

A GIGANTIC COMBINE.

'Street' Rumor That Montreal Street Railway Will Absorb the Gas and Electric Companies.

PAID UP CAPITAL OF THESE COMPANIES AND INTEREST EARNED BY THEIR SHARES AT PRESENT PRICES.

A deal in which ten or twelve millions of dollars are involved is on the tapis. It seems that the Street Railway people, looking so far ahead as to the time when their contract with the city expires, have determined to get control of the electric power by absorbing the electric companies and, incidentally, to light them on their way, perhaps, to also get control of the gas company. The title of the new combine has not yet been decided upon (and, indeed, the intent may fail), but it is not likely to be called 'The Montreal Gas, Electric, Street Railway.' With control of the electric companies, the position of the Street Railway Company would be impregnable, no one could complete against it in the traffic line; and the possession of the Gas Company would enable it to 'put out' all lighting competition. These rumors have been current on 'the street' since the beginning of the year and probably account for the remarkable advances all these stocks have shown. For instance, on the third of January, M.S.R. opened the year at 290, on Wednesday it sold at 321, a gain of 31 points in about two months, and the new stock shows a gain of 34 points for the like period. Gas commenced its 1899 career at 210 and yesterday sold at 216, a gain of 6 points; while Royal Electric opened the year at 162 and sold yesterday at 185 1/2, a rise of 23 1/2 points. Montreal Street Railway has a paid up capital of \$4,700,000, counting both old and new stock; Royal Electric has a paid up capital of \$1,500,000, and Gas has a paid up capital of \$2,997,916. And then there is the 'dark horse' the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Company. If all these companies are knit together, it will be one of the most powerful combinations in Canada, and like other octopi is almost sure to absorb other bodies.

plaid carpet bag, that he had 'a soft snap.' In conversation to-day several officials expressed the belief that there were still several parties in the watch-faking business, though they could not understand why the simplest creature should hesitate about knocking down the man who approached him after the manner of the 'profession,' seeing that the press had again and again exposed the 'modus operandi' of the business, and that there was no district so remote as to be devoid of this means of illumination.

GRAIN AND THE PORT.

Late Arrival, Less Business, and Lower Freight.

NAVIGATION WILL OPEN UNDER VERY DIFFERENT AUSPICES TO THOSE OF LAST YEAR.

The grain merchants of Montreal, who contribute so much to the prosperity of the port, are eagerly looking forward to the opening of navigation on. It seems, however, now pretty certain that the canals will not be opened until May 1, or after, and in this, as in other respects, the auspices are different from those of last year. Last year the canals were opened about the middle of April and grain was able to meet some of the first boats; but this year the barges will not be able to get into port until May 5 or 6; steamers will leave Great Britain for Montreal about April 15, arriving here about April 25, so that there may be ten days between the arrival of the ships and the advent of the grain-laden barges, unless the Minister of Railways and Canals gets a miracle of time, as one grain merchant expressed it this morning. In other respects this year's opening is greatly different from that of last year. Then, the threat of war was sending cargoes this way, and Leiter's dealings influenced the demand for food-stuffs on the other side; then, space was engaged up to July, nearly all of it, and rates were around 2s. 6d. Now, few engagements have been made, rates are around 1s. 3d. and 1s, and shippers do not care to bind themselves for any period to carry grain at these rates. Everything, indeed, points to a quiet opening in the grain-carrying trade and comparatively low rates.

In an interesting interview with a 'Witness' representative, Mr. D. A. P. Watt, the well-known authority in this city said:—

'Steamship freight rates have fallen, as is the custom each year during March and April, but this year they have dropped more than usual. This was the result of increased tonnage of steamers. Pointing to the last folder of intended sailings published by Messrs Lunham & Moore, of New York, he instanced one month's sailings for Liverpool alone, which was over twenty large steamers.'

'There has been a reduction of grain and general merchandise, which is felt by Canadian steamship companies, the same as by New York lines. Not much grain is moving during the winter months, and when the canals are closed American shippers find it cheaper to send produce to Newport News and Norfolk, and ship it from there. This was explained in that these ports have inland water communication all the year round, just as has New Orleans. The publication of figures regarding grain shipments for a week, and comparing them with the corresponding week of last March was misleading, because when steamers in large numbers were delayed by fog or bad weather one week, then the next week would show an increased export of grain. Such figures were unreliable taken on the week to week basis, as a commercial compass. It is said amongst grain shippers that farmers are holding their grain until later in the spring in order to obtain better prices, and this in some measure accounts for the falling off in rates.'

A BIG BABY.

On Thursday morning at the Woman's Hospital, Mrs. Wyatt gave birth to a daughter which tipped the scales at 18 pounds one ounce. Both mother and daughter are doing well. This weight is believed to be the record weight for the Dominion. Dr. Crutchlow, the house surgeon of the hospital, was in attendance.

THE WEATHER AND ROADS.

The past few days of cold weather and sufficient snow to cover the roads has considerably improved sleighing in both the city and neighboring country districts.



MME. LOUBET, WIFE OF THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

THE CITY CHARTER.

Much Amended Bill Must Go Back to the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATURE MAY PRODUCE TONIGHT QUESTION OF FORMING THE SENATE.

Quebec, March 10.—When the Assembly met at 11.30 the question of concurrence in the amendments made by the Legislative Council was taken.

Mr. Rainville moved that they be concurred in, with the exception of that made to clause 361, imposing a tax on machinery, pipes, wires, etc., which could be levied if the tax of one-tenth of one percent was levied on the capital of the companies enjoying street franchises.

Mr. McDonald moved in amendment to also strike out altogether the tax on departmental stores; which was carried by a vote of 23 to 10.

Mr. De Grosbois moved to strike out the tax on stock exchange transactions, which was also carried by 25 to 7.

Mr. Lalonde moved to reinstate the obligation to enlarge Bonsecours market within two years. The vote on this amendment was a tie—16 to 16—which was settled by the Speaker voting against the amendment.

Mr. Rainville's motion was then carried by 27 to 7, and the House adjourned to three this afternoon to await the action of the Council on the bill.

It is understood that the Council will agree this afternoon to the amendments made this morning by the Assembly to the Montreal bill and that prorogation will take place at 8.30 this evening.

SENATE REFORM.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. J. Israel Tarte have arrived here, the object of their visit being said on the one hand to relate to the Lewis election in connection with some trouble which is reported to be brewing, and on the other to try to induce the government to put a resolution before the Legislature before prorogation, approving of Sir Wilfrid's plan of Senate reform. The latter rumor is strengthened by the fact that they had an interview this forenoon with the Hon. Mr. Marchand and that Mr. Gouin has notified the government that, at this afternoon's session of the House he will ask them whether they have given their attention to the subject of Sir Wilfrid's plan of Senate reform, whether they approve of it and whether they consider that the interests of this province would be better safeguarded by its adoption.

A SUNDAY EXHIBITION.

A Dawson City correspondent writes enclosing a poster concerning which he says, 'it shows what interest the Hon. W. Ogilvie takes in raising money for the indigent poor—on Sunday evening—during church hours.' The poster advertises an athletic and vaudeville entertainment for the benefit of the indigent poor, in Monte Carlo Theatre, on Sunday evening, Jan. 29, 1899. The programme included sparring, wrestling, bicycle riding, moving

inent French public men will accompany the party, which will number about 150 altogether.

The newly organized Montreal Tourists' Association is making arrangements to provide facilities for the party to thoroughly inspect this section of the province.

ORANGEMEN AND THE SENATE.

Barrie, Ont., March 10.—At a meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West yesterday morning a notice was given of a motion condemning in the most emphatic manner any tinkering with the Senate.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE.

Nassau, N.P., March 10.—The British steamer 'Collegian,' from New Orleans on March 3, for Liverpool, is ashore on the sand beach. An underwriter's agent is leaving here to assist the distressed vessel.

CURIOUS CAUSE OF DEATH.

Wilton, Conn., March 10.—Robert N. Benedict, aged 17, one of the best known young men of this place, is dead as the result of blood poisoning, caused, according to the physicians, by a habit of frequently putting a lead pencil in his mouth.

CAPE TO CAIRO ROUTE.

FULFILMENT OF MR. RHODES'S DREAM DRAWING NEARER.

New York, March 10.—A Berlin cable to the 'Herald' says that the Hon. Cecil Rhodes will arrive there to-day. The object of his visit is to have an audience, if possible, with the Emperor, and to obtain His Majesty's adherence to his project of a railway from the Cape to Cairo, passing through German East African territory. He will, it is said, be granted the desired audience, in which case there is every prospect of his carrying his point.

DEATH OF DR. MUIR.

Huntingdon, Que., March 10.—The Rev. J. B. Muir, D.D., for many years pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here, died at 11.15 this morning. Death was due to pneumonia.

Dr. Muir retired from the active pastorate of St. Andrew's four years ago, at the union of St. Andrew's with the First Presbyterian Church. During his incumbency he added 420 members to the church; he has baptized 434 children, officiated at 233 burials, and married 140 couples. In 1893 the Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, conferred upon him the degree of D.D. In the western portion of the valley of the Chateauguay Dr. Muir was everywhere recognized as an able, faithful and public-spirited minister of the gospel.



THE LATE DR. MUIR.

Dr. Muir was born at Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to Canada many years ago. For some time prior to his work in Huntingdon he preached in a large parish in western Ontario. He was an acknowledged scholar, and a remarkable reader, up to within the last few weeks. Although he never wrote any books on religious topics he has assisted many a young author by his kindly imparting of valuable knowledge. He was beloved by all who knew him.

SIR DOUGLAS GALTON DEAD.

London, March 10.—Sir Douglas Galton, formerly president of the British Association, and a high authority on sanitation, is dead.

Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., was born in Worcestershire, England, in 1822, and was educated at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he passed the highest examination on record and took first prize in every subject. He held several important offices under the government, including those of inspector of fortifications, assistant secretary of state for war and director of public works and buildings.

CANADA EASTERN RAILWAY.

Ottawa, March 10.—A statement in this morning's papers to the effect that the Governor-General has signed an order-in-council for the purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway. Meets with an official denial.

NO PROHIBITION.

Sir Wilfrid's Reply to the Demand of the Prohibitionists.

HE IGNORES THE OPPOSITION VOTE BUT CONSIDERS THE PROHIBITION VOTE TOO SMALL TO ACT UPON.

The following letter has been received by Mr. F. S. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Toronto:—

Ottawa, March 4, 1899. Dear Mr. Spence,—When the delegation of the Dominion Alliance waited upon the government last fall to ask as a consequence of the plebiscite, the introduction of prohibitory legislation, they based their demand upon the fact that on the total of the vote cast there was a majority in favor of the principle of prohibition. The exact figures of the votes recorded were not at that time accurately known, but the official figures, which we have now, show that on the question put to the electors, 278,487 voted yes, and 264,571 voted nay. After the official figures had been made public, it was contended by some of the opponents of prohibition that the margin of difference between the majority and minority was so slight, that it practically constituted a tie, and there was therefore no occasion for the government to pronounce either one way or the other. The government does not share that view. We are of the opinion that the fairest way of approaching the question is by the consideration of the total vote cast in favor of prohibition, leaving aside altogether the vote recorded against it.

In that view of the question, the record shows that the electorate of Canada, to which the question was submitted, comprised 1,233,949 voters, and of that number less than twenty-three percent, or a trifle over one-fifth, affirmed their conviction in the principle of prohibition. If we remember that the object of the plebiscite was to give an opportunity to those who have at heart the cause of prohibition, who believed that the people were with them and that if the question were voted upon by itself, without any other issue which might detract from its consideration, a majority of the electorate would respond and thus show the Canadian people prepared and ready for its adoption, it must be admitted that the expectation was not justified by the event. On the other hand, it was argued before us by yourself and others, that as the plebiscite campaign was carried out by the friends of prohibition, without any expenditure of money, and without the usual excitement of political agitation, the vote recorded in favor of it was comparatively a large one. This statement I did not then controvert, nor do I controvert it here and now. I would simply remark that the honesty of the vote did not suffer from the absence of those causes of excitement, and that even if the totality of the vote might have been somewhat increased by such cause, its moral force would not have been made any stronger. I venture to submit for your consideration, and the consideration of the members of the Dominion Alliance, who believe in prohibition as the most efficient means of suppressing the evils of intemperance, that no good purpose would be served by forcing upon the people a measure which is shown by the vote to have the support of less than twenty-three percent of the electorate. Neither would it serve any good purpose to enter here into further controversy on the many incidental points discussed before us. My object is simply to convey to you the conclusion that in our judgment the expression of public opinion recorded at the polls in favor of prohibition did not represent such a proportion of the electorate as would justify the introduction by the Government of a prohibitory measure.

I have the honor to be, dear Mr. Spence,
Yours very sincerely,
WILFRID LAURIER.

CHEATED THE GALLOWS.

Auburn, N.Y., March 10.—Frank N. Sheldon, on trial here for the second time for the murder of his wife, Eva M. Sheldon, committed suicide in the jail this morning by hanging.

FAIR WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 10, 11 a.m.—The following are the maximum and minimum temperatures—Kamloops, 48—52; Calgary, 12—10 below; Battleford, 10—2 below; Qu'Appelle, 20—7; Pelly Sound, 30—14; Toronto, 24—30; Ottawa, 22—3; Montreal, 22—10; Quebec, 22—2; Halifax, 33—20. Fair weather; little change in temperature.

Montreal, March 10. Readings by Hearn & Harrison's Standard Barometer at noon to-day 30.42; yesterday 30.14; to-day, temperature, max. 37; min. 11; yesterday, max. 28; min. 10.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Notes of births, marriages and deaths... Notices of births, marriages and deaths...

BIRTHS. HOPPER.—At Leeds, Que., on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1899, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Hopper.

MARRIED. ALLEN—DEWAR.—At Hueneme, California, on Jan. 25, 1899, by the Rev. F. G. McLean, George Frank Allen, son of the late John Dewar, of St. Andrews, Que.

HERON—GASFORD.—At McLeod Street Methodist Church, Ottawa, on March 8, 1899, by the Rev. W. Timmerlake, Matthew J. A. Heron to Emily Kathleen daughter of Robert Gasford, all of the city of Ottawa.

PATTON—MADAM.—At the residence of the bride's parents, St. Camille, on March 8, 1899, by the Rev. N. Waddell, B.D., Mr. James Patton, of Thomas, Que., to Miss Mary Ross McAdam.

STALKER—SUFFRON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, 513 McLeod street, Ottawa, on March 8, 1899, by the Rev. W. Timmerlake, Alexander G. Stalker, of Melborne, Quebec, to Bertha E. daughter of Wm. Suffron, Ottawa, Ont.

THOMPSON—McLEOD.—On March 8, 1899, by the Rev. W. T. Herridge, Mr. J. A. Thompson, to Edith, eldest daughter of the late Donald McLeod, both of Ottawa.

DIED. BLACK.—On Feb. 23, 1899, at Edinburgh, Scotland, Margaret Johnston, eldest daughter of the Rev. W. M. Black, Anwoth.

BRETHOUR.—At Sunderland, Ont., on March 7, 1899, Samuel Brethour, in the 64th year of his age.

DUELL.—Margaret Sophia Buell, widow of the late Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Buell, ex-M.P. for Brockville, on Monday, March 9, 1899.

DAWE.—In this city, on March 8, 1899, Isaac N., eldest son of Nathaniel Dawe, aged 41 years and 10 months. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend the funeral from his father's residence, 318 St. Urbain street, on Saturday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m. to Mount Royal Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England, papers, please copy.

DOWLING.—At Uxbridge, Ont., on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1899, Mary Ann, wife of Mr. D. Dowling, aged 84 years.

ESDALE.—On Thursday, March 9, 1899, at 253 University street, Elizabeth Smith, third daughter of the late Robert Eadale, aged 89 years.

FREELAND.—At Burnside, Brockville, Ont., on Sunday, March 5, 1899, Mr. Henry Freeland, in his 83rd year. The funeral took place on Thursday, March 9.

GEDDES.—At the residence of her daughter, Ottawa, on March 8, 1899, Sarah Jane Wood, widow of the late Robert Geddes and mother of the Rev. W. H. Geddes, St. Catharines, Ont., and Mrs. G. Dobier, Ottawa.

JEWELL.—At Quebec, on March 7, 1899, James Ralph Jewell, youngest son of Wm. Jewell, master painter, aged 1 year and 6 months.

