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HALTON'S SCOTT ACT.

A LOT OF LIVELY CORRESPONDENCE OUT OF IT.

Writing Defamatory Letters to The World —Taking Them Back—A Barber that Wants Blood.

The World has already published four letters from various corners of the county of Halton, giving interviews with residents as to the working of the Scott act. Our only object was to state the facts as we found them, and our reporter went to all classes and asked them their opinion. If it is so that the majority of the opinions given are against the act it does not lie with us, but with the facts, or with the friends of temperance in refusing to make statements. One irate temperance man rushed into The World office on Wednesday morning, and said our account of public opinion in Oakville was altogether misleading, and denounced right and left all the men who had given opinions against the act. More than this, he requested the young man in the office to write a letter embodying what he said, and as he gave his name and agreed to become responsible for what he stated the letter was written. That is the letter which appeared in this paper yesterday signed Temperance and addressed to the editor. It now turns out that this letter is full of mistakes and libels on several respectable gentlemen simply because they choose to give their opinion of the Scott act and its workings in Halton. Both the man who supplied the information and the young man who wrote the letter for him have sent in humble apologies for the part they have taken in the matter. Whether this will be satisfactory or not to the parties aggrieved is an issue that concern the writers of the letters and these people themselves. The correspondence in connection therewith is given below:

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: I find in a communication in your paper of this morning, signed Temperance, a reflection on my character which I think the facts will not sustain. It says that D. Chisholm smuggles it into the town (meaning, I suppose, whisky,) and keeps it in an old shed on his premises, where he sells to and treats the boys of the town. Now I have not sold a glass of liquor since 1837, when whisky was only 20 cents per gallon, and have kept house for nearly 35 years, mostly in the town of Oakville, and in all that time have not had five gallons of spirituous liquors in my house, for medicinal and all other purposes; and if I had it I would not smuggle it into the town, but would bring it in openly, and treat my friends, if I wished and was able to do so.

I have assessed this town every year up to this date since 1877, and there has not been an appeal sustained against my assessment. I have been into every house in the town once or twice a year, and some of them oftener, and I would like to know if I am not likely to be a better judge of the working of the Scott act in the town of Oakville than an unknown slanderer of private character, who dare not sign his name to his production, and hides himself behind the name of Temperance.

With regard to the other gentlemen who are in the same boat with myself they are able, and I believe willing, to defend themselves if they had a chance against all such lying defamers of private character who dare not sign their name to their writings, and I am certain will not be thanked by the friends of the Scott act here for they are stirring up men here who took no interest in the matter but will after this perhaps not remain neutral as they have hitherto done.

With regard to the gentlemen Mr. Wm. Busby, E. Smith, M. B. Rymal, William Warcup and others, I have not a word to say; they are all, I believe, friends of mine and gentlemen whom I see almost daily, and I believe would not say anything they thought was not correct, and suppose those gentlemen gave their opinion (I do not say they would do so) that the Scott act was a success, is their opinion any better than the gentlemen who have already given theirs in your paper adverse to the act?

As far as my opinion goes you have already got it, and I here reiterate it with the addition that it is a fraud and a delusion causing, as you said, lying, slandering and many other sins and thoroughly demoralizing our community. DUNCAN CHISHOLM.

Oakville, May 28, 1884.

W. F. Maclean, Esq., World, Toronto:

SIR: I am instructed by Mr. Chas. A. Bradbury of this town to demand from you the name of your correspondent who, over the signature "Temperance" in your issue of to-day, has made statements in regard to Mr. Bradbury which are libellous in the extreme.

Should you refuse to disclose your correspondent's name, Mr. Bradbury will of course have no alternative but to hold you responsible for the publication. Yours truly, G. L. TIZARD.

Oakville, May 28, 1884.

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SIR: In this morning's issue you have made several statements that are incorrect, and the best thing to do is to make an apology stating it was a misunderstanding. Put in to-morrow's issue and it will free both you and me. D. Chisholm keeps it around in adjoining buildings and some of them use it. I did not say he sold it or treated boys. Charles Bradbury was found with liquor in his house and threatened to be fined if caught again. He drinks too much occasionally, not so much lately as formerly so they say. George Tizard comes next. He is not engaged to fight the Scott act in this county. I told you he was engaged in the contest in Oxford county. I did not tell you that their word was not worth a straw, nor did I say they would break the law every day to get liquor. Some people here would, but not the names mentioned. Nor did I say a doctor carried scrips in his pocket ready for use. The last statement I mentioned but told you it was only heresay and that I could not say whether true or not. You put it in as though I wanted to know whether The World was the licensed victualers organ or not. I never said anything about it. Don't give my name to anybody. There seems likely to be trouble, and so it had better be cleared up by stating it was a reporter's misunderstanding. Although much is true, yet what I have stated is not. I should have asked what notes you took down, but I was in a hurry and did not wait to see. You have expressed yourself too strongly; it should not have been so strong when names were given.

