The Departure of St. Nicholas

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Men's Strong Canadian Tweed Suits, cut single and double-breasted, well lined and trimmed, in checks, plaids, stripes and neat pin checks, first-class trimmings 5.00

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THE FUNERAL OF D. L. MOODY

Remains of the Great Evangelist Laid to Rest at Round Top Yesterday.

IMMENSELY LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Many of the Co-Workers With and Admirers of the Deceased Paid Silent Tribute.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 26.—The funeral services in memory of Dwight L. Moody were held at the Congregational Church here at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon with an attendance which recalls the summer days when hundreds crowded the field to attend the meetings made famous by the presence and influence of the dead evangelist. Men who for many years have been connected with Mr. Moody's work took part. Rev. C. I. Scofield, D.D., officiated, assisted by Rev. R. A. Torrey of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and appropriate music was sung by the choir of the church and the Mount Hermon Male Quartette, which has assisted Mr. Moody in the work here during the last two years.

The body was borne to Round Top, an historic spot upon the grounds of the institute for burial. At the grave a hymn was sung, Rev. Mr. Torrey offered prayer and Dr. Scofield pronounced a benediction.

The Pallbearers.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 26.—In the procession were the following, the honorary pall-bearers: Ira D. Sankey and George C. Stebbins of Brooklyn, R. C. Morse and D. W. McWilliams, New York; Geo. W. J. Bergman and Rev. George C. Needham of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Moody's expressed desire that the services should be as simple as the life of the evangelist always had been was followed. The services opened with the hymn, "A Little While," by the choir of 150 students. An invocation was followed by the scripture lesson, read by Rev. A. T. Pierson of Brooklyn. After prayer the Mount Hermon Quartette sang "Emanuel's Land."

Rev. Dr. Scofield's Eulogy.

Rev. Dr. Scofield then delivered a eulogy, in which he said: "Whether we measure greatness by qualities of character, by qualities of intellect, or by things achieved, Dwight L. Moody must be accounted great. The basis of Mr. Moody's character was sincerity, genuineness. He had an inveterate aversion to all forms of sham, unreality and pretence. Most of all did he detest religious pretence, cant. His first question concerning any proposed action was, 'Is it right?' Besides all this, Mr. Moody was in a wonderful degree brave, magnanimous and unselfish. The power of Dwight L. Moody lay, first, in a definite experience of Christ's saving grace. He had passed out of death into life, and he knew it. Secondly, Mr. Moody believed in the divine authority of the Scriptures. The Bible was to him the voice of God and he made it resound as such in the consciences of men. Thirdly, he was baptised with the Holy Spirit and knew that he was. It was to him as definite an appearance as his conversion. Fourthly, he was a man of prayer. He believed in a living and unfettered God, but fifthly, Mr. Moody believed in work, in ceaseless effort, in wise provision, in the power of organization, of publicity."

Rev. R. A. Torrey followed with a eulogy based upon Mr. Moody's life as exemplifying the grace of God, and several visiting ministers spoke briefly.

The exercises at the church closed with the hymn, "When Morning Gilds the Sky."

The body was then carried to the burial place at Round Top. The choir sang, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and after prayer and a benediction the body was lowered to its resting place.

THEY'RE LIVES WERE SIMILAR.

London Times Finds a Paralell Between Evangelist Moody and the Duke of Westminster.

London, Dec. 26.—The London Times in an editorial to-day traces an interesting parallelel between the careers of Dwight L. Moody and the Duke of Westminster. Despite apparent wide differences of aim, the article declares the late duke "was stirred in his own way by the same sympathies and the same ideals which urged Mr. Moody to go out into the lake shore district of Chicago and endeavor to make something of the castaways and social failures of its slums."

"These two lives," the writer says again, "outwardly so unlike, inwardly were not so far apart, by reason of their devotion to the miserable, the poor and the unfortunate. The peer and the ex-shoemaker in life were really not so much divided."

Memorial Service at New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—Memorial services for Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, were held to-day in Calvary Baptist Church on West Fifty-seventh-street, simultaneously with the funeral services at Northfield. The auditorium of the church, which seats about 3900 persons, was filled. The service was of an undenominational character, arranged by the friends of Mr. Moody here, and a number of ministers of all denominations were present.

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HAMILTON NEWS

THE YEAR'S CIVIC BUSINESS

Slate Was Wiped Clean at the Gathering of the City Fathers Last Night.

