

BILL NYE ON DETROIT.

THE GREAT FUNNY MAN SEES THE ELEPHANT HERE.

He Soliloquizes on the Late Mr. Cadillac—Our Population is Large, Mostly Canadian—Detroit's Belles and Swells, Street Cars and School Children.

Detroit Evening News. Detroit, Feb. 14.—I am thinking of this grand old city of Detroit, and I feel would hold back a plunking tear as I feel how old and venerable and weary it is.

Its founder, M. Cadillac, occupies neat apartments, facing Woodward avenue, in a niche belonging to the city hall. When you, gentle reader, with what I am filled—not being a drinking man—as I interview him—mostly in monologue?

Mr. Riley tells me that Detroit was founded about 1700 A.D. by M. Cadillac, the well-known French voyager, at present deceased. Whether his untimely taking off was occasioned by Indians or by his attending physicians I can but illy tell, but if his shade should now attire itself in rich though not so gaudy apparel and drive up Woodward avenue in one of those eerie droskaws now so much in vogue among the shades of the upper 400, nee 10, it could easily find Detroit, as mostly every one in town knows more or less where it is.

This is said to be owing to the public school system, which is exceedingly thorough, the children being taught geography, astronomy, and the location of their native heath almost the first thing. Moreover several railways run into the town and give it honorable mention in their time tables. Both Mr. Riley and myself are exceedingly vexed that we haven't Detroit in our railway guide, and will never forgive certain malicious parties for not calling our attention to its existence until this morning when we arrived at the depot.

Mr. Riley says he often heard of Dan Brouthers and Harry Richardson, but he thought Detroit was simply their nom de plume. The streets of this city are very beautiful, and I am told that people may be seen upon them all through the day. (The person who informed me of this is reliable and trustworthy, therefore I fully believe him.)

The street cars I find to be large, well-heated and easy to stand in. Blind and near-sighted employees of the company are stationed on the back platforms to watch out for persons running to catch the car. Of course too much vigilance should not be expected of these unfortunate men. However, both Mr. Riley and myself found that as connoisseurs of plugged nickels and other shady coinage the gentleman got there with both hands.

Mr. Riley and myself stood upon the floor of one of these day coaches while it rumbled us down to the dock this afternoon.

The Detroit river, upon whose warty bosom the city beautifully slumbers, divides it from a land that is fairer than this, especially to Boston financiers and young Napoleons of currency who feel called upon to spread our country's fame and other folks' money within its borders. The river, however, astonishes for what part it may play in this questionable coup de chapeau, by supplying the people with magnificent drinking water which I am told they often use in sprinkling the streets.

As Detroit is one of the cities situated within the great divorce belt, there is more or less coldness here all the year around. The hot season, however, occurs only in summer. During this time warm weather may be found all over Wayne county; aye, even in the best of families—families whose fair name has never been sullied by the breath of slander, nor whose hands have been besmirched with labor.

These people, I am told, ride upon the river in their costly yachts, and, reclining fore and aft, dreamily watch the large vessels pass by to Toledo, Buffalo, Cleveland, etc.

Among the various sagas and strange traditions strung up around the custom house, one is told of a mariner more curious than his fellows who once stopped his bony craft at Detroit to find out what place it was. I give the story for what it is worth. Further up the river, Belle Isle, nee Hog Island, is said to be a beautiful spot and exceedingly popular during the week, beer not being sold there on Sunday.

The inhabitants of Detroit, I notice to be exceedingly industrious and hard working Canadians, who have abandoned their la belle Canada to come over here and toil by the sweat of the sweating system for about the same emolument received by Chinese coolies on half pay.

In the meantime the highly protected American workman lingers about in the gloaming of the soldier's monument and devoirs a very poor quality of highly protected American snowball. It appears that while the country at large has been considering Canada's hitherto qualities large chunks of her population have been finding out for themselves what the states are like, and seem well satisfied, only going back for meals, sleep, clean house, doing their trading and dust up the British flag.

