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TRANSATLANTIC TOPICS.

A RUMOR THAT PARNELL HAD BEEN SHOT.

France and China—The Pope to His Children—The Old World in Brief.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A report was in circulation here that Parnell had been shot. Enquiries having been made, a despatch was received from Dungannon stating that a car containing a supposed Parnellite was fired into, but the occupant was not hurt.

France, China and Annam.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—It is reported that several of the proposals made by France to China have been rejected.

HANOI, Sept. 26.—The Blackflags have abandoned Soutay, Pkung, Lugne, and Day, and retired to the left bank of the Red river. Several Mandarins have given in submission to the French. The French forces will undertake no offensive operations until after the arrival of reinforcements.

ALGIERS, Sept. 27.—Two thousand French troops sailed for Tonquin to-day.

The Pope to His Children.

ROME, Sept. 27.—Addressing the Italian catholics yesterday the pope said the vatican cherished no hostility to the Italian government. He enjoined the catholics of the world to have courage and counselled them to acquire education, cultivate virtue, and above all to obey their superiors. The pope looked wearied and bore traces of great suffering.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

The strike of weavers at Ashton Under-Lyne has been settled.

The bank of England reduced the rate of of discount from 3½ to 3 per cent.

The steamer Rotterdam was stranded yesterday off Benjaard, and there is little hope of saving her. The passengers were all taken off.

A despatch from Oran, Algeria, states that the insurgent chief Salem has been killed by two other chieftains at a feast to which he was invited.

Bradlaugh has addressed a letter to Lord Northcote, declaring that he will again demand his seat in the commons on the assembling of parliament.

It is stated that James McDermott, recently ordered discharged, refuses to quit the prison unless police protection be afforded. He fears he will be murdered.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

John Small was fatally shot at a sham fight at Marysville, Mo., last week.

An agreement for uniform rates has been entered into between the Northern Pacific and the other pacific roads.

All the newsdealers of Richmond, Va., have been indicted for selling the Police Gazette and similar papers.

Col. George Knapp, owner of the Missouri Republican of St. Louis, the oldest newspaper west of the Missisipi, is dead.

The office of the Iowa oil and tank line at Des Moines, Iowa, with several car loads of oil and grain, were burned Tuesday; loss $25,000.

The marriage of the Bowery museum ticket seller to the fat woman has taken place, despite the protestations of the bridegroom's father. The police refused to interfere.

Frank Edge Cavanaugh of New York, educated for the catholic priesthood, afterwards a well known newspaper reporter, has been installed as pastor of the reformed church, Hyde park.

A fortnight ago General Hancock, while in a small vessel attending to gunnery experiments, was thrown by a lurch of the boat and his right knee bruised. He has been ailing ever since.

A first class double track is to be laid down between Boston and New York, over which trains will run between the two cities without making a single stop—accomplishing the entire distance in less than four hours.

Reports from 300 correspondents relative to the potato crop in the New England provinces and New York show the yield in the great shipping sections to be not so large as was expected. There are no grounds for anticipating any material advance in values for two months yet.

John W. Rowan, son of a prominent Jersey City politician, was arraigned on Tuesday charged with duping a young woman by a mock marriage. The girl's father said in court if he could not obtain justice for his dishonored daughter he would kill Rowan.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.

A new park has been opened in the eastern portion of Montreal.

Two soldiers of the Royal Munster Fusileers, Patrick Barry and Patrich Lynch, deserted at Halifax, and were re-captured.

A tumor weighing eighteen ounces was removed from the breast of a lady living near Sydenham. There are good prospects of her recovery.

Driver J. Graham, of "B" Battery, Kingston, aged 19, deserted on the morning of Sept. 24. He hired a horse and buggy from Mr. T. C. Wilson and used them in his flight.

The Guelph Mercury says that Mr. Duncan Martin, Badenoch, has quite a curiosity in his orchard, being an apple tree containing fifty-two varieties of apples. On some of the limbs there are from four to five different grafts. One spring, a good four or five years ago, Mr. Martin was sick and not able to work, and this was how he employed himself.

Uxbridge Journal: The new county is proposed to include the townships of Midland, Medonte and Tay; parts of Oro and Orillia; three or four townships in Muskoka and of our own county of Ontario, the three whole townships of Thorn, Mara and Rama. The movement has so far advanced that "Lorne" has been decided upon as the name, and Orillia the county town.