DICKENSON AND SON SUCCESSFUL.

In the Contract for the Filtering Basin — City and County in Court House Expense.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The last session of the Aldermanic Board of 1899 was held this evening, and the business of the year was wiped clean off the slate. It was resolved to grant the contract for the extension of the filtering basin to John Dickenson & Son. Ald. McAndrew wanted it made a stipulation that the contract was conditional on the Ontario Legislature granting the city power to raise the money for the work, and this was done.

The agreement between the city and county for the payment of the expenses of the Court House and Registry Office, 70 and 30 per cent. respectively, was adopted.

The council chose A. R. Whyte as one of the city auditors, and Mayor Teetzel appointed Walter Anderson as the second. The proposal to place the Beach under the management of the Harbor and Beach Committee was agreed to.

Chairman of Finance Ten Eyck reported that the total overdraft for the year would be about $2000.

After the customary vote of thanks the meeting terminated.

Michael Flynn Arrested.

Michael Flynn, Hunter-street east, was arrested to-night on the charge of assaulting his father, John Flynn.

To Be Increased Fourfold.

As a result of an interview between Dr. Hoepfner, of the Hoeufner Refining Company Works, John Patterson, of the Catarract Power Company, and a representative of the great Krupp Gun Works at Essen, Germany, the refining works are to be increased to four times their present size, after the establishment is in working order. Four thousand horse-power of electricity will be required daily, and the works will be the largest of their kind on this continent. It is hinted that the new nickel-steel industry has something to do with the enlarged plant.

Electric Road Changes.

The Cataract syndicate will make a general change in the management of the roads under its care. Clyde Green, now manager of the Radial Railway Company, will be traffic manager of the consolidated roads, and J. R. Griffith, of the Street Railway Company, will be purchasing agent. The changes will take place on January 1st. The street railway offices will be removed from Stuart-street to East King-street, in the Cataract Company's building.

Discharge Papers Gone.

John Taafe and Harry Richards came before Magistrate Jelfs to-day on the charge of stealing a large sum of money from James O'Brien, a U. S. soldier. The case was laid over until Friday. O'Brien has also lost his discharge papers, and this grieves him more than the theft of his money.

Stopped by Ice.

Early this morning the high wind drove the ice at the intake of the Cataract Power Company's canal at DeCew Falls into a jam, stopping the power and putting out the city lights for a short time. The intake had frozen over, but the high wind broke the ice up and it was not got rid of until a gang of men were sent out to remove it.

Adjourned Till Friday.

The case of Mrs. Phillips, East Woodstreet, charged with shoplifting in the George W. Robinson Company's establishment last Saturday evening, was called at the Police Court this morning and was adjourned till Friday, the prosecution not being ready to proceed.

Minor Matters.

While at super in an hotel at Hays and yesterday Stewart Moore, a well-known farmer, of Ancaster, died from heart disease reached his side he was dead.

The funeral of the late R. W. Witherspoon, barrister, took place this afternoon and was private. Rev. T. G. Thompson conducted the services.

The consideration of the transfer of the American Hotel license to Jesse Chapman has been laid over for a week.

Constable Pelker of Brantford yesterday located at Stony Creek a boy, R. H. Howe, who had run away fro the Mimico Industrial School.

It is not likely the resignation of Canon Bland, as rector of Christ Church Cathedral, will be considered until the Easter vestry next April.

NEWS OF THE STAGE AND PLATFORM

Mr. Mack's Song Effects.

One of the most effective scenes presented in a play at the Toronto Opera House this season is in the first act of "The Last of the Robans," now running at that theatre. Andrew Mack rides into the courtyard of Castle Rohan on a thoroughbred horse, a splendid chestnut animal, and, with the squire, the heroine and the servants of the castle gathered around him, he sings "Pat and His Pipes." The song is a rollicking ditty, with a pretty refrain, and as Mr. Mack sings the chorus his mount beats the time with his forefeet. The picturesque Irish costumes and the splendid picture of the castle, with the lakes in the distance, constitute an admirable stage effect. Perhaps the best lyric in "The Last of the Robans" is, however, "The Song of the Rose," sung by Mr. Mack in the second act. The heroine of the piece throws a rose, presented to her by Mr. Mack, away and leaves him in a rage over a misunderstanding. Mr. Mack picks up the discarded flower and sings an exceedingly pretty little love ballad, the music of which one hummed by five out of every ten members of the immense audience last night. Mr. Mack himself is so competent an actor, his support is so strong and "The Last of the Robans" is so well-told a story that it is safe to say already that he is a favorite in Toronto.

