BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life... What the Public Are Talking About-Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who Are Taking Notes.

the Gas Works yard.

English cohnuts and preserved roses at Henderson's. Mr. Bowes sold a lot, situated on Earl street, to M. Foley on Saturday.

J. B. Page & Co., the leading batters and furriers for Christmas presents. The contract for the court house supplies was awarded to W. Reid, butcher. Great bargains un all kinds of groceries this week at W. B. Hendry & Co.

The meanest present-The Christmas eack that Jane gave John. Thousands of handsome handkerchiefs from 5c each at Bowes & Bisonette's. Have you seen those handsome music racks at Kirkpatrick's for \$3 worth \$4. This is about the time of year when neareverybody seems to think it is more

blessed to receive than to give. Two lots, on the corner of Coltingwood and Union streets, have been sold by B. W. Folger for \$1,000. Bay the words of "The Youman of the

Guard," for 25 cents, at Henderson & Co's

The altar presented to St. Paul's church yesterday, was made by Mr. B. H. Carnovsky, and cost \$1,000. Go to Bowes & Bisonette for genuine bar-

gains in shawls, wool squares, clouds, fasci- boxes are hung. nators and fancy wool goods. A fellow named Gallagher has been suspected of robbing the presbytery at Cornwall. He has left the town.

Robert Elemere, 50 cents; John Ward, preacher, 40 cents, at Henderson & Co's bookstore. The Albion hotel, Perth, has been pur-

chased by J. H. Young from J. Sloan, now of the City hotel, Kingston, for \$5,000. Big ranges of fancy dry goods suitable for Xmas and New Year presents, at price wonderfully low, at Bowes & Bisonette's. Richardson & Sons office was entered yesterday. The place was thoroughly plundered. A number of fur skins were stolen. For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street. Alaska sable collars and cuffs for ladies. Special low prices for fine sets at the Bos-

The entertainment given by the Uncle Tom's cabin company on Saturday evening was a good one. The patrouage was large Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get jus what you want in the fuel line at their yard Mr. J. Upper on Saturday purchased 2 100 lbs, of beef for distribution to the poor

ton hat and fur store, Wellington street.

Apples! apples! - Cooking apples. table apples, raspberry and strawberry jam 124c., mixed candies 124c., geese, chickens and turkeys. James Crawford.

through the Poor Relief and Porcas so-

Bast dry wood in the city, either cut or unout, at ames Campbell's wood yard, op posite barrack gate; also dry slabs daily arriving from Sharbot Lake. It is understood that as usual Kris

Kringle this year refuses to adopt tight pants, tooth pick shoes and swallow-tail coat while making his calls. When you want flour buy the White Bear

for bread, and the Silver Ring for pastry. They give satisfaction every time. For sale only at W. D. Hendry & Co. Call at the "Horseshoe" on King street,

market square, for your pipes, tobaccos, newspapers, periodicals and Christmas cards. Finest assortment of goods in the city. Beautiful hair goods; dress and mantle making; agents for the Caniff corset. All

work guaranteed. Miss Richardson, over Walsh & Stacy's, 106 Princess St. The managers of the cotton mill say their is sufficient orders on hand to keep the mill working full time up to July next. Orders frem China, which could not be filled, have

been refused. It is a positive fact that men's fur collars and cuffs in otter, beaver, and Persian lamb are sold at the Boston hat and fur store several dollars cheaper than in most of the

other stores. Walter Walsh, driver for the K. & P. R. company, had both legs badly bruised on Saturday, while assisting in unloading steel plate for the new water tower from a waggon.

Richmond, Orr & Co. are new offering J their large and well-bought stock of cloths of all sorts, suitable for ladies, gentlemen's, orchildren's wear at sale prices. See their advertisement.

Just the thing for Xmas, raspberry and strawberry jam 124c.; red current jelly 124c; table and cooking apples, oranges 20c., lemons 20c., candies 124c., geese, chickens and turkeys. James Crawford.

