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TORONTO'S GOLDEN FETE.

THE PRELIMINARY CELEBRATION OF HER 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Public Library Opened with Enthusiasm—His Worship the Mayor's Reception—Peals of Bell and Cannon.

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Toronto yesterday was all that the citizens' committee desired it should be. There was nothing stirring about town, and the usual hum-drum of city life was only broken at intervals by the pealing of many bells and the firing of a salute of 50 guns in Queen's park at noon. The salute was fired from three guns from the Toronto field battery, under command of Capt. Mead and Lieuts. Miles and Beatty. The weather was clear, cold and pleasant throughout the day, but a heavy snowstorm set in about 9 o'clock. Flags were flying from a number of business houses down town. The citizen's committee, as stated above, carried out all the details of their program with punctuality and despatch, which augurs well for the success of the grand demonstration which is to last a whole week of June. Then the rest of the dominion and our republican neighbors can have an opportunity of seeing and hearing what the good people of Toronto can do on such an important and memorable occasion.

Opening the Public Library.

One of the interesting events of the day was the formal opening of the free public library. A short sketch of the history of the library movement may not be out of place. For the past three or four years the subject of a free library has been agitated chiefly by John Hallam and ex-Ald. Taylor, but it was not till the first meeting of the city council in 1881 that Ald. Taylor gave notice that he would introduce a measure for the establishment of a library. After that the scheme was perpetually kept before the people. Last year the council put the question to the people, who decided by a majority of 25[illegible]3 in 50[illegible] votes cast to establish a public library. The council voted $50,000 for the scheme and active steps were taken to make it an actual fact. The mechanics' library building was purchased and a wing added to it. A library board was appointed, composed of the mayor, three representatives from the council, three from the public school board, and two from the separate school board. At their first meeting John Hallam was appointed chairman of the board, and Mr. Bain was appointed librarian at a salary of $2000. During the month of February branch libraries were opened in St. Andrew's hall building in the west and in Yorkville. The following is the expenditure on the library so far:

Cost of new building for library	$ 5,389 00
Alteration and repairs to old building	6,097 00
Furniture and fixings	2,700 00
New books—about 22,000 vols.	18,601 00
Alterations and repairs—western branch	604 00
Alterations and repairs—northern branch	474 00
Architect's fees	500 00
Discount and expenses for sale of debentures	3,035 00
	$37,400 00
Balance—appropriated for books, but unexpended	12,600 00
	$50,000 00

This sum of $50,000 was borrowed at the rate of 4 per cent., and ½ of 1 per cent sinking fund, which will extinguish the debt in a little less than 40 years.

Following is an approximate of the number of volumes in the circulating library: Natural sciences and mathematics, 350 vols.; political, social and medical science, 250 vols.; theology, 250 vols.; arts, 350 vols.; language, literature, and collected works, 500 vols.; geography, topography and travel, 450 vols.; history and its collaterals, 1000 vols.; biography, 1000 vols.; poetry and drama, 150 vols.; periodicals, 300 vols.; fiction, 5000 vols.; juvenile literature, 400 vols.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the formal opening took place. Invitations had been sent to all the leading citizens, and the vast reading room was crowded. Chairman Hallam presided, and the Lieutenant-governor, Archbishop Lynch, Prof. Wilson, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Dr. Withrow, Hon. Mr. Ross, provincial minister of education, Mr. Badgerow, M.P.P., Dr. Widdifield, M.P.P., and others occupied positions on the platform. Mr. Hallam announced that he had received letters from Lord Lansdowne, Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. G. W. Allen, Hon. Mr. Blake and others regretting that they could not be present.

The lieut.-governor congratulated the president and the board of management on the great success which had attended their efforts, and said that the city of Toronto had every reason to be proud of her free library.

Prof. Wilson of University college read the opening address, which was an exhaustive review of literature, past and present. He showed the uses of books, defined their value and pointed out the advantages which would accrue from the library.

Hon. Mr. Ross followed in a long and exhaustive speech, which was frequently interrupted with applause. He dwelt particularly on the absence of a proper Canadian history and a want of patriotic teaching in the history of our country and the men who had made that history.

Mr. Henderson, a student of the University college, read an opening ode, which was well received. The ode is as follows:

Let there be light! The word divine was spoken
In the dim dawn of earth's awakening hour,
When chaos, trembling, felt the links were broken
That bound the formless void beneath its power:

When God's own Spirit brooded o'er the deep,
And moved above the waste of formless things,
Till life and soul emerged, as with a leap,
And reason flashed with light upon its wings.

Yet even now, with ages long completed,
How tardy still the glimmering dawn of day;
How long the strife e'er, bigot foes defeated,
Wisdom is owned and ignorance gives way.

