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Club were out trying their new traps yesterday. The machines are all right

and worked splendidly. There were about 40 present and some good work

L. F. Wilson, Macleod, Elliott, Jno. Glassford, Northway and Fred. Steph-

secretary and president of the Club had a side bet yesterday. If Mr. Wil-

son lost he was to get his moustache decapitated, and if Mr. Richards lost

he was to get his head shaved. Mr.

Wilson lost his moustache on the score

Sweep No. 1, 10 targets-

of nine to seven.

Thos. Nichol

D. Smith 4. J. Kime 4.

Dr. Tye 4. J. Piggott 5. F. Bartlett 2.

Martin 3.

W. Paulucci 3.

. Stephens 6. Richards 9.

D. Martin 5. Smith 5. Kime 5.

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Bartlett 3. Paulucci 3.

ed. Stephens Richards 6.

Glassford 7.

Thos. Thompson 4. M. Waddell 3. Thos. Tennant 2.

Sweep No. 3, 10 targets-

Sheldon

R. Lunn 4. L. Wilson 7.

A. C. McKay, 6. Thomas Nichol, 7. D. Martin, 5.

Smith, 7.

Stegman, 2. Piggott, 6. Bartlett 2.

Paulucci, 2.

J. Kime, s. W. Paulucci 3.

Northway, 5. Fred. Stephens, 5, W. Richards, 5. M. Sheldon, 5. J. Glassford, 6,

J. Young, 4. M. Northway, 8. J. Glassford, 3.

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Northway 2.

M. Northway 2.

Glassford 5.

Thos. Thompson 3. M. Waddell 2. Thes. Tennant 2.

In S. Iennant 2.
R. Lum 5.
L. Wilson 7.
Sweep No. 2, 10 targets,—
A. C. McKay 6.
Thos. Nichol, 6.

A. C. McKay 8.

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The Minister Makes a Defence to

His Conduct.

Hard by the Opposition-Under Fire for Hours.

Ottawa, April 24.-Mr. Blair's pre cious contract with Mr. Clergue for steel rails for the Intercolonial was under discussion throughout the en-

When the House went into committee of supply, Mr. Blair entered upon an elaborate defence of his position in the matter. He declared that notwithstanding the document laid on the table on the 10th inst., he had no intention of deceiving the house when he said the other day that the contract was for one year only. With the object of encouraging the manufacture of steel rails in Canada, negotiations were opened with Mr. Clergue in June, when Mr. Clergue submitted a proposal, which was discussed in council and talked over with Mr. Clergue, by members of the government. The result was that an order-in-council was

passed to purchase 52,000 tons this year at \$32.60 per ton, and the order also set forth the existence of an understanding that the government would purchase a similar quantity each year at the price prevailing at the time in the English market. When he heard read the document which he laid on the table the other day, the draft contract setting forth an agree-ment for five years, it was a surprise to him. He had never seen the draft. Perhaps if it had been put before him in that shape he would have signed it without looking at it to see if it had been drafted on the lines of the orderin-council; but, as it happened, he had not signed it, nor had Mr. Clergue; so no harm was done after all. As to the statement that the price the I. C. R., was paying for rails was higher than current prices in the United States, he denied its relevancy, for it would have been impossible to get anybody to start a rail factory in Canada in face of the certainty of cut prices of slaughter rails sent in here by the combine in the United States, therefore it was that Mr. Clergue stipulated that the price should be fixed by the quotations in the fair free market of England. Contracts for rails had to be made for nine to twelve months ahead, and in London, when the order-in-council passed in October, the price was from \$34 to \$35 per ton at the works. As the first of the Clergue rails were to be delivered in August next, he challenged criticism of the arrangement. Then, as this was fair, what did all this cry and newspaper clamor amount to? It was one of the most commendable transaction the govern-ment every put through, Mr. Blair

The Opposition leader, was not surprised that Mr. Blair should want to know what all this clamor was about. The fact was, The members of the Maple City Gun when early in April Mr. Blair announced his bargain, he gave the house to under-stand that the document he laid on the table of the House was duly executed contract with the Clergue company. Ten days afterwards the honorable gentleman came was done. The young shooters were showing up well in their work yesterdown and said it was not the contract at all, and sits down satisfied, after having elicited the applause of his followers which he invited. Was it safe to go on now, or ens are all coming rapidly to the front and will in time make good marksmen. L. F. iWlson and W. S. Richards, the was the House to give the honorable gentle man ten days more before discussing the proposed contract? (Opposition applause.) At all events he should state in what, if

Mr. Blair replied that the order-in-coun cil showed the company should supply and deliver to the Government in 1901, at Lewis or Montreal, 25,000 tons of steel rails of 80 ounds to the yard, at \$32 per ton, and in

pounds to the yard, at \$32 per ton, and in the subsequent four years Mr. Clergue might expect similar orders. Mr. Borden, quoting the clause of the contract, showed it meant a contract not for one year, but an understanking for five

Mr. Blair said that one year's contract was all that could be made under the

was all that could be made under the order-in-council. That was all that was intended. He had not seen the document as drawn up. A Minister could not look into everything.

