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TWELFTH YEAR. THURSDAY MORNING. APRIL 7 1892. ONE CENT.

THE MAYOR'S DUPLICITY.

COMPELLED TO PRODUCE CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON'S LETTER.

Balking Mr. Blake's Amendments—A Short History of the Way in Which the Street Railway Legislation is Retarded—Is the Mayor a Better Lawyer Than Robinson and Blake?

The more the street railway muddle is probed the more certain does it become that Mayor Fleming is guilty of duplicity toward the council and the citizens, and that instead of withdrawing from his original mistake he has resorted to discreditable means to cover over his conduct. If he claims that the council is backing him up in resisting Mr. Blake's amendments the claim is only made good by admitting that he deliberately suppressed Christopher Robinson's opinion in the matter, when he ought to have given it to the council and when he was possessed of it; that he, when he received that opinion in writing, refused to give it to the press and public; and that last night when he, with a deputation, memorialized the Attorney-General on the matter, it was only under compulsion that the letter was read, and even after that it was refused to the press. But The World is able this morning to present that opinion to the public and to the aldermen, and they can judge of the situation for themselves.

But let us first give a short review of the case:

A Short Chronology.

Monday, March 28: The bill was finally settled by Messrs. Blake and Biggar for the city and McCarthy, Moss and Kingsmill for the Street Railway Company.

Mr. Blake on the same day wrote to the council and his letter was presented that evening to the council. Mr. Biggar, the City Solicitor, attended the council that evening and explained the amendments agreed to by counsel for both sides that afternoon, and *they were adopted by a vote of 16 to 8* after a long debate.

Tuesday, March 29: In the morning these amendments, as passed by the council the previous evening, were presented by Mr. Blake and Mr. Biggar, on behalf of the City Council, to the Legislative Committee, in the presence of the Mayor and in the presence of Messrs. Kingsmill and Laidlaw, on behalf of the company.

Thursday, March 31: A long conference took place between Christopher Robinson, Q.C., S. H. Blake, Q.C., C. R. W. Biggar, and the Mayor. This is the conference referred to by Mr. Robinson in his letter hereinafter given.

Council met the same night. Ald. [illegible] moved, seconded by Ald. Crawford, that the Mayor and Ald. Shaw be a special committee to submit a series of questions to Messrs. Robinson, Blake and he City Solicitor as to the position the city would be in by the adoption of the amendments recommended to and passed by the City Council at its last meeting (March 28) and to report thereon at a special meeting of the council to be called at the earliest opportunity.

On this motion Ald. Crawford, Gowanlock, McMurrich, Saunders, Verral voted yea. All the rest of the council voted against it, and it was negatived by a majority of 11.

The Mayor spoke against this resolution, *but he concealed from the council that he himself had had a conference that afternoon with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Blake and the City Solicitor.* It will be seen from Mr. Robinson's letter that such a conference had been held.

The resolution to strike out the amendments adopted at the previous meeting was then carried by the casting vote of the Mayor. Ald. Crawford, who voted for the reference of the matter to Christopher Robinson (Ald. McMurrich's motion), was excused from voting on the ground that it was a question of law, and that he wanted the opinion of Christopher Robinson before he could vote intelligently. But the Mayor, though possessed of Christopher Robinson's opinion, did not supply it to Ald. Crawford or any of his colleagues.

If the Mayor had frankly and honorably informed the council that night of the conference between Messrs. Robinson, Blake, Biggar and the Mayor and that Mr. Robinson fully concurred with Mr. Blake, and was of opinion that the amendments ought in public interest to go into the bill, no such stultifying resolution would have been passed by the council that or any other night. The council ought to vindicate the city's honor by an immediate reference to the county judge to enquire into these dark and devious ways of carrying on the public business of the city.

Mr. Mowat Compels the Production of Christopher Robinson's Letter.

Last night the Mayor, the City Solicitor and several of the aldermen who voted with the Mayor on his change of policy waited upon the Attorney-General and presented a memorial asking in effect that the amendments agreed to by Mr. Blake and Mr. Biggar for the city and by counsel for the company, and adopted by the council on March 28, and accepted by the Legislative Committee be struck out of the bill. The Mayor in his memorial suppressed all reference to Christopher Robinson's opinion, and urged the use of the city seal in putting it to the memorial without any authority from the council.

