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THE PUBLIC AID.

At the next meeting of the council application will be made to the city council for assistance to the Midland agricultural association in the way of stock to the extent of say \$10,000. The matter has been contemplated for some time, and been discussed by some of the aldermen, with the growing conviction that in some way the fair should be liberally assisted. It is an institution of the city and is assuredly designed to benefit the city. It is safe to say that some of its heaviest stockholders were influenced by a public rather than private spirit when they became identified with the association. They felt that the annual rerecurring exhibition of arts and manufaccan be reasonably expected to go. The jority of 12 and the appearance of a reform time for action on the part of the corpor- | majority of 49 would seem to indicate. But formly bound in Red Cloth, Colored ation has set in. It is for our aldermen, it is overdoing the thing to insinuate that representing all classes in the community, | all these votes have been purchased or into do something handsome in a contribut fluenced by corrupt means. The fact is tion to the fair. They have seen already more likely to be this-that the conservawhat the cities and towns east and west | tives could not, in consequence of the vigihave done under similar circumstances. It | lance to which they were subjected, resort is not hoped they will go as far as Toronto | to the usual campaign tactics, that they are and London, whose corporations own the | mad because they suffered defeat, and that grounds, improve them from season to sea. | the money they could not spend illegally son, and permit the fair association to oc- | they now purpose spending legally, that is cupy them free of rental, but it is hoped the | in protesting the case. council will do about as well as that of Ottawa which spent last year \$13,000 on behalf of its exhibition and has before it now plans and estimates for buildings to cost \$7,500 more. Let the council act generously and speedily in this matter.

WOMEN AS VOTERS.

Great interest centres in the election of several women to the London county council, and to the influence these will be able to exert in public affairs. It is rumoured in some of the political journals that an effort will be made to unseat them, or to prevent them from acting as members of the county board. This suggestion is met, however, by the announcement that the women memberselect will not surrender their seats and will defend, at every stage and in every manner, the rights they claim to have been awarded at the hands of the electors. And they mean just what they say. They are backed by the intelligence of the nation, and by an organization of wealthy women at the head of which is the Countess of Aberdeen. The opposition to them is purely political. The leaders in the members elect and their friends, including Mrs. Gladstone, are liberals, and the idea is to worry them into retire ment if possible. The idea is to do more than this: it is to break the force of the women's movement, now such a power in the land, as one may easily infer when it is stated that at the recent municipal elections as many as 2,000,000 women were registered and voted. Writing of this matter to the Women's Journal Mrs. Lucy Stone says:

English women have had full municipal suffrage since 1869. But the extension of the suffrage of women to "county elections" was secured only last year, and this was the first election afterward. For weeks before the election day English newspapers were full of the cards of candidates addressed "To the electors, ladies and gentleman." There was not one sneer at these women electors, so much does the possession of power protect those who possess it. But each candidate set forth in the card what he or she considered the duty of the county council, and what he or she would do if elected. Each woman candidate in some form emphasized the class of interests she would look after. Among others were named "supervising industrial schools, re formatories, and lunatic asylums, carrying out the act for protecting infants farmed out to nurse, getting proper and sanitary dwellings for the working classes, underground telegraph wires," etc. They would look after children in industrial schools, and pauper and lunatic women who require special attention from women. Women always had worked in one and all these questions, and would simply be going on with the interests into which they had throw their energies if elected to the county council.

It is for women to wake up to a keener sense of their importance as, a political power. They demand—that is some of them -the use of the franchise in parliamentary as in municipal elections, and yet they do not use all the power they now possess, or if they did there would be a greater manifestation of it in passing events. It is for them to see that they are not ignored in the preparation of the voters' lists, and that the council makes ample provision for a filling and unrestrained expression of their opinion at the polls. It is for them to go further, to follow the example of the women of Eng. land, to become more aggressive than ever in regard to moral reforms, to make their action representative of their sex generally than of a few individuals, and to show by their personality the power which they can, if they will, exercise. In the past they have

been content to have their schemes made | ar.

annexes of the schemes of the men, to have their ideas filter through a more or less unfriendly source, or to have all depend upon some object good enough in itself but not liberal or comprehensive enough to commend class should be the platform of the other.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Ottawa Citizen assures us that in the auditor general's report one will find everything 'from the salary of the governor-general to the allowance of the floor-scrubber." So he will, and he will find also a great many items of expenditure which have been passed irregularly, to which Mr. McDougall has objected, and which have been paid all the same. It's a conundrum of the age just what benefit the country is getting from his service. His objections don't count for much with the present government.