LYNCH.—At Quebec, on March 8, 1899, aged 35 years, Marie Heloise Pothier, wife of J. A. Lynch, Esq., advocate.

McVETTY.—At Inverness, Megantic, Que., on Feb. 28, 1899, Barbara Thomson, widow of the late John McVetty, aged 77 years and 3 months.

SCOTT.—At Hull, Que., on March 9, 1899, Dr. W. F. Scott, aged 46 years.

THOMPSON.—At the home of her mother, 1701 St. James street, on March 5, 1899, Florence May (Florence) Thompson, aged 25 years, youngest daughter of the late Richard Thompson, and sister of Mrs. John Cumming and Mrs. Andrew Fairbairn.

WRIGHT.—At 207 Sherbourne street, Toronto, on March 7, 1899, Henry H. Wright, M.D., aged 82 years.

Please sending notices for the above columns with them a list of names of interested friends. Marked copies of the 'Witness' containing such notices will be sent free to any address in Canada Montreal accepted.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TEES & CO., THE UNDERTAKERS. 300 St. James st. Telephone, Main, 227. Uptown, 1501, 5160.

REV. DR. CADMAN IS COMING.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. Separate Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside 'Tender for Grain Elevator or Tender for Warehouse' as the case may be, will be received at this office until 5 o'clock p.m., eastern standard time on SATURDAY, MARCH 25th, 1899, for the erection of a Grain Elevator at St. John, New Brunswick, and for the erection of a Freight Warehouse on the new Terminal Wharf now under contract at that place.

Plans and Specifications may be seen and Forms of Tender may be obtained on and after the 23rd day of February, 1899, at the Office of the Chief Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton, N.B., and at the Engineer's Office, St. John, N.B. In the case of Plans, the Tender must bear the actual signature of the full name, the occupation and residence of each member of the firm.

All the Conditions of the Specification, including those requiring a security deposit with each Tender, must be complied with. Tenders must be made on the Printed Form supplied.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

B. POTTINGER, General Manager. Railway Office, Moncton, N.B., Feb. 27th, 1899.

Friday's Bargains all Repeated To-morrow, Saturday. THE S. CARSLY CO., Limited.

Notre Dame street. Montreal's Greatest Store. March 10, 1899.

A Manufacturer's Stock of LADIES' FINE KID GLOVES. Regular \$1.25 pair. Special 73c a pair.

This immense purchase will present an excellent opportunity to lovers of Fine Kid Gloves to secure a season's supply for very little money. The maker who made these Gloves is famous the world over, for the high quality of the goods he makes.

Men's and Boys' Spring Clothing. The new spring clothing for men and boys is a splendid gathering of excellent and serviceable garments, a gathering not matched in any other store in Montreal.

BOYS' NEW SPRING SUITS. This will be interesting reading for those who have boys to clothe, each item relates of good durable clothing.

Men's Spring Overcoats. There are men who would hardly believe that overcoats of a character as high as these could be found ready-made.

Boys' Three Piece Navy Serge Suits, sac style. Special price, from \$2.15.

THE S. CARSLY CO., LIMITED.

Grocery Special on Saturday.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Regular, Sat., Item, Regular, Sat. Includes items like White Beans, Rolled Oats, Windsor Table Salt, etc.

MAIL ORDERS CAREFULLY FILLED. The S. CARSLY CO., Limited. 1765 to 1783 Notre Dame st. 184 to 194 St. James st. Montreal.

BREAD. Our BREAD, made with Malt and Hop Yeast, is renowned for its extreme purity, delicious flavor and bright color.

Can be got for 12c a Large Loaf. By sending your address, at MONTREAL CASH BAKERY, 89 and 91 Shannon Street. Tel. Bell, Main 307.

The Daily Witness. FRIDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 10.

COMMERCIAL. Montreal Wholesale Markets.

GRAIN. Oats are plentiful in the west, but the holders are asking higher prices than is compatible with the present state of the British market.

PROVISIONS. The local market is flat. Liverpool cable shows an advance in heavy bacon of 61 to 27s 6d, and is also 6d higher on lard at 22s 6d.

CHEESE. Finest is now firmly held at 10 1/2c. Only two or three dealers are thought to have any unsold stock.

BUTTER. The trade is purely of a local jobbing character. The market being quiet and steady.

FRUIT AUCTION SALE. There was quite a large sale yesterday at the Montreal Fruit Auction Company's warehouse.

MINING NOTES. A number of Montreal capitalists expect to get hold of the Virtue mine in Oregon.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT. A large audience attended the second annual concert given at the Windsor Hall.

A BILL-RAISER SENTENCED. Chatham, Ont., March 10.—George Steves, a notorious Toronto crook who was arrested near this place a week ago.

IS WORTH WHILE.—To visit The S. Carsley Co.'s Big Store, any day in the week, but more particularly on Fridays.

NEW FURNITURE.—One of the specially interesting features in The S. Carsley Co.'s is the arrival of New Spring Furniture.

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JOHN MURPHY & CO. GREAT GLOVE SALE!

Crowded Counters Daily Attest Its Success. 17,350 Pairs of Genuine French Kid Gloves, manufactured by such world renowned makers as Trefousse and Rouillon.

Bought at from 33 1/2 to 50 percent below regular manufacturer's rates, and passed on to the public at proportionately low prices. EVERY PAIR PERFECT.

LOT 1—1,110 pairs Ladies' 2-Clasp Fine Quality Kid Gloves, with silk embroidered backs, and in seasonable shades. This glove was made to sell at \$1.15 pair. Our price during the sale 69c.

LOT 2 consists of 3,300 pairs of Ladies' 2-Clasp Pique Sewn Kid Gloves, for walking or driving, with self or colored embroideries. Colors—black, brown, white, tan, blue, green, red and pearl. A quick seller at 95c.

LOT 3 only contains 1,100 pairs. This lot we show in tan and black only, with neat embroidered backs. This glove is a great favorite at \$1.00.

LOT 4—Just 3,200 pairs will interest hundreds of shrewd buyers during this sale; colors, black, white, tan, blue, green, red, pearl and purple; contrasting and self-embroideries. Ladies who like a really fine glove swarm around this lot. Sale price \$1.25.

LOT 5—A 3,500 lot of the Finest Kid Gloves ever made; colors, black, white, tan, brown, blue, green, red and pearl, with three clasps. Money could not buy a better glove. Our sale price only \$1.50.

We beg to call attention to the fact that we have received and placed into stock a full and well assorted importation of New Embroideries in all the latest designs.

Also a very fine assortment of Feather Boas and Leather Belts in pretty designs. COUNTRY ORDERS CAREFULLY FILLED.

JOHN MURPHY & CO., 2343 St. Catherine Street, Corner of Metcalfe Street. Terms Cash. Telephone Up 933.

who are to be Mr. James Ross, Hon. L. J. Forget, Edwin Hanson and C. J. McQuig.

LONDON WOOL SALES. London, March 9.—At the wool auction sales to-day, 13,375 bales were offered.

OBITUARY. Niagara Falls, March 9.—Mr. Isaac Daver, one of the most conspicuous figures during his life at Niagara Falls, and known in all parts of the world, died yesterday.

CHATHAM, Ont., March 10.—Mrs. Mary Hawkins died here on Wednesday at the age of one hundred and six years.

QUEBEC DELEGATION THANKED FOR THEIR SERVICES. Mr. John Scanlan presided at the regular meeting of the Montreal Grocers' Association.

MR. KIPLING STILL IMPROVING. New York, March 10.—Rudyard Kipling passed a restful night.

GUILTY OF BLACKMAILING. Albany, N.Y., March 10.—After being out eight hours, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty at 8:15 last night.

LORD SEYMOUR AND THE R. M. C. Kingston, Ont., March 10.—When addressing the cadets of the Royal Military College General Lord Seymour said that the college held an enviable reputation.

TWO MORE BOMBS FOUND. Cleveland, Ohio, March 9.—Two more nitro-glycerine bombs were found to-day in front of the Hickox office building.

SPECIAL NOTICES. New Furniture.—One of the specially interesting features in The S. Carsley Co.'s is the arrival of New Spring Furniture.

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CARPETS.

Just opened our second shipment of JAPANESE MATS, RUGS and CARPETS, in all sizes up to 4 yards x 5, the patterns are exquisite and the prices low. First choice in the best quality and low price.

Our JAPAN and CHINA MATTINGS are to hand and a visit to our Carpet Department to see them will be no time lost. Another lot of spring patterns in best English Wiltons are in and have opened up well. Patterns and colorings are superb. Our Brussels chelvas are full and we are ready for your spring orders.

Tapestry Carpets in all qualities just received, from the cheapest to the Best Balmoral. Patterns and quality are all right.

20 PERCENT DISCOUNT OFF ALL ENGLISH AXMINSTER SQUARES, not that there is anything wrong with them but we have more than we want to carry and 20 percent discount ought to unload them.

CURTAIN DEPARTMENT.

We are prepared to execute orders for WINDSOR SHADES no matter how large. None but the best Opaque Cloth and Hartshorn rollers used.

BOBBINETT RUFFLED CURTAINS are the latest fad! We have a nice lot and they are cheap and durable.

FILLED MUSLIN CURTAINS, worth \$4 for \$2.00, just half-price.

1,000 yards left of those fine Fancy Curtain Muslins, 1 1/2 yards wide, worth 50c, for 25c.

LINOLEUMS, OILCLOTHS, DOOR MATS, CASPET SWEEPERS, ETC.

Ogilvy's,

ST. CATHERINE AND MOUNTAIN STREETS.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WHEELING.

THE Y.M.C.A. B.C.
The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Bicycle club is to be held this evening at 8.30



MR. W. R. GRANGER.
The newly elected president of the Montreal Bicycle Club.

o'clock in the Y.M.C.A. building. A large attendance is requested.

HOCKEY.

C.P.R. HOCKEY LEAGUE.
On Tuesday evening last, the final match in the Inter-Departmental Series took place between teams from the Car Service Department and Auditor of Passenger Receipts office.

The play was very fast at some phases of the game, and the match was, without doubt, the best of the season.

The teams lined up as follows:
Car Service Department—W. Hartenstein, goal; A. R. Clapperton, point; E. J. Collins, cover point; W. H. Brown, T. F. Hunt, H. Anderson and T. Smith, forwards.

Auditor of Passenger Receipts Office—A. McGie, goal; D. Brown, point; A. C. Moore, cover point; W. Bailey, E. Moore, G. Snow and C. Scott, forwards.

Umpires—Messrs. M. Brown and M. Nicholson.

Timekeepers—Messrs. W. Harris and A. C. Smith.

C. Mackerraw, referee.

Hunt and Brown's play was very effective on the forward line of the Car Service team, while Clapperton on the defence worked like a Trojan, and but for his brilliant play there might be a different story to tell. Scott and Moore for the Auditor of Passenger Receipts team played a star game, but could not get through Clapperton. Desses' Brown and A. C. Moore did some very good work on the defence, and Desses' made some splendid rushes. When the gong sounded the score was even, three to three.

It was decided to play off, and the game went to the Car Service, by McGie accidentally putting the puck through his own pipes. The Car Service are, therefore, the winners of the trophy for this season.

SKATING.

STANDARD MASQUERADE.
A grand masquerade was held at the Standard rink on Wednesday last, when prizes were given for the best dressed lady and best dressed gentleman.

The competition resulted as follows:
Best dressed lady, Ula Lytle, maid of Erin, prize, fan. Best dressed gent, W. Henry, courier of the Cesar, prize, dressing case. Comfy dress, Morrie, cowboy on mustang, prize, satchel.

The judges were—Messrs. A. W. Gardner, A. O. Galarneau, A. H. Delorme, L. A. Rivet, George Brown, D. McCallum, E. R. Fitzgerald.

The following is a partial list of the skaters in costume:

Gentlemen.

E. Dougherty, cannibal; B. Lytle, cake eater; D. Brown, new woman; W. Brownrigg, ragtime; W. Shea, tramp; P. Lester, traveller; R. Stark, mystery; R. Gilbert, and C. Shea, heavenly twins; M. Curran, hot baby; H. Donohue, domino; L. Bishop, hockey player; Brohurst, clown; A. Walton, clown; J. C. Riddell, bobo; W. Dunn, more; G. Brighton, game; G. Mason, ragan; B. Pinkney, hull; J. Modler, ma's pet; G. Cooke, dude; F. Manoy, baby; G. Williston, bum; A. Morin, Mustang Sam; B. Smith, rags; W. Henry, courier of the Cesar; C. W. Dutton, black man; W. W. Dunn, mosque; S. Lees, Broncho Bill; W. Imrie, all the way; M. Dawson, never; F. Young, Lovie Dove; H. Allan, domino; T. Parsons, prince; C. Duffy, Irish dude; W. Henderson, waif; J. Carmichael, cake walker; B. Hannafin, pink; T. Ritchie, a Battle Creek Jew; G. Ritchie, socks; R. Ritchie, tramp; J. Adams, soldier; C. Ma. son, domino; J. Liddle, cakes; O. Brownrigg, sailor; J. Pringle, skater; H. Brien, domino; L. E. Philbert, cradoma; W. Emery, Willie off the yacht; G. Ritchie, a brakeman; J. Adams, school boy; A. Friedlander, Dutchy; C. Hendry, Dutchy; W. Parr, clown; C. Power, in love; Joe; Biddle, yellow kid; C. Hendry, Dutchman; R. Kingston, midget; J. Lewis, hayseed.

W. Hiss, somebody's darling; E. Gull-bridge, roadmaster G.T.R.; T. A. Bishop, a Chinaman; E. Johnson, boxer; A. Thistlewhite, fancy dress; S. Wilson, bagtime; A. Hunter, blue bonnets; G. Richards, a German senator; C. Power, porky; L. Quartz, hockey; W. Quartz, tramp; B. Quartz, chucky; G. Brownrigg, fancy dress; W. McGill, knickerbocker; A. O'Neill, as Shakespeare; Bertie Smith and H. Eckstein, midget; Sam Bricker, ma's pet; B. Beckett, N. Weir and T. Grer, three new coons; A. Surgeon, E. Swan, T. Armstrong, J. Ashcroft, R. McLean, A. Lomas, and G. Eckstein, Victor's hams.

Ladies.
Miss Love, domino; E. McDermott, Cuba; Miss Upton, baby; Miss Doherty, belle; M. L. Schurman, belle; Mamie Morris, willa belle; Maud Rollo, Tribby; Bella Smith, penny; Grace Brickley, Princess Bonnie; N. O'Neill, George's darling; M. Gubbert, domino; H. Donohoe, belle; Daisy Noseworthy, ragtime Liz; May O'Connor, Kentucky; D. Macpherson, night; A. Cameron, fancy dress; M. Barnhart, beauty; I. Macpherson, sweet; J. Modler, blown rose; A. Ripley, only one; F. Checketts, fancy; M. Carmichael mamma Claus; M. Amelia, fancy dress; A. S. Ashton, no name; G. Thistlewhite, pink; N. Boothstone, ma's darling; L. Baram and Amelia Baram, pink of perfection; Rose Childs, cake walker; Emma Penley, old woman; C. Taylor, roses; M. Sullivan, as Rosie O'Grady; M. Cairns, gypsy queen; L. Young, bride; Emily Follows, ma's pet; E. Dougherty, nun; C. Hendry, Dutchwoman; Myrtle Amelia, would-be bride; M. Carpenter, Spanish gypsy; L. Airlie, papa's pet; May Kavanagh, in love; Irene Lytle, Highland lassie; A. Lomas, daughter of the regiment; Beesie McLean, Stars and Stripes; Edith Jack, birdie; Grace Sheffield, night owl.

THE SCARCITY OF SNOW.

Now that spring is near farmers and lumbermen in many places feel much disappointment, owing to the small quantity of snow that has fallen during the winter.

Heavy falls of snow are dreaded by railway and electric car companies, but not by the laboring classes, particularly in cities, where a large number of laborers and owners of horses get employment during the winter clearing the streets of snow and ice.

A good covering of snow on their land is welcomed by farmers as it not only protects grass lands and fall-sown wheat from severe frosts, but it is a great assistance to fertilization. Lumbermen will also feel the want of snow in the forests, where they depend upon it for hauling with horses and sleds the logs cut during the winter season.

LEFT FOR DAWSON.