During the conference Mr. E. F. Clarke asked whether Christopher Robinson had been consulted and had given an opinion on the matter. Mayor Fleming simply squirmed. Finally the Attorney-General said that if the memorialists wished the Government to consider the matter they must be frank and candid in their statements, and directed the production of the letter, which was then reluctantly handed over and read by Mr. Biggar.

The Attorney-General reserved announcing what the course of the Government would be, but requested counsel to furnish him with authorities on the point of power to withdraw from agreements entered into by counsel for both sides and embodied in a bill before a Legislative committee, and passed by that committee.

After the conference The World asked the Mayor for a copy of Christopher Robinson's letter, but he stoutly refused to give it. But The World got it, nevertheless, and here it is:

Mr. Robinson's Letter.

TORONTO, April 1, 1892.

DEAR BIGGAR,—*The matter discussed in my long conversation yesterday with you and the Mayor and Mr. Blake may come up again in some form*, and while it is in my mind, where it will not long remain, it may be well to make a note of the opinion which I entertained, and of what I believe I in substance said.

As you are aware I have taken no part in framing the proposed bill, or the specifications or agreement or in the negotiations leading up to them. I had, in fact, seen none of the papers until yesterday, nor have I had an opportunity of even reading them all through. Such opinion as I formed was arrived at on reading the few clauses pointed out to me and on what was said about them in our interview.

It appeared to me that Clause 7 of the conditions of sale standing alone left room for doubt as to the position and rights of the company at the termination of the contract, should the city not wish to take over their property. It was suggested that in that event the city would be entitled to order the company to remove their rails and take away all their property, or to appropriate the rails, etc., making no compensation. If that was the intention I thought it should have been clearly so expressed, but I could not imagine that the company would ever have signed such an agreement, or that it could really have been intended that the city should have a right at the end of the period to take the company's property, *whatever might be its value*, without paying for it. Such an arrangement would, to my apprehension, be both unjust and unbusinesslike, for it would make it the interest of the company to let the plant run down as far as practicable during the last years of the term, and in the absence of specific provisions would involve great confusion and inevitable litigation in obtaining possession, during which the running of the road might be interrupted and cause great inconvenience to the public.

This right, whatever may have been intended, is not expressly given, and I thought it by no means clear that it could be claimed. It would, I believe, be inevitably denied and resisted to the last by the company, and was of so unreasonable and extreme a character, in the nature of confiscation and forfeiture, that they would have the sympathy of all just-minded persons as well as of the courts in contesting it, and would I thought in the end be likely to succeed either by means of litigation or legislation. IT SEEMED TO ME UNWISE AND IMPOLITIC TO LEAVE THE MATTER IN THIS WAY, *thus providing advisedly for probable litigation and confusion at the end of the term.* I should doubt whether there is any instance, among the numerous existing agreements of the same character, where the property has reverted to the city without compensation, but however this may be *I thought the added sections* (by Mr. Blake), *while they removed the doubt which I have indicated, made a reasonable and just provision in stipulating that the city should pay the actual value of the property and plant, to be settled by arbitration*, and that they were advisable also as settling expressly what was to be done in other respects.

This, as I remember it, was substantially my view. If it should differ from your recollection, either in what I have said or omitted, please let me know. Yours truly,

C. ROBINSON.

C. R. W. BIGGAR, Q.C.

TWINS WERE NO NOVELTY.

Ten Times They Appeared in the Ostrom Family.

MIDDLETON, N.Y., April 6.—The census figures of the town of Tompkins, Delaware County, disclose the remarkable case of Abram Ostrom, aged 64, who is the father of 27 children, of whom 20, ten of them twins, are by one wife—his third—she being only 35.

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For Making the Dies.

WINDSOR, Ont., April 6.—Albert Fischer's trial began in the United States District Court at Detroit to-day. He is the model maker who was arrested on a charge that he had made dies for the notorious Stinson gang of counterfeiters of Essex.

Will There Be War?

While it has been a momentous question for some time past whether conflict would arise between the two great English-speaking nations, yet such has been for the time being, however, fortunately averted, but while such is the case the commercial horizon in Toronto assumes a dark aspect, the cloud liable to burst at any moment amongst the mantel and grate dealers of this city owing to extremely low prices quoted and sold by W. Millichamp, Sons & Co., 234 Yonge. Get latest price list. Tel. 855. 246

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Fire in a Trenton Hotel.

