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OPENING THE BATTLE.

Sir John to Fire the First Shot in Toronto Friday.

ALL THE MINISTERS ON THE MOVE

Chapleau to Take Charge of the Montreal District—Foster and Costigan off for New Brunswick—Dewdney will Leave for Regina this Week—What the Provincial Premier Said—How Local Conservatives and Reformers View Dissolution—The Government's Platform Defined—Opinions of the Press—General Political Gossip.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—The reason for the Government's appeal to the country is contained in the following letter from Lord Stanley, the Governor-General, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It contains the details of Sir John's proposal to the United States, and points directly to the earnest endeavor of the Government to enlarge the trade relations between Canada and the great Republic.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA,
Dec. 13, 1890.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to send to Your Lordship to-day a telegraph message in cipher, of which the following is the substance. With reference to my telegram of the 10th inst., this Government is desirous to propose a *joint* commission such as that of 1871 with authority to deal without limitation and to prepare a treaty respecting the following subjects:

1. Renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854 with the modifications required by the altered circumstances of both countries and with the extension deemed by the commission to be in the interests of Canada and the United States.

2. Reconsideration of the treaty of 1888, with respect to the Atlantic fisheries with the aim of securing the free admission into United States markets of Canadian fishery products in return for facilities to be granted to United States fishermen to buy bait and supplies and to tranship cargoes in Canada; all such privileges to be mutual.

3. Protection of mackerel and other fish in the Atlantic Ocean and in inland waters, also

4. Relaxation of seaboard coasting laws of the two countries.

5. Relaxation of the coasting laws of the two countries on the inland waters dividing Canada from the United States.

6. Mutual salvage and saving of wrecked vessels.

7. Arrangements for settling boundaries between Canada and Alaska. The treaty would of course be ad referendum.

The Conservatives Organizing.

The Conservatives began organizing for the fray with sunrise yesterday. Local party leaders started for the city even before sunrise and were in town by the first trains and fell into the hands of Organizer Birmingham, who was ready to welcome them. He was busy all day receiving and sending telegrams.

The Albany Club was the rendezvous during the day, and in its rooms at night there was a big meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liberal-Conservative Union of the province, of which D'Alton McCarthy was its first chairman, an office he, however, resigned some time after the Jesuit bill affair. Since then the office has been vacant. The first business last night was to appoint J. C. Patterson of Essex as chairman. The choice was unanimous.

It was decided to open the campaign by a mass meeting in the Auditorium on Friday night, at which Sir John Macdonald is to be present. A telegram was read from him that he and two or more of his colleagues would be present, probably Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Foster. Sir John will probably do the old man act and work up the enthusiasm, and allow his colleagues to argue the case, the Minister of Justice from the diplomatic standpoint, and the Minister of Finance from the trade point of view.

Among those present were: Senator McKindsey (Halton), George Taylor, M.P., Dr. Sproule, M.P., S. Hughes (Lindsay), Clarke Wallace, M.P., Major Carpenter, M.P., Mayor Wilson (Dundas), Col. Kerns, R. Henry (Brantford), Frank Turner, J. A. Macdonell (Glengarry), Henry Cargill, M.P., Dr. Montague, D. Creighton, T. Cowan (Galt), Uriah Wilson, M.P., Dr. Roome, M.P., A. Boyle, M.P., Mr. Porter, M.P., A. R. Boswell, John Small, M.P., G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Col. Denison, M.P., R. White, M.P., and others.

In Reform Circles.

The news of dissolution, though not unexpected, was startling to the Liberals. For a while they were in a state of paralysis. The news spread rapidly through the city. At an early hour large numbers began to assemble at the Ontario Reform Club, where Organizer Preston was already active. Members of the party from outside constituencies also flocked to town, some in response to telegrams sent flying over the country, and some of their own notion, having read the news in the morning papers, but all anxious to know what they were going to do about it. The Ministers of the Local Government were soon on the scene, talking now with one group, now with another. As far as The World could learn last night, no definite action was decided upon. The date of the Liberal convention remains unchanged. Not a few, however, believed it should be brought on at once or abandoned.

Before noon the party had recovered their spirits and they began to put things in the best possible shape.

It Came Upon Oliver as a Bolt Out of the Blue.

"Will the announcement that the Dominion elections are to take place on March 5 have any effect on the opening of the Provincial Assembly?" a World reporter asked of Mr. Mowat yesterday. The little premier eyed the scribe and cautiously enquired what paper he represented. When told, he replied; "Oh, we haven't considered the matter yet. You know the announcement came upon us very suddenly this morning."

Another prominent member vouchsafed the information that the House would probably adjourn for a week and allow the members to join the ranks of the fighters.

