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REPORTING SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE,

The interest in political matters is icreasing rapidly among all classes in Canada. On every side the important questions of the day are discussed, and the keen intelligence of the people which has raised Canada to the position which she now holds is being turned to the Governments which control her destinies.

The speeches of the members are carefully read. The press fully recognize this, and do their best to prowide the public with full reports; but it is impossible to do so if the re-porters are not provided with pronmodation.

The Toronto News speaks of the press gallery as follows, and it would certainly seem that the improve-ments asked for are but reasonable, and to be desired both in the interests of the members and the public

"When Arthur S. Hardy died the reporters lost a good friend. In dealing with them he had no party prejudice, and he had planned, had his health permitted him to retain the Premiership, improvements in the press gallery that would have enabled the reporters to carry out their duties with some degree of convenience. The press gallery was a sort of after-thought. It was absolutely forgotten until the new buildings were completed. Then it was tucked The journey there is so circuitous that there are to-day members of the present Cabinet who have never had the courage to make it. In addition, the acoustics are so bad that whenever the Premier has an important speech to make the shorthand reporters of the Government organs are given seats on the floor of the House. Worse, still, however, is the predicament of the reporters who desire to reach the floor of the House after the members rise. If the ladies' gallery, the narrow lane at the back of which is the sole entrance or exit to the press gallery, is crowded, then the reporter cannot reach the floor of the Chamber in less than four or five minutes. Probably the member whom it is necessary for him to see has departed by the time he reaches it. Despite the enormous inconveniences under which the reporters suffer, members of the House, even Ministers, have no hesitation in rising before the orders of the day are called to protect against inaccur acies in such and such newspapers They are not to be blamed, for the Toronto daily papers are the only Hansard they have. There is perhaps no remedy for some of the grievances, but for years the newspaper men have been asking for the construction of a spira' staircase just back of the Speaker's throne, which should be closed during the session of the House. This would not destroy the contour of the House. It would not even be seen, except by those persons who ventured back of the Speaker's throne, yet year after year it has been denied. Probably there is no public deliberative body on earth which shows less consideration of the press and which expects Legislature.

THE DECADENCE OF ORATORY

The Honorable George E. Foster contributes an interesting article to the Canadian Magazine on the sub-ject of Oratory. Mr. Foster rightly takes an exalted view of his subject.

"All speaking," he says, "is not oratory; most even of what men call fine speaking, has little akin to it.

"The form of expression may be of the nicest, the flow of words of the smoothest, and even the thought of the highest order and yet it may mot be oratory. On the other hand it is impossible for the sacred fire to flash forth from the rude and lettered people and with strange and

"Real oratory is a child of truth and ardor. Falsehood is fatal to its birth, and coldness clips its wings and hinders all effective flight. The soul must be at white heat and cry to be delivered of its message, and the message must proceed from the very throne of truth and appeal for onse to the deepest feelings of auditors. Oratory delights in

the auditors. Oratory delights in broad lines and bold imagery; it dislikes the tangled strands of small issues and dry detail.

"The mental eye of the crator must see with perfect pleasure the thing which he wishes to describe, or he can never adequately represent it to his hearer; he must feel its absolute truth and urgency before he stamp its burning importance upon this auditor. The real grator cannot

e a bad man; the ring of his co of truth utters no spurious metal. The mission of the orator has not So long as truth lives and nen feel, so long there is place and

scope for him.
"Neither painting nor music, nor sculpture, nor poetry, nor any other form of expression can ever replace the living prophet, called of God, on fire with truth and impelled by the relentless fiat, 'Go forth and speak to my people."

This high conception of oratory will hardly apply to the public utterances of to-day in Canada, Great Britain or the United States, comments the Windsor Record. There has been a marked decadence in the poetry of to-day compared to that of twentyfive years ago, or of the beginning of last century. Tennyson and Browning, or Scott, Burns, Wordsworth, or Byron live only in their works; they have no worthy successors in the flesh. Kipling is essentially a storyteller rather than a poet. The rea-son for the dearth of poetic literature of the present day, which will be looked upon as classic, is not far to seek. The hurry and commercialism of the twentieth century is not congenial to poetical growth.