TRENTON, Ont., April 6.—A fire broke out about 2.30 this afternoon in the Proctor House, occupied by Thomas Ventress, caused it is supposed by a defective chimney. The fire was confined to the upper story and roof. Loss about $3000, said to be covered by insurance.

The oldest inhabitant will tell you that never before in the history of Toronto were such bargains offered in men's furnishings as those now being sold at White's old stand, 65 King-street west. ed

Try the Hub Restaurant; smoking room upstairs.

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A COMPARTMENT TRAGEDY.

SENSATIONAL OCCURRENCE ON A WELSH RAILWAY.

A Child Assaulted by a Male Traveling Companion in a Railway Carriage—Opening of the Deeming Trial at Melbourne—Awful Triple Murder in Belfast, Ireland—Anarchists Still Active.

LONDON, April 6.—Passengers in a compartment of a car attached to a train en route for Ruabon, a town of Denbighshire, Wales, were startled to-day by hearing piercing shrieks coming from the rear of the car.

Upon looking out they saw a girl about 15 years old standing upon the foot-board clutching the handrail with all her strength.

The train was running at a good rate of speed and it appeared as though she would be thrown to the ground.

With great difficulty and at great risk she made her way along the foot-board to the next compartment, where she was taken in. Her clothing was disarranged and she was in a terrible state of excitement.

She was quieted and then explained that she and an unknown man were the sole occupants of the compartment she had left. The man had engaged her in conversation and finally had made improper proposals to her. She rejected his advances, whereupon he had seized her and, despite her resistance and her cries for help, which were drowned by the rumbling of the train, had brutally assaulted her.

When she escaped from his grasp she jumped out on the footboard and shrieked for help. The man became alarmed, and fearing arrest he, too, got out on the footboard and, steadying himself for a moment, jumped off the train.

When the next station was reached police were notified of the occurrence and a search was made for the girl's assailant. No trace of him was found.

The girl's name is Williams. She was journeying from Llangollen. She says when the man seized her she reached out and tried to pull the alarm cord, but found it was broken, thus leaving her at the mercy of her assailant, whose superior strength rendered her helpless in his hands.

The railway officials believe the man in pursuance of his plan to assault the girl had previously broken the alarm cord, so she could not possibly attract the attention of the guards.

TRIPLE MURDER IN BELFAST.

Blood-Curdling Details of a Shocking Irish Crime.

BELFAST, April 6.—A horrible triple murder was discovered in this city to-day. Allan Spiller became enraged at his wife, and grasping a hammer or some other blunt weapon battered her head into a jelly. The unfortunate woman's brains, hair and pieces of her skull were scattered in every direction. Spiller then took a knife and cut her throat, almost severing what remained of the head from the body.

While Spiller was engaged in his horrible work his two children, frantic with fear, were in the room, escape from which had been cut off by the murderer.

After he had killed his wife he turned upon his children and struck them again and again with the hammer. Death soon ended their torture, whereupon the brute inflicted terrible gashes in their throats with the knife.

Spiller has been out of work for a long time and is suffering from depression and mania.

WHEN HIS SQUINT IS CURED.

Then Prince Ferdinand Will Go Courting Princess Marie.

VIENNA, April 6.—The proposed meeting between Prince Ferdinand of Roumania and the Princess Marie of Edinburgh has, it is reported, been deferred for a short time to allow the Prince to be treated for a strabismal affection of the left eye.

The Prince was formerly engaged to Mlle. Vacaresco, lady in waiting to the Queen. The Czar is said to be opposed to the marriage, while the German Kaiser favors it.

THE DYNAMITE EPIDEMIC.

Anarchy Has Succeeded Influenza as the Terror of Europe.

Ravachol, the Paris Anarchist, is now thought to be a paid spy.

Special judges will try the Spanish Anarchists.

Fourteen suspected French refugee Anarchists were arrested in Barcelona yesterday.

Anarchists in Vienna are applying the torch to buildings.

At Angers, France, a dynamite bomb was placed by the Anarchists upon a window sill of the police depot, the fuse lighted and the Anarchists withdrew. Every pane of glass in the windows of the police depot and adjoining houses was shattered and the depot itself was badly damaged. Every policeman in the building was injured.

The Paris police have been collecting evidence in regard to the alleged plan of certain Anarchists to poison the food of wealthy people. They have proof, it is said, that several of the Anarchists under arrest conspired to poison by wholesale the members of one of the principal Paris clubs.

