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PROHIBITIONISTS AT ODDS.

MR. JAMIESON'S SCOTT ACT AMENDMENT UP IN THE HOUSE.

Mills of Bothwell Laughs at the Member for North Lanark and Charges Him with Insincerity—The Debate on the Fisheries Treaty Bill.

OTTAWA, April 16.—The House this afternoon was regaled with a spirited across-the-floor quarrel between alleged temperance advocates. Mr. Jamieson, the auburn-bearded prohibitionist from North Lanark, got into an entanglement with the "Mills of Bothwell." Both of these gentlemen look at the so-called temperance question through purely political eyeglasses. Mr. Jamieson is just as good a Tory as Mr. Mills is a Grit. They hit each other in the eye for nearly two hours in the most vigorous manner.

Mr. Jamieson called up his resolution, similar to the one he moved last session:

That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquor except for sacramental, scientific and medicinal purposes; that the enforcement of such prohibition, and such manufacture, importation and sale as may be allowed by the Dominion Government be conducted through specially appointed officers.

This motion was exterminated at the last session of Parliament and the mover gave as an excuse for reproducing it this session that the personnel of the House had considerably changed by reason of the numerous by-elections. Mr. Jamieson said that the Scott Act was only a partial prohibitory measure. It prevented the sale of liquor, but it did not prevent its importation. He did not expect that his resolution would pass, but it was the intention of himself and the promoters of the motion to keep it before the people and the House until a measure for the entire suppression of the liquor traffic was placed upon the statute book. He hoped that that day was not far off. Speaking of compensation to those in the business he remarked:

If I am sure that it would do away with the traffic I would put my hand in my pocket and contribute my share to buy them out, although I will not admit that they are entitled to it.

Mr. Mills laughed at Mr. Jamieson's abstract temperance proposition. He said he would be prepared to vote for such a resolution if it were followed by a measure giving effect to such a declaration. Mr. Mills then declared that it was useless to pass temperance acts of Parliament that a majority of the people would not respect. What we wanted was a public sentiment in favor of Prohibition, to be followed by such legislation as would give effect to such a sentiment. The member for Bothwell here made an onslaught on Mr. Jamieson's sincerity as a temperance man and assured the House that "the member for North Lanark was a Conservatory supporter first, and a temperance man afterwards." He also charged him with insincerity at every point, and with being an impeder of temperance legislation. "Mr. Speaker," said Mr. Mills, "was the only man in Parliament who had ever put any temperance legislation on the statute books. Neither Mr. Jamieson nor any of his political allies had ever done anything in that direction."

By permission of the House Mr. Jamieson read a letter to the House from Mr. Flesher of Brome, and other temperance workers on the Opposition side of the House, with the result of showing that there was no sympathy in common between the temperance men on one side, and the same advocates on the other.

At 5.45 Mr. Scriver moved the adjournment of the debate, and it is freely prophesied that Mr. Jamieson's motion will not be heard of again this session.

Read a First Time.

The Minister of Justice sent up a bill respecting the application to Canada of the criminal law of England, and it was read a first time. The bill provides that the date on which these laws shall be applicable to the Dominion is July 1, 1867, Confederation Day. The various provinces have passed acts varying the choice very considerably, and the bill was for the purpose of making them all uniform.

A Batch of Questions.

The ministers answered a batch of questions, for the most part of little importance. Among them was one by Mr. McMullen, inquiring about the superannuation of Postmaster Wallace of Victoria.

Mr. McLelan said the amount of superannuation was under the consideration of the Government.

In moving for certain papers, Mr. Patterson (Essex) referred his mes for a submarine cable in Lake Erie between Pelee Island and the mainland. Mr. Patterson said the number of wrecks in this locality were very numerous, many of which could be prevented or a large portion of them saved at least, if relief could be promptly summoned. This was not of local but of Dominion importance.

Sir Hector Langevin told the House that the matter was once before the House by colleague and he hoped their ears would be opened this time.

A ray of sunshine and relief descended upon the House when the Minister of Marine told "Cap." Welsh of Prince Edward Island, who had offered a motion for papers, that the Northern Light was to be superseded by a better and a faster steamer. This unfortunate craft has been the target for many a parliamentary broadside from the half water consituencies. When the Northern Light really disappears it will reinstate certain friendships in Prince Edward Island that have been very much strained.

The Fisheries Treaty Debate.

The debate on Sir Chas. Tupper's Fisheries Treaty Bill was resumed, as arranged on Friday, at 8.15 to-night and the bill was read a second time. The speakers of the evening were Mr. Mills (Bothwell), Dr. Weldon of Albert, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir John Macdonald, Mr. Laurier, Mr. Jones, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Landry, Mr. Edgar and others. Mr. Mills, like all the Opposition members who have spoke on the bill, described it as a complete surrender of Canada's rights. Sir Richard and Mr. Laurier made a vigorous attack on the bill and on the treaty itself. Sir John and Dr. Weldon made the speeches of the evening in support of the treaty. The Premier said we could fairly congratulate ourselves upon the consummation of such a treaty. "It is a treaty of peace, a harbinger, it is to be hoped, of years and years of friendly intercourse, of increasing trade, of developing commerce, and of social as well as commercial intercourse."