But to pass to a more agreeable theme. The youth of Detroit are its rising generation. In this respect they compare favourably with other cities. They may be divided into two general classes: Cigarettes and girls. The Detroit girl struck me by her beauty and her appetite. She also struck me by the Russell house—for my autograph. She is not as often divorced as her bustling sister from Chicago, but she seems happy nevertheless.

Mr. Riley's mail to-day is largely augmented by dainty and effusive scented valentines, which he has received from young ladies who he says mistook him for Richard Mansfield in disguise. He didn't say in what disguise, and seemed somewhat nettled when I asked whether it might be as Mr. Hyde. However, be that as it may, I have no doubt he will highly prize the valentines, as he does all his own shaving and uses up considerable paper in the act.

Said I to him to-day, "Say, J. W., don't you think Detroit a very beautiful city?" He answered me in that intensely spirituelle way of his with the following touching semi-quadrain:

"Godd darn it, Bill, you ar' ges' right; I never seen a city so fair; It pears ter me 'actly like heven; But gess now I don't want ter go there."

No—Yes.

"Do you know much about the Japanese and how close they are coming to our religion and civilization and trade?" "No." Then you are going to hear Principal Grant on this subject this evening in convocation hall?" "Yes, sir; I can't afford to be ignorant of a people who are our 'next door neighbors.'"

Say! In Mid-winter.

New rhubarb, ripe tomatoes, spinach, radishes, celery, pineapples, bananas, grapes, tangerines, Florida oranges, and a host of other fruits and nice things at Henderson's cheap grocery to-morrow.

Saturday Night.

Auction sale of balance of M. H. Walsh & Co's stock, 354 King street. Silks, satins, etc., at your own prices. Salter the auctioneer.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newspaper Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

Eggs 20 cents at Henderson's. Kalamazoo celery at Henderson's to-morrow.

For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

"Kid" Somers, the baseball catcher, will probably be signed by Hamilton.

Fine comb honey, 12 1/2 cents a pound at Henderson's.

Skip this! It is only Lambert & Walsh advertising their cheap tweed suits.

Six pound pails of jam (guaranteed pure fruit and sugar) only 75 cents at Henderson's cheap grocery.

The mule difficulty is not settled yet. The speed of the animals will again be tested on the ice to-morrow afternoon.

For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street.

Christian Brothers' entertainment in the opera house this evening. Irish jig and "Persecuted Husbands" will be given.

The school board has asked the government to sell the artillery land near the Central school and facing Coburne street.

Well! Well! Fresh snowbirds, wild ducks, tame ducks, turkeys, chickens, etc., etc., at Henderson's cheap grocery house to-morrow.

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Brook & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard.

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Butter! Butter! Lots of good rolls and dairy packed, 18 and 19 cents a pound, print butter 19 cents at Henderson's to-morrow.

Sam Bittle, baseball pitcher, is still disengaged, but he expects to sign with one of the strongest clubs in one of the minor leagues.

There has just arrived at J. Campbell's wood yard, Ontario street, the best stock of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best of dry slab wood.

Sliced ham, 12 1/2 cents; Cambridge sausage, 12 1/2 cents; ham and chicken sausage, Bologna, fine bacon, lard, etc., etc., at Henderson's to-morrow.

Mrs. Vandewater and her adopted daughter, Blanche Kelly, of Napanee, have been committed for trial on twelve distinct charges of clothes line robberies.

Great factory sale still going on at R. McFaul's. We sell a grey cotton worth 7c. for 5c., and other makes in proportion. Come and see it. R. McFaul.

On Wednesday night an infant son of Darley Allen, Division street, fell into a pail of boiling water standing on the floor, and was so scalded that he died an hour afterwards in great agony.

Ladies' half, whole and quarter wigs, bangs, switches, hair chains, rings, made to order. Dress and mantle making. Canfit corset, best ever made, over Walsh & Steacy's, 105 Princess street, Kingston.