In the Russo-German frontier towns continual search is being made for Nihilist documents and bombs.

The authorities at Palermo, Sicily, are investigating an attempt to cause a terrible explosion. A bomb of dynamite has been discovered by a patrol of soldiers close to the powder magazine of Monte Pellegrine. Had it exploded it would have occasioned immense damage.

Replying to a question in the British House of Commons, the Home Secretary said he was not aware that France had expelled the Anarchists. If it was probable that any of that class would attempt to come to England the Government would ask for the necessary powers to prevent them.

Terrible Crime in Hungary.

VIENNA, April 6.—A terrible crime is reported from Negyes, in the County Borsod, Hungary. The village postmaster there last year married a girl, pretty but decidedly poor, whom his family, especially his sister, cordially hated. The young wife, who recently became a mother, was constantly being insulted as a pauper not worthy to be one of them. Yesterday, during the postmaster's absence, the sister visited his wife, and, seizing an opportunity, stabbed her twice with a kitchen knife. Finding that life was not then extinct, she ran into the kitchen for another knife, with which she stabbed her victim in the neck and killed her. She then cut her own throat, but, remembering the baby, dragged herself to its cradle and murdered it also. The postmaster on coming home found three corpses in his house.

Deeming's Fury.

MELBOURNE, April 6.—The inquest upon the body of Mrs. Deeming, formerly Miss Mather, found buried beneath the floor of the house at Windsor, near here, opened in the city court room to-day.

The first evidence submitted was that of the doctor who found the body. There was intense excitement as the witness gave the ghastly details of the finding of the body, which, he said, had been doubled up, evidently with the object of saving labor in digging the grave.

Throughout the hearing Deeming wore a careless air, and on several occasions he laughed loudly at some of the statements.

An ironmonger named Woods and his wife both testified that they had sold the prisoner a spade, a trowel and a barrel of cement on Dec. 17.

When Miss Rouncewell, to whom he was to have been married, was called. Her identification of Deeming produced a marked effect on him. He turned ghastly pale, fidgeted nervously and kept his eyes upon her, evidently anxious to attract her attention. She would not look at him after the identification, but sat quietly listening to the inquest.

To place the question of Deeming's identification beyond all doubt he was placed in the courtyard of the jail with 50 other prisoners. Here he was seen and identified by 52 persons who had known him under 15 aliases.

He became wild with rage, and breaking from his guards rushed upon those who had identified him and struck one of them a severe blow. He attempted to hit others, but they eluded him, and finally the infuriated man was overpowered. He believes the game has ended for him, and a close watch is kept to prevent him from killing himself.

Immigration to Canada.

LONDON, April 6.—Emigration continues good. The Allan steamers have already carried 3345 passengers to Canada this season, an increase of 832 over last year. The other lines have also increased their business.

The Allan liner Sardinian, the first steamer to Quebec, carries a fine lot, mostly for Winnipeg and the Northwest.

The emigration of Germans and other foreigners was never before so excellent.

Everyone connected with emigration here is gratified with the Canadian Premier's statement that a vigorous emigration policy is to follow the transfer of the emigration system to the Interior Department.

King Samory Whips the French.

PARIS, April 6.—News has been received that the West African King Samory, instead of being conquered by the French, has gained a signal success over them, and has massacred Captain Menard, together with hundreds of natives who were engaged in the French expedition. Samory, the potentate of most of the region of the region of the Upper Niger, is a soldier of fortune, who has carved out an empire for himself.

Did Soldiers Murder Her?

LONDON, April 6.—It is believed that the English governess who was murdered at St. Petersburg and whose body was recently found in a cesspool near the barracks is an Accrington lady named Harper, who went out to St. Petersburg some years ago as a governess. Eight of the cavalry soldiers belonging to the barracks where the body was found were condemned to be shot in December for the murder of several citizens whose bodies were found concealed within the building.

Murder Trial At Berlin.

BERLIN, Ont., April 6.—The Reinhardt murder trial was opened this morning. Mr. Colin Macdougall, Q.C., of St. Thomas, represents the Crown, while the prisoner is being defended by B. B. Osler, Q.C., of Toronto.

It is quite likely this case will occupy another day or even more. There are some 40 witnesses to be examined, and as they are chiefly Germans, unable to speak English, Mr. A. J. Peterson was sworn in as interpreter.

