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THOSE CABINET CHANGES

SIR JOHN MACDONALD IN PRECEPT AND IN PRACTICE.

Mr. Blake Places the Premier in a Pretty Bad Hole—Threatened Raid on the Ontario Constituencies.

Special Despatch to The World.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14—There was a full attendance in the commons to-day, in anticipation of ministerial explanations as to the cabinet changes. But the premier did not explain worth a cent. He merely read a statement of the changes without offering a single word as to the why and wherefore. Mr. Blake was evidently prepared for this, as he demanded to know how Sir John Macdonald could possibly give Senator Smith a seat in the cabinet without a portfolio in face of the following language, which Sir John used on the formation of the Mackenzie ministry in 1873:

"There is another curious phase in the formation of this government, and I protest against it. I protest against Mr. Blake being a member of the government without a portfolio, and I protest against Mr. Scott holding that same position. I say that it is utterly unconstitutional. I say there has been only one example of it, that of Lord Lansdowne, to which everybody submitted because he was a man of ninety years of age, and it was thought to be a fitting compliment to him, though it was an infringement of the constitution. This country, sir, wants no unpaid services, it wants no unpaid officers. It wants and is able to pay every man for performing its service."

This apt quotation knocked the ministerialists off their feet, so to speak, and Sir John looked puzzled, while the opposition applauded lustily. Mr. Blake followed up his point by asking how such an infringement upon the constitution affected Mr. Smith's case. Was the honorable gentleman wrong in 1873, or was he wrong now? The speaker went on to refer to the premier's abandonment of the principle of provincial proportion in distributing cabinet seats. Ontario had now six ministers instead of five at confederation, and two speakerships, besides leaving Quebec with four, and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with two each. Perhaps, it was, said Mr. Blake, that Ontario representatives were of a better quality than members from the neighboring provinces. The leader of the opposition was particularly happy in alluding to the appointment to the cabinet of Mr. Chapleau, who, no doubt, had been brought into the happy family at the special instance, and for the special comfort, of the minister of public works. When it is remembered that the leadership of the Bleu party is disputed by Sir Hector Langevin and the secretary of state, the sarcasm conveyed in this remark will be appreciated. Mr. Blake closed a capital little speech by saying they would have to be satisfied with what they got. He would really like to know why Senator O'Donohoe had not been called to the cabinet as well as his Toronto co-religionist.

Every one wondered how Sir John would get out of the box Mr. Blake had put him into. He did not get out of it at all, but simply turned round and came up smiling on the other side. As to the principle of provincial representation in the cabinet, he said it had never been a cast iron one, and must be varied as new provinces were added to the dominion. The time would come, he thought, when a reduction would have to be made in the number of ministers, who would receive their appointments as representatives of large sections of the country, or on some such principle as the United States cabinet is formed. On the point of inconsistency, he said he was neither wrong in 1873 nor now. He was glad to get Mr. Smith's assistance and advice, but the senator's position was different from Mr. Blake's. Although Mr. Blake's seat in the cabinet was nominally without portfolio, he was really the power behind the throne. Occupying a position like the centurian of old, he pulled the strings of the government, not only in the dominion but in Ontario, and this without responsibility of any kind. This was no answer at all to Mr. Blake's contention, but it took well with the government's supporters, some of whom appeared to think that the chieftain had replied to the opposition leader in a masterly manner. The speaker make an effective reply to Mr. Blake's insinuation that Ontario was over represented in the cabinet by characterizing it as a complete vindication of the charge being formulated from every stump in Ontario that Sir John was sold body and bones to the French Canadians.

Both speeches were lively and good natured.

Mr. Robertson (Hamilton) introduced a bill to amend the law of evidence in criminal cases. The measure, which has the support of the member from West Toronto, affects persons who doubt the existence of a Supreme Being. While eligible to give evidence in civil cases the existing law prohibits them from doing so in criminal cases. Mr. Robertson proposes to make them competent witnesses in all kinds of cases. The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Casgrain's bill for the better prevention of fraud in relation to contracts involving the expenditure of public moneys was read a first time, but it will not likely get any further. The bill arose out of the alleged fraud in the Port Moody contracts, and was opposed by the government last session.

