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STRATTON'S VERSION OF GAMEY'S STORY

Provincial Secretary Relates His Side Amid Shower of Caustic Comment

PROVOKES MUCH SHARP CROSS-FIRING

Last Witness For Defence Attracts Much Attention

Describes His Several Meetings With Gamey and Subjects Discussed—Never Trusted Member for Manitoulin—Not Surprised at His Failure to Support Government.

The trump card of the defence in the bribery scandal was played yesterday when Hon. J. R. Stratton went into the box. For four hours the astute Provincial Secretary occupied the stand. Complacent almost to the degree of exasperation during the early hours of his experience, he gradually gave way under the vigorous assaults of Mr. Blake until, when he left the box at 4 in the afternoon, he presented the aspect of a very serious individual.

Mr. Stratton's Story.

Mr. Stratton's story on the whole is entirely in accord with that of other witnesses for the defence. He denied unhesitatingly every single fact asserted by Gamey, that was calculated to compromise him or the government. Any correspondence or negotiations between Sullivan and Gamey he knew nothing of and did not propose to be bound thereby. He repudiated Frank entirely.

HON. JAMES R. STRATTON.

Seats at a Premium.

In anticipation of the star witness going into the box, the court-room was crowded to the limit. There was a fair sprinkling of ladies present, and their smart gowns contributed a degree of color to the scene. Frank Sullivan was an interested witness of the embarrassing position of the man whose name he has so frequently used since the present situation developed. Gamey, too, cool, just a trifle cynical and confident, sat directly in front of Mr. Stratton, and seemed to enjoy the proceedings immensely.

Explains Each Detail.

During the three hours his counsel led him gradually over the whole story, the game was easy. Each incriminating circumstance was denied in toto and in many cases explained with amazing plausibility.

"A total fabrication; entirely false; nothing of the kind ever occurred; it is not true," all in an emphatic manner, were the phrases which punctuated Mr. Stratton's statements frequently. All these negatives referred to Gamey's story of corruption manipulated by the Provincial Secretary.

And Then the Fireworks.

And then came the fireworks! Mr. Blake seemed to light on the suave Mr. Stratton with all the pent up energy of the past three weeks. There appeared a measure of satisfaction to the senior counsellor for the prosecution in the process. So fierce was the fire at one time that Mr. Stratton lost his blandness and, flushing, warned the lawyer that he would not be frightened, that he must not be so sharp.

Political Feeling Rampant.

"You attend to your demeanor and I will do the same for mine," hotly responded Mr. Blake.

The ancient political feeling was figuring to no mean degree in the examination. In fact, Mr. Blake was taunted with his recent change of principles in a sharp repartee from Mr. Stratton, when some reference was made to the conduct of the government.

"You consented to the same thing for many years," observed the witness as he shot a triumphant glance at his tormentor.

Wit Against Wit.

"No I suffered it," was the characteristic reply, and the cunning cross-examiner glared at the Provincial Secretary as the faint titter went over the room. And thus the two men parried and thrust and sidestepped in the amazing feat of wit against wit. Altogether it was a rare treat and not soon to be reproduced, except perhaps to-day, when Mr. Stratton must again submit to the castigating process.

The whole day is expected to be consumed with this witness. This will close the case for the defence. Then there will be some ten witnesses in rebuttal, and two days will be sufficient for the arguments. The great bribery scandal will be submitted to the Royal Commission before the conclusion of the week.

STRATTON TELLS HIS STORY.

Takes Stand After Two Other Witnesses Have Testified.

Hon. J. R. Stratton consumed the attention of the Commission, with the exception of a few minutes devoted to Rev. J. F. Gaughan of Manitoulin and Walter J. Boland, solicitor. From 11 o'clock until the court adjourned at 4 o'clock, the Provincial Secretary was kept busy. He will have another siege to-day, possibly consuming the whole time of the Commission. Just before Mr. Stratton took the stand, this sidelight was thrown on the case:

Mr. Blake: I may say that we still continue to get a large number of anonymous letters, and some of them giving a lot of vague hints as to this source and that source and the other source; but, My Lords, the most of them are so vague that it is impossible for us to follow them up, and others seem to be so unlikely that we do not feel like following them up. Now, My Lords, the only reason I make this statement is that I do not want that people should hereafter be able to say that there was this source of investigation that did not prove to be true. I want it to be publicly known that if these gentlemen have got any matters that they really conceive to be of importance, they must bring it to Mr. McPherson, the solicitor, because we cannot pay any attention to these letters with vague information, and if there is anything behind their charge they must come forward and make it in the usual way. I do not want, My Lords, it to be said hereafter, that I wrote you this and I sent

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KING QUITS THE FRENCH AMID WILD ACCLAIM

Expresses Warm Appreciation of the Reception Accorded Him in Paris.

