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MORE BOODLING DISCLOSURES

Mr. Peter Small's Levy of $50 for the Reform Club.

HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY ORGANIZER PRESTON.

Some Startling Statements that Mr. Preston Cannot Deny.

JOSEPH TAIT'S APOLOGY FOR PRESTON

More of A. G. Taylor's Checks—The Reform Club Sustained by Money Blackmailed out of Hotelkeepers—Preston and Small's Demands for $200—Sir John Macdonald to be Appealed to to Protect the "Boycotted" Brewers—Dan O'Donoghue Said to be Laying Pipe for the Trades Council—What is Mr. Mowat Going to Do About It?

The World of yesterday created a decided sensation. The interest in its revelations is only exceeded by that in the developments of what was known as the Pacific Scandal. There was such an air of seriousness about The World's article, of directness, that it carried conviction with it, and men said "this must be true, and it looks as if there is more to follow." So there is!

Two lame and halting answers were put in to The World's charges.

The First Defence.

From Last Night's Telegram.

"Take that check published in The World at its face value," said a leading Liberal to-day, "and what does it prove? This man, Taylor, was known as a Grit. Peter Ryan is a stout party man, one who was always willing to stand in the gap, and attend to the disagreeable business of passing around the hat. You can't keep up a party without money. Peter was not a license commissioner at the time, and where is the criminality in the simple act of his going with Organizer Preston to a Grit saloon keeper, and soliciting and receiving a contribution to the party funds from a hotel-keeping Liberal? It is charged that the ten dollars was a payment to the License Guarantee Fund. Mr. Taylor may have understood it as such, but certainly the recipients did not, for, despite his donation of $10, received by Mr. Ryan, Commissioner Ryan deprived him of his license. So far as this specific revelation proves anything it proves that neither politics nor contributions to the party funds influenced the commissioners to continue Mr. Taylor in business, after the inspector reported against the renewal of his license."

Joseph Tait's Defence.

Ald.-elect Joseph Tait had a more subtle story to offer. Said he: The World proves too much. Here is this man Taylor, a Grit, a man who gave $10 to the party, who bought his grog from Jaffray, who lived in McCrossen's house, and *yet the Commissioners cut him off*, and Mr. Tait hereupon swung his arms, chuckled, and glowed with virtue triumphant.

The World said to him: Put it this way, Joseph. Here is Taylor, a Grit, who gave hundreds of dollars of blackmail money to his party, who paid Jaffray 50c. a gallon more for his whisky than the trade price, and whose license was cut off by the *present* commissioners in deference to the petition of the neighbors who did not want a house there, and who, because he would not sell his fixtures at the value put on them by Doherty and James Ryan, was to have a house put alongside of him, owned by McCrossen, stocked with grog by Jaffray, with cigars and beer by Doherty—Charley is one of King Bob's beer travelers—and to be re-licensed by the commissioners *in spite of* their *previous* action and in opposition to the present wishes of the neighborhood.

Since Joseph Tait is so anxious to air his theories in this matter it may just be as well to remind Joseph of this: That he, an apostle of temperance, was elected in St. John's Ward at the head of the poll, and that among the big workers in his behalf all election day and for days before it were Peter Ryan, license commissioner; Thomas A. Hastings, license inspector; and James Lennox, keeper of that well-equipped and reputable pub at the head of Bay-street in Queen. Big workers! Men with a decided pull on the liquor vote in the trade. All of the hotel men in St. John's Ward were taken hold of by Peter Ryan and told that Joe Tait *must* be elected. "He will not interfere with your rights in the City Council," they were given to understand plump and plain. "He won't advocate temperance measures." Even Edward Glionna, the Italian hotel keeper of St. John's Ward, with all his Italian forces, went as a unit for Mr. Tait after Peter Ryan had given them the straight story. They "plumped" for Tait, and that's how Harry Piper and John Irwin got so badly dipped into the soup. All the Italians used to vote for Piper, but they went clean back on him this trip. Peter Ryan fixed that. "Jim" Lennox and all the hotel men of St. John's Ward plumped for Tait, the whilom temperance man.

No, Joseph, you had better keep quiet. No wonder, Joseph, you were not able to attend the Temperance meeting at the Pavilion last Sunday to welcome the Temperance aldermen-elect. And, Joseph, remember that if you attend the meeting next Sunday you will have your work cut out for you. For this whole question must be ventilated by the Young Men's Prohibition Club.

Here's Another Check.

But dismiss all this for the present and let us come to a later day than May 30, 1887, when Organizer Preston got the $10 check from A. G. Taylor. Let us take this check for instance.

