37

PROVISIONS.

Honey, per lb. 8 to 12

Butter, per lb. 9 to 10

Eggs, per doz. 20 to 25

Beef, per lb. 10 to 12

Pork, per lb. 10 to 12

Lard, per lb. 10 to 12

Butter, per lb. 9 to 10

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Beef, per lb. 10 to 12

ally checked the advance during the morning.

Reddest reported a decrease in the

world's supply of 1,500,000 bu. This

reduction was not as great as was anticipated.

It was nevertheless considered large

enough to be important. May wheat opened

from 81c to 82c; advanced 1/2c, closing at

82 1/2c to 83c. Corn advanced 1/2c, closing

at 24c to 25c. Provisions were lower.

The leading futures closed as follows: 1c to

Wheat—No. 2, Dec, 80c; May, 82c to 84c;

July, 84c to 86c.

Oats—No. 2, Dec, 35c; May, 37c; July, 39c

to 41c.

Meat—No. 2, Dec, 10c; May, 12c; July, 14c

to 16c.

Short ribs—No. 2, Dec, 10c; May, 12c; July, 14c

to 16c.

Butter—No. 2, Dec, 10c; May, 12c; July, 14c

to 16c.

Eggs—No. 2, Dec, 10c; May, 12c; July, 14c

to 16c.

Beef—No. 2, Dec, 10c; May, 12c; July, 14c

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The Slate!

The Municipal Candidates Are

Now Known.

The Full Ticket in All the Wards.

A Contest in All a Few More

Wards.

The municipal slate is now com-

plete, and people know exactly who is

running. The latest withdrawals from

the field were Messrs. James Malloch

and John Boyd, in No. 4 ward, and

Mr. W. J. Craig, in No. 1. The limit

for resignations expired at midnight,

so that the following will go before

the electors:

FOR MAYOR.

Mayor J. W. Little and John M.

Parsons.

WARD ONE.

Aldermen—F. G. Rumball, Joseph

Johnston, Ald. Taylor, Ald. Pritchard

and J. A. McNeill.

School Trustee—Trustee U. A. Buch-

ner and C. J. McCormick.

WARD TWO.

Aldermen—Ald. O'Meara, Geo. Olm-

stead, W. H. Smith, J. B. Cox and

Ald. Douglas.

School Trustee—Dr. John D. Wilson

and Ebenezer North.

WARD THREE.

Aldermen—Ald. Heaman, Samuel

Stevens, Ald. Carothers and W. H.

Winnick.

School Trustee—For one-year term,

R. W. Rolleston and Thomas Evans;

for two-year term, Trustee J. Griffin

and C. J. Brind.

WARD FOUR.

Aldermen—E. N. Hunt, A. Callahan,

James Fitzgerald, Ald. Cooper and

John Turner.

School Trustee—W. T. Strong and

J. Morgan.

WARD FIVE.

Aldermen—Ald. Nutkins, Frank

John, John D. Wilkey, Ald. H. Drea-

ney, Charles Depper, Ald. Deane,

School Trustee—Trustee Joseph San-

ders and Dr. English.

WARD SIX.

Aldermen—Ald. Parnell, Ald. Mc-

Callum, Ald. Gully, J. H. Bartlett and

Thomas Hilliard.

Mr. John Macpherson was elected

school trustee by acclamation for

ward 6.

Meetings will be held tonight in

the following wards, to be addressed

by candidates.

WARDS SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, AND

TEN.

Advertisements, Chas. Walker.

Advertiser, Dec. 29.—The sad news

of the death of Mr. J. J. White, agent

of the G. T. R., here, was a surprise

to the village people when it became

known on Saturday at noon. The de-

ceased was 41 years of age, and had

been ailing for several weeks, al-

though his death was unexpected. He

leaves a wife and five little ones—

four sons and one daughter—to mourn

his death. The funeral took place on

Monday afternoon. Service was held

in the English Church, conducted by

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MILD—LIGHT SHOWERS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29—11 p.m.—An increase in pressure has taken place over Assinabolia and Alberta, where it has become a little colder; elsewhere there is little change in temperature, the tendency being for a continuance of mild south and southwest winds. Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Calgary, 24-28; Edmonton, 16-30; Qu'Appelle, 26-30; Winnipeg, 8-32; Port Arthur, 20-32; Parry Sound, 30-40; Toronto, 30-33; Ottawa, 12-36; Quebec, 10-22; Halifax, 29-42.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 30—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lake region: South to west winds; continued decidedly mild, with cloudy or partly fair weather, and light showers in a few places.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 23 degrees and 33 degrees.

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THEIR LAST.

