

BILLETING MINISTERS.

HOMES OF METHODIST CLERGY WHILE IN THE CITY.

The Stationing Committee Beginning its Work To-morrow in Queen St. Church—Conference Opens Next Wednesday—Homes For all the Members, and Good Homes, Too.

To-morrow the meetings in connection with the Montreal Methodist conference begin. The stationing committee, composed of a chairman and one delegate from each district, will assemble in the Queen street church and locate the clergymen who have concluded their three years' stay on circuits or stations, and others who find it desirable to change their places of residence. The list below shows where the visiting clergymen will be billeted during the two weeks they remain here. The first name is that of the minister, the last his temporary residence and the street it is situated upon.

- J. Allen—J. W. Sparling, William. C. Allum—P. Bajus, Rideau. J. Armstrong—R. Stilwell, Johnson. J. C. Antliff—W. McRossie, Wellington. W. Austin—S. Fraser, Queen. J. Awde—G. Richardson, Gordon. C. W. Baldwin—Mrs. Fralick, Gordon. W. Barnett—S. Fraser, Queen. L. N. Beaudry—S. Birch, Bagot. T. Bell—P. Asselstine, Division. G. A. Bell—P. Bajus, Rideau. W. Blair—J. Johnson, Johnson. H. F. Bland—Major King, Montreal. C. E. Bland—R. Whiting, Colborne. S. Bond—A. Chown, Queen. T. C. Brown—John Breden, Barrie. D. Brill—Capt. Nicholson, George. H. Cairns—A. Hoppins, Barrack. A. Campbell—Mrs. J. Johnson, Earl. S. Card—R. Shaw, Bagot. W. W. Carson—S. Birch, Bagot. A. G. Chambers—Mrs. Anglin, Union. J. H. Chant—J. A. Gardiner, Brook. F. Chisholm—W. P. Bell, Colborne. S. D. Chown—J. Gardiner, Ordinance. J. W. Clipham—A. Hoppins, Barrack. J. Cornell—P. Brewer, Gordon. Lewis Conley—A. Chown, Queen. F. B. Conley—A. Chown, Queen. T. Constable—Mrs. Switzer, Princess. W. Craig—J. McKelvey, Bagot. E. W. Crane—Mrs. R. Carnovsky, Williamsville. F. W. Crowe—R. Davis, Ontario. W. J. Crothers—E. Chown, Brook. E. Crummy—Mrs. Fralick, Gordon. C. J. Curtis—I. Simpson, Barrie. G. H. Davis—City Hotel. E. DeGruchy—S. Anglin, Ordinance. F. Delong—T. H. Phillips, Colborne. A. M. Delong—T. H. Phillips, Colborne. J. A. Dorion—Mrs. Malone, William. G. Douglass—Dr. Anglin, Earl. R. Eason—J. W. Powell, Princess. G. S. Eldridge—E. Chown, Brook. S. Ellerg—R. Shaw, Bagot. J. Elliott, D.D.—H. Cunningham, Earl. J. Elliott—Mrs. Squires, Division. J. D. Ellis—T. Carnovsky, Williamsville. J. Ferguson—T. Vanluven, Williamsville. C. R. Flanders—R. D. Anglin, Union. J. Follick—Mrs. Malone, William. J. Fowkes—D. J. Garbutt, William. H. Fowler—Mrs. Wilson, Colborne. J. Freshman—Mrs. McCammon, Montreal. A. Geoffry—R. Patterson, Bay. J. Gibson—C. D. Chown, Bagot. J. Grenfell—J. Charles, Sydenham. W. H. Graham—J. Breden, Barrie. J. M. Hagarr—Dr. Sparks, Charles. W. Hall—H. Cunningham, Earl. W. Hansford—J. Richardson, Stewart. C. A. Hanson—W. Skinner, Wellington. T. S. Harris—D. Watson, Rideau. J. J. Haylock—P. Clark, Montreal. J. A. Henderson—Miss