Two bills by Mr. Cameron (Huron) providing that persons charged with misdemeanors shall be competent as witnesses, and extending the provisions of the criminal act respecting offences against the person, were put through their preliminary stage.

The house adjourned at 4.10.

Parliamentary Points.

The Ontario ministerialists held a caucus to-day, the subject of discussion being the provincial elections. They determined to fight Mr. Mowat tooth and nail in their respective constituencies and help Mr. Meredith in every possible way. As a result there was an exodus of members to-night and more will follow. In this respect the oppositionists are as bad as the tories and will join the forces of the local government for the next fortnight, therefore the province will be but meagrely represented in the house. You may expect the Toronto men along in a day or two.

Mr. Hay has received a petition from Toronto merchants for a clock to be placed in the tower of the custom house. The prayer of the petition will be urged before the minister of customs by the city members to-morrow.

Toronto people will be glad to hear of the success of Mr. Frank M. McDougall on the political platform. Mr. McDougall is a chip off the old block, and a strong supporter of Mr. Mowat in the local campaign. At a meeting in Russell county last night, he talked Mr. Charles Rykert, M. P., and Mr. N. K. Dickenson, M. P., out of their position, and carried the audience for the liberal candidate.

The members for the Queen City to-day introduced Mr. John Picardo Ridout, of Toronto, to the minister of finance. The gentleman named proposes to establish a jute factory in Toronto. Jute is a South American product from which flax is made, flax, in turn, being manufactured into bags. They wanted the duty of 20 per cent. on the material reduced to 10, and 10 per cent. added to the rate on bags. Sir Leonard Tilley promised them an answer to-morrow.

Sir Leonard Tilley has given notice that the house resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider the following resolution:—

"That it is expedient to authorize the governor in council to raise by way of a loan such sum of money as may be required to pay and discharge the Canadian consolidated five per cent. loan. After deducting the amount held as a sinking fund for paying off the same, the rate of interest on the sum so to be raised shall not exceed four per cent."

Mr. Daly, Halifax, intends to call the attention of the government to the desirability of promoting a project for the establishment of telegraphic communication between Canada and Bermuda.

It is reported on pretty good authority that Judge Boyd will be made senior Judge of York County, and that Mr. Joseph E. McDougall will be appointed his successor, with a promise of promotion.

At a numerously attended meeting of the leading parliamentary and other shorthand reporters, principally of Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, called by the Canadian Shorthand Writers' Association, and held in the Commons' building to-night, Messrs. Bradley and Bengough, president and secretary of the Canadian Shorthand Society, attended and expressed themselves favourably to the amalgamation of the two societies. A resolution was passed for a conference on the subject, but the majority of the meeting were very decidedly of opinion that professional shorthand writers should, in the interest of both the public and the profession, admit none but strictly first-class men to membership with them.

GURNEY'S DISGORGE.

How the Bank of Commerce Detainiter was Arrested.

HAMILTON, Feb. 14.—Detective Joe Gates of this city, and T. K. Wynn, of the Ontario detective force, have arrived home from Louisville, Ky., where they had been to interview H. E. Gurney, the absconding teller of the Durham branch of the bank of Commerce. Gurney formerly lived in Windsor, where he is well known, and it will be remembered skipped out a few weeks ago about $17,000 short. Detective Gates was detailed on the case, and enlisting the service of Detective Wynn succeeded in tracing the fugitive to Louisville. The officers arrived there at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and proceeded to the Galt house, where it was found that Gurney with a companion named Davis, who, it is alleged, was implicated with him, were living in luxurious style, occupying a suite of rooms directly over those occupied by Mrs. Langtry and her own Freddy. The officers "spotted" Davis immediately when they entered the hotel, but it was ascertained that Gurney was out attending the matinee. They accordingly waited until he returned, when they confronted him and Davis, introduced themselves, and politely requested an interview in Mr. Gurney's room, as a matter of importance was to be considered. Gurney headed for his apartments without any parley, followed by the officers, and what the nature of the influence that was brought to bear against him was, could not be ascertained. Suffice it to say that during the two hours the officers were closeted with him the poor fellow disgorged nearly all the money he had left, something over $11,000, which he had in his valise in his room. He claimed to have made away with a few thousand dollars before he left, and an investigation of his books verifies this statement. The officers left him enough to keep him from want till he could secure some situation, and after he had made restitution he appeared to be much easier in mind and invited the officers to accompany him to the theatre, which they declined. He said he had been stealing small sums for a considerable time, and finding himself unable to make good the loss had no alternative but to be arrested or take the course he did. Detective Wynn says he had a talk with Greenwood, who was in jail there charged with the Maher murder at Sandwich, and that he said he was willing and indeed anxious to return to Detroit.