The stub of the check, it will be observed, is most interesting. "Reform Club" appears in Taylor's writing where one would have expected to find "Peter Small."

It is endorsed "Peter Small" and marked "accepted" by the Home Savings, and duly paid by them. The World has the check now in its possession. It will be fac-similed later on.

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HOW THE MONEY WAS OBTAINED.

Saloon-keeper Taylor's Account of Paying Peter Small the Fifty Dollars.

On Jan. 27, 1888, Peter Small, accompanied by another man whom Taylor believes to have been W. T. R. Preston, called at his hotel, at the corner of Agnes and Elizabeth-streets, and asked him for a contribution to the Reform party fund. Mr. Small produced a paper on which were written several names and amounts opposite them for various sums. Taylor was asked by Mr. Small to subscribe $100 to the fund. He signed his name on the paper for $100, and said he would pay one-half then and one-half again. He made out a check for $50 payable to Peter Small's order. He marked on the stub "Reform Club," as indicated above. Taylor says that he was given to understand by the gentleman carrying the document with all the other names subscribed to it that it was in his interest (meaning his license) to give the money, and they put it to him so clearly that he thought it best to sign the paper and pay the $50, which he did.

In closing his account of the transaction, Taylor remarked: "I wish you would say that if Small will call around for the other fifty he can have it. I don't know why he didn't come back?"

Now The World knows for a positive fact that dozens of other hotel men in town paid one hundred and two hundred each in the same way, but their mouths are sealed from actual fear. They are afraid to say so in public because they fear the License Commissioners. We know of one man in Yonge-street who was cut off in 1887 and he got on the list again in 1888 at a cost of *twenty-two hundred dollars*, this in addition to the price of his license. The gentleman in question is an old hotel-keeper, and during many years of business he bought his beer but from one brewer. Strange, then, that when he got back in 1888 he should transfer his orders to "King Bob." The World will give up day and date, with every particular of the case, at the proper time.

Who Is Peter Small?

Haven't you heard enough of him since these exposures began? He is, officially, a bailiff of the Division Court. He hails from Adjala. He has been boodling in licenses for years. He did the thumb-screwing, at times; at other times he collected the levies. He has written some very queer letters which will make great fac-similes. They are not models of elegant English, but they made the recipients understand what they had to do all right in order to hold or get a license all right.

They have a sort of "Come-and-see-me-Mr." air about them. No matter what license deal has been on for the past four years Peter Small's trail is found to cross it. He has been widely recognized as the man that could "fix things." "Have you seen Peter Small?" one man would say. "No." "Oh, well; see Peter Small, you can't get it fixed till you see Peter!"

Other Cases.

But A. G. Taylor is not the only man blackmailed. Scores of other hotel men were blackmailed into contributing from $100 to $200 each in the same way. The World knows of them, and what is the important thing for Mr. Mowat to remember many persons besides The World know of this blackmailing by Peter Small and Organizer Preston. And what is satisfactory to know, The World also knows of cases where these two worthies went to men, made their demand for $200 and *were sent about their business.* Ther are still men in the liquor trade who refused to be blackmailed. *These men can be produced.*

Organizer Preston's Denial.

From an examination of Mr. Preston's denial in The Globe of the 15th and a comparison therewith of statements made by reputable business men The World has no hesitation in characterizing him as totally unworthy of belief.

The License Guarantee Fund.

Preston and Small did hawk a document round, and not a few men signed it and saw it. Come now, Mr. Preston, produce it. Don't be bashful.

Dan O'Donoghue Laying Pipe.

It is whispered in labor circles that Dan O'Donoghue does not believe any of the stories of license boodling and that he will bring in a report of the Committee on Legislation of the Trades and Labor Council whitewashing the license commissioners, Peter Small, Organizer Preston, and Charles Doherty. John Armstrong, come back from Ottawa or they'll walk over you and wipe the floor with you.

Can the Dominion Interfere?

King Bob controls the business of 120 of the 150 licensed public houses in Toronto. What he don't supply himself he ladles out to the brewery that is "with him." The other brewers can do no business in Toronto. Their former customers have been terrorized into buying King Bob's beer. But there is talk of appealing to Sir John Macdonald as Premier of the Dominion to step in and interfere. The argument is this: We are Conservatives and brewers; we are licensed as brewers by the Dominion; owing to the partizan administration of a license law in Ontario by our political opponents we have lost our customers; we appeal to you not only as chief of our party but as head of the Dominion, bound to see fair play between all parties, to investigate the working of this license law in Toronto, and if you find it unjust, tyrannical and partizan to refuse Dominion licenses to those brewers who profit by such tyrannical and partizan administration of such law.