Major Coombs will conduct services at the Salvation army barracks to morrow. On New Year's day the officers of the Salvation army corps in the Kingston district will be tendered a banquet here. Lambert & Walsh take this opportunity

of thanking their numerous friends and patrons for their business during the past season, and have pleasure in wishing them a very merry Christmas. The gospel temperance meeting on Sunday afternoon was well attended. It was

addressed by Mr. R. M. Horsey, Mr. A. J. W. Machar for plaintiff, Mr. McIntyre, Chown, and Mr. Fraser. Miss Davey recited the "Drunkard's Wife." No man or woman of the humblest can

without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness. All who contemplate purchasing furs of any sort for Christmas presents will find it time | idg. when our counters were still loaded | months ago, in ill health, in need of rest, | stonian ; then came Rev. Mr. Herald to send |

store, Wellington street. being driven at the head of Earl street | inconvenience, and we hope next year in | perity of which we have the greatest | hingston was spreading out, and then at | yesterday, stumbled and broke its leg. It our anticipated new and enlarged store to solicitude. had to be shot, and one ball from a revolver | do still more business and with better | Remembering that you were in pursuit | stating that a reception would be tendered

instantly out of pain. portant feature in Canada. No business past year, and soliciting further favours for house would now dream of baying the old 1889. We wish one and all a Marry Christ. house would now dream of baving the old 1889. We wish one and all a Merry Christ- were a citizen of Kingston, one who has before my next birthday I intend to send and A. Foster, were anchored close to the sheet glass windows. Not only the design mas and a Happy New Year. The observe the second serious to th sheet glass windows. Not only the design mas and a Happy New Year. The cheap supported every scheme having for its ob. you \$1,000." (Cheers.) "I tell you," said fire, and many thought they would be grocery house. J. S. Henderson is the property house. of the building is vastly improved, but the grocery house. J. S. Henderson. goods displayed in the windows are more

inviting when plate glass is used. Mc-Causland & Son, Toronto, supply by far the largest quantity in Canada. department, at exactly half price, bronze | dler named Maloney. The customs officials | with which you depicted our love for | bold relief." (Cheers.) By the time he got vases, exadized vases, Etruscan vases in heard that clocks were being sold at less | the mother country, and loyalty towards | through he felt that he was a citizen of no black and gold, very handsome brass mir. | than wholesale prices and located fifty-nine | the British crown and British connection. | mean cir. He was thankful to God for rors, exadized mirrors in elegant designs, of them, but it is supposed many more were | Everywhere you typified Canadian inde his goodness and to the citzens of Kingston solid Brass candlesticks, oxadized candle | brought over. Maloney is now in United | pendence and integrity, Canadian character | for their kindness. He had watched for sticks, brass and oxadized inkstands, toilet | States territory. goods in plush and other artistic designs. Thousands of new, useful and ornamental articles suitable for Christmas and New

& J. Gardiner's.

## FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Number of Changes Made.

added to the fire alarm system and

Princess street to Clarence, and from Bagot street to the water s edge.

No. 2, for a section from east side of Princess street to Bay street, and from Bago street to the water. No. 3, corner Queen and Montreal streets.

No. 4, corner Rideau and Bay streets. No. 5, on Division street, (All Saints' on Princess street, near Gordon

7, corner Alma and Redan streets No. 8, corner Earl and Barrie streets.

No. 9, knitting mill. No. 12, Montreal street, near Charles

No. 13, corner Rideau and King streets No. 14, Military college.

No. 17, corner Earl and Gordon streets. No. 18, corner King and Union streets. No. 21, corner John and Montreal streets. No. 23, corner Princess and Barrie streets. No. 24, Williamsville.

No. 25, corner Arch and Deacon streets. No. 26, Bagot, near William street. No. 27, Grove Inn. No. 28, Adelaide, above Patrick street. No. 29, corner Brock and Albert streets.

No. 32, corner Colborne and Upper Bagot

No. 35, corner West and Sydenham streets No. 42, corner Victoria and Alfred streets Instructions where the keys can be had will be placed on the poles on which the

#### VESTED MALE CHOIRS.

Rev. Mr. Olin, of Watertown, N.Y. Advocates This in St. Paul's Church.