Moffat, Arch. W. G. Henderson—J. Rockwell, Queen. A. Holden—W. Stewart, Barrack. J. Holmes—H. Jack, Division. R. C. Horner—A. Watson, Rideau. E. S. Howard—W. McRossie, Wellington. N. H. Howard—Capt. Miller, Sydenham. W. Hewitt—H. Jack, Division. S. Huntington—J. Taylor, Queen. J. B. Hicks—T. Thompson, Frontenac. S. J. Hughes—B. M. Britton, Sydenham. G. G. Huxtable—Mrs. Rees, Johnson. W. Jackson—W. Bailey, Colborne. W. S. Jamieson—R. D. Anglin, Union. W. J. Jolliffe—E. Chown, Brook. S. C. Kendall—A. P. Chown, Barrie. D. Kennedy—Mrs. Rees, Johnson. J. Kines—Mrs. McCammon, Montreal. H. H. Knowles—I. Simpson, Barrie. F. B. Knowlton—Mrs. Shields, Queen. W. Knox—G. Brewer, Court House. H. Krupp—Mrs. Malone, William. C. H. Lawrence—A. P. Chown, Barrie. J. Lawson—T. Marriot, Brook. F. G. Lett—J. McKelvey, Bagot. J. E. Lidstone—J. Johnson, Johnson. S. E. Mauby—Mrs. Switzer, Princess. A. McCann—W. Ford, Queen. T. McCammon—P. Asselstine, Division. J. V. McDowall—T. Carnovsky, Williamsville. W. McGill—E. Chown, Brook. G. McRitchie—Mrs. McCammon, Montreal. H. Meyers—J. Rockwell, Queen. S. Might—J. Devana, Division. J. O'Hara—C. Robinson, Brook. E. Oliviant—J. Devana, Division. R. F. Oliver—Mrs. Hales, Sydenham. A. B. Orser—J. W. Powell, Princess. J. C. Osborn—S. Day, Brook. N. Parent—C. Robinson, Brook. W. Pearson—Mrs. Hales, Sydenham. W. Peck—R. Wright, Bagot. W. F. Perley—Mrs. Williams, Earl. J. Philip—E. Whiting, Colborne. W. Philip—J. Nugent, Brook. S. G. Phillips—E. McColl, Gordon. B. Pierce—W. Holland, Pine. J. Pines—D. F. Armstrong, Colborne. J. T. Pitcher—H. Richardson, Stewart. G. H. Porter—E. McColl, Gordon. G. C. Poyser—Mrs. Williams, Earl. W. Pyke—C. H. Clark, Bagot. S. Quinn—S. Vanwinkle, Colborne. A. A. Radley—J. Taylor, Queen. W. Ransy—W. Lake, Queen. F. A. Read—H. A. Lidstone, Gordon. F. C. Reynolds—C. D. Chown, Bagot. J. E. Richardson—R. Chown, Johnson. W. Rillance—W. Lake, Queen. J. Roadhouse—B. H. Carnovsky, Princess. R. Robinson—R. Stilwell, Johnson. G. Rogers—A. Chown, Johnson. J. B. Robinson—J. McCartney, Gordon. L. H. Roberts—W. Webster, Herchmer. A. G. Robertson—Mrs. R. Carnovsky, Williamsville. W. W. Ryan—J. E. Dorland, Division. M. Sadler—Mrs. English, Division. E. G. P. Sanderson—C. H. Clark, Bagot. D. C. Sanderson—City Hotel. J. B. Sanderson—W. Skinner, Wellington. J. Scanlon—J. Richardson, Stewart. W. Scott—C. Livingston, Brook. W. Services—W. Scouce, Johnson. W. I. Shaw—Mrs. John Shaw, William. S. Shibley—Mrs. English, Division. W. K. Shortt—W. Stewart, Barrack. A. Shortt—P. Brewer, Gordon. J. Simpson—W. G. Kidd, Sydenham. E. C. Shorey—G. Richardson, Gordon. W. T. Smith—F. C. Chown, Bagot. W. H. Sparling—J. W. Sparling, Williams. F. H. Sproule—F. Thompson, Frontenac. J. Stegari—W. A. Webster, Herchmer.