There's something to it, put that way.

WHAT WILL MR. MOWAT DO?

That is the Question Everyone is Asking—Will He Investigate?

What will Mr. Mowat do? is the great question. Will he adopt The Globe's policy and say the exposures that have been made are only part of a movement to return to the old municipal system of licensing hotels, or will he go in for a *reformation* of the system and the abuses that exist under it?

Is he going to stand by the Jaffrays and Ryans and Prestons and Smalls and Dohertys and Armstrongs and their apologies The Globe?

Is he going to stand by the Reform Club, which is *built upon contributions blackmailed out of the licensed liquor sellers of Toronto, many of the contributories being well-known Conservatives?*

Is he going to do what a Reform party manager is reported to have asked him to do on Tuesday, viz.: re-appoint the present commissioners, as to change them would be an admission of their guilt?

Is he going to allow the unfortunate licensed liquor vendors to remain under the tyranny that now enthrals them and compel them to buy their grog from Jaffray, their beer from Davies, their cigars from Doherty?

Just as Bad Elsewhere.

From The Brantford Evening Telegram.

Toronto is somewhat excited over a scandal ong existing though only recently discovered in connection with the granting of liquor licenses. The World accuses the large brewers of having formed a league with the license commissioners, and this compact has not only granted licenses to whom it would, but it has told the license holders where they shall buy their supplies.

This cannot cause much surprise among people who know how the license law is administered in other parts of the province. Complaints have been made again and again that politics had a good deal to do with getting the licenses and that many a good man was refused a license because he did not vote right. However the matter has never before been brought out as definitely as The World's charges make it.

We hope that the charges made by the journal in question will be taken up by the Legislature at its next session and the matter thoroughly sifted by the opposition. We believe that too much terrorism prevails about the Ontario Government. It is terrorized by those who can control a portion of the electorate, and it would appear its servants use the power in their hands to aid the business and the position of their friends.

The License Question in New York.

From Bradstreets.

The commission appointed to revise the excise laws of New York State has at length finished its labors, and has submitted a bill and an accompanying report to the legislature. The report is signed by five out of the seven commissioners. Two main principles have been followed in the framing of the measure submitted; first, that a reasonably restrictive license should be exacted of all persons authorized to sell liquors in quantities of less than five gallons, and, second, that a clear distinction should be recognized between distilled and fermented liquors. The bill provides for the appointment of three excise commissioners in cities and the election of three excise commissioners in towns. Persons chosen to be commissioners must not be engaged or interested in the manufacture or sale of spirituous or fermented liquors; are excluded from holding at the same time certain local offices, and are required to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties. Licenses are not to be issued for premises not already licensed, nor upon premises the licenses for which have been revoked, where the granting of the same would make the total number of saloons in the town or city exceed the ratio of one for every 500 of population. Licenses are not to be granted except upon the petition of at least ten respectable persons, who must reside in the election district wherein the place is situated. The petitioners must not be engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous liquors, and the application must be advertised for ten days in a local newspaper. The license fees for saloons selling all kinds of liquor are fixed at from $300 to $500 in cities and from $100 to $200 in towns. The fees for saloons selling ale, wine and beer only are fixed at from $60 to $150 in cities and from $40 to $100 in towns. The fees for hotels vary somewhat from those for saloons; the maximum fees are the same as for saloons of the first class in cities, and are higher in towns. Holders of hotel and eating-house licenses are allowed to furnish any kind of liquors with meals on Sundays. This measure will without doubt undergo a critical examination by the legislature.

The Pledge of Secrecy is Well Kept.

Another day's evidence has been added to that which Secretary Crabbe has recorded in the Jeffery trial. Little interest is taken in the monotonous proceedings, and there is no need to lock the Mission Room doors to keep out the intruding public. The evidence is expected to occupy another week, and it will take the clerical committee about the same time to draw up their report. Meanwhile the pledges of secrecy on the part of all concerned are being strictly kept.

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The Board of Examiners of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario held an examination of candidates for degrees Tuesday and yesterday of this week. The acting examiners were John T. Moore, H. W. Eddis, W. H. Cross, W. Powis, J. H. Menzies. The degree of Fellow was conferred on John M. Martin, Toronto, and a certificate of competency was awarded to George Edwards, Whitby.

Passed on to Council.

The Plumbing Bylaw Committee met yesterday afternoon to pass upon the amended bylaw as prepared by the City Solicitor. Ald. Hill was in the chair, and after a three hours' discussion, in which the plumbing examiners took part, the bylaw was passed on to council with the committee's approval.