Mr. McDougall of Cape Breton was the last speaker.

In reply to Sir Richard Cartwright, the Minister of Finance said he would deliver the Budget speech on Tuesday of next week. He expected to bring down the supplementary estimates before that date.

The treaty bill was read a second time, and will be considered in committee of the whole to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 2.20 a.m.

SHORT BUT SPICY.

The Woodstock Senator Again on His High Horse—The Irving Divorce Case.

OTTAWA, April 16.—The Senate had a short but spicy sitting this afternoon. Senator Alexander called up his motion for an amendment to the British North America Act empowering the Upper House to elect its own speaker instead of having him appointed by the Government. The bad blood between the Woodstock Senator and Speaker Allan now flows so freely that Mr. Abbott, the leader of the House, intends to put a stop to it some way or another. Mr. Alexander, speaking to his motion, began by accusing the Speaker on a former occasion of taking the usual oath that he would be attentive to his legislative duties, which he neglected, drawing his $1000 indemnity and making a trip to Rome on the proceeds.

This was too much for Leader Abbott. He said the speaker that there were "strangers in the gallery." The reporters, who are about the only persons who are ever visible to the naked eye in the Senate galleries, at once withdrew. It is understood that Senator Alexander was ordered to execute a merry dance and apologize to the House. When the reporters were again admitted the Red Chamber had assumed an air of serenity.

Senator Alexander passes most of his time these days in the rotunda of the Russell House, tirading to every one who will listen to him against Sir Alexander Campbell, Sir David Macpherson and Speaker Allan. It is his old grievance in connection with the plundered Upper Canada Bank. Senator Alexander declares that should ever Sir David Macpherson return to the Capital he will invoke the criminal code against him. He is equally vicious in his threats against Sir Alexander and Speaker Allan. The people at the Capital are beginning to ask, "Where is this thing going to end?"

In the Senate this afternoon Hon. John Macdonald sent up the bill for divorce of A. M. Irving of Toronto from his wife, May Louise Skelton. The bill was read a first time. The next step is to hear the petitioner by counsel and then reference to the divorce committee.

The new permanent Committee on Divorce met for organization this morning. Senator Dickey of Nova Scotia was appointed chairman. In committee generally expected that Senator Gowan of Barrie, the author of the new rules of procedure in divorce cases, would be made chairman, but the ex-Judge told the committee that he did not want it.

In the Supreme Court.

OTTAWA, April 16.—This was the last day for entering appeals to be argued at the coming term of the Supreme Court. These election appeals were inscribed: Cook v. Farrall (East Simcoe), Caron v. Joulombe (Maskinonge), and Walsh v. Montague (Haldimand).

The list of Ontario appeals is: O'Brien v. the Queen, London v. Goldsmith, Martly v. Carson, Higgins v. Walker (British Columbia), Kingston Railway Company v. Murphy, Grand Trunk Company v. McMillan, Moore v. Citizens Insurance Company, Angus v. Calgary, (N.W.T.).

A COLLECTION OF COMBINES.

How Public Coal Contracts Are Disposed of at the Capital.

OTTAWA, April 16.—The meeting of the Combines Committee was taken up to-day in hearing evidence from Ottawa men with reference to the coal and cartage business. J. C. Browne, a city coal merchant who has been in business since July last, told the committee that he was forced into the local combine, otherwise he could get no coal. He gave considerable evidence about freight and prices. Speaking of the methods of disposing of public contracts in this city, he said:

Here there is no auction sale, but the dealers working with the ring simply meet and settle who shall get the contract, after fixing the price at which a contract shall be taken. Then, to keep up appearances, a number of the other dealers put in decoy tenders all higher than that of the man who is fixed upon to get the contract. I got the contract for the public schools—220 tons egg at $6 05, the retail price then being $6 25. Senator Clemow got the Protestant Hospital contract. Mr. Butterworth that for the county buildings and Mr. McCuaig the Dominion Government contract.

W. C. Gibson, biscuit manufacturer, was examined concerning the combination in that line of business. He has belonged to the combination for about six years and believes that its principal object is to keep up the standard of the biscuits. The profits were not large—only about 10 per cent.

