

### GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

#### Don Arbitration.

The Don arbitrators met in Judge McDougall's office at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and considered the claims of Benjamin Tomlin and Mr. Kavanaugh for compensation. The former kept the Lily of the Valley hotel, just outside the goal gates, and asks \$17,000 compensation.

#### Row at a Picnic.

At a picnic at Sunnyside on Monday Dr. Mason, of Oakville, was set upon and kicked severely by a gang of toughs. The doctor's nose was broken and he was otherwise severely injured. The county police yesterday arrested Wm. O'Brien, of Toronto, on suspicion of being one of the assailants.

#### Children's Fresh Air Fund.

J. J. Kelso, secretary-treasurer of the Children's Fresh Air Fund, acknowledges the following subscriptions:—Half proceeds of bazaar given by Misses Jennie Smith and Florence Gillespie, \$55; sale of flowers made by junior 4th class girls, Wellesley school, \$1.80; collected by Mr. William Stark, \$14; by Ald. Piper, \$1.

#### Temperature.

The readings of the thermometer on June 26, up to midnight, were as follows:—6 a.m., 64°; 8 a.m., 65°; 2 p.m., 69°; 4 p.m., 67°; 10 p.m., 56°; midnight, 53°; mean, 62°; difference from average, 3° below; highest, 74°; lowest, 53°. The velocity and direction of the wind were:—7 a.m., 3 miles, northwest; 2 p.m., 12 miles, northwest; 6 p.m., 6 miles, northwest.

#### The Plumbers and Corsetmakers.

The questions of the plumbers' and corset-makers' strikes were considered by the Lathers and Painters' Unions last night. Both unions promised moral support, and the granting of financial support will be discussed at next meeting. The Wood Carvers' Union have received their national charter preparatory to entry into the International Union.

#### Davisville Sunday School Convention.

A convention at which will be present delegates from nearly every Sunday school in the county, of every denomination, will be held on Thursday next in the Methodist church at Davisville. The object of the convention is that the different methods of teaching and the general management of Sunday schools may be freely discussed, so that the participants may receive mutual benefit therefrom.

#### Moonlight Excursion.

About twelve hundred excursionists, most of them young people, paced the ample decks of the Cibola last evening and listened to music furnished by the members of the Elm street Methodist church choir. The boat rode so steadily that the listeners might have fancied themselves in the church, and the trip was a most enjoyable one. The evening was rather cool, and the usual expressions of regard for absent wraps and overcoats were heard.

#### Institute of Accountants.

The adjourned regular monthly meeting of the Institute of Accountants was held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon, and after routine business the following gentlemen were elected members:—Maitland Young, Hamilton; Edward Rogers Wood, Toronto; Judson Carey Todd Lacey, Toronto; Andrew Fred. Armstrong, Fort William, West; Henry F. J. Jackson, Brockville; Willis C. Austin, Brockville; Oscar H. Biesee, Brockville.

#### An Unnatural Father.

Acting on information which he had received Inspector Archibald yesterday swore out an information against John Elliott, corner of Centre and Agnes streets, for indecently assaulting his little ten-year-old daughter Minnie. The warrant of arrest was given to P. C. Vaughan to execute. Elliott was safely lodged in the cells last night. The prisoner is a widower and is about 38 years old. The case comes up in the Police Court this morning.

#### Band in the Park.

The band of the Governor-General's Guards will play the following programme in the Queen's Park this evening under the direction of Bandmaster Sergt. T. Williams:—  
March—Col. Richard Owens. P. W. Lichtenburger Overture—Niagara. G. Southwell Selection—Aggregation. Ripley Fedora Waltzes. Bocllass Selection—Court Square. G. Southwell Pot pourri—Our Chip Basket. G. Southwell Gavotte—Night. Gorton A Night Off. Pettee Galop—Prince. G. Southwell

#### A Toronto Tramp Abroad.

A deaf mute, who gave his name and address as "William Darlington, of Toronto, Canada," was arrested the other day begging in Philadelphia. In one of his pockets was found a type-written note bearing the words:—"I am deaf and dumb; can you give me work at anything? I have to support myself and have no money." In another pocket was found \$565.65. The "beggar" has been in the habit of saving his money for a year, and then visiting Ireland and banking his year's income.

#### A Boy Drowned in the Humber.

A sad accident occurred about noon yesterday by which a fine little fellow of five years of the name of Duncan Austin lost his life. The lad was playing with a companion of about the same age named Lawson on the banks of the Humber River, just above Howland's dam, at Lambton Mills, when by some means he fell into the river, which at this point is about fifteen feet deep. Though warm when he was taken out and carefully attended to by Dr. Cotton, who did everything possible to resuscitate the boy, the accident terminated fatally.

