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The Star defends John White, the "Blind Share" Boddler. Like loves like.

The report of the railway meeting at Woodstock will be found on page 2. It looks as if the railway boom was coming this direction.

Was it not written—that it was not stated—that the Standard would again appear as the great Conservative organ at the end of twenty days from election day?

The Toronto Mail is fast drifting back to its first love—the Tory party. Its make-belief attacks on the Government have entirely ceased, and the "No-Popery" cry is now whistled under its breath. The organ may now at any time throw off the cloak of "independence," and show the hoof of Toryism, as of yore.

The Woodstock Sentinel Review thus condenses its opinion of the railway meeting held in that town on Thursday last week:—"After yesterday's meeting it may be confidently predicted that the extension through Embro and St. Mary's to Lake Huron (at Goderich or some contiguous harbor) will speedily follow."

Col. Outmet, M. P. for Laval, will be the next Speaker of the House of Commons. Col. Outmet was one of the first Blen Bolters who denounced the Government for hanging Louis Riel; he subsequently swallowed himself on that question; and now he is about to enter into his reward. The Deputy Speaker will be the infamous Rykert, of timber and fraud fame.

James Mitchell, of the Star, who is an elder in the church, has not yet apologized for his wanton abuse of the Liberals, whom he has likened to "the scorpions of muck heaps." The fellow will say the most filthy things against anybody—even against his own brethren in the church—for party, and a few cents in the way of boodle printing and advertising.

M. C. CAMERON appears to have been a source of terror to the Tory Government. The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World, which is now regarded as a Conservative paper, says:—"The Government will manifest its gratitude to Mr. Porter for defeating Mr. M. C. Cameron in West Huron by requesting him to move the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Mr. Porter will be in Ottawa tomorrow. There is talk of dispensing his election, but protest or no protest is sold for the coming session. Mr. Porter is what might be styled a smart talker."

The village of Saltford, on the other side of the Maitland river, is sold for Beer and the Bible. The section has just cast out the Scripture Selections out of the school. Saltford is not regarded as the most Bible loving locality in Huron. There is a pious remnant yet left in Saltford; but these are persons who are contented to have Selections endorsed by the clergy read in the school, and who read and explain the Scriptures as a whole in their own families.

The new railway to Goderich, to be built by Government aid, is not without its opponents. The Toronto World, under the heading, "Another Subsidy Wanted," has the following interesting comment:—"A railway is projected from Lake Huron to the Niagara River by a route not mentioned, and of course a Government subsidy is asked. There are already seven roads connecting Lake Huron more or less directly with the Niagara River. Can any one give a good reason for having the Dominion purse strings to build another? If so, let the public have it."

The twentieth anniversary of Kaiser Wilhelm was celebrated on March 21st, throughout the German empire. It is a satisfaction to know that the German emperor has reached a green old age, and that our own Empress of India and Queen of Great Britain and Ireland will this year celebrate her fiftieth anniversary of coronation, and that both are as firmly as ever beloved in the hearts of their people. While they are thus enjoying the goodwill of their co-worker in the imperial business, the Czar of Russia, is kept on the move to escape the bomb of the Nihilists. If the Czar were to model his government after the pattern of his neighbors he might possibly have a happier time and be able to get a better rate from reliable life assurance companies.

The Star finds fault with the Reform protest in West Huron because the deposit is not being furnished by the defeated Reform candidate, but is being subscribed to by the Reformers of the Riding. We would like to ask the Star how was the money for the futile Tory protest raised in 1882? Did Mr. Porter pay it out of his own pocket? And how will the money for "disqualifying" Mr. Cameron be raised when the counter protest is formulated? The Star, as usual, is making a "jolly old ass of itself."

Mr. BALFOUR, M.P.P., for South Essex, is busy in the Legislature endeavoring to make amendments to the libel laws. There is a necessity for improvement in this respect, but we question if much will be attained this season. There are, however, seven journalists amongst the M.P.P.'s, and if they look after the interests of their profession half as well as the legal brethren attend to theirs, some of the latter will have to learn a new trade in the time to come.

## LET NO GUILTY MAN ESCAPE

Now that the protest committee have time to look about them we would like to see them exert themselves to the fullest possible extent. There is work for them to do, and they should not falter in the doing. The returns should be in from the various polling subdivisions inside of the next two weeks, and no time should be lost in putting the machinery of the law in full force.

