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MORNING DESPATCHES.

Condensed Telegrams.

The New Brunswick Legislature will meet the last week in February.

The Spanish Cabinet has resolved to resign unless the Cortes are dissolved.

The Vaughan Building, Providence, R.I., has been burned; loss very heavy.

The fire in the premises of Silver & Co., London, caused damage of £35,000.

The Park Club, London, is being prosecuted for allowing gambling in its rooms.

The affairs of the Oriental Insurance Company of Yarmouth, N.S., are to be wound up.

A scheme has been submitted to the Porte for a ship railway from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

Great destitution exists among Pennsylvania iron ore miners, wages having been cut down to 65c. and 75c. a day.

The assignment is announced of W. H. Moore & Co., of North Sydney, C.B., a firm largely in the Cape Breton trade.

A trophy in the shape of a miniature piece of ordnance mounted, made of solid silver, has been received by the Quebec Field Battery, from the Marquis of Lorne, for general efficiency.

A fire in the Exchange Court, New York, on the 17th, damaged brokers' offices to the amount of $150,000; $20,000 worth of West Shore bonds and one hundred shares of Union Pacific were burned.

The funeral of the late John P. C. Burpee (brother of Hon. Isaac Burpee) who was killed on the Boston & Albany R.R. at Boston, took place at St. John, N.B., on the 17th, and was attended by all the leading citizens of St. John and vicinity.

It is stated that the Chinese commander has ordered the Chinese at Bacninh to withdraw twenty-five leagues to the north-west. The mediation of America between China and France after the capture of Bacninh is considered certain.

A conference is being held at Rome for the purpose of discussing a project for a uniform system with a common meridian. A diplomatic conference will shortly assemble at Washington to effect an international agreement on the subject.

The funeral of Herr Lasker, at Berlin will be conducted on a grand scale, as numerous societies in all parts of Prussia have decided to send deputations to it. A committee has been formed to establish a Lasker foundation at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

The Consumers' Powder Co.'s mills, nine miles from Scranton, Pa., blew up, one mill at a time, between 10:30 and midnight on the 17th, destroying nine of the ten mills. Certainly one man, and probably many more are killed. Communication is cut off.

Wm. Wolff, on trial at the Old Bailey, London, for being in the possession of explosives, addressed the jury on his own behalf on the 17th. He maintained that he was ignorant of the fact that the bag was powder in his house and asserted that he was a victim of Edward Bondurand's revenge.

The murder of Col. Sudeikin has exercised a terribly depressing effect upon the higher Russian officials. The Emperor summoned Count Tolstoi, Minister of the Interior, and violently reproached him for incapacity and lack of energy. Count Tolstoi then resigned. The murderers of Col. Sudeikin wore masks.

The Court of Appeal at Liege has sentenced Boland, the Belgian journalist and speculator, to three years' imprisonment and a fine of two thousand francs or in default of obtaining money under false pretenses. Boland refused to divulge the names of the French deputies whom he pretended to bribe.

The "Germanic" sailed with 91 steerage and 65 saloon passengers. She was spoken by the "Westernland" on the 10th. The wind at the time was southerly. It is expected the "Germanic" will arrive off the Irish coast on Sunday or Monday next. Two powerful tugs have been sent out to search for her.

A man in Dartmouth, N.S., named Frazer Allan, a three months' widower, has, it is said, eloped with a Mrs. Guy, whose husband was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Dorchester for stealing money from the Halifax Banking Company. She has two children, and, it is said, has absconded with a considerable amount of cash. They travelled westward.

A petition has been filed at Toronto against the return of the Hon. G. W. Ross for East Middlesex. The petition makes the usual charges of bribery and corruption against Mr. Ross personally and his agents. A motion was made to extend the time for serving the petition on the ground that Mr. Ross has been so busily engaged in stumping South Rentrew that he could not be served within the legal time.

THE NUTT-DUKES TRAGEDY.

The Insanity Plea Established—Great Desire to Witness the Trial.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 17.—The Nutt trial was resumed to-day. The prisoner was brought in smiling. Evidence to-day showed that there was insanity in the Nutt family. The desire to witness the Nutt trial is so great that deputies who have charge of the tickets have been offered as high as $20 for a single admission. A thriving business has been conducted since the opening by some holders of season tickets, who after being admitted, collect tickets from their friends, come out and sell them on the street at a dollar each, then conduct in the purchasers, lift the tickets and sell them again.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Inter-state Commerce—The Mexican Treaty —The Hog Question—The Greely Party.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A bill to establish a board of inter-state commerce introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. Wilson, provides for the appointment by the President of five commissioners, one of whom shall be experienced in law, one in civil engineering, one in railway management, one in agriculture, and one in manufactures. The board shall consider and investigate all questions in relation to commerce between states, and between the United States and foreign countries; shall make a report to Congress before December 1, and present a bill regulating transportation among the states, preserving free competition, and prohibiting discrimination of every kind.

The Senate spent four hours and a half to-day in executive session considering the Mexican treaty. The agreement was reached that the debate should cease at 4 o'clock to-morrow and the vote be taken immediately thereafter. Senator Gibson opposed the ratification on the ground of injustice to the sugar interests in his state. Senator Miller, of New York, favored the ratification. He said we needed the raw products of Mexico and Mexico needed our manufactures. The present treaty was only the entering wedge to the beginning. The result of the vote tomorrow cannot be predicted.

The sub-committee of the House Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the question of adopting retaliatory measures against countries which prohibit importation of American hog products, have agreed to report favorably to the full committee a resolution authorizing the President, during the session or recess of Congress, to prohibit the importation of any imports which, upon the advice of competent experts he shall be satisfied are injurious to public health, from those countries which upon the same grounds prohibit the importation of American goods or products.

The President transmitted Congress today a communication from the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy setting forth the necessity of another expedition to Smith's Sound for the relief of the signal service party under Lieut. Greely, and a special message recommending that an appropriation for the purpose be at once made.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—The cane growers' convention of the Mississippi Valley to-day adopted resolutions protesting against a further reduction of the sugar tariff, deprecating any attempt to ratify the reciprocity treaty with any foreign country, and calling upon Congress to relieve the sugar interest from apprehension of utter ruin.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 17.—United States Senator-elect Payne at a banquet to the members of the Legislature this evening said he favored a tariff for revenue limited to the necessities of the Government economically administered and so adjusted as to encourage productive industries at home and afford just compensation to laborers without fostering monopolies.

From childhood to age, all use St. Jacobs Oil for all kind of bodily pains. It cures.

THE EGYPTIAN TROUBLES.

The Abyssinian Mission—Retreat Cut Off—The Evacuation of the Soudan—The Relief of Sinkat.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Government has apparently abandoned the intention of sending Abdel Kader to Khartoum either to defend the place or negotiate for its evacuation or possible cession. It is probable that Lord Granville will entrust to General Streckir, who is now staying at Prague, the mission to Abyssinia.

CAIRO, Jan. 17.—The insurgents have cut off the retreat of the garrisons in the Province of Sennaar and rendered the River Nile impassable below Deum.

A committee of Soudan merchants sought an interview with the Khedive to-day to protest against the abandonment of the Soudan. Being refused an audience they sought Nubar Pasha, the Prime Minister. He said a protest was useless, as the evacuation of the Soudan had been definitely decided upon.

The relief of Sinkat is considered hopeless. There are twenty-seven thousand rebels between Suakim and Sinkat.

THE HARBOR GRACE RIOTS.

Four More Witnesses for The Prosecution Examined.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 16.—The Crown appears determined to fasten the case for the prosecution. Four fresh witnesses were examined to-day. Constable John McKay deposed—I was getting off the railroad track on to Harvey street when I heard guns fired; was then twenty yards from the advanced fronts of both parties; the shots came from the Riverhead party; six shots were fired; I was knocked down by a heavy blow from behind; I was facing the Orange party; don't recognize my assailant; while down one man, whom I recognized as Nicholas Shannahan, exclaimed, "Don't kill him, he is an old constable;" when rising from the ground I heard Doyle call to me; I went to him: he was bleeding from the head; Doyle had no weapon; there was no pistol shot before the guns were fired; saw several men with guns in their hands; cannot identify them.

Andrew Fahey, police constable, sworn, deposed—I just got on the scene when the two parties came in collision. I went between them; the Orange Society had no weapons; I heard six or seven guns discharged; I then saw several men lying around me on the ground; I don't know from what direction the firing came; I seized the gun and smashed it; the parties were now mixed up; after breaking the gun I drew my sword; Doyle, seeing me excited, placed his hand on my chest; he was cool and had no weapon; I never said I was a Fenian.

William Hull, a bystander, deposed—I was leaning on my fence; I saw the procession come up; saw the Riverhead men move down towards them almost immediately; I heard two guns go off, then three more; I saw the Society retreating and heard guns fired after them; saw a clay bank intervened; I could not recognize the men with the guns; before the Orange Society came up I heard about twenty guns blown off from the crowd at the head of Parmeter's lane.

Joshua Umber, sworn, said:—I saw several men with guns in the Riverhead crowd before the procession came up; I recognized Michael Coady, a man named Mackay tried to induce him to go back; Coady, with a green flag flying, exclaimed, "No, we'll wave this; we won't go back this day; I'm bound to die; let any one that is cowardly go back; I will kill or be killed;" a few minutes before the shots were fired I ran towards the Society; I did not see any arms with the Orangemen; the first guns were fired by the Riverhead party.

THE RAILWAY WORLD.

The Lackawanna Dispute—Napanee and Tamworth—The Northern Pacific.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The order issued by Commissioner Fink prohibiting the lines west of Buffalo from receiving through freight from the D. L. & W. R.R., was suspended to-day. Mr. Fink said it was done in consequence of the consent between the road and the trunk lines to arbitration, and that the order was not wholly withdrawn, but merely suspended during the pendency of negotiations. President Sloane denied that the road made any overtures, but asserted that when Fink heard of the injunction granted by Judge Haight in Buffalo restraining the trunk lines from interfering with the business of the D. L. & W. or from refusing to receive its through freight, he immediately withdrew the order and offered to agree to a new arbitration. The proposition, Sloan says, he accepted. Sloan says he will not press the injunction at present, as there is no necessity to do so since the withdrawal of the order by Fink.

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—At the annual meeting of the Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Co. it was decided to carry forward the work of construction as rapidly as possible. Engineers are to be sent out at once to locate the line from Tamworth to make a connection with the Ontario and Quebec road. The directors elected were Alex. Henry, W. Wilson, H. B. Rathbun, W. F. Hall, H. B. Rathbun, jr., E. W. Benjamin, R. C. Carter, Peter Van Luven and F.S. Rathbun.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 17.—The principal officers of the Northern Pacific were interviewed this afternoon in regard to the new president. There is a feeling of satisfaction that the matter is settled as the discipline of the road has been much demoralized by the contending rumors. The election of Mr. Harris gives great satisfaction. It is considered certain that no changes in the heads of departments will result.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 17.—The Denver and New Orleans R.R. Co. filed a complaint in the United States Court to-day against the Union Pacific RR. Co., claiming $1,000,000 damages, and that the latter road refuses to exchange passengers and freight, and has entered into a compact with the Denver & Rio Grande Co. to break it down.

MILITARY MATTERS.

The Association Meetings at Ottawa—A British Team for Canadian Wimbledon.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Some time ago it was arranged that the Dominion Rifle Association would hold its annual meeting on the 6th of February and the Dominion Artillery Association on the 7th. It now turns out that the Governor-General will be absent in Montreal attending the Winter Carnival on the dates in question and therefore both associations will meet on the dates referred to for the purpose of adjourning till the following week, as it is desirable that His Excellency would be in attendance.

Strong efforts are being made to secure a British team to attend the Canadian Wimbledon next year. Mr. Tenant, of the Supreme Court, has received a letter from Col. Wilson, of the Scottish team, to the effect that it would give the Scottish volunteers, at all events, great pleasure in coming to Canada, and in his opinion all that was necessary to secure the presence of a British team was to extend a formal invitation from the Association here to the War Office in London. If matters cannot be arranged this year it is in all likelihood that a team will visit Canada in 1885.

THE ACCIDENT AT TRENTON.

Caused by the Spreading of a Switch—Several Cars Damaged.

TRENTON, Ont., Jan. 17.—Last night as the express train, due here at 11 37 p. m., was coming into the station it ran off the track, the cause being the spreading of a switch. The train was composed of two engines, the first of which crossed the switch all right, but the second jumped off, and running on the side track brought off six passenger, two Pullman cars and the mail car, the train being stopped by one of the Pullmans running into a cattle guard, which smashed the trucks off the car. Four Pullmans and the dining car at the rear end stopped on the track and left here this morning. All the cars were somewhat damaged. No one was seriously hurt, although some got a severe shaking up. A gang of men are at work repairing the tracks and clearing away the debris.

The press, speaking on the evidence of newspapers which have dared to say what they think about any person, place or combination, is amongst the least free of British institutions. By the outrageous character of the law in Canada libel can go into a business of speculating in libel actions and may make money by instigating persons whose names have appeared in the public prints to sue for damages.—*Hamilton Tribune.*

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Weekly Review—Wholesale Prices.

STAR OFFICE,
Friday, Jan. 18th, 1883.

With wholesale dealers there is very little business passing. A few orders are being received from the West, but owing to the snow blockade, which very greatly interferes with travel, calls from the country are not brisk nor can they be so for some little while. An apparent apathy exists at moment, but when restocking commences, which cannot be long deferred, a better tone should become manifest.

Our manufacturing industries are apparently acting with a strict regard to immediate requirements, and the maintenance of such a course must ultimately benefit not only themselves but also the trade in general. The prices of grain for Canadian consumption are only fairly maintained, though considerable demand for some of our cereals for shipment is experienced throughout the rural districts, and as this means cash to the farmer we are glad to chronicle it; the same may be said of butter, eggs, cheese, and other staples which are in fair request.

The stock markets at home and abroad have been characterized by extreme irregularity and abroad, any advance seemed only the means of preparing the way for a further subsequent descent. English cable advices have been on the dull and declining side for some time, creating considerable anxiety in speculative circles, and owing to reported failures in Liverpool and New York, confidence became very much shaken, and United States Railroad securities are seriously depressed.

The money markets of the world are abundantly supplied, and rates of interest are low in consequence everywhere. In the United States it is claimed between 100 and 200 millions are lying idle in New York; these loans on stocks are effected at from 1½ to 2 per cent, and commercial wants supplied at from 5 to 8 per cent, the latter rate only exacted on single named paper, or "on terms of the street on not so well known;" here business requirements are filled at 7 to 7½, and loans on stock collateral at from 5 to 5½ per cent.

Business in a retail way has been good throughout the holiday season, and as remittances from the country seem to maintain a creditable promptness, we see no reason why a little time should not witness a return to activity. Appended are the list of prices:—

TEAS.—A strong tone prevails in price of this article, and Oriental troubles appear likely to impart further strength. Japans, common to medium to fair, 20c; good to medium, 24½c; good, 30 to 32c; fine, 30 to 35c; choicest, 45c. Young Hyson; firsts, 40 to 47c; seconds, 28 to 33c; thirds, 11 to 15c; gunpowder, low grade, 18 to 25c; good to fine, 35 to 45c; finest, 55c; imperial, medium to good, 25c; fine to finest, 32½ to 40c; Oolong, common, 18 to 20c; good to choice, 30 to 35c; finest, 40 to 50c; Congou, common, 11 to 16c; medium to good, 27 to 35c; fine to finest, 40 to 55c; Souchong, common, 15 to 20c; medium to good, 30 to 35c; fine to choice, 40 to 55c.

COFFEE.—There is a fair call for Plan, Ceylon and Java, with good demand for other descriptions. Mocha, per lb, 26½ @ 30c; Java, superior, 21 @ 28c; Java, fair, 20 @ 23c; Maracaibo, 11 @ 15c; Jamaica, 10 @ 20c; Plantation Ceylon, 18 @ 21c; Rio, 9¾ @ 14c.