- J. H. Stewart—J. Nugent, Brook. W. Somerville—W. Shortt, Division. M. Taylor—T. White, Gordon. E. Taylor—D. Reeves, Montreal. E. Taylor, M.A.—D. J. Garbutt, Williams. S. Teeson—B. H. Carnovsky, Princess. E. Tennant—J. E. Mavety, Gordon. I. E. Tancle—J. Richardson, Stewart. W. Timberlake—B. M. Britton, Sydenham. N. E. Topping—W. Scouce, Johnson. A. H. Visser—R. Patterson, Bay. J. Webster—S. Anglin, Ordinance. J. Watson—R. Ford, Clergy. W. W. Weese—R. Davis, Ontario. A. Whitesides—T. Wales, William. G. S. White—E. R. Martin, Sydenham. I. Wilkinson—D. Reeves, Montreal. T. G. Williams—Dr. Lavell, Portsmouth. J. Wilson—A. Chown, Queen. R. Wilson—H. Wilson, Union. D. Winter—J. E. Clark, Brook. H. Young—A. W. Holland, Pine. The clerical visitors have been billeted as follows: A. Carman, General Superintendent—Dr. Dupuis, Montreal. A. Sutherland—City Hotel. E. H. Dewart—B. M. Britton, Sydenham. J. Potts—W. Breden, Williamsville. J. Grey—J. Gardiner, Ordinance.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Paragraphs of Interest as Picked Up by Our Busy Reporters on the Street. "A" Co. 14th battalion drill to-night. Fine light plugs and silk hats at Page's, leading hatters and furriers. Peter Milne has challenged W. O'Leary to run him 2,500 yards for \$20. Six hundred bushels of potatoes arrived over the K. & P. RR. from Cobden to-day. Dr. Alice McGillivray has removed across Princess-st. to Dr. Sparks' stand, No. 230. The "Archdeacon's Folly" is being converted by James Crawford into two fine residences. The trout season is open, and the fishermen are overhauling their rods, tackle and lying machines. On Tuesday 3,300 shares in the Kingston & Pembroke RR. company were sold on the New York stock exchange at 46 1/2. For the best quality of Scranton stove coal, also for English (Newcastle) blacksmith's, coal at lowest rates, go to gas works coal yard. The K. & P. R. are building a switch to the mine at Calabogie. Part of it crosses Grassy Bay and piles were driven in during the winter. The non-commissioned officers of the 14th battalion will entertain the non-commissioned officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards on May 24th. Everybody is talking about a picnic on the 24th May. If you are going to one buy some canned salmon, cooked corn beef or luncheon wheat, with some Montreal ginger ale. That is what we are going to have at ours. Jas. Crawford. "Why did that man come up from the ferry wharf to buy a ham from you when he could get it lower nearer?" The reason explains itself. Lower prices and better quality bring the people from far and near to buy rolls at 10c and hams at 10c from Jas. Crawford.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. James McCartney has entered the employ of Hardy & Co., Renfrew. Mayor Carson is at Rome, N.Y., and interested in a sale of horses. Sir D. Macpherson has sold his property, Chestnut Park, Toronto, for \$85,000. James Williamson, of Watertown, has arrived in the city on a sad mission, to attend the funeral of his father. Senator Alexander's health is so poor that he will probably not be able to present himself at Ottawa this session. A. McTavish, of Osgoode township, died on Sunday last, aged 80 years. He was father of D. B. McTavish, city solicitor, Ottawa. Mrs. Langtry has had her hair cut in boy fashion. Now is the time for the girls to follow her example in haste and repent at leisure. John T. Hawke, late editor of the Ottawa Free Press, has purchased the Moncton, N. B. Transcript, the flourishing liberal paper of that place. Mr. Octave Vaillancourt, of Little York, is in the city visiting his parents and friends. He is looking well and prospering. He is managing a coal and wood yard at that place for ex-Ald. Elliott, of Toronto, and is having three large brick houses erected.