Mr. Joseph R. Roy, C.E., son of Mr. Roy, the consulting city attorney, and resident engineer-in-chief for the Dominion Government in British Columbia, who has been here for some weeks recuperating from a severe illness, left this morning, in charge of a party sent by the Dominion Government to Dawson City, in the Yukon, to make some surveys and carry out needed public works. Some of the work superintended by Mr. Roy in British Columbia was very important, and his reports thereon most interesting.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N.Y., March 10.—During the progress of a fire which threatened the total destruction of the Buffalo Cold Storage Company's plant last night, two battalion chiefs and fifteen firemen were overcome by smoke or otherwise injured by flying debris. The damage done was about \$12,000.

WATER PIPES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 9.—The National Tube Works Company, of this city, has been awarded a contract by a British firm for ten miles of 28-inch water pipe to be used in the Rand gold mines in Johannesburg, South Africa. The order will aggregate in value about a million dollars and the product is to be shipped to Johannesburg within four months. On completion of this order the tube company is assured of an additional contract for eight miles more of the same kind of pipe.

A HAT AND FUR MERCHANT ASSIGNS.

Mrs. C. Hubert, dealer in hats and furs, has assigned at the demand of Maclean, Ross & Co., with liabilities of about \$1,400.

RECORDER DEMONTIGNY.

It is announced that Recorder Demontigny expects to be able to resume his duties in court on Monday next.

CROW'S NEST PASS.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION DISMISSED BY THE CENTRAL TRADES COUNCIL.

The special meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council, called for the purpose of discussing the Crow's Nest Pass Railway Commission report, was held last evening in the Knights of Labor Hall, Craig street. Mr. S. Fitzpatrick, president of the Central Council, presided. In addition to the delegates there was a large attendance of the men who worked on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

The report, which is signed by Messrs. C. A. Dugas, (Judge), Frank Pedley and John Appleton, of Winnipeg, contains particulars of the wrongs, privations, hardships which the men endured. Those of the unfortunate men present at last night's meeting, and who related their sufferings, were Pierre Denis, Joseph Laporte, A. Perrault, Jas. Wiggins, Napoleon Proulx, R. Savignac, J. Doyle, R. Piermont, J. Tobin, J. Halpin, E. Scaratt, J. Lucy, P. Lafontaine, J. Burns, Nap. Prevost, and M. Robert.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, in opening the meeting stated the object for which it was called. The report was read by Mr. P. C. Chatel, and Mr. Belanger, and was then discussed by the delegates present.

The following is a summary of the findings of the commission, as signed by Messrs. Dugas, Pedley and Appleton:

Leaving aside all particular complaints, which are necessarily incidental to all such works, and limiting ourselves to the general grievances, as alleged, we believe that the evidence establishes:

First, the non-compliance on the part of the company and the contractors with the terms of the agreement, more particularly towards the end of September.

Second, the lack of proper attendance to the men in several instances when reaching McLeod.

Third, the forcing of men to sleep in the open air, in many instances without blankets and on the bare ground.

Fourth, the lack of proper washing accommodation.

Fifth, the keeping of the men under tents until the beginning of January without stoves.

Sixth, the feeding of men in some instances, and without good reason, on frozen provisions made to secure them against exposure and suffering, through inability to procure food, and through cold occasioned through the lack of proper shelter.

Seventh, the threatening of men with discharge if they should make complaints or representations.

Eighth, the charging of mail fees without their consent.

Ninth, the unnecessary loss of time during which they were idle and without pay.

Tenth, the charging of fare to McLeod, and from McLeod to the company, and for board, even for meals the men never got.

Eleventh, the extraordinary overcharge of supplies by some contractors.

Twelfth, the well founded universal complaint concerning medical treatment.

Thirteenth, the discharging, whether for good or bad reasons, of men without any provision being made to secure them against exposure and suffering, through inability to procure food, and through cold occasioned through the lack of proper shelter.

Fourteenth, the refusal of meals to sick persons, and the determination of such officials to send them to work, notwithstanding their sickness, and in some instances, discharging them.

Fifteenth, the low rate of wages, which kept the men in a position of being unable to meet their expenses, many of them never getting out of debt to the company, and being compelled to walk the whole distance home, sometimes nearly 2,250 miles.

Sixteenth, the arrest of several of the laborers without apparent legal right, as in the case of Keith & Co. These afterwards, when sued for wages, defended themselves on the ground, that although the men had worked for them, and for their benefit, there was no priority of contract between them, as they had been hired by and for the company.

Dated April 30, 1898.
(Signed),
C. A. DUGAS,
FRANK PEDLEY,
JOHN APPLETON.

The report was, after discussion, referred to the legislative committee. That committee was instructed to report at next meeting the action advisable to take on the matter. The following resolution was also unanimously passed:

"That owing to the commissioners admitting all the facts and the evidence adduced, where the men were deprived of food and wages, therefore be it resolved that the meeting request the government to take action in the matter, to punish the guilty, reimburse the men, and to prohibit all contract work in future."

AN ANGLICAN PROTEST.

Toronto, March 10.—A remarkable sermon was preached in the Lenten series at St. James Cathedral, by the Rev. Provost Welch, of Trinity University. His topic was 'Temperance.' In considering it he asked the large congregation the question, 'Does intemperance meet with the same condemnation as theft and other sins?' In answering it, he said, 'People try to minimize the dangers of it, and say that it has nothing to do with them. But that which might cause a brother to offend that we should not encourage. Do we lessen the horror of drunkenness by looking on it as a thing to be laughed at. The sight of a drunken man and his downfall must make even the angels weep. The custom of drinking at the bar is a low one. The first duty of the Christian with respect to the evil of intemperance, is to make the public conscious of their duty in this matter.'

ALMOST FLOATED.

The family of Mr. Cadieux, blacksmith, 151 St. Martin street, were nearly suffocated in their beds this morning. The house took fire from the chimney and was full of smoke when one of the family woke up, in a half-choking condition, and got the others out of their beds. An alarm brought the fire brigade promptly to the spot, and the fire was got under control before much damage was done.

END OF A NEW JERSEY MURDERER.

Elizabeth, N.J., March 10.—Louis Roessel was hanged here at 11.13 o'clock to-day.

Louis Roessel and George Manshanda, on the night of Sept. 9, 1897, killed James C. Pitts, a wealthy farmer of Summit, N.J. Robbery was the object of the murder. Each confessed, accusing the other of striking the blow that killed Pitts, but the state accepted Manshanda's story as state's evidence, and convicted Roessel of murder in the first degree. Manshanda was sent to prison for twenty years, Roessel's counsel exhausted every means of preventing his execution.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Ottawa, March 10.—The services of William Newcombe, landing waiter at Fort William, have been dispensed with for continued absence without leave. O. F. Perry has been appointed his successor.

The Hon. William Sifton went west last evening, and is to speak this evening at Stratford.

The Council assembles from day to day at eleven o'clock and continuing in session all afternoon, Attention is being devoted to the estimates.

A deputation from London, Ont., is here to secure provision in the estimates for the erection of a new drill shed at that place.

POULTRY MEN MEET.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Poultry Association was held in the Vics' Armory on March 9, the president, Mr. A. F. Dawes, in the chair. The following were elected officers for the current year: Mr. A. F. Dawes, president; Mr. S. R. Clendinning, first vice-president; Mr. G. Gravel, second vice-president; Mr. G. C. Philpot, third vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Jas. P. Cullen, 214 St. James street; Montreal; executive committee, Messrs. A. McD. Drummond, Harry Dunn, A. M. Radley, R. C. Binning, Jas. Ainslie, E. L. Gnaedinger, Fred. Robinson, William Gallagher, E. H. Merrill and J. O. Smart; auditors, Messrs. S. R. Clendinning and E. L. Gnaedinger.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND FAVORABLE REPORTS SUBMITTED.

It was decided to hold the next show from Jan. 17 to 22, 1900, inclusive.

Mr. Sharp Butterfield, of London, Ont., has been engaged as judge.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor and aldermen of the city for the grant of a hundred dollars.

This year the show was held, for the first time, in the east end of the city, a move which turned out very favorably for the association. Nearly four times the number of paid admissions were received compared with last year. One pleasing feature was the great interest taken in the poultry industry, and in the show by the French-Canadians. On the whole the association has had a very successful year and is going to work hard to make the next show still more attractive and successful.

INTERESTING CHANGES.

A LARGE SHIPPING FIRM MOVING TO A CENTRAL POINT.

Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co., the well-known purchasers of the Beaver line, have leased handsome new premises in the Great North-Western Telegraph Company's building at the corner of St. Sacrament and St. Francois Xavier streets. Two floors will be occupied, with entrance on St. Sacrament street. This company has retained the services of Mr. Thomas Beswick, formerly wharf superintendent of the Beaver line, and has changed stevedores from Messrs. Mills and MacMaster to Messrs. Roche and McGillivray. The stevedore work for such a company runs into tens of thousands of dollars.

The company's offices now are at 219 Commissioners street.

THE LATE MRS. HOOLAHAN.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Hoolahan, wife of Mr. John Hoolahan, Dominion immigration agent, took place this morning from the family residence, St. Denis street, to St. Patrick's Church. It was largely attended. Among the personal friends of the family were noticed the following: The Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, Mr. Philippe Demers, Q.C., professor of Law University; Mr. A. W. Grenier, Q.C., Messrs. Michael Downs, Medard E. Mercier, B. Taney, Cornelius Joseph, M. O'Brien, James Meek, John Markum, L. McDonald, John McGillis, Frank McIntee, T. J. Donovan, S. C. Marson, Dennis Gorman, Michael Sharkey, Thomas Murphy, William McLaughlin, Dr. Phelan, Dr. Curran, Frank J. Curran, John Curran, John Halligan, Denis Brennan, J. B. Brunet, Thomas McCall, John McCall, Thomas Fox, William Phelan, Patrick Stack, Michael Stack, E. A. St. Louis, A. Lavery, David H. Dawes, E. H. Cuddy, James Cuddy, Thomas Heffernan, Andrew Purcell, James Purcell, Florence O'Sullivan, Jeremiah Manning, Joseph Manning, E. Wright, Vincent King, Patrick King, J. Daoust, ex-Ald. W. H. Cunningham, H. B. Wright, N.P., P. J. Kearney, Owen Tansey, John P. Gorman, Thomas C.

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Children's JOB Tweed Suits. Prices from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Choice for \$3.00. Sizes, 22, 23, 24. For ages, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years.

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Rogers, Frederick C. Gorman, Richard Snelling, Chicago; John Dillon, Ottawa, and many others. After leaving the church the funeral procession proceeded to Cote des Neiges cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

GUY STREET LICENSE.

AN OPPOSITION PETITION HAS BEEN FILED.

An opposition petition was filed yesterday afternoon against the granting of a restaurant license to Mr. Frank Murphy at Her Majesty's Theatre, Guy street. The petition contained forty-nine names, and is expected to be sufficient to present the petition being granted.

THE MUSCAT INCIDENT.

London, March 10.—The 'Daily Chronicle,' referring to the divergence between the versions of the Muscat incident given in the House of Commons and the French Chamber of Deputies, says it has ascertained that Lord Salisbury did express regret to M. Paul Cambon, the French ambassador, regarding the means which were employed to enforce the British claims.

TELEGRAPH LINE TO DAWSON.

Ottawa, March 10.—Mr. Frank Richardson, assistant electrician of the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraphs, with a competent staff of assistants, leaves for the Pacific coast to-morrow, under instruction from the Minister of Public Works, to commence the construction of a telegraph line from Skaguay to Dawson, as a federal work. The estimated cost of the line for the distance of six hundred miles between the two points named is a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, on a basis of two hundred and fifty dollars per mile. It is expected the line will be in operation by Nov. 15, and when completed Dawson will be brought within six days' communication of Ottawa. Whether the sea link will subsequently be connected by cable between Vancouver and Skaguay, or whether the government line from Quemesle, in the Cariboo country, will be extended northward to connect with the Skaguay-Dawson line, has yet to be determined.

THE PORT ARTHUR MURDERER.

Ottawa, March 10.—It is understood that new evidence has been adduced calculated to establish the insanity of Prevost, the Port Arthur murderer, who lies under sentence of execution next week. In order that the very fullest enquiry may be made into the facts, Dr. Burgess, of Montreal, and Dr. Phelan, of Kingston, are being sent west to make an examination of the prisoner. Both doctors are in Ottawa to-day on their way west.

OBITUARY.

Kingston, Ont., March 10.—Mr. Peter Johnson, Camden East, D.D.G.M. of the Kingston District, A.O.U.W., died this morning, as a result of blood poisoning. He was about 65 years of age, a Scotchman, Conservative and Anglican. He had been in Camden East for many years, first as a distiller, and later as a general merchant. He is survived by a wife and two children. His death was sudden, as he was in the city a few days ago.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

Vancouver.—Mr. Jas. McNair has just purchased a beautiful Evans Bros. Piano from Layton Bros' Warehouses, 143 Deal street, to be shipped to his home at Vancouver, B.C. The freight on this instrument amounts to \$25.

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JUNIOR BAR REFORM CLUB.

Some sixty young members of the Bar assembled yesterday to organize a new association to be known under the name of the Junior Bar Reform Club. The object of the new club will be to study and carry out all necessary improvements connected with the interests of the legal profession. Mr. Oscar Senecal was appointed provisional president and Mr. Joseph Ferron secretary. The following were appointed a committee to draft a constitution: Messrs. E. L. Desaulniers, J. A. Ouimet, C. Rodier, Oscar Senecal, J. Ferron, C. Champoux, M. Savignac and E. B. Ladouceur.

Weekly Calendar.

ARENA SATURDAY, MARCH 11th, 8.30 p.m.

Annual Hockey Match between the Original BUFFERS AND DUFFERS (In Costume)

FOR CHARITY. Admission, with Seats, 25c. Boxes, \$2.00.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10.

OLD BREWERY MISSION. TO-NIGHT at 8 p.m. Time Light Views. SWITZERLAND'S BEAUTIES, etc.

Rev. John McKillican Will conduct the Evening Service at the Young Women's Christian Association, 896 Dorchester street.

Art Association, PHILLIPS SQUARE

LOAN EXHIBITION. Members are reminded that the Loan Exhibition will close on Saturday, March 11th, at 6 o'clock.

The Rev. John Robertson Evangelist of Glasgow.

Will commence services in this city, SABBATH, March 5th.

Arrangements, so far, are as follows: CALVARY CHURCH, Guy Street, above St. Antoine Street. Every evening at 8 o'clock, from 6th to 10th inclusive.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 11.



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AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORGAN RECITAL By Mr. W. REED.

ROSENTHAL Advance Sale of Seats Opens on Saturday 11th, at 9 a.m., at Star Branch Office.

Union Teachers' Meeting Conducted by Rev. Dr. A. B. MACKAY meets in Crescent Street Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12.

MEN'S OWN. BRIEF, BRIGHT, BROTHERLY. SUNDAY, Feby. 13th, 1899.

CALVARY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Guy Street, above St. Antoine.

AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THEM, ELIAS TRULY SHALL FIRST COME AND RESTORE ALL THINGS.

DOMINION SQUARE METHODIST CHURCH. SUNDAY, MARCH 12th, Missionary Anniversary Services.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. ON MONDAY EVENING, March 13th, at eight o'clock the Rev. Mr. Crosby will address all interested in the great work being done by the above society.

MONDAY, MARCH 13. Illustrated Lecture. REV. HENRY KITTON, M.A.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14. JAPAN, The Sunrise Kingdom. ALDERMAN AMES

will deliver his Celebrated Lecture, with Limelight Views, Colored Slides, on JAPAN, its scenery and its people, in the lecture hall of CHALMERS CHURCH.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

REV. DR. CADMAN IS COMING. ELOCUTION. Classes and Private Lessons in Reading, Public Speaking, Entertainment Work, Etc., at THE MONTREAL SCHOOL OF ELOCUTION.

NEWS IN BRIEF. The Emperor and Empress of Germany and their family commemorated the death of His Majesty's grandfather, the Emperor William I., yesterday by visiting the mausoleum and depositing wreaths upon it.

A FATAL FALL. Winnipeg, March 10.—Private Palmer, of the Winnipeg Dragoons, and body servant to Captain Neils, was thrown from a cutter last evening and fatally injured.