The righteousness that should exalt and bless
The nations, lingers still with fitful gleam;
The Golden Age, with all its grand redress
And brotherhood for man, is yet a dream.

What of the coming ages' promised prize?
What, watchman, of the dawn? What of the night?
Say, does the morning break: the day-star rise?
Is there some prelude of the longed-for light?

To-day we answer from our New World home,
As here we dedicate this modest shrine
To letters; praying that from thence may come
From Wisdom's ample page a light divine;

Giving free converse with the good and wise;
Free access to the thought-illumined page,
Whence still to latest times, in living guise
Shall speak for all, historian, poet, sage.

Nor grudge Romance's quaint beguiling mask;
Let Truth the masquerade of Fiction wear,
To ease the toil-worn laborer at his task,
And with the charm of fancy banish care.

Make Knowledge ample as the air we breathe,
Its influence free as the light of heaven;
As He whose rain and sunshine all beneath
Unstinted share; so let soul-light be given.

Spread wide the historic page to ardent youth;
With liberal hand to manhood give the right
To drink deep draughts from the pure wells of truth.
Hasten the coming time: Let there be Light!

After Dr. Withrow had addressed the assemblage Mr. Goldwin Smith followed in an able speech in which he pointed out the necessity of libraries and readings, and defined the class of books which were inimical to moral and intellectual advancement.

At the request of Chairman Hallam, the lieut.-governor formerly declared the library open to the public. Mr. Hallam then loaned a book each to the lieut.-governor, Sydney Hamilton, of York county, born in 1811, and to John Smith, an old resident of Riverside. This ceremony created great amusement. After cheers had been given for the lieutenant-governor and Chairman Hallam, Lady Robinson led the concourse in singing the national anthem and the ceremony of opening the library was over.

In the evening the reading room and library was thrown open to the public. The rooms were brilliantly lighted and thousands took occasion to visit them. During the evening the band of the Royal Grenadiers discoursed music.

Mayor Boswell's Levee.

At 8 o'clock last night the city council chamber, the ante-rooms and lobbies began to fill up with ladies and gentlemen in full dress. Several hundred invitations had been sent out to attend his worship's reception, and the invite was very generally accepted. By 9 o'clock the room, which had been gaily decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion, was crowded. In front of the dais Governor and Mrs. Robinson, Mayor and Mrs. Boswell and Miss Vivian, niece of his worship, and Adjutant Manley were stationed. The invited guests passed down the west side of the chamber and crossing over to the east side were presented to his worship, the governor and the ladies. Archbishop Lynch, Bishop Sweetman, Goldwin Smith, Chief Justice Wilson, Col. Stevenson of Montreal, Magistrate Denison, Rev. Fathers McKenna and Bergin, were among those presented.

The Queen's Own band was stationed in the gallery and furnished tuneful music at intervals. After all the ladies and gentlemen had been presented, W. B. McMurrich, chairman of the citizens' committee, read an interesting address, commemorative of the growth and progress of the city since its incorporation. He then presented his worship with a beautiful illuminated address from the committee. The address congratulated Mr. Boswell on his occupancy of the civic chair on the auspicious year of her semi-centennial, winding up with a "Long live Toronto." Mayor Boswell briefly replied and recorded some interesting and amusing reminiscences of scenes in the council chamber during the days of his predecessors, Governor Robinson, Chief Justice Wilson, and City Treasurer Harman, all ex-mayors of the city, also delivered addresses of congratulation. John Harper, a member of Toronto's first council, was called up to the dais and paid his respects to the ladies and gentlemen. He was very warmly applauded. The only other living member of the original council, James Leslie, of Eglington, was not present, much to the regret of the committee and the assemblage.

When the addresses were concluded the band struck up a strain of terpsichorean airs, and dancing was indulged in. Refreshments were served down stairs in the committee room, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all those present.

Harry Webb, the well-known caterer, furnished the refreshments, and they were first-class in every particular, and plenty of them.

During the reception the chamber was illuminated by the Toronto Electric Light company, the lamps being kindly loaned for the occasion by Ald. Walker, R. J. Hunter and Charles Brown.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane is chairman of the Brantford free library board.

Mme. Modjeska has opened a school in New York city for Polish children.

The Parisians have named a street after Darwin. Another proof of the survival of the fittest.

Tilden is not a candidate for the democratic nomination for the presidency. His choice is Senator Payne of Ohio.

Col. G. D. Middleton, who is to succeed Major Gen. Luard, has been in Canada before, and some years ago married a Miss Doucet of Montreal.

The petite Countess of Lewenhaupt is one of the prettiest women in the foreign circle in Washington. She is a typical Swedish beauty with golden hair, blue eyes and fair white skin.