CARRIED TO THE GRAVE.

The Funeral of the Late John McMillan—A Clergyman's Remarks. The obsequies of the late John McMillan took place yesterday afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Rev. S. N. Jackson at the residence, in Rideau street, and the funeral cortege, which was very large and included the staff of the custom house, proceeded to the Congregational church, of which body the deceased was a member, where the pastor read portions of scripture from the Psalms and I. Corinthians, and concluded by observing that the deceased brother before them needed no eulogy from him. As a husband and father he was kind and affectionate, as a citizen he was well-known by them all, as a church-member he was a faithful and sincere christian, and of his acts of benevolence only those whom he assisted could tell, for his right hand knew not what his left hand did. The bereaved, the church and the community, will deeply feel his loss, but he would impress upon his hearers the necessity of heeding the lesson which the sudden demise of their late brother forced upon them. The choir was present and sang appropriate hymns, Miss Jessie Meek presiding at the organ. The following were pall-bearers W. H. Derry, W. Harmer, A. Macalister, G. H. Pidgeon, A. Simmonds and L. B. Spencer. These accompanied the body to Cataragui cemetery for interment.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements. The steamer John Thorn will go to Portsmouth to-morrow and receive new keelsons. Richardson & Son are loading barges with phosphate for Montreal. The schr. Jessie Brock, with timber, has arrived at the Welland canal. The schr. Rutherford, from Sandusky, is discharging coal at the K. & P. R. dock. The steamer Rideau Belle ran from Kingston Mills to the city in 33 minutes. Fastest time yet made. Navigation on the Rideau canal is delayed because of the wing of a wall at the locks at Clow's quarry, near Merrickville, tumbling in. Departures—Schr. Blanche, Charlotte, light; Katie Eccles, Oswego, light; Jamieson, Charlotte, light; B. W. Folger, St. Catharines, lumber. The Court of Chancery. The court of chancery opened to-day before Justice Ferguson. The case of Daly vs. Daly, Napanee, was heard first and argued.

THE FIRST OF THE SERIES.

WENDLING'S ORATORY OF A VERY CONVINCING CHARACTER.

He Attacks Infidelity Without Gloves—Irreverence Always Results in Disrespect—Home, a Companion of Christianity—Infidels Are Always Restless—Thoughts for the Clergy.

A moderately large and very intellectual audience gathered at the City hall last night to witness to Wendling's lecture on "Voltaire." Judge Price took the chair at 8:30 p.m., and, after explaining that the lecture had been unavoidably postponed for half an hour, immediately introduced the speaker. After a few preliminaries Mr. Wendling entered on his subject with vigor. He spoke very fluently and with great force and finish. His language was choice, his style flowery, and at times he carried away the audience with his flights of eloquence. It was his purpose, he said, to sound the value of infidelity as represented by Voltaire, since the method of the modern infidel was the Voltairean one. "We are surrounded," he said, "by those mysteries, life, duty, death. What is to be our guide? Where is the chart to carry us safely across this troubled sea we call existence?" He did not enter much into the details of the life of Voltaire, who, he said, probably wrote in more fields, and more successfully in all of them, than any other author extant. He was a poet, a dramatist, a philosopher, a historian, a courtier, a pamphleteer, and a diplomatist. He was a genius, but a malign one. An infidel the speaker defined as "one who opposes the dissemination of the moral and religious teachings of Christ." He said he must take this broad ground, for he came as the champion of no creed, but merely as a searcher after truth.