The agreement between the Kingston and Pembroke and Napanee and Tamworth railway companies has been completed and signed, and will be made binding by the passage of a bill through the Ontario legislature.

We are making more expensive preparations than ever for a large house furnishing trade this spring and in order to make room will sell carpets, oil cloths and lace curtains at sweeping reductions. R. McFaul's.

At Hamilton the schr. Gulnair has been extensively repaired. The props, Celtic and Lake Michigan are having their engines compounded. Capt. Hall, marine hull inspector, says the prop. Lake Ontario is the best steamer afloat.

Several days ago a tipsy youth tore off the tips of \$365 in bills and threw them in a corner in the British American hotel. Clerk Crites now, unselfishly, offers to hand over the pieces if the fellow will give him the balance of the notes.

Justice Dawson has awarded the Richelieu & Ontario navigation company \$20,000, the amount claimed from Messrs. Lunt & Co., for breach of contract in connection with the running of the steamer Rothesay in opposition to the company's steamer.

New dress goods arriving daily. All the new shades in Nile, apple, sea green, strawberry, mahogany, red, &c. We are determined not to carry any over from this season, and have marked them at prices that will themselves. Inspection invited. R. McFaul.

Miss Donohue, Ontario street, lost a purse containing a sum of money and several valuable papers, while skating on the Citizens' rink yesterday afternoon. The matter was reported to the foreman who soon learned the name of the finder and had the missing articles returned.

The stone quarried at Wolfe Island is being brought to the city and turned over to the G. T. R. authorities. The stone is said to be the finest in America. Blocks three feet thick and weighing 4,500 lbs. have been taken out and brought across the ice. It is solid limestone without a crevice.

One of the inconsistencies of our municipal government is thus hit off by a Hamilton paper: "In the winter the merchant has to clean off the snow from in front of his place because the sidewalk is his, but in the summer he is not allowed to place goods on the sidewalk because it belongs to the city. Kind of funny, ain't it?"

Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote's new story, "The Last Assembly Ball," will begin in Leadville, and the description of the ball is the culmination of the story. George Kennan's next article will be an episode of his Siberian journey, a very strange and amusing visit to one of the great Lamas of Asia.

Four thousand dollars have been provided to buy tobacco for well-behaved convicts, in the penitentiary, addicted to it. In parliament Mr. Somerville condemned this practice of granting tobacco allowances. It was well-known that originals preferred a year extra at Kingston to a term in the Central prison at Toronto.

The Presbyterians of Tamworth have purchased from the Methodist body of that village, the church and grounds formerly owned by the Wesleyan denomination for \$400. This is considered a great bargain as the church is still in good condition. The Presbyterians are to expend \$200 in making it comfortable. The cause is very prosperous under the Rev. Mr. Smith.

The new showroom of the McCausland stained glass works, Toronto, have attracted considerable notice since they opened to the public. They are examples of ceiling and wall decorations in various materials, representing a wide range of prices, while their specimens of church and house glass are very superior and interesting. The firm send samples of wall paper and glass to any address.

The executive committee of the Frontenac Farmer's institute have completed arrangements for the convention at town hall, Sydenham, on Tuesday, 12th March. The following subjects will, among others, be discussed: "Farmer's institutes and the benefits farmers will derive from them," "Economic use of barnyard manure," "Fertility and cultivation of the soil," "Silos and Ensilage," "Dairying," "Root culture," "Raising Calves."

SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE PRICES SUBMITTED.

The Streets Committee Hold an Interesting Session and Deal With Knotty Mathematical Problems—They Find the Results at Last—Demands for Compensation.

A regular meeting of the streets committee was held last evening. There were present Alds. Gaskin (chairman), Robinson, Hiscock, McCammon and Wilson.

A communication from the late Wm. McCutcheon asking for compensation for loss of ashes by the overflowing of the North street drain, was referred to the city solicitor.

