CITY COUNCIL.

ALD. LIVINGSTON MAYOR FOR 1871.

Yesterday at noon the City Council for 1871 met in the City Chamber, to organise.

The following members were present: Catarqui Ward—Aldermen Allen, McMillan and Rourke.

Frontenac—Ward Ald. Davidson, T. Robinson and C. Livingston.

Ontario Ward—Ald. Brophy, Cunningham and Shaw.

Rideau Ward—Ald. W. Robinson, A. Livingston and Shaw.

St. Lawrence Ward—Ald. Drennan, Price and Chown.

Sydenham Ward—Ald. Gildersleeve and Sullivan—Ald. Kinghorn being absent.

Victoria Ward—Ald. Tomkins, Richardson, and McCormack.

Ald. Rourke is the only new member this year—a very strong evidence of the popularity and appreciation of our City Fathers.

The Aldermen having individually subscribed and affirmed to the oaths of declaration and qualification of office, and the roll of members having been called, the Clerk, Mr. Flanagan, asked for nominations for Mayor.

Alderman Robinson rose and said that no more pleasant duty than his last one as Mayor, in the presentation of an address to Mr. Creighton, could have devolved on him, and certainly none as Alderman for the new year, than the nomination he was about to make for the Mayoralty for 1871. He only required to mention the name of Alderman Archibald Livingston to secure a hearty endorsement of his choice. He might here end safely, but he thought it due to Mr. Livingston to make a public acknowledgment of his services during the past 14 years. They may be known to the old members of the Board, but the juniors had not that privilege, and therefore a few words were necessary. Ald. Livingston had always been the first to oppose jobbery in the Council and he had carried out his principle so well the evil has no longer an existence. The Council can sit a full year without any bill being presented from an Alderman, except such as are necessary by reason of no outsider being capable of doing the service. Toronto had to sweep out its Aldermen altogether to some Wards, to abate jobbery, therefore this city and Ald Livingston had to be congratulated on the happy state of affairs here. Ald. Livingston had proved himself otherwise a valuable member. He was always at his post in Council and in Committee, and even turned his friends against him, by his unflinching discharge of duty, though to-day they would show their confidence in him, he felt sure, by placing him at the head of the city. He had been successful in endeavors to have the Recorder's Court abolished—than which a greater farce or waste of the poor man's money never existed here. The most dreadful effects had been predicted on account of the abolition of the Court, but he was happy to find that Kingston still remained a city, and did not seem in any way affected. Alderman Livingston's independence was well known, and he here would make an illusion to himself. When he entered his morality some persons not his friends, said he was too poor to be independent. He felt that he had proved otherwise, and that he left the chair after two year's serving without a blot on his character. The city, he said, was in a happy condition, and first its financial position. Ald Livingston was a railroad man, and such a man as the Council should support, as railroads were to be the salvation of the city. With a road to Pembroke we would in 15 years, instead of being at a stand still, double our population. Ald. Livingston would be in a position to entertain the railway delegates handsomely. He trusted he would be appointed by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Ald. W. Robinson, seconded by Ald. Price, that Alderman A. Livingston be appointed Mayor for 1871.

Ald. Price said that in seconding the nomination, he was not wanting in a fair estimation of the merits of other members as well qualified. But there has been a preconceived notion in the Council and among the citizens, that Alderman Livingston was to be Mayor in 1871. This idea was not general without there being some ground for it. For fourteen years he had been a vigilant, and attentive, and honorable, economical member of the Council. His experience was great, and fitted him in a manner which the junior Alderman could not lay claim to. He did not think there were any occasion for Ward jealousies, because Rideau Ward got the second favor. Undoubtedly St. Lawrence Ward was entitled to a share in Mayoralty honors, but its turn with the others would come.

Ald. Allen—Have you decided on the Mayor for next year? [A laugh].

The resolution was put and carried with applause.

The Mayor elect advanced to the Clerk's desk, and subscribed to the oath. The retiring Mayor placed the badge of office the gold chain, around his neck, and His Worship took his seat, with the hearty acclamation of the citizens present.

The Mayor was so overcome by the proof of his brother Aldermen's esteem, that he could scarcely do justice to his acknowledgment. It was gratifying to him to be placed in the chair without opposition. The Mayor had flattered him with with remarks. He took credit for doing no more than his duty in opposing jobbery, and attending at all times when it was his duty to do so. He would treat all members of the Council with equal fairness. There was not a better Council than this in the Dominion, and he should trust in their support in carrying out everything for the interest of the city, which will be his chief aim. He thanked the Council most heartily. [Applause.]

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ald. Drennan moved, seconded by Ald. Allen, that the special committee to strike the Standing Committees for 1871 be: Aldermen Gibson, T. Robinson, Brophy, McMillan, Sullivan, Tomkins, and the mover,—Ald. Gibson to be chairman.

