WHAT'S THE TIME?

Clocks and the Sun Do Not Always Agree in Marking the Hour.

There are few questions more frequently put than "What time is it?" "Can you tell me the true time?" A stickler for exactitude might reply; "What kind of time do you mean? Apparent time or mean time? Local time or standard time?" There are all these kinds of time, not to speak of others. It is only within the last two generations, within indeed, the reign of our sovereign, Queen Victoria, that the subject of the differences of most of these kinds of time has become of pressing importance to any but theorists. In one of the public gardens of Paris a little cannon is set up with a burning-glass attached to it in such a manner that the sun itself fires the cannon as it reaches the meridian. This of course, is the time of Paris noon—apparent noon; but it would be exceedingly imprudent of any traveler through Paris, who wished, say, to catch the 1 o'clock express, to set his watch by the gun. For if it happened to be in February he would find when he reached the railway station that the station clock was faster than the gun by nearly a full quarter of an hour, and that his train had gone; whilst towards the end of October or the beginning of November, he would find himself as much too soon. Until machines for accurately measuring time were invented, apparent time—time, that is to say, given by the sun itself, as by a sun dial—was the only time about which men knew or cared. But when reasonably good clocks and watches were made, it was very soon seen that at different times in the year there was a marked difference between the sun dial time and that shown by the clock—the reason being simply that the apparent rate of motion of the sun across the sky was not always quite the same, whilst the movement of the clock was, of course, as regular as it could be made.

Western Assurance COMPANY.

The annual meeting of Shareholders was held at the Company's offices in this city yesterday. The President, the Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair.

The following Annual Report of the Directors, with accompanying Financial Statement, was then read by the Secretary, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:—

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors beg to submit herewith a statement of the results of the transactions of the Company for the year 1897, together with the Assets and Liabilities at the 31st December last, and the Auditors' report thereon.

The balance at the credit of Revenue Account is $149,845.05, and there has been a gain of $18,381.16 in the value of securities, as compared with their market price a year ago.

Two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, have been declared out of the year's earnings, and $68,226.21, added to the Reserve Fund.

The amount of the estimated liability upon risks now on the Company's books is 775,661.51, and a net surplus is shown over capital and all liabilities of $379,472.91.

GEO. A. COX,
President.

Toronto, 18th February, 1898.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cash income. . . .	$2,283,632.48
Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment.	2,133,787.43
Balance	$ 149,845.05
Appreciation in value of securities.	18,381.16
Profit for the year. . .	$ 168,226.21
Dividends on stock. . . .	$ 100,000.00
Total assets.	2,415,086.41
Reserve fund	1,155,134.42
Cash capital.	1,000,000.00
Subscribed capital	1,000,000.00
Security to policy-holders .	3,155,134.42

The election of Directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen, viz:—Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood, Messrs. Robt. Beaty, G. R. R. Cockburn Geo. McMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne, and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held subsequently, Hon. Geo. A. Cox was re-elected President, and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

BITING THE NAILS.

A simple and very effective way to cure children of the bad habit of biting their nails is to wet the fingers with quassia tea and allow them to dry. When tasted it will be a bitter reminder to cease the practice. If there are no sore places on the finger tips, a very little colocynth powder, which is intensely bitter, may be dusted over them. When, however, dipping the finger ends in some bitter tincture fails as it sometimes will, each finger end ought to be incased in a stall until the propensity is eradicated.

THE PRUDENT COURSE.

Updyke is an exceedingly quick-witted chap.

So?

Yes. For instance, last night, at Jammer's party, he unfortunately stepped on Miss Quickfire's dress and ripped in the neighborhood of three miles of ruffle off it.

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Rich, red blood.

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The seal worn by the Pope, and used by him on official documents to which his signature is attached, has on it the engraving of a fish, with the cipher of the wearer. Since the thirteenth century every Pope has worn a ring of this character, and it is shattered with a hammer when the wearer dies, to prevent its use on a forged document.

MRS. HUGHES' CASE.

The Lady Writes Another Letter to The Dodds Medicine Co.

Five Doctors and a Specialist Said She Had Rheumatism — They Could Not Help Her — Her Trouble Was Kidney Disease—Cured By Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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LUCAS COUNTY

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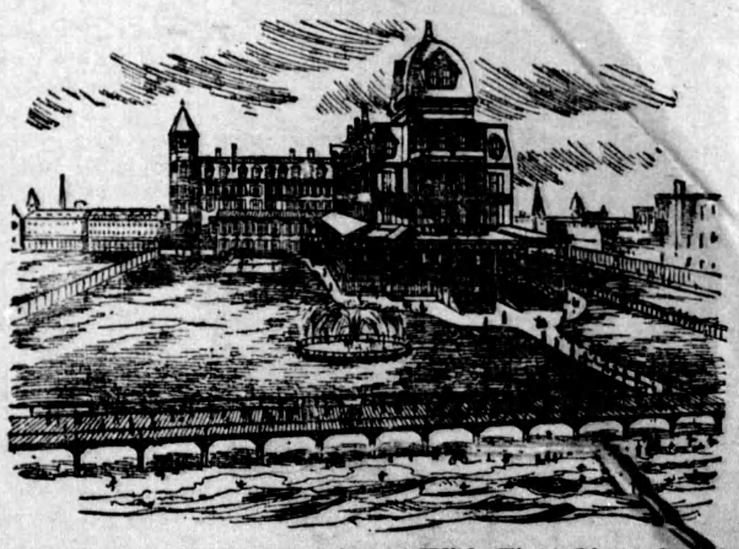

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