Canadian Apples Attacked.

LONDON, April 6.—The British medical and horticultural papers are renewing their attacks upon the American and Canadian apples because of the alleged use of arsenic in transatlantic orchards.

The Canadian Gazette suggests that Canada invite an eminent British expert to visit the Dominion and set the question at rest.

Groom 73; Bride 83.

LONDON, April 6.—Sir Edward Watkin and Mrs. Ingram, widow of the proprietor of The Illustrated London News, were married to-day at St. George's Church, Hanover-square. The bride is 83 years old and the bridegroom 73.

Miscellaneous Foreign News.

A tribal war is imminent in Samoa.

The terms of the Sultan's firman to the Khedive are not acceptable to Britain and complications are possible.

Mrs. Montagu, the murderess of her child, is resigned to her sentence and adopted the dress and diet of a convict without a murmur.

Tripoli is greatly disturbed by tribal disputes. The roads are so unsafe that merchants will not venture to send the goods along them.

Timothy Harrington, speaking at a League meeting in Dublin, said that the evicted tenants had been hopelessly abandoned by the McCarthyites.

One of the managers of the White Star Line says his company propose to build soon two steamers which will surpass the new Cunarders.

Despite the millions spent to stamp out this pest the nun moth has reappeared in the forests of South Germany, threatening them with destruction.

The director of labor and chief warden of the State prison at Grenada are to be dismissed for inciting, by undue severity, a mutiny, in which three convicts were killed.

The surviving members of the Suicide Club in the military school at Bucharest are to be tried for murder.

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She Never Talked Before.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 6.—Cora Stubbe, 25 years of age, of this city, who has never in her life uttered a single intelligible word, has begun to lisp a few syllables, to the surprise of the medical profession.

Mara's Marsala Red—A wine recommended for medicinal purposes by leading physicians in Europe. $3.50 per gal., $8.00 per dozen. William Mara, 280 and 282 Queen-street west, Toronto. d

DISCUSSING THE CHARGES.

THE GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO SUPPORT EDGAR'S MOTION.

Sir Adolphe Emphatically Denies That There Is Anything in the Allegations—Sir John Thompson's Statement—The First Division of the Session Sustains the Government by 25 Majority.

OTTAWA, April 6.—The impeachment of Sir A. P. Caron was solemnly brought before the House this afternoon. At 4 o'clock sharp by the clock on his left, Mr. Edgar rose in his place, gracefully placed his right hand in his right hand trousers pocket, grasped the order paper with his left hand, and for two minutes by the clock on the right of the Speaker read the printed edition of the four pages of type-written charge against Sir Adolphe Caron, of which he had given notice.

At the end of two minutes he changed hands, putting his left hand in his pocket and the order paper in his right, and for three minutes more his dulcet tones filled the chamber with melody while he gravely stated that the ex-Minister of War was a wicked, wicked man and had misappropriated lots of public money.

At five minutes past four Mr. Edgar concluded his motion, took his hand out of his pocket, placed the order paper on his desk, seized his coat-tails with both hands, pulled them apart, and sat down rather suddenly amid a faint attempt at applause from his side of the House.

Then Mr. Speaker rose to read the motion and was met with prompt cries of "dispense," "dispense," but as Sir John Thompson looked straight before him Mr. Speaker read steadily on to the end, taking five minutes and a half to get through.

Then Assistant-Clerk Rongeau arose and in five minutes and a half spluttered and blurted out an alleged French translation of the motion.

Fifteen minutes being thus consumed, Sir Adolphe Caron, in a speech of one minute and a half, flatly, plainly and unqualifiedly denied the charges in toto. He then took his seat, and was just settling himself comfortably down when Sir John Thompson prodded him in the ribs, and nodded towards the door. Sir Adolphe took the hint and walked out of the House.

Sir John Thompson then arose amid great applause from the Conservative benches, which was frequently repeated during his speech and for half an hour criticised the motion in opposition to it. His objections to the charges were their vagueness, their not specifying any improper act on the part of the Postmaster-General as a member of the House, and the attempt that was made by the motion to substitute the Privileges and Elections Committee for the election courts.