London West Councilors Wind Up Their Business.

The final meeting of the London West Council of 1896 was held last night. It was called to wind up the affairs of the year, and leave a clean sheet for whoever will pilot the affairs of the village through the stormy sea of law and uncertainty next year.

Mrs. M. A. Perkins, in a letter to the council, stated that on Nov. 20, while she was walking along John street, she tripped and fell, in consequence of a defective sidewalk. The fall rendered her unconscious. She claims as damages, \$75. A letter from Dr. Fraleigh, Arva, stated that he had attended Mrs. Perkins and that in consequence of her fall she had been prevented from attending to her daily duties; she had also sustained a severe bruise over her eye, which might materially affect her sight; her knees had been injured, while her nervous system had received a severe shock. The claim was settled, Mrs. Perkins agreeing to accept \$25.

E. F. Johnston was reimbursed \$18 70 of taxes for 1896, he having lost his house by fire.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Moore wanted to know what provision had been made to meet the payment of \$830 falling due on Jan. 2.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to a chair. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, saying that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured a bottle of the oil, and less than half a bottle cured me. I certainly believed it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good. I tried to keep clear of prejudice, and was willing to alter any opinion you may hold when further light breaks in upon your mind. He is clever beyond precedent, or weak beyond measure, who never has reason to change his judgment of men and things."

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London and Environs

—H. L. Cater, of Toronto, is home spending the holidays with his parents.

—Mrs. W. H. Foote, of Dundas, is visiting Mrs. A. Foote, of 311 Grey street.

—Well, girls, are you sorry now? T. is your last chance for eight years.

—Mr. A. E. Osborne, of New Brunswick, is visiting his brother, Walter Osborne, this city.

—Mr. John Hockin, of Lacombe, Alberta, is home visiting his parents, 428 Horton street.

—Bert Cater, who was home spending Christmas with his parents, returned to Chicago today.

—Catalogue work a specialty at The Advertiser Job Department. Estimates cheerfully furnished.

—Miss Lillian Vaxton Holt, of Wellington street, is spending a few weeks with friends at Hamilton.

—Miss Kathleen Norrie, Detroit, who has been visiting here, has returned home, accompanied by Miss Ida Strickland.

—Mr. Fred Doherty, of Clinton, has returned home after visiting his cousin, Miss Laura Cooper, Piccadilly street.

—Misses Lena and Essie Beares, of Dufferin avenue, are spending the holidays with Mr. W. Sumner, George street, Ingersoll.

—Dr. Hutchinson, M. H. O., expects to present his semi-annual milk report to the next meeting of the Board of Health.

—H. W. Shannon, wife and daughter, of Rochester, N. Y., are spending the holidays with their parents, the parents of Mr. John Shannon, 406 Burwell street.

—Mr. Walter Stevens, of Quebec City, having spent Christmas with his family on Horton street, returned yesterday, accompanied by his son Melville.

—A conversational literary evening was held at Bishopstowe last night, and about 200 young people attended. The Grand Opera House orchestra was present.

—Miss Annie Rankin, Stratford; Miss Lottie Macgregor, Kilmory; Miss Ollie Hanly, St. Marys, and Mr. Chas. Thompson, Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, 340 Dundas street.

—Mr. Chas. Sifton, formerly of Sifton & Co., but for the last few years with Mr. Frank Cooper, has severed his connection with Mr. Cooper's establishment and entered into partnership with Mr. J. C. Walker, photographer, of Woodstock.

—Mr. W. D. Robb, G. T. R. locomotive foreman at Belleville, has been transferred to this city as the new mechanic in place of Mr. A. H. Smith, retired, owing to ill-health. W. A. Ball, of Toronto, will succeed Mr. Robb at Belleville.

—Special services are being held in the school room of the First Congregational Church, every evening, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Pedley, and the members of the Young People's Society.

—The regular meeting of Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, was held in the Albion Block last night, when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing term: Chancellor, Commander, R. H. Reid; Vice-Chancellor, J. Etzel; Prelate, G. Park; Keeper of Records and Seals, Martin Simon; Master of Finance, E. B. Galpin; Master of Exchequer, T. A. Parkinson; Master-at-Arms, Alf Hicks; Grand Lodge Representative, T. A. Parkinson; Physician, Dr. James Wilson; Hall Trustees, E. Horne, J. Etzel and R. Cadwallader. After the election the members were entertained by the new officers.