Mr. Gildersleeve, seconded by Mr. Price, moved in amendment the following Committee: A delmen Davison, W Robinson, Drennan, McMillan, Brophy, Rutherdson, and the mover.

Ald. C. Livingston would not vote for Ald. Drennan's motion, as that Committee was the same as last year's.

Ald. Drennan denied this [the first recorded contradiction this year, but not the last by any means] there were two new aldermen upon it.

Ald. Gildersleeve's motion was put and carried on the first division of the year, yeas 11, nays 8. Ald. Drennan's was therefore lost.

Mr. Drennan gave notice of a proposed amendment of the Council rules, to increase the number of members on the Finance Committee from 5 to 7.

AUDITORS.

The Mayor named Mr. John Shaw as his auditor for 1871, and on motion of Ald. Gildersleeve the Council confirmed the same, and appointed Mr. James Watt as associate auditor.

The Council then adjourned and at the new Mayor's invitation joined him in a glass of Champagne at the British American Hotel, where a pleasant time was spent.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE DISPUTE.—The first real decided action of the United States, tending towards a settlement of the Alabama claims, has been taken by a member of Congress in introducing a bill authorising President Grant to form a commission to receive claimants' evidence regarding damage done by rebel cruisers, and also authorising the Secretary of the Treasury to pay admitted claims by 20 years bonds, bearing 5 per cent. interest, to be called British Bonds. A copy of the bill to be forwarded to the British Government.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE—No. 475.

It has been a weekly cut custom for upwards of thirty years, with no occasional omission, to notice and put away the various new publications, (together with other things,) that get upon 'Our Table' during the preceding week. This has ever been a pleasing task, for without any attempt at criticism, it has enabled us to tell our readers the character of the new works we receive, and at the same time, make some return to the publishers for their kindness in sending us so many new and good things. Sometimes the tax is heavy, and, as in the present instance, sometimes very light. Noticing the receipt of everything that is sent us, many recognitions at times appear, not at all of a literary nature, but that is unavoidable; and as our readers have never complained, it is presumable that they like them. But to the task of to-day:—

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE for February. Thomes & Talbot, Boston. $1.50.

THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY GUIDE for January. Chisholm & Co., Montreal. 25 cents.

THE CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS for January 13. Geo. E. Desbarats, Montreal. 10 cents.

APPLETON'S JOURNAL for January 20, D. Appleton & Co., New York. 10 cents.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE for February. $2.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR for February. $1.25.

Both the above are from the publication office of T. S. Arthur & Sons, Philadelphia. They are cheap and useful publications, such as any parent would wish to have his family peruse.

THE CANADA LITERARY JOURNAL for January, Flint & Van Norman, Toronto. 75 cents a year.

The contents, besides being national in tone, are ably written, and of such a nature as to commend the *Journal* to the support of all Canadians. The table of contents for the present number is as follows:—"Why the Coolies came to Canada," by W. F. Munro, author of "Backwoods Life," &c.; "Tale of Two Neighbors," by Robert Ridgway, Toronto; "Humbug;" "Man,—Whence is He?" stating the Darwinian theory of the origin of man, and showing its falsity; "A Tale of British Columbia;" besides other interesting articles.

EVERY SATURDAY for January 21, Fields, Osgoode & Co., Boston, 10 cents.

THE PUBLIC LEDGER ALMANAC for 1871, G. W. Childs, Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Ledger does not often come into Canada, and therefore it is but little known, but it is a powerful Daily with 70,000 copies of circulation. This Almanac is a very good one, has the statistics of the city, and being given gratuitously to the patrons of the Public Ledger, is a handsome token of respect.

The Napanee *Standard* came to us last week, like an old friend renewed. It has been enlarged, and made up in a convenient and handsome form of eight pages. Everything around Napanee seems to prosper, which is a good omen for the young place.

Mr. Scanlan, of Montreal, has kindly sent us one of his Electro-Motos, as advertised in these columns. Not expecting in our coming dotage to cut another set of teeth, we had no use for the article, which is in the shape of a small black velvet necktie, and therefore gave it to a grandchild who in all likelihood may need it; but having no ill tidings of the lad, presume it is working as a charm. Seriously, these Amulets possess more merit than mothers think.

THE RAILROAD.—The people of Pembroke are shewing a deep interest in the proposed road from Kingston to their rising little town. The public meeting was called for Friday last by the Mayor, on receipt of the request of the Mayor of Kingston that delegates from the town would attend the meeting here this evening. The satisfactory result has already been announced, and we will have the delegates with us to-day.