Please keep my name quiet, as the barber has offered a reward of $5 for the man who wrote the article signed Temperance if he will stand before him ten minutes. Smooth things up the best you can. I never got into a scrape before, and did not expect to get into one when I answered the questions asked me. You have changed my answers in many respects, and now a favor will be conferred if you set matters right. YOUR INFORMANT.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: I wrote a letter which appeared in your paper on the 28th inst., re the Scott act in Halton, making certain statements which appear to be entirely incorrect, for which I apologize to all the parties mentioned, namely: John Barclay, Thos. Patterson, D. Chisholm, Chas. Bradbury, Jos. Boon and G. L. Tizard. I gave the statements as received from another party, but he tells me now that nearly all the statements were wrongly taken, for instance, he says that he never told me that D. Chisholm sold it to or treated the boys, and that Charles Bradbury was threatened to be fined—not put in prison—and that he does not now neglect his business as formerly. George Tizard is not engaged to fight the Scott act in Halton, but in Oxford county, and he says also that I did not tell you those gentlemen's words were not worth a straw, or that they would break the law every day to get liquor, but that some people would do it; or that one of the doctors mentioned carried scrip in his pocket, but it was only hearsay. Now, I myself have made enquiries respecting these parties mentioned, and find a great number of the statements my informant gave me are false, and I hope, therefore, that this apology for what was written thoughtlessly and on the spur of the moment will be accepted by these gentlemen. Yours, etc., TEMPERANCE.

MATTERS IN THE SOUDAN.

Communication With Berber and Cairo to be Opened From Khartoum.

CAIRO, May 29.—The new Mahdi claims the power of becoming invisible at will. The natives say that Mahdi recently sent soldiers to capture the new prophet. When they had surrounded him he suddenly vanished in air.

Kassala is completely isolated. Three thousand Egyptian troops are there. Ammunition is plentiful, but the food supply is rapidly decreasing. Major Van Seckendorff is still a prisoner at El Obeid, and suffers terrible privations. It is asserted that a ransom will be accepted for him.

The Nile is rising rapidly, and it is expected Gen. Gordon's armed boats will be able to drive the rebels from the banks above and below Khartoum and open communication with Berber and Cairo. A rumor prevails that the rebels have withdrawn from around Shendy.

The rebels fired on Suakim for two hours yesterday. The forts and ships responded with twelve guns. The Egyptians deserted their posts.

The delay on the part of King John of Abyssinia in meeting Admiral Hewett is attributed to the intrigues of the Italians' mission at Assab.

LONDON, May 29—The Pall Mall Gazette declares that Lord Granville's request to Turkey to send 15,000 troops to the Soudan is more serious for the cabinet than the scheme of multiple control. It is not clear how the cabinet can repudiate Turkey's acceptance without insisting on Lord Granville's resignation.

OBITUARY NOTES.

SIR JOHN JAMES ENNIS.

Sir John James Ennis, M. P., is dead. He was the member for Athlone and a liberal.

SIR BARTLE FREERE.

Sir Henry Bartle Frere is dead.

[He was born at Clydale, county Brecon, March 29, 1815. His early education was received at King Edward the sixth's foundation school at Bath from which he was sent to Haileybury college. He entered the India civil service in 1834, and became in 1842 secretary to Sir George Arthur, governor of Bombay. In 1847 he succeeded Sir James Outram as British resident at Satta'a, and was made chief commissioner in India in 1850. For his services during the mutiny he was created a K. C. B., and twice received the thanks of parliament. In 1862 he became governor of Bombay. In 1867 he returned to England, when he was created a knight grand cross of the order of the star of India, and was nominated a member of her majesty's Indian council at home. In January, 1877, he was appointed governor and commander-in-chief of the Cape of Good Hope, where he conducted the Kaffir war of 1877-8 and the Zulu war of 1878-9. He was recalled to England three months after the advent to office of Mr. Gladstone. He held the honorary degree of D.C.L. from Oxford university and LL.D. from Cambridge.]

MRS. R. J. BURDETTE.