THE CITY REGISTRY OFFICE.

The Torrens Land Transfer Association Object to Its Division.

A meeting of the directors of the Torrens Land Transfer Association was held yesterday at the office of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company. The President, Mr. J. Herbert Mason, was in the chair. Mr. S. H. Janes, who had just arrived from Italy, was congratulated on his safe return. The chief object for discussion was the proposed division of the City Registry Office.

Prof. Goldwin Smith and Mr. S. H. Janes offered this resolution, which was carried:

"Whereas the solicitors of Toronto chiefly interested in the registry offices situate in the said city have given it as their opinion that the appointment of an additional registrar for the City of Toronto is not in the public interest, and that instead of any further division of registry districts there should be a consolidation of the existing ones, this meeting wishes to record its agreement with such opinion, and does so on these grounds:

"1. That such appointment will only create another vested interest which will tend to delay the introduction of the Torrens system, which the people have pronounced as the superior system, and which must ultimately prevail.

"2. That such appointment is unnecessary as the present Registrar is not overworked and no complaint has been publicly made as to the management of his office.

"3. That such appointment will impose a direct expense on the people of Toronto of a large yearly outlay which will be merely the beginning of a much larger expense.

"4. That such policy is directly at variance with the policy of the Blake Provincial Government, which carried the present measure which has prevented the further creation of unnecessary registry districts for political purposes, and which has caused to be returned into the public treasury of the several counties during the year of 1887 the sum of $42,631, and during the whole time (16 years) the policy has been in operation upwards of $300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars).

"5. That the true remedy for the evil of any excess that there may be in the fees now going to the City Registrar is reform on the same lines as Mr. Blake's policy, namely, a return to the people of a large proportion of the fees or else a reduction of such fees to the public as being unnecessarily large.

"6. The system of payment by fees where emoluments are large having been abolished in the superior courts, the postoffice, custom house and other offices, we do not see why the same policy should not be pursued in registry offices whose income is over $5000 a year and a payment by salary substituted."

From the discussion which ensued on this resolution it was clear that the meeting agreed that the appointment of an additional registrar for the city would only be increasing the evils of the present system.

The subject of the further extension of the Torrens Act was then taken up, when it was agreed that the large amount charged for bringing the lands under the act was a great hindrance to its extension.

This resolution, moved by Mr. R. H. Tomlinson and Mr. W. A. Douglas, was also carried:

"That this meeting is of opinion that the progress of the Torrens system of land transfer is hindered by the amount payable to the guarantee fund in bringing the lands under the act, and we would urge upon the Government that such fund should be reduced to one-fifth of 1 per cent. up to $5000 and one-tenth of 1 per cent. above that amount in case of absolute title, and that one-half of that amount only should be charged in case of a possessory title."

It was agreed that a delegation should wait upon the Government and urge them to forward the views of the association.

Ask your grocer for Petroleum Soap.

A Wedding in Wilton-Crescent.

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 8 Wilton-crescent, when Miss Rosetta, youngest daughter of the late Lewis Samuel, was united in marriage with Mr. George R. Joseph, a wholesale jewelry merchant of Montreal. Rabbi Phillips performed the ceremony, which took place in the presence of only a few friends. The bridesmaids were Miss Ettie Rosenbaum and Miss Esther Benjamin. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph left at 5 o'clock on a wedding trip to New York and other American cities.

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THE HARBOR OF TORONTO.

MASTER MORGAN BALDWIN SUBMITS HIS REPORT FOR 1888.

Interesting Particulars About The Bay and Its Navigation—Increase in The Traffic During the Past Season—The Water Lower than For Seven Years.

Harbor Master Baldwin has issued his annual report to the Commissioners of the Harbor of Toronto. These gentlemen are: Arthur B. Lee (Chairman), A. M. Smith, George M. Chapman, George Verral, John O. Swalz. The report states:

The ice left the bay on April 11, one day earlier than last year. The first arrival was the Maud S, with stone, Capt. Walker, who got the customary hat. The last arrivals were the Swallow and the Defiance, with stone, on Dec. 13. The bay was first frozen over on the morning of Dec. 20, but a gale of wind from the southwest broke it up and the bay was clear of ice on the 21st. It was frozen again the next morning, when three persons crossed to the Island and back; and was broken up on the following day, and since then the weather has been exceptionally mild. The winter of 1885-'86 was somewhat similar; the bay then was not frozen until the 9th January.

The number of arrivals was 2326, an increase of 207 as compared with last year. The number of vessels wintering at this port is 67; 23 schooners, 13 steamers, including ferries; 11 propellers, 8 steam and 12 sailing yachts, the tonnage of which will amount to 10,573 tons.