Calendar table for March 1899 with days of the week and dates.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES. Daily Witness, \$3.00; Weekly Witness, \$1.00; with reductions to clubs; Northern Messenger, 20c; 10 copies to one address, \$2.25; 20, \$4.40; 50, \$10.50; 100, \$20.

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The Daily Witness.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1899.

The London 'Times' suggestion that a small duty shall be placed upon breadstuffs in order to supply the deficiency in the revenue caused by the great naval and army programmes necessitated by the policy of imperialism, is more likely to assist the agitation for economy and a less active foreign policy which Mr. John Morley has already started.

CHIAROSCURO. There is no disagreement between France and Britain in the Muscat affair. So says the 'Temps,' whose function it is to offer to us sweet things on behalf of its government.

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would call brutally matter of fact. Indeed, we should not be at all surprised if the English should still insist, and insist until the 'Temps' is fain to admit that the French officials were the only ones who indulged in 'the skilful distribution of light and shade,' or at least that if Lord Salisbury's Government did this at all it was for the purpose of softening the rebuff it had been forced to give to M. Delcassé.

REFUSED.

When the prohibitionists gathered at Ottawa to request the government to carry out the promises involved in the submission of the question of prohibition to the people it was well understood among them that the government's reply was going to be unfavorable.

It is well known that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not himself a professed prohibitionist, and that probably a majority of his government agree with him in doubting the efficacy of the method, if they do not go farther and regard it with positive disfavor.

We do not think the temperance people are unreasonable. There are, of course, in every cause some who will look only at one side of facts and who will give hasty voice to excited emotions, but the great body of the prohibitionists and their leaders quite recognize that the result of the plebiscite has created a very difficult situation.

The commercial situation on this continent has probably never been so satisfactory as it is just now. The clearings for February were about \$7,000,000, as against \$5,567,000,000 for February, 1898.

ing the responsibility back upon the people by giving them enlarged powers to adopt the principle of prohibition by sections or by offering them a complete law—such a law as the temperance people themselves could be got to agree upon—to be voted upon in the concrete in the form of a referendum at the next general elections.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The deputation of bankers and other financial men which visited Quebec on Monday to oppose the taxation clauses of the city bill has succeeded once more in preventing the city from levying a tax upon dividends.

SUSPICIOUS SHOOTING CASE.

Brockville, Ont., March 10.—Ugly rumors have been in circulation respecting the supposed accidental shooting of the little Scotch orphan at Briarhill, near Lindhurst, which occurred a short time ago, and the authorities are investigating the matter.

LONDON INTERESTED IN WRANGELL.

London, March 10.—Much interest has been aroused here by a cable from Washington stating that a petition has been received from Wrangell, Alaska, asking for transfer to British jurisdiction, owing to the oppressive nature of the American laws.

items to a bank is about 17 cents per \$100. It is interesting to note, as demonstrating the superiority of the Canadian system of banking over that of the United States, that in the Dominion collection charges are lower than across the line, and the average life of a cheque just one half.

The 'Witness' was the first paper to note the changing tone of the market towards greater firmness. An advance in rates has not yet taken place, but cannot be long delayed, as 'Dun's Review' reports the same change of tone across the line.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

Ottawa, March 9.—Militia general orders promulgated to-day announce the following changes:— 51st. 'Hemmingford Rangers,' battalion of infantry.—Provisional Second Lieutenant G. Peacock, having failed to qualify, his name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

M. B. C. ANNUAL MEETING. Mr. W. R. Granger Elected President—A Peculiar Piece of Business Which Did Not Succeed.

THE SHAMROCKS MUST PLAY — GENERAL SPORTING NEWS.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Montreal Bicycle Club was held at the M.A.A.A. gymnasium last night when nearly one hundred members were present. Mr. Art. Harries, president, occupied the chair, and among the crowd present, were to be seen Messrs. T. Cartwright, A. B. Rattray and Duff, who are members of the M.A.A.A., but well known as having connection with outside clubs, who have been and are to-day in opposition to the M.B.C. Mr. Rattray is a candidate for the vice-presidency of the C.W.A., and only a recently elected member of the M.A.A.A. Of course, all members of the M.A.A.A. were free to attend the meeting and talk, but if connected with another club, were not entitled to vote. In order to get over this obstacle, the three mentioned, it appears, when it was snowed under last year, had side clubs, so that they could vote on all matters in connection with the M. B. C. Their voting, apparently, did not in any way affect the platform of the club, although the trio endeavored to cause annoyance by asking foolish questions which had been previously answered by the C.W.A. The most remarkable feature of it all was when they had been completely snowed under, the trio afterwards asked for their resignations to be returned, so that they could go peacefully to the happy hunting grounds of the Primrose and Wanderers B.C., but the M.B.C. people refused the request. Such was the action of amateurs, who had done so much towards securing the World's Meet, and know so much of the M.B.C. because they are in the majority this season, but the M.B.C. quiet and worked effectively, with this result. The M.B.C. wants to do justice to all clubs, and is willing to work harmoniously, and not, as some people think, injuring the sport, but a few clubs are continually throwing cold water on the M.B.C., fortunately, with no disastrous result. The M.B.C. will probably have to take executive charge of the World's Meet if the executive continues in its present way, as it would be a pity to see it end in a fiasco. There is no danger of that, however, as there are too many willing hands ready to take up the work.

Table with columns: Name, Position, Score. Includes names like James Drury, H. H. Bullock, G. Y. Allen, etc.

ST. LAWRENCE. A turkey match was put through here last night. Rinks were: H. M. Watson, A. McColl, O. W. G. Detmers, F. Dodd, W. Ryan (skip), D. Drysdale, skip.

AT THE VICTORIA RINK. A very pleasing skating exhibition was given last night by Mr. and Miss Davidson at the Victoria rink. Miss Davidson appeared in an attractive military costume, while Mr. Davidson created quite a sensation by jumping over six barrels. During the evening the Prince of Wales band discoursed popular selections.

RACQUETS. THE SEMI-FINAL. Yesterday afternoon the semi-finals in the Racket tournament for the Canadian championship were played. Mr. Rolland was defeated by Mr. Lamontagne, 12-10. Mr. A. D. McTier. The Montreal player won out in straight games—15-3, 18-17, 15-8.

THE SASH PRIZE. C. A. Corrigan, A. G. Watson, L. McEwen, J. H. Howard, J. H. Scott, T. D. McLeslie, W. Cairns, skip, J. Fenwick, skip.

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BASKET-BALL. BRITANNIA, II; VARSITY, 9. The Britannia basket ball team, which has not lost a game this season, added another victory to its credit by defeating Varsity in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last night. It was some times after the face before either side got a basket, and the first one went to the credit of the Brits, and did also the second. Then Varsity scored, and the game stood six to three in favor of the Brits. Shortly after this, R. Brown, checking Burton over the shoulder, knocked him over, and the Brits were

given a free throw. This they converted, and the score at the end of the first half stood Brits, 8; Varsity, 3. The second half Varsity played up better, and made two baskets to their opponents' one, so losing the game by the narrow margin of two points from converted foul.

CURLING. BUCKINGHAM WINS THE MEDAL. The Buckingham Curling Club wins the medal presented by the Canadian Branch of the Royal Canadian Curling Club for competition between Lachute and Buckingham clubs. The first round of the match was played at Lachute on Friday evening, March 3, and resulted in a victory for Lachute by 9 points, as follows:—

Rink No. 1. Lachute. J. W. Rankin, Albert MacIarion, Thos. Christie, A. Urquhart, J. W. Rault, K. H. Gorman, J. R. McQuat, skip, Alex. MacIarion, skip.

Rink No. 2. Buckingham. Geo. Bothwell, J. F. Higginson, W. E. Middleton, N. T. Truett, skip, W. H. Lough, skip.

MONTREAL LADIES C. C. As in all curling clubs so in Montreal Ladies Curling Club several of the members have no curling stones. It is unnecessary that all should have them, but as an extra pair stones are never superfluous, it was agreed, among eight or ten of those ladies possessing the implements of the game, to combine in buying a pair of curling stones, a prize which one of them could win.

GREEN CURLERS' PRIZE. The competition for this prize, a pair of curling stones, presented by the club, an annual custom, was finished yesterday afternoon, on Montreal ice. All through the competition has been worth looking at, as the young curiers displayed little of green. The last two survivors were Mr. Charles Saxe and Mr. John McKergow, and these fought out the final match yesterday. Mr. Saxe won by 13 points to Mr. McKergow's 8 points. Mr. C. Saxe therefore won the prize.

AT THE THISTLE. The last match of the semi-finals for president of the Montreal Curling Club was played last evening, when Mr. W. Claghorn with a score of 12 defeated Mr. W. W. Mowat, whose score was 6.

ON CALEDONIA ICE. The grocers' match last night, St. Lawrence vs. Caledonia, on Caledonia ice, was very well contested. St. Lawrence had the best of the game, but the close Caledonia drew slowly ahead and came in victor by six shots. Scores were:—

Caledonia. St. Lawrence. A. W. Osgood, J. Rose, W. Currie, J. H. Howard, H. Robertson, T. Johnston, J. Robertson, skip, D. Guthrie, skip.

FOR THE STANLEY CUP. The trustees of the Stanley cup have ordered the Queen's Shamrock match for the Stanley cup to be played off Wednesday next, March 15, at the Ontario Hockey Association demand, the game of the season, and the trustees cannot do otherwise. The winners of the green, who had matches scheduled in New York and Brooklyn, endeavored to get the game off with the above result, and if the Shamrocks do not appear on the ice, the game will go to Queen's by default and the cup also. It would be a pity to see this.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. TO ORGANIZE A LEAGUE. Cornwall, March 9.—Delegates from the various football clubs in eastern Ontario and some of those created quite a sensation by meeting in Cornwall on Good Friday for the purpose of organizing a league, and drawing up rules and a schedule. There are a number of good teams in the district, and there should be little difficulty in forming a league on the sudden death system. The Point St. Charles and Valleyfield teams are both likely to be in the contest, and it is expected that Iroquois, Morrisburg, Sherbrooke, and Valleyfield will also be in the contest. The match is expected to be overpowered by the same team, each other playing home and home matches, the winners to be drawn in the second round and so on. The secretary of the Cornwall Club has been corresponding with a number of clubs, and has hopes that the gathering of 'kickers' here on Good Friday will be a large one.

HANDEL'S ORATORIO 'SAMSON.' The Philharmonic Society announces what will probably be one of the finest concerts in its record on Monday, March 21. Handel's oratorio 'Samson,' will be given for the first time in Montreal. This is good news to the lover of the best in music for not a day in the history of the city has there been a more interesting and profitable concert than that of the Philharmonic Society. The oratorio is a masterpiece of the greatest material, and the solos have been allotted to a quartette, such as could hardly be beaten anywhere. Mr. Francon Davis assumes the two parts of 'Samson' and 'Harapha' and Mrs. M. Schilling those of 'Delilah' and the Philistine woman, and the Israelite woman; Mrs. Jacoby that of 'Micah,' and Mr. Egan Williams that of 'Samson.' The Philharmonic Society deserves credit for its efforts in the preparation of the oratorio. Their endeavors should be rewarded by a crowded audience in the Windsor Hall on Tuesday, March 21.

MORE DAMAGES FOR FLOODING. In a case of Gravel vs. the city, Judge Curran yesterday granted the plaintiff \$70 damages for the flooding of his cellar.

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The SS. Castilian is a characteristic Allan liner, for while having a rakish appearance, she also has capacity for carrying three hundred first and second cabin and five hundred steerage passengers, in addition to a large general cargo. The promenade deck is spacious. The bridge, which is situated here, is as high as a four story house, and is reserved exclusively for the captain and the navigating officer, so that they may be secluded from every distraction in working the ship, and may have a full view of her from stem to stern in all circumstances. In the matter of ventilation, also great improvements have been made under a new system, by which, while a current of fresh air is driven into every compartment, an exhaust withdraws from every room that which has been breathed.

The second class staterooms, which are forward of the dining saloon, are fitted with two, three or four berths, and the passengers have also hot and cold water baths and lavatories, fitted up in such a style that one can hardly believe himself to be in a hotel. Instead of being supplied with electric lights are everywhere, and electric bells in such profusion that one can hardly reach out one's hand without touching one.

The steerage accommodation is in the central part of the ship, and permanent berths and dining facilities for two hundred passengers of this class are provided, but should occasion require, space and fittings are provided for a larger number of additional passengers. Bath and lavatory accommodations are also provided, and throughout the ship the sanitary arrangements are of the most up-to-date and approved character. In accordance with the Board of Trade regulations there are life belts in every stateroom, more than sufficient for every passenger.

The SS. Castilian is evidently speedy for her trial trip she attained a speed of 15 knots, while on the passage across the Atlantic, despite the tempestuous weather, she maintained an average speed of 14 knots, and after leaving Ireland she never went below the three hundred mile record. Her daily runs were as follows: Thursday, 23 miles; Friday, 331; Saturday, 332; Sunday, 300; Monday, 302; Tuesday, 325; Wednesday, 340; Thursday, 340.

The SS. Castilian having the distinction of being the first boat to make the trip from the other side to Portland in seven days, Captain Barrett came in for hearty congratulations.

NOTES AND NOTICES. To Cure a Cold in One Day.—Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

ADVERTISEMENTS. LUXURY and HEALTH. TO BE FOUND AT THE Turkish Bath, 140 ST. MONIQUE STREET.

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ADVERTISEMENTS. ITCHING LIMBS

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The itching and burning I suffered in my feet and limbs for three years were terrible. At night they were worse, and would keep me awake a greater part of the night. I consulted doctor after doctor, as I was travelling on the road most of my time, also one of our city doctors. None of the doctors knew what the trouble was. I got a lot of the different samples of the medicine CUTICURA REMEDY, but I had no faith in them. My wife finally prevailed upon me to try them. Presto! What a change! I am now cured, and it is a permanent cure. I feel like kicking some doctor or myself for suffering three years when I could have used CUTICURA remedies. Sept. 11, 1898. H. JENKINS, Middleboro, Ky.

BABY'S FACE SOLID SORE. My little nephew, John Stanton, was afflicted with the worst sores I ever saw all over his body. His head and face sometimes were so swollen and he suffered dreadfully. He was a pitiable sight. His father used all the remedies that he heard of, and doctored with all the doctors. He wore a tan soap, also, which did no good, but got no relief until he used the CUTICURA (ointment) and CUTICURA SOAP. Now he is a clean, healthy child. March 5, 1898. P. E. FOLZ, Fugate Run, Va.

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HAD A BAD TIME.

Lily Chapman's Hospital Experiences.

A STATEMENT BY DR. LABERGE.

Inquiry into the case of Lily Chapman, whose release from the Civic Hospital was effected yesterday, reveals a painful chapter in the little girl's experience in Montreal.

The child's parents, it appears, reside at Lachute, but she was visiting during the winter at an aunt's, on St. Elizabeth street, who, on Dec. 13, had her admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital to be treated for a tuberculous knee.

The little girl, who is of a very pretty appearance, and of an exceedingly mild disposition, does not speak very favorably of her surroundings in the last named institution. When asked about the hospital, she replied that she supposed it was very nice, but that the room where she was kept was very dirty—walls covered with dirt and cobwebs, floor greasy, windows dirty, even the plates dirty, and that she suffered very much from hunger.

Dr. Alex. Munro, who is treating the child now, for a tuberculous knee, with which she is a helpless cripple, thinks that the Civic Hospital authorities are to be severely censured for not notifying the child's parents of her arrival at the hospital. They learned of the fact only last Thursday, and were from then until yesterday before they could even see the child.

Dr. Laberge this morning stated that everything possible had been done for the child. She was admitted to the observation pavilion on Feb. 10, suffering with chickenpox. The Royal Victoria Hospital doctors were afraid that the case might be one of smallpox and out of deference to their wishes, it was decided to remove the patient to the observation pavilion, where she remained until yesterday.

Dr. Laberge says that special precautions were taken to treat the child well. Seeing that she was of a sensitive constitution, prone to readily contract disease, he gave special orders that none of the doctors or staff of the contagious wards were to go near her, and her case was turned over to Dr. Coyle, of the vaccinating staff, who gave her the closest attention throughout her detention.

A FLOOD FEARED.

Shawneetown, Ill., March 10.—This city is threatened with another flood similar to the one that almost swept the town away a year ago. The residents are moving out as rapidly as possible, and all live stock has been removed. The levee is thought to be weak in some places, and a break is liable to occur at any time. Many men are patrolling the levee. Business is suspended and the citizens who remain are in constant fear of being swept away.

