

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

Cottage Meeting Picnic. The Cottage Meeting held a picnic at Rose Hill reservoir on Saturday afternoon when a pleasant time was spent, this making the third outing for the season.

Buffalo International Fair. The Buffalo International Fair commences on the 4th instant and lasts until the 14th. Special return tickets will be sold by the steamer Empress of India at single fare good for three days.

A New Baptist Church Corner Stone. The corner stone of the new church for the Alexander street Baptist congregation, now in the course of erection on the corner of Jarvis and Wellesley streets, will be laid on Saturday afternoon, 15th inst., at four o'clock.

A Hidden Crime. While digging on the road on Sackville street between Oak and Gerrard streets Friday afternoon a gang of laborers found the skeleton of an infant encased in a small wooden box. The body had apparently been there for years.

White, Josell & Co. Assign. Messrs. White, Josell & Co., wholesale lace, etc., have assigned to their four chief English creditors, Mr. White failing to secure an extension while he was in England. The liabilities are placed at about \$100,000 and the assets at \$70,000.

Toronto College of Music. Mr. Torrington's latest addition to his staff of teachers is Mr. Clarence Lucas, of the Conservatoire de Musique, Paris, and pupil of Theo. Dubois, Massenet, Marmontel, and Rene Hirsch, who will teach piano, harmony, composition and orchestration in the Toronto College of Music.

Temperature. The readings of the thermometer on Sept. 1, up to 10.30 p.m., were as follows:—6 a.m., 59°; 8 a.m., 54°; 3 p.m., 54°; 6 p.m., 64°; 10 p.m., 64°; 12 p.m., 54°; average of day, 58°; difference from average, 5° below. The velocity and direction of the wind were:—8 a.m., 8 miles, north; 3 p.m., 8 miles, west; 10 p.m., 6 miles, west. Rain 0.11 inches.

The Passport's Captains. Capt. Sinclair, who had his thigh fractured by a fall received on the deck of the Passport some weeks ago at Cornwall, is now recovered so far as to be able to leave his bed. Captains of this vessel seem peculiarly unfortunate. Captain Bailey, who succeeded Captain Sinclair, is now suffering from hemorrhage brought on by cancer on the neck. His life is despaired of.

Third-class Certificate Failures. Owing to the large number of candidates who have failed to obtain third-class certificates the Department of Education has issued a circular to headmasters of High schools permitting those who made 600 marks on the recent third-class examination to proceed with the course of study for second-class certificates. The number of marks required for this privilege last year was 700.

Hospital Returns. During the month of August the total number of in-door patients at the General Hospital was 405. On August 1 there were 177 patients in the building; 112 were received during the month and 14 births occurred, making 405 in all. Of these 216 have been discharged, leaving 187 at present in the institution. In addition 615 extra patients have been treated, making a grand total of 1,018 persons treated.

Disposed of Till After the Fair. Henry McGee, who was charged on Saturday with selling liquor without a license, was fined \$40 and costs or 40 days. Joe Rooke is a young man with a record, having already served several terms in various places of confinement. Taking into consideration the safety of the crowds who will attend the Exhibition here, Magistrate Denison condemned him to pay a fine of \$50 or imprisonment or 22 days on a charge of drunkenness.

The Zoo Free This Week. Commencing to-day the Zoo will be free to all until next Monday. The Zoo will not be the least important attraction at the coming Industrial Exhibition. The different animals look well and are in first-class condition, and their cages and the premises are as clean as can be. Altogether there are over a hundred animals in the Zoo, from a pair of splendid lions down to a family of young snakes. In a few days at the outside there will be an addition to the lions at the Zoo in the shape of some young cubs, the first ever born in captivity in America.