Scientists to Explore America.

New York Morning Journal.

The general committee of the British association for the advancement of science, elected Lord Rayleigh, president of the association for 1884. Among the vice-presidents elected are the Marquis of Lorne, the Marquis of Lansdown, Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Alexander Galt, Right Hon. Lyon Playfair, Dr. Charles William Siemens and Professor Huxley. The date of the next meeting which will be held at Montreal, has been fixed for Aug. 27, 1884. The program will include a free excursion to the Rocky Mountains and trips to Quebec and Philadelphia.

MISSING MARY CHURCHILL.

A Case That Promises to Rival the Charley Ross Mystery.

The Churchill mystery still remains unsolved, and promises to become a parallel to the Charley Ross case. On Sunday afternoon, August 10, at St. Louis, Colonel James O. Churchill started out with his wife for an afternoon drive. As they drove away, their daughter Mary stood just inside the gate, and watched them until the carriage turned the corner at the end of the square. A young drug clerk, named Baesle, passed the gate, probably twenty minutes after the hour at which Colonel and Mrs. Churchill started for their drive, and saw the young lady standing there.

That is the last seen of her—absolutely the last definite trace.

Hundreds of theories have been advanced and scores of stories have been told. One man had seen a hack driven along a dark street on Sunday night and heard suppressed screams. another had seen a carriage the following morning driving along one of the most public thoroughfares containing the girl and a male companion; another had seen a buggy standing by the pavement near the Churchill residence in which was a young man, while a woman was standing on the curb talking to him. One after another of these stories was run down and all that was discovered at the end was that the girl was gone, taking no baggage, nothing in the way of wearing apparel, and leaving no trace.

Colonel Churchill strove in every way in his power to avoid unnecessary sensationalism. He followed every clew and used every endeavor to solve the dismal mystery; but he offered no reward until the girl had been absent two weeks. Then $100 was offered for information that would lead to her recovery. This has never been increased, and the small amount of the award has evoked a good deal of comment.

Mary was 16 years and 8 months old; five feet three inches tall; well developed for her years; of erect carriage; quite light brown hair, which she wore in the prevailing fashion of bangs, almost concealing her forehead, reaching almost to the eyebrows; grayish blue eyes; an oval face, rather too full for beauty, though she was considered a very pretty girl; regular features, with small nose.

Colored Men's Wrongs.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 27.—The colored convention adopted resolutions returning thanks for emancipation, constitutional amendments and favorable legislation, but saying that many laws are a dead letter. In the southern states, they state, colored people are denied justice, denied the fruits of their honest labor, defrauded of political rights, shut out from learning trades and cheated out of their civil rights. A reform of these evils is asked and the education of the colored youth demanded. The government is asked to reimburse the deposits in the Freedman savings bank. The address favors no distinction between white and black men in the navy. An address of sympathy for the Irish in their struggle for liberty was also tendered.

Coal Miners on Strike.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 27.—The strike of coal miners in the neighborhood of Cornellsville has threatened to become general throughout the region. Two firms have offered their men an iron clad oath to avoid placing check weighmen on tipples, as required by the new law. Other operators are expected to follow suit, and the strikes which now exist at several works will spread. The miners are paid by the wagon load, which they ask shall be of a uniform capacity of 33½ bushels. The operators are using wagons which vary from 32 to 35 bushels. The mine inspectors have been sent for but before they can act the weighman must be at work.

Objecting to Cheap Papers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The east side newsdealers are indignant at the reduction in the price of newspapers, which cuts down their margin of profits. The west side dealers meet to-night, and the strike against the reduced commission bids fair to spread. This action may check the demoralization in rates, and even bring about a restoration of the old prices.

Punished for Hazing.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 27.—In the case of Cadets Kress of New York and Reilly of Wisoning, charged with hazing, the sentence of dismissal which was recommended is not approved. The finding against Cadet Dodds of Indiana, Tisdale of Kentucky and Young of Virginia are approved and they are relegated to the senate for six months, deprived of liberty and privileges.

Bathed in Croton Oil.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 27.—Judge May has received a despatch announcing the serious illness of his daughter, an operatic singer, who lately joined the Hess opera company. Miss May was nervously prostrated and took an electric bath, an ignorant attendant rubbing her body with croton oil instead of alcohol, taking the skin off and leaving her in a most pitiable condition, so that her life is in danger.