The Lucky Man.

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 14—David Porter, of Ballyduff, the owner of the $15,000 ticket in the masonic lottery, arrived here last night, and to-day drew the money. His first act was to spend $250 for a gold watch and chain.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

A HARD NUT FOR SIR JOHN MACDONALD TO CRACK.

What the Imperial Privy Council Will Think of the Premier's Interpretation of Their Recent Decision.

Special Despatch to The World.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14—The dominion prohibitory alliance met here to-day. Senator Vidal was re-elected president. A long discussion took place on the report of the legislation committee, recommending that the dominion government, in its contemplated legislation on the liquor law, be asked not to relax the existing restrictions on the traffic, and offering suggestions to increase the license fees, etc.

The question of provincial rights cropped up in discussion, and throughout there were heated political passages, a number of members of parliament being among the debaters. The Ontario and Nova Scotia representatives protested against dominion interference, and Mr. J. McLaren, Q.C., of Montreal, who argued in favour of the constitutionality of the Scott act before the privy council, said the council would be surprised at the dominion government's interpretation of their decision.

From the remarks of some members it would seem that their temperance principles are subordinate to their political proclivities, but there is a prospect of a strong memorial to the government being unanimously adopted to-morrow.

WIFE MURDER IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The Poor Creature Hacked to Death With a Hatchet.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Feb. 14—A brutal murder was committed at Willow Globe, about twelve miles from this city yesterday. The murderer was Wm. Hughes and his wife the victim. Both are colored. It appears about a week ago Mrs. Wm. Hughes arrived in the settlement on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Henry Thompson, declaring that she had been forced to leave the protection of her husband by reason of his repeated acts of cruelty. On Monday Hughes put in an appearance at Mrs. Thompson's, but his presence did not occasion any astonishment, as he had made his mother-in-law's his headquarters on previous occasions when out of work. This time, however, he was moody and vindictive, and evidently suffused with jealousy. Tuesday he upbraided his wife for leaving him, and a heated altercation ensued. Words led to blows, until Hughes seized a hatchet and buried it in the neck of his wife. Four blows in rapid succession followed, and almost without a moan the unfortunate creature fell dead at her husband's feet. Mrs. Thompson fled from the spot. The murderer remained in the room with the body of his victim for twelve hours, until the constable arrived and took him into custody. Coroner Jordan is holding an inquest to-day. Hughes was about 45 years old, and his wife 21. They have been quarreling for a long time, and a serious termination has been looked for. Jealousy is supposed to have been the motive of the crime.

The body of the murdered woman presented a shocking and ghastly spectacle, there being no less than six gaping wounds in the throat, the head being almost entirely severed from the body, in fact it was only attached by one of the ligaments of the neck. The prisoner, who is a tall, powerful negro, appeared almost the most unconcerned person present at the inquest, his aspect being one of indifference to the proceedings. He was committed for trial.

A TERRIBLY SAD ACCIDENT.

A Young Lawyer Loses His Life on Burlington Bay.

HAMILTON, Feb. 14—Mr. Chas. E. Freeman, a lawyer 27 years of age, and eldest son of the late A. B. Freeman, Q.C., took his wife out driving in a livery rig yesterday afternoon. His wife got cold, and he left her at home, saying he would drive across to look at the race track on the bay. Hours passed, and he did not return. A policeman and a friend went to search for him last night without result. This morning early they searched again, and found the horse and remains of the cutter floating in the bay, where ice-cutters had been cutting ice. They dragged the place, and soon found Freeman's body. He had evidently been kicked by the horse when they fell into the water, as his head was cut. Mr. Freeman was highly respected. His life was insured for $45,000.

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT?

A Leper Threatening to come to Toronto for Relief.