The same may be said of oratory. Great movements here in the past called forth great and impassioned utterances. The French Revolution in its effect upon England brought to the front such men as Pitt, Fox and Burke The abuses in Great Britain which remained to be reformed in the early forties brought forth such other names as Bright, Cobden. Pell and others. The comparative dearth of real oratory to-day is due in large measure to national com-

In earlier days the platform was practically the only means of reaching the people. The marvelous expansion of the power of the press has of recent years made the platform almost an obsolete institution These causes alone are sufficient to place a quietus on the old-time "flow of soul" which characterized great public utterances.

OUR HYPERBOREAN CAPITAL. Ottawa Citizen.

The January thaw must have been snowed in somewhere.

TAKING A REST.

Toronto World. The Globe has suspended its attack on the parasites and barnacles merely in order that it may wage merciles war on the "jejune iteration of uninteresting trivialities.

POINTER FOR GAMEY. Toronto Telegram.

'Tis well for R. R. Gamey, M. L. A. to remember that the slightest taint of Globe-Hamilton Times editorial language will spoil the best of his otherwise excellent speeches.

NOT A VACANCY BUT A VACUUM

Toronto Telegram. If there is still a vacancy in North Renfrew, there is still a much bigger vacancy in the legal heads of the Ontario Government.

AN ENCORE DEMANDED.

APPLYING THE LESSON.

New York Post. man who examines his (Wright's) career can resist the conclusion that he was guilty, first of dishonesty, secondly of being caught. He obtained money for what was worth little or nothing, and he was overtaken by the detectives from Scotland Yard. In the point of essen tial morality, however, his case differs in no respect from that of the promoters of the shipbuilding trustto take one striking modern instance That buccaneering cruise into the sea of public credit began with a prospectus which, like Wright's, was stuffed with lies. The capital, as in Wright's companies, contained much water; that is, paper certificates, entitling the holders to their portion of nothing. The promoters were, as in Wright's corporations, to receive a lion's share; and hard and fast agree ments were drawn to enable the insiders to pocket their profits and clear out early in the game. The shipbuilding trust, like the London

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and Globe company, relied upon the names of men who were supposed to embody our highest commercial ideals. But there is one vast difference between the case of Wright and that of some of our leaders of high finance; he was amenable to the severe English companies law. transgressed it, he paid the penalty; and a thousand preachers will use his fate as a text. Our transgressors of the same moral law walk the free air, lavish in their philanthropies, lauded from the pulpits as ex amplars for our youth.

+++++++++++++++++++++++ DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From The Planet fyles from September 18, 1857, to November 4, 1857

Married, at Chatham, on the 16th Married, at Chatham, on the 16th inst., by Rev. N. F. English, J. W. Blackstader, of Windsor, to Miss Martha VanAllen, of Chatham. On the 31st ult., by Rev. A. Campbell, John Morrow to Catherine Mc-Coy, both of Harwich.
On the 9th inst., by the same, William Wilcox, to S. M. Shaw, both of Raleigh.

liam Wilcox, to S. M. Shaw, both of Raleigh. On the 13th, by the same, George Wright to Francis Bennett, both of

On the 16th of September, at Rich On the 16th of September, at Rich-mond Castle, Township of Zone, County of Kent, by Rev. J. Vogler, Mr. David Smith to Miss Sarah Maria Wood, of Bothwell.

Toronto Star.

Although Field Marshal Lord (Wolseley has earned a measure of repose, it is not impossible that the Canadian newspapers may insist on his fighting the Red River rebellion over again.

The bank agencies in Chatham in 1857 were—Bank of Upper Canada, Thomas McCrae; Gore Bank, Alexander Charteris. The resident ministers were—Rey. F. W. Sandys, Episcopalian; Rev. Fr. Jeffry, Roman Catholic; Rev. John Robb Kirk; Rev. Alex. McColl., Free Church; Rev. N. Alex. McColl, Free Church; Rev. N. F. English, Wesleyn Methodist; Rev. A. Campbell, Baptist; Rev. William Walker, United Presbyterian.