#### Ontario Society of Artists.

The Ontario Society of Artists held their annual meeting Monday night, when the following officers were elected:—President, Hon. G. W. Allan; Vice-President, H. Revell; Secretary, M. Matthews; Executive Committee, Messrs. Gagen, Perre, Revell, Cruickshank, Forbes and Patterson. The society will hold monthly meetings after September. On motion of Mr. Revell, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, it was decided that a series of art entertainments consisting of essays, lectures, etc., be a feature of the winter evening meetings.

#### Surrogate Court.

Percival F. J. Ridout, of this city, applied for probate yesterday to the will of the late Lucy Eliza Ridout, spinster, who died at Colborne, Ont., March 15, 1888, leaving a will dated July 15, 1873. The petitioner is named as executor. The will directs that out of \$10,000 personal estate \$1,000 each is to be paid to Jessie, Louisa A., Phoebe E. and Lionel J. Ridout, neices and nephews of the deceased. The remainder of the deceased's estate is left to Frederic Percival and Walter Lionel, sons of Joseph Davis Ridout.

#### Builders' Laborers' Union.

The builders' laborers met last night and elected the following officers:—President, Thomas Houghton; Vice-President, Henry T. Benson; Recording Secretary, R. Lamb; Assistant, John Moriarty; Financial Secretary, Alfred Powell; Assistant, M. Donovan; Treasurer, Charles Chapman; Inner Tyler, Thomas Robinson; Outer Tyler, W. M. White; Delegates to Trades and Labor Council, G. T. Beales, John Booth, Thomas Webb; Trustees, H. Benson, John Booth, James Brissell. Twenty-five new members were received. John Booth was retained as travelling delegate.

#### Obstructing the Police.

A. R. Beasley, of 92 Ontario street, is a gentleman who will probably be wiser within the next few days than he has ever been before. He was interested in the Assizes at present going on in the city, and yesterday went to the Court-house to hear the cases tried. County Constable Crewe stood at the door, and not thinking Mr. Beasley a desirable person to admit, refused to admit him. Beasley got angry and became abusive, and determined to enter the Courtroom. It ended in the constable showing him the stairs, and in slightly accelerating his speed down them. Beasley then used threatening language, and swore he would get even with the constable, consequently he was arrested and conveyed to No. 1 Police Station.

#### Board of Trade Gratuity Fund.

The second year of the Board of Trade Gratuity Fund closes on Saturday with a rest

account of \$35,000, and the third year commences on Monday with the \$1,200 series. The death rate for the year has been about one per cent.—thus showing that the Board of Trade of Toronto is physically a healthy body. But it does not compare in this respect with the New York Produce Exchange, where the gratuity fund is also in operation. From April 1st till June 21st only three deaths have occurred amongst the members of that organization, numbering over 3,000. The New York speculator evidently gives as much attention to self-preservation as he does to "puts" and "calls."

#### A Ten-Year-Old Boy Drowned.

A sad drowning accident occurred at the Island yesterday in which Henry Lindsay, son of Mr. Harry M. Blight, of 254 Victoria street, lost his life. The boy, who is ten years of age, was bathing with his uncle, Mr. Albert Lindsay, of St. Catharines, in the shallow water east of Mead's old hotel. His uncle went to his tent, a short distance away, and in the meantime the little fellow got beyond his depth. Spectators called to Mr. Lindsay, who ran to his assistance, but, although a good swimmer, was unable to save the child. The body was got out after about fifteen minutes, but life had left it. The sudden change in the depth of the water was caused by the dredging that has been done there. He came home only on Saturday last from attending school in St. Catharines.

#### Mimico Methodist Church.

The members of the Young People's Christian Circle in connection with the Mimico Methodist church on hearing that one of their former members was to be home on a visit after Conference arranged to have a special picnic, to which they invited their friend, W. S. Crux. He has been away from home the past three months supplying the work of the late Rev. Mr. Normand on the Greenwood circuit, and is now going to the Bracobridge district. The whole party went to Long Branch, where they all enjoyed themselves till dark. When they left for home there was a general well-wishing to their young friend that he might be successful in his work. He also leaves with the best wishes and love of those whom he has been amongst the past three months. Amongst those present were:—H. Smith, from Calgary, N. W. T.; Miss Briscoe, of Toronto; A. Wismer, Parkdale, who were visiting in the neighborhood at the time.

#### Stray Cattle.

Residents in St. Matthew's Ward complain bitterly of the damage done their gardens and flower beds by stray cattle. Every night the streets in that locality are overrun by stray bovines, goats, pigs and other four-footed nuisances, which trample over ornamental flower beds, gnaw the bark of young trees, dirty the lawns and are not at all particular about knocking down fences and gates. Now that the warm weather has come these stray cattle have multiplied to such an extent that the residents are a little more than indignant and want to know what is going to be done in the matter. At five o'clock in the morning not a stray animal is to be seen, their owners being very careful to drive them out of the reach of those who might be tempted to impound them. St. Matthew's residents—if it is any consolation for them to know it—are not the only citizens groaning under this nuisance. The abilities of Constable Jarvia in the moving-on line might be utilised.