Thos. Workman of Ottawa gave evidence touching the barb wire combine, which, it appears, is not as close as it might be and does not much affect prices. Mr. Workman put in a letter he had received from A. W. Morris & Bros., dealers in cordage and twine, which announces their intention of withdrawing from the ring, as they have "lost all faith in combinations and believe in future they should not be allowed to exist." The loss of faith appeared to have been caused by the discovery that the money this firm was paying into pools was going to build up their smaller competitors.

J. R. Esmonde testified that the effect of the stove combination was very little here. There were a number of large manufacturers outside of it.

It was decided to summon for Wednesday's meeting H. R. Ives of Montreal to testify concerning barb wire, A. W. Morris of Montreal about binding twine, and Mr. Percy R. Todd of the Canada Atlantic Railway to tell what he knows about the operations of the Ottawa coal combine, as it affects that railway.

SUBSIDIZED STEAMSHIPS.

The Finance Minister Interviewed by a Delegation from Montreal.

OTTAWA, April 16.—A large deputation of steamship owners and agents came to the Capital this morning and had an interview with Sir Charles Tupper, being introduced by Mr. Curran. They represented the Allans, the Dominion line, the Furness line, the Donaldson line, the Beaver line and the Thomson line. The deputation asked Sir Charles that the Government subsidize the Boston line, that to Havre and the Hansa and White Cross lines to Antwerp and Hamburg be withdrawn. It was claimed that shipping these subsidies have been given to foster new trades they have not been productive of any good results in this direction and that the action of the Government was simply diverting trade from Canadian and British vessels and producing wealth for foreign shipowners. The deputation also pointed out that unless these subsidies were given to encourage direct continental trade, the vessels of these favored lines on call at British ports both on their way to and from their destinations and compete with the regular and unsubsidized lines.

Mr. Mundorloh, the German consul at Montreal, and who is agent for the White Cross and Hansa lines, disputed the statements of his rivals and claimed that his company had built up a large and increasing trade with Germany.

Sir Charles told the visitors that the matter was worthy of the closest enquiry. It was not the policy of the Government to discriminate against Canadian lines. He said the Government had been asked to subsidize a Belgian line of steamships and the answer given was that so soon as the Belgian Government put up a subsidy the Canadian Government would do likewise.

CAPITAL CHIT-CHAT.

Senator Schultz' Mackenzie River Committee—The Railway Lobby.

OTTAWA, April 16.—Ex-"Judge" Malcolm McLeod of Ottawa, who was born a great many years ago in the Mackenzie River country and left when he was a mere boy of age, was the witness in the inquiry before Senator Schultz's committee this morning. Mr. McLeod's evidence was principally reminiscences of his father, who spent all his life in that great unknown country.

The railway lobby has assumed interesting proportions. It is definitely settled that the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific will appear before the Railway Committee to-morrow and have it out over Mr. Hall's bill to incorporate the Southwestern Railway Company.

Sir Richard Cartwright is going to ask on Wednesday if the Government proposes to increase the salaries of the county judges of Ontario.

Mr. Boyle of Monck is going for the "hayfork" tree peddler. He gave notice of a bill to-day to prevent his operations in the country. Mr. Brown of Hamilton is after several other species of "hayforkers" and he has a notice for a special committee to investigate their doings on the paper.

A ball will be given at Government House on April 25.

It is not at all likely that Hon. J. H. Pope will occupy his seat in the House again this Session. His condition continues very low.

Mr. Gaudet (Lib., Nicolet) is dangerously ill with Bright's disease.

A TRUE BILL

Against Manager Creighton in the Mercier Case—A Settlement Probable.

QUEBEC, April 16.—The indictment charging D. Creighton, M.P.P., with having published a criminal libel on Premier Mercier in The Empire, was sent to the Grand Jury to-day and they at once found a true bill. Mr. Creighton has been admitted to bail and his trial will probably occur towards the end of this week, that is if the case is not settled out of court as is deemed probable.

The intimacy between complainant and defendant which began at the Canadian Pacific Railway Depot in Montreal on Sunday night has evidently grown, as Mr. Mercier called on the Toronto newspaper man to-night and had quite a long chat. It is rumored that if Mr. Creighton will agree to plead guilty Premier Mercier will be satisfied and all proceedings will be stayed, but this cannot be confirmed.

A Narrow Escape.

MONTREAL, April 16.—An accident in which the victim had a narrow escape from death occurred on the 3.15 train to Island Pond, Saturday afternoon. F. J. J. Smith, an employe of the Canadian Express Company, on nearing St. Hubert station put out his head to ascertain how far they were away from it. A semaphore extending over the track caught his head, knocking him between the train and platform. The accident was witnessed by the engine driver, who immediately reversed his engine, and, with the other officials, proceeded to the scene of the accident. To their great surprise they found the man still living, though unconscious. The wounded man was brought back to the city. Latest accounts report him to be progressing favorably.

Dr. Lavallee's Case.