A correspondent of the Pembroke *Observer*, writing on the railroad subject, says among other things:

The people of Kingston appear to think that a railway to tap the Ottawa would be of some importance to them. Now, a line drawn from Kingston to Pembroke would pass between the townships of Klythfield and Brougham, Grattan and Admaston, Aromly and Wilberforce, Alice and Stafford, and Pembroke and Petewawa—whereas the road established by Statute at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, through the exertions of Sir F. Hincks and J. L. McDougall, would only pass through the townships of Horton, the southern boundary of Ross, the north east corner of Bromley—or perhaps only a very small corner,—the south-west part of Westmeath, when it would pass through Stafford to Pembroke.

The Kingston route would far more thoroughly open up our back country than the route established by the amended charter of the Canada Central, which stipulates that the line will pass within half a mile of the Village of Renfrew. The Canada Central could then continue thence through McNab, Horton, Ross, and Westmeath, which would accommodate the great lumberers on Coulonge and Black Rivers, to whom the back route as projected by the Canada Central would afford only equal accommodation to the Kingston line. That the townships of Ross and Westmeath would be all but cut off by the latter route can be seen by a glance at the county map. A line passing through (or nearly) the Village of Renfrew, and continued along the west side of Muskrat Lake, would follow a line parallel with the Kingston road, and the one would be of as much benefit to Westmeath and Ross as the other.

If the *British Whig* and *Daily News* truly reflect the opinion of the people of Kingston they are fully alive to the importance of a road to this place, and the only wonder is that they have not taken up the subject before this. Now, however they seem to have entered into it as if they really intended constructing it, and we to have a meeting on Tuesday next.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

43rd "Lennox and Addington" Battalion of Infantry.

The undermanned Companies of this Battalion are hereby re numbered, and shall be known by their new numbers as follows:—

No. 4 Company "Napanee" as No. 3 Company.

No. 5 Company "Amherst Island" as No 4 Company.

No. 6 Company "Bath" as No. 5 Company.

No. 8 Company "Ernest Town" as No. 6 Company.

OUR NEW SISTER.

Pembroke, on the Ottawa, is divided by the Indian River, which furnishes a splendid water power, and is utilized in driving the machinery of a fine three story stone grist mill, a woollen factory (erected the past summer,) carding and fulling mill, and saw mill with shingle and planing machines, and is capable of much more. The Ottawa River in front of the town and for seven or eight miles above it expands into a beautiful sheet of water, at least two miles wide. Pembroke like Kingston, when approached by water has a fine appearance. Its position on the Ottawa fixes it as a business centre for the saw log and square timber manufacture, which it will retain while timber lasts northwest and east of it.

Canada.

The defeat of the Local Government of New Brunswick is inevitable.

A bank is to be established at St. Hyacinthe, with a capital of $200,000.

The Mayor of Owen Sound got $30 for his services in 1870. That's better than nothing.

A tall insane woman has thrown St. Catherines in a flutter by her extravagancies in public.

The Ottawa Board of Trade will give a Banquet to the Dominion Board on the 19th.

The Militia Store at Montreal was entered by burglars on Saturday night, and blankets stolen. The thieves were caught.

The Government of Quebec have appointed Mr. Jones, Editor of the Richmond *Guardian*, as Emigration Commissioner for the Province to visit Europe.

James Bethune, of Cornwall, a member of Blake's law partnership is to run for Cornwall next election, in opposition to Hon. J. Sandfield Macdonald.

The Halifax *Chronicle* and *Reporter* have earned an evil notoriety by advocating the American side of the Fisheries question.

Two unfortunate men, one in Wawanosh and the other in Goderich Township, were frozen to death returning home from municipal elections.

The Bank of British North America is about to establish a branch at Arnprior, wisely anticipating the additional importance which such towns will derive from the increase of railway facilities.

George Bowlough, of Whitby, brakesman on the Grand Trunk Railway, while attempting to put on a chain fell between the cars and was rolled into a shapeless mass. Jacks had to be used under the trucks to get the body. Death was instantaneous.

The Grand Master of Canada has granted a dispensation to open a Lodge of A. F. and A. M. called the "Winnipeg Lodge" in Manitoba. It is now at work, a suitable room having been attained and everything promises that it will shortly be one of the most flourishing lodges working under the G. L. of Canada.

The Hamilton *Times* grumbles because the "ambitious city" cannot there have the Queen's Plate run for this year instead of in Kingston, and as a punishment to be inflicted suggests that nothing should be contributed in that city toward the testimonial to Sir John A. Macdonald!

The wife for the election of members from Manitoba to the House of Commons have been despatched, and the elections will take place sufficiently soon to enable the new members to take their seats in the House of Commons at the opening of Parliament. Every year brings with it some new evidence of the expansive and expanding character of "this Canada of ours." When in the Government Mr. George Brown ventured to predict that it would be many years before the North-West territory would be brought into the Dominion. The Government of Sir John Macdonald have accomplished the great work in three years.

HALLELUJAH.

SOUND THE LOUD TIMBREL.