VENTURE PROVED A BAD ONE.

Lebanon, Ind., March 10.—A tragic ending of a matrimonial venture between two old people who went through a matrimonial agency, was made by Edward Wannick, who, after his wife had begun proceedings for divorce, broke up her furniture, then shot himself and finally hanged himself to a tree. Wannick came from Flagstaff, Ariz., last August, to marry his wife, then a widow. The result was unhappy and divorce proceedings precipitated the above result.

MURDERED HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 10.—A special from Glasgow, Ky., says John Franklin was hanged at 7.10 a.m., for the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bowles.

GONE TO PORT ARTHUR.

Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, medical superintendent of the Protestant Hospital for the insane, has gone to Port Arthur, at the request of the Minister of Justice. He will there examine into the mental condition of Prevost, now lying under sentence to be hanged next week.

SMALLPOX IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 10.—Smallpox has been widely prevalent of late here, and the health authorities are bending every effort to check what has threatened to assume the aspect of an epidemic. There are twenty-five cases of the disease in the smallpox hospital to-day, with an aggregate of fifty-two that have been reported to the health department since the outbreak. The disease has occurred mostly in the south-western section of the city, among the poor and ignorant colored people, and several cases recently broke out in the district jail, to which ten other cases occurring outside are traceable. Mild characteristics permit the disease to progress in many cases before it is recognized. Health Officer Woodward stated to-day that he believed the outbreak would continue some time, but he did not look for it to assume any alarming proportions greater than at present.

FURTHER IDENTIFICATION.

SOME OF THE IMPRISONED SEX-TETTE KNOWN IN FARNHAM, QUEBEC.

The following letter, received at the detective headquarters this morning regarding the six men recently arrested in this city, speaks for itself:—

Farnham, March 9, 1899. Detective Carpenter: Dear Sir,—In netting the pictures of the six men you have under arrest, we have arrested eight on May 25, 1888, among whom were two whom you have. They were Charlie Wagner and Edward Mansfield alias John McDonald. They were arrested for tramping and disturbing the peace. They had plenty of money on them. If you want further information, write.

E. DAVIGNON, Chief of Police.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

BROKE THROUGH THE ICE AT LACHINE.

Two children of the name of Chouineau, aged three and a half and four years, fell into the river at Lachine, about eleven o'clock this morning, while playing on the ice at the back of the brewery. Both were drowned. Chief of Police Robert had the bodies recovered. There will be an inquest.

CITY ITEMS.

The 'Northern Enterprise,' Campbellton, N.B., of March 7, reproduces, verbatim, the recent article in the 'Witness' dealing with the public career of the Hon. Peter Mitchell.

TACKLED MR. KRUGER.

THE OLD MAN IGNORANT OF THE LAWS.

The 'Cape Times' publishes an interesting report of a recent conversation between Mr. Davies, a British journalist, and President Kruger, with the assistance of Messrs. Tjaart Kruger and Bredell, as interpreters. When Mr. Davies asked a question as to the exclusion of the Uitlanders from the franchise, the President exclaimed warmly, 'What do they expect? Do they think to get all the privileges of a full burgher when they will not take up any of the burdens of burghership, such as fighting the enemies of the Republic? Besides, they have the franchise.'

THE CASE OF THE PRINCESS BEATRICE.

A lady, evidently wanting the mayors to have a share in the anecdotes now being sent to us, writes: 'A certain royal function having taken place, the Queen had occasion to inscribe her name in commemoration of the event. Her Majesty, who was accompanied by the Princess Beatrice—having written 'Victoria,' was followed by the Princess, who, of course, inscribed her name 'Beatrice,' imagine the amusement of those present when the Mayors, on being asked for her signature, wrote 'Emma!'—London 'Daily News.'

INFORMATION IS UNOFFICIAL.

Washington, March 10.—The British embassy has received no official information whatever concerning the appointment of Sir Julian Pauncefote as the British delegate to the Czar's peace conference, but it is known that the ambassador's appointment has been under consideration, and it is probable he will be named for this post. The appointment will be supplementary to his present office, he remaining as British ambassador to the United States until some time in 1901.

LITIGATION OVER A NOTARY'S MINUTES.

At the request of the Chamber of Notaries the Prothonotary has instituted proceedings to recover from Mr. M. J. A. Dorval the minutes of the late Mr. Anthony Brogan, which, it is alleged, he keeps in his possession without legal authorization.

VERDUN HOSPITAL.

A very enjoyable concert by members of the Y.P.S.C.E. of Point St. Charles Baptist Church was last evening given at the Protestant Hospital for the insane. Those who took part in the excellent programme rendered were: Mr. L. Murray, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. H. Bowie, Mr. T. W. Gale, Miss J. Richards and Miss M. Stark.

OLD LADY RUN OVER.

The police report that at six o'clock last evening an old lady named Rachel Morover by a cart named Leonas Lefebvre, of Ste. Cuthbert. The sufferer was taken home. Her injuries though painful were not considered dangerous.

THE IBERVILLE THIEF.

Nothing very new has transpired to-day regarding Joseph Schorn, the thief who was sentenced on Oct. 22, 1888, for the Massachusetts murder, was committed in January, 1888. It is considered certain that this man could not have had anything to do with it.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

New York, March 10.—Many chess players began to gather early this morning in the assembly room of the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, to watch the cable match. Messages of congratulations and expressions of consideration were passed between the first move. This gave Pillsbury the defence in his game against his old antagonist Blackburne.

HOW THE MEN ARE MATCHED.

The teams were paired as follows:—United States. Great Britain. 1—M. N. Pillsbury J. H. Blackburne 2—J. W. Showalter F. B. Atkins 3—J. F. Barry P. G. Lawrence 4—A. B. Hodges F. M. Jackson 5—Edward Hynes D. Y. Mills 6—M. Voigt Herbert Jacobs 7—S. P. Johnston B. Lockock 8—J. Marshall C. E. Wainwright 9—C. J. Newhall C. D. Bellingham 10—D. C. Baird M. W. Trenchard

At the first board Pillsbury played the two knights defence against Blackburne's grand saloon. The fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth boards there were Ruy Lopez openings. On the sixth a centre counter gambit was played.

London, March 10.—Between two hundred and three hundred persons were present at the Hotel Cecil this afternoon at the opening of the fourth international match between the leading chess experts of the United States and Great Britain. Among those present were Sir George Newnes, Gungeberg, and many other prominent players. Cordial messages were received and exchanged between the players and the Brooklyn Chess Club, and a feeling of great satisfaction prevailed.

London, March 10.—Gungeberg said: 'I think the American team is slightly stronger. I base this on my knowledge of Voigt's strong play, but it is probable that Johnson will succumb to Lockock.'

RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC CARRIERS.

Judge Pagnuelo rendered judgment this morning in the case of Rosenblum vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Company. The plaintiff had shipped by the line of the company a quantity of goods from Cornwall to Sherbrooke. These goods represented a value of \$6,000 and they were accidentally destroyed during the transit, with the exception of the salvage representing about \$200, and which Rosenblum refused to take back. He took out the present action for the recovery of the full value of the whole goods, \$6,000, and the Court this morning rendered judgment in his favor for \$5,846, thus deducting from the claims the value of the goods saved.

A COSTLY RING.

Lionel Pauzé, aged 21, arrested on March 3, by Mr. Collins, of the detective office, for the theft of a diamond ring from Mrs. McNichol, Berri street, was this morning sentenced to six months imprisonment.

ALLEGED BUCKET SHOP.

The case of Louis Dowd, charged with keeping a bucket shop, came before Judge Choquet yesterday. Mr. C. H. Parent was the only witness. As the case could not be completed an adjournment, was made to next Thursday, March 15.

ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLING.

Angelo Martineau has been fined \$150 and costs, or three months imprisonment, for selling liquor without a license.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Earnings from March 1 to 7: 1889 \$474,617 1898 445,948 Increase 28,669

THE NEW WESTMOUNT LODGE.

The dedication of the new Westmount Lodge A. F. and A. M., as previously announced in the 'Witness,' will take place on March 22, not 27 as previously stated.

ROYAL ELECTRIC AT 188.

Over twenty-six hundred shares change hands. Reported for the 'Witness' by Mr. G. R. Marler, Banker and Broker, 1721 Notre Dame St.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, March 10.—The bearish feeling was in the ascendant at the Stock Exchange this morning and fractional declines were made in the prominent shares with the international influence by the sharp decline in the London market, where some concern was evident over the aspect of the Chinese situation. Metropolitan Street Railway was a conspicuous exception, rising on rumors of impending favorable developments to stockholders.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

The following table shows the range of prices in Chicago to-day and the closing quotations as compared with those of yesterday: Yesterday's to-day's.

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Lard, Short Ribs, and their respective closing prices.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, March 9.—Cotton, spot closed quiet; middling uplands at 6 9/16; do. gulf at 6 1/16; sales, none. New York, March 9.—Cotton, futures closed quiet and steady. March at 6.25; April at 6.27; May at 6.28; June at 6.29; July at 6.27; August at 6.27; September at 6.18; October at 6.18; November at 6.16; December at 6.16. Liverpool, March 9.—4 p.m.—Cotton, spot fair demand; prices, 1-324 lower; American middling fair, 3 1/2-324; good middling, 3 5/8; middling, 3 7/8; low middling, 3 1/2; good ordinary, 3 1/4; ordinary, 3 1/4. Sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 40,000 American. Receipts, 2,000 bales, including 4,000 American. Market closed quiet with a moderate demand, and closed quiet at the decline.

LONDON COPPER MARKET.

London, March 9.—Copper closing—Spot, £69 15s; futures, £69 15s. Market easy. Sales, spot, 100; futures, 1,350 tons.

MONTREAL TRADE.

UNMARKED BY ANY SPECIAL FEATURES. Dun's Bulletin of Saturday, March 11, will say of Montreal trade: 'The week at Montreal, in a business way, has been unmarked by any special incident. The wholesale distribution of merchandise is maintained at a fair level for the season, and considering the unusually light snow-fall in many sections, operating unfavorably to lunching operations and general traffic in the interior, collections have kept up remarkably well. The Fourth was not a very heavy day for dry goods payments, retailers' paper on that day was very fairly met, but in as large a proportion as on Feb. 4. It is remarked that the craze for speculation in mining stocks seems to have struck the country as well as the town, and that brokers and general agents are getting a good many mail commissions from country merchants, who would do better to keep their money in their business. The cheese market, which has long been of a somewhat dull character, shows signs of picking up, and last week's exports were large for the season; holders and would-be buyers, however, seem somewhat apart in their ideas. Outside sugar markets have developed quite a strong turn, and refined was advanced an eighth in New York on Tuesday, while the result that there has been a more active inquiry by local jobbers. The week has been a quiet one in tea, but values are steady, and China blacks are now reported as following the upward movement of Ceylons and Indians. Dried fruits are now very quiet; an auction sale of two thousand boxes of Valencia was advertised for Wednesday, but the goods were withdrawn, bids not reaching the reserve figure. The second series of London wool sales opened on Tuesday, and the cable reports sales at the strong closing figures of last week; on spot the present demand is slow but importers are not disposed to shade quotations. The general stiffening in iron, and all its products, continues. The only holder of Sumatra's Best iron as reported as now quoting \$21.50 in lots, while quotations of crucible steel are withdrawn for the time, the discounts on bolts and nuts have been reduced, and the several advances in heavy metals generally, recently noted, are all maintained. The money market is a shade firmer, and no new call loans are being made at 4 per cent, the rate being now 4 1/2, steady.'

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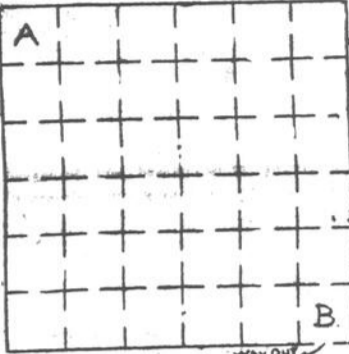
The Boys' Page.

Puzzles.

Friday is our puzzle day. Answers should be sent in to the Editor of the Boys' Page not later than next Wednesday. These answers, together with the names of those who find them, will be published on the following Friday.

PRISON PUZZLE.

(Sent by B. Clark and A. R. M.)



The figure represents the plan of a prison with intercommunicating cells; a prisoner in cell A is offered his freedom if he can make his way to cell B after passing once, and once only, through all the 36 cells. How is he to do it?

STRIKING OUT NUMBERS.

Given, the following sum in addition:

1	1	1
7	7	7
9	9	9

Required, to strike out six of these numbers, so that the total of the remaining numbers shall be 20 only.

DOUBLE DIAMOND PUZZLE.

(Sent by Wm. J. Dey.)

In this diamond all the words can be read downwards as well as across. 1. A vowel; 2, an Arctic bird; 3, a writer of fables; 4, a country in Europe; 5, the sacred book of a false religion; 6, a wire fastener; 7, a vowel.

SQUARE WORD.

(By Allan Spencer.)

A tiny animal found in the earth. A gulf south of Persia. That upon which we live. The parts furthest away from the middle.

WORN BY OLD OCEAN.

(Sent by G. A. S.)

Name the capes described—
1. A cape that is never dependent.
2. A cape that may be eaten.
3. A cape that is always a coward.
4. A cape that Josh Billings says should be smelt of, not swallowed.
5. A cape that is blown upon.
6. A cape that is heir to the English throne.
7. A cape that often causes sorrow.
8. A cape that is found among the wild animals of North America and Europe.
9. A cape often used as an exclamation.

ENIGMA.

(Sent by John McCamus.)

A man invited three guests to dinner. When they came he looked and saw six. He sent one away, but instead of their number growing smaller there were now nine. He sent another away and—ten were left.
He brought one back and there were eleven; he brought another back and there were only six.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES.

The cross puzzle seems to have proved a stumbling-block this week. Only a very few attempted it. Yet as it stands in the diagram it looks easy enough of solution. In all cases the diagrams sent in were beautifully executed.

Some amusing answers came to the square word. Readers will remember the word began, 'What the editor of the 'Witness' does every day.' Instead of the intended answer, 'edit,' one boy put 'blot.' Another boy put 'eats.' This is very probably true; however, it did not fulfil the requirements of the particular square word. The third word can be split 'oman' as well as 'oman,' though the latter is the word wanted on this occasion.

The boys in the honor list of this week will be feeling very proud, so small is their company.

A letter from 'Rushbrooke Street' tells us that if the word 'chump' be written and turned upside down it will still appear 'chump.' However, the upper stroke of p should be made very small. As the word looks very different in print we have not thought of using it as the basis of one of our puzzles.

With reference to the 'fence' puzzle of a previous Friday, D. J. Grant shows us that the same length of fence can enclose the most land when that land is in the shape of a circle.

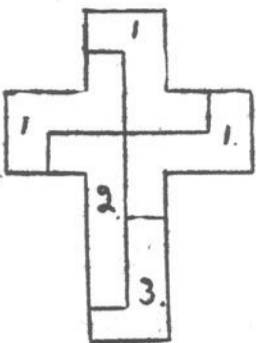
The puzzle sent by H. Weeks we have already published.
An unsigned letter comes from St. Lambert.

ANSWERED ALL PUZZLES.

Wilfrid Messiah, Allan Spencer, Herbert Shaw.

CROSS PUZZLE.

The cross may be formed of the indicated pieces as in the diagram.



B. Clark, Lindsay MacIntyre, Edward Bouthillier, Mollie De Wolfe, Harold Weeks, H. H. Horsman.

THE TWO SCHOOLMASTERS.

The difference was 6, the smaller school having 66 pupils only.

For, inasmuch as one-sixth of the pupils were away ill, the remainder, namely, 11 haymaking, 7 at the fair, and 37 at school, together making 55—must have been five-sixths of the whole number, and 55 divided by 5 equals 11, one-sixth. The whole number of the smaller school was, therefore, 11 multiplied by 6, equalling 66.

