

Sir Adolphe Caron was seriously injured in New York city early Wednesday morning by falling against an iron spiked railing on West 27th street. One of the spikes cut a great gash in his left cheek and ran from the chin to the ear. He was on his way to the Gerlach hotel, after having attended the Canadian Society's dinner.

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THAT PRINTERS' SUGGESTION.

Watson & Wilson, printers and publishers, were very much in need of a man. There was the new tax list, just awarded them by the populist county commissioners they had helped to elect, and they did not know a thing about the insanity-breeding problem of rule and figure work. They had learned the trade, like many another man in the country, and could set straight composition with anybody. Watson, indeed, had developed a talent for display lines, and could satisfy all the demands of Watertown merchants for envelopes and letter heads, and, by following the general form of ancient, well-borne specimens, could "do" sale bills to your heart's delight.

But who should save them from the pitfall of rules and figures. As they stood at the bottom of the stairway thinking of these things, they saw a stranger on the street—Watertown always looked twice at a stranger. This man was of medium height, slender, with the appearance of one who had flourished in cities, catching the style and the garments that are usual in the counter. His hands were stouter, and there was something about the right thumb and forefinger which proclaimed his craft at once.

"He's a printer," said Watson.
"He's seen the sign and is coming over," said Wilson.

The new man paused at the entrance way, read the cardboard office signs on the stairway, looked at the two men critically, and inquired:

"Any chance for work?"
"How did you know we were the publishers?" asked Watson.

"How did you know I was a printer?" asked the man.

In the afternoon he took charge of the delinquent list, and in half an hour they knew they were secure. He was a craftsman. He knew everything from bending rule to casting rollers. But he would not pull the hand press, and he would not work Saturday afternoon. They labored with him on these points; but he laughed and said he was past it.

He was given to jesting; and one of his happiest thoughts was to shoot a spray of water into the eye of an inquisitive citizen who wanted to see purple stars in a galaxy of dead type, vetted for distribution. He taught Watson & Wilson how to double their income from foreign advertisers by taking twice as much business as the paper could carry, and stop the press in time to lift out one line, and set in the other. It troubled their consciences—attributions which, he assured them, the foreign advertisers did not possess.

In a good many ways he enjoyed himself. It was clear to everyone that he held the town and all its belongings in something like contempt; but he was so amiable about it, so suave in his treatment of people that punishment was unthought of and antipathy was disarmed.

When Watson & Wilson began advertising for the Fourth of July celebration, the printer was ready to move. He had worked three months in one town, and was hungry for the city. They wanted him to stay. They sat down one day in June, when the "paper was off," and tried to argue it. He told them he must make a confession. There was a young woman in the town, sweetheart—a affianced he feared—of a man whom he regarded as his friend; and she had fallen upon him. She was very fair, and he soiled her upon him. She was very fair, and he soiled her upon him. She was very fair, and he soiled her upon him.

The Fourth of July had come. Wilson was master of ceremonies. Watson was leader of the band. People came in delegations from the country. There was a cannon on the bluff, and a float on the river. Wilson wanted something with which to load that 20-pounder. Gramming down wet paper was good in its way, but it didn't make noise enough. The printer suggested old roller composition. There were loads of it in the big box on the landing.

The country delegations were formed at the south of town, and must march through to the north—a pageant to delight the natives, and fill all rival towns with envy.

"Run down that roller composition," said the printer, "and they will hear your old cannon for fourteen counties every time he speaks."

Wilson did as directed. Watson came by with the band. Wilson pulled a very long rod of iron from the fire, ran across the open space and whipped the red-hot torch upon the powder-sprinkled touch-hole of the twenty-pounder.

The powder flamed into a geyser of fire.

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Applications will be considered by the undersigned for the purchase of the assets of the Nelson Sawmill Company, in liquidation, consisting of MILL MACHINERY, BUILDINGS, TIMBER LIMITS and BOOK DEBTS.

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

NOTICE

TO OWNERS, POSSESSORS, AND HARBORERS OF DOGS

Every person residing within the limits of the City of Nelson owning, possessing, or harboring a dog is required under by-law No. 5 of the City of Nelson to take out and pay the sum of two dollars for a license for each dog.

Licenses and tags for the current year may be obtained from the city clerk.

All persons owning, possessing, or harboring dogs and neglecting to take out licenses therefor, after the publication of this notice, will be prosecuted under the provisions of the said by-law, by order of council.

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

Notice of Dissolution of Co-partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, as partners in the hotel business known as the "Queen's Hotel," has been dissolved by mutual consent of the parties.

WILLIAM PERLÉ, FREDERICK RICHARDSON, R. S. LEMME, WILLIAM PERLÉ.

Dated the 25th day of April, A. D. 1898.

NOTICE!

All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to William Perlé, at Nelson, above said, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said William Perlé, by whom the same will be settled, if found correct.