The late Matt. Carpenter, who as a lawyer was almost as great as Webster, and who as a man was peculiar, once said to a catholic divine, "Purgatory is simply a motion for a new trial."

The mayor of Port Hope, A. Von Hugel, is staying at the Rossin house. He is accompanied by his nephew, the Baron Rudolph Von Hugel of Wirtemburg, Germany, who is visiting this country.

A monument is on foot to present a memorial bust of Carlyle to Edinburgh university, of which he was a distinguished alumnus. Lord Aberdeen, Lord Reay and other eminent Scotchmen are on the committee which has charge of the arrangements.

Troubled Oil.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Oil was again excited here to-day. The market is in a semi-panicky condition and down as low as 98½c. A. L. Currie failed. Afterwards it was announced that Rice & Rider were embarrassed, and that 125,000 barrels had been sold for their account under rule.

A Defaulting Customs Collector.

BUFFALO, March 6.—Wm. Buchner, Canadian collector of customs at Fort Erie, has been discovered to be a defaulter. His deficiency amounts to about $5000, but the government is secured by bonds. Buchner has been suspended.

Twenty Men Killed.

ELPASO, Texas, March 6.—A shaft caved in at Puetas mines, Sonora, to-day, and killed 20 men.

FOUGHT OUT AND CARRIED

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ESPLANADE IMPROVEMENT BILL ADOPTED.

The City Council Discuss The Matter For Three Hours and a Half—The Entire Agreement Set Forth.

A special meeting of the city council sat from 1.30 yesterday afternoon till 5 o'clock, discussing the report of the special committee on Esplanade matters. There were present Mayor Boswell, Ald. Turner, Denison, Blevins, Crocker, Adamson, Walker, Allen, Sheppard, Maughan, Barton, Brandon, Mitchell, Hunter, Verrall, Hastings, Davies, Lobb, Love, Defoe, Carlyle, Steiner. The mayor explained that the report was hastily put together, and it was not as complete as he would like to have had it, but the general outline of the proposed agreement of settlement with the different railway companies would be found there. The council resolved itself into committee of the whole on the report, Ald. Defoe in the chair. The report read as follows:

1. Your committee have had under consideration the state and condition of the Toronto Esplanade, the petition of over 5,000 ratepayers of the city, and the various negotiations which have taken place during the past two years between the council and its representatives and the various railway companies, and being fully impressed with the absolute necessity of some arrangement being arrived at whereby security will be afforded to life and property on the said Esplanade and Esplanade street, and the difficulties in the way of compelling the railway companies to act owing to former agreements and legislation, they have felt it necessary that some concessions should be made on the part of the city in order to induce the railway companies to come to some amicable settlement of the difficulties, and to secure the required improvements and changes, and they therefore report the following proposals as a basis of arrangement:

2. It is proposed that the city of Toronto consents to the closing up for railway purposes of Esplanade street from the west side of York street westward to the eastern side of Brock street; and the closing up of Peter street, from the south side of Front street to the Windmill lane; John street, from the south side of Front street to the south side of the Esplanade, and Simcoe street, from the Windmill line to a point 100 feet south of the northern boundary of the Grand Trunk railway lot between York and Simcoe streets.

3. Also, that the city opens up a street 40 feet wide south of the Esplanade, from York street to Berkeley street, and construct the breastwork (the filling in to be done by the railway companies as hereinafter provided); and in the event of the establishment of a joint eastern freight delivery yard, and the discontinuance of freight delivery on the Esplanade, as hereinafter mentioned, the city to consent to the closing up of all street crossings over the south 52 feet and 6 inches of the Esplanade, from Union station eastward to Berkeley street, except at York street, Yonge street, Church street, and two other streets besides Berkeley street, to be hereinafter agreed on; also, that in the event of the establishment of a joint eastern freight delivery yard being found practicable, the same is to be established at the joint expense of the city and the Ontario and Quebec Railway company; and the city, if required by the railway companies, is to accept surrenders of and to renew the leases of the lands now held by the railway companies, and to be included in the joint eastern freight yard, at a valuation, for 50 years.

It is, on the part of the railway companies, proposed that the railway companies, in consideration of the above concessions on the part of the city, shall arrange amongst themselves, on terms agreed on, or to be settled by arbitration, amongst other things, to do as follows:

1. To enlarge and improve Union station so as to provide adequate accommodation for all passenger traffic, and all trains to stop at that station. The plan to be approved of by the city council.

2. To provide that that the entrance to the station shall be from the north by a public highway, from Simcoe to York street, at least 60 feet wide, and the station and grounds to be so arranged that passengers going to and from the same in vehicles shall not be required or permitted to cross any railway tracks.