LEWES, Del., Feb. 14.—James Atwell, a leper, who landed from a vessel off here, has left town in obedience to the demand of the town council. He intends to enter the hospital at Toronto. The disease was developed in Cuba. He hopes that the cold climate will mitigate it.

Big Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO Feb. 14.—Early this morning fire broke out at the Freedman block, next the postoffice, erected in 1875 at a cost of $18,000, and owned by John P. Weber. The first floor was occupied by D. B. Wiggins, druggist, and by the Model coffee house, Charles Huber, proprietor. The basement was used by Huber as a cookroom. On the second floor were the offices of the Colorado mining company and Marcellus powder works, the editorial and counting rooms of the Sunday Times, and the office of Heintz Bros., manufacturers of jewelry. The third floor was occupied by the composing rooms of the Sunday Times, Orant Bros. job printing rooms, and the offices of Alphonse Wile and Joseph Block, jewelers. The fourth story was the factory of Heintz Bros., containing much valuable machinery, where 35 men were employed. The total loss is about $20,000, insured for $23,500.

Commercial Matters.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The competing roads allege the Michigan Central is cutting rates on flour from Minneapolis and other northwestern points to the seaboard, and threaten to retaliate.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.—The failure last week at Moundsville, West Virginia, of the Kloman iron and steel company, has embarrassed the firm of Andrew Kloman & Bro., operating superior rail mill, Allegheney city. The mill is still running, but a meeting of creditors is called.

OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI.

THE GREAT FATHER OF WATERS GIVING EVIDENCE OF A FLOOD.

Fears that the Devastation of Last Year Will be Repeated—The Ohio Still Rising—Loss of Life and Awful Suffering.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 14—The river has been rapidly rising, and it is feared that the flood of last year will be repeated. Work on the levees below here by government has stopped owing to the rise. Railroad work on the Kansas City road is discontinued. In Crittenden County, Ark., the people are preparing to leave. The general impression in the so-called flooded district is that the flood this year will be far more disastrous than that of last year. So far the Mississippi river has done no damage.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 14—The water has fallen several feet. The damage here is $100,000.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14—The river is rising an inch and a half an hour. It stood at 65 feet one inch and a half at noon, and it is still raining. The river is falling at Portsmouth and Maysville. Herman Wilsburg, a boy, says he ane his brother Joseph, with thirteen boys, were on the platform of the depot yesterday when it broke down, and the entire party were thrown into the water. He swam to West street and escaped, but his brother and all the other boys were drowned. He does not know the names of the other boys. There are no reports of the missing boys.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 14—The city is flooded from two to twenty feet deep and 5000 people are homeless. A large number of cottages in the lower part of the city are swept away and hundreds of people are quartered in second stories, the public buildings and business houses. Food is sent them in skiffs. The scenes of suffering are appalling. It is still raining and the river rising. The loss will reach over a million.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 14—The loss by flood here amounts to a quarter of a million. Farmers along the Ohio suffer greatly, many losing their entire crops. Six hundred families are houseless. Many are destitute. All the factories are stopped.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14—The Ohio river is 41 feet 6 inches, and rising an inch an hour. Reports from the upper points of rain and the continued rise of the Ohio and tributary create immense excitement. Business is practically suspended. Old river men predict if the river does not soon recede the water will surround the entire city.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14—The river to-night is sixty-six feet three-fourths inch and rising slowly. It is still raining along the river. The Little Miami depot is flooded. Wagons are no longer able to cross the Newport bridge. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad, which has been the only outlet for trains north and east, to-night went under the flood to such an extent that no trains could pass. This leaves the city practically cut off from the rest of the world to the north, east and west by rail, except by the Bee line which still runs from the stockyards. This outlet is accessible to Washington and Baltimore trains. Three hundred passengers are waiting at Winton place for transportation by omnibus into the city. Not a steamer is running. There is no place to land.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.—The river is rising slowly. A hundred additional buildings have been taken in by the flood to-day. A man and woman were drowned this morning by their skiff striking a log.

NEWPORT, Ky., Feb. 14.—The mayor has issued an appeal for aid. He says a third of the city is submerged. Three thousand families are suffering and destitute.

CURED BY FAITH.