Paris, May 4.—King Edward left the Invalides Railroad station on his way to Cherbourg before noon to-day, amid the booming of 100 cannons and the acclamations of an enormous crowd. The ceremonies at His Majesty's departure were on the same elaborate and spectacular scale as on his arrival here. President Loubet, in a state coach, called at the British embassy and drove with the King thru the avenues on both sides of which troops and large crowds were massed. His Majesty wore the uniform of a British admiral. In a carriage following that of the King and the President were Premier Combes and Foreign Minister Delcasse, the latter wearing for the first time the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order, bestowed upon him yesterday by King Edward. There was sa continuous roar of "Vive le Roi" along the route, taru the Avenue de Marigny, over the Pont Alexandre, to the Esplanade des Invalides.

Decorations Numerous.

The station was sumptuously decorated with crimson and gold hangings, and the British and French colors. The band of the Republican Guard, stationed on the platform, played "God Save the King," at the moment of His Majesty's departure. The final adieus were extremely cordial, the King and President Loubet holding a long and intimate farewell conversation. Then the King saluted the officers, bowed and smiled to the cheering crowd, entered the train and departed for Cherbourg, where a French squadron is waiting to render him farewell honors.

Cherbourg, May 4.—The royal train arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening. A salute of 100 guns was fired from the fort in honor of His Majesty. Care was exercised in bringing the train thru Cherbourg to prevent the King being incommoded by the crowds. At all the places thru which the train passed on its way from Paris, crowds assembled and cordially greeted the royal visitor with cheers.

A second salute was fired when His Majesty entered the arsenal, and when he descended from the train military honors were paid him and the band played "God Save the King."

King Edward was met by Admiral Couchard and other local officials with whom he exchanged a few words. He embarked on a launch of the Maritime authorities, and was conveyed to the Victoria and Albert, the royal yacht.

Warm Note of Thanks.

Paris, May 4.—President Loubet has received from King Edward at Cherbourg the following telegram:

"Before leaving French soil, I desire once more warmly to thank you for the friendly welcome, you, your government and the French people have accorded me in France and during my sojourn in Paris, the souvenir of which never will be effaced from my memory."

Altho King Edward has left the city the Parisians are still making merry over his visit.

Open air dancing is in full progress all over the city, and it is accompanied with the usual popular rejoicings customary during such celebrations. The merry makers are favored with mild springlike weather, and promise to keep up their revels until dawn.

The King will spend the night on board the royal yacht, which will not sail for England until to-morrow morning.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AT ROME.

Reviews 25,000 Troops on Plains of Centocelle.

Rome, May 4.—Owing to the recent heavy rains, the military review in Emperor William's honor to-day did not occur on the regular parade ground, but took place at Centocelle on a large plain five miles from this city, a picturesque spot stretching to the Campagna Romana and near the ruined Aqueducts. The troops numbered about 25,000 men. Emperor William recalled the fact that on the same field he had reviewed 50,000 men with the late King Humbert. Notwithstanding the distance of Centocelle from Rome it was estimated that 100,000 persons gathered to witness the magnificent spectacle.

The two sovereigns, the two German Princes, Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Eitel, and four Italian Princes and their suites and three hundred officers in brilliant uniforms, their accoutrements sparkling in the sun, formed a brilliant picture. Queen Helena witnessed the review from a state carriage. Her Majesty and the other members of the royal and imperial parties were heartily cheered. The Emperor showed great interest in the bearing of the troops and highly commended the famous Bersaglieri Regiments.

State Luncheon at Embassy.

The Emperor and his sons lunched at the German Embassy accredited to the Quirinal immediately following the review. The Palazzo Caffarelli, as the German Embassy is known, was bright with flowers. No ladies were present at the lunch, owing to the absence of the German Empress, and to the fact that the Ambassador of Germany, Count Von Konts Von Mazin, is not married. Fifty persons were present.