SUGARS.—The market rules steady, though foreign advices are unfavorable. We quote granulated 8¾ @ 8¾c. Yellow, 6¾ @ 7¾c.

SPICES. — The general market is steady, and peppers are firmer. We quote: Pepper, white, 25 @ 26½c; do. black, 16c; do. shells, 8¾ @ 9¼c; ginger, Jamaica, 14 @ 21c; cloves 18 @ 24c; nutmegs, 55 @ 80c; pimento, 8¾ @ 9¾c; Cassia, per lb, 13 @ 18c; mace 90c @ $1.

FRUIT.—During holiday time the enquiry was fair, Malaga and Valencias still in good demand for best grades.

LEADS AND PAINTS.—There is very little demand for paints at present and prices are unchanged. We quote: White lead, in oil, genuine 100 lb. kegs, $6 25 to $7; No. 1 do. $5 25 to $6; white lead, No. 2, $5 to $5 50; do. No. 3, $4 75 to $5; white lead, dry, 6c to 6¾; red lead, 5c.

LEATHER.—Business in this line is looking better in some quarters; and as buyers begin to put in an appearance trade must improve. Spanish sole, No. 1, B. A. 24½ to 25c; do. No. 2, B. A., 22 to 23c; China, No. 1, 22 to 23c; do. No. 2, 19 to 21c; Buffalo, No. 1, 22 to 23c; do. No. 2, 20 to 21c; slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 28c; rough (light), 25 to 27c; harness, 27 to 32c; waxed upper, light, 36 to 37c; do. do., medium and heavy, 33 to 36c; grained upper, long, 35 to 37c; Scotch grained upper, 36 to 38c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebbled cow, 12 to 15c; splits, medium, 22 to 27c; do. junior, 18 to 21c; calfskin, light, 60 to 75c; do. heavy, 75 to 85c; French calfskin, $1.05 to $1.35; English kidskin, 60 to 70c; patent cow, 15 to 16c.

IRON AND METALS.—It is expected the wholesale trade will shortly begin to show signs of activity, and stocks being in strong hands are likely to retain values. Coltness, $22 50; Langloan, $22 50; Gartsherrie, $20 50 to $21; Summerlee, $20 50 to $21 00; Eglinton, $18 50; Dalmellington, $18 50; Biemore, $21 00; Bar Iron, $1 90 to $2; Hoop and Bands, $2 25; Sheets and Plates, $2 50 to $2 75; Angles, $2 25; Tin Plates, Charcoal, I. C., $5 @ $5 25; do. Cokes, $4 50; Canada Plates, dull, $3 90 @ $4; Mess, $3 25; Ingot Tin, Straits, 22½c; Lead, $3 50 to 4 00.

CHEMICALS AND DRUGS.—Business in this line is very quiet and not much improvement is expected for a few weeks yet. Caustic Soda is a little higher. A moderate trade doing in staples. Bicarb soda, $2 50 to 2.70; soda ash, $1.70 to 2.00; arrowroot, per lb, 10 to 14c; Bermuda, 40 to 42c; borax, refined, 14 to 15c; tartaric acid crystals, 49 to 51c; cream tartar crystals, 90 to 91c; cream tartar, ground, 35 to 7c; caustic soda white, 60 per cent, $2.50 to 2.70; sugar of lead 10 to 12c; bichromate potash, 10 to 12c; bleaching powder, $2.75 to $3.25; alum, $1.75 to 1.90; copperas, per 100 lbs, 95c to $1.05; flour sulphur, per 100 lbs, $2.75 to 3; roll sulphur, $2.40 to $2.50; Epsom salts, per 100 lbs, $1.25 to 1.35; sal soda, per 100 lbs, $1 to 1.05; saltpetre, per keg, $9 to 10; sulphate of copper (best), $5.25 to 5.75; whiting, per 100 lbs, 50 to 60c; Portland cement per brl, 3.50.

OILS.—Cod Liver Oil is very firm, and Linseed is slightly higher. There is little doing in oils, but some sales of cod liver oil have taken place at $1.90. We quote linseed, boiled, per Imperial gallon, 60 @ 62c; and raw 57 @ 59c; olive, $1 @ $1.05; cod, Newfoundland, A, 60 @ 62½c; Halifax, 57½ @ 60c; seal, refined steam, 70@72½c; lard, extra, 90c @ $1; do. No. 1, 75 @ 80c; cod liver, $1.90 @ $2.

FISH.—A light demand exists at moment, but anticipations favor a better inquiry. Salmon, No. 1, $20; do. No. 2, $19; do. No. 3, $18; Cape Breton herrings, per brl, $5 85 to $6; Labrador, No. 1, none; No. 2, $4 to $4 50; green cod, No. 1, per brl, $5 75 to $6; do. No. 2, $5; dry cod, per quintal, $5 to $5 25; No. 2, $4 75 to $5; American dry cod, $5 to $5 25; mixed boneless fish, per lb, 5c; scaled herrings, per box, 25 to 26c.

"Tuque Bleue" Toboggan Club.

To the Editor of THE STAR:

SIR,—Rumors to the effect that the slides and platform of the Tuque Bleue Toboggan Club were not sufficiently strong have been widely circulated by amateur architects who confidently express their opinions, while quite ignorant of the strength of wood and metal of any size or quality. Our Committee thought the test of our slides on the opening day and our steadily increasing membership a sufficient refutation of these rumors, but to-day letters have reached me from parties desirous of joining our Club, asking if it was the case that our slide had been condemned.

May I say through your columns that our slide was constructed by Messrs. John Lee & Co., under the supervision of Messrs. Hutchison & Steele, and is capable of carrying as many people as can crowd on to it.

Yours truly,
J. KEITH REID,
Secretary T. B. T. Club.

Montreal, Jan. 17th, 1884.

Montreal at the Boston Foreign Exhibition.

Through the courtesy of Mr. S. P. Stearns, Consul-General of the United States, the list of the awards of the Boston Foreign Exhibition of 1883 has been received, by which it is learned the following Canadian exhibitors were winners of prizes:—

W. Bell & Co., Guelph, Organs.
Frechon, Lefebvre & Co., Montreal, Religious Statuary.
R. B. Noble, Richibucto, Canned Goods.
Asbestos Mining and Manufacturing Co., Quebec, Asbestos.
Campbell M. Douglas, M.D., Toronto, Canvas Life Boats.
New Rockland Slate Co., Montreal, Roofing Slates.
Coxheath Mining Co., Sydney, Copper Ores.
Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Portrait, also Water Colors.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ONTARIO.

Prof. McLaren, of Toronto, has been nominated by the Hamilton Presbytery for moderator of the General Assembly next year.

The Toronto Inland Revenue Inspector has seized about 300 empty oil barrels from different firms owing to the stamp not being effaced, in terms of the act.

An association of steamboat engineers has been formed in Toronto similar to the association in England, for the general benefit and improvement of the members.

The annual exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Association opened at Toronto on Thursday. There were over one thousand entries and every class was well represented. London, Guelph, and Hamilton send large exhibits.

Clara Porter was arrested on York street, Toronto, for drunkenness. About midnight she turned suddenly and seriously ill, and was taken in the ambulance to the hospital, where she died in a few hours afterwards. Dissipation was the cause.

Arthur Hamilton, commercial traveller for King & Brown, Toronto, left his house hurriedly while partially dressed, and has not been seen since. He lost his wife recently, and has, in consequence, been greatly depressed. Suicide is feared.

Judgment was given at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday, in the case of the Bank of Commerce *vs.* the Bank of British North America referred to yesterday, dismissing the motion to make Peter Ryan a party to the suit on the ground that he was not interested.

The Masons' Grand Lodge of Ontario, A. F. & A. M., is in session at Stratford. All the lodges are represented with a large attendance. The Grand Master's address shows that the order is progressing all over the province.

The Collingwood soap factory, with its contents, amounting to four hundred packages of soap and two thousand dollars worth of stock, was totally destroyed by fire at 8.30 on Thursday night; cause unknown. Insured for $2,000 or $3,000 in the Northern or Scottish Imperial.

From a return issued by the Toronto Post Office Department it appears that during the last year 22,269 money orders were issued, amounting to $340,964, and 61,822 paid, amounting to $1,921,597. The amount deposited in the Savings Bank was $542,012 and withdrawn $431,279. No loss of any kind occurred. The total increase in the year's business over that of 1882 was about $250,000. The total number of registered letters forwarded was 320,665 and received 363,458.

At a conference re prison reform in Toronto on Thursday, a resolution was passed that in the opinion of the conference the present system of prison procurature in Ontario is susceptible of considerable modification and amendments involving in effect the following:—More effectual prevention of crime; more salutary punishment of criminals; possible reformation of a certain class of convicts; classification or grading of convicts confined in county jails and provincial prisons; trial, conviction and punishment of juvenile offenders; enlargement or restriction of existing criminal jurisdiction of police magistrates and justices of the peace, which can only be secured by co-operation. It was resolved that a committee, consisting of S. H. Blake, John Langmuir, F. Fenton, W. Howland and E. A. Meredith, be appointed to secure the appointment of a general committee, composed of representatives named by each government, one or more superior and county court judges and representatives of the conference, to carefully consider the details of such procedure, legislation and such kindred matter and report thereon to the government.

QUEBEC.

An ice bridge is formed opposite Pointe-aux-Trembles.

Eugene Julien, a laborer, of Stadacona Village, dropped dead at his residence Wednesday evening.

The Quebec Fire Assurance Company has declared a dividend of 5 per cent., payable on the 1st February next.

The contract for the Isle aux Grues pier has been awarded to J. E. Morin, Quebec, the lowest tenderer. Nine tenders were sent in.

The two prisoners who have been arrested in connection with the Delisle burglary, at Quebec, belong to the celebrated gang known as Bisbelleau's.

A daily telegraph news bulletin is about to be established between Meat Cove on Cape Breton, and the Magdalen Islands. Some fifty words, giving the most interesting news of the day, will be wired to the Islands.

Acton Vale.

A large assembly gathered at the R. C. Church, Acton Vale, on Tuesday morning, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Valerie Gendreau, second daughter of Mr. G. Gendreau, to Mr. Geo. L. Lamothe, Station Agent, South Eastern railway. The happy couple left for Boston and New York, followed by the wishes of a large number of friends for their future happiness and prosperity. Mr. Lamothe was presented with valuable presents by his *confreres*, railroad employers and relations.

St. Johns.

The Touernier & Day Comedy Company gave three performances at the City Theatre here and were very much liked.

A number of the recruits of the military school, St. Johns, have taken quarters at the barracks, until the opening of the school.

The stock and book accounts of the insolvent estate of Laroceque & Longelier, grocers, of St. Johns, were sold at auction to Messrs. Desmarteau & Co., of Montreal, for forty-six cents on the dollar, giving a total sum of $3774 to be devided between the creditors, less the cost of liquidation.

Lennoxville.

A Spaniel belonging to Mr. E. C. Hale, Lennoxville, had a beautiful litter of no less than twelve liver and white pups last week, all marked very nearly alike.

The temperature on the 16th is stated to have been the lowest for many years. The Rev. Dr. Lobley's registering thermometer showed 43 degrees below zero. Business has been retarded by the extreme cold.

The ball last evening was one of the grandest affairs of its kind ever held in Lennoxville. Both the band and the supper were from Montreal, and the event took place in the large new hall of the College House Hotel.

Dunham.

A very able and interesting lecture was delivered in the town hall, Dunham, on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Canon Ellegood, M.A., of Montreal. Subject:—"Spain." The lecturer treated the subject in a most pleasing manner, and was frequently applauded. At the close of the lecture the Hon. Thos. Wood moved and Jos. S. Baker, Esq., seconded a very cordial vote of thanks to the rev. lecturer. Mr. Ker, who presided, and who conveyed the vote, expressed the hope that all present would have opportunities in future of hearing Mr. Ellegood. The next lecture of the course will be delivered by Rev. Principal Tucker, of Sabrevois Mission College. Subject:—"London."

Stanbridge East.

Good sleighing and sharp Winter weather.

The ladies of the guild of St. James are to hold their annual tea meeting on the 24th inst.

The second assembly of the Stanbridge Quadrille Club will be held on Friday evening of this week.

About sixty couples attended the Masonic festival and ball at O'Dell's hotel on Friday evening last. Baker's orchestra, of St. Albans, furnished the music.

The regular weekly meetings of the Y. M C. A. are now held in the reading room instead of the academy as heretofore. They are held on Friday evenings.

A young man named George Van Artwerp, jr., living about four miles east of Stanbridge East, on the edge of Dunham, committed suicide by hanging on Wednesday morning of last week. No cause can be assigned for the terrible deed.

TRUSTWORTHY TESTIMONY.

Eminent English Opinions upon an Important Subject of Great Value to Every Reader.

The day for pretenders has passed. Men are judged by what they can do, not by what they say they can do. The reading public of to-day is too discriminating to be long deceived by the spurious. If an article have merit it will become popular; if it is unworthy it will sink into oblivion. For years the people of England and America have put to the severest tests a compound regarding which most ambitious claims have been made. Under such ordeals as it has been subjected to nearly every known preparation would have failed, but this one did not. In England and the United States to-day it is the most widely known and popular of all public preparations. In verification of which note the following:—

In September last, one of the English foresters of India returned to London, Eng., utterly broken down, and debarred from further service by reason of what the examining physicians pronounced incurable kidney disorders and dropsy. He was comparatively a young man, and felt depressed over the situation. Incidentally learning, however, of the power of Warner's Safe Cure, which has attracted so much attention of late, he began its use. Within three months he was thoroughly restored to health, passed medical examination as a sound man, and is to-day discharging his duties as well as ever in the trying climate of India!

J. D. Henry, Esq., a near neighbor of the late Thomas Carlyle, Chelsea, S.W., London, England, became very much emaciated from long continued kidney and liver disorders, the treatment he had sought from the vast medical authorities working only temporary results. He then began the use of Warner's Safe Cure, and in May 15th last, declared "I am now feeling physically a new creature. A friend of mine (a whom I recommended the Safe Cure for kidney, liver and various diseases also speaks of it in the highest terms."

R. C. Sowerby, Helensburg, N.B., was obliged to relinquish his professional duties because of a severe kidney and liver complaint. After using a dozen bottles of Warner's Safe Cure he says: "I am to-day better than I have been for twenty years, and I cheerfully recommend the Safe Cure to all who are suffering from these diseases."

Mr. William Jones, 16 Wellington street, Camborne, Eng., says that he was thoroughly treated in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, Eng., for urinary disorders and weakness. He used Warner's Safe Cure and he says: "I am like a new man." It cured him of indigestion, troubles of the bowels, excessive urination and nervous prostration. He adds: "I was taking various medicines for over two years from the best doctors, and all in vain, but after taking Warner's Safe Cure for only four weeks, I was brought from death to life."

Mrs. Annie Brown, Bromley street, London, W. Eng., suffered for years from female weakness, skin eruptions and impure blood, but after using Warner's Safe Cure, she says: "My health is better now than it has been for years."

H. F. West, Esq., 16 Burton Crescent, W.C., London, from his own experience "strongly recommend Warner's Safe Cure to all persons suffering from kidney and liver complaints, as the best remedy known."

Mr. Henry Maxted, 1 Pennsbury Private Road, Wadsworth Road, London, England, was cured by Warner's Safe Cure of disease of liver which produced numbness in his left leg with a dead heavy feeling and dizziness on the right side of his head. "I have recommended it," he says, "to several of my friends, most of whom have derived great benefit from it."

Mr. W. Clarkson, Hartington, Villas, Spital, Chesterfield, Eng., used Warner's Safe Cure for liver complaint, dyspepsia, flatulence, vomiting of bile and mental depression. January 15, 1883, he writes:—"After using the eighth bottle I feel better than for many years. It is an invaluable medicine."