3. To establish a joint freight delivery yard on the Credit Valley and Grand Trunk properties east of John street.

4. To open up and construct a public highway 40 feet wide along the south of the Esplanade, from the west side of York street to the east side of Brock street, and to fill in the whole road from York street eastward to Berkeley street, the city to put down and maintain sidewalks; the Railway Companies to maintain the roadway from Simcoe street to Brock street, and to compensate the property owners between York street and Simcoe street for any damage they may sustain by reason of the proposed works and changes.

5. To erect and maintain hoisting pole gates at the crossings at York, Yonge, Church and another street east of Church street, to be hereafter named by the city.

6. To permit sidings into all private properties on both the north and south sides of the Esplanade as far east as Berkeley street, where the same are practicable, to be used in common by all the railway companies for freight delivery into such properties.

7. To discontinue all unnecessary whistling of locomotives coming into and going out of the city and on the Esplanade.

8. In the event of it being found practicable so to do, the city and Ontario and Quebec railway company are to acquire and establish a joint eastern freight delivery yard not farther east than Berkeley street, to be used in common by all the railway companies; and in the event of the establishment of this joint yard, the city to consent to the closing of all street crossings over the railway tracks except as above mentioned; and the railway companies agree to use said yard, and to discontinue the delivery of freight from cars on the Esplanade from York street eastward to Berkeley street, and at their own expense to fence in the south 52 feet 6 inches of the Esplanade in manner to be approved of by the city council, and remove all railway tracks from the Esplanade and Esplanade street from York street eastward to Berkeley street, except two through running tracks for the Grand Trunk railway company, and two other tracks, with the necessary and proper sidings into private property on the north and south sides of the Esplanade, and into the railway properties at Yonge street, City hall and the proposed joint freight delivery yard east, to be used in common by all the companies.

The above is a brief synopsis and the heads of the proposed arrangement between the city and the several railway companies as to the Esplanade, respecting which negotiations have been pending for the past year, and the same are being elaborated and put into the form of an agreement to be confirmed by the necessary legislation here and at Ottawa.

The agreement and statutes confirming same will provide due protection to private interests, and that the owners and lessees of properties entered upon, taken or injuriously affected by the carrying out of the proposed changes and arrangements will receive equitable and proper compensation for any damage or injury they may sustain.

Under this arrangement proper security will be afforded to life and property on the Esplanade and Esplanade street, and the business men and the owners of property on the Esplanade and in the eastern part of the city will obtain all the benefit and advantages which they had a right to expect from competing railways.

It is also proposed, as a condition of this arrangement, on the part of the city, that in the event of any other railway company desiring to come into and do business on the Esplanade and water front of the city, that they shall be at liberty to do so, subject to such order and conditions as may be made or approved of by the railway committee of the privy council.—A. R. BOSWELL, chairman.

Ald. Mitchell opened the ball of opposition by a vigorous protest against going into the merits of the report until the council had had an ample consideration of it. He said the matter had been sprung on them and the special meeting had been hastily called to rush the matter through. He was strongly opposed to granting any more privileges to railroad companies. The city had already given $1,419,000 to railways and the latter had broken faith with Toronto whenver it suited their purpose to do so. He instanced the case of the Credit Valley. That line was bonused to the amount of $300,000 as an independent railway. And what did they find. Simply that it was gobbled up by the Canadian Pacific. Ald. Mitchell's little overture was the key-note for all the opposition that the report received during the rest of the meeting.

The mayor and Ald. Turner explained that they had given a great deal of their time—more than they were justified in giving—in getting the railway men together and formulating this agreement, in time to go before the private bills committee of the local legislature. If it were not adopted at that meeting it would have to go over for another year, all their labor would be lost, and the Esplanade difficulty would be as far off from settlement as ever.

These statements did not abate the opposition of a large proportion of the meeting and several amendments were moved, ostensibly to burke the adoption of the report. The first one came from Ald. Mitchell, who moved, after an hours debate, that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again in one week. Ald. Mitchell said he would like to see the report discussed by the public journals before it was adopted by the council. The committee divided on the amendment as follows:

Yeas — Mitchell, Sheppard, Harvie, Brandon, Barton, Hunter, Verrall, Adamson—8.

Nays — Denison, Crocker, Davies, Walker, Blevins, Maughan, Hastings, Carlyle, Love, Lobb, Turner—11.

Proceeding down with the report, Ald. Walker renewed his former contention that there should be an iron bridge across the tracks from the foot of Peter street to connect with the waterworks property. He strongly argued in favor of inserting a clause in the report to this effect.

Ald. Walker's proposal evoked a lengthy and animated discussion. The mayor explained that if this bridge were insisted upon the Grand Trunk company would not consent to continue the street south of the tracks any further than Peter street. If the bridge were not demanded the company would build the street as far west as Spadina avenue. An amendment was moved and carried that the proposed bridge be swung from the foot of John street, instead of Peter street. This amendment changed the character of the opposition and discomfited Ald. Walker.