Cigars—Marguerite, Irvings, Boston, for 25c. Alive Bollard.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

McMaster University, commencement, Castle Memorial Hall, 8 p.m.
McMaster University Alumni, 2 p.m.
Board of Trade Council, 4 p.m.
Toronto Presbytery, 10 a.m.
York Pioneers, Canadian Institute, 3 p.m.
High School Board, City Hall, 8 p.m.
Separate School Board, 8 p.m.
Armouries, G.G.B.G. parade, 8 p.m.
Massey Hall, Dr. Newell's final Bible meeting, 8 p.m.
Parliament Buildings, Legislature, 3 p.m.
Gamey investigation, City Hall, 10 a.m.
Dr. Wild on "Canada" to Ancient Foresters, Temple Building, 8 p.m.

Try the decanter at Thomas', three for a quarter.

MONTREAL TEAMSTERS OUT TROOPS READY FOR WAR

Settlement Far Off as Ever, Says Mayor, Who Holds Midnight Conference.

Montreal, May 4. — (Special.)—"The strike is as far from settlement as ever, and understand the men have rejected my proposal that they accept the same clause as did the Street Railway men a few weeks ago, the same giving a partial recognition of the union." This statement was made close on midnight by Mayor Cochrane.

Over 1500 Teamsters Out.

The longshoremen have been very quiet all day, but the teamsters of the city are out. Fifteen hundred teams are standing idle and another fifteen hundred men are added to the army of the unemployed. No cargo is being moved from the wharves; the movement of heavy freight in the city in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Grand Trunk, the Intercolonial and the various steamship companies, has temporarily ceased.

Companies Affected.

It goes without saying that this strike is in sympathy with the longshoremen. There is no question as to wages. The principal companies affected are the Dominion Transport Co., 250; the Shedden Forwarding Co., 225; Cunningham & Wells, 150; Meldrum Bros., 150; W. H. Taylor, George Maybury, Angle & Lemesurier, J. Quinn, D. Parker & Co., Whelan Bros., John Donnelly, Thomas Donnelly, 800; total number of men 1575. These include coal, wood, ice, and about everything that people need. So long as the teamsters are on strike, there will be no delivery of these necessaries of life in bulk. It is understood, however, that an effort will be made to replace the teamsters.

Trouble is Feared.

Altho there is no unnatural sign of trouble, there have been such persistent rumors of bad blood that the whole militia force of the district have received orders to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice, and at midnight the Mayor and Col. Gordon are conferring together at the Drill Hall.

RANKS OF THE STRIKERS INCREASING IN TORONTO

Nearly 3000 Men Now on Walk Out and Many Others Are Idle.

These are the different crafts and number of men on strike:

Builders' Laborers' Union	650
Iron Moulders' Union	480
Carpenters' Union	720
Cement Paviors' Union	700
Glass Workers	60
Leather Workers	70
Coopers' Union	45
	2725

The coopers went out on strike yesterday morning. This strike affects six firms in the city. An increase of 5 cents is asked, making wages 25c an hour, instead of 20 cents as at present. There is also a demand for a decrease in time.

Strikers' Ranks Growing.

The striking carpenters' ranks were swelled to the extent of twelve yesterday. These had been working in the employ of J. H. Smith & Co. A peculiar situation has cropped up as the result of this strike. The mill men who have heretofore supplied the boss carpenters with lumber now refuse to sell to those carpenters who have agreed to pay the increased scale demanded by the men. Lumber now is purchased by them out of town. This act on the part of the millmen is de-

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AVALANCHE KILLS TWO.

Five Thousand Tons of Stone Sweep Down on Party.

Sydney, N.S., May 4.—Two men, Nathaniel March and George Lambert, natives of Kennedy's Bay, Newfoundland, were killed and five others had a miraculous escape from an avalanche of 5000 tons of stone, which slid down the side of George's River above the steel company's quarries at 9 o'clock this morning. When the men saw it coming, all ran for a place of safety, but these two were buried beneath the immense mass. One of the bodies can be seen with ten tons of stone upon it, and it is likely both will be recovered this afternoon. Both victims were single and twenty years old.