The reduction in the tolls last year, and the large amount of work which was found necessary to do, left the trust at the close of the year with a debit balance of $6364. It was therefore thought advisable to return in a measure to the old tariff; merchandise which had been reduced from 6½c. to 4c. was made 5c. per ton; and coal, which had been reduced to 4c. was increased 1c., making it, as it was before, 5c. This arrangement, together with the increase in the amount of coal received, has been so far satisfactory that it has enabled the commissioners, in addition to the sum of $4881 expended in dredging, to reduce the liability to the bank to $1731.

The receipts for harbor dues were $11,316, cash on hand and receipts from all other sources $3138, making a total of $14,454. The expenditure was $16,185, the quantity of coal received by vessel is 177,429 tons, all anthracite, an increase of 14,762 tons as compared with last year. The quantity of coal received by rail, as per information from the Custom House, is: anthracite 159,921 tons, bituminous 177,514 tons; total by rail and vessel 514,864 tons, an increase on last year of 40,301 tons.

Dredging was done at a number of the slips and in the Don channel at a cost to the trust of $4881. This annual expense is mainly caused by the deposit from the sewers, and in my opinion should at least be shared by the City Council.

The water has been lower this year than it has been for the last seven years, when the highest water was only 15 inches above zero. The average for this year is 9½ inches above zero, as against 32½ inches above as the average for last year. The highest water was 17½ inches above on June 28, and the lowest was zero, on Dec. 21. The low state of the water prevented the deeper draft vessels bringing in full cargoes, and a number of complaints were made of vessels touching coming in.

During the past year the breastwork at the Island has been further protected by 3447 cubic yards of large size stone. No work has been done on the proposed improvements at the entrance to the harbor by the Eastern Gap, beyond a thorough survey of the channel and islands and surroundings taken in the Gap by the Government Engineer in charge, Mr. E. B. Temple.

In answer to the application of the Commissioners to the Dominion Government for the title to their water lot to the west of Queen's Wharf, a letter was received from Engineer-in-Chief Perley, dated Feb. 10, to the effect that an order-in-council had been passed, but that the Government wished the commissioners to lease the lot to the C. P. R., at a rental to be agreed on, which they are willing to do, before issuing the patent; but although that company has taken possession by laying their tracks across the lot, the commissioners have not, so far, been able to come to an agreement with them respecting it.

To Rent—The warehouse lately occupied by Alexander & Co., 110 Bay-street, immediately in rear of Mail Building; splendid light; good hoist. Rent moderate. Apply 112 Bay-street.

A GAME OF FOOTBALL.

The Board of Works Amusing Itself With the Dundas-street Bridges.

It is now well nigh a year since Ald. Woods brought up the question of erecting new bridges across the railroad tracks at the head of Dundas-street. The scheme found poor support in the Council, and after many vicissitudes specifications were ordered to be prepared and tenders asked for. Then when this was done an objection was raised that the property owners on each side of the proposed bridges should guarantee the city against any action for damages arising from their construction. This was a month ago, and the City Engineer was requested to see that this was done. Yesterday inquiry resulted in the discovery that matters were in exactly the same shape that they were a month ago. When one official was asked he replied it was in the hands of another, and when the latter was questioned his defence was that he was waiting for instructions. Meanwhile the work lies fallow and the West Enders are waxing impatient.

You can now see the "Battle of Sedan" for 25 cents. Don't miss this wonderful sight.

SEALSKEN CAPS

For Ladies or Gentlemen.

Dineen, on the cor. King and Yonge-streets, has a fine lot of genuine Alaska seal caps just finished that he does not want to carry over, and now offers them for sale at prices will pay to buy now. Also a lot of fine seal gloves and mitts for either ladies or gentlemen. Dineen wants to sell before the first of February and will give bargains for cash.

Petroleum Soap, six cents a bar. Try it.

The Electoral Agriculturists.

The Toronto Electoral District Agricultural Society held its annual meeting in the Council Chamber yesterday. There were about thirty present. Mr. George Vair, president, was in the chair. Secretary Edwards submitted the annual report, which was considered on the whole to be of a satisfactory nature.

These officers were elected: President—George Vair. Vice-Presidents—Capt. McMaster, J. E. Mitchell.

Directors—J. J. Withrow, B. Saunders, W. Christie, Col. Gray, W. F. McMaster, Dr. A. Smith, H. C. Ridout, James Crocker.

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Stanley's Safety Assured.