A Michigan Girl's Wonderful Recovery From Consumption.

DETROIT, Feb. 14—A Quincy despatch says that the village is much excited over the supposed instantaneous spiritual cure of Miss Jennie Campbell, a young lady who for months has been in a decline with consumption, and who for several weeks kept her bed, while her death was looked for by the family at any moment. Saturday morning she alleges that she had faith, and that God healed her. She arose from her bed and walked into the room where her mother was, which greatly affrighted her. She then dressed herself and walked to a neighbor's, forty rods distant, and very bad walking in the snow. She stayed there awhile, and returned home on foot. Sunday she attended church, and remained to the Sabbath school, where she played on the organ and sang in a stronger voice than when she was in good health.

Gold in an Apple Tree.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 14. — Simon Shrimpton, a farmer living near Farmersville, Ohio, cut down an old apple tree in his yard. When splitting it he found embedded in the trunk a small can, which contained forty-eight bright twenty-dollar gold pieces. How the box got there is a mystery, as it was embedded to a depth of eight inches in wood.

Grain Speculators at Fisticuffs.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—Ben Davenport and Moses Frayley, grain speculators, had an encounter on 'Change yesterday. Frayley was struck in the mouth, and blood drawn. Further trouble is anticipated. Davenport is the man whose divorce case, revealing an extraordinary lot of rules by which he bound his wife to live, caused much stir in social circles.

Fatal Fight Over a Gun.

GRAHAM, TEX., Feb. 14—A fight occurred near here last night in an old log house between four men as to who should have possession of a shot gun. Six-shooters and a rifle were used. One was killed and the others wounded.

A Much Amalgamated Railroad.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 14.—The charter was granted to-day for the consolidation of the Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia railroad, the Olean, Salamanca, Oil City, Chicago and Buffalo and the Pittsburg and Western railroads with a capital of $20,350,000. The name of the new corporation is the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railroad. J. W. Jones, Philadelphia, is president.

The Beauty Lotmier.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—The wife and two children of Mr. Henry Latourelle of this city were poisoned to-day by eating canned lobsters which the lid had been off for some days. A medical man being summoned, he relieved Mrs. Latourelle and the eldest child, but the youngest is still suffering.

A DEADLOCK IN FRANCE.

THE SENATE'S AMENDMENT REJECTED BY THE CHAMBERS.

M. de Freycinet Trying to Form a Conciliation Cabinet—Effect of the Crisis on Commerce.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—It is now expected that De Freycinet will form a conciliation cabinet, with Leon Say as minister of finance; Constans, minister of the interior; Gen. Campenon, minister of war; Admiral Clone, minister of marine; and Waldeck Rousseau, minister of Justice.

M. de Freycinet had an interview with President Frevy to-day. Replying to a deputation of merchants representing 2,000,000 francs of capital, the president promised to endeavour to relieve the commerce from the results of frequent crisis.

The committee of the chambers of deputies unonimously rejected M. Waddington's proposal to bannish princes guilty of endangering the state. M. Barbey's measure rendering the princes liable to expulsion by decrees of the president was rejected. M. Floquet's motion prohibiting the presence in France or Algeria of members of former dynasties was adopted.

The Appel au Peuple, Prince Jerome's new organ, has appeared. It contains a protest signed by thirty Bonapartist members of the chamber of deputies against the arrest of Jerome. It advocates a plebiscite.

A majority of the members of the chamber of deputies oppose the action of the committee on the expulsion bills in adopting M. Flouquet's motion. The radical left of the democratic union and republican union decided in favor of the passage of M. Barbey's proposal.

WHIPPING WOMEN.

A Number of Jewesses Ordered to be Bastinadoed in Morocco.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The governor of Casablanca, Morocco, sentenced eight Jewesses to be publicly bastinadoed in the presence of an interpreter connected with the British vice-consulate. The Europeans of Morocco have sent protests to the foreign minister. It is believed unless the minister interfere the sentence against the women will be enforced.

PERSONAL.

Archbishop McCabe is not dead, but on the contrary his condition is slightly improved.

President Arthur leaves Washington to-day for New York city to attend the funeral of Governor Morgan.

Ex-Governor Morgan of New York died yesterday. He was 72 years of age. His fortune is estimated at from seven to twelve millions.