Saturday's Police Court. The following cases were disposed of at the Police Court Saturday morning:—Drunk—John O'Connell, \$2 or 30 days; Michael Manderville, \$5 or 30 days; Wm. Floghara, \$1 or 30 days; Fred Collins, remanded to Monday; Thomas O'Brien, \$1 or 30 days; Thomas Black, remanded to Monday; Jas. Rooke, \$50 and costs or 22 days; Frank May, \$1 or six months; Henry McGee, \$40 or 40 days. Insanity—Michael Farmer, remanded. Larceny—Peter Murphy, remanded to Sept. 4th; James Smith and Michael Buggan, remanded to Sept. 4th. Vagrancy—Wm. Wilson, \$1 and costs or 30 days.

The County Judge Back. Judge McDougall has returned from Port Carling, where he has been spending the past four weeks. He tells some very interesting stories about his fishing exploits and seems to have had an enjoyable time. He will open a non-jury sittings of the County Court at 12 o'clock to-day, the following being the list of cases:—Toronto Street Railway Company v. Toronto, Robinson v. Elkins, Bowden v. Britton, Aird v. Donaldson, McCarthy v. Threlkeld, Carleton v. Simpson et al, Michael v. Finanagan, Brown v. Hall, Guither v. Badenach. The Quarter Sessions open on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Taking Care of the Crooks. The number of crooks who come to the city in and about the time of the Industrial Exhibition is very large, and when assisted by our numerous local crooks they form a dangerous element for strangers to come into contact with. This year Sergeant Detective Reburn has determined to relieve visitors of any danger in this respect. He has organized a campaign against the local sharpers first, and they are already being placed out of harm's way until after the exhibition at least. The "visiting brethren" will be shadowed, and either sent out of the city or locked up until the Fair is over. The sergeant has determined to keep the city free of crooks during the approaching Exhibition.

Mr. Berger Not Much of an Actor. Between acts Saturday evening at the Grand, the audience was surprised to see Sol Smith Russell step before the curtain looking as if he were going to make a speech. He said:—"In all my experience with Toronto audiences, extending back over a number of years, I have never before had to come forward and make an apology. Owing to the indisposition of one of the actors his part has been read by my business manager, Mr. Berger. It must be apparent to you all that Mr. Berger is not an actor. (Laughter.) The part is not at all an essential one, and I will promise you that he won't appear again." This explanation put the audience in high good humor. The reading of the part had not attracted very much notice, but there is no doubt that if Mr. Berger had appeared again he would have been as successful a comedian as his predecessor.

Osageo Hall Notes. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court sits to-day at noon. The Court of Appeal begins work on Tuesday with a docket of 22 cases. The Benchers of the Law Society meet in convocation to-day. Mr. Justice MacMahon will deliver judgments to-morrow in some cases heard before him in vacation. The Master in Chambers sat on Saturday, but probably, owing to some uncertainty as to which was the last day of vacation, very few motions

were made. The familiar "judgment under rule 80" is no more. "Judgment under rule 739" will be the same thing, but it won't look it for some time. There are some changes in the offices at Osageo Hall. The Land Titles office is now where the Master in Chambers' private room formerly was, and the Master in Chambers has comfortable quarters in the north wing immediately behind his public chambers, on the ground floor.

"New Fantasma" Opens To-morrow. "The New Fantasma" will not open at the Grand until to-morrow evening, there being insufficient time between Saturday night and this evening to get into order the extraordinary amount of scenery which will be displayed in connection with it, and which filled two cars in its transportation here.

Inland Revenue Returns. Below is a detailed statement of the receipts from Inland Revenue levied in Toronto during the month of August:—

Spirits, ex warehouse	\$10,884
Tobacco, ex factory	887
Salt, ex warehouse	83
Tobacco, ex factory	635
Tobacco, ex warehouse	18,745
Cigars, ex factory	1,622
Cigars, ex warehouse	1,711
Whiskey, ex factory	606
Methuened spirits	1,778
Petroleum (inspection fees)	458
License fees	386
Other revenue	204
Total	\$28,858
Total for Aug., 1888	\$28,683

Cemetery Statistics. Following are statistics as to the interments at the several city cemeteries during the month just passed:—At St. James' cemetery—Total interments, 157; males, 82; under two years of age, 103; over fifty years of age, 12. At St. Michael's cemetery—Total interments, 64; males, 30; under two years of age, 42; over forty years of age, 7. At the Necropolis—Total number of interments, 57; males, 35; under two years, 34; over forty years of age, 12; over ninety years, 2. At Mount Pleasant—Total number of interments, 53; males, 35; females, 25; under two years of age, 32; over forty years of age, 7.