10c Gates Cigar sold for 5c—Havana Alive Bollard. New Store, 128 Yonge St.

Big Pulp Land Deal.

St. John's, Nfld., May 4.—A wealthy syndicate of American and Canadian capitalists, headed by Henry Melville Whitney of Boston, has purchased two million acres of timber pulp lands in Newfoundland, and intends to undertake development on a large scale. The syndicate paid over $1,000,000 for its property.

Smoking Perfection Mixture, nothing to equal it. Alive Bollard.

Venezuela Names Dr. Paul.

Washington, May 4.—The United States State Department has been notified that the Venezuelan government has named Dr. Paul as its member of the arbitration which is to meet at Caracas next month to consider American claims. Dr. Paul is a lawyer, and eminent publicist of Venezuela, and speaks English.

Did you ever try the top barrel?

PROGRESS OF LAND BILL PROVOKES ENTHUSIASM

Irish Leader Asserts That England Will Not Have Such a Chance Again.

London, May 4. — The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, to-day formally moved the second reading of the Irish Land bill in the House of Commons.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, supporting the motion, said, never before, since the Act of Union, had an English minister had such a chance as Mr. Wyndham now had. The landlords and tenants were in complete agreement on almost all the essential points. The Irish party had returned to Westminster with a mandate from the people upon this bill, and fortified by a vote of confidence.

If Mr. Wyndham refused the reasonable amendments sanctioned by both the landlords and tenants, the Irish party washed their hands of all responsibility.

Rejection Means Hell.

If the bill was rejected, the Irish people would be driven back into the "old hell of warring passions and conflicting hopes." With all his heart, he prayed that such a state of things would not arise. It would be little short of tragic were the government to throw away the golden opportunity, which, once lost, might not return for a lifetime.

All Sentiment Favorable.

Mr. Coghill (Conservative) and Sir George Bartley (Conservative), having respectively moved and seconded the rejection of the land bill, Premier Balfour spoke in support of the measure. He maintained that state-aided land purchase had been the principle of the Unionists for twenty years. They had resisted Mr. Gladstone's bill, because it was inextricably bound up in Home Rule. The security for the loan was ample, and the idea of the Irish repudiating their obligations was imaginary.

Intention of the Bill.

The bill was not intended to make people loyal, or to make them Home Rulers or Unionists. It was simply intended to substitute a good system of land tenure for a bad one, and to cure a festering sore.

Sir Henry Campbell - Bannerman, the Liberal leader, said the terms of the bill should be closely investigated in committee. They were not satisfactory as set forth in the bill.

Mr. Russell, Liberal - Unionist, supported the second reading, altho he disliked some of the complicated arrangements of the bill.

Mr. Dillon pressed upon the government that the amendments drafted by the National Committee are the minimum of the Irish popular demand. The Attorney-General for Ireland, John Atkinson, said the government had no reason to be dissatisfied with the debate, and that it was prepared to give fair and candid consideration to all the amendments.

The debate was then adjourned.

DETROIT INVITES LORD MINTO

Michigan Metropolis Determined to Show Its Appreciation.

Detroit, May 4.—This city is preparing to contribute to the reception of Lord and Lady Minto when they visit Windsor. In fact Canada's Governor-General is also to visit Detroit. A committee of the city visited Windsor to-day to urge this. An address was presented by the Mayor of Detroit and replied to by the Mayor of Windsor, in which he said: "These two cities are one in spirit and in interests. Anything that will further strengthen our friendship is good and we wish to do what we can to aid you in carrying out the invitation which you have extended to our Governor. We will be glad to deliver our guests to you on your side, or have you take charge of them on our side of the river and escort them across."

"Thank you," replied Mayor Maybury. "Perhaps it would seem more fitting for us to escort them across the boundary line. Our committee would prefer, I think, to come to Windsor."

Col. Frank J. Hecker, one of the members of the Citizens' Committee, offered the services of his yacht Vita for the party in crossing. The offer was accepted and Col. Hecker was appointed commodore of the fleet of yachts and launches that is expected to convey the yacht with the distinguished party aboard.

Gen. H. M. Duffield, Commissioner Fowler, Col. Harrab, Ald. Magee and City Clerk Gaston were appointed a committee to arrange for the reception of the party, which is also expected to include the Mayors of Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich.