Ald. Carlyle then rose and said he could not consent for one moment to the clauses of the report providing for the closing of streets named from Simcoe east to Berkeley street. He moved that these clauses be struck out.

The mayor explained that if this amendment were carried it would have the effect of upsetting the whole matter. The streets named would not be closed in the sense that Ald. Carlyle evidently looked at it. Access could be had from them to the present street north of the tracks. But a passage across to the south side could only be had through the gates of the streets named in the report.

Ald. Carlyle's amendment was put and lost by 8 to 10, and after a great deal more talk the committee of the whole rose.

In council Ald. Turner and Steiner moved that the amendment carried in the committee providing for the bridge at the foot of John street be struck out.

Mr. Ed. Wragge was called upon to explain what the Grand Trunk company thought of a bridge at this point. Mr. Wragge said that a bridge at the foot of John street was totally impracticable owing to the net-work of tracks at this point. He did not think the company would consent to it at all.

Ald. Turner's motion was carried on the following division:

Yeas—Turner, Steiner, Love, Lobb, Hastings, Allen, Walker, Defoe, Crocker, Blevins, Carlyle—11.

Nays—Denison, Sheppard, Adamson, Maughan, Barton, Brandon, Hunter, Harvie, Verrall—9.

Ald. Carlyle renewed his motion about the closing of the streets indicated and it was again voted down.

Ald. Turner and Crocker wound up the meeting by moving the following which was carried: "That the principle of the Esplanade bill having been established by the report, resolved that Ald. Denison, Hastings, Maughan, Love, Carlyle, Walker and the mover be a committee to obtain the necessary legislation from the Ontario legislature to legalize the agreement."

THE NEW U. S. TARIFF.

Salt, Coal and Timber Free—Discrimination Against Canada.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The new tariff bill agreed upon by the ways and means committee to be reported to the house next Monday provides: After July 1 85 per cent. of the present duty shall be collected on cotton and cotton goods, hemp, jute and flax goods, wool and woollen goods, all metals, books and papers, sugar, molasses, tobacco, wood and wooden ware, provisions and chemical products; but no wool or woollen goods to pay a higher duty than 60 per cent. ad valorem; no cotton or cotton goods higher than 40 per cent.; no metals higher than 50 per cent. Eighty per cent of the present duty is to be collected on glass and glassware and earthenware, but in no case shall the duty imposed fall below the rate established by the Morill tariff of 1861.

The bill adds to the free list salt, bituminous coal, timber, sawed boards, hubs for wheels, staves, pickets, lath, clapboards and manufactures not otherwise enumerated, but the exemption from duty of bituminous or shale coal shall not apply to coal imported from the dominion of Canada until that government shall have exempted from payment of duty all coal imported into that country from the United States.

How a Murder Was Discovered.

SAVANAH, Ga., March 6.—A coroner stopped negro funeral services here to-day. The removing of the shroud and clothing of the corpse revealed nine knife wounds inflicted by the man in whose house the funeral was being held. The victim is W. Dunn and the murderer Jerry Hagens. The latter tried to conceal the murder by reporting death from pneumonia and making a hasty burial. Dunn's intimacy with Hagens' daughter led to the crime. The murderer was arrested.

Effects of the U. S. Tariff on French Artists.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The president to-day, in a communication to congress in relation to certain tariff discriminations against the works of foreign artists, said it would bear more heavily on French artists than any other, and was creating such a feeling that measures of retaliation were contemplated that would be damaging to American students in France. He suggests certain modifications, which, he says, would be received with feelings of intense satisfaction in France.

DIGNA'S TURN TO BE NEXT

THE BRITISH TROOPS PREPARING FOR AN ATTACK

The Rebel Chief Ready for Battle—Latest News from the Soudan.

LONDON, March 6.—Earl Granville has received a despatch reporting that a thousand men marching from El Obeid upon Khartoum have been defeated by tribes friendly to Gen. Gordon.

Gen. Graham has been ordered to disperse the rebels within ten miles of Suakim but not to operate at a greater distance from that city. When these have been dispersed it is believed the tribes will become friendly.

In the house of commons to-day the marquis of Hartington moved an appropriation of £330,000 to cover the cost of the Soudan expedition.

Frederick Stanley (conservative) spoke upon the motion. He criticised severely government's Egyptian policy.

Gladstone replied that the expedition to Assouan involved no change of policy. It was, he said, necessary to prevent the excitement from spreading. The government would adhere to its determination to pay no heed to the remarks of European newspapers, and had no intention of assuming the government of Egypt. Such an act would be a gross breach of the public law of Europe. [Cheers.] The troops would be withdrawn at the earliest moment possible.