A Charge Against the French.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The Herald's cable, reporting the progress of the explorations in Africa, says the French destroyed the village of Manipomba, containing 300 inhabitants, because the natives refused to sell a strip of coast territory to the invaders.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

OSASKES, Minn., Sept. 27.—A threshing machine boiler near here exploded yesterday, killing Albert Garlock, Peter Bildaux and Matthew Joyce and dangerously wounding two others.

Some of Lord Coleridge's Talk.

From the Chicago Herald

"These lakes in America," he said, "are beyond the depths of my imagination concerning them. Wonderful, wonderful," said the chief justice, in admiration. He added in explanation, that, until he saw Lake Ontario, he believed truly that it was possible for one to stand on one side of the great American lakes and see across to the opposite shore.

On reaching the stock yards, lunch was served at the Transit house after which Fowler's and Armour's packing houses were visited. Lord Coleridge, after witnessing the slaughter of two animals, remarked, "That's enough." He was asked if he would like to inspect the process of sausage making, and replied, "No, I thank you; I guess I won't. I eat sausages sometimes."

An Arkansas nurse, who was in a hurry to meet her lover, the other night, frightened her charge, a 3-year-old, to death, by threatening to call in a ferocious bull dog if the child did not go to sleep.

KIDNEY PADS IN COURT.

Their Contents Exposed—What a Physician Thinks About Them.

The case of the Star Kidney Pad Company v. Greenwood, commenced before Judge Galt at the civil assizes yesterday, was an action to recover $26 90 balance due to the plaintiff on an account with the defendant, a druggist, for kidney pads supplied him. The defendant acknowledged the debt, but claimed that he was induced to order the goods under the representation that the pads were saleable articles. The defendant further alleged that the pads supplied were useless and valueless, and that he returned them to the company and they refused to accept them. Dr. H. Wright was the first witness; he testified that the ingredients of the pads which were sold could not be absorbed with the body, and when placed dry in the pads were not of any possible benefit. The Star pad was described in pamphlet as the only sure cure for kidney complaint and divers other human ailments too numerous to mention. Numerous witnesses were called by the plaintiffs who testified to the efficacy of the remedy, while on the other hand as many were called by the defence who swore that they had tried the pads and found them of no avail in relieving their ailments. The case will be proceeded with to-morrow.

LATEST SPORTING NEWS.

The Great Lacrosse Match To-Morrow.

The match between the Torontos and Shamrocks at Montreal to-morrow occupies the attention of lovers of the national game in both cities. That there will be a determined fight for the much coveted championship goes without saying. The Torontos feel considerably elevated, owing to their victory over their oldtime opponents two weeks ago, and on this account will go into the field with increased confidence in facing the champions. Their team will be composed of the following well-known players: Ross Mackenzie, W. Hubbell, S. Garvin, J. Drynan, J. Blight, S. Hughes, R. McPherson, Wm. McHenry, F. Smith, W. Donaldson, A. Stow. Reserves, N. Martin, Struthers. Field captain, R. B. Hamilton. It will be noticed that the redoubtable Watty Bonnell's name does not appear in the list. He is not in a position to play, but as a set off the Shamrocks will be minus Blair, who is looked upon as one of their foremost men. About fifty members will accompany the home team to encourage them in their play. This will probably be the last match for the championship this season and may the best side win.

Racing at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 27.—First race, mile heats, Freeland won, Gleaner 2d; time 1.46¼, 1.45, 1.45½. Second race, mile and an eighth, McBowling won, Gallileo 2d, Lelix 3d; time 1.59¾. Third race, Modesty won, Cora Baker 2d, Conkling 3; time 1 47. Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles, Centre won, Vanguard 2d, Olivette 3d; time 1.52½. Fifth race, five furlongs, Bob Miles won, Admiral 2d, Easter 3d; time 1.02¼.

Racing at Brighton Beach.

BRIGHTON BEACH, Sept. 27.—First race, three-quarters mile, Ligan won, Boulette 2d; time 1.17¾. Second race, mile and a furlong, Gath won, Montauk 2d; time 1.57¾. Third race, mile and an eighth, Arsenic won, Lizzy Blonde 2d; time 1.57. Fourth race, mile and a quarter, Hilarity won, Ida B. 2d; time 2.12¼. Fifth race, three-quarters mile, Brad won, Little Katie 2d; time 1.15¼.