After pointing out that Voltaire was an associate of courtisans and a sneerer at all sacred things, he observed that an infidel was always facetious. Not, indeed, such men as Arnold, or Carlyle, or Herbert Spencer, who grapple with the problems of the universe, and, failing of solution, fall back heart-sick and in tears—in the presence of these one may well stand with uncovered head in silence—but your self-appointed propagandist is always a sneerer. As a result there is an utter lack of respect for them in mankind in general. Who ever heard of "Jack" Milton or "Bill" Pitt? Yet we always hear, and always will hear, of "Tom" Paine; and though his friends at Chicago may build a thousand statues, and emblazon his name on an arch which spans the entire city, the great American infidel of to-day will always be "Bob" Ingersoll. He reaps as he has sown; he sowed irreverence, and he reaps disrespect.

Shortly after being released from the bastille, at the age of twenty-four, Voltaire published a tragedy, the elements of success which lay in the sneers it contained against the priesthood. Why should infidels sneer at, and be at war with, the most peaceable class of men in the community? An infidel looks upon a preacher much as a professional burglar looks on a policeman. Commenting upon the meanderings of Voltaire, the speaker took occasion to observe: "What utterly homeless men infidels are!" Rest and quiet characterize them. Home is the result of christianity and infidelity is the arch-enemy of the chiefest joys of home. It is a key to our character that our most popular air-to-day is "Home, Sweet Home," and as long as "Home, Sweet Home," remains what it is in the hearts of the people, the assaults of such men as Voltaire need not be feared.

The speaker described with masterly sarcasm the correspondence and intercourse between Voltaire and Frederick the Great, who, he said, loved and hated, and cajoled, and flattered, and kissed and despised each other. And they were men, too, who were supposed to be above the little imperfections of ordinary mortals. He denied that religion makes a man intolerant, else why was Voltaire intolerant? The great French infidel was an incarnation of the spirit of caste—the spirit which makes the upper ten despise the lower millions. Voltaire says himself his writings are not for peasants and servants. Should infidels point to the cruelties perpetrated in the name of religion, it may be replied that it is always when a preacher turns politician that the spirit of religion is forgotten, and scenes are wrought which disgrace the pages of history. Religious wars are the result of an unholy partnership between religion and politics. Among American clergymen to-day there is a class of men who have drifted into a position they must abandon, or else surrender themselves to the scalping-knife of infidelity. It consists of those men who mix up in politics and vote the straight party ticket. The minister of old who sought elevation through favor with his sovereign, and the minister of to-day who seeks elevation through favor with the people, are acting on the same principle, and sooner or later their actions must bring discredit on religion in general. This is more to be feared than the assaults of infidelity. Mr. Wendling denied that infidelity is the champion of free thought. Their creed being one of entire negation they must forever move in a circle, and he challenged anyone to produce one single idea from the published lectures of Ingersoll, which had not been uttered twenty-five years before Bob was born. He closed by particularly referring to the grave of Voltaire, and showing how little he had done for the toiling masses of humanity in comparison with the despised Nazarine whom he vainly tried to crush.

It is impossible in a short sketch to give anything like an adequate idea of Wendling's oratory. He must be heard to be appreciated.

PRESBYTERIAN ORDINATION.

A Very Interesting Ceremony Performed Last Night in St. Andrew's Church. Last evening Stephen Childerhose, B.A., a graduate of the theological hall of Queen's university, was ordained in St. Andrew's hall. There were not many present. Rev. Dr. Mowat preached, his subject being a defence of the gospel as handed down by inspired men and men filled with the Holy Ghost. He urged the young cleric to hold fast to the old, old, story, in which the power of Christ was ever present. Rev. J. Mackie offered the ordination prayer. The imposition of hands followed, Revs. Dr. Mowat, Dr. Bain, Dr. Williamson, Prof. Fowler and Rev. J. Mackie taking part in it. The young brother was then given the right hand of fellowship by his brethren. Rev. Dr. Williamson offered a few words of instruction and advice, and the service was concluded. Rev. Mr. Childerhose goes as a missionary to Colombo and St. Paul, a community located near Madoc.