Answered by Alice Tabb, B. Clark, Helen Dean, G. E. Elliot, Daisy Watkins, Ronald Manson, Alex. Hall, Abbie Pritchard, J. Lawrence, Evelyn Armstrong, Grace Woodward, Gertrude Boudreau, Alice Anderson, Grace McDonald, Edward Bouthillier, G. A. S., 'Chumbers,' Rose Morris, Archie Stevenson, Mollie De Wolfe, George A. McNamee, 'Neleh,' 'St. Lambert,' Harold Weeks, Chas. A. Anderson, Helen Howe.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

1, M; 2, bet; 3, medal; 4, vanilla; 5, sweetness; 6, lieutenant; 7, Mediterranean; 8, electricity; 9, education; 10, Canning; 11, wheel; 12, van; 13, n.

When these words and letters are placed in the form of a diamond the central letters down and across will spell the word 'Mediterranean.'

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Editor's Story

Of Special Interest to Our Readers Who Suffer From Catarrh—City Editor of "La Minerve" Cured by Dr. Chase.

Probably no persons are more careful about what they endorse than the army of editors who mould the thought of the public. Knowing that people respect and value their opinions, they are very particular to only give recommendation when they believe it to be in the interests of the people.

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CHAPTER I.

'Well, Tommy, what's the matter?' 'Please, sir, Biddy's that ill, mother and I was to come right off for the doctor. She's been funny for the last week and more; but now she's talking so queer like, we can't make out what she means.' 'Tell your mother I will be round in half an hour,' I replied. And the boy put his ragged cap on his head, and ran off with the message. Biddy O'Shea was the undisputed belle of the little village of Garford, which was situated north of Pentonstead, and her beautiful face, with her dark grey Irish eyes, and their black shadows, had tempted many an artist to pause by the cottage door and attempt to reproduce it on canvas. And now Biddy was ill, and the news caused me a certain anxiety, for there had been several cases of typhoid in the neighborhood of Garford lately, and people were beginning to wonder at the cause. For my part I was pretty sure of the why and the wherefore, as the whole of the little hamlet, which belonged to the squire, was badly drained, and the cottages altogether were sadly in need of repair. I had been up to Garford Hall already about the matter, and requested the squire to see into the state of affairs; but unfortunately he was a very obstinate and bigoted man, and I was practically told to mind my own business. However, after I had paid my visit to the O'Shea's cottage, and seen beautiful Biddy's eyes shining with a fever of bright fierceness, I came to the conclusion that it undoubtedly was my business, and made up my mind there and then to pay a second visit to Garford Hall. Mrs. O'Shea followed me down to the garden gate, and gave me her opinion in undisguised terms. 'Shure and if it's the fever, it's the squire's fault; and if me Biddy dies, then it's a murderer he'll be to his life's end!' She flung her apron over her head and fell to weeping in the typical Irish way. 'But Biddy is not going to die,' I rejoined cheerfully. 'She has an excellent constitution, and moreover, youth is in her favor. I do not deny she is in for a bad attack of fever, but with God's help, I trust we shall pull her through.'

You will doubtless remember I spoke to you on the subject before, and I am very sorry to tell you there is a fresh case of typhoid this morning. 'I really do not see what business it is of mine,' he replied gruffly. 'You surely don't expect me to provide for all the sickness on my estate. If you want a cheque I am quite willing to give one in reason, but it is not my fault if the people will go and drink bad water. You must go to the water company, and not me.'

tragedy in the lives of some of these beneficent little creatures. They love to burrow down in the earth, to just about the depth the ploughshare takes, and there they are sliced in two by the plough. On these occasions, when examining the contents of their stomachs, I have been surprised at the amount they could hold. I have also noticed the prevalence of injurious species of insects, such as leaf beetles, cut-worms, grubs, and their larvae. 'A few days ago another victim passed under the plough; I took pains to note the contents of its stomach. This consisted of four cut-worms, two bean-beetles, seventeen small leaf-beetles, eight small manure beetles, three flies, several larvae, and about a teaspoonful of small aromatic yellow ants. This was only a medium-sized toad; and now, just think how many such meals he had taken in his life; then think of the millions of relatives, and the meals they had eaten in their lives; after that remember that in their pollywog state toads clear out myriads of larvae from stagnant water and do much towards lessening the great mosquito pest, and you may imagine the vast quantities of injurious insect material they must have destroyed. 'I have domesticated and colonized toads in my cellar and garden, and always felt amply repaid in the decrease in the number of insects. It makes little difference to the toad whether his meals be of cabbage-worms, mosquitoes, or bean-beetles—down they go, and as he rubs his throat with one hand he winks his off eye and is ready for more.'

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NEW ONTARIO.
DEPUTATION TO BOOM THE DISTRICT OPENS ITS CAMPAIGN AT TORONTO.

Toronto, March 9.—Mr. Kemp, president of the Board of Trade, was chairman of the meeting which nearly filled the Horticultural Pavilion last night to listen to speeches and see samples of ore, pictures of the greater portion of the province comprising the Algoma and Nipissing districts, as it is beginning to be called. The largest map ever seen in the city hung just back of the chairman almost covering the whole space of the stage. It told in realistic way the wonderful story of the size and wealth in mineral, timber and agricultural resources of Algoma. There were other maps, too, that helped to make clear the intensely interesting speeches. Not alone were these depended upon to convince and charm an audience, as receptive and appreciative as could well be wished for, the patriotic poem 'The National Flag,' written by Mr. James Conmee, M.P.P. for West Algoma, was sung by Mr. Rechaub Tandy, and another more attractive lyric, 'Oh, come to Algoma,' was heartily taken up in the ringing chorus. Mr. Conmee was the first speaker. He said there were thirty million acres of the finest agricultural lands in the world in new Ontario. A settler going to the western prairie farms must be content with 30 cents a bushel for wheat. In Algoma a dollar is the price.

Mr. A. Pattullo, M.P.P., North Oxford, made a happy speech, telling of his own experience traveling in New Ontario.

Mayor Geo. T. Marks, of Port Arthur, told of his native place, he having been born there. There were, he said, just as good gold mines in New Ontario as anywhere else in the world.

Mr. G. P. Graham, M.P.P., Brockville, argued for new Ontario, as the finest of fields for capital and labor to go hand in hand in developing the marvellous resources of that country. To make Canada great all that was needed was to keep each of the provinces great, and Ontario was the greatest of them all.

Mr. D. F. Burk, of Port Arthur, had the most favorable reception of any of the missionaries from New Ontario. Taking a long pointer in hand, he made clear the distances of New Ontario which are enormous, over a thousand miles from east to west. He pointed out that the northern limit of wheat culture in Ontario crosses Algoma 350 miles north of Port Arthur. He showed that the growth of the states of Minnesota, alongside Algoma, but smaller and not so well equipped in natural resources, had been greater than that of the whole of Canada. Railways are, he said, the pressing need of this newer and richer part of the province.

Mr. W. G. Charlton, M.P.P., South Norfolk, who has travelled all through New Ontario, spoke in enthusiastic terms of the tremendous size and inestimable wealth of natural resources. He said you could drop the whole of Europe into the Canadian North-West and Spain would be four hundred miles north of the southern boundary of the Dominion. It would almost be lost. Another eloquent comparison of distances was the statement that from Washington to the foot of James's Bay was no greater than from the latter point to the head of navigation on that immense inland sea.

Mr. George Graham, of Fort William,

and Mr. R. L. Williams, of Port Arthur, were the two concluding speakers. It is the intention of the New Ontario missionaries to visit the cities and larger towns of Old Ontario, as well as several centres of population in the Province of Quebec.

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION BY CANADIAN ROUTES.
(To the Editor of the 'Witness'.)

Sir,—In the controversy as to competitive routes for exportation of Canadian grain, we are apt to theorize upon the magnificent increase of shipments, without grasping the problem of the immense labor involved in handling bushels by the million. While those interested in improving each rival route discuss their relative merits, some of our practical men must be giving deep study as to the provision of adequate rolling stock, and water craft, which cannot be produced at the nod of shippers.

It has been recently estimated by conservative writers, that the time is not far distant when Canada will produce from its wheat fields, now being rapidly brought under the plough, the immense return of a hundred million bushels. Admitting this to be possible, and allowing twenty-five million bushels for home consumption, we shall have seventy-five million bushels for export, which would tax to the utmost all present and prospective lines, both rail, and water.

A computation of rail requirements for this transportation will aid in grasping the task to be undertaken. Modern perfection in grain cars, counts upon a capacity of a thousand bushels, which means seventy-five thousand carloads, equal to two thousand five hundred trains of thirty cars per train. Two thousand five hundred such trains will require fourteen trains per day for a hundred and seventy-eight days to move this huge mass, within the limit of our longest period of inland navigation; say seven months, without allowance for detentions from accidents, or other interruptions. Less trains per day will, of course, increase the number of days requisite.

Admitting the possibility of such a line as the Parry Sound undertaking this feat of transportation, and allowing a full week for the round trip from Parry Sound to the elevator at Coteau and back, it would involve the daily loading and despatch of four hundred and twenty cars, and the daily return of an equal number of empty cars, which would mean hauling 5,040 cars, full, and empty, per week of six days. To maintain this gigantic operation for a single month, would exceed the ability of the most perfect organization, much more, if undertaken for seven consecutive months.

For its accomplishment, three hundred and seventy-five trips of lake craft, having a capacity of two hundred thousand bushels each, would be called into service, arriving at the elevators an average of about two such craft per day.

Let any one interested in this problem just sit down to the calculation and study its magnitude, then go further into the need or facilities which must be provided at the port of Montreal, or elsewhere, to avoid possibility of serious detention.

In all probability, we shall find mother earth increasing her production faster than provision can be made for economical moving forward to market. No factor has more effectually directed attention to this question, than the opening of the Parry Sound line.

PIONEER.
March, 1899.

NEW ONTARIO TAXES.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

Toronto, March 9.—The Ontario Government to-day remodelled the license and tax bills introduced one week ago. The changes, in some instances, are sweeping. Licenses are lowered and, as a rule, business taxes are raised. The story is told below. Tavern licenses are quite materially reduced as the following list will show:

Place.	New bill	Old bill.
Toronto	\$250	\$300
Hamilton	225	250
Ottawa	225	250
Cities from 20,000 to 40,100	130	200
Other cities	130	150

The tax on breweries is the same on business up to \$20,000, and then the change comes. The original list was as follows:—

Invested.	Tax.
\$20,000 to \$40,000	\$ 500
\$40,000 to \$75,000	750
\$75,000 to \$100,000	1,000
\$100,000 up	1,500

The new schedule is as follows:—

Invested.	Tax.
\$20,000 to \$50,000	500
\$50,000 to \$100,000	750
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,000
\$150,000 to \$200,000	1,500
\$200,000, up	2,000

There is no alteration in the tax on distilleries.

One clause says: 'The lieutenant-governor-in-council where it is shown that the sale of any distiller in the preceding year less than ten thousand gallons of proof spirits, and that the sale will not exceed that quantity during the calendar year in which the license is to be issued, may issue distillers a provincial license at a sum not less than one-third the minimum charge for a distiller's provincial license.'

The change in the tax on banks is trifling. The original schedule provides a tenth of one percent up to two million dollars paid up capital; twenty-five dollars for every hundred thousand dollars up to six million dollars, and fifteen dollars for every additional hundred thousand dollars. In the new schedule the last clause is cut out. This affects only the Bank of Montreal, and lowers the tax on that institution by nine hundred dollars. The tax on offices remains.

There is a big change in the tax on fire insurance and other insurance companies. The original tax places one percent on life companies' premiums paid in Ontario and a half of one percent on all others, except mutual fire, which were exempt. The new bill retains the amount on life insurance companies, but provides that others must be taxed two-thirds of one percent. It also requires that mutual insurance companies which receive premiums in cash shall pay a tax on the gross premium collected in cash. This clause is also added:

Where receipts from premiums of a life insurance company, whose head office is elsewhere than in Ontario are less than \$20,000, and where such company lends money on security, and has invested in this province \$100,000, or more, such company shall pay a tax of one percent calculated on the gross premiums, and one-fourth of one percent on the income from investments received by such company in respect of the business transacted in the province during the preceding year.

The tax on loan companies with permanent paid up capital is the same as before, but there is a change for the companies having only withdrawal or terminating stock. The original scale was as follows:—

Capital.	Tax.
\$100,000 to \$200,000	\$ 50
\$200,000 to \$500,000	75
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	100
Each additional million	50

The amended scale provides a tax of \$65 for every \$100,000 capital after exempting the first \$100,000. The original tax on trust companies was one-third of one percent upon the paid up capital stock. The amended tax added these words: 'Up to and including \$300,000, and the sum of \$65 on every \$100,000 or fraction thereof of paid-up capital.'

The tax on railways is reduced from \$15 per mile to \$5, but the old tax referred only to roads bonused by the province; the new tax will apply to all railways. There is a change in street railways. The rule still confine it to cities, but the scale is as follows:—

Length.	Per mile.
Under twenty miles	\$20
Twenty to thirty miles	35
Thirty to fifty	45
Fifty miles and up	60

Telephone companies remain the same as first proposed, at one-sixth of one percent. Telegraph companies are reduced to one-tenth of one percent. The old schedule was one-fourth of one percent. The natural gas companies' tax is the same as before. The express companies' tax is reduced from \$3,000 a year to \$2,000 a year. The tax on sleeping or parlor cars is changed from \$3,000 a year to one-third of one percent upon the capital of the company invested in cars and rolling stock used in Ontario.

One of the most important changes is that regarding the tax on gas and electric companies. Before they were untaxed. Now they are taxed as follows: Every gas company and every electric-lighting company in any city in the province shall pay a tax of one-tenth of one percent on its paid up capital, but this shall not apply to any gas or electric works owned by a municipality and operated for the purpose of the municipality.

The railway tax by the original scale amounted to \$30,855. The new tax amounts to \$34,445.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

Ottawa, March 9.—One of the largest public meetings ever held in Bryson took place there yesterday afternoon when the members of the county council were addressed by Messrs. Poupore, M.P., McLeod Stewart and J. D. Grace, of Ottawa, and Mayor Cloran, of Hawkesbury, in the interests of the Ottawa & Georgian Bay canal. On the conclusion of the speeches the council, with the approval of all present, passed a unanimous resolution endorsing the action of Mr. McLeod Stewart, Mr. Poupore and Mr. Cloran in promoting the Ottawa & Georgian Bay canal, and authorized the warden and secretary-treasurer to draft and sign a petition to the Federal Government, asking for the necessary assistance to bring about the early commencement and speedy completion of the great project.

CANADIAN MARINE ENGINEERS.

Toronto, March 10.—The Marine Engineers of Toronto last night decided to amalgamate with the Marine Engineers of New Brunswick and British Columbia, forming the National Association of Canadian Marine Engineers. A meeting will shortly be held in Montreal for election of officers and other matters.

THE LATE MR. ORR.

FUNERAL TOOK PLACE AT COOKSHIRE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Cookshire, March 10.—The funeral of the late E. S. Orr, registrar of Compton county, took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church. There was a very large attendance from all parts of the county of old friends and acquaintances. At two o'clock the procession left the house, proceeding to the church. The pastor, the Rev. P. H. Allen, had with him on the platform the Revs. J. A. Ellis, of Sawyerville; A. H. Farnsworth, of Birchton; W. H. Raney, of Bury, and F. A. Read, of Lennoxville. The pallbearers were Messrs. S. Osgood, C. Hurd, T. Hurd, W. Wilford, J. H. Taylor and Ayton Cromwell. Mr. Alden Learned had charge of the funeral. The Royal Templars, the C. E. Society and the County Council (adjoining their session) attended in a body.

The favorite hymns of the deceased were sung during the service, notably, 'Listen, the Master beseecheth,' and the choir rendered a suitable selection. The Rev. Mr. Ellis, of Sawyerville, read the lesson, and Mr. Allen preached the sermon, taking for his text Num. xxiii, 10. The Rev. F. A. Read, a close and intimate friend of the deceased, then added a few words of his appreciation of the sterling Christian integrity of his departed friend, and after the benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Ellis, the funeral procession moved to the cemetery.

THE TOULON EXPLOSION.

LONDON ANARCHISTS CLAIM CREDIT FOR CARRYING IT OUT—SUCCESSFUL BLACK-MAILING SCHEME.

London, March 10.—The London anarchists say that the credit for the explosion in the Toulon arsenal last Sunday belongs to them. A French police agent, who, under pretence of being an anarchist, obtained their confidence, found an elaborate plan of the Toulon arsenal at the room of an anarchist club yesterday on one of the worst streets in Whitechapel, and also learned that the dynamite cartridges used to blow up the magazine were obtained from a quarry near the Italian frontier.