Racing at Boston.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Beacon park: Richball won the unfinished pacing race; time 2.17¾, 2.17. 3 min. class: Pilot Knox won, Challenge 2d, Middletown 3d; time 2.29, 2.35¼, 2.22¼. Special purse, $2000: Clemmi won, J. B. Thomas 2d, Wilson 3d; time 2.24¼, 2.20, 2.20, 2.20¼.

Good for the Halifax Fair.

HULTON, Pa., Sept. 27.—The first trial heat in the professional race to-day was won by Hamm in 22 mins., Riley a close second. Second heat, Conley won in 21 mins, being a quarter mile ahead of his competitors.

The Bayside amateur rowing club races, postponed from Wednesday last on account of rough water, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 sharp.

Baseball yesterday: Detroit 10, New York 2, Mets 3, Cincinnati 0, Buffalo 4, Providence 2.

Poisoning by Canned Meats.

From the New York Tribune.

Now and then—altogether too frequently—a news item announces that some individual or family has been poisoned by eating canned meat or vegetables. At the same time complaints appear in the foreign press that the quality of American canned food products is deteriorating, and charges are made that refuse, stale and unwholesome articles are employed by the canneries. Now, as it is not desirable that American citizens should be poisoned, nor that American trade should be injured, manufacturers and exchanges would do well to look into the matter, ascertain where the trouble lies and remedy it.

The canned goods industry has assumed enormous proportions. Almost all kinds of meat, fish, fowl, fruit, vegetables, soups, puddings, etc., are presented to the housekeeper in this form, and tens of thousands of persons and many millions of dollars are employed in the business of packing them. But the whole enterprise is based upon public confidence in the purity and wholesomeness of the articles thus prepared. It will not take many more cases of poisoning to destroy that confidence. Let manufacturers be wise in time, and see to it that there be no more death in the can.

The Grant-Beaudry Case.

From the Orange Sentinel.

Our brethren throughout the dominion will be pleased to learn that R. W. Bro. Wm. Anderson, grand treasurer of British America, has placed sufficient funds at the disposal of the local committee in Montreal to cover all costs incurred in the appeal of this celebrated case to the supreme court of Canada. The total cost incurred thus far in endeavoring to maintain the rights of our brethren in Quebec comes to nearly $8000, which has been supplied mainly by the brethren of Ontario, although all parts of the dominion have responded nobly to the call.

A young lady and gentleman drove up to a parson's house in Oxford, Ala., recently and were married while sitting in the buggy, the parson sitting on his own balcony, and delivering the customary questions, etc.

DOINGS IN THE DOMINION

A SCHOONER SUNK IN LAKE ONTARIO OFF ST. PETER.

The Provincial Exhibition—Stabbed Just for Fun—The Southern Counties' Fair—General News.

PICTON, Ont., Sept. 27.—The schooner Peerless of Hamilton, about 9 o'clock last night commenced leaking badly, and after three hours' effort at the pumps by the crew, it was found impossible to keep her afloat. The crew, consisting of seven men, took the small boat and succeeded in making land safely two miles east of St. Peter.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 27.—The barque Orontes, now at Chatham, picked up three men in a dory on St. Pierre bank. They were fishermen who had been out six days from their vessel, and one of them had opened a vein in his arm from which he had sucked blood to quench his thirst.

BUFFALO, Sept. 27.—Capt. Mullen and crew of the sunken schooner Vanderbilt arrived here on Tuesday night. Capt. Mullen says the vessel had been leaking freely just before going down, and was nearly half full of water. High seas filled her decks and she foundered in thirty feet of water. The captain, two mates, six men and a female cook climbed into the rigging at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and remained there two hours, when they were taken ashore by the Long Point life-saving crew. The cook suffered severely; her hands were black and blue when rescued, and she could not have held on much longer. Nothing was saved by any of the crew except what they had on their persons.

KINGSTON, Sept. 27.—Yesterday the barge Senator, bound up, laden with railway ore struck the barge Frontenac of the Kingston and Montreal Forwarding company, bound in to the Cornwall canal damaging the boilers and bow so that she filled and sunk. The Frontenac had 18,000 bushels of corn ex schooner Bangalore from Toledo.