For Soldiers' Wives.

There was a largely attended meeting at the Arcade last night of the committee of Toronto Lodges of the Sons of England to complete arrangements for the gentleman's concert to be held in the Pavilion on Friday night in aid of the wives and families of the British soldiers fighting in the Transvaal. Communications were read from Mr. Thomas Crawford, M.L.A.; Mr. J. J. Foy, M.L.A.; Mr. James Scott, president Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and others, promising their presence. The Program Committee presented the completed program, the numbers of which are "The Maple Leaf," by the audience; cornet solo, by Mr. H. J. Flemerfelt; vocal quartet, by Messrs. Crate, Crighton, Wilson and Newton; "Soldiers in the Park" and "While off the Yacht," by Mr. H. M. Bennett; musical monologue, by Mr. G. R. Joseph; "The Boys Must All Be There" and "Take the Lion's Muzzle Off," by Mr. W. E. Ramsay, in khaki uniform; "What Oh, She Bumps," by Mr. Charles J. McReath; violin solo, by Master F. Johnstone; "Under the Some Old Flag and "Sons of the Sea," by Mr. Harold Crane, in uniform; "The Absent-Minded Beggar," by Mr. F. Hancock Matthews; "Sons of England," by Mr. J. F. Scott; "The Englishman," by Mr. G. Beales; "Queen of the Earth" and "Our Comrade, Tommy Atkins," by Mr. W. C. Bullock. Mayor Shaw will preside.

Now at the Princess.

"Romeo and Juliet" is being greatly appreciated by patrons of the Princess Theatre this week and the attendance at the first four performances has been a record-breaker. Much has been accomplished by the Cummings Stock Company in this production and it is deserving of the encouragement it is receiving. Next week David Belasco's cleverest play, "The Wife," will be the attraction at the Princess. It is a play of great human interest and is something similar to the "Charity Ball." Belasco also wrote "Zaza," "Hearts of Maryland," "Men and Women" and "The Lost Paradise," but "The Wife" was his greatest success. It was in "The Wife" that Miss Florence Stone scored a distinct hit at Peak's Island, Maine, last year, that made her a prime favorite for the rest of the season. The play will be produced with the full strength of the company and will be appropriately staged and costumed without regard to expense.

A Patriotic Night.

An entertainment will be given at the Princess Theatre on Tuesday night, Jan. 9, the proceeds of which will go to the Red Cross Society for the benefit of soldiers in South Africa. The management of the theatre has placed the house at the disposal of the ladies, who are preparing the program. The affair will be under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Lord Minto, Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Mackenzie, Major-General and Mrs. Hutton and Lieut.-Col. Delamere.

The Cummings Stock Company will perform in Hamilton on that evening.

At the Empire.

The Empire has been crowded at every performance this week, and it is no surprise when such an array of artists as Leslie the Mazziottas, Sefton and Dragle, Leslie and Franchon and the Osborne Sisters is provided. Friday is amateur night, and those wishing to go on must have their names in by Thursday evening.

FABRE TO BE RECALLED.

Canadian Agent in Paris Said to Have Been Mixed Up in a Plot.

Montreal Journal—From the French: A few weeks ago a well-known politician received a letter from a friend in Paris, telling him that Mr. Hector Fabre, Canadian Government agent there, was to be arrested on the charge of having plotted, in company with Guerin, Deroulede and others, to secure the overthrow of the French Government.

Very little importance was given to this news until yesterday, when the following despatch was received from Paris:

Paris, Dec. 23.—As the result of a personal appeal made by the French consul at Montreal to his Government, Mr. Hector Fabre, the Canadian commissioner here, is saved the unpleasantness of a forced trip between two gendarmes to the frontier. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has, however, been requested to recall him without delay.

Messrs. Tarte, Rainville and Dandurand have been successively mentioned in connection with the office of the commissionership at Paris. The Laurier Government has no longer any use for M. Tarte, compromised, sick and obliged to submit himself to the care of a French surgeon. The position would suit M. Tarte.

On the other hand, it is said that M. Rainville is a candidate for M. Fabre's position. There is no doubt that M. Rainville, whose children are being educated in Paris, would be most delighted to be stationed there permanently.