Sail of Tarsus. Hear Wendling's lecture on "Sail of Tarsus" in the City hall on Friday evening. Reserved seats, 25c. Plan at Y.M.C.A. rooms.

The Court of Chancery. The court of chancery opened to-day before Justice Ferguson. The case of Daly vs. Daly, Napanee, was heard first and argued.

PLEASANT RIVER JAUNT.

New York Capitalists Enjoying Themselves—The Chat by the Way.

The New York capitalists and their friends left Cape Vincent last evening for New York. The gap of a whole day, arising through the lack of a morning connection through to New York was pleasantly filled through the hospitality of the Messrs. Folger. After a visit to the K. & P. R. car works, which the party pronounced the finest of its kind attached to any short line, the "Maud" was boarded and for five hours the river St. Lawrence added fresh encomiums to its millions of unwritten praises. The clearing skies and bright sun melted the social side of every nature until the party was mellowed into a solid, and it is hoped a lasting friendship, with only one restriction that no pointers on Jersey will be accepted from these friends on Wall street no more than from any other fellow. Capt. Andy Miller took the prettiest route through the camping islands, turning at Grinnell park. The dinner was heartily enjoyed, for the table was well worthy of even a steamboat magnate's bounty. Few parties on the water even sat down to a better spread. Mr. Black, of the Wall street News, became toast master, and brought M. H. Folger, Ex-senator Daggett, D. L. Gibbons, and C. F. Gildersleeve to their feet.

The greatest prosperity was wished to the twin interests, the K. & P. R. and the K. & P. iron company. The New Yorkers hoped for closer fellowship and mutual interest with Canadians, and Mr. Gildersleeve reciprocated the sentiment, feeling sure commercial union would come some day between the two countries, with due regard for the empire that was mother to them both. Just then, when international sentiment was becoming epidemic, and some loyalists were in danger of committing themselves irrevocably, the whistle sounded and the Cape was reached. Here the kindest of partings took place, and while the beau par excellence of the Kingston party marched up town with the only lady left on the platform the New Yorkers sped away on the iron rail to change a scene of fresh air, brightness, and enjoyment for the bustle and dust of New York. They are not a class of talkers—successful financiers rarely are—but their expressions seemed to be of satisfaction with the railway and the mines, that the reports of officers and engineers were sustained, and that the renewed confidence inspired would lead to an addition to the working staff and to trebling the output to 300 tons per day. The K. & P. R. stock will show an upward tendency without doubt very soon.

DIVISION COURT.

It was Held Yesterday—A Small Docket—Cases as Disposed Of.

In the absence of Judge Wilkinson, who is sick, Judge Price presided at the division court. Taylor and Green vs. Seabrook et al.—A garnishee summons. Claims \$52.37. Adjudged. Davies Brewing and Malting Co. vs. S. Thornton. Suit for \$48.76. Adjudged. J. E. Twig vs. J. G. Kells et al.—Action on a risk. \$35.25. Judgment for plaintiff. John Macdonald vs. D. A. Cays and J. V. Murdoch vs. W. Murray. Garnishee action for \$61.33. Judgment for Macdonald for full amount and costs and for Murray for costs. S. and H. Barbridge vs. G. Macdonald.—Suit for \$200 on promissory note. Judgment for plaintiff. Breck & Booth vs. Mrs. Martin O'Brien vs. J. E. Hethcoteson. Garnishee account, \$55. Judgment for plaintiffs and for garnishee. T. C. Wilson vs. W. Clark, Ottawa.—Action for \$30. Adjudged. Dr. T. R. Dupuis vs. John Newlands for \$45.30. Judgment for plaintiff. G. Brown vs. P. and G. Hogan vs. John Friendship. Garnishee.—Action in a judgment for \$203. Judgment against garnishee for \$25. W. Snowden vs. R. Beaupre.—Suit for \$31.35. Settled. E. Rielly vs. John Waddell vs. J. W. Brown. Garnishee.—Action on a judgment for \$63. Judgment for the garnishee with costs.