Mr. J. Riscock, station master, Taff Vale railway, Javigation station, was cured of abscess of the kidney, calculus or stone, discharge of pus, etc., by thirteen bottles of Warner's Safe Cure. "I had long and faithfully tried some of the ablest medical men in South Wales in vain, one of them remarking that medical science has failed to find a remedy for confirmed kidney disease. The Safe Cure dissolved and brought away about two ounces of stone. I can never praise the Safe Cure too highly."

Mr. Robert Patten, New Delaval, Eng., was overcome by severe inflammation of the bladder. "I had to urinate about every five or ten minutes with great pain and suffering. My water was full of matter and blood. Both kidneys and liver were affected, and in addition I had a bad cough and shortness of breath, all presumably the secondary effect of the kidney and bladder disorder)." He says that after curing his bladder, kidney and liver trouble by Warner's Safe Cure, his "cough and palpitation are quite gone."

William Simpson, Esq., Daughty Mill, Kirkcaldy, N.B. suffered for years from Bright's disease of the kidneys and consequent dropsy. His body was dreadfully swollen. His appetite was fickle, he was full of rheumatic pains, his urine burned in passing, and was full of mucus and brick dust sediment; his pulse was weak, his heart was irregular in its action, his breathing was very much impaired, in short he had all the painful symptoms of that dreadful disorder. He spent 17 weeks in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, under the skill of the best physicians who, having exhausted all agencies at their command, discharged him, "as incurable" He says: "I passed water every hour, day and night, having great pain while doing so. It was nearly white as milk, with albumen, and when it stood for an hour, the deposit was a quarter of an inch thick in the bottom of the vessel." When in this desperate condition, he began to use Warner's Safe Cure—the only known specific for Bright's disease of the kidneys—"I have used twelve bottles," he says, and his health is so restored that he adds: "I bless the day when I read that Bright's disease was curable and for so little cost."

The following persons of quality in London and other parts of England, are a few of the thousands who have used and have commended Warner's Safe Cure, the great specific for kidney, liver, urinary, female and Bright's diseases:

Hon. Freeman H. Morse, 8 Park Villas East Richmond.
Captain F. L. Norton, Glingall Villa, Lee Road, Blackheath, Kent.
Hon. S. B. Packard, 14 Alexandra Drive, Liverpool.
Hon. A. D. Shaw, United States Consul, Manchester.
The Rev. C. G. Squirrel, Stretton-under-Fosse, Rugby.

Such testimonials from such unquestionable sources prove the value of this remedy, which is sold in every drug store, beyond the shadow of a doubt. They prove that it is the greatest of all modern medicines for these terrible kidney and liver diseases. What it has done for one it will unquestionably do for others, and as such it commends itself most warmly to public confidence.

A Tragedy in Court.

A terrible tragedy was recently enacted in open court during the trial of two political prisoners at Lusk, in the Russian province of Yallynin. Two Poles, named Wierzbicki and Wilczinski, who were banished to Siberia after the events of 1863, effected their escape some months ago, but were lately arrested in the province of Volhynia and brought up for trial. Wierzbicki is fifty years of age, and his companion forty-three. The jury found both prisoners guilty of the charge brought against them, and the former was consequently condemned to ninety strokes of the rod and banishment for life to the Siberian mines, while, the latter was sentenced to ten years' hard labour in the Silberian mines and banishment for life. Hardly had the two unfortunate men heard their fate when Wierzbicki sprang to his feet and exclaimed, "Be accursed, ye soul-murderers! You will not see me to-morrow!" saying which he plunged a large knife into his neck. Great confusion ensued, and when the judge called upon the guard and prison warder to remove the wounded man those officials were nowhere to be found. It was afterwards discovered that Wilczinski had escaped, but he was recaptured in the town. Wierzbicki lies in a precarious state little hope being entertained of his recovery. The Public Prosecutor has ordered the arrest of all the officials whose absence from court permitted Wilczinski to get away.—*English Paper.*

CITY ITEMS.

—The Park Road, between McTavish and Upper Bleury streets, is reported to be almost impassable, owing to the quantity of snow upon it.

—A woman named Bridget Ries slipped on the street the other night, fracturing her left arm. She was attended to at the General Hospital.

—Mr. H. Mongenais, of the firm of Dufresne & Mongenais, succeeded in collecting about $100 from among his friends. This amount he gave to Detective Cinq Mars to distribute towards the relief of the worst cases of destitution, reported by the S. P. W. & C. in the city.

Special Notice.

Dyspepsia & Liver Complaint.

Is it not worth the small price of 75 cents to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints, if you think so call at our store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer, every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use accordingly and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing. Sold by Laviolette & Nelson, 207 Notre Dame st. and B. E. McGale, 301 St. Joseph st. 5

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CIRCULATION OF THE STAR FOR 1883 and 1884.

Week end'g Jan. 13, '83		Week end'g Jan. 12, '84	
Monday	18,135	Monday	20,909
Tuesday	18,280	Tuesday	20,986
Wednesday	18,429	Wednesday	20,926
Thursday	18,369	Thursday	21,230
Friday	18,446	Friday	21,089
Saturday	19,914	Saturday	22,699
Total	111,571	Total	127,839

PRESENT DAILY AVERAGE

21,306.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1884.

IT scarcely needs the gift of prophecy to predict that direct taxation will shortly be imposed in the Province of Quebec. The party leaders naturally shrink from incurring the odium which will permanently attach to the men whom the rural electors will hold responsible for the tax. The dose is a nauseous one, but it is a necessary one, and the real question for the rural electors is, who should be held responsible. the men who administer the medicine or the men who have rendered it necessary. Only children regard the doctor as their enemy. There is nothing improper, nothing unfair, in direct taxation; the rural population contributes little or next to nothing to the revenue of the Province or of the Dominion, and the revenue is considerably less than the expenditure. Successive Governments have tried all sorts of devices to make both ends meet, without taxing the farmers, and now it is frankly admitted that we must have a great reduction of the expenditure, an increase of the subsidy, bankruptcy or direct taxation. We believe the first is as unattainable as the second, and the third less desirable than the fourth. We do not say there is no room for the curtailment of expenses, but from experience of Quebec Governments which have gone into office with "retrenchment" inscribed upon their banners we have not the slightest confidence in the difficulty being ended by a great reduction in the expenditure. Practically the only way to avoid bankruptcy is to see that every man in the Province bears his fair share of the public burden. There is no reason why the greater part of the population should be practically exempt from taxation.

WAS EMERSON A GREAT POET?

When will the critics and philosophers agree as to what constitutes the poet? We sometimes think never. The uncertainty in which the question is involved is probably as great to-day as ever it was. Matthew Arnold, for example, says that Emerson was not a poet. A competent writer in the New York *Times* says, on the contrary that Emerson was "poet, poet, poet, nothing but poet." Who shall decide? What Mr. Arnold probably means is, not that Emerson has not poetical ideas, for he admits very freely that he has, but that he either did not care to avail himself, or was unable to avail himself, of the best modern methods of poetical expression—that in short he has not sufficient *technique* to make him a poet either in the modern sense or in the ancient classical sense. We do not think this criticism is sufficiently met by the argument of the *Times* writer that the Elizabethan poets used very uncouth metres and expressions. Granted that they did, the English language has gained greatly in wealth and flexibility since their day; and there is, therefore, no excuse for the modern writer who shows no improvement upon their methods of expression. The mind of the true poet, who has had the means of knowing the best that is thought, said and done in the literary world, takes to itself the best forms, and in general all the choicest results of the intellectual travail of his own and preceding generations. A failure to do this indicates a certain lack of æsthetic faculty, which it will probably be agreed is a very important element in the poet nature. To be a great painter it is not sufficient to have very beautiful ideas; a more important thing still is to be able to give them adequate expression on the canvas. Emerson has written many very memorable verses; but Mr. Arnold is justified, we think, in saying that he has not given them to the world in the shape in which, considering the advanced state of the poetic art in his day, we might have expected to receive them, assuming, that is to say, that their author was, as the writer in the *Times* asserts, a poet in the very highest sense.

CITY ITEMS.

—Vennor predicts a gale on Saturday or Sunday, accompanied by heavy rain.

—A lunatic was captured at the Bonaventure depot, yesterday afternoon, and was taken charge of by the police.

—The St. George's Church Y. M. C. A. gave a very successful entertainment in St. George's school room last evening.

—Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL. B., repeated his able lecture on "Patriotism" in Sherbrooke Street Church last evening.

—The Young People's Musical and Literary Association of Olivet Baptist Church gave a very successful concert last evening.

—A Canadian Pacific railway conductor named Sauvé had his arm dislocated yesterday. He was attended to at the Notre Dame Hospital.

—The firm of Kerry, Watson & Co., gave the complimentary dinner to Mr. W. S. Kerry on Monday evening, and not his friends as previously stated.

—The usual monthly social of the Y. M. C. A. was held last evening. The attendance was very large and an excellent programme was carried out, among the contributors to which were Miss Amy Louson and Mr. F. Meyers.

—The cold weather which has been experienced so far this Winter has caused a large mortality among hogs in all the outlying municipalities, and even within the city limits as well. Mr. A. King, of Côte St. Louis; during one week was so unfortunate as to lose as many as 58 hogs. He attributes the cause of this great mortality to the cold weather and hog dysentery combined.

Three Fires Last Night.

About 10.30 last night, the firemen were called to the Canada Mutual Telegraph office, on Hospital street, the hot ashes falling from an open grate and working their way beneath the hearth and setting fire to the beams. The flames were extinguished with a Babcock; damage slight.

Shortly before twelve o'clock two alarms were struck from box 54 for a fire in Messrs. Gilbert's foundry on Notre Dame street west. This being outside the city limits, the city firemen were assisted by the Ste. Cunegonde and St. Henri brigades. After about an hour's work, the flames, which originated in the moulding room, were got under control. The loss will be $4,000. The stock was only slightly damaged.

At two o'clock this morning a fire broke out at 37 Bonsecours street, caused by the explosion of a lamp. The total damage will amount to $200; covered by insurance. The premises are occupied by Henry Lavigne as a saloon.

Sporting Notes.

The Wolseley Snowshoe Club tramped to Lumkin's last evening.

The St. George's Club will tramp to Longue Pointe to-morrow afternoon.

HARBOR BOARD.

Continuation of the Report of the Annual Meeting—The Chairman's Report.

The annual report of the Chairman, Mr Andrew Robertson, read at yesterday's meeting, touched on all mattees interesting to the port and contained some valuable information. The report, after referring to the action of the Board with regard to the Government loan and the Shearer scheme, dealt at some length with the Harbor Master's report, the substance of which has already appeared in THE STAR. The following summing up is interesting, however: The increase of ocean tonnage over that of last year is 109,617 tons, being an increase of 139,445 of steam tonnage, while sailing ships have decreased 29,626 tons. The year which has just closed is the largest in amount of ocean tonnage which the port has ever shown, 1880 having hitherto been the banner year, not only for ocean tonnage, but also for inland tonnage. The ocean tonnage of that year was 628,271, and the inland tonnage 1,044,380, or a total of 1,672,581 tons, while that of the year 1883 has been 664,263 ocean, and 764,721 inland, or a total of 1,428,984. This shows an increase of ocean tonnage between the two years of 5.7 per cent, and a decrease in inland tonnage of 26.5 per cent., or a decrease on the whole of 14.6 per cent.

The report goes on to say:—"The total ocean steam tonnage in 1880 was 76 per cent., and sailing vessels 24 per cent., while in 1883 they were respectively 91 per cent. and 9 per cent. This shows that as year after year is passing Montreal is becoming more and more a steamship port, and that sailing vessels are gradually becoming of less importance to the trade of the port."

TOWAGE AND PILOTAGE CHARGES.

"The great reduction of inland tonnage, 26-5 per cent. in three years, must not be overlooked, as it shows that railways must be coming nearer to the front as competitors with the canals; and here I might call attention to the discussions which have taken place at the meetings of the Corn Exchange and Board of Trade regarding ocean sailing vessels and the hardships imposed on them by the so-called extravagant exactions which they are said to have to undergo in the shape of extortionate charges for towage, as well as of pilotage in coming to this port. It seems to me a pity that every opportunity should be seized at these meetings to cast discredit on our port. The question of towage was discussed and arranged for in a very fair way, and a settlement was arrived at two years ago, by which the towage rates were reduced to half the tariff of 1873, and so far, since that time not a single complaint has been made to the Harbor Commissioner of undue or excessive charges. We are told that sailing vessels will not come because of these charges; but what are the facts? Take the Allan's Beaver lines,—when their sailing vessels came, they owned and managed their own tugs and brought up and took down their own sailing vessels into port. Where are they now? They have not brought a single sailing vessel into the port for two years, and have entirely superseded them by steamers; thus evidently showing that so far as they are concerned they find steamers more profitable than sail."

MONTREAL COMPARED WITH OTHER PORTS.

Mr. Robertson, contrasting the harbor of Montreal with some British ports, further says in his report:—"Now, let me say to these who know the City of Glasgow and her Clyde improvements, they will perhaps be astonished when I state that Montreal, during her season of navigation, has as much tonnage, ocean and inland, as that great city, and, as has already been stated, she is the third largest port in the United Kingdom; that is to say for the six months of our open water, we have half of the yearly tonnage that goes into Glasgow, while our harbor charges for tonnage dues and goods are far beneath that port or any port approaching the magnitude of Montreal in Great Britain. And in addition, I do not hesitate to say that our tariff is the simplest, and as a whole the cheapest, of all ports giving equal facilities that can be named, either on this or the other side of the Atlantic, for ocean steamers and their cargoes.

"I observe that the Beaver Line has this year laid up its steamers for the Winter, and it is stated that this has been done because whatever money they made by coming to Montreal in Summer was lost by going to Atlantic ports in Winter; this, if correct, shows that Montreal cannot be such a bad port in Summer, and as a proof of confidence in our port, I find it stated in the papers of last week that the Beaver Company are adding another new ship to their already fine fleet for Montreal Summer trade. I am not insensible to the fact that Montreal labors under great disadvantages, as it is only a Summer port. Were our harbor open all the year round, and we had a network of railways such as enter New York, Boston, Philadelphia or Baltimore, Montreal would more than hold her own in the race."

THE CANAL QUESTION.

The report on the canal question, holds that before accepting the statement that Montreal is losing her share of trade, the question should be considered, what proportions of grain for foreign markets is moved by the New York canals? Mr. Robertson here says:—"In discussing that question, it seems to me that an important factor has always been overlooked, viz., that of every thousand bushels which leave the granaries of the West, probably two-thirds is required for their own consumption, leaving only one-third to be shipped: whereas, in our case, every bushel or wheat that comes here from there has to be exported, because one year with another in Canada we have enough to provide for our own necessities."

The report states that the revenue of the Board shows considerable variations, as compared with last year. The wharfage inwards has decreased 8.6 per cent.; outwards it has increased 20.4 per cent. Tonnage dues on steamships, 20 per cent. increase; a decrease of tonnage dues on sailing ships of 50.4 per cent., and of local traffic, 7 per cent.; the totals being as follows:—

Wharfage inwards, decrease, $10,193.25; wharfage outwards, increase, $9,556.78; tonnage dues, steamships, increase, $6,769.67; tonnage dues, sail, decrease, $4,201.76; local traffic, decrease, $3,159.22; the total revenue being for 1882, $249,130.91; and for 1883, $247,813.19,—a decrease of $1,317.72, or about one-half per cent.

The report, on the question of pilots, says:—"The pilots between Quebec and Montreal for the season numbered 47, of whom one died and three were sick. The total earnings of the pilots were $43,995.87; deducting the earnings of the one who died and the three who were sick the amount received by the pilots able to do the work was $43,145.96, an average rate of $1,003.39. Great discrepancies, however, exist between the earnings of the pilots, the lowest being $344.33, while the highest made no less than $2,323.92; this disparagement causes considerable feeling among themselves, and some of the shipping firms are to blame in employing one where two or three should be employed to do the work, so as to make a more equal distribution among the pilots."