But M. Tarte would rather see anybody else there than M. Rainville. Other names mentioned are those of M. C. A. Gauvreau, M. Marchand and Sir H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere.

How About Toronto?

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Seventy telephone operators employed by the Chicago Telephone Company at the main office, Washington and Franklin streets, were pleasantly remembered by the company Christmas Eve. Each of the 70 girls was handed a $2.50 gold piece as she finished her day's work.

New Year's Calls.

When calling on your friends on New Year's Day you will want to look neat and stylish. If you have not got a really good overcoat order at once from Messrs. Frank Broderick & Co., fashionable tailors, 109 King-street west. They have the newest line of vicuna and llama goods, and their tailoring is equal to the finest done on the continent.

HILDA BLAKE WILL BE HANGED.

Radclive is at Brandon and the Scaffold Will Be Ready for This Morning.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—At 10 a.m. there was nothing going on around the court house and jail that would lead a visitor to expect that a terrible tragedy such as a hanging would take place before 24 hours had expired, but this afternoon Radclive, the hangman, is on hand, and will superintend the erection of the scaffold. On the whole the condemned woman, Hilda Blake, still keeps up her defiant mood, only at times partially giving way to her feelings. The execution will take place in the early morning.

Up With the Flag.

Whaley, Royce & Co. have just published a patriotic song, entitled "Up With the Flag," the creation of J. G. Parker, 189 Dunn-avenue, Parkdale. The melody is simple and the song can easily be sung at sight by any vocalist who understands music. The setting is such as to suit any voice, from basso profundo to lyric tenor, or from deep contralto to dramatic soprano. In fact, the range required is just one octave, confined to the middle register, and for that reason the song should become popular.

The Iago's Shaft Broken.

London, Dec. 26.—A despatch from Kinsale, Ireland, says that the British steamer Electrician, from New Orleans to Liverpool, signalled when passing that point that she had sighted, 600 miles to the westward, the British steamer Iago, from Hull for Boston, with her shaft broken. The Electrician was short of coal and could not tow the disabled vessel.

Davis Bros'. Great Auction.

The gigantic auction sale of the balance of the Davis Bros.' stock, comprising diamonds, watches, electroplates, bronzes, opera glasses, etc., is still going on every afternoon and evening at No. 191 Yonge-street (opposite Eaton's), under the management of Mr. Chas. M. Henderson.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, DRAPER.

Some of the Handsomest Frock Suits this season are made from those beautiful soft, imported Oxford Greys—I have a big range of them.

THE ROSSIN BLOCK.

NED CLARKE WAS DOWN EAST

A Federal Politician Talks for His Benefit in Dingman's Hall Last Night.

NAPIER ROBINSON AS A SCOLD.

Machine Candidate Denies That He is Put Up to Represent the Toronto Railway.

S. H. Defries presided over a meeting in E. F. Clarke's interest in Dingman's Hall last night. The hall was crowded, but there were many of Macdonald's friends present, who made repeated exhibitions of their sympathy.

A Politician Speaks.

T. Dixon Craig, M.P., was the first speaker. He had known Mr. Clarke for a number of years and sketched their acquaintance both in the Ontario Legislature and the Parliament at Ottawa. He declared that Mr. Clarke was always prepared to stand up for the interests or workingmen.

"I would not be ashamed myself," said Mr. Craig, "to be called a workingman."

He claimed that Mr. Clarke was in favor of putting the Canadian alien labor law into operation.

"I think," added Mr. Craig, "that Mr. Clarke is rather extreme in this matter."

Proceeding, the speaker alluded to Hallam, without naming him, as a man who had been attending to his own business, while E. F. Clarke had spent a great part of his life working for the people.

"Mr. Clarke did that because he liked to do it," said Mr. Craig. "The people, knowing this, like to put him into public positions."

Emerson Coatsworth, Jr.

Emerson Coatsworth, jr., came next. He supported Clarke because he was a tried man, who had filled the Mayor's chair for a number of years.

He then said: "When Mr. Macdonald was an alderman he was a good alderman." [Loud applause.]

A Voice: He will make a good Mayor. [Applause.]

Mr. Coatsworth: I know you will bear me out in that. I don't think anyone can put a finger on anything that Mr. Macdonald did while he was alderman for this ward that was against the interests of the city, or that was unfair or wrong.

Mr. Coatsworth then related a conversation with Mr. Macdonald. The candidate had asked for the speaker's support because he intended to expose wrongdoing in the City Hall. Mr. Coatsworth, however, had told him when he wanted that done he would employ a detective.