Said a Conservative last night: "I wouldn't be surprised if Mr. Mowat would adjourn the Legislature until after the Dominion elections and withhold the writ for Hamilton for a month."

Toronto Notes.

Ald. Lindsey wants the Reform nomination in West Toronto.

John Beverley Robinson's name will certainly come before one or more of the Toronto (Conservative) conventions.

John Small may just be the Conservative nominee in East Toronto if trouble threatens from a rush of candidates. William Bell says he'll run sure.

The names of Ald. Graham of St. Stephen's Ward and Ald. Dr. Orr, president of the St. Mark's Ward Conservative Association, are likely to come up with that of Col. Denison in the West Toronto convention.

The West Toronto (Conservative) convention will be held Saturday night in St. Andrew's Hall. The Centre on Monday or Tuesday, and the East Tuesday or Wednesday. The calling of the local associations will begin to-night.

The Liberals are making a strong effort to induce B. B. Osler, Q.C., to contest Centre Toronto. He hesitates owing to the fact that the elections are so near at hand, but the party is in hopes of persuading him to accept the nomination, believing he is the only man who can defeat G. R. R. Cockburn. It was said that his partnership articles forbade his going into politics, though Mr. McCarthy, his partner, is not so bound. Mr. Osler is a first-class candidate if he can be induced to come out.

Echoes of the Campaign.

John White, ex-M.P. for East Hastings, will probably run in his old constituency.

South Brant Reformers will meet to-day to fix upon a date for a convention.

Henry Muma of Drumbo, the Dominion arbitrator, may run in the Conservative interest in South Oxford.

Alexander McKay and George Tuckett are mentioned as the Hamilton (Conservative) team.

L. Z. Mallette, contractor for the Langevin block, Ottawa, will oppose Hugh McMillan, M.P. (Con.), in Vaudreuil.

Warden John Dickenson will likely be the Reform candidate for the Dominion House in South Wentworth against Major Carpenter, M.P.

The Halifax Liberals hold their convention next Tuesday evening to nominate candidates. Hon. A. G. Jones will offer for re-election.

E. A. Macdonald is running in East York, and running hard. He has issued his address to the electors and with his nomination from the regularly organized convention he is ready to do battle for his illustrious namesake.

From various parts of New Brunswick reports come that politicians are already on the move. In this city J. N. Ellis will again offer, but it is not decided who will offer with C. W. Weldon in the county. In King's county Foster will be opposed by Domville, while in Albert Dr. Weldon will meet with determined opposition. It is expected every county in the province will be contested.

Mr. Bob White of The Montreal Gazette is in town and goes out to Cardwell to-day to prepare for the Conservative convention which will meet in a few days. W. B. Willoughby, a young Toronto lawyer, who hails from that county, went up there last night. He will contest the convention with Mr. White, and the indications are that the meeting will be one of the liveliest of the election.

St. George's Conservatives.

At the annual meeting of St. George's Ward Liberal-Conservative Association these officers were elected: Hon. president, W. R. Brock; president, C. A. B. Brown; first vice-president, John Pritchard; second vice-president, Charles Cockshutt; treasurer, Barlow Cumberland; secretary, F. Sparling. Among those present were: Messrs. Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, M.P.; D. M. Harman, H. C. Scofield, L. J. Penny, W. R. Johnston, J. H. Beatty and C. T. Mead. The meeting declared itself in favor of a convention, as against the proposed method of allowing candidates to come out and nominate themselves.

In Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 3.—No great excitement is apparent here over dissolution, it having been anticipated by private despatch. It is not known yet whether Scarth will run or not. Watson is in the field for Selkirk, with Boyd of Carberry as a possible opponent, and Daly for Brandon will not be elected without opposition. In Provencher there is not as yet any opposition to Lariviere, nor in Lisgar to Ross, but both will probably develop in the early days of the campaign.

South Huron Reformers.

BRUCEFIELD, Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the Reformers of South Huron to-day a resolution was passed expressing the meeting's "utter detestation and condemnation of such a base attempt to steal a snap verdict from the people," and heartily endorsing the policy of unrestricted reciprocity.

It was decided to hold a convention at Brucefield Feb. 11 to select a candidate.

Equal Rights Active.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—A prominent member of the Equal Rights Association said to-day: "We shall certainly run a man at the coming election in Ottawa. A meeting of the executive will be called in a few days to select a candidate. We shall work to win this time."

It is hinted that Mr. D'Alton McCarthy may be a candidate in Carleton.

Call the Convention Off.

[From The London Advertiser, Feb. 3.]