OPPOSED TO THE ABOLITION OF CANAL TOLLS.

The report concludes with a reference to the proposed abolition of canal tolls, the Board's opinion being shown by a letter of Mr. Robertson in reply to the Minister of Railways and Canals' enquiries on the subject. Mr. Robertson in this letter says:—

"I am, therefore, of opinion that it would be unwise at present to abolish canal tolls, but I think that it would be well to abolish tonnage dues, as also the dues on passengers. This would be a loss of $53,000, and would be giving to the United States about 10 per cent. and 90 per cent. to the Canadians. I would then pass all goods going West, paying St. Lawrence canal tolls, through the Welland canal free; and all goods passing through the Welland canal through the St. Lawrence canals free, having paid Welland canal tolls. If this were done, and the Government were to assume the St. Lawrence route debt, and publish to the world that, from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, ships were free to the head of the lakes, in so far as Canadian rivers and canals were concerned, it seems to me that the Government could accomplish as much as by entirely abolishing the canal tolls. Personally, I confess that I can hardly see the reason why the country should have spent $40,000,000 on canals, and that they should keep them up at a cost say of $400,000 a year more. Certainly, the tolls should keep up repairs and working expenses, just the same as you are trying to make the Intercolonial railway pay its working expenses, which has cost nearly, if not quite, a simple expenditure of say $1,000,000 a year, for interest on $50,000,000.

Then, let me add, what is our channel to cost for 27½ feet? To deepen from 20 to 25 feet has cost, including plant, $1,780,000—to deepen it 2½ feet more, say to 27 1-2 feet, will cost $186,000, as per the engineer's report, but as I have before said, call it $900,000 to make it perfectly sure, or a total of $2,680,000. The plant has cost nearly $600,000, and if it only brings 30 per cent., will be $180,000, reducing the cost o the channel to $2,500,000; a yearly charge of $100,000, for a work which, when finished will require little, if any, charge to keep it in perfect order for the future. You may not think my views correct, but after giving them my best study, I venture to send them to you, and whether you may adopt them or not, I know you will give them that consideration which you have always shown to anything that I have advanced, especially when you thought I was correct."

CIVIC FINANCES.

The Auditor's Report on Hochelaga.

The Civic Finance Committee met yesterday: present:—Ald. Grenier (chairman), Genereux, Farrell, Brown, Prevost and His Worship the Mayor.

The City Attorney was instructed to examine and report upon the letter of Mr. D. Major, advocate, submitting a list of cases pending before the courts in which Hochelaga was interested before annexation, and the amount of costs he claims.

The recommendation of the Police Committee for an increase of salary to Mr. L. Forget, clerk in the Recorder's Court, was concurred in. Mr. Charland's letter, alleging injustice on the part of the Assessors, was referred to the City Clerk. The Committee decided to report to Council on the report of the Road Committee, which recommended a bonus of $600 to Mr. Brittain for services as acting City Surveyor, that Mr. Brittain receive $400, and Mr. Christin $100. The City Auditor then submitted a detailed statement of the Hochelaga accounts as assumed by the city and now incorporated in its books. The total liabilities are as follows:—Debentures issued in 1876, maturing in 1896, $60,000; Debentures issued in 1879, maturing in 1904, $30,000; bills payable and open accounts maturing soon, $7,523; total $97,523.

The public works, etc., representing the above are as under:—

Waterworks at disbursements to date, $41-737; Main sewerage, $17,608; Real estate and municipal buildings disbursements to date, $23,948; Savings Bank deposits representing sinking funds, $12,063; Cash handed over, $2,762; Total $98,116.

There are also the following outstanding arrears due to the municipality, of which lists have been handed to the Treasurer for collection, and of which such portions as may be realized will be credited, viz.:—

Assessments against proprietors, $4,200: assessments against tenants, $1,759; assessments for business tax and drainage, $876; assessments for water works and meters, $1,050; total, $7,885. Besides which there is a prospective claim of about $4,000 against parties who have not availed themselves of the drainage system (it being optional), and who may yet do so.

A sufficient sinking fund had not been provided for the loan maturing in 1896. It was a twenty years loan and required a 2¾ per cent. sinking fund, with accretions annually capitalized at 6 per cent.; whereas, only 2 per cent. had been set aside, and at savings bank interest. The result was, that the amount handed over as representing the sinking fund for the redemption of that loan was $4700 short of what it should be, which will now have to be made up. The resources of the ward, under its original character, consisted of the right to levy 97½c in the $100 of value and 2 per cent. on rental values, together with certain specific licenses and a fixed tariff for water, based on a sliding scale 25 per cent. in excess of the Montreal tariff. The collectable revenue under these heads last year was as follows:—57c per $100 on $1,594,282 of real estate for general purposes, $9,083; 27c per $100 on $2,000,582 of real estate for interest and sinking fund on $60,000 loan, $5,402; 13¾c per $100 on $2,000,582 of real estate for interest and sinking fund on $30,000 loan, $701. Total, $17,186. Of which there was collected:—For general purposes, $7,490; for payment of loans, $6,139; leaving a balance outstanding of $3,557.

This balance, together with $644 of arrears of the preceding year, makes up a total of $4,200 of outstanding claims against proprietors. The collectable revenue from water rates was estimated at about $1,500, while the amount derivable from business duty and miscellaneous licenses represented about $2,000. The amount actually collected from water last year was $1,1000, of which no return was made to the city. The last year's total revenue of the municipality was $42,000, but this included as large a sum from arrears as from current assessments—an entirely abnormal state of affairs, arising from the fact that these arrears, extending as far back as 1876, had been in abeyance through litigation till then, but judgment having then been rendered in favor of the municipality, the whole amount became at once available. The consequence is, that there is no asset in that shape older than 1882. The estimated revenue of 1884 may, therefore, be set down about as follows:—1 per cent. on a total valuation of $2,000,000, $20,000; water rates, say $12,000; business taxes and special licenses, say $3,000; total, $35,000; which would probably yield a net amount of about $30,000, of which about one-third would be absorbed for interest and sinking fund on the total debt.

The chairman then submitted the claims of the Assessors, and after some discussion it was resolved to increase their salaries to $1,400 each, and the meeting adjourned.

Practical Plumbing.

There was a good audience to listen to Mr. J. W. Hughes' first lecture of the course on the "Science and Art of Modern Plumbing as Applied to Domestic Purposes." Mr. Hughes referred to the great need that there was for instruction in the mechanic classes, and said that if the members of this class were not as well paid as the learned professions, it was because, owing to the want of proper training, they had not taken that rank in the community to which the great importance of their calling entitled them. The lecturer proceeded to deal in detail with his subject, discussing the ancient and modern systems with much ability.

At the conclusion of the lecture remarks were made by Mr. G. W. Stephens, M. P. P., and Mr. Boxer. Mr. L. Lesage, Superintendent of the Water Works, moved, seconded by Mr. Rodden, a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

The next lecture of the series will take place on the 31st inst., the subject being "Domestic Sewerage and Drainage."

Condensed Telegrams.

It is believed a combination is being formed in New York to advance the price of pig iron.

M. de Giers, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has gone from Geneva to Vienna.

The Iowa Democratic caucus nominated B. J. Hall, of Burlington, for United States Senator.

Mr. Starn, an American banker, married Sophie Croizette, of the Comedie Francaise at Paris on the 17th.

Forty Democrats met at New York last night at the call of Robert B. Roosevelt and others to organize a new local party.

The New York *Times* Washington special says T. J. Lansing, a lawyer in New York State, is a prominent candidate for the Governorship of Utah.

New York detectives are looking for James H. Nixon, theatrical manager, who is charged with passing a number of forged checks on tradesmen.

The jail at Kingston, Tenn., was burned yesterday morning by the prisoners or their friends. Five criminals escaped. The jail was one of the best in the state.

Jack McKenna killed Edward Wilson in a faro establishment at Vicksburg last night. Wilson was the dealer and endeavored to prevent McKenna stealing another man's chips.

Wm. Kelly, formerly of Covington, Ky., during a quarrel at Las Vegas, N.M., shot his mistress, Rose Martinez, and then himself. The woman may recover. Kelly died instantly.

A bottle of "Pain Cure," addressed to Queen Victoria by a Georgia doctor, who confidently asserts that it will cure Her Majesty's injured knee, is detained at the Dead Letter office, Washington.

Daniel Morris, aged 84, a Mormon polygamist with three wives, living near Salt Lake City, Mich., after reading the Governor's message, went to a shed adjoining his house and hung himself.

The Corean Embassy has arrived in London and is quartered at the Langham Hotel, in charge of American officers. The members of the Embassy, who are guests of the United States Government, are proceeding to Marseilles to embark on the United States steamer "Trenton."

The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News* says:—Prince Bismarck is now in better health than for many years past. He begins work at seven o'clock in the morning. The Prince's son, Count Herbert von Bismarck, has started for St. Petersburg to assume his duties in the German Embassy in that city.

PARLIAMENTARY JOTTINGS.

Prospects For a Stormy Session—The Opposition and the N. P.—The Section B. Scandal—The Proposed Bankrupt Law Notes.

[From our own Reporter.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—As I remarked in a previous letter there is every possibility of there being an exceedingly lively and stormy session. At any rate it will not be the fault of the Opposition if the session is quiet, for a more pugnacious set of legislators never existed. Last session they were disheartened, unsettled, stunned by the tremendous defeat of the preceding Jun, and with some of their best men out of Parliament they were comparatively humbled and confined themselves to sullen grumbling. But since that time things have taken a decided turn for the better, as far as they are concerned. Sir Richard Cartwright has returned and the Hon. David Mills takes his seat for Bothwell, which was represented last session by J. J. Hawkins, who was called "the member for Jim Stephens," since a returning officer of that name had, by rejecting a number of ballots for Mills, given him a majority and the temporary representation of the county; and Sir John has been ousted from one of his two constituencies, Lennox, and a Reformer, Allison, has taken his place. The Reformers have, however, lost Keefler, of Lunenburg, N.S., whose seat is taken by Kaulbach, a Conservative, and G. W. Ross, one of their best speakers, who has accepted the portfolio of Minister of Education in the Ontario Cabinet, although his seat is occupied by another Reformer, D. M. Cameron.

The depression which is now hovering over the country will most assuredly be seized upon with avidity, and we may expect stirring speeches aiming to show that it is a direct result of five years of "mismanagement by the Tories" (your true Reformer always says "Tory" in place of "Conservative"). On the other hand the Conservatives will either deny the depression which is alleged or refer it to natural causes and say that it was beyond the power of the Government to prevent it. In either case they will find themselves upon the horn of a dilemma. The question is a very delicate one to handle, and the difficulty is great in framing a law, which on the one hand shall not be so strict as to often inflict a great injustice upon honest men, or on the other so loose that rogues can take advantage of it to cheat their creditors. The bankrupt law of a few years ago by the Canadian Parliament seemed to be eminently fair, but it was found that it did not at all meet the object for which it had been framed. The proposed law provides that in all cities of twenty thousand inhabitants or more the Board of Trade shall appoint an official, who is not to be called assignee, but guardian; that in all other places the sheriff be guardian; that the property of the insolvent be taken possession of by such guardian when a writ of attachment has been issued and that neither such guardian, nor the partner, clerk or relative of such guardian shall be appointed assignee to wind up the estate.

Mr. Blake's popularity as a leader does not seem to be on the decline. Statements have been floating about in the newspapers for some months back, to the effect that the Reform party was dissatisfied and was going to send him after Mr. Mackenzie, as soon as they could find a fit successor. There is not the slightest origin for any of these rumors, as far as I can ascertain, and the Liberals are just as ready as ever to sing, "Oh! Blake is the man for the nation," or that still more charming lyric, beginning

"Ah! the name of Blake
Makes the Tories quake."

Mr. Charlton will probably re-introduce his Seduction Bill.

The sage senators will have two divorce bills to decide upon, one that of Mr. Graham, of Ottawa, who petitions for divorce from his wife.

Sir Charles Tupper will be severely criticized for taking his seat in Parliament, while in the employ of the Government as High Commissioner to Great Britain.

The British Columbia representatives intend to complain strongly of the inefficient state of postal communications throughout the province.

Considerable improvements have been made in the interior of the House, the most important of which is the substitution of the of the electric light for gas in both the Senate and Commons chambers. Last night the lights were lit for the first time as a test and the result was very satisfactory. During the test, however, a scare was caused by an explosion of the electric light in the Speaker's dining room. The ceiling and woodwork were somewhat damaged. The accident was caused by the conductors becoming over heated. The Speaker's apartments, the official reporters' rooms, the post office, and the translators' rooms have all been more or less repaired, and two or three extra rooms have been set apart for the use of members.

Mr. Curran has gone up to South Renfrew to break a lance with Messrs. Ross and Hardy of the Ontario Government, who are there advocating the cause of their candidate, Mr. Dowling.

There are only two vacancies in the House at present, the two constituencies being York, N. B., and Kent, Ontario. Mr. Pickard, the member last session for the former county, died some time ago and a contest is now going on there between Mr. Temple, Conservative, and Mr. Gregory, Liberal. Mr. Pickard was a Liberal. In Kent, the old member, Mr. Henry Smyth, has been unseated and his re-election is now being opposed by Dr. Samson.

All the physicians pronounce Colonel Rathbone dangerously insane. As soon as his physical health is restored a place will be arranged for him in an asylum at Hanover. The Crown Prosecutor will move to dismiss the criminal proceedings. Miss Harris, with Colonel Rathbone's children, her brother and Mr. Hoyt have left Hanover for America. Consul Fox is to be Colonel Rathbone's guardian.

NOON TELEGRAMS.

CABLE.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS.

VIENNA, Jan. 18.—The Russian authorities have discovered that a new printing press is being run at Kieff for the circulation of inflammatory pamphlets and circulars throughout Little Russia. Eighteen arrests are reported to have been made.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A leading member of the Chinese embassy says the memorandum in which China declared that an assault upon Sontay, Hung-Hoi or Bacninh by the French would be a *casus belli* will be carried out to the letter.

AMERICAN.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The *Sun's* Washington special asserts that serious charges have been preferred against several U. S. consuls in China and Japan, and an investigation is probable.

FATAL EFFECTS OF SEWER GAS.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—Michael O'Brien, his wife and three children died here within a month from the effects of sewer gas. The rooms in which the family slept contained a sink connected with a sewer.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN BED.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 18.—John Davidson, aged 80 and his wife, aged 86, were found frozen to death in bed near Newport yesterday. They were too feeble to carry fuel and went to bed to keep warm.

DEWEY MAKES RESTITUTION.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—It is stated that Charles F. Dewey, *alias* Halpert, who has pleaded guilty to obtaining about $80,000 on forged bills of lading from Kidder, Peabody & Co., of this city and Montreal parties, has made restitution to the extent of $60,000. Dewey will be sentenced on the 21st inst.

A MISSISSIPPI TRAGEDY.

WATERVALLEY, Miss., Jan. 18.—At Dallas, near here, in a row in the store of Wm. Harmon, Evans Harmon was killed, Wm. Harmon and Robt. Lamar fatally, and several others seriously wounded. Bishop, who shot Wm. Harmon, and started the row, escaped unhurt. If he is captured it is thought he will be lynched.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

EAST HAMPTON, L. I., Jan. 18.—Henry Jason, a Portuguese farmer of Suffolk County, yesterday attempted to murder Erastus Halsey, who called at his house to collect taxes. Jason inflicted two terrible wounds on Halsey's head with an axe. Halsey may die. Jason escaped. He attempted to kill his two daughters a year ago.

THE O'DONNELL RESOLUTION.

NEW YORK, January 18.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says Irishmen here are not satisfied with Mr. Hewitt's account of what passed between the British minister and himself in regard to the O'Donnell resolution. Captain Gordon and others have held frequent conference, and consulted with Messrs. Robinson, Finerty and others. A resolution has been finally agreed upon, which will be offered in the House, instructing the Committee of Foreign Affairs to inquire whether any foreign minister has endeavored to modify the effect of the resolution of the House of Representations, reflecting on the honor or integrity of its members or otherwise interfered in its affairs.