Yesterday Rev. Mr. Carey presented to St. Paul's church, in memory of his mother, W. Harty, J. Swift, W. Dunlop, Muckle an altar, elegant in design and in carving, ston; Messra. J. B. Carruthers, Dr. Strange, made of well-seasoned oak. Rev. Mr. Olin, f G. E. Hague, A. Williamson, T. C. Wilson, rector of Trinity church, Watertown, N.Y., A. P. Knight, A. R. Martin, H. B. Savage, preached at both services. In the morning A. Horn, Dr. Fee, W. G. Kidd, J. B. Mche said it was a bless d privilege for him to I ver, P. R. Henderson, M. Flanagan, and be allowed to dedicate to the church the others. With many he shook hands, adding memorial altar. He congratulated the happy remarks. Then Mayor Phompson unpeople of St. Paul's church on receiving this addition to the memorials.

In the evening Mr. Olin talked about church music and advocated the formation of a vested male choir, on the ground that | To the Very Reverend George Monroe it was a means of obtaining music cheaply, and it elevated the morals of the young men, gave them an interest in the church, and kept them from going astray. He held that most people could sing, that it was their duty to sing. Music should be taught in the public and parochial schools. It had an elevating influence that could not be too much cultivated. He disapproved of singing in the churches other than for the purpose of worship. When it was indulged in as a means of entertainment a wrong was committed. The power of song was very great. It was being felt now in political campaigns, and the preacher said : "Let me have the writing of the political songs and care not what speakers you have."

# PERSONAL MENTION.

Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Dr. W. A. Lavell and J. R. Lavell, of Smith's Falls, are spending a few days with Warden Lavell.

Rev. S. G. Bland left to day for Perth where he spends Christmas with his parents. He will be absent a week.

The Rev. C. E. Manning, of Montreal, has accepted the Toronto pulpit vacated by Rev. T. W. Jeffrey. Gilman, who played with the Bellevilles in '87 and was a great favourite in Kingston

has signed with Columbus, Ohio, club. J. Bullis, who has been engaged in the grain business in Chatham for three months, has arrived and will spend Christmas with his friends.

Col. E. S. Powen, appointed acting general manager of the R. W. & O. RR., is practical railroad man of vast experience thoroughly conversant with the practical science of railroading. His last position was that of vice-president and general manager of the Erie, one of the principal trunk lines of the continent, which he relinquished owing to illness. Two years' sojourn in the South and in Europe has restored his health and he is equipped for an able administration of the affairs of the R. W. & O. R.R.

The End of Townsend vs. Paul Case.

Judgment was delivered on Saturday in

the Common Pleas division court at Toronto dismissing plaintiff's motion with costs This was an action tried at the last assizes here before Hon. Justice Rose. The plain. tiff sued the defendant, Capt. Paul, to recover \$5,000 for injuries sustained through alleged negligence on the part of Capt. Paul on Oct. 1st., 1887, in prematurely exploding a duallin cartridge on the dredge in the harbour, and by intent plaintiff was permanently injured. The learned judge at the time rendered judgment in favour of happy. defendent on the ground that no negligence was found against defendant. The plaintiff last Michaelmas term named the court in Osgcode Hall, Toronto, to set aside the judgment in favour of the defendant and enter it for the plaintiff. Judgment was

rendered on Saturday dismissing plaintiff's motion with costs, and thus affirming the judgment in favour of the defendant. Mr.