Mr. Borden quite admitted that, but he would think that in the matters of a contract involving the country in an expenditure of four millions, the minister ought to be expected to look into the contract. (Hear; hears.) Resides, as the contract was been hears.) Besides, as the contract has been sent to Mr. Clergue by the Deputy Minister, to be signed, it was a question whether the Government can't be held to the five-year contract "But," enquired Mr. Borden, "how will Mr. Clergue manufacture in Canda the ralls required this wears"

Mr. Blair replied that he supposed he would make them the same as everybody else would do—after first putting up his buildings and plant. (Laughter.)

That, Mr. Borden observed, "was so intensely clear, perhaps it would not be worth enquiring further. (Renewed laughter.) But he would just point out with all the dissimulation about establishing local industries, there was nothing in it obligating Mr. Clergue to manufacture the rails in Canada. Did the honorable gentleman expect Mr. Clergue could do it for this year?

man expect Mr. Clergue could do is for this year?
Mr. Blair had been so assured by Mr. Clergue, although he himself had doubts about it. However, if he failed there would be no rails purchased.

Discussion continued on these lines for four hours more, and Mr. Blair was under fire. Finally, he was unable to give some further information asked by Mr. Haggart, and to enable him to procure it the committee rose without passing an item, and the House adjourned shortly before midnight.

night.

The Conservative members of the Senate and House of Commons will give a banquet on Wednesday evening, May 1st, in the Senate restaurant to Mr. R. L. Borden, leader

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxatie Bromo Quinine Tab-lets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's gignature is on each box.

Special to The Planet. Toronto, April 24.—10 a. m.—Moder-te northerly to northwesterly winds, learing towards evening. Thursday,

A clerk wanted at F. Marx broker's

Boy Wanted—At The Planet office. Must be about seventeen years of age. Members are all requested to be present at the Thursday meeting of the W. C.T.U., A pril 25th, 1901.

Alex. Cunningham and Mary Faubert were united in marriage last even-ing by Rev. J. J. Ross. Girl Wanted—For general Housework. Apply to Mrs. James Scott Gray, William street. 1wd

Mrs. W. G. Arnold and daughter have left for an extended visit to friends in London and Clinton. Dr. Russell, dentist, has removed his office to cor. King and Fifth streets, over Merchants' Bank. dwlm Chief Young states that he gave permission to no one to cut the tree in front of Ald. Taylor's residence. Fred. Mackay, a graduate of the C. C. I. and a veteran of the Cuban war, is in the Public General Hospital suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

Parties wanting Black Minorca eggs for hatching, can get same at 75c. a setting of 15 eggs, opposite Couzens' factory, Colborne street. 1w

On Saturday the Agricultural Society will hold their Spring Fair. Secretary Robinson says that the entries are coming in splendidly. Alfred Burley, of Con. 10, Chatham Tp., raised the framework of his new barn to-day. The size of the building will be 40 by 60 ft. with a height of

The new nlarm box, No. 41, just put in by the Manson Campbell Co., was pulled at eleven o'clock this morning by Chief Pritchard and found to work

nost satisfactorily. Two popular Maple City young peo-ple were joined for life at Mitchell to-day, when Miss May Hawkins and

The members of Christ Church confirms tion class, and any persons who would like to join the class, are asked to meet in the S. S. hall this evening at a quarter to

Professor Wm. Clark, D. C. L., LL. D., F. R. S. C., will give the tifth lecture of the Collegiate Institute course in Collegiate Hall on Thursday, April 25, at 8 p. m., subject Important sale of household furniture

Mr. L. J. Atwater, who is leaving the city has instructed Andrew Thomson, jr., auc tioner, to sell without reserve all his ele-gant household furniture on Tuesday, 30th, at one o'clock. See add for information.

What is fame and what's in a name In this city Julius Caesar Chase is living on the premises once occu-pied by George Washington Solomon. Perhaps this but proves the old adage "Birds of a feathre flock together." George Slagg, son of Richard Slagg, Selkirk St., leaves to-night for Winnipeg, where he has secured an excell ent situation at his trade of baker. Mr. Slagg is an exceedingly popular young man and he will be much miss-

The Champion Shoemaker has a line of men's shoes from 85 cts. up to \$5. All goods 25 cts. per pair under store prices. The old reliable shoe repairer. All work guaranteed. The Champion Shoemaker, Opposite the Opera House next Robert's liquor store.

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TAKE A DRINK WITH MR. MAL-COLMSON.

Nothing is more delicious or pleas-ant to the taste than a drink that is rich in flavor. Such is Baker's cocoa and to taste this necessary adjunct of the breakfast table suggests Ambrosia, the drink of the Greek gods.
Just now a charming representative
of the firm of Walter Baker & Co.,
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store and all the ladies who visit this store and all the ladies who visit this grocery may have a cup of delicious cocoa. The young lady is dressed to represent the picture of the German woman that adorns every package and is a copy of one of the most famous paintings in the Dresden art gallery. The representative of the company will be at the Malcolmson store only this week so that everyone should call this week so that everyone should call before Saturday.

DAY LIGHT ALONG THE HUD-SON RIVER.