Mr. Jacob Bradshaw, of Hampton, N. B., has given $10,000 to the New Brunswick baptist ministers' life association, making $35,000 he has recently given to the association.

The late Mr. Judah, Q. C., has left half a million dollars' worth of real estate in Montreal, besides immense wealth in bank and other shares. His nephew, Mr. F. Judah, inherits everything.

Wagner died of syncope. The London Times kindly informs the world that it has lost another great man. Most people would have recognized that fact without having it cabled across the Atlantic.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

So far $64,000 have been sent from New York to the flood sufferers in Germany.

The Peruvian government presented a claim before the Alabama claims court for two cargoes of guano destroyed while sailing under the American flag.

A correspondent of the Cleveland Leader is charged with attempting to blackmail a member of the Ohio legislature. The case is being investigated by a committee of the house.

A deficiency of $85,000 exists between the accounts of the dock department in New York and those of the comptroller, which the dock commissioners do not appear able to explain.

Over a hundred and fifty hat-finishers have struck at Yonkers, N.Y. The manufacturers find it difficult to compete with convict labor, and a general reduction of wages has been the result.

FOREIGN CABLE NEWS.

The London News says, owing to bad weather the crop will be short.

Four thousand claims have been presented before the indemnity commission at Cairo.

The Compagnie Generale du Gaz has failed at Paris. Capital a million and a half francs.

The captain and first officer of the Sultan have been acquitted of responsibility for the Cimbria catastrophe.

It is stated the government will introduce into the house of commons a bill for the registration of Irish voters.

Protests have been lodged by the American, French and Spanish consulates at Casablanca, against the brutalities of the Moorish governor towards the Jews.

Hulett, the American who narrowly escaped massacre in Madagascar, has arrived in London. He proceeds to the United States to lay his case before the government and claim damages against Madagascar.

It is understood that the interview between the ex-Empress Eugenie and Prince Napoleon during the brief visit of the latter at Farnborough was most cordial. The prince started for Paris yesterday morning.

Assault on an Ex-M. P. P.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 14.—While Mr. Ketchum Graham, ex-M. P. P. for West Hastings, was entering his house in Sidney yesterday evening, he encountered two men who attacked him with a knife, cutting his nose and slicing off a portion of one of his fingers. The ruffians fled.

Prize Fighting in Ohio.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 14.—A prize fight for three hundred dollars a side between John Marron, Pittsburg, and Franklin Glazier, Harrisburg, was fought near Cleveland. Twenty-one rounds were fought. Glazier was badly whipped.

Beheaded by an Idiot.

WESTCHESTER, Feb. 14—Benjamin Ripley, insane, entered the room where his cousin Nathan Baer was sleeping, and with a penknife cut his head almost from his shoulders. Baer's home was in Nebraska. He was visiting Ripley.

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.

The Stock Drops Six Points—Losses in the States.

The stock of the Western Assurance company sold in considerable quantities yesterday as low as 149½. It was 155 the day before, and on December 20th last it was 160. In 1881 it was away up above 200. The cause of the drop is that the annual report, dated Tuesday, shows that the company had lost money in its United States business, as much as $75,000, in the year, and on its whole business about $43,000. Notwithstanding the losses, the directors declared a twelve per cent dividend. The death of its president, Hon. John McMurrich, has also had a depressing effect on the stock.

Iolanthe at the Gardens.

Iolanthe has at last been produced at the Gardens by the Collier-Rice Opera company. To give a detailed description of this much talked of opera would entail too much space, but as an opera Iolanthe may be placed on the same plane as those of Gilbert and Sullivan's former productions, Pinafore excluded. In no particular can Iolanthe equal its great rival, which was original in the musical part as well as in the dialogue. Iolanthe has indeed some finely sarcastical and telling points which, unlike Pinafore, is conveyed in the wording of the opera only, not in the musical combinations, as in their first production. Evidently the composer has let his own music run riot in this production, for no less than twelve airs are thrust into the score in extracts from all their operas, as also a selection from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass." "When I went to the Bar" is so essentially "Pinafore" that its prominence is most marked in music and wording, and seems to hit very closely the legal profession, as in the following:—

My learned profession I'll never disgrace
By taking a fee, with a grin on my face,
When I haven't been there to attend to the case,
Said I to myself, said I.