The plan suggested is to have an escort for the Governor-General's party formed of the Michigan naval reserves, the Detroit companies of the state militia and detachment of United States regulars from Fort Wayne. The party and escort will make a brief circle of the down-town streets, to be followed by an informal reception at the Russell House, at which the Ladies' Committee will also entertain Lady Minto.

The Wide Brimmed Derby.

DINEEN'S

The popular hat of the year is this wide brim Derby. It has a great call on the other side and promises to westward and northward. The Dineen Company have specially imported a splendid selection of them: all prices from $2.50 upwards.

LOCAL SHOWERS TO-DAY.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 4.—8 p.m.—Local showers have occurred to-day in the Maritime Provinces and in Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fair, with nearly the same temperature in all districts.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 28—34; Victoria, 44—58; Kamloops, 48—66; Calgary, 32—58; Qu'Appelle, 40—56; Winnipeg, 34—52; Port Arthur, 32—40; Parry Sound, 34—52; Toronto, 38—54; Ottawa, 40—60; Montreal, 44—54; Quebec, 42—52; Halifax, 36—46.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes — Easterly winds; mostly fair but local showers towards night; not much change in temperature.

Georgian Bay—Easterly winds; a little warmer; weather becoming showery.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair, with about the same temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderate winds, and mostly fair, with about the same temperature.

Maritime—Moderate easterly winds; mostly cloudy in western portion, and showery in eastern Nova Scotia and the island.

Lake Superior—Easterly winds; cloudy with local showers.

Manitoba—Fair, with about the same temperature.

Touch on Campaign Fund Distress Signals Appear

Attempt of Mr. Blake to Force Mr. Stratton to Produce Records Showing Disposition of Cash Used in Contest Provokes a Storm in the Investigation.

The long - looked - for fight over the admissibility of evidence touching the Liberal Campaign Fund began yesterday afternoon, when, with Hon. J. R. Stratton in the witness box, S. H. Blake, K. C., asked for some pertinent particulars. E. F. B. Johnston strongly contended that the size and source of the Ross government's campaign fund bore no relationship to the charges against the Provincial Secretary. Chancellor Boyd seemed half-inclined to agree with him. S. H. Blake argued with just a slight show of heat that the alleged bribe money could not be satisfactorily traced in any other way. His argument was accorded careful attention by the bench, and the Commission adjourned, on the understanding that Their Lordships would give a decision this morning.

Legal Battle Was Expected.

It has been known, ever since the terms of the Commission were framed, that the great legal battle of the trial would be contested on this point. When, at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, S. H. Blake began questioning the Provincial Secretary as to the officers from whom the information ought to be obtained, E. F. B. Johnston promptly made objection.

"We say," said the chief counsel for the defence, "that these are matters in no way relative to the enquiry. The fact that money was put up on protest is admitted. The fact that it was put up by some members of the Liberal party or by the petitioners is necessarily a fact to be admitted, but the source of these moneys, the people who contributed this fund, we submit, can throw no light whatever upon this enquiry."

Source is a Secret.

Chancellor Boyd seemed to think that the amount of the funds was admissible, but that the source was unimportant. Mr. Blake thought otherwise. In fact, he considered it a vital point to know where the money came from.

"Supposing," said he, "that I can show, and put the case as clearly and distinctly, that there was a specific fund, generally, for election purposes, and that from this fund the money came, then will Your Lordships not have a material bit of evidence?"

"The difficulty is," replied Chancellor Boyd, "that we are dealing with specific charges, made by Mr. Gamey in the House. He pledges himself to this that these moneys came from the pocket of Mr. Stratton on two particular occasions. Now, you want to draw the enquiry to show that funds may be derivable from some source or other, which may have been paid in this way."

Would Not Make It Wider.

To this Mr. Blake replied that he had no intention of widening the enquiry. He wanted to find out if there was a source and then to see whether from that source it came. Upon the suggestion of Chancellor Boyd Mr. Blake proceeded to temporarily drop the point and examine along less direct lines. This the counsel for the prosecution attempted to do, but he was held up before he had asked a dozen questions. When he asked if Mr. Stratton knew of any large sum of money being spent for election purposes Mr. Johnston made a long argument to show that this question should not be answered. Mr. Stratton also pleaded that he should not be questioned on matters of this kind. A warm argument ensued Mr. Blake was insistent. Mr. Johnston was determined that the campaign fund should not be gone into, and the Chancellor appeared to agree with him.