He dispelled the idea that a member making charges of this nature did so with the penalty of expulsion hanging over him if he did not prove them. The fact that the charges were not proved would not affect the seat of the member making them. He reviewed the motion at length, paragraph by paragraph, pointing out that it did not disclose any misconduct on the part of Sir Adolphe in his capacity as a member of the House, and holding that the House had no right to enquire into the methods by which a member was elected, that having been relegated to the courts, The House should not take from the courts the right to try election cases and settle them itself.

Laurier's Brilliant Reply.

Mr. Laurier made a short but brilliant speech, accusing the Minister of Justice of quibbling and pettifogging conduct, and holding that the House ought to deal with the case. He instanced the Pacific scandal and other cases, such as the expulsion of Mr. Decoban from the Imperial House, to show how similar charges had been dealt with. He charged the Minister of Justice with defending conduct every bit as bad as that of Pacaud and said that Pacaud had been punished by the people, and if the motion was rejected Canada would have to be saved by the people if she was to be saved at all.

Mr. Tupper Replies.

Hon. Mr. Tupper said that the intemperate speech of the leader of the Opposition and the cheers with which his followers had greeted it was the best evidence that they were not in a fit condition to act as judges. He denied that the Decoban case was at all parallel, as he was a fugitive from justice before the House took any action in his case. With regard to Pacaud, he had been caught plundering the public treasury, and if it was intended to insinuate that the Postmaster-General had been guilty of any such conduct he challenged the Opposition to make specific charges and he promised that they should be fully and freely investigated.

Mr. Mills on Constitutional Usage.

Mr. Mills contended that charges of this nature should be investigated by the House alone, and not by the courts or by a commission. He reached back to the time of Edward III. and claimed that the Minister of Justice was trying to prevent constitutional usage. He contended that if it was right and proper for the Senate committee to enquire into what Mr. Pacaud did with the money he got from the railway companies it was much more right and proper that the House should inquire into what the Postmaster-General did with the money paid to him by railway companies. He thought that if the motion was voted down it would be an admission that there was something to conceal.

Mr. Ouimet Defends His Colleague.

Mr. Ouimet apologized for not speaking English fluently, but thought it was only right that he should defend the honor of his colleague from the attacks made on him. The charges ought to be specific, and in their present form disclosed no offence whatever. Let specific charges be made and the Government would be ready to meet them. He referred to the Pacaud case and said that Mercier was not condemned because he spent money in election contests, but because it was shown that money had been taken out of the public treasury and divided up by Pacaud and his friends.

After a few remarks from Col. O'Brien, Sir John Thompson said that if there was no objection the discussion would be continued after 6 o'clock and a vote taken to-night.

Sir Richard objected and said the Opposition had a good deal to say yet and would not get through to-night. He moved the adjournment of the debate, and the House rose at 6 o'clock.

This throws the debate over until Monday, or perhaps Wednesday, as other business may be gone on with Monday.

After recess the House went into concurrence on the supplementary estimates and adjourned at 11.15.

The First Division.

The tinkle of the division bell was heard in the House for the first time this year at a quarter past 10 o'clock to-night, and soon the corridors were full of bustle and messengers were running in all directions, hunting up members who were out of the House, for after the adjournment of the debate on Mr. Edgar's motion at 6 o'clock, when the House was full, it was not expected that a division would be taken to-night.

The vote occurred on the item to pay Pereira his salary, and during the time the members were trooping in Mr. Joncas sang a couple of verses of Brigadier. The vote was an exceedingly light one, the figures being 86 yeas, 61 nays, a majority of 25. But this is no indication of party strength, as fully 50 Conservatives were absent, while there are only about a dozen members of the Opposition who did not vote.

Messrs. Amyot, Savard and Simard voted with the Government.

THE LAST OF THE SERIES.

The Sunnysides' Smoking Concert—Argonauts' Victory Over Dons

The final "smoker" of the Sunnyside Rowing Club, held in their spacious parlors last night, was a great success.

A large and varied program had been prepared and each of the numbers was well rendered. The vocalists who took part were: Messrs. W. E. Ramsay, W. Kain, T. A. Baker, Harry Barker, J. Bryce Mundie, Charles Walters and John Laxton.

Mr. Herbert L. Clarke appeared for the last time in this city and was encored to the echo. He used the handsome cornet presented to him by Whaley, Royce & Co. Mr. Bert Alderson gave a piccolo solo, and Messrs. McDonald and McLean performed on the banjo and guitar.