Mrs. Caroline Spaulding Burdette, the wife of R. J. Burdette, the well-known humorist, died at her husband's residence, at Ardmore, Wednesday, of consumption. Mrs. Burdette was the daughter of Auren Garrett, and was born on December 5, 1847, at Peoria, Ill. She was married to Mr. Burdette on March 4, 1870, when she was thought to be then dying.

Among the Railroads.

The net earnings of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad for April were $113,009, a decrease of $16,000.

The rails were laid from Bedford to Zanesville on the Kingston and Pembroke last evening and to-day an engine will run to the mines.

The Hoosac tunnel line will, commencing June 1, work over the Wabash, Grand Trunk, West Shore and Fitchburg railroads. It will withdraw entirely from the Erie.

The office of the receivers of the Wabash railroad will be in St. Louis. An order will be issued to the officials and employes notifying them there will be no changes among them. The operation of the road will go on as usual for the present.

The New York stock exchange has listed 3,500,000 additional stock of the Delaware and Hudson canal company, making the total amount listed 23,500,000. Seven hundred and six-five thousand additional general mortgage bonds of the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railway have also been listed.

The Grand Trunk weekly traffic report for the week ending May 24 shows the total receipts from passengers, mails and express to be $117,834, and from freight and live stock $190,619, making a total of $308,453. The receipts for the week corresponding in 1883 were $346,760, a decrease of $38,307 for the week of 1884. The aggregate for the twenty-one weeks is $6,396,630, $781,569 less than for the corresponding period last year.

It is rumored at Cannes that Queen Victoria is about to purchase the villa Nevada, to transform it into a chapel commemorative of the duke of Albany.

THE FINANCIAL CROOKS.

AN APPALLING CHAPTER OF CRIME AMONG BANK OFFICIALS.

The Pittsburg Swindles Getting Worse and Worse—Imprisonment Meted Out to some of the Defaulters.

PITTSBURG, May 29.—The assignee of the Penn bank has taken charge and discharged all the clerks. It is believed the deficiency will reach a million and a quarter. Of forty thousand known to be on the counter when the bank closed only four thousand was turned over to the assignee. The bonds, stocks and other collateral in the bank at the time of the suspension are said to be missing.

John P. Beal, oil broker for the Penn bank, made a statement to-day to the receiver regarding the blind pool operated last summer, in which President Riddel of the Penn bank was interested, and in which he lost heavily. Since that time the Penn bank people have been taking desperate chances to win back sufficient to stop the hole in the bank's funds, and getting in deeper and deeper. The depositors are in consultation, talking of proceedings against the bank officers for conspiracy.

President Riddle has confessed another judgment for $82,400 in favor of E. B. Laughlin. This will follow the one confessed on Tuesday.

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 29.—The Union Deposit bank suspended this morning on account of inability to realize on securities. The liabilities are over $100,000, the assets less than $50,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 29.—W. J. Landen, jr., the defaulting teller of the Hampden savings bank, this city, has been convicted of embezzling $5000, and was to-day sentenced to four years in the house of correction.

ST. LOUIS, May 29.—Andrew Bruce president of the suspended Hot Springs bank, and Mrs. G. W. Steele, who accompanied him, were arrested here to-day by United States marshals on the charge of embezzlement, and she for aiding and abetting him.

NEW YORK, May 29.—James D. Fish testified to-day in the case of Morris, assignee, against U. S. Grant, jr., and others. He said he was a partner of Grant & Ward, and contributed $100,000 to the firm, part in mining stock. He did not remember how much cash he put in. He recognized the pass-book of Grant & Ward with the Marine bank. It had entries in regard to contracts. Most of the entries were in witness' handwriting. He said he had dealings in the alleged flour contracts, and the notes he discounted he understood were in payment for the purchase of the flour for the government. He had asked to see the contracts, but Ward told him they were confidential, and could not be shown. The business of the firm, he was told, could not be disclosed to other members of the firm for prudential reasons. Ward told him publicity or discussion of these contracts might injure Gen. Grant and affect his prospects for nomination in future. The profits of these contracts had averaged from 8 to 10 per cent per month for the last year and a half. Witness said he had neither told Gen. Grant or his son that he was discounting their notes at 8 per cent. In 1882 he drew from the firm as his share about $100,000, in 1883 he received $300,000, in 1884 about $75,000. Witness could not remember that he ever inquired as to the price of corn and grain in the contracts, nor as to how Grant & Ward were to transport them to the west. He thought Ward paid the freight. He understood the government ordered the provisions and were willing to pay a higher price for them.