ATTACKED BY A BULL DOG.

Whose Throat is Cut Before it Relinquishes its Hold.

From the Belleville Ontario.

The most daring attack made by a bull dog upon a human being in this county for many years was that which startled the people of Milltown a few days since when one of these vicious brutes made a fierce attempt to destroy an Indian woman named Mrs. Brant.

Mrs. Brant had been visiting during the day at a neighbor's house, and towards evening she started for home. When passing along the road a savage brindle bull dog owned by one Jackson sprang over the fence and attacked the unprotected woman, who was in a few seconds frantic with fear lest the dog would devour her alive before she could alarm those living in that locality by her cries for help. She had a bundle in her arms, and as the canine made a desperate attempt to catch her by the throat she warded him off by the parcel in her hands. The enraged dog then caught her by the shoulder and on the side of the body, inflicting several severe wounds. Her clothing was almost torn into shreds, and the brute was about getting the better of her when Mrs. Brant's husband ran up and seized the dog and cut his throat with a knife before it had time to make an attack on him. By this time the whole village was alarmed, and when the particulars of the attack were made known the people were much excited. Mrs. Brant was conveyed to her home, where she has been since quite ill.

The Southern Counties' Fair.

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 27.—The weather here to-day has been fine and warm, in consequence of which there has been an immense number of visitors at the southern counties' fair to-day. The horse ring seemed to be the chief point of attraction, and the spectators were highly pleased, as there were some very fine and speedy horses shown. There is a grand display of firework being now set off at the grounds under the supervision of Prof. Hand, which is being witnessed by a large concourse of people. The directors are all smiles this evening and much pleased with the success of the fair.

The Quebec Crops.

QUEBEC, Sept. 27.—It is considered that fully four-fifths of this crop is now safely harvested. The crop of oats is very heavy and of splendid quality. Wheat and buckwheat has, generally speaking, turned out well wherever grown. The potatoe crop still has to be harvested. It will not be a very heavy one this year, the quantity planted having been much smaller than usual. The hot weather of last week has materially assisted in ripening apples and pears.

Stabbed "Just for Fun."

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Last night Harry Coppenger, working at R. F. Lucey's shoe-upper factory, and another youth were playing around Coppinger's home, when, as the youth alleges, he pulled out a large jack-knife from his pocket and made a lunge at Coppenger with it, just for fun, the knife entering his breast near the lungs. The lad who had done the mischief summoned assistance and Coppenger was carried to his home. The doctors entertain slight hope of his recovery.

The Provincial Exhibition.

GUELPH, Sept. 27.—The number of people who visited the grounds to-day was very large. The show of agricultural implements is very large. The roots make a most commendable exhibit, and there is a splendid show of dairy products. The poultry include some very fine and rare species. A shower of rain prevented the band tournament from going on to-night.

Fears of Foul Play.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—William Wright, son of Edward Wright, locally known as "Ned the sailor," was found drowned in the canal here. He had been drinking with a companion, who for some time concealed his knowledge that Wright was drowned. An inquest will be held.

Charged with Forgery.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 27.—John Woltz, jeweler, is arrested charged with forging checks amounting to $4000.

New County Judge for Simcoe.

Judge Gowan has resigned his position as senior judge of Simcoe, which has been taken by Judge Ardagh. Mr. Wm. Boys of Barrie has received the appointment of junior judge in the vacancy left by Judge Ardagh.

THE JACK FISH MINE.

Mineral Wealth in the Lake Superior District—An Enterprising Concern.

To a World reporter, who called upon him yesterday, Mr. T. C. Keefer imparted the following information about the silver mines of the Thunder Bay district:

The district has been visited this year by a good many mining men from Arizona, California and Colorado. They came for the purpose of investing, and expressed surprise that a country of such indications of gold and silver should have been so little developed. Dr. Selwyn, head of the dominion geological department, also paid a visit to the region. The chief drawback to the development of this mineral wealth is the fact that the land is held by parties who will not do anything toward working the mines, but wait for others to do so. The expenditure of a few hundred dollars would do a great deal towards ascertaining the value of these mines. Almost the only work done in this direction has been by the proprietors of Silver Islet and the Huronian company. The Silver Islet people have now got down 1100 feet, and are working with a full force of men. The Rabbit mountain mine, some twenty-five miles from Port Arthur, is another property of great value. General Wyld, one of the owners, took from it this summer to New York a keg of solid nuggets of silver, and ore that assayed from eighty to over two thousand dollars per ton. The vein is a large one, but very little work has been done. Gen. Wyld is now in New York trying to form a company to operate the mine.