There are but 26 working days between now and the date of the general election. The campaign must, therefore, be conducted with vigor, for the time is short. We would suggest that, under the circumstances, the Provincial Liberal Convention would be a mistake. The time to be devoted to it and the incidental expense could, with the utmost propriety and benefit, be given to the constituencies.

The convention should be declared off.

THE SITUATION AT THE CAPITAL.

Movements of the Ministers—All to Start for the Battlefield at Once.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Hon. Mr. Colby sailed on the 31st inst. for Florida and is expected in Ottawa in a few days.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau leaves to-night for Montreal. He has been entrusted with the division extending from Three Rivers to Pontiac, Quebec. He will make his headquarters at Montreal.

The extra of The Official Gazette announcing the dissolution will be issued to-morrow, 4th inst. It will be the same form used since Confederation. It will announce that Parliament has been dissolved, that it stands adjourned till April 25, and that in the meantime the Senators and members are discharged from their attendance.

Honore Robillard, ex-M.P., will probably be a Conservative candidate in Ottawa.

The Cabinet met at Ottawa yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Foster will open the campaign on Monday at Sussex, N.B.

Sir John Macdonald intimates that he will be a candidate in Kingston only.

Hon. John Costigan will leave for New Brunswick Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. Dewdney says the prospects are that the Conservative party will have a clean sweep in the Northwest and Manitoba. He leaves for Regina at the end of the week.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

What Hon. Mr. Foster Has to Say Respecting New Brunswick.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Said Hon. Mr. Foster to your correspondent: Nothing more can be said about the offer from Washington than has appeared, but full particulars will be given later. In New Brunswick the Government stands to come back stronger than at present. A strong fight will be made in St. John, with a good prospect of carrying the three seats. Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmoreland, Albert, King's, will, I think, present an unbroken front. Victoria will return the Minister of Inland Revenue without a doubt. Carleton stands fairly to win. York will probably go by acclamation. Sunbury will stand by Mr. Wilmott and in Queen's and Charlotte I believe the old standard bearers will give a good account of themselves. New Brunswick wants no policy hatched out in a foreign country to destroy the independent state of Canada, to discriminate against British trade and raise a Chinese wall about our borders for the sole benefit of one country, and that not our own. She will stand by the policy of wise protection to home industries and reasonable reciprocity with any country that desires it. The Liberal-Conservatives are consistent in this policy and will remain so. The interests of Canada will with them be first.

The Government is willing to widen the area and volume of foreign commerce with the United States and other countries so far as that can be done consistently with the honor, the interests and the future of Canada. If the Government is returned to power it will at once be prepared to send representatives to Washington to treat for fullest possible reciprocity obtainable and consistent with Canada's best interests.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

Views of Newspapers of All Shades of Politics.

[From The Toronto Telegram (Ind.), Feb. 3.]

Sir John has suited his own ideas and the party's interests at immense cost to the Opposition's hopes of office, and incidentally at the expense of thousands who are forced to stand idle, the voteless spectators at a great election.

He has taken the short cut out of a world of trouble, of doubt and of perplexity.

Emphatically this is Sir John's hour to go to the country. His Government will never be stronger; the Opposition will never be weaker than now.

He has forestalled the accidents of time and circumstance. His bid for partial reciprocity will keep wavering Conservatives in the ranks. Sir John apparently monopolizes all the advantages of a crisis created by his own ability to see a storm a long way off.

A strong Government going to battle with a weak Opposition usually sweeps the country.

Trust Him Not, He's Fooling Thee.

[From The Brantford Expositor (Lib.) Feb. 3.]

The Premier is a clever schemer, but his game is too palpably thin to blind any but the too credulous. All the bitter denunciations of the Liberals as "annexationists" and "traitors," because they have advocated freer trade relations, will not so soon be forgotten, nor will the trickery of the movement be led away by hypocritical professions. The only practical reciprocity is of the unrestricted character. This Mr. Blaine has positively stated, and this Sir John Macdonald, on the other hand, has declared he is not favorable to; in fact, he dare not concede. Well may the Tennysonian warning be applied at this time with respect to Sir John Macdonald's action; "Trust him not, he is fooling thee."

Taken the Wind out of His Opponents' Sails.

[From The Hamilton Herald (Ind.) Feb. 3.]

The intimation that the Government has taken up the question of reciprocity with the United States looks like an attempt on the part of Sir John to follow the example of an English prototype who was accused of stealing his opponent's clothes when he found him in bathing; but Sir John is a quick-witted old gentleman and is always prompt to discover in which direction the wind is blowing. He has been quick to see that the country wants limited reciprocity with the States, and with his usual diplomacy has seized upon that fact and thus taken the wind largely out of his opponents' sails. Sir John's appeal means the maintenance of Canadian commercial and political independence, while giving us freer trade relations in natural products with the vast market at our very doors. Mutually beneficial it would seem, will prove beneficial to both countries, while not affecting the policy of protection to native industries with which Sir John's party has been identified.