A number of applications were read from persons desiring the position of board-walk repairer. Mr. Coburn was the lowest tenderer for the work, and the committee will recommend him for the position. He must do his work well. If he does not, the city engineer will have power to remove him.

Ald. Robinson and Hiscock were in favour of retaining Mr. Campbell, who did the work of repairing the board walks last year. They were opposed by the chairman, Ald. McCammon and Wilson, who considered that Coburn should get the work because his tender was lower than Campbell's.

A letter from J. Brokenshire, in which he asked for \$60 because he sprained his foot through a defective plank on Gordon street, was referred to the city solicitor.

A circular was read from Mr. Allan Macdonald, of Toronto. He stated that he is prepared to give advice in sanitary matters, house drainage, ventilation, water supply, sewerage, disposal of sewage, and other matters affecting the public health. The document was ordered to be sent to Dr. Fee, medical officer.

D. Fraser was given permission to remove a frame house from King street to Murdoch's farm on Division street. The building must be removed by way of Johnston street to Division street. The city engineer will superintend the work.

Lawrence O'Brien asked the council to sell a portion of land adjoining his own. It is 60 feet in length, fronting on Young street, and four feet deep facing Division street. The committee recommended that the property be sold to Mr. O'Brien for \$40.

On the 12th January Mrs. Wilson, through a defective plank in the walk on Ordnance street, fell and had an arm broken. She asked for compensation for her injuries, and stated that she is the only support of her husband who is nearly blind. The city engineer will investigate the claim.

The accounts and pay list were passed.

Award of the Tenders.

The awarding of the tenders for supplies for city work was found a difficult task, and the aldermen did some extensive figuring on the prices submitted. A couple of hours were spent before the work was completed.

Each alderman was supplied by Ernest Roberts with neatly written forms, which enabled them to expedite matters. These forms were found very convenient, and have never been laid before the streets committee in the past. The tenders were as follows:

A Strachan—Nails per keg, 100 lbs. each, \$2.90; powder, kegs, 25 lbs. each, \$3; fuses, 100 feet, 65c; shovels, steel, Ely's brand, \$5.70 per dozen; picks, steel pointed, 5 lbs. each, 50c; sledges, steel, per lb., 9c; pick handles per dozen, \$1.20; sledge handles per dozen, \$1.20; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch per lb., 3c.

McKelvey & Birch—Nails per keg, \$2.90; powder, kegs, 25 lbs. each, \$3; fuses, 100 feet, 65c; shovels, steel, Ely's brand, \$7.08 per doz; picks, steel pointed, 5 lbs. each, 60c; sledges, solid steel, per lb., 12c; pick handles per dozen, \$1.45; sledge handles per dozen, \$1.50; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch, per lb., 3c.

Dalton & Strange—Nails, kegs, 100 lbs. each, \$2.90; powder, kegs, 25 lbs. each, \$3; fuses, 100 feet, 65c; shovels, steel pointed, Ely's, \$5.54 per dozen; old steel, \$6.24; Pen's, \$5.04; picks, steel pointed, 5 lbs. each, 50c; sledges, solid steel, per lb., 11c; pick handles per dozen \$1.50; sledge handles per dozen, \$1.20 and \$1.50; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch, per lb., 3c.

J. Corbett—Nails, kegs, 100 lbs. each, \$2.90; powder, kegs, 25 lbs. each, \$3; fuses, 100 feet, 65c; shovels, steel pointed, Ely's brand, per dozen, \$5.88; picks, steel pointed, 5 lbs. each, 50c; sledges, solid steel, per lb., 9c; pick handles per dozen, \$1.25; sledge handles per dozen, \$1.50; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch, per lb., 3c.

Bibby & Virtue—Nails, kegs, 100 lbs. each, \$2.90; powder, kegs, 25 lbs. each, \$3; fuses, 100 feet, 65c; shovels, steel, Ely's brand, per dozen, \$5.74; picks, steel pointed, 5 lbs. each, 49c; sledges, solid steel, per lb., 9c; pick handles per dozen, \$1.10; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch per lb., 3c.