#### F. M. C. A. Work at Volunteer Camp.

The three workers sent to the volunteer camp at Niagara with a reading tent have returned and report a good work having been done among the men. On their first appearance they were warmly welcomed, both by officers and men, and many were the thanks received for the facilities provided in the spacious tent for writing letters, reading books and papers, which were provided in large numbers, and many other little conveniences which the tent afforded. Gospel meetings were held every evening and were very largely attended by the volunteers, some of whom took part in the meetings and professed to have received great blessing from them. Altogether, upwards of 800 letters were written and posted in the tent during the 10 days in camp, and many thousands of tracts, papers, etc., were distributed among the men from tent to tent and eagerly read by them. The workers were warmly thanked by the officers in command of the camp for their efforts to benefit the troops, and the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the deep gratitude of the non-commissioned officers and privates on duty at Niagara military camp be tendered to the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association for supplying such a boon as they have conferred in providing such invaluable accommodation which has proved a blessing to so many."

#### Employment for Tramps.

A special meeting of the Board of the House of Industry was held yesterday afternoon to consider the proposition of the City Council and the Law and Order League, suggesting that the "labor test" be applied to the occupants of the "casual" ward. Mr. N. J. McDonnell presided and there were present Rev. Dr. Rose, Rev. Dr. Potts, Messrs. John Gillespie, N. C. Love, G. Goulding, John Bailie, Charles Burns, Richard Brown, Thomas Flynn and Mr. Taylor of the Mayor's office. Mr. Gillespie read a communication from the Mayor enclosing a voluminous report by Mr. James Thompson of his recent visit to the "Wayfarer's Lodge" at Boston as a representative of the Law and Order League. A general discussion was indulged in touching the possibilities in the way of managing an institution similar to the Boston "Lodge" and the intent of the \$2,000 extra grant voted to the Board by the Council, when it was generally agreed, that so large an establishment could not be attempted in Toronto, and that the city authorities merely wished to test the practicability of "oakum picking" as a tramp employer and also to enlarge the lavatories. On motion of Rev. Dr. Potts a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gillespie, Love, Bailie, Burns and Brown, was instructed to examine the premises with a view to providing a place where the "tramps" of next winter could pick oakum, estimate cost and report to the Board.

#### Local Events.

The Dorset Mission Sunday school held an excursion to Lorne Park yesterday.

It was Mr. G. Deas, not Mr. Louis Deas, who addressed the Morse jubilee meeting on Monday evening.

A large excursion, being the Sunday school of St. Matthias' church, went to Long Branch to spend the day yesterday.

Tim Sheehan, who, it is alleged, stabbed Margaret Buchanan on Saturday night, was remanded yesterday until the 3rd July.

The members of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine disposed of their business yesterday and left for their homes last evening.

A blaze broke out in a pile of wood in the brickyard on Leslie street last evening, but was extinguished after very little damage was done.

The Berkeley street Methodist church Ladies' Aid Society held their annual excursion to Grimsby, on the steamer Greyhound, on Saturday.

Mr. Robert Moodie's house, on Ossington avenue, near Dewson street, was burglarized Monday night. The thieves got away with \$150 worth of jewellery including a gold watch.

The disorderly case against T. W. Ratham was dismissed yesterday. Alice Waghorn and Grace Hunt, charged with assaulting Mrs. Annie Tisdale, were in similar luck.

There was no change in the corsetmakers' strike yesterday. They have called a mass meeting of corset-stitchers for to-morrow evening at Temperance Hall to discuss the situation.

At the gaol yesterday morning a jury empanelled by Coroner Duncan rendered a verdict of death from natural causes in the case of Isabella Campbell, who died at the gaol last Monday night.

According to clause 2, chap. 3, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, Monday next is a legal holiday. The clause provides that when July 1 is a Sunday the 2nd of July shall be in lieu thereof a legal holiday.

The closing exercises of the Public schools will be held to-morrow, and in the evening at the Granite rink the presentation of prizes, medals, scholarships, etc., will take place. The annual Public school games are to be held at the Exhibition grounds on Friday, commencing at 10 a.m.

Another master plumber, employing two

men, signed the bill yesterday. Some who took back their men shortly after the beginning of the strike are now employing more than formerly. It is probable that masters and journeymen will meet soon to discuss the situation.

The Williard branch of the W. C. T. U. held a successful ice cream and strawberry festival on Monday evening at Cecil Hall, Spadina avenue. Rev. Dr. Parker presided, and together with Rev. A. F. MacGregor and Ald. St. Leger delivered capital addresses. The musical portion of the programme was directed by Prof. Bohner. A fair sum was netted from the receipts.

Signor Emilio Agramonte, the distinguished vocal teacher of New York City, arrived here yesterday, and has arranged with the Messrs. Nordheimers for the use of their rooms, where he will instruct his pupils. Signor Agramonte, being a celebrated authority on all matters pertaining to the voice, and voice production, his stay during the summer in Toronto will be a great advantage to all wishing information on these subjects.