The mine, however, which promises to bring the district into prominence is the Jackfish, the property of the Huronian company. It is situated near Jackfish lake in the township of Moss, Shebandowan district. Last winter the company took in their machinery, consisting of a 40-horse power engine with sawmill attachment, used in the manufacture of lumber for buildings, a hoisting engine, rock-breaker, ten-stamp engine, copper plates, and four of Frue's vanners. During the summer the company has been building houses and making preparations for working the mines, employing a force of about 25 men. A shaft 50 feet deep has been sunk, and they have drilled on the vein another 50 feet and proved the lasting character of the lode. The test made at the surface before the work was commenced was very satisfactory, the ore yielding on an average about $50 a ton, and this has not decreased at all as the work progressed. The vein has been opened in several places, and has proved rich in ore. About 500 tons of ore are now ready for the stamp mill, which is to start this month.

Important Cattle Case.

An action for $8000 has been entered in the Superior court at Montreal against the Dominion & Mississippi line of steamers on behalf of Hugh Kelly, cattle exporter, of Toronto. The latter exported by steamship Quebec from Portland in the month of January last 56 head of cattle for Liverpool, England. The vessel broke her rudder and was 50 days at sea. The cattle with the exception of 20 died for want of water. The plaintiff alleges that the captain of the Quebec refused assistance from several steamers, and that the death of the cattle resulted from the gross want of care, negligence, etc., of the defendants and their agents.

Death of a Journalist.

A clever and able journalist has passed away in the death of Mr. W. J. Rattray, which sad event occurred Wednesday night. Deceased was educated at Upper Canada college and graduated with much success at Toronto university, of which he was a gold medallist. He was afterwards connected with different newspapers and periodicals in this city, being at the time of his demise one of the Mail's editorial writers. Mr. Rattray was author of "The Scot in Canada." His death at the age of 48 is a great loss to Canadian journalism.

Reply to the Bishop of Algoma.

Mr. Thomas Stephenson is issuing a twenty-four page pamphlet in reply to the bishop of Algoma's sermon at the cathedral Sunday night last on the immortality of the soul. An edition of 5000 will be issued, and if it meets with public favor the profits will be devoted to a succeeding and larger edition. The sermon was extempore, and covered much of the ground relied on by the advanced thinkers on the orthodox side of the question.

The Song of "No Quorum."

"No quorum" is the most frequently heard remark about the city hall. The corridors resound with it and it fills the committee rooms. It was sung for an hour yesterday to the tune of markets and health, which committee was unable to transact any business, Ald. Love, Carlyle, Allen and Baxter being the only members present. The public would like to know what the aldermen were elected for.

Dismissed With Costs.

Judgment was given yesterday by Justices Burton and Osler, dismissing the West York election petition with costs, and confirming Major Gray, the conservative candidate, in the seat. On the objection raised by petitioner's counsel against votes cast in Vaughan because the names of the voters did not appear on the assessment roll, the court said the objection could not stand in this case, as the petitioner did not claim the seat.

Baby Farming on King Street.

Reports have been going around to the effect that Mrs. Mount, 425 King street east, has for the last few months been keeping a very extensive baby farming establishment, as many as fifteen infants having been seen taken into the house during one week. The other night the police visited the place, at the request of a neighbor, and with the result that the business has been stopped.

Run Over by a Street Car.

On Saturday last the remains of Mr. Joel Hutchinson, son of Mr. John Hutchinson of Aurora, were brought home for interment. Two weeks ago one of his feet was run over by a street car in Toronto, and so badly injured that it was found necessary to amputate it. The young man did not rally from the shock, but died the early part of last week.

H. M. S. Canada.

This was the legend on the cap of a jolly jack tar who was walking on King street yesterday smoking a cigar and attracting almost as much attention as his shipmate Prince George when he was here. A little girl, who had hold of his hand, was as proud of him as if he was an admiral. Perhaps he ought to be one.

AFTER SIX WEEKS.

The Property Committee Scares up a Quorum—Contracts for Coal.