MONTREAL, April 16.—At the close of the preliminary enquete in the case of Dr. Lavallee, ex-Legislative Councillor, who is charged with misappropriation of colonization road money, a warrant of commitment issued, but a writ of prohibition from Judge Doherty's Court was served on the magistrate. This, of course, put a summary stop to proceedings, so far as the magistrate is concerned, but, on Friday evening, Dr. Lavallee was arrested in accordance with instructions issued by the Attorney-General and admitted to bail.

Hotels Burnt at Forest.

FOREST, April 16.—Fire about 12.45 this morning consumed the Franklin House and stables, the stables of the O'Neil House and did considerable damage to the Dillon House. Insurance: Franklin House, $2200 on buildings in British American, $1000 on contents in Waterloo Mutual; Dillon House, $1000 in Mercantile and $500 in a British company on buildings and $200 on contents; O'Neil House stables, $200 in Royal.

Jailed for Vagrancy.

NEW HAMBURG, April 16.—Five hard-looking toughs named Burt Stanby, Jos. Cobane, James Thompson, John Shaw and John Blake, arrested on suspicion of having burglarized George Veitch's general store and postoffice at Hayesville, were sent to jail this afternoon on the charge of vagrancy for terms varying from three months to twenty days, there being no evidence to connect them with the burglary.

FRESH FEARS FOR FRITZ.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S DISEASE.

It is Reported That Inflammation of the Lungs Has Supervened—Dr. Mackenzie Fears Pneumonia—It is Thought the End is Near.

BERLIN, April 16.—This afternoon this bulletin, signed by Drs. Mackenzie, Wegner, Krause and Hovell, was issued:

CHARLOTTENBURG, 3.30 p.m.—The Emperor did not pass a good night, bronchitis having supervened pulmonary, accompanied by high fever and shortness of breath.

The doctors in attendance upon Emperor Frederick held a consultation to-day, and decided that the bronchitis was limited and that no pneumonia was present. Dr. Mackenzie fears pneumonia will set in in consequence of the Emperor's continued high temperature, which the attack of bronchitis alone does not explain. Other doctors have been summoned to join in another consultation to-night.

During the evening the Emperor was very weak, and his fever was much higher. There was no improvement in his other symptoms. It was reported that inflammation of the lungs had set in.

At midnight all the members of the Imperial family were summoned to the Emperor's bedside. The worst is feared.

Prince Bismarck visited Emperor Frederick this morning. Crown Prince William and the Grand Duke of Baden subsequently paid a visit to the Emperor. The Dowager Empress Augusta and the Grand Duchess of Baden called upon the Emperor at Charlottenburg last evening.

Dr. Schweninger advises Prince Bismarck, who is suffering from overwork and nervousness, to leave Berlin. He urges him to sojourn at Friedrichsruhe.

Prince Bismarck, accompanied by the Minister of Justice, had another interview with the Emperor to-night, when His Majesty signed an order appointing the Crown Prince to act as his representative.

Prince Henry, the Emperor's son, arrived from Willelmshafen early this morning. All the family of the Emperor are now at Charlottenberg.

The Crown Prince and Prince Bismarck had a long conference with the Emperor this afternoon.

A council of the Prussian ministers was held at the residence of Prince Bismarck this afternoon. The session lasted a long time.

MATTHEW ARNOLD.

The Celebrated Man of Letters Struck Down by Heart Disease.

LIVERPOOL, April 16.—Matthew Arnold died here to-day of heart disease. He had come to Liverpool to meet his daughter on her arrival from America in the Aurania and was staying with his sister, Mrs. Cropper, at the Dingle. Mr. Arnold was in the highest spirits after his journey. Going out for a walk with his wife, he had not proceeded far in Dingle-lane when he fell and never spoke again.

[Matthew Arnold, the eldest son of the famous Rugby head master, was born Dec. 24, 1822, at Laleham, Eng. He was educated at Winchester and Rugby schools, and Balliol College, Oxford. In 1845 he won the Newdigate prize for English verse by a poem entitled "Crowhurst," graduated with honors in 1844 and was elected a fellow of Oriel College in 1845. From 1847 to 1851 he was the private secretary of the father of the premier of Ireland, Lord Lansdowne. In 1851 Arnold was married to a daughter of Justice Wightman and received an appointment as one of the inspectors of schools. From 1851 to 1867 he held the chair of Poetry at Oxford. Edinburgh conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1869, Oxford did the same in 1870, and Cambridge in 1883. In the autumn of the latter year he made his first visit to America, and again came to this country in 1886, reflections upon certain aspects of western civilization arising during the second visit being the result. Among his literary productions are the publication of his poems was in 1849 when "Strayed Reveller and Other Poems" appeared. Among his other noteworthy works were: "Empedocles on Etna and Other Poems," "Merope," "Essays in Criticism," "On Translating Homer," "Essays in Criticism," "Study of Celtic Literature," "Schools and Universities on the Continent," "Culture and Anarchy," "St. Paul and Protestantism," "Friendship's Garland," "Literature and Dogma," "God and the Bible." One of the foremost writers of the Victorian Age, and while many of his theories met with vigorous answers his depth of sentiment, his intense feeling, his mastery of the resources of the English language, and his polished, poetic style were applauded and admiration erred where they could not command assent.]