A Kansas paper makes the following remarks in announcing a new railroad which are a propos to Kingston:—

"Ring out, ye bells, your loud pealing anthems to the skies. Let the deep-toned organs pour forth their thunderous harmonies. Sound the hewgag, strike the tonjon, beat the fussy-gussy, wake the gong-kwong, let the loud hosanna ting, bam-tum razle-bum, ding-go-bum. Break forth into singing, ye little hills. Skip for joy like juvenile muttons or diminutive william-goats, ye everlasting mountains. Shout your glad hallelujahs, ye joyous children. Burn your whirligigs and blue lights fire your rockets and and crackers, toot your tin trumpets, blow your shrill whistles and thump your lillipultian drums. Let valley and plain, rock, river, and huckleberry patch, meadow, field, and leafless wood catch up the gladsome sound—repeat the blissful strain: "*More railroads are coming to Atchison!* *More railroads are coming to Atchison!*"

EXECRABLE.

HORRIBLE PUNS ON OUR LOCAL MEMBERS.

(*Toronto City Press.*)

Why is the Hon. member for London the most jovial man in the House? Because he is always *carrolling* (Carling).

Which member of the House would remind you of one of Gooderham & Worts' vehicles? Rykert (*Rye cart*).

What member represents an unhealthy combestible? Graham (*grey ham*).

Why should Coyne like the outside of an orange? Because he is member for Peel.

What member of the House might be expected to wear the greenan bend? Wigle.

What member commits guilt openly? Sin clear.

What member of the House should be in the Standing Orders Committee? Lyon.

Which member might be expected to be the hottest adversary in the House? Currie.

What member is an unruly urchin? Crosby.

If the member for Peel fled from an opponent, why should he then be intrinsically valuable? Because he would be current coin (Coyne).

Which member of the House illustrates the American Army at Bull's Run? Boulter.

Which member is nominally a Reformer? Calvin.

Which Ascu'apian member of the House might be expected to help his profession? Dr. McGill (make-ill).

Which member is typical of the barren fig tree mentioned in Scripture? Cuthbertland.

Great Britain.

The winter weather has been exceedingly severe in England.

The London theatres employ female ushers, and are well pleased at the results.

Woolwich dockyard is again to be occupied by the War Department.

It is expected that by April next every British soldier in India will have a Snider rifle.

The affairs of the Duke of Newcastle have been satisfactorily settled. An offer of 5s. in the pound has been accepted by the creditors.

An M. P. from Ireland has invented the Pope to come and live on his estate in one of the finest sporting counties in the kingdom.

Mr. Bassey, the great railway contractor, was worth about nine millions sterling at his death—the greatest fortune ever amassed by a single individual.

In proportion to the population, Great Britain has a smaller army than most of the third rate monarchies of Europe. Even the thrifty Dutch keep on foot one soldier for every fifty of the population, while Great Britain has only one soldier for every 195 of its inhabitants.

MEETING OF THE SHIRES.—Arrangements are being made for a grand reunion of the Smith family—a large number of whom family are still living. They intend to take action to secure the fortune left to the late Pocahontas, consisting of a pair of buckskin breeches, inlaid with valuable gems. The originator of the movement are looking out west for a piece of unbroken prairie large enough to hold the crowd of delegates that will be present.

For the Breakfast Table.

A man in Strathroy who had received a New Year's gift to his little super, gave her a quart almanac.

It is claimed in Washington that by the resignation of Schenck Congress loses one of its best and most highly intellectual poker players.

They have a dog at Middleport, N. Y., that weighs one thousand pounds. An exchange wants to know if it was raised on pig metal.

The last words of a man lately hung in Tennessee was a request for the executioner to most him in—haste. There's a chance for a discussion.

A lady at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, swallowed a bottle full of hair dye. Her hair didn't die, but she did in about twenty minutes.

A Chinaman who had his nose cut off during a little altercation in San Francisco, had it carefully packed and sent back home to show his friends one of the American customs.

"Can I see you home?" said a Peoria chap to a young lady at a party the other night. "No, sir," she replied, and the laudanum he took kept a stomach pump going all night.

A Just Reproof.—Small boy (to grown Friend who has recently met with a family bereavement) "Well, you needn't be so Precious Uppish about it neither, as if nobody else's father couldn't die except yours!"

The number of monarchs out of business and sons who have not been permitted to keep up the establishment of the fathers of the old stand, is larger just now in Europe than at any time in recent years.

An Indianapolis woman asks for a divorce on the ground that her husband knew how fond she was of circuses, yet refused to purchase a ticket for her, from the effects of which she was confined to her bed for a week. What brutes some men are.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Mormonites have got it all fixed for the world to come to an end on the 11th of February, several balls are announced to come off subsequent to that time, and invitations are being advertised to perform in Southern cities as late as February 20. Why will people squander money advertising.

