

THE WILY HACKMAN.

HOW THE STRANGER FARES IN HIS HANDS.

The case of the old Vermont gentleman, some time ago (as told in the 'Witness'), was charged fifty cents by a cart being driven to the Stanley Hotel at the Windsor station—a distance of five feet by actual measurement—was almost duplicated the other evening at the same station. A lady from Lowell came to the city to visit some friends on Versailles street. This street runs off St. Antoine, and is about a stone's throw from the station. The lady called a cab, and the driver proceeded along Notre Dame street west. Suspecting that she was being driven out of the way, she called to the driver, who subsequently, with many twistings and turnings, reached the proper destination. 'Seventy-five cents,' was his charge. The lady was indignant. The driver took fifty at last, but it was with great reluctance. The real fare was twenty-five cents. Cases of this kind are by no means of uncommon occurrence. When the hackman is well convinced that the fare is a stranger, he pretends that the address—probably in the vicinity of the station—is remote, and drives in a circle for about half an hour, finally pulling up at the address, and holding out his hand, asking for a dollar or seventy-five cents. The old Vermont gentleman alluded to, when he arose in the morning, and looking out of his bedroom window in the Stanley Hotel, perceived the Windsor station, nearly had a fit, and nothing would do him but he would measure the distance across the street. This he did with utmost solemnity, calling Constable Payne to be a witness to the circumstance. This done, he pulled out a note-book. 'Fifty feet—one cent a foot,' he muttered, with a grim appreciation of the sardonic humor of the situation. 'When I go home I will publish this far and wide as a memorial of my visit to Canada.'

To think that I have travelled pretty nearly all over the civilized globe,' murmured the old man, carefully replacing the note-book, after making the entry, 'only to be taken in in a one-horse town like this in Lower Canada.'

A cent a foot for traversing the streets of Montreal,' he repeated, softly, as he measured the distance between the hotel and the station with an inflammatory eye. Then he used shocking language.

Constable Payne has often urged travellers to possess themselves of the hackman's number when they engage a cab, but in the hurry, this precaution is generally forgotten. There are many honorable men in the hack service at the two stations, but there are black sheep who are on the watch to entrap the unwary.

A HEARTBROKEN EMIGRANT.

HER TRAGIC EXPERIENCE IN BRAZIL.

Mrs. Richard Colmer is sorry she lent a willing ear to the smooth-tongued Brazilian emigration agent, by whom she was persuaded to break up her home and try her fortune in a strange country. The poor creature has, however, a double reason for grief. Accompanied by her husband and four children, she left Canada with the body of emigrants who, refusing to listen to the remonstrances of their friends, were bound to test by experience the statements made as to lucrative employment, a balmy climate, and the idyllic garden in which one could sit at the cool of the day. She returned yesterday morning with her children, but without her husband. The latter was a bootmaker by trade, and obtained employment after considerable difficulty. This involved separation. Word was sent to the wife, some time after, that her husband had been stricken down with malarial fever. The news was not definite; the distance was great; she and her children were starving. Opportunity to return to Canada presented itself; the poor woman was torn by conflicting motives. She desired to go to her husband and nurse him. On the other hand, she did not know his exact location, and she had no means of supporting herself and her children. She took the offer of the British Consul, and yesterday morning she arrived at the Windsor station, travel-worn and desolate. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Bernard Tansy, herself and her children were temporarily provided for. She says she does not know whether her husband is dead or alive. Bitterly does she regret the day she was ever tempted to leave Montreal.

AN APPEAL TO NICOLET.

Mr. Gravel, Bishop of Nicolet, has in his turn addressed a circular to his clergy asking them to come to the help of the Manitoba Catholic schools, by means of subscriptions. Referring to the impossibility of the Archbishop of St. Boniface settling the recent settlement, the circular points out that one of the results of the one-half-hour of religious instruction after regular school time, would be to render religion distasteful to the children when they would see the little Protestant friends at play during that half-hour.

DEATH OF CAPT. COURSOL.

Capt. Coursol, a well known Montrealer, of the late Judge Coursol, died at his home this morning at his home. He was only a short time

THE HOUSE-LETTING SEASON.

A CITY PROPRIETOR'S VIEWS ON THE SUBURBAN QUESTION.

A large city proprietor, referring to the recent article in the 'Witness,' dealing with the conditions of house-letting for the spring, says that for himself he has, in not a few cases, lowered the rent for his tenants, rather than lose them. 'Any landlord will do that,' he said, 'rather than lose a good tenant.' With the building of so many houses during recent years, there is a disposition on the part of tenants to move in the hope of bettering themselves. Our people, indeed, have become quite nomadic in their habits, owing to the influence of this yearly moving usage. The landlord, when approached by good tenants who pay their rent regularly, will be glad to reduce the rent by a dollar or two so as to prevent this moving business as much as possible. There are many houses idle, no doubt, and there will be more; but let me tell you that this suburban business is pretty well played out. The thing became a fad, and a lot of people thought it lovely to live in the middle of a green field and cultivate the acquaintance of the ox-eye daisy, the brindle cow, and the hissing gander. It was all well enough in the summer, but when the snow began to fall, then they realized that the country, or the new suburb, without light, or water or proper heat, was rather a trial than a joy. Do you know that not a few people are selling their properties in the suburbs and coming back to town again? A reaction has set in. People want all the comforts they can get in this climate, and in the raw suburb, the plaster of which is not quite dry, it is found that there is neither gas nor water nor furnaces in the houses.'

ALD. SADLER.

THE NOMINEE OF THE ENGLISH ALDERMEN FOR A SEAT ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

When the City Council meets this afternoon a determined effort will be made by the English-speaking members to place Ald. Sadler of St. Antoine Ward on the Finance Committee. As is known, there are now only two English-speaking members on this committee instead of three.

The decision to try to place Ald. Sadler on this committee was arrived at at a caucus of the English-speaking members held last week. Unfortunately the English-speaking members are not a unit in this decision, as one of the members thought that Ald. Penny, who has been a member of the council for so long, should have received the nomination. This break in the party will, no doubt, be a source of weakness to it.

Speaking about the probable success of the English-speaking aldermen an old employee at the City Hall said this morning: 'So long as the English-speaking aldermen persist in holding caucuses from which the French aldermen are excluded just so long will they fail in removing the injustice that was done them a year ago when the English-speaking representation on the Road and Finance Committees was reduced. My reason for this opinion is that the French-speaking aldermen are in the majority, and, consequently, unless they favor any project put forth by the English it is sure to fail. It would not be hard, in my opinion, for the English to get their proper representation on the Finance Committee provided they would desist from holding fruitless caucuses and try in a friendly way to get leading French members to help them in their difficulties.'

The above opinion is largely shared by many French aldermen. On the other hand, it is well known that the Mayor and others have tried by private means to obtain justice for the English-speaking minority, but have failed.

The whole difficulty of the English getting proper representation on the Finance Committee is due to the presence of Ald. Savignac upon it, who at times has a penchant for voting against the French members. If Ald. Savignac would consent to withdraw from this committee the French members upon it would be willing to vote an English member in his place, but three English-speaking members, with Ald. Savignac on this committee would in no wise suit the present administration.

THE RESERVOIR.

Mr. Laforest, superintendent of the Water Department, stated this morning that in the spring the committee would spend several thousand dollars in repairing the walls around the McTavish reservoir. It would, however, in the superintendent's opinion, take nearly a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to put this reservoir in a thoroughly satisfactory state, as well as put a second pump in the upper level reservoir. There is still a leakage from the McTavish reservoir, but it is not considered serious.

A NEW PROGRAMME.

THE LINES TO BE HEREAFTER FOLLOWED BY THE 'PATRIE.'

To-day's issue of the 'Patrie' contains the programme which will be followed under the new management of the paper. The leading article referring to the matter, after stating Mr. Beaugrand's right to make of his journal a personal organ, points out that the new position of the 'Patrie' imposes upon it new duties and a different attitude. It will henceforth be its object to render more and more popular the programme that secured victory on June 23 last, and which is a programme of conciliation and peace between the different races that live in the land. It will energetically defend the fruitful views with which Mr. Laurier and his advisers are inspired, namely, equal justice for all, respect for religious liberty, assertion of civil liberty. The article then says:—'We shall avoid all that would be of a nature to increase the difference which has arisen between a majority of the bishops of our province and the majority in parliament—the majority of the electors. Moderation is not opposed to firmness, and history shows us that it has been, in all ages, one of the most powerful aids to progress. We should like to see religious peace in the Canadian family. That peace cannot exist if one or the other of civil and religious society renders itself guilty of encroachments.'

The writer then quotes Cardinal Newman's reference to the pastoral letter of the bishops of Switzerland on the rights of civil power, in his book, 'Difficulties of Anglicans,' which declares that the Pope is bound by the divinely revealed doctrine that by the side of religious society stands civil society, and by the side of the ecclesiastical hierarchy stands the power of temporal magistracy, having within their domain full sovereignty. The article then adds:—'If that definition of the limits of both powers was accepted by all in good faith the cause of our deplorable and ridiculous discords would soon disappear. We shall respect religious authority; we are Christians and Catholics. We shall be the defenders of political liberty; we are taxpayers, free men and British subjects.' The article closes by declaring that the 'Patrie' fully approves of Mr. Laurier's policy, and that it will help him in the work of pacification which he has inaugurated, which he will continue, and which he will successfully carry out.

CRAIG'S ROAD DISASTER.

THE G. T. R. COMPANY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES.

Judge Pagnuelo rendered judgment on Saturday in the case of Buzel vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Company. The plaintiff, a Pullman car porter, claimed damages on account of injuries received in the collision which took place on the company's line at Craig's Road, in July, 1895. The company pleaded among other things that by the terms of his engagement as a porter the plaintiff assumed the risk of all accidents. The Court, however, held that this could not relieve the company from the consequence of its own negligence and evidence showed that the accident resulted from the fault and imprudence of the defendant's employees. The injury sustained was serious, plaintiff's left thigh having been fractured, and judgment must go in his favor for \$1,000.

MONTREAL HARBOR.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL HINT.

The 'Patrie' says:—'The Hon. Mr. Tarte has been in the city since Saturday. He is accompanied by Mr. Coste, chief engineer of his department. The question of enlarging the harbor of Montreal is just now the object of serious thought on the part of the Minister and his officers. While the opponents of the government are busy with hypocrisy and false theology, we shall go on with progress and fruitful work. The future has in store splendid developments for our country—for our city. Montreal is the commercial, industrial and political centre of Canada. The government will do its large share to stimulate its activity.'

THE CITY SURVEYOR.

HIS HEAD MAY BE SPARED A LITTLE LONGER.

Many of the employees of the Road Department heard with pleasure this morning the rumor that owing to efforts which had been made in the case of Mr. St. George, city surveyor, the contemplated motion for his suspension would not now be put and the difficulty between him and the Road Committee will remain in abeyance until the return of Ald. Prefontaine from Europe.

BUTLER UP FOR EXAMINATION.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 8.—Butler, or Weller, as he is variously known, under arrest here, charged with many murders in Australia, was brought before Commissioner Hancock this morning for preliminary hearing on the application for extradition. It is probable the hearing will consume three or four days.

ACCIDENT ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Chicago, Cal., Feb. 8.—North-bound express on the Shasta division of the Southern Pacific Railway collided with the south-bound express at Nord station, near here yesterday. The tourist car attached to the latter was overturned, the sleeper forced from the rails, and the second class coach slightly damaged. Don M. Dickinson, ex-Postmaster-General and chief counsel for the United States in the Behring Sea claims commission at Victoria, was jolted out of his berth and slightly injured. The other passengers escaped serious injury.

A DINING CAR FIRE.

Manistique, Mich., Feb. 8.—The Canadian Pacific dining car 'Frogmore,' attached to the evening passenger train on the 'Soo' line, was discovered on fire just after leaving Hunt's Spur, twenty miles east of this place, and inside of fifteen minutes was entirely consumed. The sleeping car immediately behind also caught fire, as did the first class coach next forward, and the fire was with difficulty extinguished. All the clothing of the employees of the dining car was destroyed.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH ILL.

Gotha, Feb. 8.—The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, (Duke of Edinburgh), has suffered for several days with an attack of influenza, but is now somewhat better.

PROTESTANT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. MCGILLIVRAY.

The Protestant Ministerial Association met this morning in the Y. M. C. A. and was opened with the usual devotions. There were present the Rev. A. L. Therrien, president, in the chair, and the Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Graham, Hamilton, Hill, Reynolds, England, Heine, de Gruchy, Kelly, Nichols, Harris, Everett, McKillican, Fleck, Stevens, Dixon, Ross, Drs. Benson, Rose, Whittier and George. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dr. George and Dr. Whittier being present were introduced and asked to sit with the association and deliberate. On motion, the president was asked to appoint a committee to consider the question of celebrating Her Majesty's diamond jubilee and to report. The committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a suitable resolution regarding the late Rev. J. McGillivray, reported. The resolution was received and agreed to, and a copy was ordered to be sent to deceased's relatives. It is as follows:—

The Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal is deeply impressed with a sense of the great loss sustained by the recent transition to his rest and reward of our respected and much beloved brother, the late Rev. John McGillivray. He held so large a place in our esteem and Christian affection, that the grasp of his hand, the light of his eye, and the genuineness of his friendship are not, even yet realized as a pleasure all in the past, but rather as a sweet fellowship soon to be renewed.

The warmth of his Christian character and his loyalty to the cause of the Divine Master in all he did will long be gratefully cherished by the friends who knew him best. His address of welcome to the international convention of Christian Endeavorers, delivered in this city before an immense audience in 1893, is remembered as remarkable for ability, eloquence, judiciousness and happy appropriateness to the occasion. This association invariably anticipated pleasure and profit when our deceased brother was expected to read a paper on one of the books of the Old Testament, nor were they disappointed. His papers were prepared with great care, scholarly ability, and advanced thought of the orthodox type. They were characterized by a deep spiritual tone and great reverence for the Word of God. As an able minister of the gospel, a successful pastor, a trusty friend, and a most exemplary member of this association, Mr. McGillivray's memory will be long and lovingly cherished.

As a body we most cordially unite in expressing to Mrs. McGillivray in her bereavement and to his father, the Rev. A. McGillivray, and to his brothers, the Rev. M. McGillivray, in the United States, and the Rev. D. McGillivray, in Honan, China, mourning his loss in a distant land among strangers, and to the other members of the family, our warmest sympathy and condolence, in their sorrow, assured that he who gave so beautiful and useful a life to the Church of Christ will comfort them in their deep grief, and hallow and soften it by the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection and reunion.

The Rev. W. T. Graham read an able and exhaustive paper upon 'Immortality.' The arguments were strong and were tersely put. The points discussed were the unity of spirit, the testimony of conscience, the religious nature of man, and the belief of a future life among all nations. These were dealt with first. Then he took up the question in the light of the word of God and drew arguments from it as to the resurrection of the body, and the doctrine of future punishment. The paper was closely reasoned and logical from beginning to end and was warmly applauded by the members present.

A discussion followed in which the Rev. Messrs. Hill, Everett, Dewey, George, Ross, Dixon and others took part. The association closed with the benediction.

WANT THE RESERVE REMOVED.

RAT PORTAGE MINE OWNERS OBJECT TO THE PRESENCE OF INDIANS NEAR THEIR PROPERTIES.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Mr. A. W. Fraser, on behalf of the mine owners around Rat Portage, had an interview on Saturday with the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs. There is an Indian reserve which abuts on Rat Portage. The miners who are married will not bring their families to the place on this account. Another point mentioned was that in the event of a drunken brawl resulting some evening in an Indian killing a miner the report got out that the Indians had risen and were massacring the whites, and such a report would do incalculable harm in frightening British capital, a large quantity of which is expected to pour into that district in the spring. The mine owners want the Indians moved away to another reserve. In this case it so happens that the Rat Portage reserve was never confirmed by the Manitoba Government and if the suggestion is now made by Mr. Sifton that the approval should be withheld another reserve could easily be constituted. Mr. Sifton promised to look into the matter.

BRAZILIAN REVOLT SPREADING.

New York, Feb. 8.—The 'Herald's' correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the fanatical insurrectionists, under Conselheiro, have now six thousand well armed men, organized and concentrated in Bahia. The people in the rural towns are helping the fanatics with arms and money. Where this help is not given the vengeance of Conselheiro's band falls upon the settlers. In this manner more than sixty rich plantations have already been destroyed. The government has been informed that several foreigners have joined the fanatics and are pushing forward a more scientific military organization among them. Two small towns were pillaged and burned by the fanatics yesterday. In several skirmishes with the federal troops the latter were defeated. The fanatics have obtained steam launches and now patrol the rivers and streams in the districts where they are strongest. In this way the range of the devastation committed by them is extended, and the utmost terror prevails in that region. 'The press of Rio de Janeiro demand that the government immediately send a much stronger force to Bahia to overcome the fanatical movement. The Society of Spiritualists of Rio de Janeiro has sent a commission to Bahia to attempt to convince the fanatics that it will be well for them to submit to the government in temporal matters. It is again charged by the press of Brazil that the enemies of the Republic are the instigators of the outbreak.'

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE WILL NOT RETIRE FOR THE PRESENT.

London, Feb. 8.—The retirement of Sir Julian Pauncefote from the Washington Embassy and from the diplomatic service will not take place until the Venezuelan arbitration reaches a more definite phase, and the last possible difficulties in the way of acceptance of the general arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States are over.

The removal of Sir Philip Currie from the British Embassy at Constantinople at an early period is certain. The Right Hon. George N. Curzon, parliamentary secretary of the Foreign Office, defended him in the House recently against accusations from the Conservative side, but it is no secret that Lord Salisbury is dissatisfied with Sir Philip, and the Cabinet would concur in his transfer to some other post. A highly-placed prominent official of the Foreign Office told a United Associated Press's reporter to-day that the Currie difficulty had been under consideration for some time. A special envoy were sent, as proposed, to assist or replace him in the enormously important diplomatic struggle at Constantinople, Sir Philip would resign and retire. Lord Salisbury has a warm personal regard for him, dating back to the time when Sir Philip was permanent secretary of the Foreign Office. He wishes to continue in the diplomatic service, but it is difficult to place him after he has held a leading Ambassadorship.

If a long period of diplomatic quiet becomes the prospect at Washington, he might be sent there. Sir Julian Pauncefote succeeded Sir Philip Currie as permanent secretary of the Foreign Office, and they were the first officials in that capacity who were elevated to the rank of Ambassador.

TURNING COLDER.

Metereological Office, Toronto, Feb. 8, 11 a.m.—The following are the minimum temperatures—Calgary, 2; Edmonton, 14 below; Qu'Appelle, 6 below; Winnipeg, 16 below; Port Arthur, 6; Toronto, 32; Ottawa, 32; Montreal, 32; Quebec, 32; Halifax, 32. Probabilities for the next twenty-four hours—Cloudy to fair weather, turning a little colder.

MONTREAL, FEB. 8, 1897.

Readings by Herr & Harrison's Standard Barometer at noon to-day 29.81; yesterday 29.70; to-day, temperature, max. 37; min. 35; yesterday, max. 39; min. 35.

CANADIAN FAMINE FUND.

WILL PROBABLY AMOUNT TO OVER FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ROUTE TO HOUSE CANVASES TO BE MADE IN QUEBEC CITY—ONTARIO DOING WELL.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Indian Famine relief fund grows apace and up to Saturday night amounted to \$27,537, as shown in the books of Mr. J. M. Courtney, who is acting as treasurer of the fund during the absence of the Hon. W. S. Fielding. This, however, by no means represents the total subscriptions, which will probably reach over fifty thousand dollars before the lists are closed, without taking into account any contributions which may be made by the Dominion or Provincial governments.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 8.—Mayor Skinner has summoned a meeting of the citizens for to-morrow evening to consider what steps should be taken to aid in relieving the distress consequent on the plague and famine in India.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 8.—About \$3,500 has been raised here for the Indian famine sufferers.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—The total amount of the Indian famine fund here is \$3,112, of which Lieut. Governor Paterson mailed \$5,000 to the Governor-General.

Quebec, Feb. 8.—In all the churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, here yesterday strong appeals were made on behalf of the Indian famine sufferers and it was intimated that a house to house collection for the benefit of the fund would be taken up.

GREEK SQUADRON AT CANEA.

REFUSES TO SALUTE THE TURKISH FLAG—ANOTHER BATTLE IMMINENT.

Athens, Feb. 8.—Advices received here to-day from Canea say the Greek squadron has arrived at that place and that upon arriving failed to salute the Turkish flag, according to custom. The officer in command of the British warships at Canea paid a visit to the commander of the Greek vessels immediately upon their arrival.

The despatches also say that the Christians and Moslems at Retymo, Crete, are massing in opposition to one another and making all preparations for a battle.

London, Feb. 8.—A despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that rumors are in circulation there that the warships of the powers are bombarding the town of Canea, Crete. The rumor is discredited here.