The reformers of the city have decided to organize in every ward in the city and to be prepared for the commons election which it is understood will occur immediately after the present session. It is understood that the conservatives have copies of the voters' lists, and the report is quite likely. Hon. Mackenzie Bowell has admitted that the printing department issued some of the lists and for the benefit of the friends of the government in certain constituencies. He has admitted, too, that the reformers, in one case, asked for the lists and were refused them. The idea thus conveyed is that the dominion franchise act is an instrument to be used, as it pleases and directs, in the interest of the government. The wonder is that under such circumstances it is possible to elect a liberal at all.

We are informed, and by the conservative tures, products of the garden, the farm and | press of course, that there has been rank the dairy, was a distinguished characteristic | corruption in Haldimand. We are given to of every live and progressive community, understand, also, that it has been all on one and they have done what they could to | side. It would never do to admit that there make that exhibition a success. Now pri- has been such a change, in public sentiment vate enterprise has gone about as far as it as the disappearance of a conservative ma-

THEY ARE CRESTFALLEN.

They Thought That There Wasa Possibility of Them Getting Free Outside.

The convicts Carroll and Black, who made the daring but unsuccessful attempt to escape from the penitentiary yesterday, are now in solitary confinement. They admit that they acted foolishly, as the possibilities of their detection were very large. The warden and several other of the officials were suspicious of a plot, having got an inkling of it. This made them particularly careful.

The false bottom in the sleigh was made crawled into the sleigh, laid down flat in it, and the false bottom was placed on top of them. Then the sleigh was backed up ley. - Profit, six months, £314; dividend, 4 to the kitchen and loaded with refuse for per cent.; 34,280 spindles. the piggeries. The discovery of the convicts at the gate has been already stated, the Which having published the facts last evening. Both men were quite damp when they were drawn out, dirty water having soaked through the false bottom upon them.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Some of the Season's Engagements-Some Changes in the Small Leagues.

Jay Faatz has re-signed with the Cleveland club. Grant Briggs, signed with Syracuse, is still

en Worcester's reserve list. The Scranton baseball association has dis banded, the players received their release. Geo. Walker, the old Hamilton pitcher, has been offered to the Hamilton manage-

Manager Cushman has been dickering with Schomberg, Indianapolis, but his figures are too high. The Toronto manager has concluded to get Hartnett.

Manager Leadley has arranged for the use of grounds at Richmond, Va., from March 28th to April 10th, and the new Detroits will have that much time to get into shape for exhibition games.

Sheppard received a letter from Manager Leadley, of Detroits, offering the Toronto pitcher a position on his team, and a satisfactory salary. It is probable that Torontonians will see Doc. over the Don this season wearing a Wolverine uniform.

LABOR COMMISSION.

The Cost of Its Work Up to Last June-A Pretty Heavy Bill.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—The labor commission expenditure was \$37,748.80. The payments include: Late Hon. James Armstrong, \$2,-915; John Armstrong, Toronto, \$2,400; G. Boivin, Montreal, \$900; U. Carson, Ottawa, \$2,300 ; J. A. Clarke, St. John, \$2,400 ; A. Freed, Hamilton, \$2,400; W. A. Gibson, Ottawa, \$2,300; Wm. Haggarty, Sydney, Helbronner, Montreal, \$3,665; John Kelly, St. John, \$600; Patrick Kerwin, Quebec, \$2,300; Hugh A. MacLean, Halifax, \$2, 350; Michael Walsh, Halifax, \$2,600; A. H. Blackaby (secretary) \$2,500; G. B. Bradley (stenographer) \$1.825.50; A. H. Blackaby, contingencies, \$750.

Carnival Mails. The mails leaving Montreal this week for Europe and foreign parts are reported to be of enormous bulk, mostly made up of copies of the carnival number of the Montreal Star. The carnival Star has created a perfect furore, and is being bought up by visitors by the thousand, there being a perfect scramble at the Star office and news shops for them. The enormous edition is reported to be running out. Americans from New York and Boston declare that they never saw such a splendid number. The carnival is in full swing. The great events take place to-day and to-morrow.

Boulanger Wants a Divorce. Paris, Feb. 6. -It is reported that Boulanger has applied to the pope for a divorce on the ground that his marriage was irreguGCASES

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Keighley Green Spinning Company, Burn.

Vernon Spinning Company, Stockport. -Profit, six months, £2,181 14s; dividend, 6 per cent. per annum, which will absorb £2,. 250. Spindles, 150,000.