"Look a-hea, Sam," said a Western negro to a field hand over the fence—"look a-hea; d'ye see that tall tree down dar?" "Yah Jim! I does." "Well, I got dat night afore to-morrow. "What you in dat tree arter?" "I was after a coon.' "You catch him, Jim?" "Wait till I tell the far, Sambo." "Well succeed." "I chased de coon out to the tedder end of dat ere longest limb, and den I heard suffin drap. What do you t'ink twas, Sam?" "De coon, of course." "No you don't; twas dis ere nigger, I kedo broke no neck—been limpin bout ever since."

RUSSIA PREPARING.—The most sweeping conscription law ever yet devised by a tyrannical Government to vex the souls of its people is that which is proposed by the Minister of War in Russia. It makes the term of military service fifteen years, and abolishes immunity by purchase. In other words, every male subject is to be made a soldier, and there is no escape by buying a substitute. The only modification is in the case of what are called the educated classes, who are required to serve for a shorter term. This proposition is likely to become a law. We may suppose the explanation to be that Russia is deliberately preparing for a long and bloody war, and that, like Prussia, she intends to have a large disciplined force always in reserve, to recruit the waste of extended campaigns. The Czar means mischief.

THE NEWS.

The ships Calliope and Crescent collided in the Mersey, and both sank.

The Nathan murder is at length brought home to the guilty party.

Victor Emmanuel has given a banquet in honor of General Sheridan at Florence.

An agreement for a formal ballad match between Dora and Deery is being made.

The purser of the City of Brooklyn is confident of the steamer's safety.

Zena, the Cuba rebel despatch bearer, has not been executed.

The contract for works on the Madawaska river is awarded to Mr. John Harvey.

A Conference on the Eastern question is summoned to meet next Tuesday, in London.

The first sod to the Brantford and Hamilton Railway was turned yesterday at Brantford by the Mayor.

Mr. Cadwell will defend the war department on the first night of the coming session of British Parliament.

Detroit has been visited with a severe snow storm, and the telegraph wires east of Chicago are badly damaged.

The Greek Government promises to publish any of the Marathon assassins remaining alive.

The Water Lily seized, on Saturday, the American fishing vessel Perseverance for fishing within three miles of the shore.

The steamer Hornet appeared off Punta Gruanchas, Cuba, followed by a Spanish gunboat, which fired and gave chase, but the Hornet escaped.

The contract for the Intercolonial Railway buildings at Moncton has been awarded to Messrs. Crosby & McKean, of St. John, N.B.

The Canada Southern has given the contract for 800,000 railway ties.

It is rumored in London that the political prisoners, Luby, O'Leary, McCafferty, Powers and Thomas Burke, have been released unconditionally, and that they are proceeding to the States.

The steamer Saginaw went ashore on Ocean Islands, on the 20th October, and quickly became a complete wreck. All hands were saved.

There is a story current in New York that a Chicago detective discovered close clues to the murderer of Nathan, but refused to go on with his work, when told that he must share the reward with all the New York detectives.

A despatch from St. Paul, confirms the telegram that the elections in Manitoba had been quiet, and in favour of the Government.

The Montreal Telegraph Company at its annual meeting in Montreal announced a stock dividend of 33½ per cent.

Dr Oronhyteka has been presented with a splendid gold watch by his friends on the Indian Reserve near Belleville, on the occasion of his removal to Stratford.

The disabled steamship City of Brooklyn, from New York, arrived at Rothe's Point, below Queenstown, on Sunday.

The council of Carleton county have voted $100,000 towards the construction of the Woodstock and River du Loup Railway.

Prince Alexander Karageorgevich has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for his complicity in the assassination of Prince Michael Obrenovich.

A petition was presented to the Emptown Council, praying a repeal of the Canada Scott Act. After discussion a vote was taken resulting in a tie, so the prohibitory law will not be repealed.

A most revolting case of depravity is reported from Long Island. A woman named Beekman deliberately started her daughter, Anne Hanks, at Dutch Kills last week, after having systematically illtreated her since her second marriage, about a year since.

What effect the disaster on the Lake will have upon the population and growth of Paris, a few days now will tell. Much Scotsman off in the most eastern part of France, Faidherbe making no progress in the north, and Chanzy defeated and routed, the last hope of relief from the provinces is well nigh gone. Trochu now can only rely upon himself, and the lines of investment are daily drawing into a more narrow circle around the hence capital.

Danish Mails.—The Prussian arrived at Halifax on Sunday. Her mails reached Montreal yesterday.

The Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, organized the Congregation Missionary Society in Ottawa on Sunday, in morning and evening.

COUNTY COUNCIL.—On Tuesday, the 24th inst., the County Council of Frontenac will assemble at the Court House for organization, election of Warden, and other business.

DISTRICT LODGE.—At the meeting of Loyal Orange District Lodge of Kingston, held in Prescott, the following officers were elected:—Thomas McMahon, D.M.; Benjamin Whitney, D.D.M.; John Harkely, D. Sec.; Henry Dunbar, D. Treas.; John Pugh, D. Chaplain; J. Todd, D.D. of C.