Special Notice.

☞ Seal, Otter and Beaver sets for Overcoats, a large assortment to select from; can be buttoned on any coat, at L. ROBINSON'S, 31 Beaver Hall Hill. *2tf

Harry Erskine, who succeeded Henry Dundas, afterward Lord Melville, as lord advocate of Scotland, happening to have a female client of the name of Tickle defendant in an action, commenced his speech in the following humorous strain; "Tickle, my client, the defendant, my lord"—The lord auditors, amused with the oddity of the speech, were almost driven into hysterics by the judge replying, "Tickle her yourself, Harry; you are able to do it as I.

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for coughs, all forms of sore throat, bad breath, etc., used by singers and public speakers. Prepared by Picamar Chemist of the International Throat and Lung Institute from the prescription of Dr. M. Souvielle, ex-aide surgeon of the French army. For sale by all druggists. Price 25 cents.

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OTTAWA, June 5th, 1883.

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S. LARACHELLE,
Deputy Secretary of State, Ottawa.

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1730—ST. CATHERINE ST.,—1730
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Most commodious and large stone residence, rat-proof, furnace range, chandeliers; stables and coach house.

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Large dressed stone front four-story residence, modern in all respects; coach house and stables.

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THAT MOST DESIRABLE PROPERTY, forming the corners of Bonaventure, Inspector and St. Antoine sts. Area, 33,000 feet; rentals, $4,064.

BLOCK OF BUILDINGS—fronting 117 feet on St. Catherine, Iberville and Suzanne sts; well built. Rentals, $1,200 per year.

669 AND 671 ST. LAWRENCE ST., Store and vacant Lot on St. Dominique st. Rental, $216

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227 TO 233 MANUFACTURER ST.—4 Tenements, finished; 4 others unfinished. Lot 84x80.

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11 9 237 St. James Street.

GREAT REDUCTION AT THE

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For one week only in Fur-lined Circulars, Capes, Muffs, Caps, Fur Trimmings of all descriptions, &c.

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The subscriber is instructed to sell the above well built and attractive modern building to close an estate, at his room on SATURDAY MORNING, 19TH JANUARY. It is well adapted either for a wholesale or retail store, a manufactory, or for any business requiring a central and convenient situation. Capitalists are reminded that the demand for premises (wholesale and retail) about Victoria Square is only beginning. The permanent character of this vicinity is now as well established as that of St. James and St. Helen Streets, and other business centres. The magnificent new stores just erected, and others shortly to be built cannot be surpassed. The property to be sold has splendid light, as it fronts on Craig Street and on a side lane. Perfect title. Liberal terms. Sale at 11 o'clock.

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10 Auctioneer.

CLARENDON HOTEL and a Cottage at St. Ann's, with large lot of land fronting on the Ottawa River.—One of the best paying and most rapidly increasing summer resorts in the Dominion. Grand Trunk and Canada Atlantic trains stop at St. Ann's station at almost every hour day and night. It is as convenient for Montreal business men as St. Catherine street. The demand for accommodation at St. Ann's is always in excess of the supply, and the Clarendon, one of the best situated and well known hotel offers a good opportunity to a capitalist or energetic hotelkeeper. Further particulars will be advertised. Sale at my room on SATURDAY, 19th January, at ELEVEN o'clock.

THOS. J. POTTER,
Auctioneer.

Plan on view. Hotel contains 50 rooms. The Furniture will be sold with the Hotel.
10

COSY BRICK COTTAGE—No. 4 Richmond Square. Also, delightful Suburban Cottage, with over ¼ acre of ground, at ST. LAMBERT STATION, by auction at my room on MONDAY, 21st JAN. The house on Richmond Square is solid brick, with stone foundations, with galvanized double iron roof, &c., and is without any exception one of the best built and most comfortable, attractive houses of its size in the city. Capitalists seeking investment or a man of moderate means who wants a homestead in perfect order, should see this at once. That at St. Lambert cottage is of wood, with stone foundations, and is as well equipped in every way as a city house for both summer and winter occupation. Every inch of ground has been carefully cultivated, and is stocked with strong, healthy, full-bearing fruit trees of all kinds, grapes, small fruits, &c. No expense or labor has been spared to make it a thoroughly comfortable and pleasant suburban cottage, well supplied with fruit and vegetables. The splendid well alone cost $200. Sale at ELEVEN o'clock.

THOS. J. POTTER,
10 Auctioneer.

THE SPLENDID NEW

Private Residence,

NORTH-EAST CORNER SHERBROOKE AND DRUMMOND STREETS,

One of the handsomest modern dwellings in Montreal, will be sold at auction at my room, ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, 23RD JAN'Y, by order of MRS. CRAIG.

Full particulars will be published.

Intending purchasers can get permits to view at my office.

THOS. J. POTTER,
10 Auctioneer.

141 METCALFE STREET.

Very desirable cut stone front dwelling, near Sherbrooke street. No better situation in the West End. First-class, well built house. Sale at my room,

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY,
at 12 o'clock noon.

THOMAS J. POTTER,
10 Auctioneer.

204 PEEL STREET.—FIRST-CLASS cut-stone front modern private residence, just above St. Catherine street, on high ground; splendid position; also, the vacant building adjoining. Sale at my room, on Wednesday, 23rd January, at half-past 11 o'clock.

Further particulars, plans, &c., at my office.

THOS. J. POTTER,
10 Auctioneer.

35 ST. HUBERT STREET.
CUT STONE FRONT HOUSE.

The subscriber will sell the above very desirable dwelling, with modern improvements,

THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY.

It is in very nice order, tinted, painted and papered throughout; has Marble Mantles, &c., high basement with front entrance; rooms all cheerful and well lighted. The situation is very convenient and pleasant, close to Victoria Garden, St. Denis street, Court House, City Hall, St. James street, &c.

SALE AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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13 Auctioneer.

RICHMOND AND MULLIN STREET, corner lot; also lot on Mullin street. Very choice building sites. By auction, at my Room, on THURSDAY, 24th JANY. Point St. Charles is not nearly supplied with houses enough to meet the demand. Almost any building put on these lots will pay well. Sale at half-past 10 o'clock.

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13 Auctioneer.

GUILBAULT STREET, COR. UPPER St. Urbain St., Building Lot 90x90, lane extra; can be divided.

CADIEUX ST., near cor. of Roy, Lot 37x80, lane in rear, Cadastre No. 941.

HUTCHE ST., in rear of above, Lot 48x70, lane in rear.

Peremptory Sale by Auction at my Room, Thursday, 24th January, at 11 o'clock.

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Seigneurs Street, near St. Antoine St.

Brick, with solid stone foundations; tile drains, roofs new and houses all in the best of repair. Rented at the best of tenants; brings $440 per annum, well worth $500. Size of lot, 40 and 42 x 110 ft. One of the best investments to be had.

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IN THE MATTER OF EUSEBE BRUNET, Pointe Claire.

The above named has made an assignment of his Estate and Effects to us for the benefit of his creditors. Claims must be fyled at our office within 15 days from this date to ensure their collection for dividend.

KENT & TURCOTTE, Accountants,
7 Place d'Armes, Montreal.

BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL—At 72 Mark street, on Jan. 15, the wife of Geo. A. Campbell, of a daughter. 15 2

STEVENSON—At Coaticook, on Jan. 16, the wife of Charles N. Stevenson, M.D., of a daughter. 15 2

BATTEN—In this city, Jan. 15, the wife of W. Batten, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

PENNY-GILMOUR—In this city, at St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 17, by the Rev. J. S. Stone, Jessie Young, daughter of James Y. Gilmour, Esq., to Edward Goff, son of the late Hon. E. G. Penny.

COPP-BEACH—At the residence of the bride's father, Jan. 15, by the Rev. G. R. Flanders, B.A., Charles S. Copp to Gertrude Ella, eldest daughter of Nathan Beach, all of Georgeville.

COOPER-LOCKE—At South Barnston, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. A. M. Holmes, M.A., George T. Cooper, of Rock Island, Que., to Lizzie E., youngest daughter of Thos. Locke, Esq., of Barnston, Que.

LOCKAART-HYATT—At Oshawa, Ont., Jan. 14, by Rev. S. H. Eastman, Samuel S. Lockhart to Kalisia T. Hyatt.

ADAMS-TAPP—At Oshawa, Ont., by Rev. S. J. Shorey, A. Adams to Sarah Ann Tapp.

LIGHTBURNE-EYRE—At Cobourg, Ont., by Rev. Canon Stennet, R. E. Lightburne, M.D., to Katie Eyre.

LAMBERT-GURRY—At Notre Dame de Levis, Que., by Rev. Father Gauvreau, Patrick Lambert to Kate Gurry.

DEATHS.

WHITNEY—On the morning of the 17th inst., Mary Wilson, beloved wife of H. D. Whitney, aged 28 yrs. Funeral from 76 Fort street, on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 2.30 o'clock to the church of St. James the Apostle. 14 2

LECOURS—In this city, Jan. 16, Henry Lecours, aged 32 years. Funeral from his late residence, 391½ Wellington street, Point St. Charles, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2.30 p.m., to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. (Quebec papers please copy.) 14 3

MORTIMER—Jan. 15, at 134 Walnut street, Chelsea, Boston, Mass., of diphtheria, Lydia (Lillie) Amelia Mortimer, at 10 years, beloved daughter of Geo. Mortimer. 14 2

LARIN—In this city, Jan. 16, Marie Josephine Alicia youngest daughter of Charles Larin, ar., aged 2 years and 10 months. Funeral from her father's residence, City Hotel 82 Notre Dame street west, on Friday Jan. 18, at 2.30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. 13 2

McINTOSH—In this city, Jan. 16, Jane Dalrymple, daughter of the late Robert Dalrymple and wife of Alex. McIntosh, store dept. G. T. R., aged 41 years and 10 months. Funeral from her late residence, No. 78 Congregation street, Point St. Charles, on Friday the 18th, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Royal Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. 13 2

McDONNELL—In this city, Jan. 16, after a long painful illness, Bernard A. McDonnell, aged 47 years. Funeral on Friday 18 instant, at 8 o'clock, a.m., from his late residence No. 84 Cathcart street, to the Roman Catholic Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend. 13 2

FINDLAY—At Longueuil, on Jan. 17, Douglas Roy, youngest son of James Findlay, aged 6 months and 10 days. 15 2

WILSON—At Toronto, Ont., Jan. 15, L. J. Wilson, wife of T. W. Wilson.

STANTON—At Barton, Ont., Jan. 15, George Stanton, 25 yrs, 11 mths.

CHAMBERS—At Saltfleet, Ont., Jan. 16, Amos Chambers, 76 yrs.

DALLEY—At Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 15, Edwin Dalley, 71 yrs.

McFADDEN—At London, Ont., Jan. 15, Minnehin, daughter of Thos. McFadden, 21 yrs.

YEOMANS—At Toronto, Ont., Jan. 16, Mary Jane Milburn, relict of late Wm. Yeomans.

GARROW—At Oshawa, Ont., Jan. 15, Jane Hunter, wife of Robert Garrow, 29 yrs.

HAFFEY—At Peterborough, Ont., Jan. 16, Letitia Keenan, relict of late John Haffey, 87 yrs.

GRANGER — In this city, Jan. 16, Marie Blanche, daughter of Mr. Zotique Granger.

CAMPBELL—At San Jose, Dec. 28, 1883, Sellie, third daughter of John and Jane Campbell, late of Montreal, Canada.

The Weather.

2 p. m.—Thermometer at Hearn & Harrison's during last 24 hours.

6 p.m.	8 a.m.	1 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Mean
25°	22°	28°	32°	22°	27·5

Barometer 6 p. m.—29.92—8 a.m. 29.78—1 p.m.—29.94

1 a.m.—Probabilities next 24 hours:—Fresh to strong southwest winds; fair, mild weather, with light snow in some localities; west to northwest winds and colder weather to-morrow.

Appointments this Evening.

Mechanics' Hall—Dime Museum.

Academy of Music—Haverly's Minstrels.

Royal Theatre Museum—Variety entertainment.

He Got One.

One day three or four weeks ago a retail grocer over in Jersey sat down with his clerk one evening, and said:

"James, I owe New York houses over $3,000."

"Yes, sir."

"We have $2,000 in cash in the safe, the stock is all run down, and this would be the time to fail in business."

"It certainly would."

"But I want a reasonable apology to give my creditors when they come down upon us for explanations. See if you can't think of something to-night, and let me know in the morning."

The clerk promised, and the grocer wheeled a chest of tea and a bag of coffee home as a beginning. Next morning when he appeared at the store the safe was open, the cash gone, and on the desk was a note from the clerk reading:

"I have taken the $2,000 and am prepared to skip. It will be the best excuse in the world for your failing so flat that creditors can't realize two cents on the dollar."—*Wall Street News.*

ST. CHARLES S. S. CLUB.

TRAMP TO ST. LAURENT

(To-morrow)

Saturday, 19th.

Start from Club House at 2 p.m.

E. LAW, Secretary.

Annual Steeplechase on Saturday, January 26th, at 3 p.m. 15 1

Tuque Bleue Toboggan Club.

Badges can be had at the Gymnasium "Carnival House," 1428 St. Catherine Street, or from the Secretary, 41 St. Francois Xavier Street.

Boys' badges $1. 15 3

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In order to dispose of a large quantity of goods during January, prices will be greatly reduced at Estate of A. W. Craig & Co. 15 1

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Is invaluable in all cases of Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Bruises, Saddle Galls, Sores, Flesh Wounds, Scratches, &c., &c. It is soothing and calming in its operations, quickly affording relief and a cure. Its effects are almost magical.

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To-morrow we offer our entire stock of remnants of Ribbons at specially low rates.

Among them.—A large lot of short lengths of Plain and Plaid Sash Ribbons are amongst the Remnants, and will be cleared in some cases at less than half-price.

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To-morrow we offer a large lot of remnants of Silks, both black and colored, at very much below value. The lengths measure from half a yard to about fourteen yards.

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REMNANTS OF SATINS.

Also with remnants of Silks. Remnants will be offered at temptingly low rates.

LIGHT SATINS.

Some remnants of light-colored Satins, suitable for evening dresses, are specially attractive lots.

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UMBRELLAS.

Special Noveities in Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas. Children's Umbrellas. Umbrellas from 25c each to $20 each.
Every Umbrella guaranteed.
Umbrellas made to order.
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Ferules fitted to sticks and Umbrellas while you wait. All work done on the premises.
Each Umbrella has S. CARSLEY'S name round top of stick inside, and also the trade mark "Desideratum" stamped on handle.

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ALL VERY CHEAP.

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Three pairs of first choice Kid Gloves, very fine quality, for $1.25.

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The greatest show of Sash Ribbons; the cheapest Sash Ribbons ever seen in Montreal.

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Try S. CARSLEY'S for real and imitation Laces suitable for Balls, Parties and Wedding Dresses.