The property committee met for the first time yesterday in six weeks, having on previous occasions been unable to muster up a quorum. There were just enough members present to transact business, viz.: Ald. Baxter, (chairman pro tem) Blevins, Carlyle, Steiner and Denison.

Two tenders for the supply of fuel were opened. P. Burns got the contract for 165 tons Lehigh at $6 and 300 tons Briarhill at $6. A. & S. Nairn were awarded 142 tons Pittston at $5.50 and 112 tons chestnut at $5 90. A representative of Mr. Burns contended that he should get the whole contract on the ground that the Nairns did not bid for all the items, but the committee saw fit to divide the contract as above. It took the five gentlemen an hour to settle this question.

The time for receiving bids for painting certain city buildings was extended till next meeting. The matter of the police court nuisance was referred to the commissioner and medical health officer. A heap of accounts were passed and the committee adjourned.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

A Pleasant Afternoon at the Toronto Collegiate Institute.

The Collegiate institute in Jarvis street was the scene of a large and interesting gathering yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the annual distribution of prizes. The pupils were present in full force, the girls looking charming and the boys happy. W. S. Lee, chairman of the board, presided and among those on the platform with him were Mayor Boswell, trustees Scarth, Morris and Lobb, Rev. Mr. Parsons, Rev. Dr. Barclay, Mr. Peter A. Scott, J. S. McMurray. Many smiling parents were also present.

Mr. Parsons opened the proceedings with prayer, after which the mayor performed the pleasing task of presenting awards to upwards of one hundred pupils. The scholarship fell to the following: The Michie, by F. T. Steen; the Howland, by Alf. Hunter; the Hay, by S. F. Houston; the Kennedy, by Maggie Johnston; the McLean, by Isabel Rolls and the Lorne medal by Isabel Rolls. The prize list is too long for publication. The record of the school at the university examinations for 1882-3 is very good, especially in the faculty of arts, the pupils who went up having obtained 48 first-class honors, 54 second-class honors, 6 scholarships, 1 university prize, and 1 silver medal. In the examinations for education department the scholars this year obtained 87 certificates, viz., 12 intermediates, 62 third class, 10 second-class, grade B, 1 second-class, grade A, 2 first-class, grade C.

Speeches of a congratulatory nature followed from his worship, Mr. Parsons and Rector McMurchy. God Save the Queen and cheers all round terminated the program, the audience viewing the fine drawings of the pupils before they left the building.

Lytton Sothern as Dundreary.

Doubtless the majority of the good-sized audience at the Grand last night went there with a view of comparing the acting of a father and son in the same role. Most had seen E. A. Sothern in his renowned character of Dundreary; few, perhaps none, had seen his son Lytton as the simple and foppish lord. The performance last night proved that the mantle of the father had fallen upon the son, although in the falling it has hardly assumed the same old folds, and does not appear to hang with the same ease and grace as of yore. The principal points where the young man appears to be defective are in the familiar skip and in the drawling pronunciation of some words. These defects will, however, vanish with time and the present and the next generation bid fair to witness the perpetuation of a performance which afforded infinite amusement in the past. Speaking generally, the support is good, being all that the piece calls for. Dundreary will skip the boards again to-night.

Promenade Concert and Festival.

The promenade concert and festival at the Adelaide street rink in aid of St. Helen's church, Brockton, was without doubt a complete success, at least twelve hundred persons being present. The proceeds were certainly very large, as the number of ladies interested in the fancy and refreshment tables were pushing the sale of their numerous visitors with as much energy as if they were in the commission business. Great credit is due to Mrs. Madden and Miss O'Dowd, who had charge of the postoffice, the correspondence being both witty and interesting, and to Miss Tapsfield and Messrs. Egan of Hamilton, and Beauchamp of Montreal, who displayed their vocal talent greatly to the satisfaction and enjoyment of the audience, and to Miss Annie Mitchell, who acted as accompanist. The Irish Catholic benevolent union and Massie manufacturing company's bands delighted the audience with their many and choice selections.

Mistaken for the Governor.