THE FLUNDER GIVEN UP.

Teller Cameron of Winnipeg Restores the Money Stolen from the Bank.

WINNIPEG, April 16.—Cameron, who defaulted with nearly $100,000 of the Union Bank's funds, gave up yesterday at Pembina, on condition that his pals should not be made known.

Diamond, who was arrested on suspicion of his life in that great unknown country, was the wife of a decorated man of publicity, and his wife says he had only $75 with him.

The chances are that the bank will only lose a few thousand dollars.

Teller Cameron Released.

ST. VINCENT, Minn., April 16.—Teller Cameron of Winnipeg, who was arrested at Pembina, was released on a technicality touching his detention. He passed through here yesterday on his way to St. Paul. His confederate, who was arrested at Emerson, has most of the stolen money.

In a Scott Act County.

PENETANGUISHENE, April 16.—A man named Patrick Fanning, who at one time worked as a blacksmith here and lately worked at Perkinsfield, was at the Division Court at Penetanguishene on Thursday last. He appeared as witness in a case. He was then intoxicated to give his evidence. He started from town to walk home, but as he did not turn up his wife had a search made for him yesterday, the result of which was the finding of his dead body not far from his home.

Delays are dangerous. The holiday season is fast approaching, and many have not yet decided where to spend the summer. The Long Branch Summer Resort is the place for Torontonians. Call on T. J. Wilkie, 51 Adelaide-street E, and get particulars.

Welland Assizes.

WELLAND, April 16.—The spring assizes opened here to-day, Justice Rose presiding. The first suit was one by the heirs of Robert Lampman for $5000 damages from the Township of Gainsboro, the claim being that he was drowned because of a defective bridge. The case was not finished when court adjourned. The Grand Jury found true bills against John Anderson for forgery and Joseph Manning for indecent assault.

Collision on the "Q."

CRESTON, Iowa, April 16.—The fast mail train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy collided with a freight train yesterday morning. C. A. Shoot, fireman of the freight, was instantly killed and four others slightly injured. Both engines were totally wrecked.

The Tornado's Deadly Work.

LONDON, April 16.—A despatch from Calcutta says that the damage caused at Dacca by the recent tornado amounts to 100,000 rupees; 112 bodies have been removed from the ruins, and over 1000 persons, more or less injured, are in the hospital.

Sixteen Lives Lost.

LONDON, April 16.—The British steamer Hiela, at London from Antwerp, had her bows stove and was otherwise seriously damaged in a collision off Deal in a fog with the steamer Vena, from Bilboa for Rotterdam. The Vena sank, and sixteen persons on board of her lost their lives.

The Behring Sea Seal Fisheries.

LONDON, April 16.—The negotiations in relation to the Behring Sea seal fisheries were resumed to-day. Baron Destand, the Russian Ambassador, Henry White, the Acting American Minister, and Lord Salisbury held a conference which lasted an hour.

Important if True.

VIENNA, April 16.—The Hungarian Minister of Agriculture has notified all agricultural societies that Herr Mandle, manager of a spirit distillery at Raab, has discovered an efficient preventive of pleuro-pneumonia in cattle.

For Publishing a Pamphlet.

MADRID, April 16.—The Court at Malaga has sentenced Senor Vila, a Spanish pastor, to twenty-eight months' imprisonment for publishing a pamphlet condemning Roman Catholic dogmas.

A Young Man's Fancy.

NEW YORK, April 16.—It is stated, on the authority of the friends of Secretary Bayard that a marriage will take place early in June between the Secretary and Mrs. Folsom, mother of Mrs. Cleveland.

Blunt's Backdown.

LONDON, April 16.—The action brought by Wilfrid Blunt against Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Police Magistrate Byrne for false imprisonment, has been withdrawn.

FOR $1,000,000 DAMAGES.

The Canada Atlantic's Spring Suit—Monstreal Preparing for a Flood.

MONTREAL, Q., April 16.—The Canada Atlantic Railway Company have taken out action against Stanton & Co., contractors, for $1,000,000 damages on the ground that their credit and business were seriously injured by an injunction which was taken by the defendants and which was quashed by all the courts. The case of Canada vs. Canada Atlantic Railway has been taken to appeal.