Cheap Wool Squares,
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Cheap Corsets, worth $1.55 for 50c,
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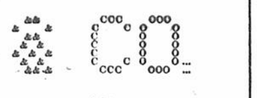

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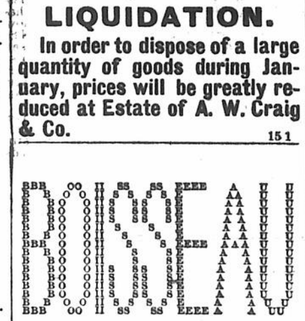

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Amusements.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Haverly's Minstrels opened a short season at the Academy of Music last night, and presented an attractive entertainment to a well filled house. The comic and "breakdown" portion of the programme was considerably in excess of the musical, which was perhaps to be regretted, as some members of the troupe gave evidences during the choruses of the possession of good voices. Mr. J. M. Norcross, the manager and interlocutor, sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" in a fine and powerful bass voice, and Mr. E. H. Danforth (tenor) sang the favorite song "Sailing" with taste and skill. These, with the exception of the "Soldier's Farewell," a quartette, which was re-demanded, were the only items of the programme that were not comic or theatrical. The first part of the entertainment concluded with a laughable imitation of telephonic conversation by Messrs. Wally Gibbs and Jake Budd. This was really funny, and was heartily applauded. Mr. Gibbs' burlesque of an amateur clog dancer was well done. He was succeeded by four clever musicians who performed on a great variety of instruments with considerable skill. A grand clog tournament followed, in which Messrs. Fox and Ward specially distinguished themselves by their admirable precision in step dancing. The concluding portion of the programme (which was a trifle too long) was a farce of the usual type, entitled "The Broker's Daughter." The instrumental performers of the troupe were rather above the average. No less than four "end men" on each side enlivened the performance by their sallies of wit, new and old.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL CONCERT.—This event came off in Nordheimer's Hall last night, and was a decided success, both as to the attendance and the able manner in which the programme was executed. The President, Mr. J. F. Fosbie, occupied the chair, and there were also present on the platform Rev. Father Salmon, Mr. G. W. Stephens, M.P.P., and prominent representatives of other societies. After a few opening remarks from the President, an excellent musical programme was gone through, among the contributors being Misses Beauchamp, Herbert, Perkins, Messrs. Myers, J. J. Roman, Duquette, Hammill, McCann, M. P. Roman, Beauchamp and Neville. Prof. J. A. Fowler presided at the piano. During the intermission, Mr. Ed. Guerin, B. C. L., delivered an eloquent address on the benefits to be derived by the Irish young men of Montreal from mental culture. Rev. Father Salmon also delivered an eloquent address on the duties of Christian young men and the necessity for them to unite in the pursuit of good, and the practice of moral and social virtues. In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman referred to services rendered him by Mr. Geo. W. Stephens, and declared that when general good was at stake, he did not consider whether a man belonged to this or that church or nationality, but was ready to join with any one working for a Christian cause. The Catholic Young Men's Society is to be congratulated on the grand success of last night's entertainment.

Annual Dinner of the Fish and Game Protection Club.

The annual dinner of the Fish and Game Protection Club of the Province of Quebec was held last night at the Windsor Hotel. About sixty members and guests were present, the chair being occupied by Mr. L. A. Boyer, the President, who had on his right Mr. J. N. Gregory, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Quebec, Mr. Euclide Roy, the Club's attorney; and on his left, U.S. Consul-General Stearns and Mr. C. A. Dugas, P.M. The *menu* cards were got up with the greatest of taste and the table beautifully arranged. Nothing was left undone to make the dinner a perfect success.

After dinner, the usual loyal toasts were honored, and also the health of the President of the United States, to which the Consul-General replied in fitting terms.

Mr. Cross proposed the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and Mr. L. U. Provencher replied in a neat and witty speech. "La Chasse" was the next toast, proposed by Mr. Macfarlane, the 2nd Vice-President, and the oldest sportsman of the Club. He entertained the company with a description of his first moose hunt and many other interesting anecdotes of days long gone by, and concluded by advising all who followed the chase to be kind and considerate to the guides and they would always find plenty of game. Mr. Dugas sang "Les Chasseurs," which was received with great applause; after which Mr. G. U. Ahern proposed the health of "Our Guests," to which Messrs. Gregory and Roy responded. The latter briefly referred to the loss sustained by the Club by the death of Mr. E. C. Monk and Mr. Pauzé.

At this period, the Hon. Mr. Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, and Mr. Leacock, M.P.P., of Winnipeg, were introduced. Their health was proposed by the President, to which they replied in appropriate speeches. The health of the Chairman being duly honored, the National Anthem brought this enjoyable evening to an end.

Readings by Mr. L. H. Frechette.

A large audience assembled in *La Patrie* Hall last night to hear Mr. L. H. Fréchette, the poet laureate, in his "Literary Fragments." Among his unpublished productions, Mr. Fréchette read the legend of the skeleton in the iron case, exhibited at one time in the Boston Museum. The skeleton in question had been removed from the burial ground at St. Joseph de Levis and was that of the murderess of her husband. The trial of the murderers took place by court martial two months after the cession of Canada by France to England, and the murder was committed during the French *regime*. Mr. Frechette also read an article on school-boy days, and the ascent of Colton's mountain. Addresses were also delivered by Hon. Mr. Mercier, Mr. Robidoux and Mr. Beaugrand.

The Market Employes.

At a meeting of the Market Committee yesterday, it was resolved to recommend to Council the dismissal of Mr. Montgomery Vaughan from the clerkship of St. Gabriel market. The appointment of a weighman for the Bonsecours market was referred to the Chairman and Mr. Perrigo, clerk of that market. Mr. Côté was appointed to take charge of the Hochelaga market, and the question of increasing the salaries of the market employés, brought up by Ald. Holland, was after some discussion left over till next meeting.

Next Week at the Academy.

Mr. Alfred Bouvier is in town. So is a car load of scenery. Mr. Bouvier represents Kate Claxton, and the car load of scenery represents certain stirring situations and romantic circumstances in the drama "Sea of Ice." This play has not been seen in Montreal for several years. It is a sterling melodrama of the old school full of interest, pathos and comedy. Montrealers will have an opportunity of judging for themselves next week. The "Sea of Ice" will be produced at the Academy of Music next Tuesday evening, with a cast headed by Kate Claxton and Chas. A. Stevenson, introducing all the original scenery and costumes.

St. Ann's Ward.

A large number of the electors of St. Ann's Ward met last evening outside St. Ann's Hall to nominate a candidate for alderman. Owing to some misunderstanding, the meeting was called without the knowledge of Father Hogan, who refused to allow the hall to be used for political purposes. A mass meeting will therefore be held to-morrow (Saturday) evening at Stott's hotel, Point St. Charles (beyond the crossing).

PARLIAMENTARY JOTTINGS.

The Opening Yesterday—The Scene in the Senate Chamber—New Members Introduced—The Case of Mr. Hawkins—Notes.

[From our own Reporter.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The opening of Parliament yesterday was of the usual stereotyped order, although on account of it being the first opening by the new Governor-General, it was more brilliant than usual. There was a gaudy display of bunting from all the towers of the departmental blocks, and from the public buildings. Shortly before three o'clock the guard of honor, one hundred strong, and headed by their band, marched up to the House and took their position before it. His Excellency, the Governor-General soon afterwards arrived, escorted by the Dragoon guards, and passed into the Senate chamber. In the meantime the chamber of the House of Commons was taking on its wonted appearance. A goodly proportion of members were in their seats, the reporters were in their customary places when the Usher of the Black Rod entered and summoned the members of the House of Commons to the Senate. Immediately after he retired a tremendous rush took place. A rush is always a great leveller of social and political distinctions, and in this particular case cabinet ministers, ex-cabinet ministers, prominent members and others who are comparatively unknown, with the ubiquitous reporters fought for positions with great energy. The chamber was ultimately reached, however, and presented a very brilliant appearance; the upper galleries were filled with persons, seventy-five per cent. of whom were of the gentler sex. The floor of the Senate was occupied by the Senators, and a number of other personages who had been invited, among whom were the Bishop of Ontario, Bishop Duhamel, the Judges of the Supreme Court, and a goodly bevy of ladies, who were nearly all in full dress. Upon the left side of the Governor-General stood his suite, clothed in gorgeous raiment, and upon his right was a knot of well known public men, headed by Sir John Macdonald, who looked somewhat careworn. As was supposed would be the case, no very sweeping legislative measures are foreshadowed in the address from the throne with the exception, perhaps, of the Franchise Law. The main work of the session will be to introduce various small improvements so as to make the laws of the Dominion still more equable and just. Mention is made of the fact that the various disagreements existing between the Dominion and British Columbia governments have been adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties. No mention is made of the subject of excluding the Chinese from that province though it is evidently being a burning question there, since the British Columbia papers have advised, not to say commanded, the members from that province to impress upon the Government the necessity of immediately taking the subject into consideration. The papers are also clamoring for improved postal service, so that there are a few knotty things for the Government to consider yet, notwithstanding the statement contained in the address. The announcement that the surplus was larger this year than in any previous year was certainly unexpected, and will deprive Sir Richard Cartwright of a text, on which he was probably intending to enlarge.

The address was read in a firm, strong voice and could easily be heard all over the Chamber. The Marquis appears to have a very pleasing address and to be thoroughly at ease in addressing an audience.

Upon the return to the Commons Chamber of the members, the recently elected members were introduced, a bill in regard to the administration of oaths was introduced by Sir John, arrangements were made in respect to the appointment of standing committees, and the House then adjourned till this afternoon, when the speeches in reply to the address from the throne will be made.

The *personnel* of the Parliament is changed considerably. The following new members were introduced:—Messrs. Wallace, Albert, N.B.; Belleau, Levis, Que.; Hon. Mr. Landry, Kent, N.B.; Mr. J. W. Bain, Soulanges, Que.; Mr. Stairs, Halifax; Mr. Kaulbach, Lunenburg, who are all Conservatives; while on the Liberal side Mr. D. W. Allison, of Lennox, and Sir Richard J. Cartwright took their seats. The opposition emitted a number of triumphal war-whoops when Sir Richard made his appearance.

THE HAWKINS CASE.

Contrary to expectation, the Hon. David Mills did not turn up, and to-day Mr. Hawkins will take his accustomed seat. He intended to yesterday, but the House was adjourned before he arrived at the buildings. As his case is a somewhat remarkable one, and of universal interest, the representative of THE STAR interviewed him last evening and got his statement of his position. It appears that in the case of a controverted election, in which one candidate is unseated and replaced by another, the judge making a decision shall wait eight days, and if in that time no appeal is made, he shall within four days acquaint the Speaker of the House of Commons with his decision, and the new member shall take his seat. But in this case the appeal was made two days after the decision, consequently no notice has been given the Speaker of the election of Mr. Mills; therefore, he is not legally an M. P., and until he is, Mr. Hawkins contends that the seat is his. If he be not the legal member, there is none, and Bothwell is practically disfranchised. The general opinion here, both among Liberals and Conservatives, is that Mr. Hawkins is entitled to the seat until the decision of the Supreme Court sets the matter finally at rest. The Supreme Court does not meet until February, and it is doubtful whether the suit will come up until much later, so that the Hon. Mr. Mills will have to content his soul in patience till next session at least. Mr. Hawkins denounces the idea, so prevalent, that he knows he is in the wrong, but is only clinging to his seat for his annual stipend, and says that it is a very costly position he holds, having been engaged ever since his election in expensive litigation. He says that he is confident that he is entitled to the seat, both morally and legally, and will bring the question in the Supreme Court as early as possible to settle the vexed questions. He offered twice during the recent suit to resign his seat and run for it again, a proposition which was not cordially entertained by the ex-Minister. At any rate it is a question of more than usual interest, and Messrs. Hawkins and Mills will be doubtless doing the people of the Dominion a great favor in having the law on this point made clear. A somewhat similar case is that of Mr. Frechette, who was unseated, for Megantic, but who appealed against the judgment and, pending the ultimate decision, I am informed that Sir John has advised him to take his seat, which he will do to-morrow. What the Opposition will do when Messrs. Hawkins and Frechette take their seats remains to be seen.

NOTES.

One of the first questions which will come up in Parliament will be the arrangement entered into with the C.P.R. by the Government.

The Press Gallery is stronger in numbers this year than it was last. Only one seat is unoccupied. Two old and well known faces will disappear this year from the gallery. Messrs. I. J. Richardson and John A. Phillips, who go upon the Hansard staff. Mr. Phillips was Secretary of the Press Gallery Association, and a *pro-tempore* secretary, Mr. H. H. Matheson, of the *Mail*,

Last Edition.

ANOTHER DEFAULTER.

Mr. Alfred Pauze of the "Pret et Credit Fonciers" Absconds, Leaving about $15,000 Liabilities.

Another revelation has just been made in connection with the affairs of that most unfortunate concern, "La Société de Pret et Credit Fonciers," by the absconding of their Inspector, Mr. Alfred Pauzé, who is a heavy defaulter. The news of this event, when first reported, was not generally believed, but was soon discovered to be only too true. Several of the local banks are heavy losers by this defalcation, and, among others, those named below, which are interested as follows:—Jacques Cartier Bank, $10,000; People's Bank, $2,600; Ville Marie Bank, $500.

THE MODUS OPERANDI

of the defaulter in swindling the banks seems to have been to draw cheques upon the Compagnie de Pret et Credit Fonciers, affixing the Company's stamp "accepted," then forge the ledger keeper's initials to them, and cash them at the Jacques Cartier and People's Banks. How these cheques—representing in one instance $6,000—could have been kept by a bank long enough to avoid detection is at present a mystery. In the case of the People's Bank, besides the cheques, a certain amount will be lost on account of bills and silver put into Pauzé's hands for circulation.

Besides the above mentioned monetary institutions, several private individuals will lose each a few hundred dollars on account of advances made to the defaulter, or moneys intrusted to his keeping. Pauzé was the executor of the estate of the late Rev. Mr. Brossard, of Vaudreuil, amounting to several thousand dollars. It is believed that a large portion of the assets of this estate was realized by Pauzé previous to his departure, and that the R. C. Episcopal Corporation and the Sisters of Providence, to whom large sums were bequeathed, will be heavy losers. The Pret et Credit Fonciers Company have so far been unable to ascertain the extent of their own direct loss, but it appears that Pauzé has been operating upon them for some months past. On the whole, the general loss is expected to reach at least $15,000.

PAUZE'S ESCAPE.

The defaulter made his escape on Saturday last, leaving, ostensibly, for Coteau station in connection with business relating to the Brossard estate. His absence being prolonged, some uneasiness was felt, and upon enquiry, it was found that he had not been seen at his supposed destination. Suspicions were at once aroused, and upon examination the state of affairs above mentioned was detected.

The intimate friends of the absconder state that for some time past he has seemed rather despondent, and that it could easily be seen that something was troubling him. His wife says that of late she often found him crying, during the night, but that he never would tell the cause of his trouble.

HIS ANTECEDENTS.

Pauzé was well known in business and social circles, and possessed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His employers placed in him the most unlimited confidence. He was a prominent member of the congregation of St. James R. C. Church, among whom he held some of the highest positions. Being a man of quiet and sober habits, living, apparently, within his legitimate earnings, the defalcation of this official is, as yet, inexplicable. He was a member of the Bar for this district.

AN AUCTIONEER IN TROUBLE.

Arrest of Thomas Smith, of Smith & Walls.

It will be remembered that two or three days after the absconding of Thomas Walls (then head of the firm of the well known auction house of Thomas Walls & Son), of Toronto and Montreal, a Mr. Thomas Smith purchased the business carried on by that firm in this city. The purchase was paid in notes, which were discounted by Mr. James Baxter. Previous to the absconding of Thomas Walls, he made extensive purchases of goods in England, which were subsequently delivered in Montreal to the new firm. The claims for these purchases were soon afterwards placed in the hands of Mr. J. P. Cooke, of this city, for collection, and seizures to the extent of some $12,500 were placed upon the premises. With the object of coming to some amicable arrangement, however, a meeting of those interested was held last evening, when Mr. Smith, who, it was alleged, had realized some $6,000 on the goods, was asked to deliver up the amount collected; and as he refused to do so unless he was granted a full discharge, he was to-day arrested upon a *capias* at the instance of Mr. Baxter and the English creditors.

PRESERVING THE GAME.

Hotel Keepers Under the Law for Having in Possession Trout and Partridges out of Season.