London, Feb. 8.—Several British warships of the Mediterranean squadron have been ordered to proceed to Crete at once in view of the renewal of disturbances in that island.

A TRANSVAAL WARLOUD.

PREPARATIONS THAT BODE ILL FOR PEACE.

London, Feb. 8.—The adhesion of Germany and Great Britain to a common policy it had been hoped, would lead to abatement of aggression in the Transvaal, but advices received here announce the occurrence of a serious split between Dr. Leyds, the Secretary of State for the South African Republic, and President Kruger. The 'Vossische Zeitung' publishes a despatch from its correspondent in Pretoria which says that the fort works which have been in course of construction around the Boer capital are now being pushed forward to completion with feverish haste. The despatch also says that distrust in Great Britain is increasing everywhere in the Transvaal and a rapidly increasing war feeling has set in.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Rome, Feb. 8.—The Pope to-day attended a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius IX. His Holiness appeared to be in his usual state of health, and spoke in a strong voice as he pronounced absolution at the conclusion of the services.

That Prince Henry of Orleans, now figuring as a Monarchist allied to the present régime, should, on the eve of visiting King Menelek of Abyssinia, Italy's conqueror, had had an audience with the Pope is a curious page in a fresh chapter of French history, and is not the least remarkable sign of the force which the democratic Leo XIII. has brought to bear on the side of the republican government.

In spite of the almost angry official contradictions, it is unfortunately true that the Supreme Pontiff was found on Thursday evening unconscious in his chair in a fainting fit that lasted longer than any previous similar attack.

MR. KIRKPATRICK STILL IMPROVING.

London, Feb. 8.—Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick of Ontario is improving daily. The report that he was afflicted with cancer is wholly untrue. It was a twist in the intestines that necessitated the surgical operation, which, happily, was so successful.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Notices of births, marriages and deaths must invariably be endorsed with the name and address of the sender, or otherwise no notice can be taken of them.

Annual subscribers may have announcements of births, marriages and deaths without extended obituary or funeral notices.

BIRTHS. EAKIN.—At 8 Concord street, on Wednesday, Feb. 3, the wife of J. R. Eakin, of a daughter.

MARRIED. McINNES—BOYD.—On Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1897, in the Presbyterian Church, Montreal, by the Rev. T. H. Richards, Daniel John McInnes to Catherine Ann Boyd, both of Osgoode.

WHITE—SANSON.—At Little Trinity Church Toronto, on Feb. 3, 1897, by the Rev. Canon Sanson, rector, assisted by the Rev. George B. Ward, M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, Thomas Jay White, Esq., of Huntsville, to Helen S. Clair, third daughter of the late David Laing Sanson, of Melville Lodge, Orillia, and formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland.

DIED. ARCHIBALD.—Entered into rest, on Jan. 29, 1897, Ada Elsie, beloved wife of the Rev. E. Archibald, of Brandon.

COURSOL.—In this city, on the 8th inst., Captain Charles Joseph Quenesel Coursol, son of the late Judge Coursol, aged 40 years.

CULMER.—At St. Henri, on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1897, Henry Culmer, in the 51st year of his age.

BOYD.—At Chatham, Que., on Feb. 5, Ann Jane Boyd, beloved wife of John Boyd, aged 52 years.

BELL.—At Horbury, Wakefield, on New Year's Day, Jane Stewart, beloved wife of John E. Bell, and daughter of George Stewart, formerly of Kintleth Mill, Currie, Scotland.

HALL.—At Quebec, on Feb. 4, 1897, Charles J. Hall, yardmaster C.P.R., aged 36 years, beloved son of W. C. Hall, superintendent C.P.R.

MOUNTAIN.—At Albany, N.Y., on Feb. 4, 1897, at the residence of his cousin, Mrs. A. Jodoin, after a long and painful illness, William C. Mountain, son of the late Thomas Mountain and Angelle Thompson.

McCARHY.—On Feb. 4, 1897, at 228 Concession street, Ottawa, John P. McCarthy, of the Department of Inland Revenue, aged 35 years.

PENNINGTON.—At 426 Upper St. Charles Borromeo street, on Feb. 6, Caroline Annie, daughter of the late B. Rivet of Sorel, and beloved wife of Virgil Pennington, jr., aged 31 years and 9 months.

RODDEN.—In this city, on the 6th inst., Mrs. Mary Kilcoyne Rodden.

ROSS.—At Beaverton, Ont., on Feb. 1st, Robert Ross, aged 70 years and 5 months, native of Ross-shire, Scotland.

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The Daily Witness. MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 8. LORD PENRHYN'S QUARRIES. A VERY SHARP CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN ATTORNEY-GENERAL PELLETIER and Mayor Parent relative to the exhibition which Hall and Slavin had at the Academy of Music here. THE PUGILISTS CAUSE TROUBLE. A very sharp correspondence has been exchanged between Attorney-General Pelletier and Mayor Parent relative to the exhibition which Hall and Slavin had at the Academy of Music here. THE ANCIENT CAPITAL. Quebec, Feb. 8.—The 'Soleil' claims that there is no truth whatever in the report that Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick has failed in his mission to Rome. It also says that he will not sail for Canada before Saturday next.

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James A. Ogilvy & Sons THE LARGEST EXCLUSIVE DRY GOODS HOUSE IN MONTREAL. St. Catherine Street and Mountain Street. A few days later a social was held to welcome the new pastor. The welcome appears to have been most enthusiastic. The Rev. Mr. McLennan was presented with a pulpit gown, cassock and bands, a pulpit bible and psalm book, and a cheque for five hundred dollars. A silver tea and coffee service was presented to Mrs. McLennan and bibles were given to each of their children. A large number of ministers from the Highlands and the city spoke warm words of welcome to 'Auld Reekie.' WAS SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS. Allegheny, Mich., Feb. 8.—Edward J. Wagner, village clerk, shot himself through the heart at his office in the City Hall, on Saturday. He was short in his accounts between three hundred and five hundred dollars, it is said, but the exact amount is not yet known. He used a shot-gun, tying a string to the trigger. He is also said to be short in his A. O. U. W. accounts. He was the finance keeper of the local lodge and about thirty-five years of age. He leaves a widow and three small children. His father committed suicide several years ago at Three Rivers. Wagner was in the custody of the village marshal last night at the latter's home. He came down town with him this morning. Wagner asked permission to go to his office in the city hall to write a letter. On reaching there he committed the terrible act. He had been clerk for four years and was well and favorably known. KOCH'S INVESTIGATIONS. Berlin, Feb. 8.—Doctor Koch, the eminent German bacteriologist, has telegraphed here from Capetown that he is returning home with a newly discovered serum, which will lessen the force of rinderpest. In the meantime, he says, he is unable to state whether or not he will be able to prevent animals from being infected with the disease. He has demonstrated that sheep and horned cattle are the most liable of all animals to contract the disease and that dogs, monkeys and rodents enjoy immunity from it. Dr. Koch wires that he is not going to Bombay to study the bubonic plague, which is raging there, despite the fact that he has been asked to head the committee which is to be sent to Bombay for that purpose. FLOATING PALACE FOR THE QUEEN. New York, Feb. 7.—The Glasgow correspondent of the New York 'Times' says—The new steam yacht to be built for the Queen has given rise to wonderful dimensions and fanciful details. The yacht is to be a twin screw, with an over-all length of four hundred feet and a beam of fifty-two feet. The Helleville boilers are to be large enough to drive the steamer at twenty-three knots, but for ordinary steaming twenty knots are to be guaranteed. The plans of the new yacht are already complete, but her construction is to occupy two years. The yacht is, of course, to be built of steel, and is to be only a yacht, and not a sham ironclad like the huge steam yachts of the Czar and Emperor William. MARRIED IN CHICAGO. Chicago, Ills., Feb. 6.—Miss Marion Peck, eldest daughter of Mrs. Harold S. Peck, was married at high noon today in St. James' Episcopal Church, to William Ryckman Farquhar of London, son of Admiral Sir Arthur Farquhar. FREE OF DEBT. Kingston, Ont., Feb. 8.—The last week brought forth the announcements that both the Zion Presbyterian Church, Pine street, and the Calvary Congregational Church, Charles street, have been cleared from debt, a good condition of affairs in view of the times. Both were started as mission churches, but have since grown to be self-sustaining.

SPORTS AND GAMES.

SHAMROCKS VS. QUEBEC.

SATURDAY WAS A FIELD DAY IN SPORTING CIRCLES.

The Shamrock and Quebec hockey teams met for the first time this season on the Victoria rink last Saturday. Owing to the warm weather and the skating in the afternoon the ice was rather soft and rough. The Shamrock team was making a good run of the puck, looking as if he was going to make a hot shot for goal, he would run with the puck. At other times when the puck was running up in good shape for team play, the puck in passing would be retarded by the ice, and the pass spoilt. The game was singularly free from that slashing with sticks and heavy body checking which has been so prevalent in the last few matches. The Shamrocks had it all their own way from start to finish. Dobby, Brown and Smith playing at a great rate of speed and once in a while combining. Wall did not seem to pull himself together till the second half, when he played well. Steven, Belcourt and Pagnuelo put up a splendid defence. The Quebec game lacked any kind of connection and as they were individually slower than their opponents this proved fatal and the Shamrocks piled up a score of eight games before their opponents put in their first. Then the former put in one more, making the final score: Shamrocks, 9, Quebec, 1.

The teams were as follows: Shamrock—Pagnuelo, goal; Belcourt, pt.; Stephen, cover; Wall, Brown, Smith and Dobby, forwards. Quebec—Steeking, goal; Scott, point; Waterson, cover; Swift, Doyle, Swift, and Scott, forwards. Umpires—C. Smith, A. Cameron. Referee—W. Barlow.

LANCASTER VS. ALEXANDRIA.

The Lancaster hockey team defeated the Alexandria Club on Friday afternoon by a score of seven to one. It was noticeable that the home team was stronger in skating and could raise the puck very much better than their opponents. While the score is somewhat one-sided there was very good play in evidence. Mr. J. McLean performed the duties of referee with commendable precision and firmness. The players occupied the following positions: Lancaster—J. S. Raydel, captain, cover; Andy McDonald, point; J. McGillivray, center; Purbar Harkness, center; D. Macpherson, left wing; John Fraser, right wing; John Harkness, goal. Alexandria—P. Charlebois, cover; A. Launier, point; J. McDonald, center; B. Dawson, center; P. Lauzon, left wing; Joseph Corbett, right wing; A. Charlebois, goal.

LILIES VS. ST. JAMES.

The Lilies and the officers of the St. Methodist Sunday-school had a very exciting game of hockey in the Prince Arthur Rink on Saturday evening last at 7 o'clock, the score being four goals to one in favor of the former. The following were the teams: Lilies—A. B. Dawson, goal; J. Mellis, point; H. Grier, cover point; C. Lunan, C. McKinnon, C. W. King, E. Wilkes (capt.), forwards. St. James—A. Millen, goal; A. Lee, point; W. Geraghty, cover point; G. Cornell, J. Dale, A. McBride, E. Earle, forwards.

A CLOSE GAME.

The Kensington and Parkside hockey teams met in a friendly game on the Parkside Skating Rink, Montreal Annex, on Saturday afternoon, the former winning by a score of two to one. The visitors disputed the third game which was scored by the Parkside. The home team appeared to have the best of the play in the second half and tried hard to even the score, but were unable to do so. The following were the teams: Parkside—G. Lyons, goal; W. Silcock, point; A. C. Wilson, cover point; J. Riva, W. Lewthwaite, W. Hull, R. Lewthwaite, forwards. Kensington—R. Vallance, goal; W. Bullen, point; H. Tugger, cover point; Scott, A. Brodie, J. Brodie, R. Ralph, forwards. Referee—H. Powers. Umpires—R. Lewthwaite and C. Riva.

FOOTBALL.

The Point St. Charles Institute Football Club will hold their annual concert on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the O'Brien Hall, which promises to be the best given there this season, as the services of prominent artists have been secured for the occasion. The concert should be well patronized, as the boys have been a credit to the 'Point' last season winning the Caledonia Society's cup, as well as the three championships of the Canadian Football Association.

CURLING.

Had a pictorial representation been made of the Montreal rinks on Saturday night, the artist in composing the picture would have had to give much attention to the non-constant element, as well as to the contending players. The shutting up of the Heather Club House for the night, owing to the bad condition of its ice, swelled the number of rinks, but the chief reason for the large number of onlookers was undoubtedly the intense interest in this M.A.A.A. trophy match, now being a trial of war between Heather and Montreal. The contending players, though only sixteen in number, played well. Before a crowd which knew the game thoroughly, and took an interest in every shot, they were played with attention, and often by the most hearty plaudits, these sixteen curlers could not do their best. Montreal played a steadier game at the commencement, soon began to lead, and keeping this up all through, finished with a majority of seventeen points. The remainder of the match is, of course, delayed until the next frost.

Table with curling scores for Montreal, Heather, Rev. A. J. Mowatt, K. Ferguson, W. T. Bailey, L. T. Leet, G. Brown, P. Brown, C. W. Dean, R. Thomson, Ronald, J. Stewart, A. W. Roberts, G. Blackwell, F. N. Southam, N. D. McLeod, H. E. Smith, G. W. Wood.

THE WHEEL FOR 1897.

THE CYCLE EXHIBITION SHOWS WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE.

Exhibitions with cycle shows at Chicago and New York to introduce all the new features in bicycles and sundries for 1897, many of which have been kept under cover, to the general public, till the advance sheets that manufacturers have issued show that they will be the standard gear, made up of a twenty-tooth front sprocket and a thirty-tooth sprocket in the rear. Seven of the new sprockets have always been the standard, and they will still be used, but they have been superseded in popularity by eight-tooth sprockets, and with nine teeth will also be used for years. Exhaustive tests have demonstrated that the minimum of friction is attained with the eight-tooth rear sprocket, and one-half inch will now rate six, seven, and eighty and a twenty-

three and one-half inches will be the most popular.

A PAPER BICYCLE WEIGHS TWENTY POUNDS—PAPER SADDLES TOO.

A paper bicycle has now invaded the field. One is now in use in London. Paper fibre similar to that sometimes used in the manufacture of railway car wheels, is employed for tubing. The bicycle weighs twenty pounds and is as strong as any in use. A factory is said to be contemplated for the production of bicycles of this sort. A paper saddle is the latest. The body is made of absolutely nothing but paper. By a series of processes, and at a high pressure, the paper is formed into shape and into a solid body. It is then rendered waterproof and receives a highly enamelled finish. A novel feature is that the surface of the saddle is so amenable to a glossy enamel that an unequalled glossiness of finish is obtained, the color varying to suit the taste, thus rendering it possible to match in finish the enamel on the tubing of the bicycle. The saddle weighs nine ounces, and is fitted with the ordinary steel spring.

CARNIVAL AT THE PARKSIDE RINK.

The fancy dress carnival held at the Parkside Skating Rink, Montreal Annex, was a complete success, the fine weather attracting a large number of skaters. The ice was in splendid condition, and a fine band was in attendance. The rink was very prettily decorated, and the costumes were varied and pretty. Among those present, were the following:

LADIES.

Edith Person, milkmaid; Miss Nichol, night; Jessie Smith, gypsy; M. O'Brien, morning star; B. Hildreth, tambourine girl; A. Rivers, Marguerite; L. Walters, Mary Queen of Scots; Mrs. A. Willis, summer; C. Burnett, harlequin; W. Robertson, queen of hearts; Alice White, flower girl; A. Brown, Joan of Arc; F. Clarke, Red Riding Hood; A. Walker, fancy dress; C. E. Hull, shepherdess; L. Grimdale, Spanish lady; S. Grier, Dolly Varden; A. M. Small, disagreeable; Kate Hildreth, grandma's pet; C. Jones, Tilly; A. Flanagan, daughter of Erin; Maud Clarke, sweet girl; graduate; B. Denman, folly; N. Hildreth, Dolly Varden; Mrs. R. Lewthwaite, nurse; Ethel McNaughton, daughter of the regiment; Miss Erskine, Spanish lady; H. Wilson, queen of roses; Lillie Russell, queen of night; H. Grimdale, poppy; F. Grimdale, holly.

GENTLEMEN.

R. Carmichael, tramp; John Anderson, a southern gentleman of the 18th century; A. Smythe, Li Hung Chang; W. Cook, dominion; P. Rivers, jockey; E. Watters, fancy dress; John Russell, something foolish; W. A. Willis, snowshoer; M. Ryan, Irishman; Alex. Brown, Robin Hood; M. Small, yellow kid of Hogan's alley; R. A. Nixon, last of the barons; J. Norman, Weary Willie; J. Martin, Highlander; T. H. Greenbank, domino; W. Hull, snowshoer; Robert Perry, nigger; Richard Bailey, barber; S. Jones, dago; L. Smith, fool; H. Gray, Nephelios; R. Lewthwaite, moon; W. Lewthwaite, a policeman; H. Riva, Japanese lady; J. Riva, Paganini; George Grimdale, fireman; Edwin Bailey, 20th century girl; Randall Bailey, Little Bo-Peep; C. Lewthwaite, butcher; R. Lewthwaite, frog; Roland Greenbank, Red Riding Hood; Harold Greenbank, clown; C. A. Riva, Mexican; Hugh Scott, retired gent; James Scott, cowboy; H. Welch, George Washington; C. Galarneau, unknown; J. T. Hart, fancy dress; George Lyons, modern century girl; Harry Grimdale, dandelion; A. Hannaford, Yankee; Charlie Clarke, John Bull.

CHESS.

ST. DENIS VS. Y.M.C.A.

These clubs met at the St. Denis rooms on Saturday evening for the return match of the interclub series. The home team scored five games to the visitors' three, as follows:

Table with chess scores for St. Denis vs Y.M.C.A. including players like J. Pelletier, E. G. Smyth, C. German, J. Fish, H. Bertrand, H. E. Midgley, W. Kurrle, S. M. Munn.

With only two matches remaining to be played, the standing of the four clubs in the contest is now as follows:

Montreal, 27 1/2 wins; St. Denis, 23 wins; Y.M.C.A., 19 wins; Heather, 13 wins. It will thus be seen that to capture the first place the St. Denis Club would have to defeat the Montreal when they meet on Feb. 20, by a 1 1/2 games, which is improbable. To secure third place the Heathers would have to take no less than six games from the Y. M. C. A. Club next Saturday, which is also unlikely to occur. It is equally hopeless for the Y.M.C.A. to think now of second place, for this cannot come about unless the St. Denis and the Heather Clubs win only one and one-half games between them in the matches of Feb. 13 and 20. It is likely, however, that the conclusion of the contest will see less difference between the St. Denis and the Y.M.C.A. than between the Montreal and St. Denis, or Y.M.C.A. and Heather. Those knowing something of the conditions have from the start held the opinion that the only real contest was between the St. Denis and Y.M.C.A. clubs for second place. The match between the St. Johns and Heather chess clubs came off on Saturday at the rooms of the latter when Messrs. W. Vanhook, W. H. Kirk, J. Solovay, E. B. Kirkham and E. C. Pratt for the Heathers, made the creditable score of five games to none.

SHOWALTER VS. PILLSBURY.

New York, Feb. 7.—Articles of agreement have been signed for a chess match between Jackson W. Showalter, of Kentucky, and Harry N. Pillsbury, of Brooklyn. The match is for a total stake of \$2,000, and the player who wins eleven games before his opponent shall have won six shall be declared the victor. The games will be played at the Hamilton Club in Brooklyn. The opening game will be played on Monday.

LASKER BEATS TSCHEGORIN.

New York, Feb. 7.—Lasker and Tchigorin played a game of chess in St. Petersburg yesterday. Tchigorin opened with an Evans gambit. Lasker won after fifty-seven moves.

BOATING.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 8.—The Wachusett boat club, of which he is a member, voted at a meeting yesterday to send Edward H. Ten Eyck, son of the Veteran oarsman, to the Herley regatta, July 14, 15 and 16. Young Ten Eyck won the intermediate amateur championship in the National regatta at Saratoga, Aug. 13, 1895.

THE PISCATORIAL COON CLUB.

The Piscatorial Coon Club held their seventh annual drive and dinner on Wednesday, St. Vincent de Paul being the place where the latter took place. The attendance was large, though a few members had been unable to be present through sickness. Leaving the city about ten o'clock in the morning St. Vincent de Paul was reached about 11 p.m., where dinner was served at Charbonneau's Hotel, Mr. Edward Gannon presiding. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, and at 6 p.m. the party left for Cotuit, where supper was served. The whole party reaching their homes about midnight.

COMMISSIONERS COMING EAST.