Thomas Crawford entered the hall and was greeted with cheers and hoots. E. F. Clarke came in a minute later and got a similar reception.

Do You Know Him?

Napier Robinson supplied the amusement of the evening. He scolded the portion of the audience that had received Mr. Clarke with hoots. As candidate for the chief magistracy of the city he was entitled to respect. He proceeded next to scold The World.

A Voice: A great newspaper.

Mr. Robinson said it was an "unfounded falsehood" to declare Mr. Clarke the candidate of the Street Railway Company.

"Who in all God's creation has supported The World newspaper?" asked Mr. Robinson. "God bless my soul!" he exclaimed, answering his own question. "It was The World supported the Street Railway Company when every other newspaper in the city opposed it."

Further uncomplimentary references to The World constituted the main part of the speech.

A Slur on Ald. Hallam.

He was hissed loudly when he derided Hallam for having "made his money selling hides and wool."

At the conclusion of the speech there was so much disorder that the chairman said: "When you have done with your funny business we will try to get on with the meeting."

Mr. Crawford. Who Withdrew.

Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., had come to "say a word for his personal friend, long known and esteemed, E. F. Clarke." He had no objections, he said, to support E. F. Clarke because he was an Orangeman and a Conservative, but there he believed him to be the best choice. The chair of the Mayor had not been filled to the satisfaction of the people since E. F. Clarke had stepped out of it. The taxpayers should be proud and glad to have the opportunity of putting him back. Hallam, he said, was too light in weight for the position, while Macdonald had never conducted an industry with success. If Macdonald were elected it would mean a year of do-nothing in Toronto.

[Many cries of "No! no!"]

Voices: Give him a chance.

Mr. Crawford: Not at this time.

Joseph Oliver made a counter-bid to Thomas Crawford, claiming that those like himself, who could not be charged with being Orangemen, believed that Mr. Clarke "should come over to the true fold, where he rightly belongs."

A Voice: What about the Street Railway Company?

Mr. Oliver was proceeding to answer this question, when a disturbance arose at the back of the hall, leading up to attempted ejectment proceedings.

Mr. Oliver claimed credit for Mr. E. F. Clarke in connection with the Street Railway agreement. Clarke, he said, was not in favor of giving away the Street Railway franchise.

Mr. A. E. Kemp Praises Clarke.

A. E. Kemp praised the public character of E. F. Clarke. He urged the candidate's political experience as a recommendation for his election.

A policeman here came into the hall and another sensation, this time without any apparent reason, took place at the rear.

Mr. Kemp believed Mr. Clarke to be competent to take up the railway question and the sewage problem.

S. R. Heakes praised Mr. Clarke as one of the people and a life-long friend of his own, denying that he had the support of the Street Railway Company. He charged Macdonald with having carried around an annexation paper in his pocket for two years. He had also been expelled from the militia for disloyalty.

Mr. E. F. Clarke on the Stump.

E. F. Clarke was received with cheering. He acknowledged the support of all creeds and shades of politics, and then proceeded to answer The World's articles in the following terms:

"It is to be regretted that when in response to a requisition signed by 6000 ratepayers of this city I offered myself for the office of Mayor, that the contest could not be carried on in a decent manner. It is to be regretted that the issues could not be confined to those issues that interest the people whose suffrages are under discussion by the various candidates; that this contest could not be carried on upon its merits and on that high plane that we in Toronto have the right to expect. I have been charged by some of my opponents with being the candidate of the Toronto Railway Company. My record gives the lie to that assertion. [Applause.] If any man or any paper makes that assertion they speak what is absolutely false and untrue. And if, after I have made this statement tonight in this place that assertion will again be made from this or that platform in the city of Toronto, you will be able to brand it as a falsehood, and brand the man who utters it as stating a deliberate falsehood, knowing it to be false. My record, I say, gives the lie to that assertion, as Mr. Heakes has already pointed out. When and upon what occasion have I been found the tool of any corporation? When and upon what occasion have I bartered the interests of the citizens of Toronto in the interests of any corporation in this city? I challenge my traducers or any man in this audience, or any man in this city of Toronto, to name any time or place when I was false to the interests of the people of this fair city committed to my hands again and again. [Applause.]

His Past Four Years.