THE TELL TALE LETTERS.

The following are copies (supplied by the New York World) of the correspondence on which Mr. Fish, of the firm of Grant & Ward, relies for connecting General Grant directly with the swindling operations in imaginary "government contracts" perpetrated by Mr. Ferdinand Ward of the firm:

NEW YORK, May 4, 1882.—*My dear General,*—As we are both very busy, I being confined to my bank and you constantly being called out of the city in business matters, we seldom meet, although we are members of the same firm. Do you not think it would be well for the older heads to meet and talk over the business done by the younger heads? I do not not understand the government contracts; perhaps you can throw some light upon them. Advise me when I can have an interview with you, and we can talk over these matters. JAMES D. FISH.

NEW YORK, May 5, 1882.—*My Dear Mr. Fish.*—Your favor of —— is at hand, and my absence from town has prevented my acknowledging it before.

I agree with you that the older ones should look after the younger heads, and see how they are doing.

I am about to leave town for a few days, but upon my return I will make an appointment to meet you before 3 o'clock on some day of which I will inform you. U. S. GRANT.

MAY 6, 1882.—*My Dear Mr. Fish.*—I have looked into the business done by Grant & Ward, and I think it is proper for Mr. Ward to passover to the firm the profits in the matter. I have authorized the use of my name and influence. U. S. GRANT.

General Grant alleges that he has no recollection of signing such letters, although it is possible he may have put his signature to papers which were placed before him to sign, supposing they were all right. The first appears in General Grant's hand-writing, body and all. Of the second, only the signature is in the general's own hand. As this is the important letter, it may have been dictated by Ward himself and signed by the general in a formal way. Both Fish and Ward are under arrest, and it will go hard with them.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 29.—The Belmont coal mines in North Alabama suspended to-day on account of Grant & Ward's failure. U. S. Grant, jr., is the principal shareholder.

CABLE NOTES.

The ports of Lomas and Chola (Peru) have been closed by government decree.

The annual spring review of the German troops was held yesterday by the emperor.

George Augustus Sala, the London journalist, has contracted for a years' lecture tour in Australia and America.

It is said damaging evidence has been obtained against the Frenchmen who are arrested at Dover (Eng.) with dynamite in their possession.

Tennyson has been elected president of the society of authors, formed chiefly for the purpose of effecting international copyright laws between England and America. Matthew Arnold is vice-president of the association.

The French government proposes to celebrate the centenary of the commencement of the French revolution in 1789 in an imposing manner. It has also resolved to make especially a brilliant exhibition to be held in Paris in 1889.

LABOR AND WAGES.

A 5 Per Cent Reduction on the Midland Division, G. T. R.

An official circular, signed by W. B. Ferguson, district superintendent, and A. White, district traffic manager, has been issued to the conductors and trainmen on the Midland division of the Grand Trunk railway. It reads as follows: "Owing to the falling off in the traffic receipts it has been found necessary to make a reduction of 5 per cent upon the wages paid for a period of six months. This is a very unpleasant announcement to have to make, but there is no help for it, and as the employes of the main line of the Great Western division have accepted the same, we feel sure the employes of the Midland division will show an equal willingness to assist the company out of its present difficulties. The rating will not be altered from the present standing, but for six months from May 1 a reduction of 5 per cent will be made in the column for deductions on the pay roll.

Several cotton mills in Augusta, Ga., have reduced the wages of employes. Others will run on short time.

One thousand five hundred miners in the third pool on the Monongahela river have struck on account of a reduction of wages. A meeting will be held in Monongahela City to consider the advissability of a general strike in the four pools.

A committee of six employes of the New Jersey Central and Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad, representing the engineers, firemen and other workmen, will visit the manager of the Jersey Central to-morrow and demand that all employes of that road and the Lehigh and Susquehanna division who have not received their wages for April be paid in cash at once. If the interview does not prove satisfactory the committee will call on Gov. Abbett of Pennsylvania and learn if the company can be compelled to pay the men without further delay. Action on the result of the visits will be taken by brotherhoods at meetings on Sunday.

Five hundred laborers and yardmen of the Wabash railroad struck yesterday at Moberly, Mo., on account of back wages not being paid.

The stove moulders in all the Pittsburg establishments struck last night against the 15 per cent reduction.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.

Berlin will spend $3000 on streets and walks this summer.

Joel Rogers, one of Howick's oldest settlers died suddenly a few days ago.