The representation of the Lord Chancellor by Mr. James Gilbert was very well sung indeed, and called for several encores, which Mr. Gilbert answered by improvising to suit the catching air of the song. Mr. Deiforne as "Strephon" is rather poor. This may have been attributable to a cold similar to that under which the "Fairy Queen," Miss Somerville, was evidently suffering so badly that "Lelia," Miss F. Beminster, was obliged to sing her own and the Fairy Queen's lines; this must have been peculiarly distressing. Phyllis, Miss Ida Muller, surprised the audience most unexpectedly in the splendid rendition of this character, her voice so strong and sound was a surprise to every one, the duet with "Strephon" calling for rounds of applause. Perhaps the finest piece of the entire opera, excepting the ballad of Iolanthe which is indeed most plaintive, is the quartette song by Phyllis, Lords, Tolloller, Mount and the sentry, the music being very fine indeed. As a comic opera Iolanthe is a success, but as a peer of its predecessor it is a failure in quaintness, sarcasm and pertness of music.

Cider, Beef-tea and Oysters.

Until recently a person could get a glass of sweet cider in the saloons for five cents. Cider, properly cured, is about the only "soft stuff" that is fit to drink with safety. Beef tea was also lately added to the temperance list. But that is being dropped now. The saloon-keepers say that they cannot make a cent on it at five cents per glass, and people won't pay ten for it. It costs them 75 cents per two-ounce pot wholesale. Cider was not much called for after the introduction of beef tea, and many of them have quit selling it. There is no loss, however, on unsold cider. The maker will take it back and turn it into vinegar, allowing what the purchaser paid for it. A "glass of oysters" is a popular "drink" now-a-days. One saloon-keeper in the west end told a World reporter yesterday that he sells six gallons a day by the glass. "We make good profits on this at five cents per glass," he added. "Lager beer, however, will supplant them all when the warm weather arrives. There is very little of it drank now."

Calender's Minstrels at the Grand.

A packed house greeted Calender's minstrels in their opening at the Grand last night. The performance throughout was far above the ordinary run of minstrel shows. In the first part some really fine singing was presented. The Dancing Zouaves in the second part were something entirely new in this city, while Bob Mack and his game bantam, and later on the sketch entitled the Mississippi Landing kept the audience in a roar. The company give their last performance this evening.

Miss Emma Thursby.

The sale of seats for the concert to be given by Miss Thursby on Saturday evening in the Grand opera house, commenced yesterday at the box office of the theatre. A very gratifying sale was made, showing that the people have not yet had a surfeit of good things. The box plan will be again open to-day and those wishing a good place had better make haste to apply. Miss Thursby will be assisted by an eminent company of artists.

Mathematics and Physics.

A meeting of the Mathematical and Physical society of University College was held in one of the lecture rooms on Tuesday evening, Mr. Ross in the chair, Mr. Field read a problem paper containing some fine solutions of difficult problems. The debate on the change of the fourth year course in Mathematics was postponed till next meeting.

CANADIAN TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Some sections of New Brunswick are suffering from drouth.

A frame building at Milford, owned by David Dodge, was burned on Tuesday night; loss $2500.

The Grand Trunk railway intends petitioning the Windsor, Essex, council for permission to erect a new frame depot. Although the location is within the town fire limits it is thought the petition is sure to be granted and work on the structure will be commenced at once.

The Ontario Pacific railway organized yesterday and elected a board of directors as follows: D. Bergin, M.P., president and managing director; Joseph Kerr, M.P.P., vice-president; D. A. Flack, secretary and treasurer; J. L. P. O'Hanly, C. E., chief engineer; John Bergin, solicitor. The Ontario Pacific starts from Cornwall, runs to Ottawa, and thence to French River.

PARNELL'S PARLIAMENT.

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE IRISH PARTY.

Proposed Amendments to the Address in Reply—Probable Identification of the Actual Phoenix Park Assassins.

DUBLIN, Feb. 14—It is stated that Fitzpatrick, recently arrested at Poplar for complicity in the murder of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke, and who acted as watcher in Phoenix Park at the time of the murder, will identify the actual stabbers, who numbered only two.