Broadley Wood Company, Rochdale. -Dividend, 4 per cent. per annum for six months. Preston Spinning and Manufacturing Com-

pany. - Dividend, 3 per cent. per annum. 49,672 spindles and 824 looms. Tennyson road Company, Preston. - Dividend 6 2 3rd per cent. 480 looms, and no spinning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Scott Act in Frontenac. SYDENHAM, Feb. 1.—(To the Editor): In your issue of Jan. 31st Mr. Tapping, reeve of Barrie, is reported to have spoken in the county council discussion regarding Scott act affairs in Barrie. I do not know where he got his information. The facts are: No person has been sent to gaol from Barrie since the Scott act came in force, neither has any person run away to escape punishment for his offence. Only two persons living in Barrie have been convicted for a violation of the Scott act. One has paid \$50 and costs; the other's fine is due to day; he left \$30 on deposit some time ago and I have no doubt of the balance being paid. - Truly yours, HIRAM MCKIM, P.M.

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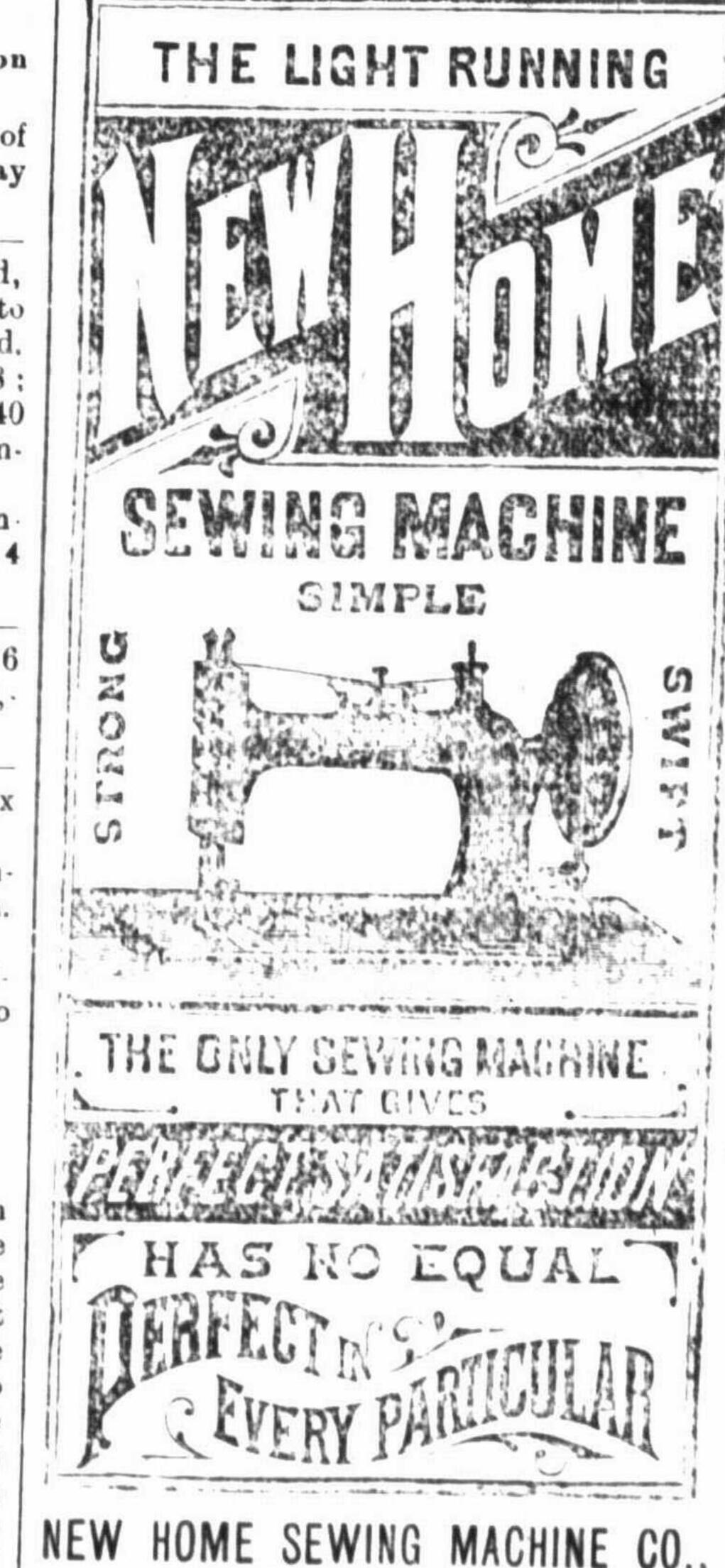
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