Should Cut Both Ways.

"This investigation," said the latter, "should be with reference to both sides if it is to be gone on with."

"Certainly, let it be," replied Mr. Blake quickly.

The Chancellor argued that, following these lines, there was no telling where the enquiry would finish. Also he contended that the prosecution had closed its investigation. It had rested its case, and now it was proposed to widen the enquiry.

"I don't want to widen the investigation a hair's breadth," declared Mr. Blake emphatically.

An effort was then made to conduct the cross-examination along less direct lines, but it was not successful. Mr. Johnston was jealously standing guard over the campaign fund. He objected to every question affecting it.

Information is Limited.

The legal controversy developed the fact that the prosecution is not likely to get much information concerning the campaign fund from Hon. J. R. Stratton. Mr. Stratton was singularly ignorant of any fund outside of protest moneys. It was the affair of the Ontario Liberal Association, he said, of which organization he professed to know little or nothing. He did not know the secretary. He had no knowledge of the treasurer.

Thus adjournment found the commission undetermined as to the admissibility of this evidence. It is clear that one of the most important issues of the investigation hangs in the balance. Their Lordships' decision, which is to be given this morning, is awaited with the keenest interest.

AFTER STATE SECRETS.

Frantic Efforts of Defence to Prevent Probing Into Contest Funds.

Then in regard to your being left in charge of the protests, whence did the funds for paying in the deposit—I think you had as many as 18 or 19 deposits—you would need $18,000 or $19,000 independently of the other expenses connected with these matters.

Mr. Johnston: Just wait a moment. We say on that point that these are matters in no way relative to this enquiry. The

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RAIDING GAMBLING JOINTS.

Commission Has Secret List Showing All Keepers and Patrons.

The announced hostility of the new Police Commission to gambling joints is bearing fruit. Saturday night Inspector Hall, accompanied by Policemen Crowe, Dynes and Dent, made a tour of alleged gaming houses, and the result thereof was most satisfactory. On the one hand they found that a number of places which have heretofore been regarded as "joints" have gone out of business, temporarily or otherwise, and this is ascribed to the recent active crusade against gambling. On the other they successfully raided another "resort," and secured names at other places.

The place raided was 192 York-street, kept by John Aber. Here they arrived a short time after midnight, and as a preliminary precaution held vigil outside. At the given signal the raid was effected. Aber had just time to grab the cards and a dollar bill which were on the table before he was taken, and William Gowans did not elude the police by going upstairs and getting into bed. The others taken were: Benjamin Copeland, 91 York-street; Charles Maybrick, Cleveland; Maurice Bruhl, 4 Foster-place; Lewis Gaffee, 248 West King-street; Samuel Merkayetes, 248 West King-street, and Mike Sity.

Aber had $13.50 and the others lesser sums when arrested. Aber was up on a similar charge a short time ago, but got off on the plea that they were simply playing for the cigars.

They all appeared Monday morning, pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury. They were remanded until Friday.

The fact has leaked out that the police commissioners are carrying on a secret campaign that is calculated to land the keepers of every gambling house in the city in jail, and the frequenters in the witness box. During the past two weeks lists have been compiled under the direction of the board of every joint in the city, the frequenters, the hangers-on and the names and residence of every known or suspected gambler in Toronto. In addition a list is now being compiled of young men who patronize these places, where they reside and by whom they are employed. Just what use is to be made of these lists is uncertain, but the gambling fraternity, as well as the patrons, are seriously alarmed.

The Ministerial Association yesterday appointed a committee to draft a petition, which will be presented to Premier Ross and Attorney - General Gibson, beseeching them to take active measures to assist the forces already in the field against this element. A resolution was also drawn up and unanimously adopted, commending the Police Commissioners and press for the services they have rendered to the community in this regard.

The Police Commission meets to-day, and gambling will again be dealt with.

EDWARDS & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington St. East Geo. Edwards F.C.A., A. H. Edwards.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

May 4.	At.	From.
Kroonland	New York	Antwerp
Victorian	New York	Liverpool
Napolitan Prince	Naples	New York
Augusta Victoria	Hamburg	New York
Barbarossa	Cuxhaven	New York
Lugia	Marseilles	New York

CHAIR OFFERED TORONTO MAN

Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N. B., Invites Rev. W. Watson.