Already numerous cases of bribery of the most corrupt nature are in the hands of the Reform Association of West Huron, any one of which would, beyond all question, void the election, and the committee should see to it that these cases come to court.

There is another point to which we would call the attention of the committee, and that is, the necessity that has arisen for the prosecution of the gang of bribers, abductors, intimidators and perjurers who, debauched West Huron in the Tory interest during the recent campaign. We have before us a partial list of the rascals who perjured themselves by swearing in bogus votes in the interest of Mr. Porter, and we call upon the committee to let the law take its course so far as they are concerned. The lawbreakers should not be outside jail walls, and the sooner they are placed where they ought to be the better it will be for the respectable portion of the community.

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## BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

There is of course no doubt that certain Grits are quite as ready as they always have been to get up a rebellion. But the last fellow who tried that favorite Grit dodge was hanged, and we are of opinion that that hanging will have a tendency to discourage "another revolt, under Tory rule." The Grit rollers of to-day don't want to die for their party.—Hamilton Spectator.

The last revolver, Louis Riel, who was hanged, was not a Grit at any period of his existence. He was a Tory when he murdered Thomas Scott; he was a Tory when Sir John Macdonald gave him \$1,000 to leave the country, and another \$3,000 to stay away; he was a Tory when he was nominated for Parliamentary honors in Pavencher in 1872; he was a Tory when, at the suggestion of Sir John Macdonald, he resigned as nominee in favor of Sir George Cartier, after that gentleman had been defeated in Montreal West; he was a Tory when he congratulated Sir John Macdonald upon the successful return of Sir George for Pavencher; he was a Tory when he was elected member of Parliament; he was a Tory when he was invited to St. Louis de Langevin; he was a Tory and had true Tory instincts when he asked the Government to pay him \$35,000 to desist from revolutionary measures; and he was a Tory when he died upon the scaffold.

And Ambrose Lepin, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Scott, but was reprieved, is also Tory, and worked in the Tory interest in the recent North-west elections.

And Joseph Royal, an ex-colleague of Riel's, and an ex-rebel was also a devoted Tory.

And Dumont, and Dumas, and Louis Schmidt, and Isbister, who brought Riel from Montana to St. Louis de Langevin, were all Tories.

There wasn't a Grit rebel or revolter on the Red River in 1870, or on the Saskatchewan in 1885. The rebels were all Tories—just as good and true as the paragrapher on the Spectator.

But I hear, the trip of the special committee will be extended to Montreal, to interview Mr. VanHorne, and get a new railway built into our town—the Goderich and Canada Pacific Junction R. R. I think they intend to call it. I am informed that everything is done that can be done toward successfully completing this road except applying for the charter, getting the bonuses from the municipalities, obtaining the Government subsidy, surveying the route, buying the right of way, grading the line, laying the ties and iron, building the bridges, putting on the necessary equipment, and engaging the employees. With these few wants the Goderich and Canada Pacific Junction road is almost as far advanced as any of its competitors in the same class, and I suppose when the "special committee" comes back from their trip to Ottawa and Montreal they won't fail to straighten out these kinks. In the meantime I would ask the neighbors not to expect too much for one of the beatitudes said, "Blessed is he who doesn't expect anything, for when it gets set up but little, great will be his heart's rejoicing."

## WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us

sizing up "Truthful (?) James"—An Old-Time Methodist Preacher—Public Improvements and Railway.

I see "Truthful James" (?) of the Almanac, had to join the pack in the howl against THE SIGNAL for publishing the letter upon "Indian Abuses" which appeared a couple of weeks ago. He believes in the perpetuation of the "normities" and finds great fault with their exposure. His great and better depends upon backing up the Government, and he's bound to have three meals a day, wretched as his conscience suffers or not. He can't help himself, but has to back up any rascality the "bosses" want him to do. Fortunately every one in town knows that his opinion on all political matters is hired by the Government and paid for in "pap." Even the Tories despise him, and if it were not that he clings like a barnacle, they would long ago have cast him off. He may be a good enough church elder, but certainly he can neither conduct a newspaper nor give advice as to how a journal should be conducted. I know if I wanted to hire an editor I'd like to get one who had a stronger spinal column, who was more truthful and honest, less of a Pharisee, and not a hissing and a byword among the brethren.