THE IRON WORKERS' STRIKE.

No Steps Taken Towards a Settlement—Mr. Cunningham Speaks of It.

The iron workers' strike is still in progress. The moulders stated that Chown & Cunningham are losing money daily in consequence of the strike. They have orders for jobs which they cannot do, and which they cannot get down in any other shop in the city. "The firm knows by this time that a strike does not pay," said one of the men this morning. He thought it would have to come to a settlement very soon. Some of the moulders have been offered situations in other places, and may leave the city. Mr. Cunningham, who has visited Toronto and Hamilton, returned to the city to-day. In the latter place he attended a meeting of the Stove Manufacturers association and discussed the increase in the duty on pig iron. He denied the rumour, however, that the manufacturers had decided to increase the cost of goods. "Has the firm decided to grant the request of the men?" asked the reporter. "Mr. Cunningham—"Not yet."

"When will the strike be settled do you think?" "Mr. Cunningham—"I don't know. The matter is not giving us much thought. This is a dull time of the year and we can afford to lay idle for three months or longer if necessary. We are willing, however, to treat the men fairly. I have been in business thirty years and this is the first general strike I have had anything to do with. Some years ago a fitters' strike occurred, but it was settled without much trouble."

CATARAQUI DRIVING PARK.

A Late Purchase by Mr. F. A. Folger—The Horses Exercised on the Track.

Yesterday F. A. Folger purchased "Rocket," owned by Mr. Rutledge, of Sydenham, for \$500. Yesterday the horse was tried at the Cataragui driving park and did a mile in 1:20, and on a second trial did the distance in 1:21. Every day there can be seen at the Cataragui driving park fourteen or fifteen trotting horses in training. Four of them are owned by Folger Bros. "Judge McCurdy," which can show his heels to any of them, is in the group. He will take part in a stallion race in Toronto shortly. "Pansy," "Maud F." and "Tom," fast horses, receive daily exercises. Deputy Warden Sullivan has a horse on the track and a very speedy one. S. Harkness' "Black Dick" is doing good work and astonishing his owner. His speed will surprise some of the Pictou people on the Queen's birthday. J. Stewart, of the Grand Trunk RR., has an excellent horse in training, and Mr. Rutledge, of Sydenham, has been working "Rocket." Mr. Conroy has two horses in training, and Mr. Vanalstine one. Another stallion, which attracts a great deal of attention on the track, is "Nora F." owned by James H. Metcalfe, M.P.P. Racing horses, owned by Dr. Fee and Mr. Peirce, practise daily. These horses will probably take part in races to be held in the west in a few weeks.

GOT A BIT OF ADVICE.

MR. AGNEW GIVES THE SCHOOL BOARD A POINTER.

The Resolution That Will Make the Proceedings Against the Contractors Legal—Mr. Shaw Argues Against It, and is Voted Down—He the Only Nay in a Division.

A special meeting of the school board was held last evening, and it adopted a resolution, drawn by the city solicitor, relating to the construction of the Central school. The solicitor did not think the report of the school property committee, passed at the last meeting of the board, explicit enough, as it did not authorize the chairman to sign notices and have them sent to the contractors and their sureties. The new resolution, moved by Mr. Tracey and seconded by Mr. Gaskin, is as follows:

"Resolved, that in connection with the report of the committee on school property, recently adopted, Messrs. Power & Son, architects of the Central school, do forthwith give to the defaulting contractors, Messrs. McCartney and Snowden, respectively, two days' notice in writing to supply such additional force and material to the works, contracted for by them respectively, as, in the opinion of the architects, are necessary to secure the speedy completion of their respective contracts, and that the chairman is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the board, its consent to such notices being given under clause No. 4 in the contract, and that copies of the notices be sent to the sureties of the contractors;

"And be it further resolved, that if any contractor fails to comply with the notice he is hereby declared to be dismissed, and the committee on school property, assisted by the architects, shall immediately employ other persons to finish the work of the contractor so making default, or refer the same at his and his sureties' risk, in accordance with the said clause 4;

"These resolutions, and the report of the committee, being without prejudice to the right of the board to recover damages for delay in the completion of the contracts which has occurred, or which may occur, as provided in the said contracts."