MESSRS. KING AND PETERS REACH SAN FRANCISCO EN ROUTE FOR HOME.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Supreme Justice King of Canada, British sealing commissioner, and Mrs. King, and Miss Rema King; the Hon. Fred Peters, Premier of Prince Edward Island, who is Queen's Counsel and chief British commissioner for the commission; Mr. T. L. Beique, Q.C., associate counsel, and Messrs. T. P. Owen of Canada, and Cecil Clay and Samuel Small of Maine, official reporters, arrived in this city on Saturday. They came from Victoria, B. C., where they have been in session since Nov. 24, hearing the claims of the sealers for losses of vessels. A mass of evidence has been collected, which would fill many printed volumes. Mr. Bodwell has remained in Victoria, so it was explained, to assist preparing the British argument. Mr. Justice King said the claims presented approached \$500,000 in all. On June 16, as he stated, another session of the commission will be held in Montreal where the various members will be gathered together again. The commission has been in session continually since November and a vast amount of work has been done. 'We shall all leave on Monday for the east by way of Ogden and Denver, except Mr. Beique, and Messrs. Owen, Clay and Small,' said the Justice. 'They will return east by way of New Orleans.'

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 8.—Mr. Don M. Dickinson, chief counsel for the United States in the pending international inquiry into the amount of damages due to British sealing vessels on account of seizure by United States cutters in the Behring Sea, arrived here last night from Victoria, B.C. When the United States commissioners first appeared in Victoria, said Mr. Dickinson, they were looked upon in their official capacity with very great disfavour. The witnesses introduced to give testimony favorable to the side of the United States were tabooed and were generally made to feel that they were very unpopular with the people of Victoria. But notwithstanding all these disparaging conditions, the United States commissioners were able to bring out all the facts they wished to establish. This antagonistic feeling in Victoria was one of the very important factors. It is estimated that fifteen per cent of the total business capital of Victoria is invested in the sealing business. Those primarily interested are all sailors and men engaged in marine business, but their success and their misfortunes have an effect upon the whole community, particularly when it comes to taking sides in an international controversy. In private social life Mr. Dickinson found the people of Victoria most courteous and entertaining.

RUSSIAN CENSOR'S FUNNY MIS-TAKE.

London, Feb. 8.—To any one accustomed to the black arts of the mysterious and irresponsible Russian censorship, it will occasion no surprise to hear of the recent rebuff suffered by three eminent French Academicians. Still there is something distinctly humorous in the position when one remembers that the efforts of genius, now objected to by an Imperial censor, presumably as improper publications which must not cross the Russian frontier, were composed in honor of their Imperial Majesties, and were recited in their presence to their evident satisfaction. That this official or secret group of officials should be dully ignorant of any literature or art is to be expected, but that they should know so little of contemporary history as not to recognize words spoken to their own master by his most friendly hosts should, one would almost imagine, suggest to the astonished autocrat that the time was about ripe for doing away with the censorship altogether.

THE PRINCE OF WALES BUYING LAND.

London, Feb. 8.—The Prince of Wales is buying large tracts of land in the Dartmoor district, apparently intending to form an extensive deer forest and hunting region. To obtain the necessary purchase money he has through his agents disposed of South African and other securities. There are signs of a marked clearing up in the Prince's financial affairs. Any sums he owed to Baron Hirsch, Sir Albert Sassoon, and others have been paid off. These debts never amounted to anything like the large sums generally reported. The Prince is now able to invest largely in land.

LUMBER COMBINE IN THE WEST.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 8.—It is announced here that the large mills of the North-West, including Washington and British Columbia, are to be brought under the control of a new lumber combine, which is being formed for the purpose of controlling and extending the foreign lumber trade and the maintenance of uniform lists and grades. This organization will be the successor of the Central Lumber Company, which recently went to pieces after endeavoring to exercise a like supervision over both foreign and coastwise markets.

A SON OF JUDGE GAGNE DEAD.

Chicoutimi, Que., Feb. 8.—Pierre A. Gagne, eldest son of the Hon. Judge Gagne, and a Laval student, died here about nine o'clock this morning.

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MISS BICKFORD'S DEATH.

Dundas, Ont., Feb. 8.—The following verdict was rendered on Saturday in the case of Miss Florence Bickford, who accidentally met her death on the morning of Jan. 27, while boarding the train for Hamilton: 'While we are of opinion that the deceased was to some extent responsible herself, we consider that the employees of the railway did not use the care and watchfulness that their duty as employees demanded, and their carelessness was in a great measure the cause of death. We also find that there is a very imperfect system of keeping a uniform time and that the manager and company are guilty of a very gross breach of their agreement in not enforcing the rules governing their employees.'

DEATH OF A BRITISH GENERAL.

London, Feb. 8.—General Sir Wilbraham Oates Lennox is dead. Gen. Sir Wilbraham Oates Lennox, K.C.M.G., V.C., was born in 1830, entered the Royal Engineers, 1848; became captain, 1857; major, 1858; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1859; Colonel, 1867; Major-General, 1881; Lieut.-General, 1888, and General, 1893; retired, 1895. Served in Crimean campaign, 1854-56; in the Indian Mutiny campaign, 1857-58; was present with the German army in the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-71; was military attaché in the Turkish army in Bulgaria during the Turko-Russian war, 1876-77; commanded the garrison at Alexandria, 1884-87, and the troops at Ceylon, 1887-88, and was director-general of military education, 1892-95.

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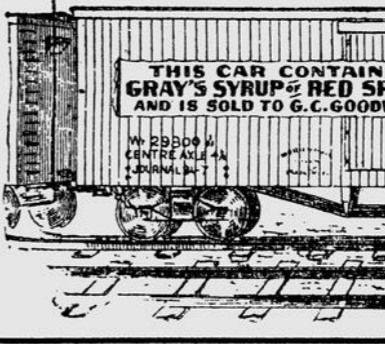
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McGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY OF UNDERGRADUATES.

The eighth regular meeting was held on Friday evening in the Medical Building, the president in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the following names were nominated as honorary members:—Dr. Martin, proposed by the secretary, seconded by Mr. Grace; Dr. Oeler, proposed by Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Rose. The programme for the evening was then taken up and was as follows:—Paper, 'On Evolution,' Martin Powers, B.A.; paper, 'Intestinal Digestion,' A. H. Gordon; paper, 'Feeding of Infants,' W. A. Rose; paper, 'Vascular Compensation,' Allister Smith, B.A. The papers were of great merit and well deserved the enthusiastic appreciation with which they were received. Dr. Mills was present and congratulated the gentlemen on the admirable nature of their papers, and expressed the great satisfaction he felt in the good work the society was doing. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the gentlemen who had helped to make the meeting such an interesting one.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Hercule Fautoux, hardware merchant, assigned on Saturday at the demand of J. N. Marcell, with liabilities of over \$40,000. Napoleon Dorval, proprietor of the Vancouver Hotel, assigned on Saturday, on the demand of Henri Dubois, with liabilities of about \$6,000. The well-known tea firm of Thomas Doherty & Company, McGill street, has suspended payment and their affairs have been placed in the hands of Messrs. Riddell & Common, accountants. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Thomas Doherty, sole owner of the business, who has been ill for some time and consequently unable to give his affairs the time and attention they required. No statement has yet been prepared, but the liabilities are placed in the neighborhood of \$56,000. It is hoped that the firm will be enabled to resume business before long.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN HAS GOUT.

London, Feb. 8.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, is confined to his bed by an attack of gout.

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A peculiar drowning occurred yesterday at St. Hubert, County of Chambly. A man employed by Mr. Isidore Lacoste, Louis Arpin by name, while engaged in thawing out the pump of a well with lighted straw became suffocated by the smoke and fell in. Mr. Lacoste handed Arpin a pole, which he at first grasped, but a minute after let go and was drowned. The remains were conveyed to the city morgue, where Coroner McMahon examined witnesses privately this morning and concluded that the deceased came to his death through his own imprudence.

THE OFFER WAS SUFFICIENT.

In the case of Cusson vs. Reid, et al., the plaintiff claimed damages for the flooding of his property by water coming from defendants' quarries. An offer of \$25 had been made by defendants and in rendering judgment on Saturday Judge Gagne held that the offer was sufficient and he dismissed the action for the surplus, with costs of contestation against the plaintiff.

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. G. Smythe, who represents Messrs. A. & S. Nordheimer, has been called to a more important part of the service of this old and well known music firm in their head office, Toronto. Mr. Smythe will move to Toronto shortly, and will leave many well-wishers in Montreal.

The following gentlemen were introduced on 'Change on Saturday last:—Major J. S. Dunbar of Quebec, by Mr. W. M. Blacklock; Messrs. Sam Finney of Detroit by Alex. McFee, J. W. Wylie of Almonte by James Scott, John Donnelly, jr., of Kingston by J. M. Kinghorn; William Riley of New York by Jas. J. Riley, jr., and D. D. McBean of Valleyfield by G. M. McBean & Co.

Weekly Calendar.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
WINDSOR HALL.
Illustrated Lecture
ROYAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN, LABRADOR MEDICAL MISSION, SEAL FISHERIES, ETC.
 With Stereoscopic Views.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

IRISH PROTESTANT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S
OLD TIME POPULAR CONCERT
WINDSOR HALL.
Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 1897.
PROGRAMME:
 Chairman's remarks—Mr. J. H. McKEOWN
 Quartet—Kathleen Mavourneen
 Miss DALY, Mrs. KELLOND, Messrs. PAUL and WILLIAMS.
 Violin Solo—Irish Selections
 Mr. C. REICHLING.
 Soprano Solo—Thady O'Flynn
 Miss LOUISE DALY.
 Recitation—Selected
 Mrs. BELLE HARRINGTON HALL.
 Address—His Worship the Mayor, R. WILSON SMITH, Esq.
 Quartet—The Last Rose of Summer
 Miss DALY, Mrs. KELLOND, Messrs. PAUL and WILLIAMS.
 Bass Solo—The Minstrel Boy
 Mr. J. MARSHALL WILLIAMS.
 Violin Solo—Irish Selections
 Mr. C. REICHLING.
 Tenor Solo—Come Back to Erin
 Mr. ROLAND PAUL.
 Address—The Very Rev. DEAN CARMICHAEL.
 Soprano Solo—The Meeting of the Waters
 Miss LOUISE DALY.
 Recitation—Selected
 Mrs. BELLE HARRINGTON HALL.
 Duet—Flow Gently Deva
 Messrs. PAUL and WILLIAMS.
 Accompanist—Mr. W. J. BIRKS.
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 Popular prices, 25 cents and 50 cents.

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LECTURE
AUSTRALIA,
 By Rev. Dr. WHITTIER.
 Calvin Church Lecture Room,
TUESDAY Evening, February 9, 1897,
 at 8 o'clock.
 Admission, ADULTS, 15c. CHILDREN, 10c.

EAST END METHODIST CHURCH.
SACRED CONCERT,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1897.
S. P. ROBINS, L.L.D., Chairman.
 The following artists will take part:
 Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. McLeod,
 Miss Miller, Miss Robins,
 and the Misses Terrill,
 Mr. E. S. Peacock, Mr. McLeod,
 Mr. Dunn,
 Master Fred Wiley, the Boy Soloist.
 TICKETS 15 CENTS. COME!
 Proceeds in aid of Sunday School Library.
 Piano kindly loaned by C. W. Lindsay.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS.
 Christian workers are cordially invited to attend a series of meetings, to be held in the Evangelistic Hall, 244 St. Catherine street, on **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS**, at 2.30 o'clock. The following subjects will be taken up:
 Feb. 9—The Secret of Guidance.
 Feb. 16—Who to do with Burdens.
 Feb. 23—Christian Stewardship.
THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL.

PROTESTANT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.
 The adjourned Annual Meeting of this Institution will be held in the Long Room, Mechanics' Institute on **TUESDAY, Feb. 9,** at 4 o'clock p.m., for the reception of the Annual Report and for the transaction of any business that may come before it.
WM. RUTHERFORD, Hon. Sec.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.
WINDSOR HALL.
SIEVEKING,
THE GREAT DUTCH PIANIST.
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Weekly Calendar.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.
MCGILL UNIVERSITY.
 A series of EIGHT LECTURES on the Transmission of Power will be delivered in the Applied Mechanics' Lecture room, Engineering Building, from 8 to 9 o'clock, on Fridays evenings, commencing Friday, February 12th:
PROGRAMME OF LECTURES.
 Lectures 1 to 4—The Transmission of Power by Compressed Air, by Professor Nicholson.
 Lecture 5—The Distribution of Power by Steam, by Professor Durley.
 Lecture 6—The Transmission of Power by Gas, by Professor Nicholson.
 Lectures 7 and 8—The Transmission of Power by Wire Ropes, by Professor Durley.
 These lectures are open to the public, the fee for the course being \$1.00. Tickets may be obtained from the undersigned.
J. W. BRACKENRIDGE, B.C.L.,
 Acting Secretary.

FUTURE MEETINGS.
THE CANADA ACCIDENT ASSURANCE CO.
 Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Canada Accident Assurance Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 20 St. Alexis street, Montreal, on **WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of Feb.** Instant at 12 o'clock noon, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.
T. H. HUDSON, Secretary and Manager.
 February 6th, 1897.

THE DOMINION BURGLARY GUARANTEE CO. (LIMITED).
ANNUAL MEETING.
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Dominion Burglary Guarantee Company, Ltd., will be held at the office of the Company, 181 St. James street, on **Wednesday, 17th Day of February, 1897** at 10.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, the election of directors, and general purposes of the Company.
JOHN A. GROSE,
 General Manager.
W. J. KIRBY,
 Secretary.

LATIN PLAY,
'The Rudens of Plautus,'
ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
FEBRUARY 19th and 20th.
 The box office at the Academy of Music will open at 9 a.m. on **MONDAY, Feb. 15th,** for the sale of reserved seats. Souvenir tickets in Latin with exchange coupon may be obtained on and after the 5th instant at Nordheimer's, Shaw's and Lindsay's Music Stores, and at the Secretary's Office, McGill University.

BUTLER IS WEAKENING.
 San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Frank Butler, the Australian murderer, today took Constable Conroy into his confidence and told him more of the details of Captain Weller's murder than have been told any one else. He told Conroy that at least two men beside himself had an intimate knowledge of Weller's murder and that he would cause their arrest after arriving in Sydney. He told him that the real murderers of Captain Weller had prevailed upon him to accept the effects of the dead man. He says the murderers whom he had as his companions forced him to take Weller's valise and its contents and he, never dreaming that anything would ever come of the case, consented. He very earnestly begged the aid of the Australian officer to clear up the case as he was sure that by telling the truth and having his accomplices arrested he would escape the gallows by becoming a Queen's witness. The murderer is concealing much that he will probably give out in a day or two, as he is weakening under the strain. The police can see a great change in him and they think that before he is taken back to the colonies he will tell the whole story.

GLENGARRY PATRONS.
 Alexandria, Ont., Feb. 6.—The annual meeting of the Glengarry Patrons of Industry held here was largely attended. Mr. I. D. McVieche, the president, was, owing to illness, unable to attend. Mr. Jamison Campbell of Apple Hill, acted as chairman. After the usual routine was gone through with, the following new officers were elected: Mr. D. D. Munro, Martintown, president; Mr. Francis Trotter, Lochiel, vice-president; Mr. John H. McCrimmon, Kenyon, secretary-treasurer; Mr. D. F. McLennan, second Charlottenburg and Mr. Donald J. Chisholm, auditors; Alexander Cameron, delegate to Grand Association. An energetic lot of young farmers were elected on the executive committee of each township. Addresses were delivered by the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. D. M. McPherson, Patron M.P.P., and Mr. I. Lockie Wilson. The speeches were listened to with marked interest by the large crowd of farmers present. A strong resolution was carried unanimously, asking the government to take steps to have railway rates regulated by an independent commission such as has been done in England, the United States and Australia. After singing 'God Save the Queen' the meeting closed, with cheers for the new Minister of Agriculture.
MAJOR PATTERSON AN APPLICANT.
 Major A. T. Patterson of the 85th Battalion is an applicant for the adjutancy of the Bisley team.

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The Daily Witness.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1897.

A DANGEROUS GAME.
 The war upon all independent civic servants goes on. Mr. Davis was got rid of because he would not play into the hands of his committee. Mr. Robb and Mr. St. George were, some weeks ago, made the objects of the most contemptible attacks to be found on all the records of our civic life, when it was proposed by certain small-souled bigots to raise the salaries of all the French-speaking officials and to lower those of the only remaining English-speaking ones. The theory of these people evidently is that the minority may have the privilege of paying almost two-thirds of the taxes but, because they are a numerical minority, they shall have no share in the administration. The aldermen who voted for that despicable proposal were Alderman Savignac of St. Louis Ward, the mover; he had been elected by the support of many English-speaking electors; Alderman Renault of the same ward, for whom the same is to be said; Alderman Wilson of St. Hochelaga, Alderman Ouimet of St. Jean Baptiste, and Ald. Brunet, of St. James. All these, except the last, had the approval of the Good Government Association. The attack at present centers on Mr. St. George for having macadamized certain properties in St. Mary's Ward that were expropriated under irregular legislation and improved by irregular action on the part of the Road Committee. If Mr. St. George has made a mistake it has been in being too ready to regard the commands of his committee as his law. In carrying out his instructions in the case in question he acted as he has been unfortunately in the habit of doing on verbal orders, so that he has now no formal order to show for his course although documents which have been printed in the 'Witness' show not only that the committee knew what was being done but that they understood it to be done under the committee's instructions. This slipshod way of doing business is the bane of our civic system, which mixes up the enacting and the executive functions of the council to a degree that it is almost impossible to fix the responsibility for any act. It is always hard to take a stand against long established use, or even abuse, especially if one has been a party to it for twenty years, but an official who values his independence should take a stand against carrying out any but written instructions. Had Mr. St. George done this the men for whom he acted would not now be able to turn upon him and lay the whole onus of the irregularity upon him and hound him for it like a pickpocket. The usual method of warfare is being adopted against Mr. St. George by securing the columns of a newspaper called the 'Presse' in which to publish repeated diatribes against him, couched in the language of vulgar abuse, with the effect of leaving on the minds of the readers of that paper that this Anglais is the impersonation of all villainy. It is to the credit of the majority of the council that it voted down Alderman Savignac's attack on the salaries of two long-tried and well-trusted public servants, and we presume that this attempt to offer Mr. St. George as a sacri-

fice for the sins of those who gave him his orders will meet the same fate at the hands of men who cannot be deceived like the public as to the real character of this attack.

WARDS OF CHRISTENDOM.
 (To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—The following item of news and the information cabled from Turkey, will interest many of your readers:—The National Armenian Relief Committee recently forwarded to Turkey \$35,000. They have just received a cable message from the International Committee at Constantinople, of which the British Ambassador is chairman, acknowledging the remittance, and stating that the funds in hand are entirely inadequate to meet the awful suffering and destitution, and that careful investigation has shown that not less than forty thousand children have been made orphans by the late massacres. These 'Wards of Christendom' can be easily saved from starvation or debasing enslavement in Moslem homes, and can be cared for at the rate of a dollar a month, but thousands will perish before spring unless generous gifts are sent at once.

SPENCER TRASK,
 Chairman,
FRED'K. D. GREENE,
 Secretary,
 National Armenian Relief Committee.
 New York, Feb. 2, 1897.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

At the young men's meeting on Saturday evening the delegates to the recent convention at Ottawa gave reports. Their five-minute impressions were bright and practical. Messrs. A. Arthur, F. Hodgson, George Woodley, A. Stirling, W. F. Chapman, C. K. Calhoun and the Rev. Mr. George of Belleville spoke of the various phases of the meetings, such as the interest in the railway work through the presence and testimony of the engineers and firemen as delegates from York, Ont., the educational class work and its broader application through unifying the courses to be taught and the examinations to follow, and the added interest in bible study through the daily studies as given by Pastor Schofield of Northfield, Mass., each speaker agreeing that this was the most prominent feature of the conference. The speakers said they had determined to give themselves more earnestly to the study of the bible and to personal work for others, and called upon those present to co-operate. At the bible class on Sunday afternoon over eighty young men met for the study of lessons in Genesis, and the turning point in Jacob's life was discussed, when the angel wrestled with him and he prevailed.

At 4.15 Dr. Asplund, who is associated with Dr. Grenfell in the Deep Sea Mission on the coast of Labrador, gave a most interesting address. He referred to his three years' service in India as a medical missionary, and called upon all to unite in effort and prayer for that famine-stricken people. The missionaries had all been united in special prayer for a blessing, and he felt sure that if the Christian heart of England and America now responded to this appeal a great wave of spiritual blessing would follow this calamity, and thousands of the heathen would be led to accept the gospel of Christ.

KNOX CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The annual festival of Knox Church Sabbath-school was held on Friday evening in the lecture room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the scholars, parents and friends turning out in large numbers. Tea was served from 6 to 7.30, the chair being promptly taken at eight o'clock by the superintendent, Mr. Walter Paul. After the opening exercises the chairman made a few remarks, after which the secretary's report and also that of the treasurer were read, which showed the school to be in a flourishing condition, all the schemes being ahead of the previous year. Then followed an interesting programme of songs and recitations by the scholars. The event of the evening was the presentation of prizes, which were numerous, including two gold medals to the Misses Agnes and Annabella Erskine, daughters of Mr. Thomas Erskine, for not having been absent a single Sunday in ten years. The medals were very pretty and of unique design, having been purchased in England. As the scholars filed out of the room, each one received a box of candies and an orange, which ended a very pleasant social evening.