Labouchere moved to reduce the appropriation £100,000.

Gen. Graham with three thousand men will advance from Suakim on Monday against Osman Digma. Osman remains at Handoob and is ready to accept battle.

The Sultan of Morrocco has declared El Mahdi an impostor.

Gen. Gordon telegraphs that Statin Bey, an Austrian officer in the Egyptian service has defeated the expedition sent by El Mahdi from Darfour, and that the Kababesh tribe have defeated the rebels north of El Obeid.

Action Against Anarchists.

LONDON, March 6.—Organized action between England and continental powers against anarchists and dynamiters has been agreed upon without any special treaty. The police departments of the powers have been instructed to co-operate with one another under this compact. The Swiss government has ordered the arrest of a number of anarchists at Berne, and a search of the domiciles of suspected persons and the office of the workingmen's society at Berne. The Swiss police have arrested a German anarchist. They sent information to Vienna which will lead to the seizure of Cammerer and other anarchists. Refugees at Geneva suspected a man named Penkert, a rampart anarchist speaker, to be a German spy. Penkert received warning and suddenly disappeared.

Germany's Foreign Relations.

BERLIN, March 6—The emperor's speech says that the foreign relations of Germany are in a highly satisfactory condition. A solidarity exists between the pacific sentiments of Germany and those of neighboring friendly powers, which, so far as can be humanly foreseen, affords a guarantee of the security of peace in Germany and other countries.

A German Deputy Imprisoned.

BERLIN, March 6.—A letter from Bismarck was read in the reichstag to-day notifying that body that Reichster, deputy for Muhraditz, had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and the loss of his seat for insulting the throne.

Dynamite From America.

LONDON, March 7.—The Times this morning says the authorities are now satisfied that they know most of the particulars of the proceedings of the dynamiters and the police are convinced that the dynamite came from America, part being landed at Southampton.

Another Suicide at Monte Carlo.

LONDON, March 6.—Another suicide owing to gambling losses occurred at Monte Carlo, making the nineteenth this year. The newspapers demand that France shall suppress the scandal.

The Alliance Contradicted.

LONDON, March 6.—Advices from Vienna and Berlin concur in contradicting the report that Germany, Austria and Russia have entered into a formal alliance.

Worse Than the Stayner Explosion.

JACKSON, Mich., March 6.—Last evening a terrible boiler explosion occurred at Onondaga, Mich. Porter's saw mill was destroyed. William Ward, engineer, and John Porter were killed. William Young's arm was blown off and he was otherwise fatally injured.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 6.—A boiler in the Trees dyeing establishment exploded this forenoon, killing the engineer and fatally injuring two employees. Three buildings were shattered.

Brutal Sport.

LONG ISLAND CITY, March 6.—There was a dog fight for $250 and gate money this afternoon at Newtown between Belcher, of New York and Danger, of Boston, both English bull dogs weighing 22 lbs. Over 300 persons paid $10 each admission. The fight lasted an hour and a half. Over $10,000 changed hands. It was decided in favor of Danger who was dying when brought to the scratch, Belcher turning his tail.

Steamboats on the St. Lawrence.

ALBANY, March 6.—The assembly ordered a third reading of the bill permitting the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain railway company to operate a line of steamboats between Ogdensburg and points on the St. Lawrence river.

Chicago Grain Market Excited.

CHICAGO, March 6.—There was a tinge of excitement in the cereal markets to-day. Wheat and corn both sustained a serious reverse in prices, the latter experiencing the greater decline. Speculative offerings in wheat were very large.

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Steamship	Reported at.	From.
Anchoria	New York	Glasgow
Switzerland	Antwerp	
Wisconsin	Queenstown	
Labrador	New York	Havre
Abyssinia	New York	Liverpool
City of Chicago	Queenstown	New York
Pavonia	New York	Liverpool

SLEUTH HOUNDS OF JUSTICE.

A Man Arrested for an Alleged Murder Three Years Ago.

HAMILTON, March 6.—Last night Tim Depew was arrested at Blenheim, Ont., on suspicion of having murdered a man named Wm. McGregor in Hamilton on the night of Aug. 29, 1881. McGregor's body was found on the Hamilton & Northwestern railway track horribly mangled, and although it was thought that he had met his fate by accident, there were suspicious circumstances connected with the case which pointed to the probability that he had been murdered by Tim Depew, who was known to have been in his company on that night, and who was afterwards seen with the dead man's watch and chain in his possession. The arrest was made by Detective Wynne, who has been working up the case ever since, assisted by Detective Gates. The prisoner is awaiting his trial in Hamilton jail.

Hamilton Notes.