The close season for partridges and speckled trout commenced on the 1st of January, and Mr. Morris, Game Inspector, has been to no little trouble to bring to account those citizens who have broken the game laws by having the proscribed fish and fowl in their possession. At the beginning of the week, he arrested Mr. Dalrymple, of Chabolilez square, for having a dozen brace of partridges in his store, and that gentleman, pleading guilty, was sentenced to a fine of a dollar and costs. A summons was also issued against Mr. Dunne, the proprietor of the Terrapin restaurant, for having trout in his possession, with the same result as in the case of Mr. Dalrymple. Since then, Mr. Morris has been actively prosecuting inquiries in regard to the matter, and the result is the issuing to-day of summonses to the proprietors of upwards of half a dozen of the leading hotels and restaurants of the city.

The system followed by Mr. Morris is, to enter the restaurants and order for his dinner the fish and game out of season, and if the order is complied with a case is made out against the proprietors.

The Telegraphers.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Telegraphers' Mutual Insurance Association was held at the offices of the Great North Western Company, Toronto, on Tuesday night last, H. P. Dwight, President, in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, H. P. Dwight; Vice-President, James Stephenson, G. T. R., Montreal; Secretary-Treasurer, J. S. McConnell; Committee of Management, W. S. Battin, F. Roper, A. G. Allison, W. M. Goodwin, James Webster, W. H. Allison, J. C. Platt; Advisory Board: Angus Grant, Montreal; E. Pope, Quebec; D. Van Mostrand, Watertown, N. Y.; N. W. Bethune, Ottawa.

Joe Beef in Court.

Charles McKiernan (Joe Beef) was, this morning, again arraigned before the Recorder on a charge of selling liquor to Indians. Angus Jacobs, the redman in question, has, however, not yet turned up. Cinq-Mars left yesterday for Caughnawaga with a bench warrant against him. The case was consequently postponed until Thursday, the defendant naively suggesting to the Court the advisability of issuing fresh subpœnas to the witnesses, to prevent them from enlisting in the new army.

A Cool Coal Thief.

Charles Sutton, a laborer, was arrested last night for stealing coal from Mr. McAuley's yard, on William street. When arrested by the watchman, he was quietly seated on a sack filled with coal, and explained his position by saying that he had merely gone into the yard to take a rest and had found the sack where it was filled. The story did not convince the watchman, and Sutton paid a visit to the Police Court this morning, and was remanded.

Christ Church Cathedral.

A meeting of the vestry, consisting of the pew and seat holders, will be held on Thursday, the 31st instant. The meeting will be held to consider the choice of a new rector, but as to who will be appointed it is as yet altogether uncertain, or even if any nomination will take place. The meeting will be announced to the congregation at the service on Sunday in the Cathedral.

Shipping Notes.

SS. "Lydian Monarch" has arrived at London.

The Allan SS. "Waldensian," from Boston for Glasgow, arrived out on Friday, and landed her live stock shipment of 168 oxen in good order and condition, with exception of 3 which died on the passage.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

The Latest Financial Developments—Gossip Regarding the Situation.

It may be stated without much danger of contradiction, that there were not six men in Montreal who had the faintest idea, prior to the speech from the Throne, that the Canadian Pacific railway had any intention of demanding further aid from the Government. On the street, to-day, surprise is generally expressed at the successful manner in which their financial situation has been withheld from the public, and credit is given to the Company for keeping their own affairs to themselves.

As was to be expected, rumor-mongers were not slow in circulating "bear" stories regarding the position of affairs, but despite all their endeavors, the stock has maintained its value on the Exchange, and very little fluctuation is reported either in New York or London.

The Montreal *Herald*, generally conceded to be the organ of the Company, speaking of the situation says: "Temporary assistance by the Government until the railway shares market returns to its nominal condition would seem to be entirely justifiable. It might be improper for the Government to make advances outside of the usual contingent on abundant security, but we can imagine no better security than what the Company have to offer. There is the road itself, with its workshops and its great equipment of rolling stock; there are the unsold lands; there is the fleet of steel steamers; there is everything that has been provided not only by the Government subsidies but by the proceeds of the sixty-five millions of stock.

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We are told plainly enough that the moneys needed can not be realized from private sources in the present state of the railway shares market; and such being the fact, it will be argued that when ample security is offered to the Government on one of the few unbonded railways in America—the property of a company that owes nobody a dollar—a railway the early completion of which is essential to the country's prosperity, the Government and the Parliament which have risked so much and been sustained by the people in their railway policy cannot afford at this stage to show any sign of want of faith in either the railway or the great country which the railway is intended to develop."

It is therefore evident that a temporary loan is on the *tapis*, the nature of which, it is said, will be laid before Parliament on Tuesday next. That opposition may be looked for from even Government supporters is evident, as three French Canadian Conservative members expressed themselves openly and forcibly on the question to-day, announcing their intention of opposing any further concessions to the Company.

It was stated this afternoon, on what is considered good authority, that the amount asked for by the Company is $14,000,000.

Mr. Stephen, President of the Company, is at present in Ottawa, and is expected here this evening.

BURGLAR ARRESTED.

One of the Quebec Burglars Arrested Here This Afternoon—The Prisoner Well Known in Montreal.

Detectives Gladu and Lapointe this afternoon arrested a man named W. H. Richardson, on suspicion of being implicated in the burglary committed at Quebec on Tuesday night, when $4,000 was abstracted from the safe of Mr. DeLisle, a well known broker of the Ancient Capital. Three men were found to have opened the safe, and two of them have since been arrested by the local police. The other man, who passed at Quebec under the name of Howard, was traced to this city and from the description given the police found that he was none other than Richardson, a middle-aged man of hitherto irreproachable character, who held the position of book-keeper of the Montreal Abattoir for some time. He was arrested while entering the house No. 322 Montcalm street, occupied by the family of Larochelle, one of the burglars arrested in Quebec. $1,100 was found in his possession and a search over Larochelle's house and the prisoner's rooms at No. 511 Ontario street revealed a large stock of blankets, rolls of cotton, and miscellaneous articles, in all probability the fruit of the gang's depredations.

The police believe that to these men may be ascribed the numerous burglaries which have lately been reported in the neighborhood of their quarters and on St. Lawrence street. At any rate, in the rooms searched was found a number of the bottles of wine and spirits stolen by the burglars who recently entered Mr. Clement's saloon, at the corner of Wolfe and Ontario streets. Richardson ventured no explanation as to how he came by the money and goods found, merely expressing surprise at being arrested. The detectives took their prisoner to Quebec this afternoon.

ST. ANN'S PARISH TROUBLES.

Father Salmon's Petition—A Meeting Called by the Bishop.

But little has been heard for some time in regard to the proposed division of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Ann's, in this city. A circular has just been issued by Mgr. Fabre, calling a meeting of the parishioners of St. Ann's Parish resident at Point St. Charles, to take place in the Sarsfield school-house, Point St. Charles, on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m.

A STAR reporter was recently informed that the most positive proof had been obtained that in several cases names were attached to the petition without the cognizance of the parties themselves. A meeting of those who are opposed to annexation to St. Gabriel parish, has been called for Sunday next, in the Emerald Hall, Centre street, for the purpose of preparing the plan of action to be taken on the 26th inst. On behalf of His Lordship, Rev. Father Marechal, Vicar-General, will preside at the meeting to be held on that date. The respective pastors of St. Ann's and St. Gabriel churches have been notified to be present on the occasion. In the meantime, considerable ill feeling is expressed at Point St. Charles, many declaring that it is a piece of impertinence and an act of tyranny to carry out a project to which every one interested is (as they claim) so thoroughly opposed.

The circular in question, which was read in St. Ann's and St. Gabriel churches on Sunday last, states that the assembly is called in order to ascertain the validity of the petition presented by Rev. Father Salmon, requesting a wholesale division of the parish, it having been asserted that the majority of the signatures are false.

THE BANK LIQUIDATORS.

Messrs. Ogilvie and Greene Petition to Resign.

The petitions for the appointment of successors to Messrs. Ogilvie and Greene were to have been presented to-day to one of the judges of the Superior Court, but up to the hour of going to press this had not been accomplished. The petition of the Hon. Mr. Ogilvie says that he being a member of the Senate, and having large business interests, it is impossible for him to perform his duties as such liquidator, which are onerous and occupy a great portion of his time; that he is unable to devote the time and attention to the liquidation of the Bank which is necessary in the interest of the shareholders and creditors. Wherefore he prays that this Honorable Court will allow him to resign as such liquidator, and that in order to the appointment of another liquidator to take his place, a meeting of the shareholders be called for that purpose within such delay and under such conditions as the Court may fix.

The petition of Mr. Greene is to the same effect.

AT LAST.

Craig's Assets to be Seized.

The liquidators of the Exchange Bank have at last taken action to seize the assets of the absconding President, two suits having been taken to-day, for $200,873, against Thos. Craig and Dame M. A. Gault, and a seizure in the hands of Thomas J. Potter for $40,000.

The first suit is for the purpose of attaching the furniture of Mr. Craig's mansion and the second for setting aside the title, deeds which are in Mrs. Craig's name, to bring them to sale and secure the purchase money for the Bank.

Business Troubles.

Thomas Foran, general storekeeper, of Cobden, Ont., yesterday assigned to Mr. James Donnelly, of this city. Messrs. Caldwell & Tait, are acting for the trustee. The liabilities are about $10,000.

—A lunatic named Eliza Jane Currie, who hails from Lancaster, Ont., created considerable commotion in the Bonaventure depot this morning. She was accompanied by her father, whom she ordered the depot policemen to arrest. Her request being refused, she burst into a violent frenzy, necessitating her being locked up in the Chabolilez Square Police Station. The afflicted woman, who is rather prepossessing in appearance, will be conveyed to the Kingston Asylum to-night.

EVENING TELEGRAMS.

EXTENSIVE SEIZURE OF DIAMONDS

(Special to The Star.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A package containing $20,000 worth of diamonds, addressed to a Detroit firm, was captured in the foreign mail from Amsterdam by Inspector Wilson and sent to the seizure room at the Custom House to-day. The name of the owner is withheld.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

The "Globe's" Opinion of the Announcement in the Speech from the Throne.

(Special to The Star.)

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—The *Globe* this morning has the following:—"The most important passage in the speech is that in which it is admitted that the attempt to make the stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway salable by the guarantee has failed, and it is indicated that Parliament, which has already given more in money and land than the road need cost, will be asked to give some millions more of the public money to this insatiable corporation. This subject will demand the most serious attention from Parliament and from the public, whose interests should not be made subordinate to the wild ambition of reckless men.

AN INSOLVENT LAW.

A Measure Prepared and Submitted to the Dominion Government.

(Special to The Star.)

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—At a meeting of the Hamilton Board of Trade yesterday, Mr. W. F. Findlay made a brief verbal report of what had been done since the committee on the new insolvent law last reported. He said that they had matured a good scheme and they had consulted with the Toronto and Montreal boards and the Government authorities, the result being a very long bill which was presented to the Government. Mr. Leggatt, another of the deputation to Ottawa, reported, and stated that the members of the Government seemed to take a great deal of interest in the matter. Though they held out no intimation that they would themselves bring in the required bill, they had asked for information. The full bill is now in their hands, and it is hoped they will take it up. Mr. Findlay also stated that a petition urging the necessity of passing the bill would be signed by the merchants, manufacturers and business men of the principal cities and sent to Ottawa.

FROM OTTAWA.

The Electric Light—Manslaughter—Manitoba Matters—Section B—The Hay Shippers.

(Special to The Star.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—The electric light was not a brilliant success in the Parliament buildings last night.

Joseph Gorman, arrested for causing the death of young Robinson, was remanded for a week to-day to await the result of the *post mortem* examination.

The Government of Manitoba has applied to the authorities here for an extension of Manitoba's boundary to the Hudson Bay.

J. J. Hawkins, ex-M.P., for Bothwell, is at the Russell. It is understood, in connection with the election appeal in that constituency.

The Section B arbitration committee met this morning in the Western block to resume taking evidence. Several witnesses are in attendance and will be examined.

A deputation representing the Hay Shippers' Association of Canada will probably have an interview with members of the Government to-day and explain their grievances.

Hon. Alex. Mackenzie is not expected here till next Wednesday.

THE SITUATION AT QUEBEC.

Matters Becoming Clearer—Messrs. Beaubien and Robertson to Enter the Cabinet—A Premature Announcement.

(Special to The Star.)

QUEBEC, Jan. 18.—Matters are becoming clearer to-day with respect to the Quebec cabinet. Both Messrs. Beaubien and Robertson have arrived in town, and it was reported an hour ago that the new Government would be sworn in this afternoon. It now appears that the news was premature and that complications have arisen. The Lieut.-Governor has not only no intimation of any change being contemplated, but it is pretended that the Cabinet will not be completed before Monday. The Government, as announced in political circles before luncheon, was supposed to be composed as follows:—Hon. J. J. Ross, Premier; Hon. L. O. Taillon, Attorney General, and leader of the House; Hon. T. W. Lynch, Crown Lands; Hon. Jos. Robertson, Treasurer; Hon. Louis Beaubien, Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works; Hon. Jean Blanchet, Provincial Secretary. Neither Mr. Lynch nor Mr. Blanchet have so far, however, been asked. Only Messrs. Taillon and Robertson have up to the present accepted, and Mr. Lynch can hardly, it is said, be done without, and it is announced on high authority that he is sure of a portfolio. Mr. Blanchet may be superseded by Mr. Flynn, who is a more powerful debater, but the former is supposed to have the largest following in the House. However, the difficulty now is not with the Quebec men, but with the Montreal district representatives. Mr. Beaubien is understood to be the obstacle to further progress. His entrance into the Cabinet is attempted by the Castors to be forced upon Dr. Ross, who daily has to submit to the importunities of three or four self-appointed political leaders of the Castor establishment, at Dr. Ross's very mention of Mr. Beaubien's name has, however, raised a perfect howl of indignation. It is pretended, with some show of reason, that his entrance into the Government, together with that of Messrs. Ross, Taillon and Robertson, would make quite a Castor Government which would have no possibility of surviving at all in a House of which the Castor element forms so insignificant a proportion of the whole. In Quebec, where public opinion is entirely with the Gallican party in church and State as opposed to the Ultramontanes or Castors, Mr. Beaubien is politically, as well as personally, unpopular. A gentleman just arrived from Sherbrooke represents the same state of feeling in the Eastern Townships, while the presence of Mr. Richard White in town to-day is mentioned in connection with an implied protest against the member for Hochelaga on the part of the English speaking people of Montreal. Be that as it may, the hesitation of Mr. Ross to press his first selection of ministers is sufficiently indicative of a dread of experiencing a strong adverse public opinion. It is therefore, by no means unlikely that a day or two more may elapse before the formal swearing in of the new government.

THE SOUDAN WAR.

Khartoum Encircled—Tewfik Bey's Perilous Position—The Rebel Strength.

CAIRO, Jan. 18.—Reports from Khartoum state that the enemy are encircling the city, evidently in preparation for the decisive movement.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Baker Pasha has been obliged to finally abandon all hopes of being able to afford any relief to Tewfik Bey, who, with 1,000 women and children on his hands, is still bravely defending Singat, where he is besieged with only 400 soldiers. He estimates the rebel forces between Suakim and Berber at 100,000. Tewfik Bey believes it possible according to his last despatches, to hold out a little longer, but Baker Pasha does not expect to be able to aid him.

MURDER AT ROME.

The General of the Neapolitan Benedictines Found Dead in His Lodgings.

ROME, Jan. 18.—Monsignor Docesare, General of the Neapolitan Benedictines, was found murdered in his bedroom in his lodgings in this city this morning. From the surroundings of the room it is supposed that the murder was committed for the purpose of robbery, as various articles were scattered about, and a number of valuable articles known to have been in the possession of the murdered priest are missing. His servant has been arrested on suspicion of being the perpetrator of the crime.

CABLE.

TRADE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Paris despatches state that no commercial crisis really exists there. Trade is more active than at any time the past year.

PARNELL'S ESTATE PLOUGHED.

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—A number of farmers, with one hundred and sixty ploughs and 320 horses, ploughed fifty acres of the Parnell estate yesterday.