AN OLD RESIDENT OF ST. HENRI DEAD.

Just before the morning service at St. Simon's Church, St. Henri, yesterday, the rector and wardens of the church were apprised of the death of one of their esteemed and faithful co-workers, Mr. Henry Culmer. His illness was of short duration and he passed away quite unexpectedly and peacefully. Deceased was an Englishman by birth and came to Canada at a very early age. He was employed for a number of years by Messrs. Dawes & Co., who lose a trusted employee. Mr. Culmer was a faithful worker in the church and the congregation will greatly miss him. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn his death. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 to St. Simon's Church.

TRADES UNION BUREAU.
PROPOSAL BY MR. BURNS FOR STRENGTHENING THE HAND OF LABOR.

London, Feb. 6.—Mr. John Burns, M.P., to whom no one, except some of his jealous associates of the Trades Union Parliamentary Committee, denies honesty of purpose, recently asked the approval of that committee to the appointment of a permanent trades union bureau. Mr. Burns has himself styled this bureau a trades union cabinet, but he seeks to disarm the opposition of the Parliamentary Committee by subjecting his cabinet to the control of that committee. The purpose of the new bureau is to interfere in the settlement of trades disputes and lockouts, to secure from the various unions financial help for strikers, to initiate and watch labor legislation in parliament, and generally to form the permanent executive for all unions. Obviously such a body would effectively command the action of the trades unions and would supersede the most important functions of the parliamentary committee. The men composing this permanent executive, if it is ever constituted, will occupy a position of exceptional power in politics. Mr. Burns says that it could do much in the way of lobbying to counteract the perfect organization of the employers in the House of Commons. Members of the parliamentary committee, however, who are not likely to get a place on the permanent executive, will oppose the formation of a body which would oust them from their valuable prerogatives as lobbyists. Mr. Burns's scheme is now being considered by the respective trades unions. He asserts that a majority of the unions will approve it, and that its adoption by the coming Trades Congress is certain. It may be that he is over-confident, but if the congress does not eventually agree to the creation of the bureau, a new and potent force will operate in British politics and in all questions affecting the relations of capital and labor.

PRINCIPAL GRANT ON ARBITRATION.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 8.—Principal Grant of Kingston has commenced a series of talks to the Y.M.C.A. He discusses the gold mining speculation and the treaty of arbitration with the United States, in the first lecture. With regard to the latter, he says:—'The United States' past record in encouraging settlements by arbitration make it strange that the Senate should take exception to the present action. What the result would be he could not infer; there was a strong opinion that they would either reject or mutilate it. In either event, however, the fact remained that there was a great force of God-fearing, peace-loving men behind the treaty, which would assert itself sooner or later. The objection to King Oscar of Sweden as an arbitrator on the ground that he was a monarch, was nothing but a slap in the face to the people of Sweden, who were as devoted to their King as any British subject to the Queen of Great Britain. He hoped that the Senate, for the honor of the country, would not reject or mutilate the agreement.'

WANTS OF WELLAND FARMERS.

Welland, Ont., Feb. 8.—At a public meeting of farmers held in the Court House here, resolutions were passed asking for the abolition of the Dominion Senate, asking for an amendment to the Ontario assessment act, assessing railway telegraphs, electric lines, telephones and other properties at their full value. Condemning the bonus for a fast Atlantic service, also for a cold storage, as a waste of public funds, claiming that all these enterprises should be done by private capital, and the money given by the government to promoters of private enterprises; and calling for the taking from the banks the right to issue bills, all bills to be issued by the government. All these resolutions are to be presented in Parliament.

THE SURPRISE KILLED HIM.

Hubbell, Neb., Feb. 8.—Louis Keiser, an old soldier, has been for the past fifty years a helpless paralytic, his sole attendant being his aged wife. Some time ago he applied for a pension. Congressman Hainer visited Mr. Keiser and endorsed his application. He wired the veteran Saturday that his bill allowing him seventy-two dollars a month had passed the Senate and only awaited the signature of the President. The news was gratifying, but the shock was too much for Mr. Keiser and he died yesterday.

THE PORTUGUESE CABINET.

Lisbon, Feb. 7.—The new Ministry, to replace the Robeiro Cabinet, which resigned Friday, owing to the fact that it was unable to deal with the economical and financial situation now existing, will include Senhor Luciano de Castro, who will be Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior; Senhor de Barros Gomes, Minister of Marine and also Minister of Foreign Affairs, pending the return of Senhor de Carvalho from the Quirinal, where he is now Minister Plenipotentiary, and Senhor Frederico Garcia, Minister of Finance.

HAMILTONIANS GONE WRONG.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 8.—At the meeting of the Public Library Board, Mr. W. F. Burton, ex-chairman, will introduce a by-law to throw open the building on Sundays. In connection with this matter, a petition is now going the city rounds, asking for the opening of the library not only on holidays but on Sundays as well.

ONTARIO PATRONS.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GRAND ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—Interest in the approaching annual convention of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry of Ontario, is being manifested. Several important changes are imminent and the projected departure to the North-West of the acting grand secretary-treasurer, Mr. George Wrigley, will necessitate another change in that important office. When the attempt to wreck the Patron Order was made by the dismissed secretary, who placed all his documents and columns of aspersions at the disposal of the Conservative machine managers on the eve of the Dominion elections, Mr. Wrigley was appointed to fill the unexpired term, and without any doubt could easily have secured re-election, probably by the unanimous vote of the Grand Association delegates, had he not recently determined to go west. He has devoted himself to reorganizing the association throughout the province, and with such success that despite the experiences and Patron defeat in the general elections, only seven subordinate charters have been surrendered. The provincial policy respecting the talked-of Ontario elections will probably be the matter receiving chief attention, and a decision arrived at respecting the number of constituencies in which to nominate Patron candidates. It seems probable that the question of adding prohibition as a plank to the Ontario Patrons of Industry platform, will not be sufficiently voted upon to make its addition obligatory, owing largely to the prominence which the tariff question has of late been occupying in Patron circles. The Grand Association, however, may take special action on the prohibition question, especially as the Patron leader in the Ontario Legislature has just spoken strongly in favor of prohibition. The Patrons of Welland County will hold a convention in the grand jury room at Welland next Tuesday, to appoint and instruct their representatives to the Grand Association, and the provincial secretary announces that a large number of similar county gatherings have been held this week. The Victoria County Patrons will meet at Lindsay on Feb. 13. The Muskoka District, Bruce and Stormont County Patrons of Industry convention will be held on Feb. 9. Mr. Valers, grand auditor, has given notice that he will move at the Grand Association Convention for a change in the time of the annual convention, from the last Tuesday in February to the first or second week in September.

OBITUARY.

Little Falls, N.Y., Feb. 6.—The Rev. Father Michael J. Dineen died at his home in this city this morning of consumption. He was thirty-three years old and was educated at the Ottawa University, Ottawa, Canada. He was ordained at the Troy Seminary and was assistant pastor of the Catholic Church at Greenbush, N.Y., for three years.
 Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 6.—Mr. Richard Pope, Deputy-Commissioner of Patents, died here this afternoon. He was seventy years of age.
 Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 6.—Wm. McRoy, the popular and well-known proprietor of the Parkdale Hotel, above the Clifton House, died this afternoon. He had been ailing during the past few weeks with a complication of diseases, the principal trouble being neuralgia of the heart. The immediate cause of death, however, was pneumonia. Mr. McRoy leaves a wife and six children, the oldest a daughter of twenty years, and the youngest five years.
 St. John, N.B., Feb. 7.—The Rev. James C. McDevitt, for almost fifty years priest in charge of the city of Fredericton and surrounding parish, died this morning. He was a native of St. John, and in 1847 was in Quebec city studying the French language when the outbreak of ship fever took place at Grosse Isle. Several priests who went there to assist the sick, died at the post of duty, and among the first to respond to the call for volunteers was young McDevitt. He was ordained a priest at eight o'clock in the morning, and half-an-hour later was on his way to the quarantine island, where he labored day and night for weeks until he himself was stricken down with the fever. He did not recover fully for three months.
 Bowmansville, Ont., Feb. 7.—Dr. Lamiman, a prominent physician of this place, was found dead in his office yesterday morning, resulting, it is thought, from an overdose of chloral. He was thirty-eight years of age.
MADAME ALBANI.
 Vancouver on Saturday saw the closing concert of the Allani Operatic Concert Company in their tour from the extreme east to the extreme western points of Canada. The tour has been a most successful one, so much so, in fact, that the Australian one has been postponed for the present, and Madame Albani and her company will make a return trip. Her appearance in Montreal will be on Feb. 25 at the Monument National.
THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.
 Toronto, Feb. 8.—The Ontario Legislative Assembly opens on Wednesday. The reply to the speech from the Throne will be moved by Mr. Patullo, and seconded by Mr. Auld.

A CANADIAN WINS.

Skating Championship of the World.

MCCULLOCH THE AMATEUR CHAMPION AND NILSSON THE PROFESSIONAL CHAMPION.

CREATING AN ENTHUSIASTIC SPECTATORS.

The success of the first day of the annual meeting of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada developed great interest in the events. The first day was contested under the most favorable circumstances, the weather being fine and the ice perfect. The most famous skaters in the world were present, except Eden and Johnston, and professional records were broken and amateur records equalled. On the second day the weather was as unfavorable as that of the previous one was propitious. There was a dampness in the air from early morning and about noon a storm came up and snow and sleet fell heavily. Those interested in the races became uneasy and trembled at the success of the events. Fortunately the storm was over by two o'clock and it was quite evident that the ice had not suffered, and that record skating was not to be expected. Notwithstanding this the large grand stand of the M. A. A. rink was crowded with spectators early in the afternoon and when the referee, Lieut.-Col. Henderson, with the judges, Messrs. Ross, Freeman and Davidson, appeared on the ice accompanied by Mr. Louis Rubenstein, honorary secretary, and the umpires, scorers, timekeepers, starters and other officials they were greeted by a rousing cheer.

The skaters themselves soon appeared, and it was not long before the track had suffered from the mild weather and snow. They found a rough and rather soft ice where the day before there had been a hard, glassy sheet. They glided around gracefully and easily, a style contrasting widely with their racing form. Skaters are not graceful when they race, on the contrary they throw their hands behind their back and double up, and the nearer the skater's nose comes to the ice the faster he seems to go. Their movements were watched with curiosity, and those who were familiar with them pointed out John Nilsson of Minneapolis; the Norwegians, Nass and Lordahl; Julius Seyler of Davos, Switzerland; Rudd of Minneapolis, and John McCulloch of Winnipeg, whose achievements on the previous day had been remarkable.

Among these representatives of European, American and Canadian skaters it is a difficult matter to determine what physical attributes were to be expected in a fast skater. Nilsson, the American, is of medium size, with a finely developed chest, and limbs of symmetrical proportions; Nass and Lordahl, the Norwegians, are slight young men, and the former is rather short in stature; Seyler of Switzerland is very tall and thin, while McCulloch, the Canadian, is of medium height and of very muscular proportions. It is the fact, no doubt, that speed in skating is attained by endurance and physical superiority.

Coming to the long programme before the judges started the races promptly at the appointed time.

THE 1,500 METRES RACE.

The international amateur 1,500 metres race was the first on the programme. Moore and Plikie were the first skaters, but as they did not meet with an accident he was unable to finish. Moore covered the distance in 2:42.5. Green and Lee were the next pair, the former leading from start to finish. Davidson made the distance in five seconds less time than his companion. Moore, Seyler and Nass skated a very fine race. They changed places several times in the first three laps, and then Nass took the lead and maintained it to the finish. McCulloch and Lordahl skated a strong race, the former winning. It was found at the finish that McCulloch and Nass had scored the same time, 4:22.5 in this race, and it was arranged for them to skate off the tie. This was the most exciting event of the afternoon. Nass got off the quicker at the start, but McCulloch was at his elbow before the first turn. Nass was in the lead when they first passed the grand stand, and both skaters were doing so well that it seemed as if a record would be broken notwithstanding the poor ice. When turning towards the grand stand on the second lap the Canadian took the lead, and was loudly cheered as he passed the spectators a half lap in advance of his opponent, but Nass soon passed him, and it cost the Canadian a tremendous effort to secure the advantage again, but he succeeded in doing so, winning by 2-5 of a second.

Summary of race:— C. E. Greene, Smith's Falls, N.Y. 2 Times—2:48 2-5, 3:08 4-5.

Second pair— J. Moore, M.A.A.A. 1 A. E. Plikie, Toronto 2 Times—2:42 2-5, 2:52 2-5.

Third pair— J. Davidson, Toronto 1 H. H. Merritt, St. John, N.B. 2 Times—2:47 2-5, 2:52.

Fourth pair— J. K. McCulloch, Winnipeg 1 J. Nass, Christiania 2 Times—2:42 2-5, 2:52 2-5.

Fifth pair— J. K. McCulloch, Winnipeg 1 J. Nass, Christiania 2 Times—2:40 4-5, 2:41 1-5.

HALF MILE PROFESSIONAL.

Moore and Rudd opened the half mile professional race. Rudd was an easy winner, Davidson proved no match for Nilsson, and Seyler beat Moshier by 2-1-0 seconds.



NILSSON BREAKING THE WORLD'S RECORD FOR 5 MILES—TIME 14: 47.

but fell a little short of Davidson's time.

Summary:— First pair— Olaf A. Rudd, Minneapolis 1 W. T. Letts, Hoboken 2 Times—1:24 4-5, 1:27 1-5.

Second pair— John Nilsson, Minneapolis 1 Harley Davidson, Toronto 2 Times—1:17 1-5, 1:20 1-5.

Third pair— Joseph Donoghue, Newburg, N.Y. 1 H. P. Moshier, Storm King, N.Y. 2 Times—1:20 3-5, 1:22 4-5.

10,000 METRE RACE.

The 10,000 metre international championship was a very tedious affair. The only interesting part of it was the heat between McCulloch and John Davidson. McCulloch set a tremendous pace, and Davidson followed him up so well that he nearly succeeded in beating Seyler's time.

Summary of race:— First pair— Julius Seyler, Davos, Switzerland 1 C. E. Greene, Smith's Falls 2 Times—20:42 1-5, 21:23 2-5.

Time by laps—46, 1:30, 2:18, 3:05, 3:53 2-5, 4:42, 5:32, 6:21 1-5, 7:11 2-5, 8:00 2-5, 8:52 3-5, 9:42 2-5, 10:34, 11:25, 12:16, 13:06, 13:57, 14:48, 15:40, 16:31, 17:23, 18:14, 19:04, 19:53, 20:42 1-5.

Second pair— J. K. McCulloch, Winnipeg 1 John Davidson, Toronto 2 Times—20:02 2-5, 20:43 2-5.

Time by laps—45, 1:30, 2:16, 3:04, 3:52, 4:43, 5:28, 6:12, 7:03, 7:50, 8:38 2-5, 9:23, 10:10, 11:00, 11:49, 12:37 1-5, 13:27, 14:17, 15:07, 15:57, 16:47, 17:34, 18:25, 19:15, 20:02 2-5.

FIVE MILE PROFESSIONAL RACE.

The great work of Nilsson in this race was the event of the day. Letts and Rudd were the first team, and the former won easily. Nilsson and Donoghue were the second pair. There seems to have been some jealousy between these two men, and the former was evidently determined not only to defeat his opponent, but to give him a very bad beating. Perhaps it is due to this fact that Nilsson broke the world's record and made a show of Joseph Donoghue, beating him nearly two laps. Considering the disadvantages of poor ice and strong wind Nilsson's achievement in establishing a world's record of 14:47 for five miles may be regarded as wonderful, and was more than his most enthusiastic admirers expected. Summary:— First pair— Olaf A. Rudd, Minneapolis 1 W. T. Letts, Hoboken, N.J. 2 Times—15:10 1-5, 16:45 4-5.

Time by miles—2:58, 6:05, 9:07, 12:12, 15:10 1-5, 16:30 2-5.

Second pair— Harley Davidson, Toronto 1 H. P. Moshier, Storm King 2 Time—16:30 2-5.

Time by miles—2:58, 6:15, 9:33 2-5, 13:13 2-5, 16:30 2-5.

x Moshier did not start, and Davidson went over the course alone.

Third pair— J. Nilsson, Minneapolis 1 Joseph Donoghue, Newburg, N.Y. 2 Times—14:47, 16:54.

Time by miles—2:45 1-5, 5:43 1-5, 8:42 3-5, 11:47, 14:47.

220 YARDS RACE.

This race, for the amateur championship of Canada, was run in three heats, and resulted as follows:— First heat— D. Browne, Shamrock H.C. 1 A. E. Plikie, Tecumseh, L.C., Toronto 2 N. S. Mitchell, Montreal 3 Tom Moore, M.A.A.A. 0 Time—21 3-5.

Second heat— W. Coldwell, Crystal S.C., Montreal 1 W. H. Merritt, St. John, N.B. 2 T. Mathews, M.T. & S. C., Montreal 3 F. B. Irwin, M.A.A.A. 0 C. E. Greene, Montreal 0 Time—20 1-5.

* This equals Canadian record.

Final heat— D. Browne, Shamrock H.C. 1 W. H. Merritt, St. John, N.B. 2 E. H. Plikie, Tecumseh L.C. 3 W. Coldwell, Crystal S.C. 4 Time—21 4-5.

The style of the skaters in this 'clap' contrasted strongly with that noticeable in the long distance skating. The strokes were shorter and quicker, and the arms of the skaters moved faster than their legs. Montrealers took great interest in Mr. D. Browne of the Shamrock Hockey Club, and were glad to see him win. Plikie, Toronto's only representative in the race, made a good showing, although suffering from the effects of a fall he received in the early part of the afternoon.

BOYS' RACE.

The half mile race for boys under twelve resulted as follows:— H. R. Henriehon, Montreal 1 Lorne Smythe, Montreal 2 Samuel Long, Montreal 3 Frederick Massey, Montreal 0 Walter Alexander, Montreal 0 Howard Duncan, Montreal 0 S. Moore, Montreal 0 Ed. Masson, Montreal 0 T. Church, Lachine 0 J. Wells, Montreal 0 Time—1:53.

The result of the races was very satisfactory to the spectators. John Nilsson fairly won his title 'King of the Ice,' and he is said by competent authority to be the fastest skater at present before the public. It was very gratifying to all that the amateur championship of the world should be won by McCulloch, a Canadian. He received hearty congratulations at all hands, but probably the most welcome of all was the congratulatory of his club, 'The Rovers' Bicycle Club of Winnipeg,' which he received by telegraph before he left the ice. The Amateur Skating Association of Canada are proud of their races in bringing so many celebrated skaters to Canada. The foreigners all distinguished themselves. Seyler is the only one who will return without laurels, and it is only justice to him to say that he was not in his usual form, having not fully recovered from the effects of sea sickness, from which he suffered greatly during his voyage to this country. After the races there was an official meeting of the committee, at which it was decided that the 5,000 metres race should be skated over.

THE OFFICE-HOLDER'S ABUSE.

At a meeting at Orillia Mr. Foster said the Conservatives were done with the Manitoba school question, and would not touch it again. If he will only get his French-Canadian colleagues to say the same there would be a prospect of peace. Mr. Foster declared the settlement effected had been accomplished by deception, and that Laurier, Tarte & Co. were liars. The strength of his language shows that Mr. Foster takes his exclusion from office keenly. Mr. Greenway has given the most emphatic denial to Mr. Foster's assertion that he had any compact with Mr. Laurier before the election.—Huntingdon 'Gleaner,' Feb. 4.

THERE WAS PROBABLE CAUSE.

In a case of Dame Annie F. Tite vs. Perrault, the plaintiff claimed \$350 damages on account of the issue of a writ of attachment and the seizure of insurance money by her landlord, after a fire, which attachment was finally set aside by the Court of Review. The defendant pleaded that there had been probable cause for the issue of the attachment. When rendering judgment in this case on Saturday Judge Davidson maintained defendant's plea and dismissed the action.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

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ANOTHER CUBAN VICTORY.

REBELS DESTROY A SPANISH STRONGHOLD RIGHT UNDER THE NOSE OF THE ENEMY.