Unfortunate for Hamilton.

[From The Hamilton Times (Lib.) Feb. 3.]

In the midst of a local election campaign, as we are in Hamilton, the coming of the Dominion elections just now is unfortunate, for we should be glad to have a more complete discussion of the issues involved in the latter than is possible at such a time as this and in such a space of time as will be afforded. It is obvious that Sir John intends to try to head off the reciprocity agitation. He asks Canadians to endorse a policy of partial reciprocity, which he may or may not be able to get from the United States, and fixes the time for elections before the date on which the negotiations for reciprocity shall begin. He offers the people who want reciprocity a very flimsy shadow. He might as well have stuck to his old, discredited N. P., under which our farmers have been losing flesh.

However, Sir John has the choosing of the time, and the real battle will have to be fought upon his record in the past, and not upon his promises for the future.

Sir John Has Done Well to Strike.

[From The Ottawa Journal (Ind.) Feb. 3.]

For his own sake, Sir John has done well to strike, and to strike so suddenly. The future is full enough of uncertainties for the Conservatives. The McKinley bill has not had time yet to tell heavily on our farmers, but it will surely do so. Business may take a bad turn. This year's harvest may not be good. The Manitoba School Act is certain to create trouble, no matter how handled by the Government. Political moves in the United States might give the Liberals something good to go on, at present they have nothing. The McGreevy affair is full of ugly possibilities. Mercier has not yet got his ten million loan, some of which will certainly do effective work against the Bleus, and Mowat is not yet settled as securely in his new lease of power as he will be. By all odds Sir John has done well for his party by striking now, and not only is the junction favorable to the Conservatives in respect of matters which affect their party, but it is desperately unfavorable to the Liberal specialties. We do not recall any political emergency in Canadian history which has found a powerful and able party at a greater disadvanta ge.

Afraid of the Dominion Census.

[From The Ottawa Free Press (Lib.) Feb. 3.]

We all know what the real reason of the Tory chief is for dissolving Parliament. He wants to avoid an investigation of Langevin-McGreevy scandal before facing the electors. He desires to avoid another discussion of the Northwest dual language question in the present parliament and to shirk the responsibility of dealing with the Manitoba schools and language bills. He does not like the prospect of being compelled to legislate on the question of Northwest government. Hence he dissolves Parliament and will make an effort to purchase a majority of the constituencies at a time when no revision of the electoral vote has been made for two years, and consequently thousands of qualified voters are disfranchised. Sir John is also afraid of the Dominion census, which, if honestly taken, will prove beyond doubt the utter failure of his trade policy. These are the reasons which have induced Sir John Macdonald to dissolve Parliament. Now what is the excuse he gives for his action? Nothing less than a sickly attempt to imitate the trade policy of the Reform party, he proposes to send an expedition to Washington to beg for reciprocity with the United States."

No Indication that the Country Desires to Abandon the N. P.

[From The Hamilton Spectator (Con.) Feb. 3.]

There is no reason to abandon the standard-bearers, of whom Sir John Macdonald is chief, to follow after men who take their orders from James G. Blaine. There is no indication that the country desires to abandon the National Policy in order to impose higher taxes which will go into the treasury at Washington, and to subject themselves to direct taxation as well. Conservative victory is so strongly probable as to be counted a certainty.

Trumped Up Paltry Excuse.

[From The Guelph Mercury (Lib.) Feb. 3.]

The reason given by the Tory organs for this hasty appeal to the people is ostensibly to obtain their opinion on a proposal which they say Sir John Macdonald made to the Government at Washington for reciprocity of a partial and limited character. With the light we have at present on the subject it looks as though this matter was trumped up as a plausible excuse for going to the country in the hope of the Government getting a new lease of power before they have to face and settle their internal dissensions and questions which must soon come up for their consideration and decision.

Hopelessly Drifting, Without Sail, Rudder or Masts.

[From The St. Catharines Star (Ind.) Feb. 3.]

The old Conservative chieftain has completely taken the wind out of the sails of his opponents. While they have been laying extensive plans for a big picnic in Toronto Sir John has anticipated their every movement, and the picnic will be tame, flat and unprofitable. What our friends, the Reformers, will do under the circumstances is difficult to guess. They are hopelessly drifting on the political sea without rudder, sail or masts, with nothing but breakers in every direction.

Straight Talk from Washington.

[From The Washington Post, Jan. 31.]