### Q.C., for defendant. Apology and Thanks.

hard with an extra staff, we found it im- is my pleasure to welcome you on your re- | Pullman was found Hugh McLennan, presipossible to compete with the volume of | suru to the city. trade at our store on Saturday, never ceasing | It was with regret that we witnessed | was encountered Mr. Tweed, a member of until nearly two o'clock on Sunday mornidg. when our counters were still loaded worther were still worther worther were still worther worther were still worther worther were still worther worther were still worther worther worther worther were still worther well spent if they examine the many rich | with undelivered orders, part of which (in | of a change of scene, of a long sea-voyage. | his love to his boys at college and to his | and beautiful furs that are offered at such cases of necessity,) we sent to our customers It was with regret that we realized the fact wife, who was looking after them. At building in Breck & Booth's coal and wood reasonable prices at the Boston hat and for reasonable prices at the Boston has and fur yesterday morning and the balance this that your indisposition was the result of over. Maple Creek, in uniform, was a Mr. Saun- yard, used by A. McCorkell for a workshop, the morning. We trust our valued patrons exertion, of arduous and exhausting labour | ders and Major Antrobus, and other old A horse owned by R. Patterson, while | thus disappointed will kindly overlook the | on behalf of an institution for the pres- | friends. All these things made him think in the hands of Dr. Massie put the animal facilities to be able to have all served of bealth we became reconciled to your ab. him. At Port Arthur Judge Hamilton was promptly. Thanking our kind friends for sence, and we read with interest the ac- met who, after greeting the principal, said : The Plate Glass trade has become an im their more than liberal patronage during the counts of your travel as they appeared in the way I gave you nothing towards progress by a high wind, down to a small

# Seizure of Clocks.

The students of Queen's university are never be forgotten. And now that you read about the convocation ceremonies, and thankful to B. W. Folger, for placing a car have returned to us we congratulate you he was grieved at the impertinence of some gifts, remember at exactly half price, at R. | at their disposal to receive Principal Grant at Sharbott Lake.

FOUND NO PLACE LIKE UNTO HIS NATIVE LAND.

Hall Before a Large Audience - The Principal Replies in t he Happiest el Strains-He Talks Most Patriotically of of His Beloved Canada.

At 5:45 o'clock on Saturday night Principal Grant concluded the circumnavigation of the globe. Nine months ago, somewhat jaded and ill, from the severe strain consequent upon the raising of \$250,000 to place | sacrificing service. Queen's university second to none in Canada, he started on a forced holiday and returned robust and vigorous and bearing the weight of fifty three winters as cheerfully as a youth of twenty. His return was the occasion for an ovation, just such a one as the citizens can give to an illustrious adopted son. The principal breakfasted in Ottawa on Saturday morning and at 11:30 o'clock started for Kingston. En route he was heartily received, deputations at Carleton Place, Smith's Falls and Perth demanding his appearance. At Sharbot Lake he was ushered into the directors' car of the K. & P. RR. company and cordially greeted by Rev. Dr. Smith and several students. W. McRossie handed him a copy of Friday's WHIG and he said : "That's the most acceptable gift . ha /e received since I went away." When the train reached the city the principal was lustily cheered by the throng that crowded the platform. Mayor Thompson warmly shook him by the hand and, amid the music of the resident students, he was conducted to the city hall where a large number of ladies and gentlemen were assembled. His appearance was the signal for an outburst of applause. He was escorted to the platform and found about him such representative citizens as Hon. Senator Sullivan, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Judge Price, Major General Cameron, Lieut. Col. Cotton, ex-Mayers Gildersleeve, McIntyre, Pense, Gaskin, Rev. J. W. Sparling, Dr. Bain, Prof. Mowat, Prof. Ross, Prof. Nicholson, Prof. Day, Prof. Carr Harris, Lieut. Col. Duft; Alds. rolled a scroll of paper and stepping to the principal's side began reading the

### Address of Welcome.

Grant, D. D., Principal of Queen's University.

Reverend and Dear Sir, -As Chief Magistrate of the city of Kingston, I desire on behalf of the municipal corporation, and also on behalf of the citizens at large, to extend to you a hearty welcome home after your prolonged absence in a distant quarter of the globe. The cause of your absence was one which every person in the community deplored; but we doubt not that while spending an enforced vacation at the Antipodes you saw with delighted vision the far removed extremities of Britain's world encircling empire and that warmth of your patriotic sentiment was increased, as your personal acquaintance with our fellow subjects under the southern cross widened.