D. J. Healy, a leading merchant of Halifax, was drowned Thursday while salmon fishing.

Berlin assessment is $957,261; increase over last year, $57,093; population, 4473; increase, 147.

It is understood that Sheriff Gow has appointed P. C. Everson turnkey of Guelph jail, in place of Mr. Taylor, deceased.

Chas. Bland, Scotland village, near Brantford, was kicked in the side by a horse Saturday and died Sunday afternoon.

Charles Bell, Markham, fell twelve feet, while pruning a tree the other day, and was badly bruised, being unconscious for a long time.

The conservatives of Mitchell presented Dr. Bowie with a gold watch and an address on Friday evening previous to his departure for Chicago.

The body of Tice Elliott, Burford, was found in the canal at Brantford Wednesday. It is supposed he fell in while intoxicated Saturday.

Joseph Gommersell, London, was thrown from a wagon Tuesday by the horse shying, and his head was so badly injured that he died in a few hours.

A 5-year-old son of Mr. Huebner, Hespeler, overturned a boiler of scalding water on himself Tuesday, and died a few hours afterwards.

Philip Emory, Grand Trunk railway baggage master at Guelph, a salvation army convert, has become insane through religious excitement.

The salvation army is not getting enough to pay expenses at Palmerston, and the council has reduced the rent of the town hall to $1 a night.

A young man named W. McIndoe of Cavan, aged 24, with a light moustache and wearing a dark suit of clothes, has been missing since Sunday.

Thomas Venning jumped from a Credit Valley railway train near St. Thomas Tuesday and struck a tree. He was completely scalped, and dying at last accounts.

Stratford wants to be a city. The council appointed a committee to consider the matter. It has not quite the necessary population, and would require a special act.

Dr. J. S. Draper of Listowel was banqueted at the Royal hotel prior to his leaving for Tilsonburg, his future home. Many good wishes were expressed for his welfare.

Rev. George Robertson, who recently resigned the pastorate of the congregational church, Georgetown, will remove to Mellville, Quebec, where he will have charge of a church of about 600 people.

If York and Etobicoke townships are determined to have a bridge over the Humber river on Scarlett's road, they will have to erect it themselves, as Justice Rose refused to grant a mandamus to compel the county to build the bridge.

The Scottish Canadian Lumber company's logs, which were offered for sale by the receiver of the company some time ago, have been purchased by E. B. Eddy, Hull, Que. The total number of pieces was 140,000. They will be cut up in Ottawa this season for the New York market.

Fred White, comptroller of the mounted police, leaves Ottawa for the Northwest on Monday. He goes to inquire into the trouble among the Indians, which the Indian department is beginning to realize as looking more serious than was supposed. Pispot declares he is not afraid of the police, and what may follow is not known.

The Presidential Gawl Opened.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The vanguard of Arthur men left for Chicago to-day.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Blaine's headquarters were opened at the Grand Pacific hotel this morning. It is announced that Arthur's headquarters will be opened at various places in the morning. The hotel lobbies this evening present rather quiet appearance.

W. H. Vanderbilt and His Millions.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—W. H. Vanderbilt has transferred to W. K. Vanderbilt another lot of United States bonds, amounting in the aggregate to about $2,000,000.

BLIGHTING MAY FROSTS.

DISCOURAGING REPORTS FROM CANADIAN AND AMERICAN POINTS.

The Damage in Niagara District Enormous—Grain, Fruits and Garden Stuff Perish—A Short Crop the Result.

STONEY CREEK, Ont., May 29.—The frost last night has done much damage to the crops. The tomato plants were cut badly, and the grape vines were especially hurt; the early kinds show the effects very much. The clover tops are turned as though they were burned. A gentleman from Winona states that all the early fruits are very much injured, especially grapes and tomatoes, but he thinks that the apple crop is not affected to any extent. Your correspondent, in conversation with a farmer from Nelson township, was told that the frost was very severe there, ice being formed in several parts. In the vicinity of Bartonville the effects of the frost are plainly visible.

The effects of last winter are more plainly visible now than ever; the peach trees which a week ago showed signs of health and a vigorous growth are now in a bad state. The leaves are all curling up and falling, and half budding leaves are turning black on the trees. The statement that Wm. Cline of Stoney Creek made some time ago regarding the trees dying has proved only too true in regard to peach trees.

WATFORD, Ont., May 29.—Last night's frost was the severest of the season felt here for many years. Ice was formed half an inch thick and a great amount of damage has been done to the crops. The grape crop has been totally destroyed, and it is feared other fruits are very much injured. Barley, in many cases is totally destroyed. Peas and fall wheat are damaged to a large extent. Early potatoes, beans and tomatoes are cut to the ground.