Just when the advocates of Canadian reciprocity are insisting that the passage by Congress of the Hitt resolution would be helpful to Canadian Liberals in the fight for Commercial Union with this country, which they propose to make at the general election expected to take place at the close of next month, Sir John Macdonald has announced that the Conservative party is not hostile to reciprocal trade within certain limits, and Sir Charles Tupper is said to contemplate a visit to Washington on a diplomatic errand in furtherance of that limited scheme.

The scheme is said to be no surprise to the Liberals, because on the eve of an election it has always been the policy of the Tory party to feign such an adoption of the measures of their opponents as might operate to confuse the issues of the contest and to restrain timid and cautious men from yielding to any inclination in favor of a change in present trade relations. The Tories propose to have a reciprocity scheme of their own, which during the coming campaign they will play off on the voters with a view to neutralizing the claims and promises of the Liberal party.

The friends and advocates of the Hitt resolution are accused against them of playing partial and jug-handled plan of reciprocity which the present government of the Northern Dominion may propose. It is understood that that Government will offer a free exchange of raw materials and agricultural products. The offer is not enough.

We want an additional market for our manufactures. Macdonald sneers at the proposal to trade our products with the McKinley tariff. That or nothing is what Commercial Union with this country means.

Our trade must pass free to the Arctic zone, unfettered by a single custom house along the border line, or we cannot trade at all, except under such restrictions as each Government may believe to be advantageous to itself, and as both countries may illiberally and injuriously to each.

It is not credited anywhere that Sir John's program of limited reciprocity or Sir Charles' mission here in its behalf will have any practical result. But their specious attempts will have the appearance of favoring reciprocity of some sort, and will be used as ground for plausible appeals to the Canadian constituencies. To make one system of reciprocity antagonize another in an election contest might prove a shrewd device for the Conservatives, and it is one to which the politicians of the Dominion are quite capable of resorting.

It should be understood, however, once for all, that the only reciprocity which would be acceptable or satisfactory on this side is a full Commercial Union between the two countries, which would inevitably pave the way for a political union, and that until that comes the only alternative is the exclusion of our northern neighbors from our markets, except as they can climb over our tariff wall.

In Mr. Blaine's letter, published yesterday, he says "that no scheme for reciprocity with the Dominion confined to natural products will be entertained by this Government." In his recent address the Canadian Premier, while favoring a limited scheme of reciprocity, declared against any plan of Commercial Union because that would lead to annexation, and to contemplate that was treason. These two positions should be clearly understood by the Canadian people when next they vote.

So far as we are concerned, it will be a Commercial Union or nothing.

"The N. P. is a Tax."

In the good year eighteen-seventy-nine,
Which followed the great Liberal fall,
A party, y-cleped the Tory horde,
A certain measure did install.

They said 'twill make our country rich,
Give all our people work, and sich;
And industries, that now ain't here,
Which ought to be, in profusion appear,
If Canada but charge foreigners
A license to sell their wares.

The annexation party sent
(Not knowing what the measure meant)
A howl that up to heaven went:
"The N. P. is a tax."

But tax or no tax, on it went.
Its blighting breath too soon was seen;
For oh, a mighty vim it lent
To eager Canucks, swift and keen!

They shed their coats, spit on their hands
(It flew like light to other lands),
And then they marched with fire and ax,
Regardless of the nasty tax,
Into the Gatineau wilderness
And cleared and hewed with eagerness.

The Annexation party sent
(Not knowing what the bustle meant)
A howl that up to heaven went:
"The N.P. is a tax."

Nor did these Canucks stop just here,
But, with a skill ne'er seen before,
They wrought inventions year by year,
That made the Yankee nation sore.

And then they dug down in the earth,
A way that would excite one's mirth;
And brought forth to the light of day
The ores long hid in sleep away.
So o'er the country, side by side,
Trod as a bridegroom by his bride,
Did grow industries of all kind,
Which much alarmed the Annex.'s mind

The Annexation party sent
(Not knowing what such doings meant)
A howl that up to heaven went:
"The N.P. is a tax."

And this prosperity is such,
It fills the Liberals with dismay;
And with C.U., a worn-out crutch,
To stop its course they now essay.

A Fact.

The accident policies of the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company, Traders' Bank building, Yonge-street, Toronto, are, owing to the number of accidents, becoming the most popular issued. They are the most liberal and comprehensive.

A Decision Thursday.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The sections of the Irish party will probably meet Thursday when the result of the Boulogne conference will be announced and a modus vivendi will be proposed.

Excursion to Washington, D.C., Via the Picturesque Erie Railway on Feby. 17, 1891.