When you first came among us, eleven years ago, you brought with you a high reputation for ability and public spirit, and, confiding in the accuracy of common report, we took your good qualities at that time upon trust. During the intervening period, a more familiar observation of your character has served only to deepen and confirm our previous impressions, and we now know you as a public man of rare judgment and capacity, untiring energy, thorough independence, outspoken honesty of conviction, and ardent patriotism. These qualities have not alone won for you the admiration and esteem of your fellow citizens of Kingston, but they have made your name familiar in the mouths of the Canadian people in every part of the dominion as a synonymn for whatever is virtuous and distinguished in our national public life. The institution with which you are more immediately connected, Queen's university, owes its present flourishing condition principally to your arduous labours. In reviving its languishing vigor, in enlarging the staff, in completing its equipment, and in placing it upon a sound financial basis you have accomplished a great and noble work, a work of priceless benefit to the intellectual and moral life of Canada, one which will confer blessings upon society in the distant future, when the present generation shall be forgotten, and the noise of living fame shall have died into

We are thankful to learn that the health which gave way under your self-sacrificing exertions on behalf of the university endowment fund has been fully restored. We trust you may long be spared to your native country to continue in the pleatude of your powers a career of such great asefulness a

yours has been in the past. For Mrs. Grant and your family we pray that providence may bestow upon them every gift that can make life fortunate and

J. DUNCAN THOMPSON, Mayor. The mayor also read a telegram from the graduates of Queen's, Almonte, who desired to join the citizens and students in sincere congratulations upon the safe return of Principal Grant in renewed health. T. C. Wilson, chairman, read the follow-

The School Board. To Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's

ing address from

University:

Notwithstanding the fact that we worked | man of the board of public school trustees it | who sent his regards to friends; then in the

ject the upbuilding of the city, we rejoiced the principal, "the judge never looked so burned. The horn of the schr. Foster was te learn of the respects that were paid to handsome—and all the Hamiltons are hand- damaged. Mr. McCorkell lost a quantity you by the people of Australia. We noted some—and if there were any blemishes in of boats, seven or eight skiffs, and a lot with delight the fervour with A seizure of fifty-nine American clocks with delight the fervour with which his face I looked at them with my blind eye, of canvass and other material. He is well has been effected at Kingston. The goods with recovery the first service of the fervour with which his face I looked at them with my blind eye, of canvass and other material. has been effected at Kingston. The goods you represented Canadian sentiments for there was such a glow of rosy light in it insured. R. & J. Gardiner are selling, in their fancy | had been smuggled into the city by a ped- and aspirations, the great earnestness | that its best features were brought out in and worth. In your private capacity you news from Kingston with the greatest did this country and city a service that can | eagerness. He was in Australia when he upon your restoration to health, and couse. students. "Why I believe, Mr. Mayor," quent fitness for the discharge of the great | remarked the principal, "that they asked | flurries.

responsibilities associated with your posi-

The future of Queen's university has been brightened by your labour. The present safe and substantial position of the institution. the increase of its usefulness, the improve ment in its financial status, the fortification of it against the crises which in the past so seriously threatened it, are very largely owing to the judgment exercised by you in the direction of its affairs. Through the wise administration of the jubilee fund, through the labors of the enlarged faculty through the multiplied attendance and college work of the students, you will have your reward. The jubilee fund will, indeed, be an enduring monument of your self-

Again we welcome you to your home. We hope you may be long spared by the God in whom you have placed your trust to live among us, and that your future, and the future of your wife end family, may be filled with happiness.

We learn that this is the anniversary of your birth and we wish you many happy resurns of the day.

T. C. WILSON, Chairman. The interesting passages in both addresses were heartily applauded.

Reply of the Principal.

Principal Grant was received with great applause. He thanked the council and school board for the high public honor paid Why there's no harm in that. I have kinhim. He begged the school board to excuse ed some myself, (laughter) and some well up him replying to its address; he would do so in years, too, (cheers and laughter) so when when the students returned from their holi- Capt. Gaskin comes to think of it he will days. Then he would discuss educational take that back." No doubt the improvematter. He would also have pleasure in ments would cost something, but sacrifices sending a formal reply to the council. No- must be made for the public good. They thing remained for him but to address his should not think whether the work would fellow citizens. He confessed that he found help or hinder them but would it do good it difficult to express himself on this the This evidently was the spirit of every man first occasion he had received so signal a mark of approval from his fellow-citizens. Naturally he was at a loss how to respond. He felt almost as awkward as the poor fellows who are about to be married-for the first time. (Laughter.) Another reason was that he was unaware why he had received such a mark of public appreciation. Such honors were usually reserved for persons who had gone away and performed some humour and sound sense, her geniality ever public duty, but he had only taken a holiday and not of his own accord. He had I done as his masters ordered, gone away, drawn on them for his expenses, and got well. (Cheers.)