New York, Feb. 8.—A 'World' special from Key West says:—All Havana is gasping over the audacity of the insurgents who destroyed a stone fort right under Major Fondeviela's nose, just outside of Guanabacoa, on Saturday night. The building, a big three-story mansion, strong and well made, was the advanced picket post, and had a garrison of a hundred men. There also were kept supplies for the outlying detachments, ammunition, etc. At midnight a force of two hundred Cubans came up secretly and captured and bound the outside sentinels before an alarm could be given. Admission was obtained by giving the name of the officer of the guard, but a sentinel, as the Cubans poured in, fired his rifle, killing Lieut. De Rosna. As the garrison fled into the street, the Cubans were terribly effective, while in the confusion the Spaniards shots did little execution. Fully half the garrison were killed, the others escaping from the windows. The Cubans looted the building. The wooden portion was set on fire, and a dynamite cartridge tore down the walls. A detachment came from Guanabacoa, and for half an hour the two forces engaged at short range, the Cubans being protected from the charges of the troops by barred windows stretched across the street. The Cubans then made a sortie, driving back the Spaniards and retreated, firing as they left. It is supposed Hernandez was in command. Thirty wounded soldiers were brought to Havana, and it is reported that twenty-four were buried at Guanabacoa. The Cuban loss is not known, as they took their dead and wounded with them.

YAMASKA CONSERVATIVES.

Yamaska, Que., Feb. 8.—There was a rally of Conservative delegates at Pierreville on Saturday for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the forthcoming elections. The meeting disagreed, however, and the delegates dispersed to meet again this week.

THE ORIZABA VOLCANO.

City of Mexico, Feb. 8.—The Orizaba volcano last night was somewhat active, throwing a red light against the sky and emitting large columns of smoke. The inhabitants are alarmed and fear that an earthquake will occur.

MUST PAY FOR THEIR MEMBER.

Judge Lynch rendered judgment on Saturday in the case of Barrington vs. the Corporation of Bailiffs. This was an action to recover from the corporation defendant, as surety, loss sustained through his inability to recover from a minor the value of goods over which he had been appointed official guardian by a bailiff and which he could not afterwards deliver. The Court held the action to be well founded, and rendered judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$58.67.

A LECTURE AT WESTMOUNT.

This evening at eight o'clock, Professor C. E. Moyle of McGill University will deliver a lecture in the Academy Hall, Westmount, under the auspices of the Men's Guild of St. Matthias Church. The subject, 'An hour with a band of Old English Pilgrims,' will be largely illustrated by oxy-hydrogen limelight views. The lantern will be in the hands of Mr. Arthur B. Macfarlane, and Mr. Hutchinson, D.C.L., will take the chair. A large attendance is expected.

THE DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.

The Bishop of Montreal having written to the rector suggesting that the people be called together at some convenient time and place for special prayer in behalf of the mission fund of the diocese, notice was given yesterday in the Church of St. John the Evangelist that there would be a special service of holy communion and intercession for this object in the chapel on Tuesday morning at seven o'clock.

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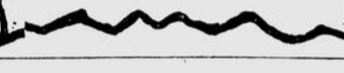
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Washington, Feb. 8.—Sir Richard Cartwright, the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the Dominion of Canada, who arrived in Washington on Thursday last, are making the most of their visit to the national capitol. During the past few days they have had interviews more or less extended with Secretary Olney, Speaker Reed, Senator Sherman and other prominent Republicans and Democrats, in the two Houses of Congress. A 'United Associated Press' reporter met both gentlemen this morning, and Sir Richard and Mr. Davies outlined the basis upon which a reciprocity treaty could be drawn. 'In the first place,' said Mr. Davies, 'please make it clear to the American people that we believe closer trade relations should exist between the two countries, and that a commission consisting of two Americans and two Canadians should be appointed to consider the general subject of reciprocity and report to their respective governments if a commercial treaty be possible.'

CUBAN REFORMS.

New York, Feb. 8.—A special to the 'Journal' from Madrid says.—The publication of the proposed Cuban reforms has produced a great political agitation in Spain. Beyond doubt its effect is of the worst possible kind, especially in the camp of the Conservatives, where there is very great disgust among the ministers, who, while appearing disciplined and submissive to Canovas, are in reality on the verge of revolt. 'Indeed, all the ministers and the most conspicuous members of the Conservative party publicly declare, as if wishing to refuse responsibility, that the reforms are the exclusive work of Canovas. These reforms are against the traditional policy of the Conservative party, as they imply that the party is now in favor of what it always opposed. The conspiracy against Canovas is increasing and, only a miracle is likely to save him from downfall. Romero Robledo, the Duke of Tetuan and Martinez Campos, who have been enemies before, are now in agreement, qualifying the reforms as decentralizing. Senor Canovas, prime minister, said yesterday he wished to make a national work of the reforms, and that he would carry them out loyally. He intends to establish autonomy in Cuba. No matter how radical the difficulties he may encounter, he is not to be checked. Nevertheless, he added, he would take great care these reforms do not open the door to the independence of Cuba.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

New York, Feb. 8.—A London special cable to the 'Sun' says.—It has been decided that the principal feature of the celebration in June shall be another great ceremony at Westminster Abbey similar to that of ten years ago. It will probably be of the nature of re-crowning Her Majesty before the most illustrious assembly of the world's rulers and great men which can be got together. The Abbey will be closed early next month, when extensive preparations for the ceremony will be begun. The shopkeepers of London, and especially of the west end, are, of course, preparing for an immense trade in connection with the Queen's jubilee. The possibility of loss, in case of the sudden death of the Queen, has been troubling them greatly. They have taken the precaution to pay a good round premium for insurance on Her Majesty's life during the next six months, so that in case of the calamity of her death they will not suffer in pocket.

A CURIOUS VIOLIN.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 8.—Mr. Thomas Harris of Mersey Township, is exhibiting a violin of novel design. It is constructed of 4,170 pieces and sixty-six different kinds of wood. The pieces are arranged in neat and tasteful designs, and the whole work was done by his son, who is a cripple. The instrument will be exhibited at the Paris exhibition in 1900.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

PICKHARDT ACCUSED OF OBTAINING MONEY ON FALSE PRETEXTS.

On the information of Mrs. Harry Lomas, Detective Sutherland arrested Geo. C. Pickhardt, manager of the 'Loans and Bankers' International Company,' carrying on business at Nos. 15 and 17 St. Lambert Hill, on the serious charge of obtaining money by false pretences. It appears the accused at present occupies an office at 17 St. John street, and he first commenced business under the name of the 'International Detective Collection Bureau.' However, under the first-mentioned title the complainant, who resides in Point St. Charles, visited him with the intention of disposing of some valuable 'Point' property. After explaining her business, Mr. Pickhardt told her that he could dispose of the property. Shortly afterwards the accused wrote her that he had entered into negotiations with the Young Men's Christian Association, as they wanted to purchase some property in Point St. Charles, because they were about to build a branch of the Association in that district. Again she received notice that the bargain was about to be closed, but before it was finally settled he required a bribe of a hundred dollars for one of the directors of the Association. She gave him the money, but it was the last she heard of him. Previous to handing the accused the money he informed her that he was on very intimate terms with Mr. Badger, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Information received about Pickhardt's career induced Mrs. Lomas to lay a complaint, with the above result.

Chief Detective Carpenter states that Pickhardt is wanted in the United for various frauds.

The prisoner appeared in the Police Court this morning before Judge Desnoyers. He pleaded not guilty, and the enquete will take place on Thursday next.

INTERESTING BENEFIT CASE.

The case of Mrs. John Potts vs. Mrs. Bernard Campbell, and the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, mis en cause, entered in court this morning, will bring up a very interesting point concerning the benefits paid by benevolent societies. The plaintiff takes her action as tatrix to Edward J. Carbray, whose father died while he was a member of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association. The allegation now is that while deceased had for many years held an insurance on his life in the association for the benefit of his son, when making his last payment he changed this and made the amount payable to his sister, the present defendant. The tatrix of the child now claims that this benefit being in the shape of an ordinary life assurance, it could not be changed when once made payable to the wife or children.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR.

The Rev. Principal MacVicar, principal of the Presbyterian College, and chairman of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, has returned from a pleasant and profitable itinerary in the Old Country. The trip was undertaken partly with the view of obtaining rest, although his health was excellent, and partly for the purpose of attending the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Glasgow. After visiting most of the historic places in England and Wales, Dr. MacVicar crossed to the Continent, spending some time visiting Holland, Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy. It was the intention of the students of the college to meet him at the train, but, owing to a mistake on the part of the telegraph operator at Boston, the telegram announcing his coming was dated wrongly, much to the disappointment of the undergraduates, who had intended to give the worthy principal a royal welcome back to Montreal and the work of his high office.

DEATH OF A LIBERAL M.P.

MR. FAUVEL DIES AT PASPEBIAC THIS AFTERNOON.

Campbellton, N.B., Feb. 8.—Mr. W. LeB. Fauvel, Liberal member for Bonaventure County, died of typhoid fever at Paspebiac, Que., this afternoon.

IRISH PROTESTANT CONCERT.

No concert was more popular than the old-time annual concert of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society in Bonsecours Market, City Hall, and afterwards in St. Patrick's Hall. The society has revived the practice and will give one of the old-time sort of concerts on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst. The Rev. Deau Carmichael and His Worship Mayor Wilson Smith will deliver addresses. There is also a fine programme of Irish music. The object is the relief of suffering fellow countrymen.

IN LIQUIDATION.

Judge Tait this afternoon granted the petition of Mr. Jacobs to liquidate the business existing between him and Mr. Sparrow, carrying on business together as theatrical managers under the name of Sparrow & Jacobs.

CITY ITEMS.

The visiting governors to the Montreal General Hospital for this week are Mr. Charles M. Hays, Mr. W. M. Ramsay, Mr. C. B. Morris, Mr. James N. Laing. Miss Marion Henley is to give an entertainment in the James Ferrier Hall, 224 University street, on Friday evening. Miss Henley is a graduate of the New York School of Expression, and her recited pieces number among them many from Shakespeare, Browning, Tennyson, Crawford, Dickens and others.

A TARIFF FOR REVENUE.

THAT IS WHAT MANITOBA FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS ARE AFTER.

THE ENQUIRY AT WINNIPEG OPENED THIS MORNING.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 8.—When the Hon. Mr. Greenway decided to send for a representative farmer from every local constituency in the province to appear before the Tariff Commission to present the views of his district, he took the very best step that could possibly be taken, as the sequel will doubtless show. He asked delegates to meet him in his office on Saturday night, but it was found when they all gathered that the office would not hold half of them, so the Legislative Assembly room was lighted and delegates marched in there and took their seats. Mr. Greenway took the chair and made a brief speech, welcoming the delegates and pointing out that a chance had at last come to be heard. They had been carrying the burden for eighteen years amid much complaining. Now a change of government had come and they had a chance to secure relief. He hoped they would unite as a solid phalanx and let the government understand what was wanted in this western country. No delegates who are not representative farmers are to be allowed to have any status in the delegation.

A couple of hours were spent in a stormy discussion of the great question of farmers' needs and what should be done before the commission. This discussion was participated in by Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, ex-M.P. for Lakeside; Mr. Thompson of Waskada; Mr. Fleming of Deloraine; Messrs. James Elder, Leach, Whelmys, Richardson, Fischer, Sweet of Morden; W. W. Watson, Culver, Gretna, Robt. Fischer, Cook's Creek, and many others.

A great many resolutions which had been entrusted to delegates were handed in. As it was thought that some of them might conflict it was finally resolved to appoint a strong resolution committee embodying the views of the farmers of Manitoba in regard to the tariff for the purpose of presenting the matter to the committee in the concrete. The form of this memorial is to be signed by all delegates and by Patrons and all other farming representatives if they are willing, and it was intimated by the Patrons and the representatives of the farmers institutes present that they would be willing. This memorial will not prevent the delegates speaking as they will all march in a body to the council chamber to-morrow and present the memorial after which each one will be given an opportunity to present his views orally to the commission.

It will be presented at a meeting of all the farming delegates to be held this evening. During the discussion on Saturday evening it was pointed out by Mr. James Elder and others that emissaries had been sent out through the country to try and induce farmers to sign petitions to the government asking it to retain the duty on wheat and flour. The speakers regretted that quite a number of farmers had been foolish enough to sign. So that there should be no mistake as to the sentiment of the farmers' delegation, a resolution was passed declaring that the delegation was unalterably opposed to the principle of protection. A number of other questions besides tariff were introduced but it was not thought well to go into them as it might weaken the influence of the delegation on the tariff question. For instance, Mr. Thompson of Waskada wanted a resolution passed condemning the proposed subsidy to the fast Atlantic service.

The Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson opened the tariff enquiry at ten o'clock this morning. Mr. Fielding said the commission was open to the press and public, with the provision that if any one wished to be heard in private, arrangements might be made to do so. Mr. John Thompson was the first to be heard. He asked if the commission would hear anything outside of the tariff. The commissioner replied that they would hear anything relating to the government of the country, tariff preferred.

Mr. J. K. McInnis, Regina, president of the North-Western Patrons of Industry, said the Patrons stood firmly on the platform of tariff for revenue only. They believed the protection system was wrong. High freight rates militated against North-West products being shipped into British Columbia. The lumber trade with British Columbia would be greatly increased if the freight rates were lower.

To Mr. Fielding, Mr. McInnis said his views were those of the farmers of the Territories.

The fruit trade then had an innings. Winnipeg last year paid over sixty thousand dollars duty. It was pointed out that the tariff on fruit, as figures would show, did not benefit the Ontario fruit growers, because many of the lines of fruit mainly came into the market at a time when Ontario fruit was not ready to be shipped. In other cases Ontario fruit would have the preference, as it was better. A strong protest was made against the duty on bananas, regarded as the poor man's fruit, also on tomatoes, the trade of which goes to Ontario, except during the early part of the season. The delegation concluded that one of the best ways to make Manitobans contented was to give them free fruit. The larger amount imported, if the duties were even reduced, would bring the revenue up to what it has been in the past.

ROBBED THE COTTON MILLS.

Last night Constables Richard and McLaughlin of the Central station arrested two lads named Jacques Lafleur, seventeen, of Cuvillier street, and Alexis Pilote of Darling street on the charge of stealing a large quantity of cotton from the Hochelaga Cotton Mills. The accused are employed at the factory and it is said other ex-employees are implicated in the robbery. The thefts have been carried on for a long time as many hundred dollars' worth of goods have disappeared. Chief Detective Carpenter says several other lads will be arrested.

WILL HE ACCEPT?

A delegation from the Laurier Club of Three Rivers has offered the Hon. Mr. Turcotte, prothonotary of Montreal, the candidature for that county at the next provincial elections, and has also asked him to assume the leadership of the Liberal party for the whole district of Three Rivers. Mr. Turcotte's reply will be expected with considerable interest.

BAD FIRE AT NEWCASTLE.

THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS' DAMAGE DONE IN THE BEST PART OF THE TOWN.

Newcastle, N.B., Feb. 8.—This town was the scene of quite a serious fire this morning, which started in rear of Mrs. Wheeler's premises, Castle street, about midnight, and before it could be checked had consumed ten buildings in the best part of the town. The burned district extends from Creighton's to the public wharf and all the buildings on the wharf down to Messrs. Johnson & Co.'s. The small hand engine was broken and the steam fire engine was destroyed in getting it out of the engine house, so the fire had full sway and if it had not been for a light fall of snow and sleet the fire would have been much more serious. It is almost impossible to get the full list of insurance but it will total over six thousand dollars, while the loss is estimated at about thirty thousand dollars.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 8.—Fire broke out last night in the railway station at Springhill mines, and it was totally destroyed, with contents. The freight house was saved with difficulty. There is no suspicion of incendiarism. Mr. J. R. Covans, general manager of the Mine Company, says he believes the fire was purely accidental.

MINING NOTES.

FACTS AND FIGURES SHOWING THE WEALTH AND RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF WEST KOOTENAY.

The Rossland 'Weekly Miner' says.—We desire to invite special attention to the figures supplied to 'The Miner' for the month of December by George Johnston, collector of customs for this district. It is upon figures like this that we base a just claim for the growth and solid wealth of West Kootenay. It is shown that the mineral export for the month of December consisted of gold dust to the value of \$250, ore to the value of \$145,284 and matte to the value of \$337,936, or a total in value of \$483,450. In other words, West Kootenay exported in the month of December nearly half a million dollars' worth of ore and matte. It is a satisfaction to know that much the larger part of our mineral export is in the shape of matte. This product comes from the smelters at Nelson and Trail, the smelter at the latter place supplying the major portion for December, since the Nelson smelter was shut down for a portion of that month. We hope that the day is not far distant when the proportion of ore exported to that of matte will be still less. Canada should smelt its own ore. The further examination of the collector Johnston's report furnishes very conclusive evidence of the position Rossland holds in the matter of customs receipts. The entire amount collected in the district for December was \$33,423.69, of which \$12,065.56 came from Rossland. Trail has the second place, with \$7,841.54 to her credit. The showing all around is most satisfactory. The complete statistics for the Port of Nelson for the month of December, 1896, referred to above, are as follows:—

Table with columns for Imports and Exports. Imports: Dutiable Goods \$124,143.00, Free Goods \$2,820.00, Total Imports \$126,963.00. Exports: Gold Dust \$250.00, Ore \$145,284.00, Matte \$337,936.00, Total Exports \$483,450.00.

Table with columns for Duty Collected. Items include Rossland (\$12,065.56), Trail (\$7,841.54), Kaslo (\$7,395.27), Nelson (\$6,385.66), Waneta (\$606.78), Rykarty (\$106.89), Total (\$33,423.69).

LOCAL STOCKS.

MODERATE BUSINESS WITH CONTINUED APPRECIATION.

GAS, MONTREAL STREET, ROTAL ELECTRIC AND HALIFAX RAILWAY HIGHER.

On the local stock exchange this morning the inherent strength and scarcity of local stocks were again apparent. Gas advanced 1/4 of a point, closing at 194 1/2; Montreal Street Railway 1/2 of a point at 225, on sales of 175 shares; Royal Electric 2 full points, closing at 142 1/2; this is an advance of 3 1/2 points since Friday; and Halifax Electric bonds 1/2 of a point, \$5,000 changing hands at 101.

Reviewing the situation in New York for the past week an authority says:—'In the money market there appears no embarrassment, and the large sale of Northern Pacific and Oregon Navigation securities to European capitalists has given additional assurances that balances due to this country will not be cancelled for some months to come, so that the point of possible gold export is removed still further. The course of the stock market has been unobtrusive, and dealings have not been large, but the average of railway stocks has advanced a small fraction, and the average of Trust stocks has slightly declined. The earnings of railways during the year thus far have been 6.2 percent smaller than last year, and 10.9 percent smaller than in 1893. Returns of clearings at the principal clearing houses are 15.0 percent larger than last year, but 20.8 percent smaller than in 1892.'

The afternoon market was slow, but generally firm. Gas weakened fractionally, but this was without significance. The sales were as follows:—100 Cable at 167 1/2, 50 Gas at 194 1/2, 100 at 194 1/2, 100 Mt. Street Railway at 225, 42 Electric at 143, 5 Ontario Bank at 84, 50 Duluth common at 4.

Reported by Messrs. Nichols & Marler, Between Banks. Buyers. Sellers. Counter. New York Funds 115 prem 1/4 prem 1/2 to 3/16 prem. Sterling, 60 days... 9 1/16 9 1/16 to 9 1/2 Sterling, demand... 9 1/16 9 1/16 to 9 1/2 Sterling Cables... 9 11/16 9 1/2 to 9 1/2.