SEAFORTH, May 29.—There was a heavy frost here last night. Potatoes, fruit and gardens were seriously damaged and there is every prospect of more frost to-night.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., May 29.—The frost in this vicinity last night was so heavy that ice formed in stagnant water. Flowers were frozen in some localities and barley injured.

GUELPH, Ont., May 29.—Last night the thermometer recorded five degrees of frost as the lowest point, and it is regarded as certain that oats, barley, potatoes and other field crops have received a rather severe check, while the blossom on fruit trees may have been badly damaged or destroyed. It will take a day or two to learn the real effects of the cold spell and at this critical juncture everybody will anxiously await reports from the country.

CLEVELAND, May 29.—Reports from many points in northern Ohio indicate that last night's frost did great damage to fruit, vegetables and grain.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 29.—A severe and blighting frost was general in Wisconsin last night. Great damage was done to crops, especially corn and tobacco. Small fruits and vegetables are ruined. In some counties clothes were frozen stiff on the lines. Ice formed three-quarters of an inch thick on small ponds.

DETROIT, May 29.—Heavy frosts are reported last night from the interior of the state, doing much damage.

LOCKPORT, N.Y., May 29.—Black frost did great damage in this locality last night to small fruits and vegetables.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., May 29.—Reports from the river counties show a damaging frost last night. Another heavy one is apprehended to-night.

CINCINNATI, May 29.—Fruit and vegetables in Southern Ohio suffered severely from frost last night

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Langtry will return to England early next month.

Mrs. Logan is to manage her husband's campaign in Chicago.

Lord Salisbury is 20 years older than Lord Randolph Churchill.

The widow of Tom Thumb is as charming a little body as ever.

"Billy" Florence is about to go salmon-fishing on the Restigouche.

The eldest daughter of Theodore Havemeyer will be married in London.

Mayor Boswell and City Solicitor McWilliams returned from Ottawa yesterday.

Princess Wilhelmine of Holland, has been betrothed to Prince Baudoin of Belgium.

Judah P. Benjamin left no material for a biography, having destroyed all his private papers.

W. H. Lytell, the well-known comedian, is in the city. Mr. Lytell has just closed a successful season in Chicago.

Mark H. Irish and family of the Rossin house have returned from a three weeks' trip to the United States.

President Arthur displays excellent taste in the selection of his neckties and never wears the same one two days in succession.

Henry Irving will preside at the annual dinner of the dramatic and musical sick fund, which is to be given in London on June 5. William H. Vanderbilt has promised to attend.

Bismarck protests that he is not, as reported, superstitious; that he will engage in any enterprise whatever on Friday, and that he is ready to sit down at a table with twelve people, and will eat and drink more than all the rest of 'em put together.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane leaves for the presbyterian council by the Cunard steamer Bothnia on June 11, preaching in Londonderry on the 22d. This will necessitate his leaving the assembly at the end of the first week, after home mission business has been concluded.

The Princess Poniatowski, formerly Miss Ely Goddard, will be the second princess who ever visited Newport. She will go there with her husband in July. Princess Louise of England, is the only other princess with whose presence Newport has ever been honored.

It was asserted some years ago that Mr. Bass, the English brewer, had great difficulty in finding investment for his surplus cash; yet it is doubtful if his gains surpassed, if indeed they equalled, those of some of the London brewers. The mob doesn't drink Bass, while London firms supply the million.

Senator Palmer of Michigan has the reputation of giving the most elaborate dinners in Washington and takes a good deal of pride in it. His income is large and he finds it difficult to spend all of his money. He keeps one house in Detroit, another in New York and a third in Washington, and finds satisfaction in entertaining his friends. His hobby is dogs.

A GREAT JUMP.

A party may be stagnant for years; then it will, almost without effort, slide ahead more in two weeks than it has in ten years. This has been the case with the reform party. It has slid, perhaps without knowing it, into the position of defending the idea of a distinct Canadian nationality, another word for independence. The speech of Sir Richard Cartwright in Toronto, the speech of Hon. Wilfred Laurier in Montreal, and the declaration of the Globe of yesterday, show it individually, clinch it collectively. It remains for Mr. Blake to come out and admit the soft impeachment. He might as well do it for he will be credited with it. If somebody don't pull them up the liberals will be drilling in a few days. It is in order for the Mail to cry treason.