The churchmen of Ottawa are making active endeavors to carry out the design of erecting a cathedral for the city. It will be useful when the early expected division of the diocese takes place, but there are those illustrious people who think that without that idea being carried into effect, it would be a cathedral without a bishop in about three years.

LUNCH.—Yesterday afternoon Wm. Robinson, Esq., the ex-mayor, gave a lunch to the officials of the Corporation, and a few of the Aldermen, at Mr. Bloomfield's Restaurant, on his retirement from the chair. It passed off very pleasantly, indeed, and the greatest cordiality was exhibited on all sides.

Last evening the new Mayor met his supporters in Rideau Ward, and treated them handsomely. On Wednesday evening he gives the great annual Mayor's Dinner.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The Board of Public Instruction for Lennox and Addington lately met, and their unanimous choice fell on Dr. McCammon of Newburg, a very handsome compliment to pay the Doctor, as the chair had just passed out of the able hands of the Rev. J. J. Bigart. Dr. McCammon also presided at a public school meeting at Napanee last week. His connection with the schools in Kingston is well remembered, and the same care and diligence in public positions which he exercised here, are earning for him position and influence in the adjoining counties.

SERMON BY REV. MR. PUNSHON.—On Sunday morning Sydenham street Wesleyan Church was crowded by representatives of the different Protestant Churches, who repaired thither to hear the Rev. Wm. Morley Punshon, M. A., preach. Taking as his text the words: "Let your light so shine before men, &c. &c.," the distinguished preacher spoke for 55 minutes with his usual brilliancy, earnestness and rapidity, during which time the attention of the vast audience was held unbroken. Mr. Punshon was to have spoken at the Missionary meeting last night, of which we will have something to say to-morrow.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.—We are, decidedly in favor of the election of Mayors by the people. Had this been the case this year, as it promises to be next year or soon thereafter, Mr. Tomkins, the popular candidate for the civic chair, would have been triumphantly returned; as it is his many just claims are ignored and a shining light in the Council hid under the bushel. The *British Whig* is capable of moving the city electors to a sense of their duty but it is powerless against the Council, they are such hard, jealous set. However we are not yet discouraged, and whether Mayors are or are not to be elected by the people, we shall labor to effect a just recognition of the merits of the popular candidate in 1872. Tomkins for Mayor, 1872. Let that be the cry throughout the year, and the public will have their reward in Ald. Tomkins inestimable services for the city for the next year. Tomkins for Mayor!

SALE OF POISONS.

Dr. McGill has again introduced a bill to regulate the sale of poisons and to provide that those who deal in dangerous drugs shall be acquainted with their nature and their uses. The evidence in the late poisoning case in our own county clearly points out its necessity. Clause 4 provides for the formation of a body to be called the "Ontario College of Pharmacy," consisting of all druggists in business, and all assistants who have been engaged four years in the practice of pharmacy. The executive will consist of a council of thirteen members who will have power to regulate the subjects of examination and take charge of all property belonging to the college. The introduction of this body is intended to provide for the carrying out of the bill through directly interested in enforcing its provisions. The 27th clause provides that no "proprietary or patent medicines shall be sold unless the formula is first submitted to the Registrar of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and his license obtained for the sale of such compound." This provision is not to take place until reasonable time is given for selling any stock of patent medicines now on hand, but we think it goes too far in any case. It is no doubt important to prevent such evasions as putting up, say laudanum, under fictitious names, and selling it in defiance of the spirit of the law, but it is surely possible to find some method of preventing fraud without interfering to so great an extent with private rights.

Generalities.

Gen. Prim died from lockjaw, which set in after the balls had been extracted from the wounds.

Five masked men entered a store in Sunset Valley, Cal., killed the clerk, robbed the safe and escaped.

A peasant of Gorlitz, Prussia, has lost three sons and four sons-in law during the war, and has thus been forced into the position of protector of six widows and twenty-one children.

Another whiskey raid in Brooklyn Eighteen illicit distilleries were seized, and whiskey and mash worth $40,000 destroyed.

The Chinamen in California, whose means would allow, have all gone home, to celebrate the beginning of a new thousand years, which comes in February. The last celebration was in 871.

Thirteen thousand ancient Roman coins, dating from the time of the Emperors Hadrian, Antoninus, and Commodus, were recently discovered by a Bavarian peasant in a little village of the Danube.

The well known Rev. M. Chiniquy (of the Canada Presbyterian Church,) at the Protestant French Church of St. Anne, at Kankakee, Illinois, has at length and finally won his lawsuit with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicago. This suit was begun in 1861 to dispossess M. Chiniquy and his people of their church and college properties.

