

10,000 pen holders, 10,000 pieces of blotting paper, 5500 bottles of mucilage, 900 quires of foolscap, 900 pieces of red tape, 100,000 bound books of election information, 1000 telegraph blanks, 7200 registration blanks, 9000 iron spindles for use as files, 13,000 envelopes, 5400 registry books, 7000 pay roll blanks, 7000 certificates of appointment, and 10,000 envelopes for notifications to officers of election have been provided. There are a number of other articles such as sealing wax, printed receipts, and strings to hold pencils at the polling places also provided for.

Under this law the election bureau is a permanent institution. The work starts in January, first with redistricting, which takes several months. Then comes the task of selecting election officials. It takes about 7000 to fill the places, but there are about 12,000 applicants. In October the election machinery is complete. Then comes the registration of voters, next the publication of their names, then election day, then canvassing ballots, then the report and the final printing. The last act in the drama is the payment of officials, which takes place early in December, so that the whole year is consumed by the election bureau. The Australian method has evidently some disadvantages.

### STREET CAR SYSTEM.

IN Toronto, Canada, all the street car lines are owned by the municipality. Some time ago when the city first acquired ownership, a cry was raised that the operating of these lines would be a demoralizing factor in local politics. One section of the community contended that the city was dipping into State socialism. Another section held that drivers, conductors and stable bosses would be all recruited from ward politicians, and that in a short time Toronto would become notorious for its political crookedness. Matters have taken a different turn altogether.

The Toronto authorities, after considering the situation thoroughly, have leased the lines to private individuals for a term of years, receiving as rent \$800 a year per mile of single track, or \$1600 per mile of double track, and 8 percent of the gross earnings. But the rates of fare are stipulated in the lease, so that the renters are not absolute. Workingmen's tickets must be issued at the rate of eight trips for 25 cents, and good before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Children under nine must be carried for half fare, and school children's tickets must be issued at the rate of ten trips for 25 cents. The returns for the first month show that the city treasury has received \$11,651. The workmen and public generally are satisfied, and it is to be inferred that the lessees of the roads are also making a profit.

Municipal authorities in American cities might do well to study the Toronto arrangement in the matter of street cars. As a rule charters are given to companies to use streets, and to dig and tear up pretty much as they like, and not a single restriction of any kind imposed. It is possible, however, that the renting method may disclose serious defects in the future. Of course, renters will not care much about main-

taining the structural and equipment departments in the best of order, but all this depends on the terms of the lease.

### NOTES.

Richard Golden, the actor, is trying the Keely bi-chloride cure at Dwight, Ill.

Bishop Gaines, of the African Methodist Church in Georgia, was once a slave.

The arrivals of Jewish immigrants in New York average about 10,000 per month.

Alphonse Daudet, the great French writer, is nearly blind. He is in very feeble health.

Great Britain has 2755 miles of sea coast line. Italy has 2472 miles. Russia comes next and France fourth.

The Cambridge Board of Aldermen has denied Harvard College permission to light the grounds with electricity.

A new novel by a Chicago author is entitled "Edgetools." This will be one of the Chicago articles that are dangerous to handle.

In Berlin the police are making nightly and daily raids on immoral places. The Emperor is credited with being the instigator of these raids.

Senator Brown is known as the "Richelieu of Georgia Politics." He is one of the richest men in his native State. He likes riches, it is said.

Owing to drought last season the people of Zacatecas, Mexico, are in want of food. Corn will be imported from the United States.

Eyewitnesses state that Turnbull, the "Baltimore" sailor murdered by Chileans, was actually pursued through the streets and stabbed.

Miss Tessie Fair, formerly of San Francisco, now Mrs. Oelrichs, of New York, has given birth to a boy weighing eleven pounds seven ounces.

Measures are being taken to transfer 1200 families of the Scotch Crofter fisherman class to British Columbia, where they can open up new fishing industries.

Michael Munkacsy is living in Budapest. He will receive 220,000 florins for the picture he is painting. It will represent the Magyars taking possession of Hungary.

Captain Fuentes, master of the torpedo boat that sank the "Encalada" says that torpedoes are useless against ships provided with electric lights and good lookouts.

T. B. McCutcheon, aged 40, a farmer living at Aberdeen, S. D., eloped with his wife's sister, aged 26. Mrs. McCutcheon and friends are in pursuit of the runaways.

Dr. L. Webster Fox found no color blindness in 100 Indian boys. Why not enlist the red men into the ranks of pilots and signal men as well as of soldiers?

There is danger of a Cabinet crisis in France. Francis Kaguard regards the division in the Chamber last Saturday as foreshadowing the fall of the Freycinet ministry.

The Newbill works at Birmingham make 10,000,000 pins a day. One

thousand five hundred tons of iron and brass are yearly turned into pins in England.

According to the latest figures of the British census the average wages of English miners is \$5 per week. That is what the tariff reformers want to bring about here.

There is talk of creating a faculty of medicine at Constantinople. The Sultan is negotiating with French physicians for the purpose. This will be the first of the kind in Turkey.

Some changes have taken place in the Board of Management of the Talmage Tabernacle in Brooklyn. Some of the members have been retired, but for what cause has not been distinctly stated.

Chilean refugees in Peru are becoming anxious. The Chilean government is now so self-confident that it is tearing a demand for the surrender of the refugees will be made. Peru is weak and must comply.

A recent theory about the Druidical remains at Stonehenge, England, is that they were used for astronomical purposes. There is one large stone which marks the rising of the sun on the longest day of the year.

The Emma Juch opera company was stranded in Indianapolis October 31st. An old judgment in favor of Montana parties was revived, and Miss Juch held for four hours. She gave a bill of sale of her property.

A Massachusetts thief found on entering the bedroom of the man whose house he was about to ransack that the inmate had a cork leg. He cruelly threw it out of the window, and then, feeling safe from attack, went through the premises at his leisure.

An organized gang of swindlers traveled through Minnesota and operated on farmers, making immense sums of money. They promised the farmers \$150 worth of goods for \$80, then took an initiation fee of \$5 and a note of \$80 and left.

The Emperor of Germany dined recently with the officers of the Life Guard corps. They began calling each other by their nick names. William commanded a young officer to tell what his (the Emperor's) name was, whereupon the young fellow blurted out "Gondola Willie."

Mrs. Magee, of Philadelphia, went to the funeral of a friend. When she saw the body she became very excited. She was nursing her baby at the time. A short time after the baby died. The doctors say it was owing to the excitement that the milk poisoned the child, it having undergone some chemical change.

### CURRENT EVENTS.

#### The Eleventh Ward Reorganized

A large and interesting meeting was held in the Eleventh ward meeting house last night, when the Bishopric of the ward was reorganized.

Elder Robert Morris was chosen Bishop, with Charles Livingston as his first and Isaac Sears as his second counselor. The appointments were all unanimously sustained and the brethren named ordained and set apart to