A MURDER MYSTERY STILL.

McKeague of Thorold Found Not Guilty—Public Approval of the Verdict.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Neil McKeague, a butcher, formerly of Thorold, Ont., has been on trial for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at Winnetka, the case closing yesterday. The jury retired last night. At 10.15 this morning they came into court with a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was received with great applause in the crowded courtroom, but McKeague was cool and collected. The jury was out eighteen hours, and last night on retiring stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. The agreement was reached at daybreak. McKeague was released.

McKeague's parents, moderately well-to-do Scotch people, have been here for some time, and nothing was left undone by them to prove the innocence of their son, as they firmly believed him guiltless. The case turned entirely on circumstantial evidence.

NINE UNKNOWN MEN KILLED.

The Scaffolding in a Railroad Tunnel Falls with Terrible Results.

LIGONIER, Pa., May 29.—A scaffolding in the tunnel of the South Pennsylvania railroad fell to-day. Nine men were instantly killed and eleven wounded. There is slight hopes of their recovery. A large force was excavating in the tunnel, a hundred feet from the entrance when the heavy scaffolding gave way and crashed down upon the men.

The names of the victims are unknown. They were principally Italians. The bodies have all been recovered. Great excitement prevails at the scene of the disaster.

An Incompetent Regiment to be Disbanded.

COLUMBUS, O., May 29.—A court inquiry investigating the conduct of the officers of the Fourth regiment during the Cincinnati riots reported that the colonel was guilty of incompetency and disobedience of orders, the lieutenant colonel leaving the command without orders. The adjutant was absent without leave and other officers committed similar offences. The court recommended disbanding the regiment.

Major Phipps' Partner gets a Dose.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—John N. Parke, contractor, convicted recently of conspiracy and forgery in connection with Major Phipps in the alms house frauds, was sentence to-day to one year's imprisoment at hard labor on the first charge, and six months' solitary confinement on the second.

A New Coal Road to Charlotte.

ROCHESTER, May 29.—A company has been formed here to build a coal road from a branch of the Erie south of this city to Charlotte, on Lake Ontario, which will be another coal outlet for the Erie and Lackawana. The capital is $1,000,000, and the name, the Erie, Rochester and Lake Ontario Terminal.

New French Cardinals.

ROME, May 29.—Negotiations are pending between France and the vatican for the nomination of French cardinals at the next consistory. The vatican is disposed to accede to the wishes of France on the condition that the French government restores the grants to the church suppressed last year.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS.

New Trustees of the Baptist College From The Lower Provinces.

Among the Toronto baptists who attended the Detroit anniversary meetings that have just closed were, Hon. and Mrs. McMaster, President J. H. Castle, D. D., Prof. M. MacVicar, LL. D., Prof. W. N. Clarke, D.D., Rev. B. D. Thomas, D.D., Rev. S. A. Dyke, Rev. C. A. Cook and the editor of the Canadian Baptist.

Next week will be an important one for the presbyterians of Toronto, as the general assembly of the presbyterian church is appointed to meet in St. James' square church, on June 4.

Hon. R. McN. Parker of Halifax writes from New York under date of May 27, to H. E. Buchan, acting secretary of the Toronto baptist college, accepting the position of trustee of the college. Rev. Principal Sawyer, D.D. of Acadia college, Wolfville, N.S., writes accepting a similar position. The third trustee appointed from the Maritime provinces, Hon. A. F. Randolph of Fredericton, N.B., is at present in California, and has not yet signified his acceptance of trusteeship in the college.

The Manchester Guardian says that the bishop of Liverpool who, as junior prelate in the house of lords, will necessarily be much away from his diocese, has arranged with Bishop Hellmuth to act for him in his absence.

Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, assistant at St. Luke's church, goes to England by the Vancouver of the Dominion line to-morrow; on two months' leave.

Rev. C. E. Thompson (Episcopal) will in future take charge of Carlton alone, and will remove to Toronto. Residence, Bank and Dufferin streets.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

This is decoration day—a legal holiday in the United States.

The Indiana greenbackers yesterday nominated Benjamin Butler for president, and West of Mississippi for vice-president.

Mrs. Courtright, living near Deckerton, N.J., has been arrested, accused of attempting to poison her two children by putting Paris green in the food which they had for breakfast. Physicians say the children cannot live.

BLYTH'S BELLIGERENTS.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST CONCLUDED LAST EVENING.

Three of the Beamish's Guilty of Manslaughter in as Many Different Degrees.—Off to Goderich Jail.