—My old friend Rev. Dr. Williams was in town Sunday, and I went to hear him preach. I thought he might have got stiff and uppish since his brethren elevated him to the position of Bishop—I beg pardon, General Superintendent—but he hasn't. He's the same plain, unvarnished, out-and-out, honest, fearless, square-topped, solid man as ever, and a good salary and a roving commission hasn't spoiled him a bit. And I like the way he talks. He's not neatly mouthed, but he doesn't mince matters, but talks "right out in meeting," as the old Methodist used to do when I was a boy. The doctor is considerable of a Methodist, too, but he doesn't allow the four walls of a church to contain his religious aspirations, or any branch of theology to manacle his thoughts. He always was a broad, tolerant neighborly man. Many a time have he and I discussed the Episcopal, Armenian and Calvinistic doctrines—amicably and peacefully—but, I do believe, he is broadening and widening and becoming if anything more tolerant and kindly as the years fill in upon him. It seems to me he is like good grain, improving as the season advances, and gradually ripening for the garner of Time and Eternity. Long may he continue to adorn the position which he now fills with such success to the church of his choice, and such dignity to himself.

—So the railway special committee went to Ottawa Tuesday last, and during the remainder of the week will, no doubt, be lionized by the people of the capital. And they're going to apply for a charter to parliament, and get docks overhauled, and the harbor bar dredged, and a new post-office, custom house and inland revenue office erected. Jemmy Butler, who is going to bloom out like a fat peach, and the special committee is going to make it bloom. Oh, yes, indeed. And if everything doesn't pass out just as the doctor ordered, then, in any event, the taxpayers of Goderich will have the proud privilege of knowing that the expenses of the men who went to Ottawa with axes to grind were paid by the taxpayers of the town.

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—The Mayor called a special meeting of the town council which was held Saturday last to consider the advisability of taking definite action in the Goderich and Canada Pacific Junction R. R. scheme. There were present, the mayor, reeve Johnston, deputy-reeve Cameron, and councillors Geo. Acheson, Bingham, Butler, Colborne, Jordan, Lee and Humber. The Mayor explained the object of the meeting. He understood the special committee intended to leave for Ottawa and Montreal early in the week, and he thought it well that a meeting of the full council should be held so that a thorough understanding would be come to as to the mode of procedure. Since the last meeting of the council a delegation from Goderich had been to Woodstock on railway affairs, but nothing tangible had been arrived at. Councillor Butler—I would like to know what arrangements have been made for the going away of the special committee, and has anything been heard from Mr. VanHorne concerning the time and place for an interview between him and the committee. The Mayor—Mr. Johnston was to arrange the details, and I understand he has heard from Mr. VanHorne, who had suggested that the committee work on the line of the charter now contemplated. The clerk here suggested that he would go and find Mr. Johnston, and acquaint him that the council was in session. The Mayor then proceeded to read the proposed charter, and at the same time the clerk and Mr. Johnston presented appearance. The charter was of the usual length and brevity, and after his worship had given his auditors an idea of its contents, the discussion of the ways and means for the special committee was again taken up. Mr. Butler wanted to know what arrangement had been made toward obtaining an interview with Mr. VanHorne. Mr. Jordan—I think— Mr. Butler—We don't want any thinking about it. If this committee goes to Montreal or anywhere else to see Mr. VanHorne we want to know it is not on a wild goose chase. We want to see Mr. VanHorne, and find out if we are right in incurring the expense necessary to procure the charter, and— Mr. Johnston—Mr. VanHorne would not tell you anything about it. Mr. Butler—Then what is the use of spending time and money to see him, if no information could be obtained? Mr. Johnston—Well, we have to go to Ottawa at any rate, and if we could see Mr. VanHorne we might bring the claims of Goderich before him. Mr. Jordan had seen Mr. VanHorne, and believed that gentleman would be amenable to the scheme contemplated in the charter. Mr. Cameron wanted to know if the committee intended to proceed to Montreal without having previously arranged for an interview with Mr. VanHorne. Mr. Butler—Yes, that's what I want to know. Mr. Johnston—No interview has been arranged for yet, but I have telegraphed regarding it. Mr. Cameron—What are you going to see him for? Mr. Johnston—He might give us some information how to proceed. Mr. Butler wanted to know what were we now throwing away \$300 in expenses towards working up a scheme that might yet fail of success. We should await the result of the interview before incurring additional expense. It was no use for the committee to go to Montreal if no arrangement had been made for an interview with Mr. VanHorne. The Mayor—The question before the board is, was this a suitable charter? Mr. Butler—We want to know what information as to the trade, &c., of the town is in the hands of the committee. They should not go down without having all necessary information with them. The Mayor—I have obtained data on some of the points mentioned. Mr. Butler asked if any communications had been had with Mr. VanHorne. Mr. Humber understood that Mr. Johnston had received communications. Mr. Johnston—The letter I had from Mr. VanHorne was of a private nature. The Mayor—The tenor of the letter to Mr. Johnston was to go on with the charter. All hands then took part in a desultory discussion, after which it was moved, seconded and carried, that the charter as read be adopted, and that the provisional directors be: C. Seager, J. T. Garrow, George Acheson, F. Jordan, P. McEwan, Horace Horton, M. C. Cameron, C. Crabb, E. Bingham, W. Lee and J. H. Colborne. The meeting then adjourned.