An accident which is likely to be attended with fatal results occurred in the carriage factory of F. X. Ritchot this forenoon. Three men were in the act of removing a carriage over a wooden bridge which connects the store with the factory when, without warning, the stringers which support it gave way and two of the men were hurled to the ground. Jean Lejeune, aged 30, had his skull fractured, besides sustaining severe internal injuries. J. B. Burrow sustained a fracture of the right leg. Both were removed to the general hospital, where Lejeune lies in a critical condition.

The burning question which is being discussed here is "will there be a flood." The opinions of men who have watched the progress of the river for years differ, presumably on account of the dyke. Flood or no flood, merchants and residents along the river front are removing goods, etc. The first big shove took place this afternoon.

Fire broke out in the office of F. Hamilton's jam and jelly works on St. James-street this morning. The place was completely gutted before the flames were extinguished. The loss is about $2000, partially covered by insurance.

Application papers for a special term of the Queen's Bench in May, to try Naegele and Bureau, have been sent to the Solicitor-General.

An elderly gentleman of no small means was arrested this morning for stealing papers from the shop door of Mr. Bush on St. Catherine-street. In court Bush refused to prosecute in consideration of the age and standing of accused. He was discharged with a caution.

Buy a lot and build your own cottage at THE Summer Resort. Why you can get a lot 100 ft there for $200, and the contractors on the grounds will put up a place for a bagatelle, and there you are. Photos, plans and full information at the company's office, 51 Adelaide-street E.

EMMA ABBOTT AS LEONORA.

Splendid Performance of "Il Trovatore" at the Grand Last Night.

All fashionable Toronto turned out last night to greet the Emma Abbott English Opera Company at the Grand Opera House. Verdi's "Il Trovatore" was on the bill with the following cast:

Leonora, Soprano	Emma Abbott.
Azucena, Contralto	Lizzie Annandale.
Inez, Soprano	Helene Bertram
Manrico, Tenor	Agostino Montegriffo.
Conte di Luna, Baritone	William Pruette
Ferrando, Basso	William Broderick

The plot of "Il Trovatore" is too well known to need recapitulation here. Suffice it to say that revenge and love are the mainsprings of the action, which is dramatic throughout the whole work.

Miss Abbott was accorded a right royal welcome, and sustained her part with the grace and ease of a thoroughly trained artiste. Her vocalization is perfection itself. The cavatina of the first act, the terzetto with the tenor and baritone, the aria and the finale of the fourth act, were more particularly noticeable, the aria, including the duet with the tenor, being recalled twice. Miss Annandale's voice was heard to good advantage, and the pathos she put in the rendering of her part brought the house down several times, and it was well deserved. Her vocalization is fine, and she has a fine upper register, although the medium is of good quality. He redeemed himself in the third and fourth acts, and received well deserved applause in the aria, "Yes, now thou art my spouse." Mr. William Pruette, the baritone, who had one of the heaviest parts in the opera, acquitted himself of his task to the satisfaction of the spectators, who frequently applauded his efforts.

The chorus, under Miss Abbott, all the singers gave evident signs of the Italian method—too much tremolo at the clef, but on the whole it was a good performance, and the artists deserved the applause they received from the overflowing house which many singers do not scruple to change to suit their fancy. The orchestra and chorus did their work well under the skilful baton of Signor Tonjase, who is not the least talented of the troupe.

Emma Abbott as "Queen of Spain."

The romantic opera of "Ruy Blas," by the celebrated Italian composer Marchetti, founded on Victor Hugo's famous drama of that name, will have its first performance here this week with Emma Abbott and the entire company in the cast. The music is said to be full of melodious and majestic numbers, the songs and duets being unusually brilliant and effective. Miss Abbott's costumes are said to be marvels of elegance and beauty. At the matinee on Wednesday "Martha" will be performed, and on Wednesday night Miss Abbott will farewell as Arline in the "Bohemian Girl." Good seats can still be had at the box office for all these performances.

"Under the Gaslight" at the Toronto.

Augustin Daly's old time sensational drama "Under the Gaslight" is the attraction at Jacobs & Shaw's Opera House this week, the little it performance being received by a moderately large downstair audience, with a crowded gallery last night. The play is a representation of New York life in high and low circles, and serves to introduce some realistic tableaux and scenes, the most striking being the Tombs Police Court, North River, Gotham by gaslight and the signal station at Shrewsbury Bend, where a spark-throwing locomotive and train runs across the track. The players did their work fairly well and were liberally rewarded with applause. Matinee this afternoon.

Dion Boucicault at the Grand.

During the last half of this week the well known Irish comedian, Dion Boucicault, will be at the Grand Opera House. On Thursday night and Saturday matinee he will appear in his new comedy "The Jilt," and on Friday and Saturday nights in "Arah-Na-Pogue." He has a good supporting company. The sale of seats begins this forenoon at the box office.

Notes.

The plan for the concert on Thursday evening, at which Madame Cateene appears, is rapidly filling up at Messrs. Sucklings. Those who intend going should secure their seats at once.