THE BONAPARTISTS.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Prince Victor Napoleon, replying to an enquiry from M. de Cassagnac as to how far the Bonapartists might count on him, says at present he has no political *rôle* to fill, and intends to hold himself in reserve until duty calls him to serve his country.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—M. Waddington, the French Ambassador, and the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese Ambassador to France, had separate audiences to-day with Earl Granville, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at which the present position of affairs between China and France was thoroughly discussed. The reports that the United States will mediate between China and France are false.

AMERICAN.

ONTARIO AND WESTERN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Ontario and Western directors have elected E. Winslow President; Theo. Houston, Vice-President; John L. Nesbit, Secretary and Treasurer.

A MURDERER'S CONFESSION.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Jan. 18.—Edward Tappen, who is under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in the Townsend outrage, confessed this morning that his brother John and himself were concerned in the murder of Mrs. Maybee and her daughter.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The stock market opened strong on the settlement of the Lackawanna difficulty. Trunk line shares are the strongest. Before the first call the demand fell off, and there was a general decline. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and Western Union declined 1¼ each. West Shore bonds are considerably higher.

BOUND TO THE TRACK.

COLUMBIA, S.C., Jan. 18.—As a train on the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad was approaching McCormick yesterday, the engineer saw a child lying across the track 200 yards ahead. The train was stopped within three feet of the child, who proved to be a boy three years old, and was firmly bound to the track. Certain parties are suspected and will probably be arrested.

THE ONTARIO AND WESTERN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Treasurer Jordan, of the Ontario and Western railway, says that if he finds that the statements made by General Winslow regarding the condition of the road are true he will withdraw all opposition to the continuance of Winslow and Houston in the offices of president and vice-president. The postponement of the motion for a receiver, pending negotiations for a settlement, will, it is claimed, enable the officials to make satisfactory financial arrangements.

SCENE AT A FIRE.

TRENTON, N.J., Jan. 18.—A fire broke out in the State House yesterday. The firemen responded to the call, but were informed that the flames could be extinguished with buckets of water. They refused to stay outside the gate, and a scene of disorder ensued, the firemen swearing that they would demolish the gates with axes. A large crowd gathered, and there being danger of a riot the firemen were admitted under the direction of Governor Abbott, who was once a volunteer fireman. The flames were soon subdued. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

A FLORIDA HOTEL BURNED.

SUWANEE, Fla., Jan. 18.—It is believed two colored servants perished in the Sulphur Springs hotel fire yesterday morning. The flames first broke forth in the second story directly over the kitchen. A strong wind carried the flames to every part of the building. One hundred guests, nearly all northerners, were asleep in their rooms, and but for the frantic efforts of the night clerk and others perhaps the loss of life would have been terrible. Nearly all were obliged to jump through the windows and from the verandah. Several had limbs broken and sustained other serious injuries. Mr. Palmer, of New York or Boston, ran through the blazing hall and was severely burned. The hotel was one of the finest in the state. It was a wooden structure.

WEARY OF LIFE.

Suicide of a Commercial Traveller at Watertown.

A correspondent writes from Watertown, N. Y.:—In the afternoon of this 14th inst. the attention of the loungers about the Woodruff House was attracted by a commercial traveller, who, in his drunken revelries, was betting freely and recklessly on a game of billiards that was in progress in the billiard room of the hotel between a couple of Watertown amateurs, by which he was a loser to a considerable amount. During the evening he was heard to remark that he did not care to live longer, but nothing was thought of it until the next morning, about 11 o'clock, when head clerk Jasper found him in his bed dead in death. The suicide's name was Geo. Murgatroyd, representing the carpet house of John and James Dobson, 40 and 42 West 14th street, New York City, and was about 40 years of age. It appears that about 8.30 on the morning of the tragedy he went out on the street and purchased a revolver, with which he probably intended to take his life, but afterwards ended his troubles in an easier way by taking a dose of chloral. The coroner, among other things, found upon his person a letter written in New York on the 10th inst., addressed to George Murgatroyd. It began: "My dear husband," and closed with "Your loving wife, Mary." The letter was a very touching one, and among other things spoke of their daughter Edith, another place the wife said, "I wonder if you pray for me, as I do for you every night." The body of the unfortunate man is at Ballard & Northam's undertaking rooms awaiting orders from New York city.

Condensed Telegrams.

The Dominion surplus this year is $8,000,000.

Six gunboats have been ordered for service in Tonquin.

A hurricane passed over Southern Dalmatia yesterday, doing great damage to shipping.

Baron de Boyet de Ste. Suzanne, the Governor-General of Monaco, died suddenly at Nice on Wednesday of apoplexy.

In consequence of the protest of the British Government the work of obstructing the Canton river has been suspended.

The King of Spain accepted the resignation of the Cabinet. Canovas Del Castello, Conservative, has been entrusted with the formation of a Cabinet.

The Holborn (London) branch of the Irish National League at a meeting last night adopted resolutions urging Irishmen not to attend meetings addressed by Henry George.

News has been received by the State Commissioner of Immigration of North Carolina to the effect that 300 crofters from the Scotch island of Skye will sail for North Carolina next Monday. The number was first stated at 150. Another party of crofters is expected in the early Spring.

Mr. J. G. Bigger, M. P., made an abortive attempt to address a meeting of nationalists outside of Blacklion, county Cavan, on the 16th. The police tried to prevent the crowd from following Mr. Biggar back into the town, and some rough work ensued, but the crowd succeeded in gaining an entrance, cheering for Mr. Biggar. The latter ultimately delivered a speech in the usual strain in a private house. He violently attacked Earl Spencer.

The Prague *Politik* (newspaper) asserts that the traveller Herr Streker has arrived there, bearing an autograph letter to the Cabinets of Berlin, Paris and London from the King of Abyssinia. Sir Evelyn Baring, the British Commissioner in Egypt, requested Herr Streker to unfold his views with regard to an equitable basis of peace between Abyssinia and Egypt. It is expected that England will entrust Herr Streker with a mission to King John of Abyssinia.

Sporting Notes.

Boston aldermen grant licenses now for wrestling and sparring exhibitions.

The annual steeplechase of the Argyle Snowshoe Club takes place this evening.

The annual flat races of *Le Canadien* Snowshoe Club will take place on the 1st of March next.

A cock fight between New York and Connecticut was fought on Long Island and won by Connecticut.

A dog and cat show opened at Halifax yesterday. Two hundred dogs and five cats are on exhibition.

The successful players in the pool tournament games in New York, were Manning, Dankelman, Sutton and Malone.

The final practice of the Montreal Snowshoe Club for the concert to be given at Granby this evening, took place last night.

Mr. Samuel Robertson is about to have five electric lights placed in position in the Crystal Rink. The next masquerade at this rink will take place on the 22nd inst.

CITY ITEMS.

—The Poultry Exhibition opens at 759 Craig street on the 22nd instant, and will close on the 24th inst.

—Ten electric lamps are being fitted up in the Bonaventure depot. A number of lights are also being placed in position in the rotunda of the Windsor Hotel.

—While Mr. and Mrs. Hopper were driving along St. James street, yesterday afternoon, they were both thrown out of their sleigh by a carter's horse running against them. Fortunately, neither was injured.

—The Press Reception Committee for the Winter Carnival met this morning at 11 o'clock, at the Carnival office, and appointed a sub-committee to carry out arrangements, and was composed as follows: Mr. Hugh Graham, Chairman; Messrs. Richard White, Jas. Stewart, H. Beaugrand, Geo. W. Swett, J. H. Wardlow and C. C. McFall.

—Notwithstanding the heavy snowstorm which prevailed throughout the country last night, the railway trains were generally on time to-day. The Grand Trunk train from Quebec reached the city over two hours late, however, and the express from the West was also retarded nearly three hours by the snow.

—A number of the electors of the St. Antoine Ward are preparing a requisition, which is already largely signed, and which will be submitted to Mr. Euard, of Messrs. Euard and Macdonald, asking him to represent them in the City Council. Mr. Euard, it is understood, has already signified his willingness to be a candidate.

—An incipient fire in a heap of sawdust in the cellar of the storehouse of Wallace Brother & Co., warehousemen, broke out this morning at eight o'clock, but was quickly extinguished by the firemen. No damage. The firemen were again called out shortly afterwards for a fire in a chimney at No. 412 Notre Dame street. No damage.

—A Longueuil correspondent, desires to draw the attention of the Federal Government to the long services of the respected postmaster of Longueuil, whose resignation has been placed in the hands of the Postmaster General. Mr. Lesperance has filled the office of postmaster for the last 34 years. A requisition is now in course of signature for the purpose of forwarding the same to the Government. The residents who feel disposed to forward his claims will find the document at the Post Office, Longueuil. The intention is to have Mr. Lesprance placed on a retiring allowance for his long and faithful services.

Special Notice.

Seal, Otter and Beaver sets for Overcoats, a large assortment to select from; can be buttoned on any coat, at L. Robinson's, 31 Beaver Hall Hill. x2tf

Carnival Notes.

An Esquimaux village after all. The proprietor of Johnston's Fluid Beef is erecting a number of huts in the open air tournaments on McGill College grounds, at which buffets for the supply of Johnston's Fluid Beef will be fitted up. 15-3

H. A. McLaughlin, Norland, writes:—"I am sold out of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. It sells well, and I find in every instance it has proven satisfactory. I have reason to believe it the best preparation of the kind in the market." It cures Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Torpidity of the Liver, Constipation, and all diseases arising from Impure Blood, Female Complaints, etc. 1

FINANCIAL.

The local money market is without change. Loans by banks, to customers, for strictly legitimate purposes, are obtainable at 7 to 7½ per cent., while advances on stock collateral are made at from 5 to 6%.

Sterling Exchange has been irregular, in sympathy with New York, is firm at quotations. Sales of Sixties between banks are made at 9⅛ to 9¼, and demand at 9⅛. Sales over the counter of Sixties at 9⅜ to 9½; demand at 9⅜ to 9¾.

The morning session of the Stock Exchange found all securities in better request and selling at advancing figures, many prices being with:—55 Bank Montreal, 178¾; 155 do., 178¾; 4 Merchants, 109¾; 52 do., 109¾; 40 do., 109; 12 Commerce, 120½; 100 do., 120¾; 150 Richelieu and Ontario, 58½; 65 do., 58⅝; 150 do., 58; 458 Canadian Pacific, 57⅛; 400 do., 57¼; 15 Bank Toronto, 169; 10 do., 168¾.

At the afternoon meeting of the Stock Exchange, the market indicated a further advance as per following sales:

25 Bank Montreal, 178¾; 310 do., 178¾; 50 Ontario, 102; 50 Merchants, 109¾; 25 Toronto, 169; 25 Federal, 126; 25 City Passenger, 116; 100 Richelieu, 58; 300 Canada Pacific, 57⅞. 1875 do., 58.

The English money market is rather unsettled to-day, and consols are slightly weaker, now 101 7-16 for money and 101 9-16 for account, fours and a half at 117¾; fives at 104; Erie, 26; Ill. Central 140; Canada Pacific Railway, 57¾.

The half-yearly dividend of 2¾ per cent. upon the Canadian Pacific stock has been declared payable on Monday, February 18.

The Sub-Treasury, New York, was debtor at the Clearing House, 675,450.

Government bonds are quite strong.

Money on call in New York at 1 to 2¾ per cent.

COMMERCIAL.

LOCAL.

Apparent indifference as to values seems to characterize each day's meeting of our Corn Exchange and prices remain as quoted herewith:—Superior extra flour at $5.55; extra superfine, $5.40 to 5.45; Spring extra, $5.00 to 5.15; superfine, $4.50 to 4.70; strong bakers', $5.45 to 5.60; middles, $3.55 to 3.65; pollards, $3.30 to 3.40; Ontario bags, $2.50 to 2.65; city bags $2.95 to 3.00. Sales are reported by Mark Cross—Grain—Wheat: Canada red winter at $1.20 to 1.21; Canada white at $1.18 to 1.19. Corn, 75c. Peas, 69c to 91c. Oats, 35¼c to 36¼c. Rye, 60c to 62½c. Buckwheat, $4.50 to $4.60. Cornmeal, Provisions—Pork, $17.50 to 18.00. Lard, 12c to 12¾c. Bacon, 13c to 14c. Hams, 13c to 15c. Cheese, 12¾c to 13c.

The receipts per Grand Trunk Railway for to-day are 1,800 bushels oats, 1,000 barley, 1,125 barrels flour, 5 ditto ashes, 751 dressed hogs, 100 head cattle, 200 ditto sheep, 1 car Canadian Pacific Railway:—500 bushels wheat, 801 barrels flour, 10 kegs butter, 5 dressed hogs, and 14 cases tobacco.

FOREIGN.

Beerbohm's cable advice gives cargoes off coast wheat depressed and very slow; cargoes on passage wheat neglected, corn less disposition to buy. Mark Lane wheat and corn rather easier. No. 2 Spring wheat off coast 37s 6 @ 38s; Red Winter wheat off coast 39s @ 39s 6d. Spring wheat off coast 40s 6d @ 41s. No. 2 Spring wheat prompt shipment 37s 6d. Red Winter wheat prompt shipment 39s 6d; Red Winter wheat present shipment 39s 6d. California wheat just shipped or promptly to be shipped value is, below No. 1 42s, nearly due 41s, arrivals off coast for orders wheat, small; corn, nil. English and French country markets turn easier. Liverpool wheat and corn spot, dull. Paris wheat and flour rather easier. Liverpool mixed maize, 5s 6d; pease, 6s 8d.

AMERICAN.

Chicago grain markets opened weak. Wheat 89¾ February; 90⅝ March; 96¾ May, and at moment of writing is 90⅜ Feb.; 91 March; 97 May. Corn, 52¾ Jan'y; 52 Feb'y; 57 May, apparently strengthening. Oats 33¼ Jan., 32¾ Feb., 37⅛ May. Oats 32¾ Feb.; 36¾ May; little doing, prices steady. Pork opened weak, but has gradually recovered, as opening figures will show: 14.50 Feb.; 14.80 March; 15.05 May. Lard about steady at opening figures; 8.67½ Feb; 8.82 March; 9.02 May.

The close of the Chicago grain market is a disappointment to all close observers. Wheat closes at 89¾ Feb.; 90¾ Mar.; 96¾ May. Corn weak and declining at 52¾ Jan.; 52¾ Feb.; 57¾ May. Oats, steady 32¾ Feb.; 32¾ Mar.; 36¾ May. Pork retains a stubborn attitude though yielding slightly at $14.60 Feb.; $14 75 Mar.; $15.10 May. Lard little doing and weak in concert with balance of list $8 65 Feb.; $8 77 Mar.; $9 07½ May.

On call—The Chicago market seemed to favor lower figures. Wheat, 89¾ Feb.; 90¾ Mch; 96¾ May. Corn, 52 Jan., 52¾ Feb., 57¾ May. Oats 32¾ Feb., 32¾ March, 36¾ May. Pork $14 60 Feb., $14 75 March, $15 10 May. Lard, $8.67½ Feb., $8 77 March, $8 97½ May.

The following telegram from Fleming and Boyden to Mr. W. I. Fairbairn has just been received:—Wheat and corn open half cent lower but we expect a general rally. Flour houses here filled several English orders yesterday and have more in hand to-day. A thaw in the West may decrease receipts.

Chicago acknowledges the following receipts of grain: Wheat 35,000; corn, 134,000; oats, 205,000 and shipments wheat 56,000; corn 18,000; oats 127,000.

The receipts of hogs in Chicago were 23,000; yesterday, 28,205; shipments 8,805; left over, 15,000. Light grades, $5 10 to $5 60; mixed packing, $5 20 to $5 60; heavy shipping, $5 65 to $6 20. Cattle receipts, 6,500.

The imports of foreign merchandise into port of New York during the past week were of fair proportion, the total being $8,069,980; against $9,200,964 last year, which is a favorable showing of $1,130,984. Exports for week, $6,865