The Divine and the Human in Christ. Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, preached twice in St. James' square Presbyterian church yesterday. In the morning, taking for his text a part of the 110th Psalm, he spoke largely of the blending of the divine and human natures in Christ. Some well-known incidents of New Testament history were mentioned in order to show the easy transition from the natural to the supernatural. Thus the appearance of the angels to the "shepherds abiding in the field" was placed side by side with the other circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus, which were described as natural and ordinary, the preacher dismissing with some impatience the notion that Joseph and Mary were extremely poor and intimating that the oxen peering in at the new-born child existed only in pictures. The same idea of the gradual passing from the natural to the supernatural was illustrated in the stilling of the storm in Galilee, the raising of Lazarus and other events.

"One of the Finest." The Montreal Post says of Gus Williams popular play, "One of the Finest" which opens at the Toronto to-night.—Of the play itself, it is unnecessary to say much except to remark that in its present revised form it is even more attractive and interesting than when produced here some time ago. The scenery is on a grander scale, notably that in the fourth act, where a large tank of real water is placed on the stage, into which several young boys dive and sport themselves. A small row boat also plies on the water carrying passengers. This particular scene was enjoyed by the audience, and the tussle between Hugh Hickman, the villain, and the sailor boy, Fred Eastman, which resulted in the latter being tossed overboard, was loudly applauded. Of the company itself it may be stated that it is an able one, each member of the cast showing a good appreciation of his or her part. The honors of the evening, as was to be expected, fell to Mr. Edward Ryan, whose delineation of the character of John Misher, the Dutch policeman, was excellent.

A Wife and Children Deserted. At a late hour last Friday night Mr. Edward Kilner, who resides at 135 Bellwoods avenue, heard children crying on the sidewalk outside his house. It was raining heavily at the time and on making an investigation Mr. Kilner discovered a little boy and girl sobbing on the sidewalk. They proved to be children of a neighbor, J. M. Keys, a machinist, living at 177 Bellwoods avenue, who is alleged to have deserted them, his wife and another child. In order to earn a few dollars Mrs. Keys had been working out with her youngest child, a baby. During her absence Mrs. Keys is said to have sold the furniture and absconded, leaving his two eldest children, aged two and three years respectively, to take care of themselves. Mr. Kilner took the deserted children in and cared for them Friday night and communicated with the police Saturday morning. Inspector Archibald took the case in hand and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Keys. Saturday evening Mrs. Keys, who is a very respectable woman, called and took the children out of Mr. Kilner's custody.

Anti-Poverty Society. This society met Friday evening in Association Hall. After considerable discussion it was determined to present the following petition to the Legislative Assembly:—Whereas those who hold land merely for speculative purposes pay taxes on land values only, while the rest of the community are assessed both on land and on improvements; and whereas, an unjust discrimination is thus made in favor of those who make no improvements and against those who make improvements; therefore we, the undersigned citizens of Toronto, humbly pray that in order to rectify to some extent this unjust discrimination the assessment Act be so amended that all dwellings shall be exempted from taxation to the extent of six hundred dollars, but that no exemption be made of the value of the land. An address was then delivered by Mr. A. F. Fury on Freedom of Trade. The following is a synopsis of his remarks:—Many imagine that by importing we destroy the opportunity for the laborer for employment, but this cannot be, since we must toil to pay for imports. Further, to stop any citizen from exchanging his products wherever he can exchange to the best advantage is to establish a form of tyranny and to deny his right to freedom. Stop imports, and at once we destroy the carrying trade so that laborers are thrown out of employment. One of the most remarkable tendencies of modern growth is to division of labor. To facilitate this we build railways, canals, steamers and thus try by all the means of engineering science to aid exchanges and then we stick up an artificial barrier to prevent these exchanges.