—The Sunday school of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, had a highly successful and interesting evening. Refreshments were served, after which an interesting programme was given in English, by the Y. M. C. A. is being arranged. The Bishop of Huron presided, and among the speakers were the Rev. J. F. Helmut, the Dean of Huron, Archdeacon Davis, Rev. Canon Richardson, Rev. Canon Smith, Rev. J. H. Moore, George P. Jewell, Rev. Principal English, Prof. Harrison and Rev. G. B. Sage.

—Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

Get Even With Your Friends.

If you feel that you ought to have given your friends a slight token in commemoration of the festive season, you had better go directly to

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Mr. MacQueen, is making good progress. Very encouraging reports were made on behalf of the several branches of church work, all of which shows that Knox Church is prospering under the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Stuart.

—The second hop of the season at the Palace Dancing Academy last night was very successful, a large number of young people enjoying the hospitality of Messrs. Dayton & McCormick. A choice programme, including the latest dances, was provided.

—Mayor Elliott of Brantford, in the course of his nomination speech, made the following reference to the G. T. R. car shops: "The removal of the Grand Trunk Railway shops engaged the attention of the aldermen, and with the aid of Hon. Mr. Hardy and others, who actively assisted the committee in this matter, we succeeded in defeating the London bill, then before the Ontario Legislature. But I regret to say we did not succeed in securing the shops for the future; still I trust that some of the employees may be employed in doing the repairing work."

—The Christmas tree entertainment at the Centennial Church last night drew the usual large audience of parents and children. The programme, which was excellent, was as follows: Chorus, "Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings," by the children; recitations by Emma Finton, Bert Simmons, Mabel Richards, Gerlie Howard, Stella Finton, Maggie Hammett and Maud Perkins; duets by Bessie Finton and Maud Pearson, May Russell and Mabel Perkins; solo, Maud Pearson; dialogues by Annie Rockett and Hazel Haywood, by sixteen girls and the members of Mr. Short's class. Miss Maggie Carle acted as accompanist, and Mr. M. W. Althouse, superintendent of the Sunday school presided.

THE CAR SHOPS.

Messrs. T. Irwin & Son, Hamilton, the contractors for the slating of the new G. T. R. car shops, are here. Half a car of slate arrived on the grounds yesterday, and the slating was immediately begun. Messrs. Ross Bros., who have the contracts for glazing, are also getting under way with their part of the structure. Two cars of glass arrived yesterday.

CLEANED THE SLATE.

Next Meeting of the Water Commissioners Will Be in 1897—Springbank Caterers.

The water commissioners held the final meeting for 1896 yesterday afternoon, and in a few minutes transacted all the business that was to be done. Arthur Smith renewed his application to be allowed to occupy the hotel at Springbank and cater to the public during the winter season. Mr. Smith stated that he was not the tenant of the market stand who failed to pay his rent, as was supposed.

An application was also received from Messrs. Baker & Sharnan, Woodbank P. O., to cater to the public at the Springbank building. The application stated that the object intended was to furnish tea, coffee and light refreshments, and also have a cloak room for the convenience of the public. The privilege was granted by the commissioners, subject to the will of the board.

Mr. Cowan will deal with the commissioning of the water commissioners at St. Thomas. It was received in October, and read as follows: "The commissioners of St. Thomas are of the opinion that municipalities should be given the power, upon the recommendation of the water commissioners, and under a bylaw to be passed by a three-fourths vote of the council, to raise by the issue of debentures of the municipality up to an amount to be limited according to the population, sufficient to cover the cost of any necessary extension or improvements required."

"We find that it is not as a rule advisable to meet such expenditure out of current revenues, and the cost of submitting a bylaw to the people is generally out of proportion to the amount required."

"There should be some means of issuing debentures instead of going praying to an obstinate council, as we have been used to doing," said Mr. Cowan.

There were present Chairman Judd, Commissioner Cowan, Engineer Moore, Secretary Edwood and Inspector Plastow.

SIR WM. MEREDITH HERE.

Attends a Meeting of the Western University Senate—No Federation with Toronto.

Chief Justice Sir Wm. T. Meredith attended a meeting yesterday of the Western University Senate, of which he is vice-president. The Senate, which met in Cronyn Hall, discussed the proposal to federate with the Toronto University and Trinity College, and decided to take no action for the present.

The Western University's condition is satisfactory. There are about 100 students in arts, 75 in medicine, and a large number who are taking the lectures. A lecture course on literary subjects is in progress. The Y. M. C. A. is being arranged. The Bishop of Huron presided, and among the speakers were the Rev. J. F. Helmut, the Dean of Huron, Archdeacon Davis, Rev. Canon Richardson, Rev. Canon Smith, Rev. J. H. Moore, George P. Jewell, Rev. Principal English, Prof. Harrison and Rev. G. B. Sage.

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