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## GETTING A CHARTER.

Goderich Going into the Railway Business.

The Mayor Calls a Special Meeting—The Charter Read and Approved—What Was Said and Done.

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## YOUNG LIBERALS.

The Mook Parliament a Successful Affair.

The New Ministry—Good Debating Talent—The Opposition a Vigorous One—An Urgent "Whip" Issued for Monday.

A few weeks ago the members of the Young Liberal Club formed a "Mook Parliament," with H. I. Strang as Speaker. The ministry is composed of the following heads of departments:—Interior (and premier) M. G. Cameron; Public Works, Hon. W. F. Foot; Customs and Inland Revenue, Hon. R. G. Reynolds; Finance, Hon. G. Stives; Secretary of State, Hon. J. Wilson; Marine and Fisheries, Hon. D. C. Strachan; Justice, Hon. George Carrol; Railways and Canals, Hon. A. Saunders. The speech congratulated the members on the return of prosperity, promised Senate reform, power to make our own treaties, to alter the constitution, reciprocity with the United States and independence of parliament. The Premier and his supporters took seats to the right of the speaker, W. Proudfoot, the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition along with his supporters took their seats to the left of the speaker. The independents were accommodated on the cross benches below the opening. On the opening night, neat speeches were made by the premier and the leader of the Opposition (W. Proudfoot), and the address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Jas. Cassidy and seconded by Robt. Reynolds. These speeches were loudly applauded. The Government promised that the Hon. the Finance Minister would bring down his budget at the next meeting. The leader of the Opposition gave notice that he would ask for leave to bring in a bill on manhood suffrage. The House then adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, some of the members having expressed a wish that they would like to attend the play at the Grand Opera. The next sitting of the House was dull, and nothing much in the way of business was done, although one or two brilliant speeches were made by members from the back townships. On Tuesday the Budget speech was made. Hon. Mr. Stives was eloquent, considering his dry subject, and threw around his figures an atmosphere of humor as well as a line of hard argument. He travels loaded for bear. The Opposition was unprepared for so much presentation of facts, and adjourned the debate on supply until they can look up the blue books more closely. They are not without hope, however, of defeating the Government on the tariff question. An address to Her Majesty asking that the British North America Act be changed so as to allow Canada to make her own commercial treaties was then agreed to by the House. Mr. A. Morton acted as Speaker at the last two sittings. A debate on the question of universal suffrage comes up on Monday, and both sides have sent out word that a division will likely be reached on that evening.

## PARLOR CONCERT.

A Large Assembly at Mrs. Uro's on Monday Evening—The Proceeds to the Mission S. S. Fund.