Mr. Clarke next addressed himself to the question of his past four terms of office. He said it was an honorable thing to desire to serve the freemen of Toronto. But on this occasion he had not sought the office. His requisition had been signed by ratepayers who knew his record, and he could not refuse them. He claimed that his four years in the Mayor's chair had given him wisdom. This experience he had gained would be judiciously used in their favor.

The Street Railway.

Returning to the charge that he was the candidate of the Toronto Street Railway Company, he said:

"When the franchise of the Toronto Railway Company was disposed of by the Council of Toronto, again and again I raised my voice to the people of Toronto, and pointed out to them to the best of my humble ability the great value of the franchise they were disposing of. I advised them to retain that franchise in the public interest. I advised them to operate the railway in the interest of the people of Toronto, getting the best possible service at the least possible cost. I was charged when I advocated that policy with the desire to procure positions for two or three of my friends, and it was said that if the city operated the railway the people would be the losers. But I advocated that what may be called a natural monopoly should be managed for the public, by the public, and in the public interest. Yet men who charge me to-day with being the agent of the Street Railway Company were themselves in the employment of the Street Railway Company when I was advocating that policy, and when I was fighting for the city they were fighting for the company. I ask you if you believe these men to-day when they assert that the Street Railway Company is pushing me forward."

As a Printing Contractor.

Mr. Clarke next addressed himself to the printing bills paid him by the city, as well as the Mayoral salary. In 1901, when the franchise was disposed of, he had devoted his best services to the interests of the city, and the basis of the Toronto Railway agreement had been copied by other cities. If elected Mayor he would see to it that the Street Railway contract is absolutely and faithfully adhered to. [Applause.] That had always been his position, and he challenged anyone to speak to the contrary.

He Shifts Responsibility.

He denied accusations made by members of the audience that he had run the city into debt while Mayor. He claimed that all the responsibility for the municipal liabilities had been incurred before he became Mayor. He also denied responsibility for the Don Improvement and the King-street subway.

Denied Any Deal.

He denied that any deal existed over the City Clerkship. It was a disgrace in the last hours of Mr. Blevins' life that he should have to read in the papers that this and that man were candidates for his position. Anyone who charged any deal between himself (Mr. Clarke), or his friends, with Mr. Shaw, or his friends, in connection with the City Clerkship, was stating a falsehood which could not be substantiated. He claimed credit for having nominated Mr. Coady when the Treasurership had become vacant. He had unsuccessfully advocated the promotion of Mr. Grenville C. Cunningham as City Engineer. He had always been in favor of the promotion of worthy servants of the people.

"If," he said, "in the turn of events, the City Clerkship should become vacant, I say the principle of promotion should prevail in that department, and the present worthy gentleman who occupies the position of deputy city clerk, if my vote and influence could give it to him, would be appointed to the position of City Clerk."

A voice: What about Chief Graham?

Mr. Clarke said that ex-Chief Graham, an old and faithful servant of the City of Toronto, had been very shabbily treated.

Calls McQuaig a Buccaneer.

Mr. Clarke then got after Mr. McQuaig, the nominator of Mr. Macdonald, as secretary of the fire underwriters. Both McQuaig and Macdonald, he said, were buccaneers sailing under the pirate flag.

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He Was Nearly Scalped.

St. Thomas, Dec. 26.—Mr. E. R. Routledge of the Windsor Record, and late business manager of The Journal, met with a terrible accident early this morning. He was going upstairs to his room in the Grand Central Hotel, when he lost his balance and fell. The back of his head came in contact with a post. The scalp was turned completely over. His head was broken and he received a large gash under the eye. Dr. Lipsey was called and he found it necessary to put 20 stitches in the scalp wound. Mr. Routledge will recover.

Clarke Meetings To-Night.

Meetings in the interest of Mr. E. F. Clarke as Mayor have been announced for to-night at Masonic Hall, Parkdale, and St. Paul's Hall, Yorkville. Mr. Clarke will speak first at Yorkville. The other speakers will include Dr. Pyne, M.L.A., Mr. T. Dixon Craig, M.P., Mr. E. B. Ryckman, Dr. Noble, Mr. S. S. Neville, Mr. Napier Robinson, Mr. Wm. Radcliffe and Mr. E. J. Hearn.

The Great Fur Auction Sale.

A very important auction sale of costly furs will take place on Friday morning and afternoon at 11 o'clock and 2.30 at No. 262 Yonge-street (north of Trinity-square). Mr. Chas. M. Henderson will conduct the sale.

Died From Heart Failure.

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