The Erie are to the front once more with their popular excursions, which will only cost Ten Dollars round trip, Suspension Bridge to Washington. Tickets good for ten days. You can also purchase excursion tickets to Richmond, Petersburg and Old Point Comfort. For full information apply to S. J. Sharp, 19 Wellington-street east, Toronto.

Nothing like Pepsin for indigestion and dyspepsia. Beeman's Pepsin Gum, a delicious remedy. Price 5 cents, Sold by druggists only.

Government Inspection of Cattle.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Mr. William Smith, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, speaking on the cattle commission, said he thought it would result in a measure being introduced into Parliament subjecting all shipments of cattle to Government inspection.

"Forestalled," by M. Betham Edwards, and "The Soul of Countess Adrian," by Mrs. Campbell Praed, are the latest works issued by the National Publishing Company. For sale at all Bookstores.

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AND SHOOT ALL THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY.

One of the Insurgent Leaders Gives Details of the Plot—Eyraud Makes a Scene at the Guillotine and Has to be Thrown on the Block—Colored Ribbons at Bradlaugh's Funeral.

OPORTO, Feb. 3.—One result of the enquiry made by the military and civil authorities into the cause of the revolt of troops here Saturday is the discovery that an effort was made to involve the Portuguese navy in the uprising. Two sergeants of marines belonging to the Sagres, a government corvet lying in the roads outside of Oporto, endeavored to incite the crew of that vessel to mutiny and seize the ship. The two sergeants were arrested while trying to arrange for the proposed plot. One of the sergeants named Cardoso, when questioned, declared he was a supporter of the project to establish a Federal Republic having its seat of government at Oporto and independent of Lisbon. He added that it was expected the movement in Oporto would have the support of the Spanish revolutionary party.

A decree issued in Lisbon to-day announces that all the crimes connected with the rising here come under the jurisdiction of the military tribunals. This is interpreted to mean that all the civilians, as well as soldiers, connected with the revolt will be tried by martial law and that the ringleaders will probably be shot.

It is now stated 50 persons were killed and 200 injured in the fight following the revolt of the garrison here.

An insurgent leader declares it was the intention of the insurgents to sack Oporto and shoot all officials.

A SAVANT'S END.

A Learned Doctor Supposed to Have Been Foully Murdered.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 3.—The details of a foul crime have just come to light. Dr. Lindermann, the assistant librarian of Owens College, has been murdered in Italy, whither he journeyed in search of health. On his way south he met a couple of Germans of middle age, who traveled with him. Such was the learned doctor's mental condition that they gained a complete ascendancy over him. Some days later the two men returned to San Remo, and announced that they had placed Dr. Lindermann in an institution. His friends in Manchester, who had became anxious, came to the Continent to learn what had become of him. They found the body in one of the grottoes of the wonderful Grotto-road. The two men who are supposed to have killed him and taken all his money are missing.

THE KISS OF DEATH.

The Paris Strangler Guillotined—He Scorns the Good Priest's Offices.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Eyraud met his fate this morning with sullen resignation. Eyraud declined a glass of cognac which was tendered him by one of the wardens before starting for the place of execution, and in spite of the earnest solicitations of Abbe Faure positively, even angrily, refused to listen to the good priest's prayers, to pray himself, or to have any religious rites performed in his behalf. He continued impatiently to refuse religious consolation while on the death march to the guillotine, which had been erected during the night in the Place de la Roquette by M. de Paris and his grim assistants. When pinioned and on the point of being overturned upon the basculle of the guillotine—upon the plank which was glide with him beneath the fatal suspended knife, Eyraud, with a movement as of angry contempt, refused to return the last kiss bestowed on him by Abbe Faure, as is customary in the case of criminals on the point of being executed. The action of the guillotine, once Eyraud's neck was well beneath the uprights, was instantaneous. There was a flash and all was over. Eyraud's head, a few hundred dollars will cover the loss in each instance. Assistant Fireman John Aikens fell from a haymow and fractured his leg during the fire.

Telegraphic Taps.

The Manchester Ship Canal Company, engaged in digging a ship canal to the sea, have appealed to the Manchester corporation for assistance. They want $1,700,000 to complete the work.

Major Wissman has sent to Emperor William his resignation as commissioner in East Africa.

Fire at Hepworth.

HEPWORTH, Feb. 3.—About 4 o'clock this afternoon the Hermann House was discovered to be on fire. The villagers turned out and subdued the flames. Loss comparatively light. The fire is supposed to have originated from the kitchen stove.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.30 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.35 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.30 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

Jottings About Town.

John Jordan was yesterday sent to jail for 30 days for theft of 25 cents.

The Orioles' at home in Webb's on Friday evening next promises to be a very pleasant affair.