Edward Hanlan gave a first-class exhibition on the rowing machine, which was greatly appreciated. A musical sketch by Messrs. Gill and Shelton was probably the most skilful and humorous event of the evening. Mr. Hess of the "Wilkinson's Widows" company and Mr. William Kennedy of the "Fete Baker" troupe amused the assemblage in their own inimitable way. Durnan and Wells had three lively rounds with the gloves, and a still more exciting set-to was that between Kelly and Cheney.

The great event of the evening was the final pull in the tug-of-war between the Dons and Argonauts. Ned Hanlan acted as referee and the excitement was intense. The Dons won the first pull by 1½ inches. The Argonauts succeeded in winning the next two pulls by 2 inches and 4 inches respectively. Each member of the winning team was presented with a gold medal by the Sunnyside Club.

Will of the Late Mr H. E. Clarke.

The will of the late M.L.A. for Toronto has been entered for probate. The personalty is sworn under $76,000 and the realty $54,000. Anne Clarke, widow, Ellen Clarke and Florence Clarke, daughters of deceased, are appointed executrices. The Toronto General Trusts Company are appointed as executors in conjunction with the daughters after Mrs. Clarke's death. The estate is disposed of as follows: To Mrs. Clarke the household furniture and effects and $5000 cash absolutely and a life annuity of $2000. To the daughters during their mother's life, the surplus income share and share alike. Within three years after Mrs. Clarke's death his brothers John, William and Samuel or their children, each get $1000; Victoria College $1000, Home for Incurables $1000, Sick Children's Hospital $1000, Young Women's Christian Association $1000, Boys' Home $500, Missionary Society of Methodist Church $500, Superannuation Fund Methodist Church $500. Subject to these bequests the daughters take the income of the residue of the estate during life, with power to each to devise half her share of the corpus of the estate by will and the whole in case of issue. In the event of both dying without issue or disposed by will, as aforesaid, the estate is divided as follows: To Victoria College, Home for Incurables, Sick Children's Hospital and Young Women's Christian Association each one-sixth; to Boys' Home, Girls' Home, Methodist Missionary Society and Superannuation Fund of Methodist Church each one-twelfth.

White Salmon In the Fraser River.

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 6.—Fishermen coming in from the Fraser River report a large proportion of the salmon caught so far are of white variety. Though these are almost as good as the red salmon for the table, they will not bring as high a price in the eastern markets, and hence the frozen fish dealers are not so well satisfied. It is supposed that the large proportion of white salmon is due to the fact that the fry liberated some time ago by the hatchery is now returning up the river. For the first year of the hatchery white salmon was the variety chiefly raised, but of later years only red salmon have been bred.

Public Accounts Committee.

OTTAWA, April 6.—Collingwood Schreiber, Chief Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway, was examined to-day before the Public Accounts Committee on matters affecting the road. Mr. Davis conducted the examination, being anxious to ascertain the existing arrangement between the Intercolonial and the Canadian Pacific for running trains over that part of the Intercolonial between Halifax and St. John.

Mr. Trudeau was called by Sir Richard Cartwright in regard to William Davis & Sons, contractors, of Ottawa, in regard to the Cornwall Canal.

Catching Up.

At this season there is always a slackness in business. J. Fraser Bryce, photographer, 107 King-street west, claims that for months past he has not been able to keep up with his orders, but will now be as usual, all promptness. 246

One Doz. oysters and a glass of ale, 25c, at the Hub.

The Wonder of the Age.

The McDowell Garment Drafting Machine of New York is as useful an invention for drafting garments as the sewing machine is for putting them together. It is the easiest to learn, most rapid, makes the most stylish, graceful and perfect fitting dresses, and follows every fashion. See it, at 123 Yonge-street. 246

Warning—Ask your druggist for Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Take no other.

Pin Tickets.

A full line of pin tickets and string tags always in stock. H. M. Blight, 51 Yonge-street. 246

Madame Vermilyea's Artistic Corsets to order, fitted to the form while you wait. 338 Spadina-avenue.

This is not E. A. Macdonald Recommending Annexation; It is Merely a Gentleman who had the Temerity to Propose to Start an Enterprise in this city.

NINE WERE KILLED.

Fire, Followed By Explosion, Snuffs Out Many Lives.

FORT MADISON, Iowa, April 6.—A two-story building in Santa Fe-avenue, occupied by S. V. Kitchen as a dwelling and meat store, caught fire, and in two minutes kegs of powder stored in the building exploded, killing all the inmates, nine in number, including the entire Kitchen family and three boarders.