Reported by Messrs. Nichols & Marler, Stock Brokers, Corner Notre Dame and St. Francis Xavier streets. Stocks. Sellers Buyers per \$100 per \$100. Canadian Pacific... 56 55 1/2. Duluth S. & Atlantic... 4 3/4. Do. do. Land Bonds... 4 3/4. Do. do. pref... 10 1/2. Grand Trunk Int. Pref... 10 1/2. Do. do. 2nd Pref... 10 1/2. Commercial Cable... 168 167. Montreal Telegraph... 167 165 1/2. Bank of Montreal... 221 222. Montreal St. Railway Co... 225 224 1/2. Montreal Gas Co... 194 1/2 194 1/2. Bell Telephone Co... 117 116. Do. do. Bonds... 143 142 1/2. Royal Electric... 142 1/2 142 1/2. Bank of Montreal... 221 222. Bank of British North America... 85 82 1/2. La Banque du Peuple... 230 190. Molsons Bank... 231 228. Bank of Toronto... 121 120. La Banque Jacques Cartier... 117 116. Merchants Bank... 172 168 1/2. Do. do. of Halifax... 117 116. Eastern Townships Bank... 117 116. Quebec Bank... 117 116. La Banque Nationale... 110 107 1/2. Canadian Bank of Commerce... 110 107 1/2. La Banque Vile Marie... 115 114. Hochelaga Bank... 115 114. Intercolonial... 115 114. Do. Pref. Stock... 115 114. North-West Land... 115 114. Canada Paper... 115 114. Champlain and St. Lawrence... 115 114. Montreal Cotton... 123 125. Can. Col. Mill Co... 50 25. Do. do. Bonds... 110 107 1/2. Merchant's Manufacturing Co... 140 139. Dominion Cotton Mills Co... 80 82 1/2. Do. do. Bonds... 221 222. Loan & Mortgage Co... 70 68 1/2. Toronto Street Railway... 70 68 1/2. Postal... 95 94 1/2. Halifax Tram... 92 85.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST. (Furnished by J. R. Meeker). Opening and Closing Prices—10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Atchafalaya... 14 1/2 14 1/2. Can. Southern... 11 1/2 11 1/2. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy... 74 1/2 74 1/2. Cle. P. & St. Louis... 75 1/2 75 1/2. Com. Cable... 107 1/2 107 1/2. Del. & Hudson... 102 1/2 102 1/2. Del. Lack & West... 102 1/2 102 1/2. Erie... 102 1/2 102 1/2. Ill. Central... 53 1/2 53 1/2. Lake Shore... 53 1/2 53 1/2. United States Leather... 89 88 1/2. Manhattan Consolidated... 22 22. Missouri Pacific... 22 22. North American... 53 1/2 53 1/2. Nor. Pac. pd... 104 103 1/2. New Jersey Central... 104 103 1/2. N. Y. & N. Eng... 107 106 1/2. N. Y. Central... 107 106 1/2. Omaha Common... 2 1/2 2 1/2. Pacific Mail... 2 1/2 2 1/2. Reading... 77 76 1/2. Richmond Terminal... 75 74 1/2. St. Paul, Chic. & Minn... 75 74 1/2. St. Paul, Minn. & Man... 75 74 1/2. Texas Pacific... 75 74 1/2. Union Pacific... 75 74 1/2. Washash Com... 83 82 1/2. Washash pd... 83 82 1/2. Western Union Tel... 113 1/2 113 1/2. Susq... 23 1/2 23 1/2. Lead... 23 1/2 23 1/2. Gen. Electric... 35 1/2 35 1/2. Toledo, Ann Arbor & Nor. Mich... 22 22. Rubber... 22 22.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

WHEAT, OATS AND CORN LOWER—PROVISIONS HIGHER.

In Chicago this morning wheat opened about 1/2 of a cent lower, but on large decrease in visible the market gained about 1 1/2 cents; thence declining, it rapidly went down, closing 1/4 of a cent lower than on Saturday at 75c Feb., 3/4 to 1/2 of a cent lower at 76 1/2c, 76 1/2c May, and 1/2 to 3/4 of a cent lower at 72 1/2c, 72 1/2c July. Oats and corn were lower. Provisions were higher.

MONEY AT THREE AND A-HALF PER CENT.

A large sum of money amounting to at least \$50,000, was lent on the local stock exchange this morning at 3 1/2 percent. It is believed that the loan was a private one.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

The following table shows the range of prices in Chicago to-day and the closing quotations as compared with those of Saturday:—

Table with columns: Saturday's Close, To-day's Open, High, Low, Close. Wheat: Feb 75 1/2, 75 1/2, 75 1/2, 75 1/2, 75 1/2. May 77 1/2, 77 1/2, 77 1/2, 77 1/2, 77 1/2. July 72 1/2, 72 1/2, 72 1/2, 72 1/2, 72 1/2. Corn: Feb 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2. May 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2. July 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2. Oats: Feb 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2. May 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2. July 13 1/2, 13 1/2, 13 1/2, 13 1/2, 13 1/2. Pork: Feb 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2. May 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2. July 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2. Lard: Feb 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2. May 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2. July 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2. Short Hibs: Feb 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2. May 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2. July 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2.

Milwaukee, Feb. 8, 1:15 p.m.—Closing—7 1/2c Feb., 7 1/2c May. Duluth, Feb. 8, 1:15 p.m.—Closing—No. 1 hard, 7c cash; No. 1 Northern, 70c May, 7c July. Toledo, Feb. 8, 1:20 p.m.—Closing—8c for Feb., 8 1/2c May.

Detroit, Feb. 8, 1:20 p.m.—Closing—8 1/2c bid Feb., 8 1/2c bid May. St. Louis, Feb. 8, 1:20 p.m.—Closing—8 1/2c bid Feb., 8 1/2c bid May. New York, Feb. 8, 2:20 p.m.—Closing—Wheat, 84 1/2c Feb., 82 1/2c bid May, 79 1/2c July; corn, 28 1/2c Feb., 28 1/2c bid May, 27 1/2c July.

NAVAL STORES.

The market is irregular, sisal having advanced 1/2 to 3/4, and Manila having declined about the same. We quote Turpentine at 41c to 42c; resins, 25.50 to 25 according to brand; real tar, \$5 to \$8.50; cotton waste, 1/2c to 5/8c for colored, and 7/8c to 1c for white; oakum, 5c to 7c, and cotton oakum at 6c to 11c. Cordage—Sisal, 7c for the best upwards. Pure Manila, 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c, and upwards, and 8 1/2c for smaller sizes.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

POSSIBLE SEQUEL TO A ROBBERY.

An extraordinary affair took place on Saturday night which is supposed to be the sequel to the mysterious robbery which was perpetrated a few days ago at the store occupied by Messrs. Amiot, Lecours & Lariviere, hardware dealers, 591 St. Lawrence street. At a late hour on the evening in question the detectives' office was notified that a man had been shot on St. Lawrence street, near Prince Arthur. Acting-Detectives Gaudry and Giguere were quickly on the spot and there they found a young fellow who gave his name as M. Desautels, a clerk employed by Messrs. Amiot, Lecours & Lariviere, shot in the wrist. He claimed that he was going home and as he was entering the passage an unknown man confronted him with a revolver in his hand. Desautels endeavored to seize the weapon and in some mysterious manner the barrel got inside his sleeve and went off, whether accidentally or not he could not say. The man disappeared. The police are investigating the affair. Very little damage was done as the bullet merely grazed the wrist crossways and not in the direction of his arm, as he alleged the pistol had been placed.

PERSONAL.

Mgr. Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface, left Montreal to-day to return to Manitoba. Mr. Geo. Hadrill, secretary of the Board of Trade, is confined to the house with a severe cold.

GULF REPORT.

Martin River—Cloudy, calm; heavy, close packed ice everywhere moving north-west. Father Point—Light fall of snow, no ice in sight; east wind. Fame Point—Cloudy, north-west wind; light, close packed ice everywhere, moving north-west. North Shore—Light fall of snow, north-east wind. Anticosti—Blinding snowstorm, south-east wind. South Point and South-West Point—Light open ice everywhere moving north-west. Meat Cove—Cloudy, strong gale, south-east wind; light open ice everywhere moving south-east. Cape Ray—Clear, south-east wind; no ice in sight. Low Point—Cloudy, south wind; heavy, close packed ice everywhere.

SHIPPING.

London, Feb. 8.—The British steamer Assama, Capt. Smith, last reported at Port Said, on Jan. 17, bound from Barry for Colombo, has been wrecked while leaving Rangoon. The American barque Vilora H. Hopkins, Capt. Wakeley, which arrived at Port Elizabeth on Jan. 28, from New York, has been wrecked in Algoa Bay. All of her crew were saved. Part of her cargo is probably salvageable.

TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER.

London, Feb. 8.—The first and second mates and fifteen of the crew of the British ship George T. Hay, who were brought here from Rio de Janeiro on Jan. 8, charged with having caused the death of a seaman named Brostrom through ill treatment, will be arraigned for trial in the Winchester Court to-morrow. The specific charge against them is assault with intent to kill. The George T. Hay is owned by Mr. G. D. Spyer, of Parratich, S.S., where her crew also belong, and the Canadian High Commissioner is watching the case on behalf of the men. The ship sailed from Mobile on August 24, 1886, for Rio de Janeiro where she arrived on Nov. 22 last. It was on this voyage that Brostrom is alleged to have been so badly treated that he died from the effects of his ill-usage.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

APPROVED, ENDORSED NOTES DISCOUNTED, Accounts Collected or Purchased, Room 1, 177 Notre Dame street. Phone 2836. WANTED, AT ONCE, A YOUNG GIRL TO work in kitchen; must be smart. Apply after 8 p.m., 22 Cathcart street.

COMMERCIAL.

Wholesale Groceries. Monday, Feb. 8, 1897.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Articles to the Board of Trade this morning as follows—London, Monday. Cargoes of coast wheat...

MOVEMENTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

Table with columns: At Chicago, At Duluth, At Detroit, At Minneapolis, At St. Louis, At Toledo, At Montreal. Receipts, Shipments.

WHEAT IN SIGHT.

Table with columns: Visible supply, On passage to U.K., On passage to Continent, Total.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Union Stock Yard, Chicago, Feb. 8, 1897. Hogs—Today's estimated receipts, 23,000...

LIVERPOOL MARKET PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 8, 1897.—Spring wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d. No. 1, 6s 7 1/2d to 6s 8 1/2d.

LONDON CONSOLS.

London, Feb. 8, 12.30 p.m.—Consols—Money, 112 1/2-16; account, 114 1/2-16.

SHIPPING.

The Allan Line R.M.S. Numidian arrived out on Monday morning with the loss of 200 sheep out of 219 cattle, 74 horses and 789 sheep.

NEWFOUNDLAND ICE BLOCKADE.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 7.—The Allan Line S.S. Carthagenian has abandoned her attempt to reach this city owing to the ice blockade...

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Table with columns: Feb. 8, Jan. 30, Feb. 8, 1897. Wheat, Flour, Corn, Oats, Beans, Peas, Potatoes, Apples, Raisins, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Spices, Lard, Tallow, Bacon, Hams, Cured Meats, Butter, Eggs, Dried Fruit, Canned Goods, Groceries.

RECEIPTS IN MONTREAL.

Table with columns: G.T.R. C.P.R. Total. Wheat, Flour, Corn, Oats, Beans, Peas, Potatoes, Apples, Raisins, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Spices, Lard, Tallow, Bacon, Hams, Cured Meats, Butter, Eggs, Dried Fruit, Canned Goods, Groceries.

LIVE STOCK MARKET—Feb. 8.

There were about 350 head of butchers' calves and 500 sheep and lambs brought for sale at the East End market...

WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.

The situation on spot differs little from last week, excepting in a tendency to advance from Europe...

Miscellaneous.

MY WIFE, HAVING LEFT MY BED AND BOARD, I will not be responsible for any debt she may incur without my written order. FRANK HICKS.

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Property.

Houses and Land FOR SALE.

Bishop street, 12,000 \$10,600. Bishop street, 15,000 \$15,000. Sherbrooke street, 14,000 \$14,000.

WESTMOUNT. Clark avenue, with 12,500 feet of land, \$15,000. Mountain top, with 18,500 feet of land, 8,000. Choice Block of Land, 60,000 feet, per foot \$1.25 to \$1.50 per foot.

EXCHANGE. Houses in Exchange for Land. Land in Exchange for Houses. JOHN A. TEES & CO., Board of Trade Building.

FRED. R. ALLEY, 116 St. James Street. REAL ESTATE BOUGHT AND SOLD. MONEY LOANED.

Are You Looking For a Home?

See that one situate in that lovely PRIVATE PARK on Belmont st. Every modern convenience, perfect order, large grounds, good stable, everything desirable. Write, or call and see.

J. F. BANNISTER, 2243 St. Catherine St.

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INSOLVENT NOTICE.

CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SUPERIOR COURT. District of Montreal. In the matter of GEORGE H. ROWELL, MONTREAL, Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Article 770 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that on this day, I, JOHN McD HAINS, of Montreal, Chartered Accountant, was by order of the said Court appointed to be Curator for the property and effects, real and personal, of the said Insolvent in this matter, abandoned by him for the benefit of his creditors...

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CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SUPERIOR COURT. District of Montreal. In the matter of THOMAS TRIMBLE, doing business under the name and firm of 'The John Anderson Bread Company', Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Article 770 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that on the 2nd day of February, 1897, I, D. Torrance Fraser, Public Accountant, was by order of the said Court, appointed to be Curator for the property and effects, real and personal, of the said Insolvent in this matter, abandoned by him for the benefit of his creditors...

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AN INTERESTING REQUEST.

THE GOVERNMENT ASKED TO ALLOW THE TEACHING OF AGRICULTURE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL. Toronto, Feb. 8.—Mr. W. E. Smallfield of the Renfrew 'Mercury' waited on the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, on Saturday to seek his concurrence in a plan suggested by that body for teaching the science of agriculture at the Renfrew high school.

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TO LET, STORE AND DWELLING, corner of Prince Albert and Summerville avenues. Westmount, suitable for Butcher and Grocer combined; ice house in connection; possession immediately; rent commences May 1, 1897. Apply to W. KENWOOD, 4273 Dorchester street.

TO LET, GROCERY STORE, 472 St. Dominique street, an old-established stand for a business man. Apply to Mrs. P. M. GROOME, 452 St. Dominique street.

TO LET, SHOP, 67 Beaver Hill Hill, with or without dwelling. Large Upper Dwelling, 69 Beaver Hill Hill, 9 rooms, perfect order, Daisy furnace. Self-contained House, 780 Dorchester street; modern improvements. All central locality. Apply to L. PERLAM, Registry and Shipping Office, Custom House.

TO LET, AT ST. LAMBERT, LORNE AVE., Solid Brick House, 7 rooms, bathroom, extension kitchen; hard and soft water; gas, sanitary arrangements, \$16 per month. Apply to D. BEATTY, 137 St. Peter street, Montreal, or GEO. BEATTY, Contractor, St. Lambert.

TO LET, HEATED, THREE NEW TENEMENTS, one up, two lower, 5 and 6 rooms, bath and closet, hot water, gas stove, \$12 and \$13, 12 1/2 Vitre street, four doors from St. Denis street. Apply at JOSLIN'S, 207 Bleury street.

TO LET, LOWER TENEMENT, 2 1/2 La Tour street, very central, just off Victoria square; six rooms (four extra large), bath and w.c.; rent \$17 month. Reduction to very desirable tenant on lease, 64 McGill street.

TO LET, LOWER TENEMENT, 14 1/2 Plateau street, 7 rooms. Apply on premises.

TO LET, DOUBLE AND SINGLE ROOMS, with board; also table board, 117 St. Famille street.

HOUSE TO LET — THE HOUSE, 748 Sherbrooke street, in perfect order, hot water furnace, etc. Apply to JESSE JOSEPH, or G. De SOLA, 3 St. Sacrament street.

TO LET, 107 STANLEY STREET, CUTTING ROOM, 12 rooms, perfect order. Apply to J. CRADOCK SIMPSON & CO., 31 St. James street.

TO LET, SEVERAL HOUSES ON MACKAY and St. Catherine street. Apply to A. MCINTYRE, 132 Mackay street.

TO LET, 7 ROOMS FLATS, No. 696a, 696b St. Antoine street; hot water heating and in perfect order. Rent \$15.00; no taxes. Apply to 694 St. Antoine street.

TO LET, CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE 'Witness' building, consisting of a store on the street level, and two well lighted, well finished, heated flats, immediately above said store. These premises would be very suitable for a wholesale establishment requiring a shop or office on the street floor, or would be let separately. Only first class tenants need apply. Full particulars on application to Mr. WALLACE, 'Witness' Office.

TO RENT, SUITABLE FOR STORAGE, 36 Cathcart street; 26 by 35; two flats. Apply 566 Dorchester street. Immediate possession.

WESTMOUNT HOUSES TO RENT. See CHAS. J. BROWN'S List, 4226 St. Catherine st., just west of Green ave.

TO LET, AT OUTREMONT.

A Brick Cottage, 8 rooms, in good order. 'St. Antoine' also Small House, 5 rooms; immediate possession if required. Apply to ALEX. BREMNER, 50 Bleury street.

To Let, Furnished

That Fine Self-Contained House, 51 BELMONT PARK. Apply to J. F. BANNISTER, 2243 St. Catherine street, FOR PERMIT TO VIEW.

TO LET.

Large detached house and grounds, 20 rooms, hot water furnace, No. 69 Osborne street; stables, etc.; just the place for an institution or school; rent, \$600 and taxes. TO LET—168 Mansfield street, large house with stables, presently occupied by John Torrance Esq.; rent, \$900 and taxes. 165 Mansfield street, large house, 20 rooms, heated with furnace, every convenience; rent, \$550; no taxes. Nos. 5-6 Tower street, six bedrooms, every convenience; extension kitchens; rent, \$250 and \$300 and taxes. Nos. 83, 85 Port street, five bedrooms, every convenience; extension kitchen; rent, \$250 and taxes. Apply C. L. MALTBY, 309 St. James st.

TO LET,

No. 23 STAINER AVENUE, WESTMOUNT. 37 STAINER AVENUE, WESTMOUNT. 41 STAINER AVENUE, WESTMOUNT. 4029 DORCHESTER ST., FURNISHED. 146 PEEB STREET, LOWER TENEMENT. 208 BLEURY ST., LOWER TENEMENT. 627 ST. DENIS ST., UPPER TENEMENT. 95 STANLEY ST., BRICK HOUSE AND STABLE. 823 PALACE ST., 10 ROOMS, FURNACE. 81 PARK AVE., 10 ROOMS, FURNACE. 15 TORRANCE ST., 10 ROOMS, FURNACE. 21 TORRANCE ST., 10 ROOMS, FURNACE. 23 TORRANCE ST., 10 ROOMS, FURNACE. 460 ARGYLE AVE., WESTMOUNT. 383 CLAREMONT AVE., WESTMOUNT. 962A ST. DENIS STREET, STORE. 644 CRAIG ST., OFFICE AND STORE. 75 INSPECTOR ST. FLAT 40 X 80, GOOD CELLAR, DOUBLE STORE. E. HUSTON, Real Estate Agent, 204 St. James st. Telephone 1890.

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TO LET, STORE AND DWELLING, ALL modern improvements from cellar to roof, under a Millinery and Fancy Goods Store, between Guy and Richmond streets, on Notre Dame street. Apply at 2433 Notre Dame street.

TO LET, TWO VERY NEAT LOWER Tenements, 1720 and 1723 Ontario street, and one large upper tenement, 263 St. Urbain street—all with Daisy heaters. Also, two comfortable self-contained dwellings, 21 and 23 Montcalm street—latter immediate possession if required. Apply to H. H. AUSTIN, Agent Estate John Timm, 318 St. Paul street.

TO LET, HOUSE, 506 SEIGNEURS Street, 7 rooms, bath and w.c.; large yard, carriage shed and stable in rear. Apply to 96 Foundling street.

TO LET, UPPER TENEMENT, 147 St. Hyppolite street, w.c. Apply to W. HIGGINS, 1785 Notre Dame street.

TO LET, A SMALL COTTAGE, 361 St. Dominique street, three doors above Sherbrooke; can be seen at any time.

TO LET, THAT HANDSOME STORE, Fixtures and Dwelling, 2688 Notre Dame, hot water heating. No reasonable offer will be refused from a good tenant. Apply to R. K. THOMAS, 174 St. James st.

TO LET, LOWER TENEMENT, No. 429 Amherst street, in first-class order; all modern conveniences; rent low to desirable tenant. Apply to 120 Mansfield or on the premises.

STORES TO LET, CORNER OF ST. Peter and Lemoine, 511 and 513 St. Paul, 88 McGill street, 58 to 60 McGill street, corner store McGill and William, 532 Craig street. Apply G. De SOLA, 3 St. Sacrament street.

TO LET, 72 CITY COUNCILLORS-STREET, a Brick Cottage, Bay window, furnace, and all modern improvements. Apply to T. GILDAY, 309 St. James street.

TO LET, NICE NEW FLATS ON GREENE avenue, St. Henri, No. 4 to 18, 6 rooms in each, finished last fall, bath and w.c.; grained throughout; rent \$12.00. Apply 469 St. Antoine street.

TO LET, AT ST. LAMBERT, TWO FIVE-roomed Cottages, with good garden, on Lorne avenue and Elm street, facing square, nice shade trees; warm and comfortable; rent moderate; only four minutes' walk from depot. Apply to E. MORRISON, 'Witness' Office, or MRS. J. MATTINSON, St. Lambert.

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CISSIE'S ENGAGEMENT

By John Strange Winter, in 'The Young Woman.'

(Continued.)

During the early days of their engagement they had made the bravest resolutions that they would waste nothing on frivolities, that they would work and save, and keep always before them the beautiful time which would be theirs when they would be together for the first time...

"I don't believe, Dick," she said to him one day, "that we shall ever be married. I and I. We shall go on and go on and we are both old, and we shall never have enough money to live on."

"Well, dearest," said Dick, with his careless air, "I never feel that; I always have a feeling that things will be different by and by. It is true we haven't saved much, and I do owe a few bills and things, but, at the same time, there is always the old uncle to look upon."

"Dick," she said, looking at him wistfully, "do you know I have not much faith in that old uncle of yours? In the first place, he is not very old, and in the second, it is not certain that he will ever give you a penny."

"My dearest child," said Dick, "he must leave it to me. There is nobody else."

"He might leave it to somebody else," said Cissie. "I believe myself he is the kind of person who would make the fact of your not getting on a personal matter. I have a sort of feeling that you will never benefit from your uncle, Dick. I have, really."