BLYTH, Ont., May 29.—The inquest on the body of William Maines was concluded this afternoon. The jury retired at 5 o'clock and about 6.30 returned the following verdict: "That William Maines came to his death from the effect of injuries received in a fight with Henry J. Beamish on Monday, May 26, and that Henry J. Beamish is guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. That James Beamish is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, and that Thomas M. Beamish is guilty of manslaughter in the third degree." Constable Davis has taken the prisoners to Goderich jail to-night.

HAMILTON'S NEWS BUDGET.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Medical Association.

HAMILTON, May 29.—The fourth annual meeting of the Ontario medical association will take place in this city, commencing next Wednesday, at the city hall. Heretofore these meetings have been held in Toronto, but Hamilton has been selected this year in order to allow members of the profession in different sections of the province to be present.

Rev. Elias Lyon, LL.B., of Leeds, Eng., who has been attending the general conference of the methodist episcopal church in Philadelphia, will spend Sunday next in the city, and preach in the Centenary church both morning and evening.

The coal heavers at the various wharves at this port struck for 18 cents per ton this forenoon. They had been working for 12½ cents, but say that it is not enough, and seem determined to gain their point.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher lectured to a large audience in the Grand opera house to-night.

The frost of last night did much damage to unprotected grape and tomato vines in the Niagara peninsula. Its effect will also be to seriously retard the growth of the wheat and grass. The apple buds may escape, as they are not yet fully developed. In some localities ice formed on the ponds. It will be observed from our telegrams and correspondence that the frost prevailed over a wide era.

THE GOLD RESERVE.

The Government Not Keeping the Necessary Amount on Hand.

MONTREAL, May 29.—The topic of the street to-day is the fact that the government has requested the smaller banks not to present their notes for redemption in gold. This indicates that the gold reserve held against the circulation of notes has dwindled away to almost nothing. The law requires the government to hold the reserve to at least 25 per cent of the amount of the circulation. The circulation is now about $10,000,000, and the reserve is said to be less than $1,000,000 in gold. The government is importing, it is said, £200,000 in gold from England through the bank of British North America.

OTTAWA, May 29.—The statement that the Canadian government was making representations to the imperial government against the half-sovereign token scheme proposed in England is contradicted by Mr. Courtney, deputy finance minister. He says that the only coins recognized in the dominion are American eagles and the English sovereign. Consequently Canada has no interest in the scheme referred to.

A Fatal Accident.

DUNDAS, Ont., May 29.—Saturday last a friend was driving Gabriel Steel of Dundas out to his property at Ancaster. When just at their destination near Egleston's mill, and in turning to one side of the road the wheel struck a large stone and Mr. Steel was thrown out, dislocating his spine. Mr. Steel died Wednesday afternoon.

Throws Himself Under an Engine.

LINDSAY, May 29.—At 6 o'clock this morning an unknown man deliberately threw himself under one of the locomotives of the Grand Trunk railway here, and was cut to pieces. He was buried by the town.

The Quebec Lottery Bill Abandoned.

QUEBEC, May 29.—The lottery bill was withdrawn in the legislative council today, and will not be again attempted this session.

OUR OWN INDICATIONS.

'Tis sure to rain to-morrow,
Just look upon the skies!
And then, quite to my sorrow,
I feel it in my eyes.

There'll be a change of weather
As sure as you are born;
The skies won't hold together—
I know it by my corn.

There's bound to be a shower
Within these temperate zones,
For, at this very hour,
I feel it in my bones.

W. Bee Ridge.

ANOTHER TRIOLET.

At last on the nineth day out
The Globe shows which way it is going;
It upholds all Sir Dickey has said,
The straight independence mark toeing.
This really is something worth knowing,
That at last on the nineth day out
The Globe shows which way it is going.

—Ja Kasse.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Why Mr. Phipps has taken to a plug hat.

If Peter Ryan couldn't have stopped the sale to see Mr. Mowat off.

If the little premier don't deserve to win the disputed territory.

Where is Brown, or where was Brown at the Brantford camp.

If Capt. Kersteman knows where he was.

If there are more than four candidates out for the mayoralty.

When George Brown's statue is to be put up

MORE FRESH WINDS.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, May 30, 1 a.m.

Lakes: Moderate to fresh winds, mostly westerly; fair weather; rising temperature.

Steamship Arrivals—May 30.

At Southampton: Arrived, Furnessia.

At Liverpool: The Wyoming from New York.

At Hamburg: The Rugia from New York.