Benjamin McGowan was yesterday fined $20 and costs or 30 days for breach of the liquor act.

There was a surplus of $400 after payment of all the expenses of the recent Osgoode L. & L. at home.

The Toronto Canoe Club will hold its annual at home in the Academy of Music on Monday evening next.

Terence McGowan, 422 King-street east, was yesterday fined $20 and costs for a breach of the liquor law.

Darcy Wright was yesterday fined $3 and costs or 30 days for assaulting a Salvationist who was ejecting him from the army barracks.

Juvenile Lodge Middlesex, S.O.E.B.S. No. 7, held its first meeting in Occident Hall last night, when 14 members were initiated and several applications received.

A meeting of local Irish newspaper men will be held Saturday at 4½ o'clock p.m. in The Empire office for the purpose of making arrangements for their annual dinner, which takes place this month.

Dr. Daniel Clarke, superintendent of the Toronto Insane Asylum, delivered a lecture in Association Hall last night on "An Hour in an Insane Asylum." It was a graphic description of the dire result of depraved habits.

"Snobs" was the subject of a lecture in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Avenue-road, last night. The lecturer was Rev. W. H. Hincks of Stratford, who preached with much acceptation on Sunday last.

The Epworth League of Parkdale Methodist Church had an interesting and profitable meeting last night. Supplementary to the usual program of music and readings Dr. Ferguson gave an interesting paper on Faith cure and its range.

Prof. Seymour gave a lecture on "Mesmerism explained" at Shaftesbury Hall. He held that mesmerism was the result of affinities in natures and was based on perfectly natural laws. The relation of mother and child was typical of the mesmeric condition.

Surrogate Court proceedings took place yesterday in these estates: George H. Rowswell, Aurora, $30,000; Alexander Hunter, carpenter, York township, $8330; Thomas Lavin, merchant, Jarvis-street, $8951; Henry Horner, Etobicoke, $2000; Sarah Robinson, widow, $1900.

"In and Out of Old London" was the title of an illustrated lecture last night by Rev. Dr. Thomas in Lansdowne-avenue Baptist Church, in the West End. The large audience was delighted with the limelight views and the interesting particulars given by the genial pastor of Jarvis-street.

The testimonial concert tendered to George V. Hamilton in Temperance Hall last night was a big success. Mr. John Mellon was in the chair and the hall was filled. The performers were Mrs. Lawless, Miss Ella Davis, Ben Riggs, W. E. Ramsay, J. Cameron, Harry Hazard, George Smedley, Simcoe Bros., and the Schubert Quartet.

"John B. Finch" Lodge of Good Templars, No. 326, has installed these officers: C. T., P. C. Scobie; V.T., James Banford; supt. Juvenile Temples, P. C. T. Thomas; sec., K. R. McKenzie; fin. sec., D. Austin; treas., T. L. Holmes; chap., J. W. R. Peakes; marshal, James Harper; guard, E. G. Tyrie; sentinel, George Bowlby; junior P.C.T., J. Y. Holmes.

MR. BLAIR'S GREAT HEAD.

He Gives Reasons Why Canada Ought to be at Once Secured.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Discussing the Fortification Bill in the Senate, Mr. Blair said he believed Canada would be the great base of any warlike operations against the United States, and therefore Canada ought to be secured and made part of the American Union.

SAM JONES CANED.

An Unbridled Tongue Calls Down Summary Vengeance.

PALESTINE, Tex., Feb. 3.—At a meeting here last fall Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, spoke of Mayor J. J. Word's official and private character before a large audience in the severest terms. Jones lectured here last night and as he was about to take a train this morning the Mayor appeared and vigorously caned him. In the struggle the cane changed hands and the mayor received several blows. Heavy bruises were inflicted and both bled profusely.

Retail Grocers' At Home.

The members of the Retail Grocers' Association held their annual at home last night at Harry Webb's assembly room. There were about 225 couples present, and the spacious hall exhibited a gay and enchanting appearance. Nearly every branch of the trade was represented, among the wholesale men who graced the occasion with their presence being Messrs. Hugh Blain, James Lumbers, H. C. Bonner, T. Kinnear, John Sloan, W. Ryan, Joseph Tait, M.L.A., and Ald. Thomas Foster were among other notables present. The program was excellent, the soloists being Miss Morrell, Mrs. Webster, Messrs. H. Blight and W. E. Ramsay. H. M. Blight was conductor and Mrs. Blight accompanist.

Those composed the committee to whose energy the success of the at home was to a large extent indebted: R. Barron, chairman; J. G. Gibson, treasurer; J. R. Robertson, secretary; R. Mills, W. F. Britton, H. W. McCullock, F. S. Roberts, J. Butcher, H. Hodgins, W. Binnie, F. Britton, H. Radcliffe, James Sinclair, J. Western, A. G. Booth, R. Donald, A. R. Williamson.