"Well, dear," said Dick, easily, "we must turn over a new leaf, and I mustn't bring you any more flowers or presents or anything. I do wish that your father would consent to our being married. We should have to be work-a-day then, shouldn't we?"

But Mr. Langridge did not consent, and so they went on until almost another leaf had gone by. And then something happened, something so wholly unexpected, that Cissie's very blood seemed to freeze in her veins, for the uncle on whom Dick had fastened all his hopes as married, and, what was worse, he married one of Cissie's sisters.

Her dying day she never forgot the long, low whistle of dismay with which Dick received the news. "Your sister Margaret going to marry my uncle?" he exclaimed. "I never heard of such a thing in my life."

"It is true," said Cissie. "And so it proved to be. Within two months from that day, Margaret Langridge became Mrs. Egerton, and Dick's prospects were done for; and from the day that Margaret Langridge left her father's house, Cissie's troubles began. For Margaret had made a very good marriage in the eyes of the world; she possessed a very warm affection for her dearly loved husband, and assumed an air of great dignity. She had little or no sympathy with love and the lighter side of life, and she frequently spoke to her mother of Cissie's unfortunate entanglement. "I cannot think, mother," she said more than once, when she had ridden down in her smart carriage to the little home-nest—"I cannot think how you can allow a child like Cissie to ruin her prospects for such a never-does-as-Dick Daveney. He will never do any good. Why don't you make daddy put a stop to it? Why don't you try at least to make Cissie see the folly of going on as she is going now? George has given me every chance. George educated him thoroughly; he has given him every chance in the profession that he chose, and the result is what? Nothing. He will never do any good; he will never do anything but idle his life away, and meantime Cissie's youth is going—she is not as pretty as she used to be. What is the good of her going on with this absurd engagement, with no prospect but absolute pauperdom at the end of it? It is not right, mother; I really don't think that you and daddy are doing your duty. Cissie to allow it to go on for another day. I am sure George has done everything that he can do, far more than most men would have done, and he would not give him sign of being willing to work; he has never done anything but the best mediocre work possible, he will never be anything of a painter. I have heard him speak disdainfully of other men's work as "pot-boilers." I fail to see, Mrs. Egerton went on indignantly, where the disgrace of painting pot-boilers comes in, and as I said to Dick at the time, he will never disgrace himself by painting pot-boilers. Nothing so use-

endoes, against the everlasting fret of a point of view different to her own. And at last, one day when Dick had been guilty of some wilder piece of extravagance than usual, and Mrs. Langridge spoke of the pity it was that their engagement had ever been allowed, poor Cissie lost patience altogether.

"I see what you want, Mother," she exclaimed passionately, with flaming eyes and a wild sob in her throat; "you are beginning to side with Margaret. Margaret is worldly and cold and hard; she can see nothing excepting her own side, her own view. Ever since she made this great marriage and ruined Dick's prospects, she has set herself to put an end to my engagement, to my happiness."

"My dear," said Mrs. Langridge quietly, "the last thought in the world that Margaret has is to put an end to your happiness. I know that you are fond of Dick, and that in a sense Dick is fond of you; but, my darling, the proof of a pudding is in the eating, and actions tell the truth more really than words. I hate to say what will hurt you, what will vex you, but we cannot shut our eyes to one fact, that although Dick professes very great love for you, he gives but little proof of his love in his actions; he loves you enough to waste all the best years of your life waiting for him, but he doesn't love you enough to sacrifice his own happy-go-lucky, idle inclinations; he doesn't love you enough, dear, to work for you. It is because Margaret has a prudent nature and looks far ahead, that she is filled with anxiety as to what that future may be for you."

"And you, too, Mother?"

"Many is the night that I lie awake wondering how it will end for you," replied Mrs. Langridge, sadly.

"For a moment the girl did not speak; then she turned round to her mother, with her eyes dark with unshed tears, and her face working painfully. "What does my father say about it?"

"I think," said Mrs. Langridge gently, "that sometimes he feels as if he would like to thrash your Dick. I am not saying this to hurt you, child; you know that I would never do that; but it is hard to see one's girl going on trusting to a broken reed, hoping for a future which will never be hers, to watch her youth going, her bloom fading, and all for nothing. I don't say this to hurt you, Cissie, . . . you know that."

Cissie stood for a moment irresolute; then she looked at her mother, her teeth pressed tight down over lower lip to stop its weakness and trembling. "Since you are all agreed, Mother," she said at last, "and you would all like me to give up my engagement to Dick, I will do it. I will only trust to you all never to speak of it; and don't ask me to marry anybody else, because I could not do it. I don't quite see what I shall gain by giving up Dick, because I am very fond of him, and I could never fill his place with another; but if it will please you and Daddy to have our engagement ended, I live in your house, and I won't go against you."

And then she turned and went swiftly out of the room, shutting the door behind her, as it were shutting the door upon her heart's happiness. Mrs. Langridge was at once relieved and sorry. She did not feel that the sacrifice had been made in vain; she did not feel that there was the smallest fear that Cissie would never marry another than Dick Daveney. Cissie was still extremely pretty, and Mrs. Langridge knew of several others who would gladly stand in Dick Daveney's shoes. She was possessed of a vague fear that it might make a coolness between the two sisters; otherwise she had no particular qualms, and she was entirely ignorant of the fact that it was entirely her doing that Cissie had consented to give up her Dick. Yet Mrs. Langridge was responsible for the change in the girl's heart. She might have preached prudence, and talked of the future for ten years, and put forth mild pictures of a life of poverty without having the very smallest effect upon the girl; but she had made her feel that Dick did not care enough for her to work for her sake, and the iron of disappointment had entered deep into the girl's soul.

It was a dreadful time which followed. Dick Daveney did not give up his sweet-heart without a struggle; but having once put her hand to the plough, Cissie Langridge was not the girl to look back. "That I love you with my whole heart," she wrote to him, "you cannot ever doubt; if you love me as you have seemed to do, and as I have believed you to do, you can prove it by working for me. It is late in the day, Dick, but it is not too late." She did not add, as she might have done, that she loved him more than ever.

For a few months after Cissie's engagement was ended, the whole of the Langridge family seemed to be vying with each other in making up to her as it were for the loss of her lover. They had hoped as time went on, and Cissie grew more used to the fact that she was no longer an engaged girl, that she would gradually find consolation elsewhere; but although Mrs. Egerton made opportunities, and various young men eagerly tried to take full advantage of them, Cissie remained Cissie Langridge still; and at the end of six months Aunt Theodora died, leaving to the intense surprise of the entire

family, the whole of her fortune to 'my dear niece Cecilia.'

So the time of her waiting had come to an end at last. She never hesitated as to what she should do. She loved Dick Daveney more than ever, good-fortune had befallen her, he was the lover of her heart, the hero of her youthful dreams, he and he alone should share it.

On the same afternoon as Miss Theodora was laid away to her last sleep, Dick Daveney received a telegram: "Come to me immediately. Great and unexpected news for you."

"Dick," she cried, when he walked into the little drawing-room of the house in West Kensington, "tell me one thing, and tell me truly—do you still love me as you used to do?"

He caught her to his breast with a cry which told her all the truth in the flash of a moment. "As I used to do? No, ten thousand times more."

"Dick," she cried,—"Dick, I am rich now. Aunt Theodora was buried this morning, and she has left me everything that she had. I tried so hard to do without you, Dick, because the others told me that you did not care for me enough to work for me. Dick, I don't care whether you work for me or not, I want you—and all I have is yours; so long as you love me I care for nothing else."

He kissed her again and again, and then held her a little away. "Dearest," he said, "if you had come to me yesterday and told me that your love was just the same, that you did not care whether I succeeded or not, I would have said to myself 'I will defy the family together; but, after all, if I am an idler I am a man, and I cannot let them say that I accepted your dismissal when we were both poor, and came back again as soon as you were rich. No, don't look like that,' he exclaimed, as a cry of despair burst from her lips. "I am not going to be Quixotic, I am not such a fool as that, but I have been working these last few months hard, and when I have made something of a success and can lay it at your feet, I will take you and Aunt Theodora's money as cheerfully and as willingly as you give yourself to me to-day."

Extract from a London daily paper less than a year later: "The great success of the season is undoubtedly the picture by Mr. Richard Daveney, called 'Penelope's Web.' . . . We prophesy a very brilliant future for this rising young painter."

THE END.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A TEA PARTY IN AN ORANGE GROVE.

(By Sara V. D. Merritt, in 'Christian Intelligencer'.)

(Concluded.)

After the tea, Ruth and Ruby entertained their company by telling stories, and playing hide-and-seek, among the orange trees. By-the-way, their cottage is situated right in the centre of an orange grove, and one can pick oranges from the trees without stepping off the porches. Very delightful, especially so, to a Northerner. After playing, they sang one verse of 'My country, 'tis for thee, and two verses of 'What a friend we have in Jesus.' Ruth's voice rich and full, Ruby's low and sweet, floated through the orange grove with sweetest melody. I fancied I heard a few notes from that mocking-bird while the girls were singing. However, it may have been fancy only. After the singing came the leave-taking. Ruth and Ruby accompanied their guests as far as the gate. There they stood for some time, waving their tiny handkerchiefs, their sweet faces aglow with pleasure and excitement, and they were both chattering like magpies.

The open book lay unread upon my lap. Who could read under such de-

ADVERTISEMENTS.

INJURY AND NEGLECT.

He Failed in Health and Strength—His Kidneys Ached and he Took DODD'S Kidney Pills.

Deseronto, Feb. 8.—(Special)—Among business people here, and especially by his fellow workmen great interest has been taken in the case of Mr. James Stokes, who, for the past fifteen years, has been shipper for the Rathburn Company.

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lightful circumstances? A party, and a concert!

I closed the book, and said quite aloud: "Here are two little girls who have spent a most delightful afternoon, to say nothing about the pleasure they have given me. And then how little, seemingly, they have had to make them so happy. Chieffy sand and flowers."

Then, I thought of some of my little Northern friends who have so much—fine clothing, beautiful French dolls, dishes, toys, games and many, many other things quite unknown, even, to Ruth and Ruby, whose parents are not rich in the goods of this world. But Ruth and Ruby are exceedingly rich in having parents who are thankful that they can provide them with plain food and clothing, and who consider it a blessed privilege to daily teach them

To fill their lives full of sunshine and beauty: To think purely, speak kindly, act nobly, each day. With glad little hearts do each little duty. That when childhood is gone its sweetness may stay.

Ruth and Ruby accompanied their supposed guests as far as the gate. "Now is the time," I said, while casting aside the book, and without a moment's delay, I fairly flew into the cottage. I hastily opened my trunk and took from it a large box which I had intended to give Ruth and Ruby when I left them. I took the box in my arms and ran out under the magnolia. It did not require more than five or six minutes to open it, and place upon the table a tea set of blue and white china, Japanese napkins and tray, goblets, knives, forks, and spoons, all intended for little children's tea parties.

Then I hastened back upon the porch, wishing, meanwhile, that I too, were a little child again, and had such very pretty things with which to play tea party. In a few moments Ruth and Ruby came strolling very slowly along, but neither one of them saw what I had placed upon the table until they stood right beside it. Instantly a great shout of joy and surprise from Ruth and Ruby echoed and re-echoed through the orange grove. At that moment the papa and mamma came upon the scene. The four began talking all at once, mixing up, 'tea party, who has been here? sand cake, how lovely they are, magnolia leaves, are they for us? nobody has been here,' in hopeless confusion.

In the midst of the excitement I saw the mamma give a hint as to where she thought they came from, by glancing toward me. In a second, almost, Ruth and Ruby, with a dash and a bound sprang upon the porch and took complete possession of me, well nigh smothering me with their oft-repeated hugs and kisses. It was a happy, happy moment for us all.

The day after the party I started for my Northern home. The last words I heard were these: "Next winter, when it is very cold in your Northern home, you must surely come back here again."

"If you will only come here again mamma says we can then give a real tea party. We will not have any make-believe cake, biscuit, dishes and company. But we will have real cake, real biscuit, real dishes, of course, and real company. Oh, we will have a lovely, lovely tea party; and you shall be the very first one invited to it. So do please come back here again next winter." Kingston, N.Y.

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When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?—Job, xxxiv., 20. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John, xiv., 27.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid.—Isa., xii., 2.

I heard of a wife in England who had an unconverted husband. She resolved that she would pray every day for twelve months for his conversion. Every day at twelve o'clock she went to her room alone and cried to God. Her husband would not allow her to speak to him on the subject of prayer; but she could speak to God on his behalf. It may be that you have a friend who does not wish to be spoken with about his salvation; you can do as this woman did—go and pray to God about it. The twelve months passed away, and there was no sign of his yielding. She resolved to pray for six months longer; so every day she went alone and prayed for the conversion of her husband. The six months passed, and still there was no sign, no answer. The question arose in her mind, could she give him up? 'No,' she said: 'I will pray for him as long as God gives me breath.' That very day, when he came home to dinner, instead of going into the dining-room he went upstairs. She waited, and waited, and waited; but he did not come down to dinner. Finally she went to his room, and found him on his knees crying to God to have mercy on him. God convicted him of sin; he not only became a Christian, but was glorified to him. God used him mightily. That was God answering the prayers of this Christian wife; she knocked, and knocked, until the answer came.—D. L. Moody.

At the annual meeting of the Baptist Zenana Mission, London, Mrs. W. R. James, of Madripore, remarked: "Long ago a man of the district found his way into Barisal, and there saw a missionary distributing books and tracts. He obtained one from the missionary and brought it back to the district. The tract contained an account of the healing, I think, of Peter's wife's mother. It so happened that there was a man in the village sick of fever, and the villagers thought that Jesus would be able to heal him also. Then followed carefully the directions in the tract, prayed to Jesus and the Lord healed the man. It was the beginning of a great awakening among the people, and now there are several thousand nominal Christians in that district."

In 1751 Bishop Benson says: "Gin-drinking has made our people what they never were before, cruel and inhuman; it has changed the very nature of our people, and will, if continued, destroy the very race of people themselves."

ADVERTISEMENTS. PROVINCIAL LISTS OF ELECTORS.

BOARD OF REVISORS.

Public notice is hereby given that a duplicate of the last lists in force (18th April, 1896) of electors of the city having a right to vote at an election of a member of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, will be kept in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, for the information of those interested, from Tuesday next, the ninth of February instant, from ten o'clock in the forenoon till four o'clock in the afternoon, and that the undersigned revisors will meet in the City Hall at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on Monday, the fifteenth day of February instant, and daily thereafter, subject to necessary adjournments, until all the said voters' lists are revised and settled.

Public notice is further given that any person, having by law the necessary franchise who deems himself aggrieved, either by the insertion or omission of his name from the list, shall present himself in person before the Board of Revisors to make such demand, or forward his application to that effect in writing within fifteen days after the present notice, with his full name and address. Any person believing that the name of any other person not entered thereon should be so entered, should not have been so entered owing to his not possessing the qualifications required for an elector, or believing that the name of any other should be so entered, owing to his possessing the qualifications required, may file, in the office of the City Clerk, a complaint in writing to such effect, with his full name and address, within the like delay of fifteen days after the present notice.

Any person who has changed his address since the revising in April, 1896, of the last list, will please notify the Revisors at once in order that the Board may make the necessary corrections. M. C. O. DESNOYERS, LOUIS ARMSTRONG, JAS. CRANKSHAW, Board of Revisors' Room, Revisors, City Hall, Montreal, February 8, 1897.

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A LONG DAY

Mr. T. D. Sullivan recalls in a recent number of the Dublin 'Nation' the amusing correspondence read in the House in 1884 by Mr. John A. Blake in the debate on Irish Sunday closing. Mr. Blake favored temperance principles, and he had once addressed to a much-loved uncle of his the following letter:—

'My Dear Uncle:—I write to say how pleased I should be if you could see your way to giving up your six glasses of whiskey a day. I am sure you would find many advantages in doing so, the greatest of which would be that, as I am persuaded, it would be the means of lengthening your days.'

Mr. Blake then favored the House with the reply he had received from the worthy old gentleman. It was in these terms: 'My Dear Nephew,—I am much obliged for your dutiful letter. I was so much struck by what you said, and in particular by your kind wish to lengthen my days, that last Friday I gave up the whiskey. I believe you are right, my boy, as to my days being lengthened, for indeed it was the longest day I ever remember.'

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NOTICES.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal.

CALLING IN CREDITORS.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC—No. 33. In the Matter of Alfred Benjamin Cruchet, of St. Hyppolite, District of Terrebonne, and Albert Augustus Dunsby, of the City and District of Montreal, merchants, and co-partners. Going business together as such at the said city of Montreal, under the name and firm of 'The Tiger Tea Company,' insolvents.

The creditors of said insolvents are hereby ordered to appear before one of the Judges of this Court in the court room for insolvency matters in the Court House at Montreal, on the thirteenth day of February instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon in order to give their advice touching the appointment of a curator, and inspectors, to the property of the said insolvents. Montreal, 4th February, 1897. H. COLLARD, Deputy Prothonotary S.C.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal.

SUPERIOR COURT.

No. 1455. Dame Mary MacMahon, of the City and District of Montreal, the wife commune en biens of Joseph Hyppolite Jobin, of the same place, Innkeeper, judicially authorized a enter on justice, plaintiff, vs. Joseph Hyppolite Jobin, of the City and District of Montreal, Innkeeper, defendant. An action for separation as to property has been this day instituted against the defendant in this cause. BEAUCHAMP & BRUCHESI, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Montreal, 26th January, 1897.

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THE EGYPTIAN PROBLEM.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach's Words Creating a Good Deal of Stir.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE

LITTLE HOPE THAT THE BILL BEFORE THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT WILL EVER BECOME LAW.

New York, Feb. 7.—Correspondents of the leading papers pay special attention to the speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach in the House of Commons on Friday.

In his special cable to the 'Sun,' Mr. Chamberlain says: 'The Egyptian situation was at last put before the world in plain language by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his speech announcing the intentions of the British Government. He spoke with unconcealed contempt of the decision of the mixed tribunal ordering the return to the Treasury of the money advanced for the Nile expedition, and forthwith declared that Great Britain was fully determined to take Khartoum. Moreover, he gave notice to the world with significant emphasis that when Great Britain made up her mind what was the right policy in regard to Egypt, she would not be 'worried out of it' by such difficulties as a refusal of money. His language is already causing great irritation and much bellicose language in various places on the Continent, but whether it will have an unfavorable influence upon the agreement in regard to Turkish affairs remains to be seen. The situation as a whole, including the Cretan difficulty and the Grecian-Turkish quarrel, will demand the highest diplomatic skill, and, perhaps, sharp physical action within the next few days for its successful handling.'

Mr. Harold Frederic, in his special cable to the New York 'Times,' says: 'Sir William Harcourt is not alone in the belief that it will be estimated as a downright defiance of France, and will prove displeasing to Russia. This untimely utterance, which practically says, 'hands off' to France, however cleverly it may subsequently be softened and explained away, may prove to have an upsetting effect on the conference of the ambassadors at Constantinople.'

Mr. Isaac N. Ford says of the speech in his special cable to the 'Tribune': 'It was sober and terse, but courageous and firm. Altogether it was a bold and resolute speech, with a sterling British ring and with a defiant note which could hardly fail to cause intense irritation in France. Sir William Harcourt, Mr. John Morley and Sir Charles Dilke condemned it as dangerous and imprudent and provocative of evil results; but when the subject had been debated with great heat the financial vote was carried by a rousing majority. The government, with their great majority and petty politics, need courageous leadership like Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's, with its lucid common sense and direct appeal to British pride.'

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

New York, Feb. 7.—Discussing the parliamentary proceedings of the week Mr. Isaac N. Ford cables from London to the 'Tribune': 'Mr. Balfour has been on his mettle since the Education bill was introduced, and has partly succeeded in regaining the prestige he lost through the slovenly manner in which the measure was explained. Mr. Chamberlain came to his rescue in an adroit speech and the first reading was carried by a great majority. The measure does not excite enthusiasm in any quarter, but will be enacted without great difficulty, as the Irish members support it, and a new opposition below the gangway on the Ministerial side cannot be rallied against it. The best argument Mr. Chamberlain can offer for an Imperial subsidy to denominational schools is that without this aid they will be closed, and the ratepayers will be heavily taxed for building new schools. The proposed increase of the army, as explained by Lord Lansdowne, proves to be smaller than was expected. The addition slightly exceeds seven thousand men. The measure is sharply criticised by military men, especially on the ground that the efficiency of the Guards remaining in England will be impaired for the sake of strengthening the garrison of Gibraltar. The real measure of the session has not yet been introduced. This is the Employer's Liability bill, which will probably apply to all accidents without regard to the degree of negligence. The Kitchen Committee of the Commons has urged the Attorney-General to prepare a special act legalizing the liquor traffic in the House of Parliament.'