The parlor concert held in the spacious rooms of Rev. Dr. Uro's home on Monday night was a success. The audience was large, and represented all denominations interested in the mission school. The ladies outnumbered the gentlemen five to one. The silver collection taken at the door amounted to \$15.35. In the absence of Mr. Jas. Buchanan, the task of introducing the members of the program was assigned to Mr. Thomas McGillicuddy. The opening piece was a quartette, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," by Mrs. Clarke, Miss Porter, and Messrs. H. McGillicuddy and W. Hyalop. Mr. Hyalop subsequently gave "The Tom-peat," a bass solo, with much acceptance. Miss Wynn sang "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still," and "Bird of Beauty," very sweetly, and by special request she also gave "Annie Laurie," in a charming manner. Mrs. Tom's solos, "Daddy," and "Where is Heaven?" were sweetly rendered, and were sung with expression and feeling. Miss Nettie Crabb gave "Tyrol's Lovely Doll" in a most pleasing manner for one so young. The duet "Lute's Fond Dream is O'er," by Miss Weston and Mr. Belcher was one of the choicest numbers of the evening. The Misses Donogh, in their instrumental duet, (violin and piano) took the audience by storm, and were deservedly encored. They played again by special request later in the evening. Readings were given by Messrs. Thos. McGillicuddy and Strang, in the order named. The closing quartette, by Misses Weston and Graham, and Messrs. Halle and Belcher, "Song of Trust," was a pretty thing, fittingly rendered. Miss Cooke, who accompanied the soloists and the major portion of the part pieces, did her work splendidly. The entire assemblage joined in a closing hymn, after which Dr. Uro dismissed the gathering with the benediction.

During the last session of Congress Representative Tarnary, of Michigan, introduced the following bill:—"Be it enacted, etc., that in all advertisements for the erection or construction of public works, or for materials to be used in their erection, construction or completion, and for all supplies of every description to be furnished to or for the use of any of the Departments, and in all contracts made under or in pursuance of such advertisements, there shall be inserted a condition that no convict or prison labor whatever, or the product thereof, shall be employed or used upon any public building or other public work, or in the preparation of or manufacture of any of the articles, materials or supplies contracted to be furnished therefor; and there shall also be inserted in said contract the further condition that no person who is not a bona fide resident within the limits of the United States, and who has not declared his intention to become a citizen thereof in the manner provided by law, shall be employed in the erection, construction or completion of any public building or other public work. "Sec. 2. That any willful breach of any of said conditions by any contractor shall cause forfeiture of the contract, and shall constitute complete defense in bar against any claim or action against the United States for the recovery of any sum or sums under said contract; and it shall be the duty of the officer letting any such contract upon being advised that any contractor has knowingly violated the terms of such contract to declare the same forfeited." The bill passed the House last July and the Senate to-day. It is aimed at the contractors along the Northern frontier, who employ a number of Canadians upon the river and harbor works. It is thought that the President will sign it, and that hereafter all Canadians who desire employment upon public works of the United States will have to declare allegiance to the Stars and Stripes.

The roller rink was largely patronized by young people on Saturday afternoon.

## R. R. DELEGATION.

A Triumphant Procession all Along the Line.

They Interview Manager VanHorne and The Proceed to Ottawa—Robert Porter, M.P., puts the Others in the Shade.

From the Toronto World. A deputation from Goderich composed of Mr. Robt. Porter, M. P., Mayor Seager, Reeve F. W. Johnston, Councillors W. Lee and John Butler, had an interview Tuesday afternoon at the Queen's Hotel with Vice-President VanHorne relative to the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Wingham to Goderich. The deputation regard Mr. VanHorne's reply as favorable. The deputation went to Ottawa last night to ask several favors from the Dominion Government, the chief of which are the building of a Custom House in their town and the dredging of the Goderich harbor.

Ottawa, March 23.—The Goderich deputation mentioned in today's World reached here this morning six strong, viz, R. Porter, M. P. for West Huron, Mayor C. Seager, Reeve F. W. Johnston, Councillor Wm. Lee, Councillor John Butler and Mr. M. C. Cameron. As the man who caused M. C. Cameron to be left at home, Mr. Porter was the lion of the day in the Capital, and made many acquaintances. The deputation came here to see the Minister of Public Works relative to harbor and building improvements in Goderich. A deputation was formed across the entrance to the piers and an appropriation is wanted to have it removed. The public buildings in the town are of the shabbiest kind, and the people consider that the importance of Goderich as a shipping and industrial center would warrant the Government in making a grant for the erection of buildings which would accommodate the Postoffice, Customs, Inland Revenue and other departments. These facts were strongly presented by the deputation to Sir Hector, who promised that the Cabinet would consider the matter. The deputation will return to-morrow night.