Collegiate Institute Improvements. During vacation many improvements have been made in the Toronto Collegiate Institute buildings and grounds. New latrines have been built on an improved plan and better screened from view. A new lumberroom is now in course of erection. Inside, a room which had not for some time been used for regular teaching has been properly fitted up as a classroom. Two assistants have been engaged—Miss Louie Thomas, an undergraduate of Toronto University, and Mr. L. B. Davidson, a Boharone experienced and successful teachers. They will take preparatory classes. The chief improvement, however, is the erection of a fine hall for drill and calisthenic exercises for the girls. Mr. McCurdy, the rector, has for many years been advocating the erection of such a building, and now has his plans on the eve of fulfillment. He has secured advice and descriptions of similar buildings from all available sources in the United States and Canada, and has been aided in the selection by Mr. Malloy, of the Y. M. C. A., a specialist in gymnastics. The building is a two-story one, inside

measurement, built of white brick and designed by R. A. Denison, architect. The lower story is partially open and will be used chiefly for drill, while the upper story will be supplied with the latest appliances for calisthenic exercises for girls. The members of the Board of the Institute congratulate themselves on having the first hall for physical exercise, for girls only, yet erected in connection with any Collegiate Institute in Ontario.

Local Briefs. Ex-Mayer Howland preached at the Alexander street Baptist church yesterday, morning and evening. The regular monthly meeting of the Central "Y."s" will be held at 275 Yonge street to-day at 5.30 p.m. Most of the cottagers at Grimshy Park have returned to town. The boat made its last regular trip Saturday. The William III. hotel on Adelaide street east, an old landmark of Toronto, will soon give way to a business block. Eliza McNamara was arrested Saturday afternoon for smashing a quantity of glassware in McFarlane's saloon. Mr. C. L. Cresswell, R.A., mathematical master of Oshawa High school, has been appointed headmaster of the High school, Essex Centre. The annual picnic and excursion of the local branch of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners was held at Oakville on Saturday. About 600 attended. When Fred Collins gets drunk his wife is in great danger from his brutal conduct. At her instance he was locked up and was remanded till to-day to sober up. The Public School Management Committee has decided that, as the children would be allowed one day on which to visit the Exhibition, school would be held as usual on the civic half-holiday. A disreputable house kept by Emma Wilson, on Adelaide street west, was raided by Inspector Stephen on Saturday night, and the keeper and Maggie Clark, Josephine Parker, John Grant, frequenters, were arrested. I. O. O. F.; Manchester Unity. Loyal Lord Stanley lodge, met at Cecil Hall, corner of Spadina avenue and Cecil street, on Friday evening. The attendance was large in spite of the rain, and six candidates were duly initiated. A young painter named Andrew Lawson, of 20 Surrey Place, was arrested Saturday by Detective Black for alleged complicity in those same Buffalo burglaries which Neil and Thompson, arrested on Thursday, are suspected of being connected with. At Oliver, Coats & Co.'s land sale on Saturday, several Parkdale lots and lots 11 to 21, plan 654, Township of York, second concession from the bay, were withdrawn and their sale postponed. No. 35, Price street, a five-roomed cottage, was sold to Mr. Martin for \$750. While Policeman Lewis was arresting John Downs on Saturday evening he was assaulted by Thomas Fahey and Richard Novel. Both were arrested and will this morning answer a charge of assaulting and intimidating the police. The house of Nellie Diamond, Centre street, was raided by Inspector Ward and a posse of police on Saturday night, and Annie Hatcheson, Celia Belford, Maggie Johnson, Henry Ellingham and Wm. Johnson were arrested as frequenters. In the report of the Y. M. C. A. Board meeting held Friday afternoon it stated that Mr. F. W. Gooch, the assistant secretary, had resigned, and was going to have charge of Mrs. Macpherson's Bible wagon. Mr. Gooch has resigned, but says he is not going to have charge of the Bible wagon.