HAMILTON, March 6.—The charge against Kate Fleming of keeping a disreputable house, under pretense of running a candy shop, was clearly proven to-day, and she was fined $80 or six months.

Archibald Cunningham and Thomas Armstrong were fined $20 for violation of the liquor law. Henry Bawden owned up to the same offence and paid $40.

The Emerald beneficial association was last night honored with a visit from the grand president and grand secretary of the order, Chas. Burns and Sylvester Byrne respectively, both from Toronto. The visitors were enthusiastically welcomed and entertained.

John McPherson & Co. offered their 51 females operatives the same bill of wages as the one upon which the Toronto boot and shoe manufacturers and their operatives have agreed, but the girls refused to accept it and to-day the firm dismissed them all.

A very large congregation attended the organ recital at the church of Ascension to-night. Rev. Hartley Carmichael, in opening the entertainment, said he had departed from his ordinary rule and had determined to have a service of praise to God. He recognized praise as part of the worship of God. The rev. gentleman said that he had not gathered them together to make a collection for the organ, as that debt would be liquidated in the ordinary way by the congregation. The collection would be devoted to the relief of the poor. Mr. Aldous presided at the organ, and his perfect mastery of the instrument gained the admiration of the audience. The organ is almost too large for the building, but as it is contemplated to enlarge the church that drawback will be removed.

Railway Bills at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, March 6.—In the railway committee this morning the bill confirming the action of the Ontario & Quebec railway in leasing their line to the Pacific railway company was discussed. H. J. Hubertus appeared to request that before the bill was passed provision should be made for payment of his claim upon the Ontario & Quebec for $2000, which sum was agreed to be paid him by the original company in consideration of his services in locating the first line from Toronto to Ottawa. Mr. Mulock moved to add a clause recognizing the claim of Hubertus and providing that he should be entitled to recover his $2000 in any court of law. Mr. Cameron (Huron) moved an amendment to Mr. Mulock's motion to the effect that Mr. Hubertus' claim should be referred to a judge of the supreme court for investigation. Mr. Mulock's motion was withdrawn, and Mr. Cameron's amendment was voted down. The bill was then ordered to be reported.

The consideration of the bill to enable the Grand Trunk railway company to raise money to lay a double track over their line between Montreal and Toronto was at the request of the government again postponed until Tuesday.

Memorial Church at Penetanguishene.

PENETANGUISHENE, March 6.—The proposition to build a church in memory of the Jesuit fathers who were martyred by Indians in this district years and years ago has at last assumed practical shape. Plans of a large and beautiful edifice have been prepared by Kennedy, Gaveller & Holland, architects, Toronto. The style is French Gothic of the sixteenth century, commemorative of the period in which the martyred missionaries lived. The building is cruciform in shape, and the front is adorned with towers. Its cost is estimated at $75,000 exclusive of interior decorations. Rev. Father Laboreau, the energetic priest of the parish is at the head of the movement and will start out this week under the sanction of Archbishop Lynch to seek financial aid. He will visit the province of Quebec, and will afterwards appeal to the people of Ontario, whose lieutenant-governor has already expressed his intention of contributing to the fund.

Merritton Notes.

MERRITTON, March 6.—The village council have offered a reward of $200 in connection with the postoffice robbery here on Monday night.

The new mills of the Merritton cotton mills company have commenced manufacturing, and turned out their first bale of cotton cloth to-day.

Montreal News.

MONTREAL, March 6.—The store of Hannon & Co., produce merchants, was broken into last night, and a quantity of goods stolen. Alphonse Hayes, a stranger, was dangerously wounded last night in a disreputable house by Louis Auger, who beat Hayes with a jug over the head. The sufferer was taken to a hospital, and is in a critical state.

Canadian Copyright Bill.

OTTAWA, March 6.—Bechard's copyright bill amends the present law by placing dramatic authors in the same position as to copyright as other authors. Copyright will be vested in the author and his heirs for fifty years after his death.

Score Another for the Scott Act.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 6.—Voting on the Scott Act took place in Yarmouth Co. to-day. Complete returns are not yet in but there is no doubt that the Act is carried by a very large majority.

Conservative Candidate in East Grey.

FLESHERTON, March 6.—Neil McColman, president of the East Grey conservative association, was to-day chosen as the party's candidate for the vacancy in the local legislature.

Killed on the Railway.

CAMPBELLFORD, March 6.—Robt. McKenzie, a young married man, was killed on the Grand Junction railway, five miles east of here, last evening, by being run over with a freight train.

DOINGS IN THE DOMINION.

STRONG SPEECH FOR SECESSION AT THE MANITOBA CONVENTION.

Immigration Not to Be Encouraged—The Parliament at Ottawa—Debate on the Budget Resumed.