McMahon Bros.—Nails, kegs, 100 lbs. each, \$2.90; powder, kegs, 25 lbs. each, \$3; fuses, 100 feet, 65c; shovels, steel, Ely's brand, per dozen, \$5.16; picks, steel pointed, 5 lbs. each, 45c; sledges, steel, per lb., 9c; pick handles per dozen, \$1.15; sledge handles, per doz., \$1.15; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch, 3c.

The tender of McMahon Bros. was accepted, it being the lowest. Total, \$1,343.50.

THE LUMBER TO BE USED.

The city will need, during the year, 300,000 feet lumber; 70,000 lineal feet of cedar, and 12,000 cedar blocks.

The tenders were: Rathbun company, Deseronto—For 2 inch plank per M, \$11.25; 1 1/2 inch per M, \$11.25; cedar sleepers per lineal foot, 1 5/8; cedar blocks, each, 1 1/2. Total, \$4,809.

Caldwell & Sons—For 2 inch plank per M, \$11; 1 1/2 inch plank per M, \$11; cedar sleepers per lineal foot, 2 1/2; cedar blocks, 1 1/2 each. Total, \$5,065.

Rathbun & Co. were awarded the contract. Their contract is \$247 less that Caldwell & Sons.

CARTING AND STONE.

E. McFadyen, John street, horse and cart, per day, ten hours, \$1.84; team per day, ten hours, \$3; stone, per ton, \$2.17; total, \$7.01.

James Purtell, horse and cart, per day, ten hours, \$2; team, per day, ten hours, \$3; stone, per ton, \$2.40; total, \$7.40.

Mr. McFadyen's tender was accepted, being the lowest by 39 cents.

SUMMARY OF THE SMITHWORK.

D. McEwen, 4 cents per lb. No opposition.

The tenders accepted for supplies, casting, etc., are in nearly every case less than those accepted last year.

The following are figures of the successful tenders in 1888:

Rathbun company, lumber, 2 1/2 and 1 1/2 inch, \$11.50; cedar sleepers, 2 1/2c. per lineal foot; cedar blocks, 1 1/2c. each. Stevens and Turpin, horse and cart, per day, \$1.77; team per day, \$2.94; stone per ton, \$1.89.

D. McEwen, smithwork, 3 1/2c. per lb.

McMahon Bros., hardware, nails, (cut) per keg, \$3.25; powder, per keg, \$3.25; fuses, 100 ft., 60c; shovels each 50c; picks, 5 lbs. each, 54c; sledges, per lb., 10c; pick handles, per dozen, \$1.40; sledge handles, per dozen, \$1.65; nails, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch per lb., 4c.

The committee adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Mr. Spurgeon has returned to London in excellent health.

Miss Minnie Dolan, and her sister Mrs. Conley left Montreal yesterday for New York.

Princess Victoria, sister of the Emperor William, will shortly be betrothed to Prince Charles of Sweden.

C. W. Andrews, an old Kingstonian, is a notary public at Walhalla, Dakota, and is doing a good business. He is universally liked.

Rev. Father Swift, of Troy, N.Y., brother of Ald. Joseph Swift, invited to lecture here under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul society, had to decline because of illness. He, however, showed his interest in the benevolent society by sending \$50 to be used in its charitable work.

H. M. Britton, general superintendent of the R. W. & O. R.R., is again in Paris. His disease has recently developed serious complications. He has lost over fifty pounds in weight in the last six weeks. Mr. Britton starts for home as soon as the doctors shall decide that he may undertake the journey.

Mrs. Ellen Shanahan, who for about forty years was one of the leading hucksters on the city market, died last evening aged 75 years. She has been ill for a year. Death was caused by cancer. Two daughters survive. Mrs. Shanahan was quite wealthy. Before the shambles were burned she owned a stall in the old arcade.