Henry M. Stanley, whose real name is John Howlands, was an inmate of the poor-house of St. Asaph in Wales when a boy. In 1855 he shipped as a cabin boy from Liverpool to New Orleans, where he was adopted by a merchant named Stanley, who gave him his name. Now that his safety is certain everybody should purchase quinn's four ply "Stanley" cuffs in honor of his preservation.

Ask for Adams' Tutti Frutti.

Mr. Villiers' Lectures at the Pavilion.

The preparations at the Pavilion are complete for Mr. Frederic Villiers' illustrated lectures to-night. The canvas will show a picture 22 feet square, and instead of the usual dissolving views the scenes will be replaced by a double slide apparatus, which has been used with great success in New York and other cities where Mr. Villiers has lectured.

On Saturday night the Toronto Press Club will tender a formal reception to Mr. Villiers at their promises. ay-street.

The Finest—Adams' Tutti Frutti.

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Valuable watches, no matter how old, remodeled and modernized, by inserting the most perfect escapement and compensation balance known in horology. E. Boston high-grade watch specialist, opposite Post-office. 24

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A JACK POT OF $1500.

How John Johnston "Filled" His Hand and Then Quit the Game.

There is sorrow and dismay in the ranks of the local gamblers over the disappearance from their midst of one who for many days had been to them a source of both profit and pleasure. John Johnston of the firm of Thomas Johnston & Co., produce commission merchants, 70 Colborne-street, has been quite a gay youth around town. In the hours of business he acted as assistant-manager of the firm, and when darkness threw her mantle over the city he delighted in the innocent amusement which accompanies a quiet game of poker. When Phip Spohn's rooms were recently raided by the police he was the man who stepped bravely into the breach and bailed out the bold Major Crane.

Just now, however, John Johnston has disappeared from public gaze and the police have been called in to assist in discovering his place of hiding. Whether or not Johnston has been leading a fast life The World saveth not, but the fact remains that he has skipped out after raising $1500 by ways that are dark and tricks that are mean.

All the information the police have amounts to this, that Thomas Johnston reported to them yesterday that his son John had disappeared after cashing a check for $750, which he had given him to deposit in the Bank of Toronto. It is further alleged that young Johnston, who is 27 years old, succeeded in cashing in the same institution a forged check for $350. He furthermore went round among the business firms with whom he was acquainted and raised in borrowed money about $500 more. In a word, his harvest when totaled up balances at about $1500.

But the funniest part of the story is to come. Johnston was an ardent poker player, so much so that he developed all the instincts of a professional. The tale goes that he made arrangements with two local gamblers to open a poker-room in Hamilton, where he and they would hold the bank against all comers. He was to provide the money, and Tuesday night was the time appointed when the trio would proceed to the Ambitious City. Johnston went so far in his role as to secure the money, but he preferred playing a lone hand in the States to getting a cold deck in Hamilton. Detective Davis was busy searching for Johnston Tuesday night and yesterday.

HONORING J. B.

The Agents of the H. L. & A. I. C. Banquet Their Managing Director.

Fifty agents of the Manufacturers' Life and Accident Insurance Companies gathered around a long table in the small dining-room of the Queen's last night and tendered a complimentary banquet to Mr. J. B. Carlile, the popular managing director. These agents are from all over the Dominion, Mr. J. P. Paton coming all the way from Halifax. There were four directors of the companies present: R. L. Patterson of Her Majesty's Type Foundry, John F. Ellis, Fred. Nicholls and Robert Crean. Mr. Patterson was in the chair and Mr. W. H. Holland, inspector of the accident branch, was in the vice-chair. There was a good deal of toasting, speech-making and singing. Mr. Thomas Cowan of Galt responded to the toast of the manufacturers of the Dominion, proposed by Mr. Paton of Halifax. Mr. Carlile's health was proposed by Major Baynes of Montreal and others. In his reply the Managing Director read the agents a good lesson on insurance matters, which they all seemed to highly appreciate.

Among others present were J. L. Kerr, the Secretary-Treasurer of the companies; George Sterling, Dr. Strathy, one of the companies' medical directors, and Mr. N. Murphy, barrister. It was a happy gathering.

RAISING FIRE INSURANCE RATES

The Underwriters in Secret Session Yesterday—Appealing a Test Case.

The Fire Underwriters' Association met in secret session yesterday in their rooms at Yonge and Wellington-streets. The following companies were represented: The Ætna of Hartford, the Glasgow and London, the Guardians, the Hartford, the Imperial, the Lancashire, the Liverpool, London and Globe, the London Assurance Corporation, the North British and Mercantile, the Northern, the Caledonian, the Citizens' the City of London, the Commercial Union, the Glasgow and London, the Hartford Fire, the North British, and a large number of others.