OTTAWA, March 6.—Five petitions were presented to parliament to-day praying for the passage of an act prohibiting Sunday excursions.

The debate on the budget was resumed, Mr. Casey speaking till 6 o'clock, followed by Benson, Vail, Stairs, Armstrong, Taylor and Irvine. At 11 o'clock the house went into committee of supply and discussed the proposed changes in the tariff and Mr. Blake objected to the high tariff on crates used for carrying crockery. He argued that as the goods were cheap and packages dear and the tariff high on the packages thereby increasing the cost of the goods, the tariff should be removed.

A private despatch received to-night announces that at the farmers' convention in Winnepeg this afternoon a resolution in favor of secession was introduced.

IN FAVOR OF SECESSION.

Strong Speeches Made at the Manitoba Convention Yesterday.

WINNIPEG, March 6.—The provincial rights convention to-day adopted a resolution that the province cannot advise immigrants to settle in it until a redress of the grievances complained of shall have been obtained.

A long motion in favor of secession was proposed, on the ground that the dominion government was withholding from the province the rights and privileges to which it was entitled under the British North America act. Strong speeches favoring secession were made, and the movers are confident that their motion will carry, but everything is being done to defeat it.

Action for Alienated Affections.

MONTREAL, March 6.—R. W. Rhomes, husband of the woman Maria Frances Fottenha who was sentenced for bigamy at the last term of the Court of Queen's bench has taken an action of damages for $10,000 against A. C. Gray to whom she was married a second time, on the ground that he seduced his wife and caused her to desert his home.

Another Bankrupt Stock at Farley's.

On Saturday forenoon Farley & Co. will open the bankrupt stock recently purchased in Montreal, amounting to $22,523, at 47 cents on the dollar, comprising the latest styles of fine silks, velvets, laces, lace curtains, embroideries, etc., etc. The greatest bargains ever offered may be expected at the Great Bankrupt Stock Emporium, 63 King street west. Farley & Co., dealers in bankrupt stocks.

THE OLDEST INHABITANT.

A gentleman called at The World office yesterday and left a five dollar bill as the beginning of a testimonial to be presented at the June celebration to the oldest inhabitant of Toronto. The amount has been increased by other contributions, and it will soon run up. It therefore behooves those who have claims to send them in. The World will undertake to examine into the several cases.

SOCIETY, MEN AND THE PRESBYTERY.

Brethren, did you see how I came to the rescue of our beloved craft—J. Ross Robertson.

And did you hear what I called them—Bob Patterson.

My heart Burns at the stigma cast upon our order—The D. D. G. M.

We're just as orthodox as the auld Kirk itself—James Bain, Sr.

I'll give up my pew, sure—Johnny Freemason Cowan.

We'll have no more services in a presbyterian church—The Oddfellows.

Did you see me get the best of them in my letter—Secretary Threelinks King.

The patriarchs are as good as the presbytery any day—John Donogh.

Why didn't they say something about the knights of Pythias—Dr. John S. King.

They couldn't say anything derogatory to the orange order—Sentinel Clarke.

I never butted against the preachers—The Goat.

I'm afraid we've put our foot in it—The Presbytery.

We think so—The Public.

TORONTO'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

I'm getting a big girl now—The City.

Yes, you're older than I am—Mayor Boswell.

I well remember the day you were born—The Oldest Inhabitant.

My turn will come when you're one hundred—The Youngest Inhabitant.

Did you hear my cannon—Lieut Mead.

No, where did you hide them—The People.

My show was as good as the mayor's—John Free Library Hallam.

Yes, but you didn't give us any refreshments—The Guests.

Yesterday was nothing to what I'll have in June—W. Jubilee McMurrich.

I'll soon be out—The Memorial Volume.

HARRY PIPER HOOD TO CHARLTON M.P.

What harm if men who burn the midnight oil,
Weary of frame, and worn and wan of feature,
Seek once a week their spirits to assoil,
And snatch a glimpse of animated nature?
Better it were if, in his best of suits,
The artisan who goes to work on Monday,
Should spend a leisure hour among the brutes,
Than make a beast of his own self on Sunday;
But what is your opinion Mrs. Grundy?
Spirit of Kant have we not had enough
To make religion sad and sour and snubbish,
But self appointed saints must cant their stuff
As vessels cant their ballast—rattling rubbish!
Once let the sect triumphant to their text,
Shut up my lion from Saturday to Monday,
And sure as fate they will deny us next
To see the dandelions on a Sunday;
But what is your opinion Mrs. Grundy?

STILL THE SAME.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, March 7, 1 a.m.

Lakes and Upper St. Lawrence: Winds mostly north and northeast; fair to cloudy weather, preceded by snow in some localities; not much change in temperature.