A more magnificent panorama of beautiful scenery of beautiful scenery than is seen along the historic Hudson River, it would be hard to find, and River, it would be hard to find, and this is offered to hall patrons of the West Shore, Railroad whose trains pass in full view of the river. Train leaving Chatham at 11.06 p. m., reach-es New York at 3.30 p. m. following day, and is practically a day light train shortly after leaving Buffalo. Wabash ticket agent for further in-formation. formation.

THE BOOK USED UP.

The minute book of the City Council will be filled up when the proceedings of the council meeting last Monday night are entered in it. This book was first put in commission on the 5th of October, 1896, during the mayoralty regime of Manson Campbell. It did service during the terms of office of the following mayors:—

1897—Henry Smyth.

1898—H. A. Patteson.

1899—T. A. Smith.

1901—G. W. Sulman.

The minutes up to July 16, 1897, are

1901—G. W. Sulman.

The minutes up to July 16, 1897, are in the handwriting of Major James C. Weir, who was the late John Tissiman's deputy. On this date Mr. Merritt was appointed city clerk and the balance of the book is inscribed in his bold and neat handwriting.

Mowat Insulted Him

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remely likely that I have read with n six or seven weeks—the thing was practically open—many hundreds of etters, and I did not undertake at to preserve these."
THE LETTERS PRODUCED.

John D. Wilson, M. D., ex-mayor London, executor of the Cameron estate, produced the late Mr. Cameron's letter book. One of these letters dated October 5th, 1896, was addressed to Sir Richard Cartwright, and read:—"I had an interview with the person aggred in your letter. named in your letter, at Toronto, on my way home. I found the personamed most indignant, and threaten to smash up the Government. He hadifficulty in getting an interview with the Premier, who then treated hivery cavalierly, and was like an ice berg. Sir Oliver insulted him, hinting

very cavalerly, and was like an iceberg. Sir Oliver insulted him, hinting pretty plainly that he had not brains enough for the position."

In a letter of November 22nd, addressed to Sir Richard, Mr. Cameron wrote:—

"I decline positively to open negotiations with the man in Toronto. The proposition was his own, and when matters reached a critical stage he backed out. That ends it as far as I am concerned."

Sir Richard, when questioned as to this, did not think, but would not swear positively, that the man in Toronto was Mr. Cook.

Dr. Wilson told the committee that his reason for appearing was the slur placed upon the memory of his dead friend and father-in-law, Mr. Cameron of whom Mr. Bigar had said in evidence that if Mr. Cameron got money from Cook he would have kept it for from Cook he would have kept it fo

his own use. Malcolm Graham Cameron said h Malcolm Graham Cameron said he came to Ottawa and saw S. H. Blake and conferred with Sir Richard Cartwright also, "because of a letter book which that brother-in-law of mine was blackguard enough to produce here."

"I have heard it suggested," said Mr. Marsh, "that you have been seeking an appointment in the gift of the Government. Have you?"

"I have," Mr. Cameron answered. "But that was long ago. I have the letter in my bag. It was long before this matter came up. It was on the

this matter came up. It was on the revision of the statutes. I have got the promise, you know, not the ap-pointment."
This concluded the evidence and the committee adjourned till to-me at 10.30 to hear argument.

Alberta Gallatin and her excellen company of New York actors and act besides you know us. esses, who will appear at the Grand to-night in Cator Heverin's version of 'Nell Gwynne," is such a well known and popular favorite all over the Un ited States and Canada that she needs no introduction to a Chatham audi-

Her portrayal of the title role of "Nell Gwynne" is beyond a doubt one of the most charming she has ever un-dertaken and the press and public ev-erywhere that she has appeared have nothing but praise for her wonderful versatility, charm and artistic abil-

Miss Gallatin holds her audience entranced by her own charming person-ality, and as the character of "Nell Gwynne" is as varying as a spring day, going from gayness to pathos and then to tragedy with the speed of a kaleidoscope. This gives Miss Galla-tin an opportunity to bring into play her wonderful versatility and to as-sume all those different moods with-out an apparent effort and to lend to each a sweetness, charm and grace which few actresses of the present day possess.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY. .The adjourned vestry meeting Christ church was held last night. There was a fair attendance, The auditors submitted the financial report. The report showed that all expenses had been met and the old deficit re-duced. It was decided to take the necessary steps to secure an act from the Ontario Legislature giving the vestry power to dispose of the glebe lands, should they so desire, and the Rector, W. H. Harper, and H. Dennis were appointed a committee to look after the matter. Quite a discussion took place re the hymnals, and it it likely a new hymnal will be introduced. There has been of late quite a demand for pews and sittings in Christ church and it was felt that every effort should be made to accommodate applicants. modate applicants.

DRESDEN.

April 24.—Allen Fretz, of Tupperville, has taken Miss Jennie McConnell's class in the public school during her leave of

absence.

Mrs. L. Cronk went to Chatham yesterday to see her husband, who was badly hurt on the steamer City of Chatham.

Miss C. Irving returned home after spending a week with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. Basha Anderson was married to-day to Alonzo Wilcox, of Wabash.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Seciety of the Methodist Church was held here to-day.

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