Only three companies, it is said, are doing independent work in the city, and the greatest exertion is made by the companies who form a combine to crowd out the independent companies.

It was decided that the rates of insurance should be raised in cities and towns outside of Toronto. The references made by managers to the small percentages of losses in this city were very complimentary, and it was boldly stated that Toronto was paying for the losses incurred in cities outside.

It was decided to carry the case of the London asylum fire, a test case of which was made on behalf of the Ætna Company and decided against it, to the Court of Appeal. Twenty-two companies are interested in this case.

A New Electrotyping Firm.

The Central Press Agency, 12 Melinda-street, has put in its establishment a complete electrotyping plant, and is now ready to execute first-class work.

CUT OFF HER FINGER.

A Difficulty Between Two Sisters at Montreal—Fatal Accident.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—Two sisters, respectively known as Sarah Bird and Rebecca Parker, had a quarrel in their house, No. 92 St. Dominique-street, at 10.30 last evening, when Rebecca, it is alleged, with the aid of a large knife, went for her sister and attempted to stab her, but as she was somewhat under the influence of liquor did not succeed and cut her sister on the hand, completely severing one of her fingers. A policeman heard the cries of murder and at once proceeded to the scene, but unfortunately too late to effect any arrest, as the accused had run away through a back door. The victim says that her sister, who is addicted to liquor, last evening came home in the worst condition, when she attempted to remonstrate with her for her conduct, with the above results.

Accidentally Hanged.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—A farmer named Dufour accidentally hanged himself yesterday in his mill at Isle Aux Coudres. He was passing near one of the wheels, when his clothes caught in the machinery, and before assistance could be obtained he was a corpse.

PATTULLO—BIGGAR.

The Registrar of Oxford Wedded at Belleville to Miss Frances Biggar.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 16.—Miss Frances C. Biggar, eldest daughter of the late James L. Biggar, M.P., was this morning married to Mr. G. R. Pattullo, Registrar of Oxford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. W MacLean, M.A. Only the near relatives of the contracting parties were present. Amongst the guests were Mr. George E. Casey, M.P., Mr. Thos. Hodgins, Q.C., Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Mr. Robert Richardson.

The Joliette Election.

JOLIETTE, Jan. 16.—The returns so far received of the election to fill the vacancy in the Dominion House for Joliette, caused by the unseating of Mr. E. Guilbault (Con.), give a majority of 140 for Mr. Neven (Lib.). There are several places to be heard from.

The Hamilton Bishopric.

HAMILTON, Jan. 16.—With reference to the appointment of a successor to the late Bishop Carbery in this diocese, Vicar-General Heenan was seen this morning. The reverend gentleman states that no notification has been received from Rome of any appointment. He observed a statement in the newspapers that a consistory announced to take place some weeks ago had been postponed to Jan. 15, but whether the consistory was held he had not been advised. At that consistory, if held, it was very probable the appointment would have been made.

OVER A MILLION NAMES.

THE WORK OF SETTING UP THE VOTERS' LISTS COMPLETED.

Supreme Court Proceedings—No Further Development in the Hull Bank Robbery—Ottawa's Proposed New Industry—Manitoba's Influx of Belgians.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—In the Supreme Court to-day the case of Holmes v. Carter was argued and judgment reserved. The case of Thompson v. Molsons Bank was commenced but not concluded when the court rose. The question involved in this appeal is whether certain assets of an insolvent debtor should be distributed generally between creditors or whether the bank should retain a privilege on certain goods pledged to it.

The work of setting up the voters' list for the whole Dominion has been completed in the Government printing office. It has taken the labor of sixty-five men for ten months. The lists make 6700 large folio pages and contain over 1,000,000 names. The type weighs over seventy-five tons. The matter will be kept standing so as to be always ready for revision.

There is no further development in the Hull bank robbery case. A Montreal detective has been employed, but if he has found out anything he has known enough to keep it to himself.

There is some talk of the establishment here of a branch of the Kellogg Tubing Company of Findlay, O., which has a patent process for manufacturing seamless iron tubing. The idea is based partly on the probability of finding natural gas in the vicinity of the city, and the ore from the mines at Ironsides on the Gatineau would be used.

Archbishop Taché asked the Minister of the Interior yesterday for a continuance of the land reserve of the Manitoba Colonization Society doing business in Southern Manitoba. A large number of Belgians settled on the land last year and a big influx is expected in the spring.