The same investigator affirms that he has obtained complete evidence of a successful scheme of blackmail which has been operated by the anarchists during the past two years. The plan is to approach prominent personages by means of a gentlemanly scoundrel, who has sufficient standing to obtain an interview.

The caller submits a promise written on thin paper guaranteeing to the person approached immunity from all anarchist attacks upon the payment of a specified sum, at the same time saying blandly: 'It is useless to arrest me; if you make a hostile move I will swallow the paper and you can prove nothing; besides, it will cost you your life.' These demands have been so carefully and skilfully made out that they have been successful eight times out of ten. The late President Faure paid twenty thousand francs for his immunity and others have paid in proportion to their prominence. The funds thus collected have been deposited in Switzerland and it is said that they aggregate a large sum. It becomes necessary to resume the active anarchist campaign for advertising purposes, hence the Toulon explosion. It is intimated that Paris will be the scene of the next demonstration.

Paris, March 10.—The 'Gaulois' says the dynamite cartridges found near the Toulon arsenal were placed there as a practical joke and adds that they contained a harmless blasting powder.

VICS' CAMP FIRE.

The Victoria Rifles' Reserve Association had their last camp fire of the season last evening. The chair was occupied by Lieut.-Col. George R. Starke. An enjoyable programme was contributed by Sergt. W. Millar, Sergt. John Rose, Sergt. H. Starr, Messrs. F. C. Graves, R. O. Thicke, John Poole, G. Comte, H. E. Davis and H. R. Landry.

THE LATE MRS. DAVID CURRIE.

The funeral of the late Nancy Davis, wife of Mr. David Currie, 93 Somerville avenue, Westmount, took place yesterday afternoon. A number of friends of the deceased lady were present, and the Rev. W. F. Graham, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, conducted services at the house and also at the church. Mr. Graham alluded with much feeling to the work of Mrs. Currie in the church and in the cause of religion that was so much a part of her life. Her faith had been great during a trying illness, and her example would not be lost upon those with whom she had been friend and neighbor.

ST. ANTOINE STREET.

ENGINEERING DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF THE PROPOSED WIDENING.

There is still considerable anxiety in municipal circles over the St. Antoine street widening project, as the friends of the scheme have not yet given up the fight and are still trying to get the Legislative Council to approve of their bill compelling the city to undertake the work.

A serious objection made by some of the leading officials of the corporation is that the undertaking presents engineering difficulties which will increase the burden upon the city indefinitely.

Mr. Robb, the city treasurer, yesterday explained this important and little-understood phase of the question.

St. Antoine street runs along the side of a slope; is, in fact, a narrow step, terraced along the side of the lowest ridge of the mountain. If the street is widened, the width of the terrace forming the level roadbed will have to be doubled by cutting into the side of the hill above the present street, or by dumping material to extend the south side of the street. This would create a change of level along the whole length of the street and lay the city open for heavy damages. And at the cross streets the position will be even worse. The extension in width either way of the step or bracket carrying St. Antoine street would necessitate a radical change in the grades of all the cross streets for some distance; the most of the work would be much greater than in the case of widening on the level, and the door be thrown wide open for suits of damages against the city for changes of level.

CANALS OF CANADA.

THEIR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TRACED BY PROF. KERRY.

In the Natural History Hall last evening Prof. J. G. G. Kerry delivered the fourth lecture of the Somerville course on 'The canals of Canada.' Mr. George Sumner presided.

Prof. Kerry traced the growth of canals from the earliest period of Canadian history. He said that as early as 1700 a scheme was formulated for a canal from Montreal to Lachine, then the great fur-trading depot. It was vigorously agitated for by the Recollet Fathers, but nothing was done, and the French régime ended without a single canal being built in Canada. The passing of the French and the coming of the English brought new conditions, though it was not until after the invasion of 1776 that canal development was commenced. General Haldimand was one of the first to recognize their importance, and as a result the Cascades canal was built in 1781. Two years later saw the founding of the North-West Trading Company, which came into existence to combat the American fur-trading companies, and it is greatly owing to them that the North-West still remains Canadian. During the period between 1783 and 1821 they made Montreal the great fur-trading centre, and laid the foundations of its present prosperity. In 1821 the Lachine canal was commenced, and completed in 1825. The locks of this waterway were 100 feet long, 25 feet wide and 5 feet deep. In 1826 the British Government undertook the work of constructing the Rideau canal, which was completed in 1832. The original estimated cost was £180,000, but the actual cost amounted to £280,000. The building of the Welland canal in 1825 occasioned some disclosures regarding the actions of the chartered company which built it. In 1839 a parliamentary report was made in connection with it. After proving great extravagance and other facts against the directors, the report calmly concluded by exonerating everybody. In the earlier canals the width of the locks was 55 feet, notably the Cornwall canal, built in 1843. This was owing to the great breadth of the paddle-wheel steamers, but on the introduction of propellers the width of the locks was reduced to 45 feet.

Coming down to more recent canal constructions, the lecturer described very fully the special features of the Soulanges and Trent canals, among which were the substitution of culverts in the masonry for the purpose of filling the lock instead of the old lock gates; the use of concrete and the building of the bridges upon piers that are placed to one side instead of the middle of the channel. The lecturer then dwelt upon the comparison between the volume of trade upon the St. Lawrence canal and the Erie canal, in the State of New York. In concluding, Prof. Kerry drew attention to the discussion about the Georgian Bay canal, and brought to a close an interesting lecture.

W. DRYSDALE.

Montreal, March 10, 1899.

CARE OF SMALLPOX PATIENTS.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed recently in some Eastern Ontario districts as to the manner in which smallpox patients have been treated by health boards.

It is decidedly unjust to those who are so unfortunate as to have a case of the disease break out in their homes to confine them all therein. This is one way of spreading the disease amongst the other members of the family, and thus keeping every member imprisoned for several months. There is another way of avoiding it which has been tried successfully in some places, and that is to isolate the patients with as little delay as possible. An isolated house is procured, a doctor appointed and a nurse, if there are no friends prepared to render the necessary services required. After the patient has been received into the isolated house all communication is cut off and no person is allowed to enter the place except the doctor. No doubt there is considerable expense incurred by this system, but it is and is the most effective way of preventing the disease from spreading.

THE DANGER OF MONEY.

THE REV. JOHN ROBERTSON DELIVERS AN URGENT WARNING TO YOUNG MEN.

At the bible reading of the Rev. John Robertson yesterday afternoon at Emmanuel Church a number of enthusiastic Christian workers gathered. The selection of scripture was from Psalm xxxiii, and some new light was thrown upon the text of the chapter in the outline, 'I fought, I feed, I fold.' The beautiful figure that is made so enduring by the promise 'I shall not want,' was touchingly interpreted, and up to 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,' the hearers felt that 'I fold' meant more than ever before.

At the evening service the audience was still small in comparison with the excellence of the pulpit power.

The Rev. E. M. Hill, M.A., conducted the singing of hymns, in which the audience joined enthusiastically.

The Rev. W. T. Graham, of Westmount, opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. John Robertson chose for his theme the passage of scripture which describes the young millionaire of biblical days, being told to sell all he had and give to the poor. The story was told according to the gospel of St. Mark x, 23 to 27. The speaker took his customary simple method of illustration, and discriminated thereby, forcibly, between morality and salvation. Graphically he traced the developing penitence of the young prince, whom he described as not as bad as some rich men are, up to the point where the rich man exclaimed, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' The young man had lived within the law. 'Yes,' said the speaker sarcastically, 'where there is any legal question concerned a rich man will drive a coach and pair through everything you have at Ottawa.'

The danger of possessing too much money was emphasized. However, we could all 'touch our hat,' were the words used, to the young man's moral respectability. One gospel went so far as to say the Lord loved him. The self-righteous, moral man or woman was condemned if they had not salvation. Those who had not salvation were as much lost as the drunkard or harlot. The relative value of morality and salvation was interestingly likened to American bank notes and British gold.

Urgent appeals were made to all present to make sure of salvation, and silent prayer with impressive benedictions, including the fervent invocation 'Deal with the Lord,' concluded the meeting.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness'.)

Sir,—Re the Rev. John Robertson—in last evening's paper a letter appears from one who longs to see a revival in Montreal, and wonders why so little interest has been taken in the advent among us of certainly one of the most eminent living evangelists. As one who has attended a number of the services, I have been impressed with the unique Scottish presentation of the truth, and would rejoice to see some effort put forth to give Mr. Robertson a larger opportunity of being heard. But of this I am sure that Mr. Robertson would not like the impression to get abroad that his being here was necessary to our having an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. He sets forth plainly the necessity of our being alone with God to get the blessing. 'It is the secret of His presence,' I understand Mr. Robertson's coming to Montreal is somewhat accidental and it would be well that as good use of his presence should be made as possible. What we really need for such services in Montreal is a large hall rather than a church, as the success of Mr. Robertson lies rather outside of the churches than among regular church members. This may seem strange when it has recently been boldly stated that probably not more than five percent of the actual membership of evangelical churches have been soundly converted to God. If such a statement has even a vestige of truth, we certainly need a revival, and with the united prayers of the minister and Christian people of Montreal, we certainly should receive showers of blessing ere long.

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SCRAMBLE FOR CHINA.

London Press Divided on the British Ultimatum.

SETTLEMENT OF THE DIFFICULTY ANNOUNCED—ATTITUDE OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

London, March 10.—Once more the aggression of rival powers seeking plunder in the Far East has reached the point where a collision is inevitable unless either Russia or Great Britain abandons openly its declared purpose. The last time it was Lord Salisbury who beat a retreat in similar circumstances, to the unspeakable humiliation of a majority of his supporters. There is no sign of his yielding thus far in the present crisis. On the contrary his attitude is as aggressive as it was in dealing with France on the Fashoda question. The point on which the situation hinges is not intrinsically vital, but Great Britain is evidently determined to make it decisive of the fate of the Chinese Empire. In other words Great Britain proposes to make a stand now in defence of her interests in the Far East as well as in Africa.

The definite abandonment of the 'open door' policy in favor of spheres of influence, which means the partition of China, has not yet been avowed, but official acts and language all indicate such a decision. Yesterday's announcement in the House of Commons that Great Britain supported the Italian claim for Chinese territory scarcely admits of any other interpretation. The British determination to force an immediate issue with Russia does not make war inevitable or even probable, as many believe. Russia realizes her own unreadiness and the French paralysis is even more clearly defined than it was a year ago. The chances are therefore that it will be the Czar who will withdraw as soon as he is convinced that Lord Salisbury really means what he says. It is not unlikely that a virtue will be made of necessity and that the Russian Emperor will make a graceful concession as an earnest of his professed love of peace.

The 'Times' thinks that no great comfort is to be derived from the declaration contained in the 'Daily Graphic' announcement; first, because the statement is not very material so long as the protest is not revoked, and secondly because the government's intelligence regarding Chinese affairs has often proved tardy and defective. The 'Times' strongly condemns 'the flagrant attempt of a Russian representative to drive China into breaking her bargain with British subjects, made with the knowledge of the British Government and justly regarded as a binding engagement.' It declares that until matters have been put right about the Niu Chwang loan, it is almost useless to continue the attempts to come to a comprehensive agreement with Russia on the respective interests in the Far East.

Pekin, March 10.—The Chinese Foreign Office has received a despatch from St. Petersburg saying that as a result of negotiations between Russia and Great Britain the Russian Minister here will withdraw his protest against the Hong Kong or Niu Chwang contract.

THE LONDON PRESS.

London, March 9.—The opinion of the press regarding the situation in China is not unanimous. Some of the newspapers make no comment on the subject. The 'Standard,' a leading Conservative organ, with its ineradicable Russophobia bias, congratulates Lord Salisbury on his uncompromising firmness, and rejoices that he is determined to vindicate British interests. It is said that unless the hint of retributive measures is a mere brutum fulmen, it must be inferred that Sir Claude MacDonald's ultimatum will be followed by something stronger than words if the occasion arises, but the Tsung-Li-Yamen has not often refused a British demand when it believed it was made in earnest, and it is not likely to do so in this instance. The paper adds:—It is useless to disguise the truth. Our difficulties with the Tsung-Li-Yamen are mainly due to coercion of Russia, who is engaged in what seems to be the deliberate policy of rendering herself supreme in northern China, and attempting to exclude Great Britain therefrom. The real question is whether the time has not come for some definite settlement which will end this process. Russian initiative has led to that scramble for China which it was the avowed policy of Great Britain, if possible to prevent. Partition is actually taking place under our eyes.

The paper refers to the Italian and Belgian demands, and declares that 'Japan also is keenly watching, but the key is in our hands. The other powers will be ready to follow our lead. It is necessary for all powers interested to come to an agreement respecting the future of China. The issue has been avoided chiefly because of the natural reluctance to bring two great world empires into direct conflict, possibly revealing irreconcilable antagonism, but, formidable as that danger may be, it will only gather intensity by postponement.' The 'Graphic' adheres to the belief that an amicable arrangement will result from the negotiations, which, it says, it knows to have been resumed. It says:

'We are disposed to meet Russia frankly, fairly and even generously on the Manchurian question. A little frankness on both sides is all that is needed to arrive at an understanding.'

The 'Graphic' contends that there is no determined British hostility to Russian aspirations in Manchuria, although that belief has been largely fostered by the Talien-Wan incident and more recently by the speeches of Lord Charles Beresford, who was mistakenly regarded as having been intrusted with a government mission.

The 'Chronicle' thinks it would be hard to sketch in a few words a more threatening situation than that presented by Sir Claude MacDonald's ultimatum. It declares that the European powers ever since Germany's descent upon Kiaochou Bay have been playing a shameless game of grab. The United States is the only nation that has not taken part in the game. If the nations concerned do not confer betimes and arrive at a reasonable and stable understanding there will be war sooner or later. The paper calls on parliament to compel Lord Salisbury to give an account of the British policy.

THE FRENCH VIEW.

Paris, March 9.—The 'Journal' says: 'All of the powers have established themselves in China in a manner enabling them to take advantage of eventualities in the near future. Each wants a portion of China. Italy to-day, Belgium to-morrow. Italy to-day, Belgium to-morrow. This does not suit the English, who, there as elsewhere, wish to be the sole masters. Italy's endeavor causes France no surprise or displeasure. Our diplomacy is not put to any difficulties in Italy's way, seeing that all the European nations are taking up positions in China. This becomes our guarantee that the Middle Empire has room for all. The competition of the powers affords us a technical guarantee which would be difficult to secure if we were alone face to face with the English.'

UNITED STATES NEUTRAL.

Washington, D.C., March 9.—The Italian Government, through its representatives in Washington, lately laid before the authorities here its purpose to ask of China a port on San Moon Bay and has invited an expression from this government as to its attitude.

In response, it is understood that Secretary Hay, as well as the President, made it clear that the United States would pursue the same course as towards the Russian, British and German occupation of Chinese ports, namely, disinterested neutrality. The exchanges have been verbal and rather informal, more in the nature of diplomatic soundings than direct propositions. They have given occasion to erroneous publications to the effect that Italy had asked the United States to support her demands on China, and that this government in a pointed note, from Secretary Hay, had refused. It is said in an eminent and authoritative quarter that Italy made no such request for American support and that there was no declaration from this government.

A SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCED.

London, March 10.—The 'Daily Graphic' makes the following announcement this morning:—The Niu-Chwang loan contract crisis has been amicably settled by a direct exchange of views between the British and the Russian Governments. The Russian assurances are completely satisfactory. The whole difficulty is ended; and the two governments are arranging a scheme by which their relations in the Far East may be permanently regulated.

The Shanghai correspondent of the 'Daily Mail' says that Japan is supporting China in her resistance to the Italian demands for a concession at San Moon.

The Pekin correspondent of the 'Times' says: 'The Tsung-Li-Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office, has notified Signor Martino, Italian Minister, that his despatch asking for a concession at San Moon was returned to him because it was impossible to comply with the request and because a refusal might have endangered the relations between Italy and China; but it was added that as the action had been misunderstood the Chinese Minister in Home had been instructed to express the Tsung-Li-Yamen's regrets.'

The Vienna correspondent of the 'Times' says:—'China is about to send a commercial mission to the European and American trade centres with a view to the promotion of Chinese commerce. If the mission proves successful, the government proposes to found Chinese trading firms in the great commercial towns of the world.'