During his absence, of nine months, he had crossed seven oceans, encircled the globe, touched on the five great continents, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and Canada, besides touching at several of those marvellous groups of islands that stud the waters of the vast Pacific, islands he had gone long desired to see since his youthful fancy had been stirred by the poet laureate, in "Lockstey Hall," where in his wanderings he went.

"On from island un'o island, at the gathering of the day. Larger constellations burning, mellow moons and hap y skies, Breadths of tropic shades and palms in clusters,

Knots of Paradise." How beautiful the words, how rhymical, but not all the truth. One needs to visit those sub-tropical and tropical lands and learn how poor are the people. There are not as many comfortable homesteads in them all as in this province. (Cheers). "Larger constellations burning" there may be, but having seen the southern cross it could not at all equal our dear old friend the Great Bear. In that southern land he had stood in the tropic shades, and had had cocoanuts knocked down by natives, and had discovered what was meant by "the milk in the cocoanut," but he also found that men were afraid to sit down because of the deadly viper lurking near by, and the beauty and sunlight was but the preparation for the cyclone and typhoon, which tore to atoms | thought that Canadians could be either bul the houses of the poor, or floods that swept | lied or bribed. (Cheers.) "Was I not justi away the results of their labors. "After all | fied in saying so much," he asked, and the prefer to stay in Canada," said the principal, as the audience loudly applauded.

"Yes," he said, "Canada is good enough country for me, (Cheers), and a great deal too good for any man who has doubts, of its future. (Cheers) Such men to be consistent should go to a country they think better. I can join an old friend of mine, in a nameless city, lamenting over its slow progress who said that things would never be better until a few first-class funerals occurred. (Laughter.) Canada would also be better for a few first class funerals. However, as Providence had spared them we can do as well by them and a good many more." (Cheers).

Canada, continued the principal, never seemed so fair, so promising or so spacious as when he sniffed its air a week ago. Vancouver, with its beautiful site, backed with the magnificent Sierras clothed with Douglass pine and dusted on the summits with snow, was a fairer sight than viewed | Canada, and he hoped that they would ever before on his trip. And then when he step. | seek to do their best for it, continually. ped on the C.P.R. pullman he never travel- ungrudgingly, without fee or reward, except led over a better equipped road in any of | the reward that comes by doing right. the five quarters of the globe. (Cheers.) | where did he place the church? Along He advised the people to take the trip to | with political parties. He looked more Hong Kong and they would return better | the character of the man, than the charch satisfied with their own land. Canada he belonged to. If he was a good true cill never seemed so fair as after he had seen | zen and a pure man in his family then he other countries, for was it not his own land | had no fear of the church. He held that as a man thought his wife the . "Excuse me," he said, "for having spoken fairest in all the world—and the man who at such length, permit me to thank you for did not should be shot; no, that was a the honour and consideration bestowed on soldier's death, he should be hung. (Laugh- me. I am not ungrateful. Ask for my ter) and his buby the best in the city, so services whenever you like; they are at he had the same right to think of his your disposal. (Cheers) And now at this country. And no city seemed so important | holy Christmas season I bid you good bye to him as Kingston. (Cheers.) He was for I must go to my family, that third form reminded of it at every point. It seemed to of duty, and which is nearest my heart, but him that it had spread from ocean to ocean. | before we go I will conclude with tiny Before he landed his cabin was visited by Tim's blessing, as given in one of Dickens Roderick McKay, a graduate of works, God bless us all." Queen's, and two strapping youths by the The audience dispersed with cheers for name of Evans, from Portsmouth. On the Principal Grant, Mrs. Grant, the queen and C.P.R. dining car - and such a car, it | the mayor. Many pressed forward to grap would make one's teeth water to tell of the principal's hand before he hurried Very Rev. and Dear Sir, -As the chair- | breakfasts given-was found Mr. Karch, | bomeward. dent of the M. T. Co. At Medicine Hat Swift Current he heard from the mayor,