Frederic Villiers, the famous war correspondent and artist of the London Graphic, who went through the Serbian campaign and the Russo-Turkish war, accompanied the Albanian expedition and the mission to Abyssinia, served through the Egyptian campaign, and the recent Soudan and Burmese wars, will lecture here on March 1st under the patronage of the military men of the city. It will be a social event.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

He Drinks Laudanum And Nearly Goes—The Letter He Left Behind.

The Calabogie correspondent of the Renfrew Mercury gives the following particulars of the attempt at suicide by a Kingstonian: "A week ago Saturday, as the train from the south was nearing the station, a young man alighted and took up lodgings at the Madawaska house, giving his name as George Baxter, of Princess street, Kingston. By appearances he seemed to be a well and also of a rather intellectual countenance.

He did not state the nature of his business here, and, in fact, did not seem at all desirous of conversing on any subject whatever. On Friday night he retired, as usual, to his room. About 9 o'clock in the morning when the gong sounded for breakfast he did not put in an appearance, and Mr. Duncan, one of the proprietors, went to his room door and called several times. Not receiving any response he decided on going in, when to his horror and dismay, he discovered him lying prostrate on the bed in a state of unconsciousness with an empty bottle lying at his side labelled "Laudanum." There being no doctor in town Mr. Duncan summoned all the aid possible and some very strong emetics were promptly administered and by Sunday noon he was able to walk around, but seemed very feeble. Shortly after he took his departure, walking out of town, not feeling inclined to wait even for the morning train, so ashamed was he of his conduct."

The following note was found on the table: "I write these few lines to you, Rass. When you get them I will be dead. Tell Annie my last was of her dear girl. Tell her to keep those presents I gave her. It is my wish and I will meet her in heaven. With these few lines I bid you all good-bye."

"Yours truly, GEORGE BAXTER."

GOOD MEN FOR CONGRESS.

Complimentary Words in Regard to the Hon. R. P. Flower, New York.

Under the above heading Pomeroy's "Advanced Thought" has the following complimentary reference to a well known personage: "Hon. Roswell P. Flower, the deservedly popular democratic banker of New York, was called to congress to succeed W. Bourke Cochrane. Mr. Flower was elected to congress in 1881, defeating Wm. Waldorf Astor. He is a positive democrat, a sagacious politician with a decided tendency to the better qualities of statesmanship, a firm friend to his friends and to genuine democratic principles. Not so much given to talk as to hard and serviceable work, he will be one of the most influential and useful members of congress. Life and health permitting, it is more than probable that he will succeed Governor Hill as the chief executive of this state, providing he does not bring up in the United States senate. Mr. Flower is a man of deep, even good sense; a friend of foreigners and wealth producers generally, and upon his large experience and extensive circle of influential men has accumulated far more than ordinary wisdom. Had he been nominated in 1884 for the presidency, and been elected, as he doubtless would have been, he would have brought the democratic party across the Red Sea into which Mr. Cleveland had dumped it under his mugwump mockery of management. We shall hear more of Roswell P. Flower later on, as he is a stayer and every hour of his busy life is adding to his list of friends."

AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

Wedding Bells at Watertown.

On January 16th, J. W. Hyde, formerly of Oswego, was married to Miss Emma E., daughter of John Waddell, of this city. The ceremony, performed by the Rev. F. W. Minnie, was held at the residence of G. C. Bradley, Watertown. Many friends of the contracting parties were present. After a sumptuous repast the happy couple, amidst a shower of old shoes and good wishes, started on a visit to some of the principal cities in New York state.

Horse Notes From Harrowsmith.

On fine days Ottawa street is animated. The owners of speeders being out brushing. For its population our small town can show more trotters to the square foot than any town in Ontario. "Clay Bill," owned by W. J. Shibley, is gaining and full of vim and is thought to be able to make three minutes look pale. "Jessie G.," owned by Gallagher, and driven by "East Saginaw," is an old timer, though not very successful in the past is full of go, and thought very highly of by many of her admirers. The old Vet. "Whitesides" appears at intervals showing a whirlwind of speed to the infinite delight of "genial John." Well said has a cross matched pair which are claimed as second splitters, but cautious "Jack" will not let the "Touts" see their form. C. Stewart gives "Vick Rysdyk" regular exercise. She is a grand strider and looks every inch the typical trotter. The "Old Man" is driving a two year old by Stewart's "Bellewood" which he offers to match against any two year old in the county.