An account is written of a pig, raised in Brantford, which measured ten feet long, seven feet one inch girth and weighed 1,200 pounds. It was two years, eleven months old.

Married, on the 29th ult., by Rev. A. Campbell, Mr. James Ross, of the Town of Chatham, to Miss Catharine McDonald, of the Township of Williams, County of Middlesex.

On the 1st inst., by the same, Mr. John Littleton, of the village of Wallaceburg, to Miss Sarah Wilcox, of the Township of Raleigh.

William H. Nelson is conducting a grocery, hardware, glassware, woodenware and liquor store.

A. W. Lillie marages a stationary store on King street opposite the post office.

Matried, on the 6th inst., by Rev. A. McColl, Mr. Collin McPherson, of Aldborough, to Catharine McGugan, of the Township of Mosa.

On the 6th October, at Mr. John Patterson's, 11th concession, Township of Howard, by Rev. J. Gogler, Jacob Smith, M. D., of Bothwell, to Miss Elizwbeth Ann Smith, of Morpeth.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Smith, of Morpeth,
On the 8th inst., at Thornberry Cottage, in the County of Kent, C. W. by the Rev. F. W. Sandys, trector, Francis A. Thomas, Esq., son of Lieut. Col. Thomas, cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, at Chatham, to Antoinette Gerrier, daughter of George Wade. Facit, Esq.
At L'Original, by the Rev. Mr. O'Mailery, on the 1st inst., Dr. E. B. Donelly of this tewn, to Miss Mary, Grant, daughter of the late Hon. A. Grant, of the former place.

COUNTY PLOUGHING MATCH.

The annual ploughing match of the Agricultural Society for this

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County was called off on Tuesday, October 27th, at ten o'clock, upon the Maxwell estate, Dover, near Chatham. R. Monck was the secre-

Catholic church, started a se for the erection of a hospital.

Mr. R. J. Earl, of W. H. Nelson's store, of this town, has laid upon our table a unique and ingenious little machine constructed for the express purpose of facilitating apple paring. We have tried it and must candidly pronounce it to be one of the most useful and labor-saving machines that has lately come under our observation. We have not worked it to see how many apples ft could pare in a given time, but we have no doubt that it will pare an apple every three seconds or twenty apples per minute.

Many of our fellow townsmen will tearn with regret that W. A. Molearn with regret that W. A. Mc-Crae, Esq., who for a considerable period filled the office of landing waiter at this part, has been removed and promoted to the collectorship of the port of Dunnville, on the Grand River. Mr. McCrae was known as an industrious, polite and afficient officer, and as a gentleman possessing social qualities few are his superiors. We understand that a gentleman named Pennefather, at gentleman named Pennefather, present located at Cornwall, has be degrees of beauty have scrambled and climbed in their ridiculous folly. To-night my protege wishes to go and hear Antoinetti, a famous Italian violinist, and she being too young to go unattended. I, of course, must accompany her, and thus am accorded the privilege of hearing all the world's best artists also. But my sars being sometimes musically unprointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. McCrae.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 28th of Oc-tober, by the Rev. A. W. Waddell, the Rev. Wm. Walker, of Chatham, to Janet, eldest daughter of Robert Smith, Esq., of Harwich.

LETTER FROM GERMANY

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tic asylum; it is needless to say, he has decided it shall be his last.

On the nineteenth of this month we shall again avail ourselves of the privilege of hearing Godowsky, the great American planist, as this nation proudly terms him, though in reality he is Polish by birth His parents, however, having gone to America when the artist was but a mere child, he received all his musical education there; so perhaps they really have some claim upon him.