you 'Where's your wig.' (Cheers and lange ter. Now I was annoyed at that for I felt they might, at the next convocation. ask me that question, and I would be more to blame, as I had just come from the great est wool-producing country in the world (cheers) and I haven't brought back enough even to pull. (Laughter.) Why I am as bad as the poor darkey who 'Had no wool on de top ob his head, in de place where de wool gaght to grow.'" He hoped the mayor was not annoyed

that he did not deprecate the horseplay for probably he had asked similar impertment questions under similar circumstances. The principal said that on reaching Vancouver he found a batch of papers for him and what a tale they unfolded. Why he was actually annoyed to think how much better the people had been getting along while he was away and of how little consequence he was anyway (laughter.) But at what a rate their schemes had been matured. Railways to the east, railways to the west, dry dock loop line through the city, water works "and every one of them good, I am sure." And there was opposition, too, and Capt. Gaskin among them ! "That's all right," he added. "and I would like to have a dozen Gaskins for they would fight like men, and when defeated would accept the situation and cheer. fully help to do the best by it. (Cheen.) And then I saw that he had repudiated that he had been kissing babies. (Laughter.) "except one or two who I will not venture to name not knowing them."

And while the city had been advancing by leaps and bounds some citizens had seen dark days, many were in sorrow because strong men and winsome women had been taken. Mrs. Gunn, than in whom a kinder heart never beat, was gone, and Miss Macdonaldwith her fine and Scotch stories, with her bubbling from a full cup, always attractive and irresistible - who could associate death with her. And many others whom he did not know personally, but with whose friends he sorrowed. Grim death, indeed, had been knocking at the door of the poor man as well asat the mansions of the rich. Life was indeed short and 'twere well if they "worked while it was called day for the night cometh when no man can work." He urged his hearers to follow all that was good in those that were

-"And so to live, That when the aun of our existence sinks innight Memorial sweets of mercies done, May shrine our name in memories bright : And the blest seed we scatter Bloom in a hundred days to come."

The principal said that while he had travelled as a private citizen, yet he was continually appealed to in Australia to give his opinions touching Canadian affairs. The people there know as little of Canada as Canadians do of Australia. The little cable grams about retaliation and the acceptance of Canada, on paying its debt by the United States were very puzzling, and he was appealed to for enlightenment. He told them two things, (1) that Canada would settle its own future on its merits and would neither be bullied nor bribed (cheers)by any one, and (2) that Canadians love and respect the peo ple of the United States-of course not all the politicians; we do not even do that in their own country, much less in anotherand have no desire for any friction to mar their relations, and, while the people of the United Sates loved and respected Camadiane, yet they would do neither if they applause that followed was sufficient

answer.

He asked no higher name than that of a citizen of Kingston, of Canada. The days of caste and class and privilege, in both spritual and secular things, is past. All can aspire to serve the country; all can strive for the prize of serving it the most loyally and usefully, with the truest intent and for the farthest reaching results. considered that there were three forms of duty sacred to man, his duty to humanity, to the nation, to his family. He had learned to love mankind more than ever befere for he had discovered that no man, no matter his color or the skies he was under, refused to listen to the pleadings or claims of justice and mercy. (Cheers.) He thanked God that Canada was such a country as it was and that the people, too, were of the right stock. He never, in his travels, saw brawnier or bigger-headed men than it

# SATURDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

Houses-Work of the Men. About 9:30 on Saturday evening a frame was noticed to be on fire, and before the blaze could be extinguished, a large conflagration occurred. The flames spread to Mr. McCorkell's boat houses and completely destroyed them, and many of the skiffs which they contained. The firemen worked efficiently, and kept the fire, assisted in its



Weather Probabilities. Southerly winds, partly cloudy and mil. weather, light showers in a few places, followed to night or to morrow by north and north-west winds, colder weather and snow