There is a papier mache church actually existing near Bergen, Germany, which contains nearly 1,000 persons. The relieves outside, statues within, the roof the ceiling and the Corinthian capitals are all papier mache, rendered waterproof by a saturation of rosin, whey, or the white of eggs.

A PROVERB.—The effeminate man is a weak pot-ess. He is a cross between rootbeer and ginger pop, with the cork left out. A fresh water mermaid found in a cow pasture with hands full of dandelions. He is a lion capfull of syllabub; a kitten in pantalettes; a sick monkey with a blonde moustache. He is a vine without any pendicular; a fig drowned in oil; a paper kite in a dead calm. He lives like a butterfly—nobody can tell why. He is as harmless as a vent's worth of spare change, and as useless as a short button without a hole. He is as lazy as a bread pill, and has no more hope than a last year's grass hopper. He goes through life on tiptoes, and dies like cologne water spilt over the ground.

THIRTY LIVES LOST.

ANOTHER STEAMER BURNED ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

HEART-RENDING SCENES AND AFFECTING INCIDENTS.

Memphis, January 15.—Steamer T. L. McGill, from St. Louis for New Orleans, was burned on Shoo Fly bar at 9 o'clock last night. The fire broke out aft. Owing to a gale prevailing the flames spread rapidly and the passengers had barely time to rush to the bow and plunge into the water before the fire was upon them. To add to the horror of the scene the weather was intensely cold, and many who plunged into the river were chilled and sunk to rise no more. The survivors give imperfect and conflicting reports. The boat had been aground for two days, and had unloaded two hundred tons of freight in order to get over the bar. She was laden with 900 tons of general merchandise, including pork and coal oil. Just as the passengers were preparing to retire an alarm of fire was raised and a general stampede ensued. The steamers St. Francis and Ann White, which had passed her were several miles above, but, seeing the fire, turned back, and arrived in time to render valuable assistance. The Ann White brought up 33 persons. It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the number of persons lost, but it is probably thirty. Thomas F. Evans, a barber, of St. Louis, died soon after he was placed on board the St. Francis, from wounds and exposure.

In addition to Captain Tompkins and William McFarland, the first clerks, who are supposed to be lost, a German and his wife are missing, also, a carpenter from St. Louis, who was found, for Greenville, Miss.; two women, three children, the colored chambermaid, and Philip Lock, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Everett, of St. Louis, who came here on the St. Francis, says that a man and his wife, who were cabin passengers, floated past them, holding on to the stage plank. As they went by with the current the woman said to her husband, "I am freezing—let's die together!" She then let go the plank, and her husband grasped her, but he was too exhausted to maintain her above the water, and both sank, locked in each other's embrace.

Captain Tompkins and Mr. McFarland were last seen on the boat, using every exertion to save the passengers.

LATER.

Memphis, January 15.—By the arrival of the Alice to-night, pilots report the following additional persons as being lost: Nelson Brown, second engineer; John Shockay, carpenter; John Snyder, deck-sweep; the second steward; and Porter C. Cavanough. The following persons were saved: Second watchman, three deck hands. Of the thirty-six rousters only thirteen were saved.

Charles Hazlett, book keeper, was the last to leave the boat. He jumped on a cotton bale, and the wind blew him ashore. The passengers and crew lost everything.

For the Breakfast Table.

Never judge too far by appearances. A bad cure often covers a good drinker.

A life-size wax figure of Eugenie, costing $3,000, adorns the show window of a New York store.

Poverty is on the wane in Hamilton, judging by the decline of the soup kitchen.

They have fined a German ten dollars in Chicago just for stealing a baby. And the navy wasn't two weeks old neither. This is a way they have of putting on style.

James Mace says of a pugilist named Cobern who whips his wife, "What, him? he couldn't lick a postage stamp." That is the height of pugilistic sarcasm, as far as heard from.

Gentlemen while walking should keep their hands in their pockets. It shows their figure to advantage, keeps their hands warm and out of other people's pockets.

George is down on the "Third Party." The third party, we learn, is Laura's mother, who insists upon remaining in the parlor when George comes to see the daughter.

Pa and Ma—Why, Jennie, dear, Hector Q——— seems to be a better scholar than you. Oh yes, Ma, but then she has such clever parents. (Tableaux.)

From the Chicago *Times* fashion intelligence: "*On dit*, that a handsome young belle of Bridgeport is to be married in the bonds of wedlock to the driver of a North Clark street car."

Socrates being asked by a young man whether he should marry, replied, "My son, if you marry, you will repent it; if you do not, you will be sorry; whichever you do, you'll regret it."

The people of Johnston County, Indiana, were much chagrined that, after spending $40,000 on a new jail, a little wizened chap was able to dig his way out with a jack-knife in twenty four hours.

"There's only two ways of getting along with restaurant servants," says Bluster, "either send 'em well or fee them well. One takes nerve, the other takes money. I've got more nerve than money, so I send 'em."