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Special sale of waists in organdie, grenadine and Lafayette muslins, sizes 32 to 42, ranging from 50 cents to \$5 each. Shirt waist forms in all sizes and colors at 50 cents each.

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Very latest and most swigger effects in checks, stripes and plaids.

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See our special lines of ready-made clothing. Write for samples.

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Gold commissioner Dennis this week received a requisition from the residents of Kuskonook asking for an investigation into the conduct of provincial constable Forrester. Last week a squib appeared in the Kuskonook paper at which the constable took offence, and in connection with this he is accused of assaulting and beating R. M. Nisbet, the editor. There are also other charges made against the constable.

The meeting of the board of trade on Thursday evening was devoted to a consideration of the by-laws of the board. The new by-laws will be printed so that every member can be armed with them. The board passed a resolution asking the provincial government to make an appropriation for the Kuskonook creek wagon road.

Frank Tamblin has secured a stock of desirable house plants, which he is offering for sale at the office of the Nelson Wine Company, on Baker street. A considerable demand for house plants has sprung up in Nelson, and Mr. Tamblin is endeavoring to meet all requirements of the trade.

Mrs. E. C. Clarke entertained a large number of the patrons of the Clarke House and Queen's Hotel together with their friends at the Queen's last evening. Dancing was indulged in till an early hour this morning, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The occasion partook of the nature of an opening of the Queen's Hotel under Mrs. Clarke's management.

A man named William McKinnon is reported to have been drowned in the rapids of Telegraph Creek, near Glenora. It is believed by some that the unfortunate was William McKinnon, one of the Slocan pioneers, and a former partner of William Hunter, the pioneer steamboat man of Slocan lake.

J. J. Keller arrived in town this week from the St. Mary's river section known as Petty's camp. He says that there is so much snow in the neighborhood that nothing will be done until the middle of June. He reports eight feet of snow on the range between St. Mary's and Kootenay lake.

George Luther Lennox delivered a patriotic address at the Ymir celebration on May 24th, and the school kids in their best frocks sang themselves hoarse on "The Maple Leaf" and "God Save the Queen." An excellent program of sports marked the day's celebration.

The bodies of Napoleon Morris and John Dohman, the victims of the Ymir explosion, were buried in Nelson on Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. Robert Frew. Morris and Dohman were employed at the Wren mine on the south fork of Wild Horse creek. They were killed by the unexpected explosion of a shot which had missed fire.

A shed will be erected at the city pound for the retention of dogs upon which the city taxes have not been paid. Dogs that are not claimed by owners and taxes paid will be destroyed.

Alderman Hillyer has received the contract for the erection on Baker street of a three-story brick building for the Lawrence Hardware Company. The entire building will be used by the hardware company. It will be the first three-story brick on Baker street, and will serve as a good fire wall for the frame buildings on either side of it.

F. W. Swannell entered upon his duties this week as deputy collector of inland revenue for the Nelson district. Swannell's appointment will be satisfactory to everyone in Nelson save those who were after the job themselves.

"Bob" McCleod made an easy winning in the pole vaulting contest at Silverton on Tuesday. He glided over the stick at 8 feet as easily as at five. His nearest competitors fell out at 7½ feet.

The body of Charles K. Burritt was recovered from the waters of Kootenay river Friday afternoon about nine miles below Nelson. The body was discovered by George Manhart, bridge foreman for the Canadian Pacific railway. Burritt was drowned on April 11th while out fishing with W. McMorris, of the Miner staff. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, J. W. Thompson, chief of the fire department, of which Burritt was a member, having charge of the arrangements.

Rev. George Morden will preach his farewell sermon in the Methodist church tomorrow evening, when he will close a four year's pastorate. Mr. Morden has been assigned to the Rossland congregation.

Chief Justice Bigelow had the Nesbitt vs. Forrester assault case before him at Kuskonook this week, and enlarged it for one week.

A meeting of the citizens of Nelson will be held in the fire hall Monday evening at

Prepared Kalsomine and Ready Mixed Paints
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Full line now in stock of White Lead, Boiled and Raw Linseed Oil, Varnishes, Etc. Paint and Varnish Brushes.

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ON AND AFTER MONDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1898, MEATS WILL BE SERVED AT

25 cents at the Club Hotel

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8 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of dominion day. It is desirable that everyone should take an interest in this matter and attend Monday evening's meeting. Nelson will have the field pretty much to itself on dominion day, and an effort should be made to arrange such a celebration as will be remembered by every visitor.

A Frenchman named Louis Bogart, was brought to Nelson on Friday by constable Forrester. Bogart is supposed to be insane. In his possession was a letter from a Paris attorney, informing him that he had fallen heir to some \$17,000.

A change has been made in the running time of the Kaslo & Slocan railway trains. The train now leaves Kaslo at 8 a. m. and arrives in Sandon at 10.50 o'clock. Returning train leaves Sandon at 1 o'clock, and arrives at Kaslo at 3.50 p. m.