Last season he made an European tour and, while in Turkey, was summoned to play before the Sultan, who, it seems, has a fondness for music as

it seems, has a fondness for musi at seems, has a fondness for music as well as for feminine humanity. While in Roumania, Godowsky was also highly honored, being entertained by Royalty and receiving many valuable gifts from the Queen, while the King showed his appreciation of his wonderful talent by the bestowal upon him of a very high order. But the him of a very high order. But the artist is so modest he will not wear the decoration, contenting himself the decoration, contenting himself with the idea that his genial smile is all sufficient in the matter of ornis all sufficient in the matter of ornamentation. I have not heard of his receiving any personal attention from the Kaiser, but some of the Emperor's subjects, members of the fair sex, try to atone for this remissness on the part of their sovereign by bestowing unappreciated kisses upon smiling face of the musician. But the ordeal to which Gowdowsky is subjected is nothing in comparison to the fate which overtakes poor Pachman, another piants to great renown. The face of the latter poor man is made a veritable dumping ground for the surplus osculations of the whole feminine German population, I whole feminine German population, I should sav. judging from the numbers who thus besiege him. Forbear ance at length becomes intolerable or the fair besiegers of all ages and

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Rev. J. V. Jaffre, of the Roman

The annual plowing match between the Townships of Howard and Or-ford came off on the 24th. The prizes were won-1, Archibald Mc-Dermond; 2, John Stewart; 3, John H. Everling

CUSTOM'S OFFICER, CHATHAM.

cians at home, and I think how much it is to be regretted that yourself. Miss Rhody, or other of the many teachers at home could not take my place and listen with thoroughly capable cars and musical understanding. But I am pleased to say that I am becoming every day a little more appreciative of the musical classics. Indeed this is inevitable since from Continued from Page 9. deed this is inevitable, since from a concert platform in this clasical old city one hears but little else.

city one hears but little else.

In a day or two we will be having Kreister, Sara-Sati, Busoni and numbers of other well-known violinists and planists. In fact it is simply impossible to hear even all of the very best. Owing to the sad intelligence which came from Chicago, stating that an opera house was burned down and many lives lost, the Kaiser has decreed that the Royal Opera House, the finest in the city, shall be closed until better provision is made for egress in case of fire. Two of Berslin's theatres are also closed for the same reason. Many are finding a same reason. Many are finding a very great deal of fault with the Kaiser on account of these places of amusement being closed, principally the musical students, but his action is indeed a very wise one, since if a fire did occur during the progress of an opera, a panic would inevitably ensue, the means of exit being so very inadequate. But he has allowed anis much smaller, grand opera is still maintained, and the pleasure of its admirers is merely limited and not altogether, suspended. The memorial Brass Plates for the late Queen Victoria and Empress Frederick, in St. George's Episcopal Church in this city, are to be unveil-

ed during this month, when a very imposing ceremony will be held there-in. As I shall attend this, having been presented with a ticket. I would write up a short history of the build-ing of the church as well as some-thing descriptive of the ceremony, if I thought it would interest the many readers of The Planet. The Emperor and his court, the officers of the late. Queen Victoria's Regiment and of er ocople of note will be present, the making it a very brilliant affair.

ears being sometimes musically un-appreciative, my eyes often turn to-wards the great number of musi-cians at home, and I think how much

If I thought The Planet would care to reproduce any part of this letter I would ask you to allow them to do so, would ask you to allow them to do so, as I am so behind in my correspondence, but perhaps there is too much about music in it, and too little of any other news for them to inflict it upon the general public. Again, you may not care to make your letters public property, so in case either reason should cause it to be withheld from open perusal, may I ask you to allow Mr. MacIntyre the privilege of reading it, as I am sure he often hungers for further news of his home birds, though he receives kimself a long letter every week.

Oh, I must not forget to test you

One letter every week.

Oh. I must not forget to tell you that I had the pleasure of entertaining for a short time, in my cosy little German home, Mr. Spencer Stone, who called to see us Tuesday evening. This makes the thir! Chathamite whom we have had the pleasure of receiving in Berlin.

Hoping I have not wearled you beyond recovery in writing at such length, and again thanking you for your kind remembrance, we both join in wishing you very much happiness throughout this New Year.

Yours very sincerely, L. A. MacINTYRE.

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