A boy at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was sitting up with a sick mother, when she asked him to give her the medicine the doctor prescribed. He was busy reading a novel, so he gave her poison out of the first bottle he came to, to save time, as he was interested in finding out how the hero got along. The mother was borne to the silent tomb the next day, but the boy finished his novel the night before.

A citizen somewhat inclined to poetry, was observed a few evenings since, serenading a lamp-post with the following pathetic ditty:

"Oh poor Cockeyed Robscrew,
How could he do for to go so,
To make him a goat from the skin of a goat,
Oh, poor Robinson Scarecrow."

Mr. Higgs, of Columbia, S. C., boasted that he could drink more wine than any impecunious friend of his could pay for. The trial came off on Monday, and on Wednesday, the tombstone maker had got as far on his work as the "age" of Mr. Higgs. The family are to pay $27 for the stone, all set up in the grave-yard, ready for use.

MASONIC INCIDENT.—During the memorable battle of Mars la Tour (the second day's battle at Metz) about 2 o'clock p.m., the third company of the 9th battalion of Prussian Rifles were ordered to dislodge the enemy from a copse of wood about 150 yards in front. The men advanced under a galling fire, which in less than two minutes cut down about half of them. Notwithstanding, they advanced on the run with a hurrah! and reached the wood, charged the French, who were of the 65th regiment of the line, about 200 strong. Many were bayonetted, many took prisoners, and the balance fled, save a company of about thirty, who stood their ground, got behind a large log, refusing to surrender, and unable to get away. They were all shot down except three, one of them a corporal. Half a dozen Prussians jumping over the log were about to bayonet them, when the corporal gave the "sign of distress." Instantly a commissioned officer Britain called out, "Don't harm him, he is my brother;" and with his own rifle parried the bayonet aimed at his breast. The Frenchman was disarmed and led away, but saved his life through the mystic sign of the Craft.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF PITTSBURGH AND HOWE ISLAND.

Pittsburgh, 14th Jan., 1871.

The Council met at ten o'clock a.m.

Present—the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors Prudden, Wilmot and Milne.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, amended and adopted.

A number of petitions, &c., were handed in and read.

Moved by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, that the Bill of A. B. Perry, P.L.S., for plan of Barriefield ($93 90) be paid out of the Township funds, and that a Rate be levied and collected on the Rateable property, after the next assessment. Carried.

On the petition of John Ryan, asking the Council to relieve John Miller (a poor man) of the taxes of 1870, he not having sufficient goods to distrain, it was moved by Mr. Bradden, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, that John Miller be relieved of the County and Township Rate due for the year 1870. Carried.

On the bill of John Ryan ($2 55) costs incurred in the case of Green vs Martin, moved by Mr. Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Bradden, that the bill be paid. Carried.

Moved Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, that by-law No. 143 relating to the sale of untravelled Roads on Howe Island, be now read a third time, passed and signed by the Reeve. Carried. By-law read a third time and passed.

The communication of A. Gillespie, Clerk of the rear of the Township of Leeds, Referred.

The Report of fence viewers relating to the drain in the Fourth Concession. Referred.

On the Communication of W. H. Stuart, Collector, asking an extension of time for collecting the Rate of 1870. Moved by Mr. Bradden, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, that the Collector's time for collecting the Rates of 1870, and returning his Roll, be extended till the 1st of February next. Carried.

On the Bill of A. Hysop ($2 00) for supplying wood for polling place No. 4 Division. No action.

The Bill of J. S. Harman, for erecting platform at Council office at a cost of ($1 00) Moved by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Bradden, that the bill be paid. Carried.

The bill of E. J. Barker ($10 62) for printing, advertising, &c., &c. Moved by Mr. Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Milne, that he be paid $8 00 in full of his account. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Donald on seconded by Mr. Bradden, that Mrs. B. McCarey be paid the amount due on account, for right of Road. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Donaldson that the Clerk be paid $1 15, expenses issued as witness in the case of the Corporation vs. John Shortell and Francis Hutton. Carried.

On the petition of Robt. Anglin, jr., and others for the relief of John Foy. Moved by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, that $7 00 be granted for his relief. Carried.

On application of H. Strong, Inspector, asking extra remuneration for services for 1870. Moved by Mr. Bradden, seconded by Mr. Milne, he be granted $5 00. Carried.

By-law No. 144 establishing the Road leading from the Isle of Man in the Fourth Concession, also for closing up part of the old Perth Road in said locality. Read a first, second and third time and passed.

Moved by Mr Strachan, seconded by Mr Bradden, that the Clerk shall get the Minutes of the Council for the last two years, printed in pamphlet form, without covers together with the Auditors' abstract and detailed statement of the Treasurer's accounts for the years 69 and '70 (400 copies) at the lowest price that can be obtained in Kingston. Carried.

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