TO OPPOSE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION.

Toronto, March 10.—A special cable despatch to the 'Globe,' dated London, England, March 9, says:—'It is understood that the Chinese Government is promised to resist Russian pressure to repudiate the term of the new railway loan, relying upon the promise of British assistance against extreme measures.'

Pekin, March 10.—The report that the Italians have seized San Moon, on San Moon Bay, province of Che-Kiang, which the Italian Minister, Signor Martino, had demanded as a naval base and coaling station, is officially declared unfounded.

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Berlin, March 10.—The 'Lokal Anzeiger's' St. Petersburg correspondent says that the censor has prohibited the entrance into Russia of Mr. Stead's 'War Against War,' and the peace writing of Baroness Von Suttner.

Vienna, March 9.—The 'New Free Press' says that Austria intends to occupy a piece of the Chinese coast, like the other powers. This is the reason, the paper adds, that the warship 'Em-

press Elizabeth' was lately sent to East Asia. Gibraltar, March 10.—The British cruisers 'Aurora' and 'Orlando' which are coaling here, have been ordered to proceed to China.

NEW MAGAZINE RIFLE.

Washington, D.C., March 9.—There was a private test at the Navy Yard today of a new magazine rifle, the invention of S. M. McLane, of Cleveland, Ohio. General Miles and some army officers witnessed the test. The new gun uses the gases generated by its firing to operate the magazine mechanism. It can be so arranged that one pull of the trigger empties the magazine or it can be fired as slowly as desired, the automatic arrangement ejecting the empty shells, reloading and cocking the piece. The test on the whole was satisfactory.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

ESTERHAZY SAYS THE FIREWORKS HAVE ONLY COMMENCED.

London, March 10.—The 'Daily News,' publishes an interview with Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, who is represented as having said: 'The fireworks of the Dreyfus affair are only just commencing. One thing is certain, it is all up with General De Boisdeffre. He and General Bogert are responsible for Col. Henry's forgery and death. All the excitement, however, will end in smoke and the pardon of Dreyfus.'

The Paris correspondent of the 'Daily News,' who secured the interview, says: 'There is a curious connection between this statement by Esterhazy and a statement made by M. Drumont in the Anti-Semite 'Libre Parole.' He also throws General De Boisdeffre over and says he will be expelled from the navy.'

Paris, March 10.—Paul Deroulé, who was arrested on the occasion of President Faure's funeral for trying to incite the troops against the government, is suffering from influenza. He will probably be released on bail after his final magisterial examination. No such indulgence is granted to Col. Picquart, whose offence of defending the truth has already earned for him nine months of rigorous imprisonment.

NEW PASTOR SETTLED.

St. Elmo, Ont., March 8.—The Rev. Kenneth A. Gollan, until lately settled in Manitoba, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Kenyon, presbytery of Glengarry, on Tuesday, March 7. The Rev. A. J. McCallum, moderator of the presbytery, presided; the Rev. Hugh McKellar, preached; the Rev. Dr. McLaren addressed the minister, and the Rev. J. W. McLean the people, in Gaelic. The settlement promises to be a happy one. Before taking their departure for the east Mr. and Mrs. Gollan were the recipients of many expressions of kindness and tokens of remembrance. Mr. Gollan's congregation in Manitoba consisted of three stations—Hilton, Stockton and Pelican Lake—and each of these remembered him. On the evening of Feb. 17 the young people of Hilton presented him with a nicely worded address and Mrs. Gollan with a silver service. The Knights of Pythias presented Mr. Gollan with an address and a handsome silver writing set. The Ladies' Union of Stockton presented Mrs. Gollan with a handsome autograph quilt, and the people of Pelican Lake expressed their esteem by giving them a fat purse. Many expressions of regret were heard on all sides, and the presbytery of Glengarry is glad to welcome to the east one who will be missed from the west.

On the evening of March 1 the congregation of Kenyon presented the Rev. H. D. Leitch, St. Elmo, who had been moderator of Session during their vacancy, with an address and a purse containing \$125 in gold as a token of their appreciation of his services as their moderator since August last.

THE LATE DR. SCOTT.

Ottawa, March 10.—Dr. W. F. Scott, of Hull, surgeon of the 43rd Battalion, who died yesterday, was only 45 years of age, and was apparently in the best of health when he went home about eleven o'clock on Wednesday night. After partaking of a light supper he retired to bed, but was attacked by indigestion, and died shortly after midnight. Dr. Scott was a nephew of the late Alonzo Wright, 'the king of the Gatineau,' and a son of the late Judge John Scott, who was the first mayor of Bytown (now Ottawa). Dr. Scott was for many years an alderman of Hull, and mayor of that city, and since the death of Alonzo Wright has been generally recognized as the leading Conservative of Ottawa county. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Sheriff Cutlee, of Aylmer, and one child, a girl about three years of age.

SEIZURE OF OPIUM IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 10.—Special Treasury agents made a seizure of 203 cases of opium, yesterday afternoon, valued at \$30,000. The agents have been working on the opium-smuggling cases for some months past, and have been of the opinion that a well organized gang has been conducting very extensive smuggling operations across the Canadian border. It is believed also that the gang has been smuggling silk extensively. The smugglers, it is said, have been successful in bringing large quantities of opium to this country.

ST. CANUT MURDERERS.

THEIR EXECUTION AT STE. SCHOLASTIQUE THIS MORNING.

Ste. Scholastique, Que., March 10.—Cordelia Vian and Sam Parslow paid the penalty of their crime in the murder of the former's husband, Isidore Poirier, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21, 1897, this morning. The drop fell at 8.04 o'clock, death resulting almost instantaneously. A large crowd congregated outside the jail gate at about 7.50 and attempted to break in. The police came outside and promptly arrested one of the leaders. The attempt being made again, the police came out and fired a shot in the air, which had the effect of stopping any further trouble by the mob. There was no scene at the execution, everything passing off very quietly.

Immediately after the drop fell, a disgraceful rush was made by the spectators for the gallows. They tore away the black cloth in their efforts to view the bodies. Father Meloche upbraided from the scaffold, but to little effect. An inquest was held and the usual verdict returned.

PARSLOW CONFESSES.

During the night, Sam Parslow made a confession to Dr. Lamarche, to the following effect: 'Poirier was in a much advanced state of intoxication when his wife, Cordelia Vian, placed a knife in Parslow's hands and pushed him into the room where her husband was lying on a bed. Parslow struck a blow with the knife and cut Poirier over the face. Frightened by the blood, he then ran away, and it was at this moment that Cordelia came on the scene, and pushing her husband back on the bed, she took hold of the knife and cut his throat with one single stroke.'

Though the murder of Isidore Poirier, the St. Canut carpenter and builder, was committed on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 21, 1897, it was in contemplation months before by the guilty party who found him in the way. Parslow said the woman had been urging him since the previous New Year's day to kill her husband.

Mrs. Poirier, who was thirty-three years of age, though not specially attractive in appearance, possessed more than the ordinary accomplishments of the women in her station in life. She had a fair education and was the organist of the Roman Catholic Church at St. Jerome, where Parslow sang in the choir. Poirier, who was an industrious workman, built his wife a neat little cottage home and maintained her in comfort. On the fatal Sunday Poirier attended church at St. Jerome in the morning, as did his wife and Parslow. In the afternoon the husband did not attend vespers but stayed at home drinking while Mrs. Poirier went to church and played the organ for the services. She returned home where she found Poirier and Parslow, Poirier being under the influence of liquor and asleep. She asked Parslow to harness the horse that she might drive to her father's, four miles distant, and Parslow did so. Then he unhitched the horse again, after which Mrs. Poirier entered the house, and it was at this time the crime was committed. Parslow took a butcher knife and slashed the sleeping husband across the throat. Poirier awoke and sought to defend himself when a desperate life and death struggle ensued, resulting in the death of Poirier. Parslow harnessed the horse again, and Mrs. Poirier drove away to her father's, after which Parslow returned to the house, divested himself of his blood-stained shirt, which he burned in the stove, donned one of his victim's shirts, locked the house, put the key in his pocket and went to the house of his brother, George Parslow.

On Monday morning Mrs. Poirier, on her way from her father's, stopped at George Parslow's house and had a few minutes' conversation with Sam Parslow, after which she continued her way homeward. Upon arriving she found the blinds down and the doors locked. She went to a neighbor's and told them she could not get in. From there she went to the church at St. Jerome and played the organ at a wedding. At the conclusion of the ceremony she returned and at the suggestion of a neighbor, forced an entrance to the house through a window. It was then that the crime was discovered.

Mrs. Poirier, instead of going to her father's house, remained four days until Thursday afternoon, with a neighbor named Bouvrette, at whose place she was arrested. Both prisoners confessed their guilt, each seeking to put the blame upon the other.

A MORBID CROWD.

A special telegram sent to the 'Minerve' at one o'clock this morning announced that the crowd in Ste. Scholastique was so large that Mayor Langlois was obliged to order the market hall to be thrown open and heated so as to furnish some kind of accommodation for hundreds who, otherwise, would be left on the street for the whole night.

THE RED-NOSED FRATERNITY.

The 'Minerve' also published the following item: 'A special train was ordered from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company last night to convey this morning about a hundred Montrealers to Ste. Scholastique. There are, it appears, among this number, some fifty hotel-keepers provided with tickets to witness the execution.'

THE CANNED BEEF ENQUIRY.

Chicago, March 10.—The Court of Enquiry to examine the beef question began its work yesterday in this city where are situated the plants of the packers which had the contracts for supplying the army with animal food. A short executive session was held at the army headquarters in the Pullman building and it resulted in a decision to defer the taking of testimony until after an inspection had been made of the packing houses at the stock yards where the refrigerated beef and canned beef are prepared. The whole day was spent at the stock yards and the going over of the four hundred acres of floor space in one of the establishments was all the court was able to do.

A VICAR FINED.

DISTURBED A RELIGIOUS GATHERING OF LOW CHURCHMEN.

London, March 9.—The Vicar of Corleston was arraigned before the magistrate at Yarmouth, yesterday, charged with assaulting Charles Edmund Wincott, a Wycliffe preacher, at a recent Kenit anti-rationalistic meeting, which was broken up amidst uproarious scenes, the chairman being knocked down. The Rev. Cecil Quintain, one of the witnesses, testified that the vicar, previous to the meeting, had said: 'Everything is prepared for Kenit's visit. His mother won't know him, when he returns.' Other witnesses declared that the vicar's conduct was disgraceful, one of them declaring that 'he looked like a hungry tiger awaiting his dinner.'

The Bench declared that the vicar was guilty of the offence charged, and sentenced him to pay a fine of forty shillings or undergo a month's imprisonment, whereupon the vicar exclaimed: 'I'll take a month's imprisonment this is a gross miscarriage of justice.'

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

IT WILL MEET AT THE HAGUE IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY.

The Hague, March 9.—The peace conference, otherwise the congress of representatives of the powers, called by the Czar to discuss the possibility of taking steps towards a general disarmament, will meet here on May 18.

London, March 10.—The 'Daily Graphic' says this morning it understands that Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington, has been appointed to represent Great Britain at the forthcoming conference for the limitation of armaments.

A CHICAGO EXPERIENCE.

AWFUL CATASTROPHE MIRACULOUSLY AVERTED ON THE HALSTEAD STREET CAR LINE.

Chicago, Ill., March 10.—Fifty people narrowly escaped death last night in an accident to a Halstead street electric car, on North Halstead street bridge. Approaching the bridge at a rapid rate of speed, the motorman of the car failed to notice that the bridge was open. When within a few feet of the bridge he suddenly discovered the danger and put on the brakes, at the same time endeavoring to reverse the electric current. In spite of his efforts the front part of the car ran down upon the abutments of the bridge and hung there. One foot further, and it would have plunged into the river, thirty feet below, and as it was jammed with passengers, the loss of life must have been frightful. The motorman thinking that the car was doomed, warned the passengers and then jumped into the river. The tipping of the car on the abutment, accompanied by a panic among the passengers, caused a wild stampede for the doors. During the rush for safety, four of the passengers were injured. The motorman, after jumping into the river, managed to clutch some piles and kept his head above water until he was dragged out.

DR. TALMAGE RESIGNS.

WILL GIVE UP PULPIT WORK BECAUSE OF OTHER DEMANDS UPON HIS TIME.

Washington, D.C., March 9.—The Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, who for nearly four years has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, today sent a letter to his resignation. Increasing demands made upon him by religious journalism, he says, and the continuous calls for more general work in the cities have of late years caused frequent interruption to his pastoral work and he does not think that this condition of affairs should further continue.

WILL OBSERVE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Kansas City, Mo., March 9.—Rudyard Kipling has been invited to Kansas City to give a reading on Queen Victoria's Birthday. The invitation was sent through Mr. P. E. Burroughs, the British vice-consul, and was extended in behalf of resident subjects of the Queen. Elaborate ceremonies are planned.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

New Estimates Presented by the First Lord of the Admiralty.

WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL OUTLAY OF FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS TO LAST YEAR'S SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME.

London, March 10.—In introducing the navy estimates in the House of Commons, yesterday, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. George J. Goschen, said that never had estimates been submitted under more unique circumstances. Ahead was the conference for international disarmament, while behind were the incidents of last November, when a comparison of the naval strength of the various countries was in everybody's mouth, a most striking confidence was shown in British preparedness to meet all emergencies. The Continental powers, he further said, were disturbed by an allegation that Great Britain was preparing with a particular purpose for aggressive action, but the idea had never entered the mind of the government. He then proceeded to detail the naval programme.

Mr. Goschen said Her Majesty's Government proposed to make Wei-Hai-Wei a secondary naval base, pointing out that it would be a most valuable anchorage, and of the greatest importance in any operations in Chinese waters, and adding that it was proposed to expend £1,300,000 on Wei-Hai-Wei during the present year, and £1,500,000 next year.

He said that the personnel of the navy for the coming year would be increased by 4,250 men, totalling 110,640, at a cost of £7,474,000. Comparing the pay of the personnel, Mr. Goschen said that while Great Britain paid £2,000,000, and France £3,000,000, Russia only paid £445,000. He could not understand how that was, but that was all the estimates revealed.

Referring to shipbuilding, he said the coming programme had been framed after consideration of the programmes of the other powers. A study of these programmes, he pointed out, was not reassuring. The United States, Russia, France, Japan, Italy, and Germany had under construction 685,000 tons of warships, or 225,000 tons more than was contemplated in the present estimates. Therefore this had forced the government to draw up a new programme. Excluding last year's supplemental programme, it provided for two ironclads, two armored cruisers, and three smaller cruisers of a specially high speed. The money required, therefore for the coming financial year was £550,000, and the total under the ship-building vote, including the liabilities for last year's original and supplementary programmes, would be £12,817,000, an increase of over £2,000,000. The total estimates were £26,594,000.

For armament Mr. Goschen asked an increase of £161,000, chiefly for the construction of guns, but also for more ammunition for practice, which he asserted, was a matter of enormous importance, as shown by the late war.

After speaking of the necessity of an increased shipbuilding vote, he said these were the votes required by the present situation. 'But,' he added, 'would that the action of other nations, resulting from the coming international conference, could make it possible for us to diminish or modify the programme while, of course, maintaining our standard and relative position.'

Mr. Goschen then answered in behalf of Her Majesty's Government that if the other great naval powers were prepared to diminish their programmes, Great Britain was prepared to modify hers. But if the Czar's hopes were not realized, the programme would have to stand, and Mr. Goschen expressed the hope that those who were proposing to attack the country's expenditure would not attempt to dissuade the people from bearing the taxation necessary to carry on the duties of the Empire. In conclusion the First Lord of the Admiralty said the estimates were 'simply the embodiment of the feelings of a peace-loving, determined nation.' (Cheers.)

Mr. Goschen emphasized the purely defensive objects of the naval increase, but said that in view of the construction by her rivals of fast cruisers with the avowed purpose of preying upon British commerce and Great Britain's food supply, in the event of war, Great Britain was forced to build five new cruisers particularly swift, in order to circumvent these schemes. He also said that the four armored cruisers now being built under the original programme would be the most powerful ships in the world.

The 'Times' referring editorially to the statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty in the House of Commons, yesterday, says:—'It is betraying no state secret to affirm that nothing but the strength of our navy saved us from having to choose between the loss of what our arms had won in the Sudan and a war which would have cost fifty times what we spent in averting it.'

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