Don't fail to see the Battle of Sedan at the Cyclorama.

The City and the Street Railway.

The Street Railway sub-committee of the Board of Works met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the City Solicitor's office. Present, the Mayor, Ald. McMillan, Hill, Verral, Shaw, St. Thomas' Carlyle, City Solicitor Biggar, and Mr. G. F. Shepley, solicitor of the Street Railway Company.

The Mayor stated the Council desired to secure from the company an undertaking that should the city proceed with the repairing of the streets, such a course would not prejudice its case against the company. Mr. Shepley regretted that he could do nothing in the matter until he had further consultation with his clients. He suggested that the disputes between the company and the city be referred to arbitration. Mr. Biggar did not fail in with the idea. Such an arbitration would, he thought, be extended over a couple of years. The committee adjourned sine die pending President Smith's return from Ottawa.

Carriage Painters Organizing.

Several of the carriage painters are making strenuous efforts to organize a local society. Their object is to secure a greater uniformity in wages and hours of labor. They do not intend joining the house painters' organization, as their branch of industry is entirely different.

Mrs. Peck on Temperance.

The series of meetings being addressed by Mrs. Peck, under the auspices of the Temperance Society, were continued in Temperance Hall last night. There was a moderate attendance. Mr. Gibbs presided.

After the Canine.

The Mayor and City Solicitor had a consultation yesterday on the question of the dog nuisance. Mr. Biggar will draw up a bylaw tending towards the suppression of the canines, and meanwhile His Worship has written to the New York authorities for pointers.

The Mayor's Outer Sentinel.

The latest addition to the City Hall army is an outer sentinel for the Mayor's office. His duties are to usher promising looking visitors into His Worship's presence and escort dilapidated cones down stairs to Charity Inspector Taylor.

Work on the Island Park.

Park Superintendent Chambers put twenty men to work on the Island Park yesterday levelling off the filling-in done during the winter. He expects to have fifty men at work before the end of the week.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE'S DEMANDS.

A Deputation Interviews the Commissioners—Complaints Against Hotels.

Deputations from the Toronto Temperance Reformation Society and the Central W.C.T.U. waited upon License Commissioners Armstrong and Proctor yesterday afternoon. The deputation from the Temperance Society was: Rev. Dr. Shaw, F. S. Spence, Ald. Fleming, J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., N. W. Hoyles, James Thomson, Robt. Hall, N. C. Love, James Dobson, M. M. Gibbs, Peter McIntyre, J. R. Miller, Chas. Wood, Isaac Wardell, H. M. Graham, J. A. Patterson and M. Basso. The W.C.T.U. representatives were: Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Large, Miss Robinson and Miss Kennedy.

Mr. James Thomson presented the views of the deputation. He claimed that the Crooks Act had proven a beneficial measure, and were it not for that law there would be 1200 licenses in Toronto. He urged upon the commissioners these requests:

1. No licenses, either tavern, saloon or shop, be granted in the residential portions of the city, whether in the poorer or wealthier sections.

2. No licenses be granted to houses that are not required or used by the public for accommodation, either as to meals or lodging.

3. No licenses be granted for the same building which is used as a public hall or meeting place, or in unnecessary close proximity to such place.

4. No license be granted on the Jesse Ketchum property.

5. No license of any grade be issued for use on the Island.

6. No license be issued to anyone who has been convicted of violation of law.

7. To strictly enforce the provisions forbidding the sale of liquors to minors and to persons already intoxicated.

8. That the hours of opening be changed from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Mr. Thomson held that it was especially necessary to protect the poor in regard to granting licenses for houses in their midst; the wealthy were betterable to protect themselves. Regarding the third section he pointed out that Lennox's place, on Queen-street opposite Bay, came under the first part of the clause, and there were too many places on Victoria-street from the Jesse Ketchum to Queen-street. Regarding clause 4 he said the late Jesse Ketchum was a public benefactor, and he hoped the commissioners would refuse a license to the property lately occupied by Shields & Co. at Yonge and Temperance streets.

Mr. Proctor said the commissioners had decided to grant no new shop licenses, and to grant no licenses on the Island.

In the discussion on clause 6 it came out that Mr. Thomas of the English Chop House had been fined on three charges, and Chairman Armstrong asked Mr. Thomson if he would favor refusing a license to such a large place. Mr. Thomson replied in the affirmative. He would not discriminate.

Inspector Dexter claimed there had been no laxity in his office in the enforcement of the law against selling liquor to minors. He and Charles Wood said Mrs. Tyler of Euclid-ave. and Arthur-st. was continually violating the law in this respect. Mr. Wardell protested against her, because his stable had been destroyed by fire for giving information in a similar case before.