The Citizen to-night gave its annual supper to the newsboys, about 150 of whom assembled in the second story of the office and had a good time.

The Inland Revenue Report.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—The report of the Inland Revenue Department was issued to-day. The total receipts of the year amounted to $6,504,399, against $6,978,285 in the previous year, the principal decrease being in excise revenue, $455,590. From excise last year there was received $7,016,561, public works $432,533, culling timber $15,096, weights and measures, gas inspection and law stamps $46,033, other revenues $56. Spirits excepted, there was an increased revenue last year in every item of excise as compared with the revenue of the previous year.

Incendiary Blaze at Millbrook.

MILLBROOK, Jan. 16.—This morning about 2 o'clock a disastrous fire broke out in the premises occupied by C. W. Byers as a tin shop, J. H. Byers above as a photograph gallery, and Wm. Lang as a grocery and dry goods store. The building, together with stocks owned by the several parties, was totally consumed. An adjoining building, the residence of Rev. D. Winter, also caught fire, but the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the roof, which was burned. The furniture was slightly damaged. The Queen's Hotel, kept by Samuel Crocker proprietor, was at one time in imminent danger, but escaped with slight damage. Losses are as follows: Mrs. Burton, on building, $300, insured for $500. C. W. Byers, loss $3500; insured in London Fire Insurance Association. J. H. Byers, loss $1000; insured in London Fire Insurance Association. W. Lang, loss $2500; insured in the Citizens'. The cause is supposed to be incendiary.

Caught From a Stovepipe.

WELLAND, Jan. 16.—At 12.30 this morning fire broke out in A. E. White's frame building, the upper story of which is occupied by himself as a residence, and the lower by Rosette Bros., butchers, and L. V. Garner. Rosette's and Garner's loss is slight, White's on building and furniture $600, insured for $800 in the Waterloo. The fire caught from a stovepipe.

Both Were Drowned.

KINGSTON, Jan. 16.—While skating near Millhaven yesterday afternoon, Herbert Milligan, son of Samuel Milligan, and another young man were drowned. Milligan broke through the ice while trying to rescue his companion. He leaves a young wife whom he married in Odessa three months ago.

The British U. S. Extradition Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The extradition treaty with England has been made the special order for Jan. 29 in executive session.

They Live "En Prince" as the French Say.

Coming Down St. George-street.

Whose fine house is that, father?
What, that Queen Anne with the bow windows?
Yes, father.
Oh! that's Mr. Armstrong's, my son.
Who is Mr. Armstrong, father?
He is a license commissioner, my boy, who was, not long ago, a very poor man.

Some Distance Further On.

And whose wonderful conservatory is that, father? Is he a license commissioner, too?
Not exactly, my son, but he has a "pull" on the commissioners and he supplies the grog to the licensed hotel keepers. They are told to buy from him.
Who tells them, father?
The Collector of the Levies and the Giver of the Wink.
They must be influential men, father?
They rank next to the Lieutenant-Governor in importance, my son.

Still further on—in The Ward.

What is that house, father?
That is called a "ward dive," my son.
Is he a rich man, too, father?
Not so rich. He has to give 50 cents more a gallon on his whisky, contribute to the Reform Club, and to shell out whenever Peter Small or Organizer Preston makes a levy.
Then these men must have a "pull" on him.
They have, my son.
Oh, I see; he has a rope about his neck and another coming out of the leg of his trousers!
He has, my son. First they pull his leg, and if he doesn't respond, then they pull his head right off.
Well, what has Mr. Mowat got to do with this father?
I'm busy thinking, my son.

One Chance for The Mail.

The Mail people are sitting up in their gloomy tower, intently watching The Globe office:

Well, it's this way, Charley. If The Globe comes out straight for the license boodlers, then we might have a show by shouting for reform in the party, and head the purity wing of the Reform movement. The Reformers think a good deal of The Mail, Charley, and we only want a start.

But they haven't forgot the Bribery Plot, Chris.

Sh-h-h, here comes the elevator.

Well, who's afraid of an elevator, Chris!

When Spring Comes.

Housekeepers are already showing signs of activity in buying home articles in anticipation of the coming season and inevitable house-cleaning. To-day at 2.30 p.m. Suckling, Cassidy & Co. will auction some couple of hundred steel engravings suitably and artistically framed and twelve cherry and mahogany mantels and overmantels.

Windy To-day, Colder To-night.

Weather for Ontario: Strong winds and gales veering to westerly, cloudy or partly cloudy with local showers, turning colder tonight with snow flurries in some places.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

Calgary 28, Winnipeg 22, Toronto 40, Montreal 30, Quebec 24, Halifax 28.