LAWYER BEGGS DEAD.

The Only One Acquitted in the Famous Cronin Murder Case.

CHICAGO, April 6.—John F. Beggs, the lawyer who was senior guardian of Camp 20, Clan-na-Gael, at the time of the murder of Dr. Cronin, and one of the five defendants in the celebrated trial, died to-day. Beggs was the only one acquitted of the five indicted for the muder.

PRINCE MICHAEL RELEASED.

The Long-Haired Scalawag Succeeds in Securing Bail.

DETROIT, April 6.—Prince Michael and Eliza Courts, his spiritual wife, were released from jail this morning, bondsmen for their appearance having been secured in Jacob M. Smit, pawnbroker, and James A. Kier. The total amount of the bonds amounted to $2500.

They were met at the prison door by a large crowd of male and female Michaelites and escorted to the Hamlin-avenue residence.

AS GOES LITTLE RHODY.

Probability That the Republicans Retain the State.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., April 6.—Rhode Island to-day elected Governor, other state officers and the Legislature. It is believed at midnight that D. Russell Brown, Republican, is elected Governor, and both branches of the Legislature are also Republican, securing the re-election of Senator Aldrich.

Lost His Arm.

DUNKIRK, Ont., April 6.—James McDonald, employed at Prentice & Jordan's, was working near a shingle saw, and while his back was toward the saw proceeded to pull off the bark of a shingle block, when his left arm was thrown in contact with the saw and in an instant the elbow joint was severed, leaving the arm hanging by only a little of the flesh on the inner side. Doctors subsequently amputated it.

Manitoba Redistribution Act.

WINNIPEG, April 6.—The Redistribution Bill received its first reading in the Legislature to-day. The representation will be increased from 38 to 40 members. The Dauphin District, which is fast filling up with settlers, is one of the new constituencies. Another new constituency will be in Souris District, the boundary line lying between Deloraine and Melita, both of which towns were formerly in one constituency. The three Winnipeg and three Brandon constituencies are unchanged.

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The Mayor Would; the Solicitor Wouldn't.

When the Mayor and City Solicitor presented the memorial praying to have struck out of the Street Railway Bill the now famous amendment relating to the taking over of the road at the expiration of the contract, the Attorney-General asked, "Would the city be satisfied with the original bill?"

Mayor Fleming: Yes, we would be satisfied with that.

Mr. Biggar: I decline to assume any such responsibility.

Special Sale of Drygoods.

For the next few weeks Mr. N. Rooney, 62 Yonge-street, will offer at special prices the following lines of goods, viz.: Lace Curtains, finest Black Silks, Black Cashmeres, Black Crapes, Tablecloths, Table Linen, Towels, Towelings, Napkins, Handkerchiefs, Railway Rugs, Carriage Rugs, etc. All these goods were purchased in Europe for cash by Mr. Rooney and will be sold at a reduction. The table linen is the finest ever imported and the silks are from the leading continental manufacturers. 246

The Young Woman's Christian Association and Boarding House.

Classes for Bible study, elocution, physical culture, dressmaking and cooking have been arranged for. The public opening takes place this evening. In addition to the speeches there will be a sale of the girls' work.

The Industrial Room.

The ninth annual sale was held in the Y.M.C.A. building yesterday. Ladies' and children's underwear and men's socks were offered in profusion and brought good prices. The sale was a success.

Finest in the World.

Ivory finished photographs at Herbert E. Simpson's, 143 College-street. Persons desiring to test the superiority of this finish to all others may do so by procuring cards of the same at $1, for a short time only. 136

Spring Suits.

We have a very fine range of suitings, new goods in choice patterns. George Harcourt & Son, 57 King-street west. 246

Mara's Marsala Red—Popular in England as a luncheon wine. Imported direct from the Sicilian House. Price $3.50 per gal., $8.00 per doz. William Mara, 280 and 282 Queen-street west, Toronto. d

In making a purchase of any kind you like to feel that you are securing the best article for your money. This is just the opinion and position of those persons who have been wise and fortunate enough to obtain a Compound Investment policy in the North American Life Assurance Company of this city. 246

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Taps From the Telegraph.

Wall-street, New York, chronicles another story of defalcation and systematic robbery, in which three trusted employes of Dix & Phyfe, note brokers, got away with $70,000. They have fled.

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