Rev. Dr. Shaw, W. J. J. Maclaren, Ald. Fleming, F. S. Spence, Peter McIntyre, Robt. Hall, H. M. Graham, Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Large also addressed the commissioners.

Complaints were made against Slee and Lennox, on Yonge-st. near the Davenport-road; against Gerrard House, Ann-st., Sherbourne and River-ave., and the hotels at Front and Simcoe-streets, and at Front and John-streets, the complaint against the latter being that Mr. Basso proposed a license to Geronimo, the Italian at 192 Chestnut-st. Mr. Hall opposed licensing the place now occupied by Jenkins' Church, and Mr. Graham that of the house at Yonge and St. Mary's-street.

What is Long Branch and where is it? Long Branch is the handiest, the prettiest, the shadiest, and for residents of and visitors to the Queen City the most accessible of all watering places. It is about 7 miles west of Toronto, on the lake shore, within easy reach of everybody. Call on T. J. Wilkie, 51 Adelaide-street E, and get a lot. Head Office, 51 Adelaide-street E.

WATERWORKS SUPPLIES.

Contracts Awarded by the Committee—Mains to West Toronto Junction.

The Waterworks Committee met yesterday afternoon, those present being Chairman Boustead, Ald. McDonald, Swait, Hewitt, Ritchie, Gillespie, Baxter and Superintendent Hamilton.

Ald. Carlyle wanted to know why Inspector Hubert Manley, the inspector of buildings, had been dismissed from the Department with three days' notice. He did not think it was right to cut a man off so suddenly. The chairman replied that Mr. Manley's services had been dispensed with because there was no further use for him. He had not done three days' work since the first of the year. Ald. Hill, Ritchie, Gillespie and Baxter championed Mr. Manley, and the dismissed inspector will be asked to appear before the committee at its next meeting.

The Superintendent's report stated that 400 tons of coal had been consumed, and 1400 gallons of kerosene oil during the week ending April 7. The death of Inspector W. J. Gibson was feelingly referred to, and the appointment of J. Sleeth, Miss Abbott's successor, was duly noted. Mr. Hamilton estimated the cost of laying the proposed mains to and in West Toronto Junction as follows:

12-inch main, from Dundas and Bloor streets to village boundary line	$10,980
Continuation of 12-inch main through village	16,000
20 ft. 6-inch main on Pacific-avenue	3,000
24-0 ft. " " Annette-street	2,400
20 ft. " " Medland-street	750
20 ft. " " Mary street	600
20 ft. " " Lansdowne	1,050
12-0 ft. " " Vine-street	900
Valve, hydrants and connections	6,850
	$42,930

The recommendation of the Superintendent to purchase three hose carts and one hose carriage was agreed to after considerable discussion. The accounts recommended for payment amounted to $12,000.

Several tenders for coal were opened and read, but no contract was awarded. The lowest tender was $4.15 per ton delivered at the waterworks dock.

The following contracts were awarded: Special castings to Treloar, Blachford & Co. at $2.25 per 100 lbs. Cast iron pipe to St. Lawrence foundry, 3 in. $44.80 per ton, 6 in. $38, 12 in. $37.50. Hydrants to Charles Smith & Co. at $29.50 each. Valves to Charles Smith & Co. 3 in at $9 each, 6 in. at $16.50, 12 in. at $32.50. Stop cock rods to F. Stephenson at 19½c. each. Pig lead to Rice, Lewis & Son at $3.89 per 100 lb. Lead pipe to Robertson & Co. at $4.75 per 100 lb.

Star Fish and Sea Urchins.

The Biological Section of the Canadian Institute met last night under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Pearce. An interesting paper was read by Rev. Dr. Junor of New York on the formation, structure and habits of the star fish, sea urchins and holothureans. A number of specimens of each were shown under the magnifying glass.

Arranging for the Conference.

The Methodist Ministers' Association yesterday appointed Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Hugh Johnston, Rev. E. A. Stafford, Rev. D. G. Sutherland and Rev. Manley Benson a committee to make arrangements for the meeting of the Toronto Conference in the Metropolitan Church next June. There was an interesting discussion on "Holiness."

Orkney and Shetland Society.

Mr. R. Cromarty, a member of this society, was treated to a farewell entertainment last night at the Criterion restaurant. The chair was occupied by the president of the society, Mr. William Houston, M.A., and toasts, speeches and songs in rapid succession made up an enjoyable program.

No Start Made Yet.

The Board of Works investigation was to have been opened in the City Council chamber at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but owing to Judge McDougall being engaged a further postponement was agreed upon, the next date of meeting being arranged for this day week.

Suggested by the City Solicitor.

Mr. H. P. Perley, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, has been suggested by City Solicitor Biggar as a fit and proper person to settle the dispute between the city and the Don improvement contractors.

Mrs. Barry Addresses the Knights.

The Knights of Labor filled Rich