Marciano's orchestra supplied the dance music.

Several Small Fires

Kept the firemen busy yesterday. At 11 a.m. an alarm was sounded from box 215. A burning chimney at 457 Queen-street east was the cause. No damage was done.

At 7.50 p.m. a fire at Noble's butcher shop, corner St. Mary and Yonge-streets, was put out before any damage was done.

At 9 a lamp exploded at 37 Sullivan-street. Damage $5.

A 4th alarm at 9.40 brought the firemen to 126 Peter-street; $250 damage was done to the house, which is owned by John Whitehead.

The Windsor-street hose reel was overturned while answering an alarm from box 216 yesterday morning. Foreman William Smith was slightly injured.

Edith Loses Her Suit.

BUFFALO, Feb. 3.—The case of Edith Sessions Tupper against Martin Morin, ex-superintendent of police, was dismissed in the Circuit Court to-day. Justice Lewis called the case and no one responded for the plaintiff. Detective Cuddy of Toronto, who made the service on a telegram from Morin, was one of the witnesses subpœnaed.

Dragged to Death.

HEPWORTH, Feb. 3.—Between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning, as John Meyer was hauling cordwood into the Grand Trunk yard here, part of the load on which he was sitting slipped forward, throwing him in front of the sleigh. He was dragged a considerable distance, and when picked up life was extinct.

The Late Jesse Ketchum.

At the York Pioneers' meeting in the Canadian Institute yesterday, Dr. Scadding in the chair, Messrs. John Gilden, Edward Burk and William Kline were elected members. Mr. Charles Durand read an interesting paper on the life and surroundings of the late Jesse Ketchum. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Durand and an order given to have his paper printed.

Incendiary Fires in London.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—An incendiary set fire to the Britannia House stables and the stables east of the Martin House last night. A few hundred dollars will cover the loss in each instance. Assistant Fireman John Aikens fell from a haymow and fractured his leg during the fire.

Telegraphic Taps.

The Manchester Ship Canal Company, engaged in digging a ship canal to the sea, have appealed to the Manchester corporation for assistance. They want $1,700,000 to complete the work.

Major Wissman has sent to Emperor William his resignation as commissioner in East Africa.

Fire at Hepworth.

HEPWORTH, Feb. 3.—About 4 o'clock this afternoon the Hermann House was discovered to be on fire. The villagers turned out and subdued the flames. Loss comparatively light. The fire is supposed to have originated from the kitchen stove.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.30 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.35 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.30 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

AFLOAT ON AN ICEFIELD.

A Score or Two Fishermen Carried Out on Lake Huron.

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 3.—Much excitement prevails here concerning a report that many fishermen have drifted into Lake Huron on an icefield carried out of Saginaw Bay by a strong south wind this forenoon. A number of the fishermen reached Andsexville, a suburb of this city, and reported that most of their companions reached shore safely. The best authority obtainable places the number of castaways from 20 to 50. If these do not reach shore before the ice passed outside of Saginaw Bay there is no hope of their being rescued.

THEIR PRAYER GRANTED.

The Pay of the Principals and Assistants in the Public Schools.

The Finance Committee yesterday morning decided to recommend to the School Board a scheme which will improve the position of the principals. It was decided to recommend these changes to the board:

The salary of a principal, who has been appointed from the assistant masters, will commence at $900 for the first year, instead of $750 as formerly. With the second year the salary will be increased $50, and with the third year will reach $1000. It will remain at the even figures until the eighth year of service, when it will rise at the rate of $50 per annum for the next seven years, until the income of $1350 is reached, which will be the maximum salary. The maximum is only an increase of $12 over the present maximum, but by this arrangement the younger men will be given a better position. Under the old schedule a principal waited eight years to receive a salary of $1600, which he now obtains after two years' employment. These changes do not apply to the Dufferin, Ryerson, Wellesley and Bolton-avenue schools, the principals of which receive $1600 per annum.

The salary list as a whole was revised with very few changes. Assistant Secretary Burns' salary, which was $700, is to be increased $50. The female assistants in the fifth book classes will receive a raise of $20 and the others in proportion. Increases in their length of service entitles them. The caretakers' salaries were made more uniform, some being increased and others decreased. The changes, however, were not material as a number of new cottages have been erected this year and those whose salaries were reduced $160 were given fuel and house rent free to counterbalance the reduction.

What Life Insurance Is.

Life insurance is a scheme which enables every provident man to apply the truest and loftiest principles of practical benevolence in his own home. It is the close friend of hones