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Harold Frederic, in his special cablegram from London to the New York 'Times,' says: 'Since those exciting days in April, 1892, when the Woman's Suffrage bill was defeated by a narrow majority of some twenty votes, there has been no such invasion of the outer and inner lobbies of the House of Commons as on Tuesday night last, when ladies swarmed the place, coaxing, almost threatening. The present bill is obscurely drawn and dispenses unequal favors, for while it grants the franchise to certain classes of women with a more liberal hand than in the case of men, it utterly denies the coveted right to great numbers of skilled and educated women who possess the same conditions required of men. A radical criticism of this measure is that it enfranchises pro-

perty and not sex, and will not give to the mass of independent working women any political power whatsoever. The question may be one at which many politicians smile, but the steadily increasing support it receives cannot be denied by any careful student. It was with almost puzzled surprise that London woke up on Thursday morning to find that a second reading of the Women's Suffrage bill had actually been passed by a considerable majority. That this by no means implies that it ever will pass into law is, of course, self-evident. There are too many rocks ahead to permit of an indulgence of hope that the poor little bill, steered as it is, by a private member, can ever survive the windy and stormy session. Still the step, such as it is, is very noticeable. It is curious, too, to notice the two men whose very different genius gives a comic relief to the somewhat prosy assembly, each delighting the House in his own manner. Sir Wilfrid Lawson comically vowed that even if all the women voted for public houses he would nevertheless enfranchise them, while Mr. Labouchere, who pleaded guilty to having once voted in favor of the object of the bill, half seriously expressed the fear that women's votes would be towed about by the Church. Without attempting to solve the delicate question as to whether the women of this country are the equals of men in intelligence, it is perfectly certain that there are over a million more women than men, and while this disproportion exists the Britisher is likely to keep the voting power in his own masculine hands.'

FEELING ON THE CONTINENT.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Official and newspaper opinions in Germany regard the new strain between France and England with complete equanimity and the declarations concerning Egypt made by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons in London, on Friday, are attributed to that gentleman's knowledge that Great Britain has the support of Germany, Austria and Italy in regard to her occupation of Egypt. The Hamburg correspondent in an article on the subject gives expression to the opinion generally entertained in Berlin when it says that France has no legal right to force Great Britain to evacuate Egypt even if all the great powers should back her up. 'But,' the paper adds, 'the powers will do nothing of the kind, for the reason that they have no interest in Great Britain's welfare and even Russia, though for reasons of policy she has joined France in an entente, will go no further than she has already gone.'

Concerning the attitude of Russia toward Egypt, the St. Petersburg 'Novoye Vremya' says that Russia intends to confine herself to placing the Suez canal under international control, otherwise she has no interest in Egypt. Speaking of the attitude of the Austro-Hungarian government, the 'Spesher Lloyd,' in an inspired communication from Vienna, expresses regret that the line of the Franco-Russian entente menaces the concord of the powers at the very time when perfect harmony is most urgently needed. 'The effect will be,' the paper adds, 'to defeat a solution of the difficulties in Turkey and we must now exert every effort to restore the harmony between France and Great Britain.'

A GLENGARRY WEDDING.

Cornwall, Feb. 8.—An interesting social event took place in Alexandria on Monday morning last, when Mr. Geo. J. Harrison, a popular young man, was united in matrimony with Miss Sadie C., youngest daughter of Mr. John A. Williams of lot 383rd Lochiel. The ceremony was performed at St. Finnan's Cathedral in the presence of a large number of the friends of both contracting parties, the Rev. Father D. R. Macdonald officiating. The groom was supported by Mr. Egerton McMillan while Miss Maggie McDonald of North Lancaster, assisted the bride. The latter was given away by her brother, Mr. Donald J. Williams. The bride wore a becoming costume of blue cloth, with beaver trimmings. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Harrison drove to the residence of the bride's father, where a light repast was served prior to their continuing their journey to Quebec, that historic point having been selected in which to spend their honeymoon.

NORTHERN W.C.T.U.

The monthly meeting of the above Union was held in the extension parlor of Chalmers Church last week, the attendance being fair. The report of evangelistic work done by Miss Emma Baylis was listened to with much pleasure, and assistants were appointed to attend the various mothers' meetings and assist Miss Baylis during the coming month. A very interesting and instructive paper on systematic giving was read by Mrs. Cole, at the close of which the members were invited to discuss the subject. It was also decided to arrange for a parlor concert during this month in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, invitations to be sent out and collections taken.

PRESENTATION TO MR. JAMES BANNON.

Mr. James Bannon, a popular member of St. Anthony's Church Young Men's Society, was presented, on the occasion of his marriage, with a purse of money by his fellow members of the society. The presentation was made after the society's regular meeting on Saturday night at their hall, 329 St. Antoine street. The presentation was made by Mr. Grace in the absence of the president through sickness. Mr. Bannon replied in a brief but happily-spoken speech in which he thanked the members heartily for their gift.

A LIGHT AT McGILL.

THE WORK OF THE McGILL Y.M.C.A. DURING THE PAST YEAR.

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Mr. George Hague, in addressing the members of the McGill Y.M.C.A., assembled at their annual meeting on Saturday evening, spoke of their association as a light among the students. The rooms on that evening, as usual, were bright enough to suggest such a metaphor with regard to the work carried on within their walls. The reading room and parlors were bright and inviting, but the interest on Saturday was all centered upon the room where meetings are held. Mr. Hague takes a substantial interest in the work, and after listening to a number of the reports read at the annual meeting, he addressed kind words of praise for the workers. He emphasized the fact that to make the work of the greatest possible benefit to the university, each member must feel a personal responsibility for a share of the work. He commended the proposal of the association to raise a fund for the support of a medical missionary in the foreign field. The retiring president, Mr. E. M. Campbell, occupied the chair, while the annual reports were read. The latter, with the names of those who read them, was as follows:—President's report, Mr. E. M. Campbell; religious meeting committee, Mr. Stockwell; medicine; graduates, Dr. Hamilton; social committee, Mr. Chas. Ogilvy, B.A.; medicine; bible study committee, Mr. A. R. Ross, arts '97; membership committee, Mr. M. D. Keith; missionary committee, Mr. A. H. Grace; building committee, Prof. Carus-Wilson; finance committee, Mr. R. C. Patterson, arts '98; music committee, Mr. Thompson, science; handbook and fall campaign committee, Mr. Keith, general secretary. The treasurer's statement showed receipts during the year, including membership fees, subscriptions to current work, etc., \$793.91; the disbursements for running expenses, including the salary of the general secretary who gives most of his time to the work, amounted to \$768.45, leaving a balance on hand of \$27.46. Of the amount received, \$133 was from professors and friends, and the finance committee expressed the hope that the members would keep in mind that the association should be put on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible. The building committee presented a very satisfactory report as follows:—Balance from 1895, \$175.33; rent, \$625; sundries, \$9.90; total, \$810.23; expenditures, \$509.65; interest on mortgage, \$600; water taxes, \$23.28; city taxes, \$121.25; agent's commission, \$31.75; adding advertising and bank charges, etc., the total expenditure came up to \$784.84, leaving a balance of \$225.39. The capital account of the building fund shows a bank deposit of \$3,000, and cash in hand, \$406.52, as an offset to the \$10,000 mortgage on the building; the subscriptions to the funds during the past year aggregated \$1,341. The position of the association with regard to its building fund is interesting as showing the growth of the movement. Until a year and a-half ago the headquarters of the association were situated in a couple of bare rooms in a corner of the arts building. Efforts were being made to raise a fund for a building. When the fund had reached a few thousands of dollars, there came the generous gift from Mr. George Hague of \$5,000, which set the association on its feet. The building at present used was purchased for \$17,500, its only drawback being the mortgage of \$10,000 which it bears. As will be seen from the foregoing statements, however, the association has already raised \$3,400 for the payment of the debt; the portions of the building rented as dwellings, bring in more than enough to pay the interest on the mortgage. Professor Carus-Wilson, treasurer of the building fund, was warmly congratulated at the conclusion of his report, for the satisfactory condition of his department in the association's work. The report of the membership committee shows the following condition of the roll:—Arts, 65; medicine, 57; science, 29; law, 8; comparative medicine, 1; Presbyterian College, 20; Congregational College, 4; Diocesan college, 1; Wesleyan College, 2; graduates, 60; total, 247; total of last year, 237. Before proceeding to the election of officers, Prof. Armstrong, who has been very active in the work of the association since his coming to Montreal last September, spoke a few words of praise for the manner in which the retiring officers had worked. Dr. Johnson, Dean of the Arts Faculty, also spoke. The officers elected are as follows:—Hon. president, Sir William Dawson; president, Mr. H. P. Archibald, science, '98; first vice-president, Mr. P. C. Patterson, arts, '98; second vice-president, Mr. A. H. Gordon, medicine, '99; treasurer, Mr. Galbraith, medicine, '99; assistant treasurer, Mr. Jas. G. Greig, arts, '99; recording secretary, Mr. W. B. McLean, science, '99; representative from law, Mr. R. H. Rogers, B.A.; representative from comparative medicine, Mr. Delano. A vote of thanks to the press was passed before the close of the meeting. The new president stated that it should be made known more generally that all the rooms of the association were open to visitors during the day and evening, and that members were free to bring their friends there at all times.

A GENUINE FESTIVAL.

The annual Sunday-school festival in connection with St. Bartholomew's Reformed Episcopal Church was held on Friday evening in the lecture hall of the church, which was tastefully decorated and as usual on such occasions was largely attended, the girls predominating. The children began to arrive at 6.30 and by 7 the hall was full. Long tables were placed around the hall, while others were placed in the centre and all weighed down with the good things provided. When the children had partaken of the refreshments they were allowed to have a romp through the hall, which they enjoyed to their heart's content. At eight o'clock the parents and friends were admitted and the entertainment commenced. The Rev. Archibald H. Grace took the chair and delivered a short address. The programme was a long one and was excellently carried out by the little ones and consisted of singing, recitations, scripture exercises and excellent music, rendered at intervals by the Sunday-school orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Willie McKee. At the conclusion of the programme the chairman again made a few remarks, during which he stated that he was almost ashamed of himself to say that nearly the whole programme was rendered by the girls, the boys taking very little part, although they had an equal chance. It seemed to him that the girls were evidently forging ahead. The Rev. Charles R. Cook, Mr. William Sloan, superintendent, Mr. Edward Roberts, secretary of the Sunday-school, teachers and officers deserve great credit for the success of the festival, which was one of the best in the history of the school. After singing 'God Save the Queen' the children waving little Union Jacks, the meeting was brought to a close, each scholar receiving a bag of candy as they left the hall.

POLITICAL MEETINGS.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK.

The Club National has organized a series of Liberal political meetings for this week, in which the Hon. Mr. Marchand and several members of the House of Commons and the Legislature will take part. The meetings will take place as follows:—

Monday, at the Club Laurier, corner Mount Royal avenue and St. Lawrence street. The speakers will be the Hon. Messrs. Marchand and H. Archambault, Messrs. G. Dechene, Adelard Turgeon and Jules Tessier, members of the Legislature.

Tuesday, for the Club Geoffrion and the St. Gabriel Club, on Notre Dame street. The speakers will be the Hon. Messrs. H. Archambault and McShane, Messrs. Dechene, Turgeon, Tessier, Cooke and Dr. Guerin, members of the Legislature.

Wednesday, for the Papineau and Tarte Clubs, on Parthenais street. The speakers will be the Hon. Messrs. Marchand and Archambault, Messrs. H. Dupré, M.P., O. Desmarais, M.P., Dechene, Turgeon and Tessier, members of the Legislature, Lomer Gouin.

Thursday, in the Town Hall of St. Henri. The speakers will be the Hon. Messrs. Marchand and Archambault, Messrs. J. A. C. Madore, M.P., O. Desmarais, M.P., E. G. Penny, M.P., R. Lemieux, M.P., Turgeon, Dechene and Tessier, members of the Legislature.

Friday, at the Mercier Club, 631 Notre Dame street. The speakers will be the Hon. Messrs. Marchand, Archambault and McShane, Messrs. Turgeon, Dechene, Lemieux, Desmarais.

In the following week, three more meetings will be held in Ste. Cunegonde, Mile End and Maisonneuve.

The Club Cartier will hold a meeting this evening when the Hon. Mr. Desjardins will deliver a lecture on the mission of the three delegates of the Bowell Government who went to see the Greenway Government, in March last, concerning the school question.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The Dominion Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit Society held their quarterly meeting on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Frank Hughes occupied the chair, there being also present Messrs. Copeland, Gurd, Reed, Dwyer, Stanton, Beach, McKee and Mullarky. A motion of Mr. John Taylor's to recombine offices of secretary and treasurer was defeated on the motion of Mr. Mullarky, seconded by Mr. McKee. By-laws were then passed dealing with the respective duties of the secretary and the treasurer, and also with regard to the eligibility for membership in the society, which is confined to manufacturers, wholesale merchants and their clerks and salesmen who are under the age of forty-years. Mr. W. G. Beach gave the following notice of motion to be voted on at the next quarterly meeting:—'That the annual fee of this society be increased to \$2 for the purpose of increasing the reserve fund, to be paid with the June assessment.'

IVORY WANTS DAMAGES.

New York, Feb. 6.—Edward J. Ivory will take measures to press claims against the British Government for \$200,000 through his attorney, Mr. John F. McIntyre. He will ask this as indemnity for arrest and five months' imprisonment in connection with his recent trial in England.

TRINITY CHURCH, MONTREAL. CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

What a grand ecclesiastical edifice Trinity Church is. Standing on St. Denis street at the south-west corner of Viger square, its size, its fine proportions and gothic style mark it out as one of the most beautiful and substantial of the many 'Houses of God' in Montreal. None but a skilled architect could have been its designer. None but excellent workmen could have carried out his plans so admirably, whether the interior or exterior be critically considered.

Built to replace the edifice of a like name, erected on St. Paul street about 1840, which was served then by the late devoted, self-sacrificing and revered Mark Willoughby, it has developed with the city, as it were, for more than half a century, and thence arise very many associations of a varied and interesting character. Not wholly unacquainted with its venerable records, nor by any means indifferent to its welfare and power for good, I attended an ordinary Sunday service. Judging by the number there present, the congregation seems to be more than maintaining its average strength, notwithstanding the fluctuating proximity of its possible worshippers, few as these must be in that part of the city, compared with the immense size of this fine building.

The service consisted of morning prayer and sermon, and began, as it should, not with hymn or psalm, but with the duly appointed penitential sentences from Holy Scripture, so much more suitable in first approaching God for worship. The rubrics were well observed, save for the unauthorized innovation by the people of saying the general thanksgiving with the minister audibly.

I have not the pleasure of knowing the clergyman, Mr. Graham, but his full, reverent voice, his clear enunciation and his excellent reading, so intelligently emphatic without being pedantic and declamatory, made it a real pleasure to follow the service as he conducted it, and he must be exceptionally attractive in this respect. A similarly frank and unaffected devoutness was noticeable in what had to be said in notices and comments about parochial appointments, but specially in the sermon.

This was a good evangelical discourse upon I. Peter v. 5-8, referring to humility, watchfulness and faith. Under these heads a carefully written discourse of twenty-three minutes' duration was well delivered. The teaching throughout was expository in style and practical in plan and purpose. The service was unnecessarily lengthened by a lack of promptness in the taking up of the responses and by the retaining of the final notes too long—a common inadvertence, and particularly where choir and clergyman are far apart. The general responding was very weak for a common prayer or worship, as implied by a liturgy and enjoined by the rubrics. And yet in spite of this want of a better participating by all present in the people's part of the service, one felt that it was good to have been there, and came away refreshed and thankful. Confidently hopeful too, any well-wisher must be, that the faithful work still being continued in the good old parish of Trinity Church will increase and abound more and more to the glory of God and the happiness and spiritual welfare of all concerned.

Feb. 1, 1896.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH.

The annual tea-meeting and entertainment of the Sunday-school scholars of the above church was held on Friday evening. After the little ones had done full justice to the good things temptingly arrayed on the tables, the chair was taken by the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Wood, who opened the entertainment by delivering a short address appropriate to the occasion, after which an interesting programme of music, songs, choruses and recitations was rendered, the little ones taking their parts with such vim and earnestness, yet withal so naturally, as to bring forth round after round of hearty applause from the large audience present. A feature of the evening was the reading of the secretary's report, which told of much good work done. Especially noticeable was the financial statement, which showed that a very liberal sum had been devoted to the missionary cause, and to providing new books for the library. A creditable sum had also been expended in various other ways, with the object ever in view of extending the Kingdom of Christ, yet it was gratifying to hear that quite a substantial sum was left in the treasurer's hands. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, after which, in accordance with time-honored custom, bags of candy were distributed among the children.

THE I. P. B. CONCERT.

The Irish Protestant Benevolent Society's concert in the Windsor Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 9, promises to be equal in interest and attendance to the concerts given by this society in past years. As will be seen by the programme in another column, the songs and music so dear to Irish hearts will be rendered by some of the best talent of the city and addresses will be delivered by two members of the society, His Worship Mayor R. Wilson Smith, and the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael. This will be one of the few opportunities this year of enjoying an entertainment strictly Irish in all its features and the friends of the society which is doing such a grand and noble work should see that not a seat will be vacant next Tuesday night.

PRIVY COUNCIL JUDGMENTS.

APPEAL OF THE BREWERS AND DISTILLERS OF ONTARIO DISMISSED.

THE FISHERIES CASE.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The 'Evening Telegram's' special cable dated at London, Feb. 6, says:—The Privy Council today rendered judgment dismissing the appeal of the brewers and distillers against the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal, which held that Ontario had the right to impose upon them an extra tax for the right to sell in Ontario. Their Lordships said they were quite unable to discover any substantial distinction between the present case and the case of the Bank of Toronto vs. Lambie, which decided that the Quebec Government had the right to impose a tax on banks. Should the Ontario Government, under the guise of direct taxation seek to impose indirect taxation, the present decision of the Privy Council will not fetter any tribunal having to deal with such a case, should it arise. The brewers and distillers must pay the costs of their unsuccessful appeal.

The Privy Council to-day also decided to grant the three petitions for leave to appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court in the fisheries case. These cases are:—The Dominion, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia; Ontario vs. Dominion and Quebec; Nova Scotia vs. Dominion. The Supreme Court decision was in the main in favor of the provinces. The Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General of Canada, argued for the Dominion, and the Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., appeared on behalf of the Province of Ontario.

THEIR ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual drive and dance of the employees of Messrs. Kerry, Watson & Co. was held on Friday evening. After a very pleasant drive around the mountain a stop was made at Dixon's and there a programme had been arranged comprising dancing, singing and recitations. After a portion of this had been gone through an adjournment was made to the supper room, where a very nice repast had been laid, and about thirty-five good humored couples with healthy appetites sat down and showed their appreciation of the many good things before them. A very pleasing incident during supper was a presentation to Mr. John Harper by a few of his personal friends who had enjoyed many years of pleasant intercourse with him. In the presentation speech attention was drawn to the kind and generous disposition of Mr. Harper, also to Mr. Harper's long service as manager of the St. George Drug & Spice Mills, and other nice compliments too many to mention. Mr. Harper was taken quite by surprise but managed to thank his friends in his usual genial way. Before rising from the table speeches were made by Messrs. D. Watson and W. S. Kerry, also by Messrs. T. W. Costen, W. C. Bindell and J. A. Findlay. The dancing hall was again sought, where the balance of the arranged programme was carried out. When the breaking up took place every one went away thoroughly well pleased with the evening.

DR. CAMPBELL ON 'SUMMER FLOWERS.'

Under the auspices of the Natural History Society the first half-hour lecture was delivered on Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D., the subject being 'A talk on summer flowers.' Sir William Dawson was in the chair and there was a very fair attendance. The lecturer first showed how and where to look for such flowers in summer and reviewed their general characteristics. He said that the crowfoot, the rose family, the cruciferae or cross family, the pinks, the mints, the papilionaceae, or pulse family, are the prevailing types in early summer. The composite come later, although the fleabanes and ox-eye daisy are contemporaries of the vetches and mustards. He also spoke of the summer water plants. Specimens of different summer flowers were exhibited and handed round among the audience. At the close of the lecture the thanks of the audience were tendered by the chairman to Dr. Campbell.

FINE WORK IN STAINED GLASS.

Another very beautiful specimen of stained glass art has left the workshop of the well-known firm of Messrs. J. C. Spence & Sons of this city. It consists of a beautiful circular window of classical design which is to be placed in the English Cathedral at Kingston, Ont. The subject is that of our Saviour on the throne, the right hand raised in benediction and holding an orb in the left. The figure is set in a glory surrounded by eight cherubim and eight stars. Outside of this again is a border of pleasing design. The workmanship throughout displays great skill, and as a specimen of Montreal manufacture of such a work of art, Messrs. Spence & Sons may well feel pride in its execution.

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