St. John, N.B., May 4.—The Committee of Regents of Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N.B., appointed to secure a successor to Dr. Stewart, who recently resigned the chair of theology, have offered the chair to Rev. W. G. Watson of the Toronto Conference, and he signified his willingness to accept. He is spoken of as one of the rising scholars of the West.

Reduction in Coal.

The price of our celebrated Plymouth Coal is $6.50 per ton for nut, stove and egg sizes, and $5.50 for pea. Now is the time to place your order; call and see us. James H. Milnes & Co., phones Main 2379 and 2380, 86 East King-street.

SANDERSON'S MOUNTAIN DEW SCOTCH Has both strength and flavor.

Street Railway Men in Convention.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 4.—The eighth biennial convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes opened here to-day with 250 delegates present from all parts of the country. President W. D. Mahon presided.

Nothing but the finest goods at Thomas

Corona Fruitmeat is delicious. Try it.

BIRTHS.

KILGOUR—On Monday, 4th May, at 11 Maitland-place, Toronto, the wife of Thos. A. Kilgour of a daughter.

WILLIAMSON—On Sunday, May 3rd, at 548 Parliament-street, Toronto, the wife of Robt. H. Williamson of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MONTROSE—MORRIS—At the residence of the bride's mother, on Wednesday, April 29, by Rev. A. J. Paul, Mr. Frederick L. Montrose of Camden, New Jersey, to Miss Stella Morris of Richmond Hill.

DEATHS.

FRASER—On Saturday, May 2, Geo. B. Fraser (commission merchant), aged 73 years.
Interment in Guelph.

HINCHCLIFFE—At 247 Borden-street, Sunday, May 3rd, 1903, Susan, beloved wife of Benjamin Hinchcliffe, in her 80th year.
Funeral from above address Wednesday, May 6th, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

LOMAS—On Monday, May 4, 1903, at her late residence, 117 Morse-street, Charlotte, beloved wife of John Lomas, aged 44 years.
Funeral Wednesday, the 6th, at 2.30 p.m.
Collingwood papers please copy.

SMART—On May 3rd, at the residence of her father, 420 Wilton-avenue, Jessie Alexander Smart, dearly beloved daughter of George and Margaret Smart.
Funeral Tuesday, at 3 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

NOW BRITISH COLUMBIA HAVING BOODLE TRIAL

Victoria, B. C., May 4. — The British Columbia legislature has adjourned for a week in order that the charges of corruption in connection with the proposed grant of valuable lands in Southeast Kootenay, to the Columbia and Western Railway, the bill repudiating which was to-day assented to by the Lieutenant - Governor, may be fully investigated. The fact that the bill repudiating the grant to the railway is no wiaw will add complications to the deal, as a large army of locaters have staked the lands in question, and claim rights both under the Land and Mining Acts. The government is determined to bring out all the facts in connection with the deal, and counsel will be engaged to aid the work of the special committee appointed for that purpose. In the legislature, to - day, in moving for an adjournment for a week, which may be lengthened, the Premier, Prior, said that the government was most anxious to obtain all the evidence in connection with the matter now before the special committee. He said it was a very serious matter, and the country, as well as the House, wanted everything brought out that way connected with the issuance or rather the drawing up of the grants. Some statements had been made referring to members of this House, and where none were specified, the election was on all. McBride, leader of the opposition, who followed, thorol yendorsed the motion. The opposition, he said, wanted the fullest examination into all the data regarding the matter before the committe.

Northern Securities' Earnings.

New York, May 4.—The Northern Securities Company issued to-day a statement of its income account from Nov. 13, 1901, to Dec. 31, 1902, showing dividends received on stocks owned to be $15,364,261, and a surplus, after payment of expenses, dividends, interest, taxes, etc., of $758,117. The circular to stockholders says an audit company certified to the financial statement.

Montreal Repudiates Carnegie.

Montreal, May 4.—The City Council at a meeting to-day on a close vote of 18 to 14, decided to reconsider its former decision and to refuse to take Mr. Andrew Carnegie's $150,000 for a free public library. This disposes of the matter.