It is stated by Moursheer and his lawyer that Magistrate Eady, of Renfrew, offered \$3,000 to settle the action of false arrest, but the officer denies the allegation. The farmers in the county will meet the expenses of the suit in which the magistrate is involved.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

WHY A GOOD SCHOOL OF MINES SHOULD BE HERE.

At Bethlehem, Penn., a Great Institution Has Been Built Up—Plenty of Work For the Analyst—Inviting Against the Character of the Butter that is Offered For Sale.

KINGSTON, Feb. 22.—(To the Editor): In advocating the claims of Kingston as the site for a school of mines in your issue of Tuesday last you refer very properly to the City of Golden in California. You might readily, however, have drawn your comparison from nearer home. Lehigh university, which is eminently an engineering, mining, assaying and chemical institution, is situated at Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, a city of about 20,000 inhabitants. It is not at the state capital, Philadelphia, but almost in the very heart of the mining regions of the Alleghanies, the most prolific source of coal and iron in the eastern portion of the United States.

And why should it not be there? In the same city are zinc works and iron works and the largest steel works in the union, works which were last summer awarded the contract of supplying steel armour-plates to the United States government. It is readily seen that where large numbers of assays and analyses are required, and where special engineering skill is frequently called into requisition, the mining and metallurgical works are admirably and profitably supplemented by the university.

When I was in Bethlehem eighteen years ago the place was comparatively a small town and the university was far from complete, but upon revisiting them last summer I found the town grown into a beautiful city, and the university developed into the leading one in its particular line in the Eastern states. A single building, devoted to chemistry, assaying and cognate branches, cost alone over \$300,000.

Now coming home there can be no doubt in the mind of any man, who is willing to take a reasonable view of the matter, that one mining school is at present enough for Ontario, and that like Lehigh it should be placed as near the centre or outlet of the mining regions as it is possible to find a city or large town to accommodate it. Kingston is situated exactly as is required, as nearly all the iron phosphate, mica, galena, etc., mined in Ontario is brought from the country immediately back of Kingston to be bought and sold and shipped in that city. Already, in addition to what I am informed is done in Queen's college, the analysing and assaying business of the mining region is sufficient to give work to more than one private analyst, and no argument other than a foolish and pernicious desire for centralization can be adduced why Toronto should be chosen for a mining school in preference to a city situated almost in the midst of the mining regions and possessing in itself every desirable facility for the successful establishment of such a school.—Yours truly, AN OLD TIME CHEMIST.

Good Butter Needed.

KINGSTON, Feb. 21.—(To the Editor): I read with much pleasure the letter in your issue of yesterday from "John Gilbert" re dishonesty, and am sure the working population, at least of this city, will be thankful to that gentleman for bringing the matter forward. Why this glaring abuse of privilege has been allowed to reach its enormous dimensions I cannot comprehend. I think it is the place of the city council to at once take up this matter, not only as to what is sold publicly on our market, but to go further and make a casual visit of the shops.

With respect to the butter I can only say that on any market in England they dare not exhibit it. If the farmers who attend these markets could only see and taste a little English made butter they would at once label theirs "Cart geese." I may state that I have only been out eleven months, and since my arrival I have not tasted good butter, although I have went to many shops for it and asked no questions as to price. I have also been to the shambles twice and left word there for them to send me five or six pounds of good butter when they got it. This order was given three weeks ago, but, alas, no butter is forthcoming. For the benefit of all concerned I will give Canadian farmers advice. In the first place don't keep your cream in dirty vessels or until it becomes putrid. Always see to it that your