On Tuesday, June 9th, the votes of the ratepayers of the city will be taken upon four money by-laws. The people will make no mistake in recording their approval of all four by-laws. In the east ward the voting will take place in the city hall, and in the west ward at the office of J. Keith Reid, on Baker street.

"Billy" Perdue will make another trip to Dawson City. It is presumed that he has another meat deal on hand in connection with P. Burns & Co., of this city.

Rev. Robert Frew will preach upon the subject of War in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

When Gladstone's Tongue Failed Him.

A good story is told in the Life and Correspondence of the late archbishop Megee. Father Healey was once breakfasting with Mr. Gladstone, when the latter, ever ready for the usual argument, broke out with: "Father Healey, I went into a church in Rome once, and was offered a plenary indulgence for fifty francs. On what principle does your church grant such things?" But Father Healey was not to be drawn. He replied: "Well, Mr. Gladstone, I don't want to go into theology with you, but all I can say is that if any church offered you plenary indulgence for fifty francs she let you off very cheaply."

The Canadian Pacific Flyers.

If the proposed new C. P. R. time table goes into effect on the main line, some of the "flyers" on the U. S. roads will not be in it with the Pacific and Atlantic expresses. The C. P. R. will have transcontinental "flyers" which will make a flight from ocean to ocean. It is proposed to reduce the time across the continent to about 100 hours, a fraction over four days. The adoption of the new time table is contingent upon the settlement of certain questions now at issue between the C. P. R. and other roads.

The Railway Pass Trouble.

The Toronto World draws attention to the fact that while the sum of \$11,500 is appropriated by parliament for the mileage of members, all but a few hundred dollars of this sum will stay in the pockets of the members, nearly all of whom travel on railway passes. Members may somehow manage to square this state of things with their consciences, but on the surface it seems to be very little better than obtaining public money by false pretences.

Brigham's Son is Broke.

In the bankruptcy court in London on Thursday a receiving order was issued against J. W. Young, son of the late Brigham Young. His liabilities are \$1,000,000.

C. P. R. Traffic Receipts.

Montreal, May 25.—The Canadian Pacific railway company's traffic receipts for the week ending May 21st were \$511,000. For the same week of last year they were \$409,000.

Conditional.

As Molly nudged her flying bike,
While she breezes her tresses blew,
She turned to Dolly and said: "I like
A drooping musclic, don't you?"
Fair Dolly emitted a longing sigh,
And her wheel gave a tremulous sway,
As she straight proceeded to make reply:
"Yes, indeed; if it droops my way."

Dewey.

Oh, Dewey was the morning
Upon the first of May;
And Dewey was the admiral
Down in Manila bay;
And Dewey were the regent's eyes,
Then oris of royal blue;
And Dewey feel discouraged?
I dew not think we dew.

WANTED—A woman to take care of a two months' old baby. References required. Apply Box 71, postoffice.

The Corporation of the City of Nelson.**NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that the votes of the electors of the municipality on the following by-laws of the City of Nelson, will be taken on Thursday, the 9th day of June, A. D. 1898, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., viz:

By-law No. 32, "Waterworks Extension By-law."

By-law No. 33, "City of Nelson Cemetery By-law."

By-law No. 34, "City of Nelson Electric Light Loan By-law."

By-law No. 35, "City of Nelson Sewerage Extension By-law."

The votes in the East Ward will be taken at the city offices, and votes in West Ward at the office of J. K. Reid, on south side of Baker street, between Stanley and Kootenay streets.

Any male or female being of the full age of twenty-one years who is the assessed owner of land or of real property within the municipality, shall have a vote either confirming or negating the said by-laws in each ward in which he or she may be assessed for land or real property.

Given under my hand at the City of Nelson, B. C., this 27th day of May, A. D. 1898.
J. K. STRACHAN, Returning Officer.

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a friend for advice**Go to**
a woman for sympathy**Go to**
strangers for charity.
but for**Good Boots
and Shoes****Go to****The Queen Shoe Store**

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NOTICE

The general business hereto carried on under the firm name of John A. Turner & Company, and owned solely by the undersigned, has been discontinued. I have sold the Hardware stock to Mr. H. Byers, who will continue in the old stand with Hardware only. I have sold the Grocery and Glassware stock to Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Wilson, and bespeak for the above named firms the same liberal patronage that we have enjoyed. All accounts due the said John A. Turner & Co. are payable to me at my office, room 8, Turner & Boeckh Block, corner Baker and Ward Streets. All overdue accounts not paid on the 1st of June next will be placed with my solicitor for collection.

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| Men's Tweed Suits, " " 10, reduced to 7 |
| Men's Tweed Suits, " " 12, reduced to 8 |
| Men's Serge Suits, " " 16, reduced to 12 |

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