In the commission court to-day Curran, charged with the murder of farmer East in June last in the presence of his wife and eight children, was acquitted. The judges charged strongly in favor of the prisoner.

LONDON, Feb. 14—At a preliminary meeting of the Irish parliamentary party today to consider the action of the Irish members in the house of commons during the session, over twenty persons were present. Mr. Parnell was elected Chairman. It was decided that an amendment be moved to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, dealing with the operation of the Crimes Act. Regret was expressed at Healy's arrest. A further amendment to the address was resolved upon, dealing with the failure of the Government to propose adequate remedial legislation for Ireland.

James Carey, one of the prisoners in Kilmainham, is very ill.

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

A Forecast of Her Majesty's Speech.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A forecast of the queen's speech at the opening of parliament is published. She will refer to the question relating to the Danubian conference, recent events in Egypt, restoration of Cetewayo and the diminution of crime in Ireland; will show that the government is determined not to allow Irish subjects to occupy almost the entire attention of parliament as heretofore. The remaining portions of the address have reference to reforms in the home government.

SHIPPING DISASTERS.

Unavailing Search for the Quebec—Two Smacks Wrecked.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 14.—A tug sent to search for the disabled steamer Quebec has returned, but failed to find the vessel. She reports fearful weather outside.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Two fishing smacks have been lost at Yarmouth. The crews numbering fourteen were drowned.

Wagner's Death.

VENICE, Feb. 14—The composer Wagner was suffering from disease of the heart. He had yesterday a severe attack, but resolved to make an excursion in a gondola. He had another violent seizure in the afternoon. The doctors summoned found his case hopeless. He died in the arms of his wife and surrounded by his children.

The king of Bavaria has telegraphed Wagner's relatives, offering condolences and begging them to await his wishes regarding the removal of the remains and the funeral.

Arrangements are being made for a public funeral for Wagner.

Wagner's funeral will take place at Bayreuth.

Collender's Billiard Factory Burned.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 14—Collender's billiard factory is burned. The loss amounts to $225,000. The fire is still raging. Other buildings are threatened. One hundred and twenty-five men were employed. The fire originated in the varnish room from spontaneous combustion.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Who observes Lent better—
The man who puts ashes on his head
Or the man who puts them on his sidewalk, and thus saves the head of the pedestrian.

When the Northern railway is going to return to the city that 52 acres on the esplanade;

And why the new mayor don't compel them to give it up.

And what the city council are going to do about it.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

We must make Remmy a senator—Father Brennan.

What are his qualifications?—The People.

Oh, he's a catholic and a gentleman—His Clerical Friends.

But does he know about the laws, and our wants, and will he look at a question from the public standpoint, not through religious spectacles?—The People.

I say, W. H., that can't be so what you told me the other day, that we are the two most unpopular men in town; for didn't you hear what Alds. Farley and Turner said of us in proposing our healths?—The Manager.

They were only giving us taffy, Dunk—The Vice-president.

BUCKET SHOPS.

How is it that when a thing is about played out in the United States that it bobs up in Canada?

Bucket shops for instance.

They are getting numerous in Toronto, as they are getting few in Chicago.

There are two or three in the city already.

The man Flemming, who was arrested here the day before yesterday, was a bucket shop sharper.

He was connected with "Club 13," a bucket shop swindle advertised in the Globe and Telegram.

On King street they have opened one in this city. There are several engaged in the game.

Two or three act as "steerers," and work the town.

They talk up the big profits that so and so made in this or that stock, or on wheat or land, or porter, in the hearing of freshie.

Or they catch freshie on the street and run him into the bucket shop, up against a slick, Yankified chap who tries the insinuating business. "Ever go into a deal in corn?"

Their prey is clerks, barbers and bar-tenders, who go ten dollar licks, and cadets of wealthy families who have more money than brains.

Toronto can get along without these bucket shops, and especially when Chicago is driving them out Toronto should not be turned into a city of refuge for them.

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, February 15, 1 a.m.

Probabilities—Lakes—Fresh to southeasterly to northeasterly winds, cloudy to fair mild weather, with snow in northern, and rain or snow in southern Ontario.