## The Route of the Guelph Junction Railway.

To the Editor of the Mercury. Sir,—I believe the route of the Guelph branch railway would be built much cheaper if it was built to Campbellville. The cost of the right of way would be very trifling compared with the route surveyed. Say start from Present's mill and thence along the river to Eden Mills. The greater part of the land passed through by such a line is almost worthless, the public roads would not be obstructed and property damaged. If extended to Goderich it could be taken along the river flats and away from the thoroughfares of the city. Besides material for building, such as stone and ties, would be got much cheaper and would make a saving of twenty thousand dollars. Yours, &c. RATEYER.

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United States Contractors Forbidden to Employ Any But U. S. Citizens.

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## PARLOR CONCERT.

A Large Assembly at Mrs. Uro's on Monday Evening—The Proceeds to the Mission S. S. Fund.

The parlor concert held in the spacious rooms of Rev. Dr. Uro's home on Monday night was a success. The audience was large, and represented all denominations interested in the mission school. The ladies outnumbered the gentlemen five to one. The silver collection taken at the door amounted to \$15.35. In the absence of Mr. Jas. Buchanan, the task of introducing the members of the program was assigned to Mr. Thomas McGillicuddy. The opening piece was a quartette, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," by Mrs. Clarke, Miss Porter, and Messrs. H. McGillicuddy and W. Hyalop. Mr. Hyalop subsequently gave "The Tom-peat," a bass solo, with much acceptance. Miss Wynn sang "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still," and "Bird of Beauty," very sweetly, and by special request she also gave "Annie Laurie," in a charming manner. Mrs. Tom's solos, "Daddy," and "Where is Heaven?" were sweetly rendered, and were sung with expression and feeling. Miss Nettie Crabb gave "Tyrol's Lovely Doll" in a most pleasing manner for one so young. The duet "Lute's Fond Dream is O'er," by Miss Weston and Mr. Belcher was one of the choicest numbers of the evening. The Misses Donogh, in their instrumental duet, (violin and piano) took the audience by storm, and were deservedly encored. They played again by special request later in the evening. Readings were given by Messrs. Thos. McGillicuddy and Strang, in the order named. The closing quartette, by Misses Weston and Graham, and Messrs. Halle and Belcher, "Song of Trust," was a pretty thing, fittingly rendered. Miss Cooke, who accompanied the soloists and the major portion of the part pieces, did her work splendidly. The entire assemblage joined in a closing hymn, after which Dr. Uro dismissed the gathering with the benediction.

During the last session of Congress Representative Tarnary, of Michigan, introduced the following bill:—"Be it enacted, etc., that in all advertisements for the erection or construction of public works, or for materials to be used in their erection, construction or completion, and for all supplies of every description to be furnished to or for the use of any of the Departments, and in all contracts made under or in pursuance of such advertisements, there shall be inserted a condition that no convict or prison labor whatever, or the product thereof, shall be employed or used upon any public building or other public work, or in the preparation of or manufacture of any of the articles, materials or supplies contracted to be furnished therefor; and there shall also be inserted in said contract the further condition that no person who is not a bona fide resident within the limits of the United States, and who has not declared his intention to become a citizen thereof in the manner provided by law, shall be employed in the erection, construction or completion of any public building or other public work. "Sec. 2. That any willful breach of any of said conditions by any contractor shall cause forfeiture of the contract, and shall constitute complete defense in bar against any claim or action against the United States for the recovery of any sum or sums under said contract; and it shall be the duty of the officer letting any such contract upon being advised that any contractor has knowingly violated the terms of such contract to declare the same forfeited." The bill passed the House last July and the Senate to-day. It is aimed at the contractors along the Northern frontier, who employ a number of Canadians upon the river and harbor works. It is thought that the President will sign it, and that hereafter all Canadians who desire employment upon public works of the United States will have to declare allegiance to the Stars and Stripes.

The roller rink was largely patronized by young people on Saturday afternoon.