Mr. Shaw said the committee on school property should have secured a written opinion from the city solicitor, to be read at the board, as to the proceedings it should take against the contractors of the Central school. He understood that Mr. A. McCartney was to blame for the delay in connection with the completion of the school. If so the solicitor should have given a written opinion in reference to him. If he were a defaulter there should be some reason given why the board should hold him to his contract. But if a contractor was allowed an extension of the time set down in his contract to complete his work, then, in considering his case, time could not be called up against him. Then the board should consider Mr. Snowden's case. It had been learned that the tin-smiths were partly in default, but they had got legal advice on the matter, and contented that they were not the cause of the delay. It was due to another contractor upon whom they were waiting. The position of Mr. Snowden was that he could not be forced to do his work. Upon each member of the board rested a certain amount of liability, in connection with this matter, and in view of this legal advice should be secured before action was taken.

Mr. Gaskin said the city solicitor explained that if four men contracted to do work each of them could be bound by the agreement they had signed. It did not matter if one of them failed to do his work in the time specified in the contract.

Mr. Shaw contended that the resolution would not be in order until a reconsideration of the school property committee's report, passed at the last meeting, was moved and carried, and the resolution and report did not agree.

The chairman ruled against Mr. Shaw, arguing that the report and resolution agreed in substance. The resolution was carried on the following division:

Yeas—The chairman, Messrs. Anglin, Conley, Dunlop, Fee, Gaskin, Horns, McCammon, Tracey and Williamson, 10. Nay—R. Shaw, 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Engaging Their Attention. KINGSTON, May 19.—(To the Editor): A commercial traveller ventured the opinion this morning in a wholesale house that Kingston was "slow." He asserted moreover that this was the generally received opinion of Toronto men. He hailed from that ambitious city.

Well, we are slow. We can't get a mayor and corporation to gather 15,000 people—What? Well, to hear speakers who always are frothing to speak, and people who are glad of anything coming along—from Barnum to Sam Jones—to lose half a day's work or get away from home and let somebody else do the wood and coal business; this really—nominally to protest against O'Brien's visit.

We in Kingston are slow, for O'Brien can come and go, stay as long and where he likes, go where and when he likes. Kingston has got slow enough not to ensure his visit being made a success by advertising him and rousing public feeling to fever heat by offering opposition.

Our mayor and corporation are engaged in more serious business. They are discussing the relative proportions of expense in putting a new boardwalk on Upper Colborne street, or sending three men, one horse, one cart and two boards once a week to repair it. Both O'Brien and Irish question. These are the sort of things that occupy municipal attention in our slow city.—A LAZY RESIDENT.

INSPECTION OF COAL.

The Nature of Ald. C. F. Smith's By-law—The Nature of the Measure.

At the last meeting of the city council Ald. C. F. Smith presented a by-law governing the weighing of coal. It requires that it shall be lawful for the market committee to procure sets of scales, not exceeding two, and secure convenient places on which to erect them; that the scales shall be placed in charge of some competent person, to be appointed by the council and to be designated "coal inspector," whose duty it shall be to give persons weighing coal certificates stating the credit weight of it; that the inspector shall keep a record of coal weighed, and shall on the first Monday in each month report to the market committee the number of loads of coal weighed by him during the preceding month; that the inspector shall not trade or traffic in coal, and that he shall give a bond with sufficient sureties in the sum of \$500 each.

Weather Probabilities. Light to moderate winds, fine and warm weather.