Ald. Baxter accompanied the gubernatorial party to Guelph Wednesday. There was a big crowd at the station to greet the visitors, and it was with difficulty the latter made their way to the carriages awaiting them. The lieutenant governor and his ladies got off in the first carriage before many of the spectators had a chance of seeing them. When the portly form of Ald. Baxter loomed up in the second carriage, alongside of Capt. Geddes, the governor's aide, in full regimentals, the crowd felt sure that he was the governor, and in an instant the worthy representative of St. Patrick's ward found himself the cynosure of all eyes, and cheers rent the air and hats were doffed as the carriage rolled away, Ald. Baxter bowing and smiling at his best. An honest granger who is an enthusiastic admirer of fat stock was heard to remark that he "was a darn'd solid man to have for guv'ner."

The Executive Committee.

There was a bare quorum at the executive yesterday, viz: Ald. Clarke (chairman) Ryan, Davies, Blevins and Denison. It was decided to ask the council for the appropriation of $3000 out of the roadways fund wherewith to repair the retaining wall at the Yonge street ravine, near Cottingham street. The city solicitor recommended that $300 be tendered to Robert Bond in full of his claim for damages to one of his hacks owing to the defective roadway at King and Sherbourne streets.

"DONE UP" FOR DIAMONDS

HOW A HOTEL CLERK SWINDLED THREE TORONTO JEWELERS.

The Sharp Game of Wm. P. Sawyer—He Skips Out with $1200 Worth of Diamonds—A Bogus Draft and Worthless Money Package.

Wm. P. Sawyer, the young man with the terra cotta hair and moustache who for the past six months was to be seen behind the desk at the Rossin house performing the duties of clerk, handed in his resignation to Chief Clerk Nolan Wednesday morning without previous notice. Mr. Nolan was taken somewhat by surprise but said nothing. He examined Sawyer's accounts and found them correct. Sawyer said his reason for leaving was that he wished to return to the boot and shoe business with Mr. Brown in Queen street west. The proprietor of the hotel subsequently had a talk with the young man and told him there was something on his mind. "Whatever it is," said Mr. Irish, "I would advise you to get rid of it, as it is nothing good." As will be seen by the sequel, Mr. Irish's words proved to be prophetic. Nothing further passed then and Sawyer was paid off. About noon an express package from Chicago marked $500 arrived at the hotel for Sawyer. It was placed in the safe, pending the ex-clerk's return. He came back between 1 and 2 and on being informed of the arrival of the package requested that it be allowed to remain in the safe, as he did not wish to use the money just then, all of which turned out to be part of the game that Sawyer thereupon set out to play.

The nice young man did a rushing and most successful swindling business in the next two hours. From Ellis & Son, jewelers, he bought two sets of diamond eardrops for $650, tendering in payment a check on the Home Savings & Loan Co., Church street. Mr. Ellis knew his purchaser and accepted the check, which was made payable on the 28th. Sawyer bore off his diamonds in triumph. He next presented himself at C. & J. Allen's establishment, where, through the same device, he obtained precious gems to the value of $500. Woltz Bros. were his next victims. He wanted to purchase largely from them with a check, but they refused to accept it, although they let him have a $125 ring on the promise of his paying them the next day. Mr. Sawyer now thought that he had all the diamonds he wanted and went into the bogus draft business, obtaining an advance of $187 on one from Gzowski & Buchan. The draft was drawn on a Chicago firm. This ended Mr. Sawyer's operations and he immediately made himself scarce.

Between three and four o'clock Mr. Ellis enquired for Sawyer at the Rossin house and was informed that he was no longer connected with that hostelry. In reply to Mr. Irish, the jeweler said Sawyer owed him a small amount. Had Mr. Ellis stated the real nature of Sawyer's transaction with him, Mr. Irish thinks there would have been time to have headed the swindler off. But Mr. Ellis did not do so then, but proceeded to the Home Savings company's office where he learned to his dismay that Sawyer had no account at all. In the meantime Mr. Irish's suspicions were aroused and he took the liberty in presence of witnesses to open the $500 package, when he and behold he found not a pile of crisp greenbacks but blank tissue paper. It was at once apparent that Sawyer was working some scheme, but the Rossin house folks could not then fathom it, as they had not heard of his afternoon's exploits. Later on when Mr. Ellis, Mr. Allen and the other victims came to the hotel and told all, Sawyer's game was seen through. In the first place he must have had arranged with a confederate in Chicago to send on the $500 package so as to arrive Wednesday, which would give him an opportunity to work the town that day. His object in allowing the valuable (?) package to remain in the safe was to allay suspicion, in the event of enquiry at the hotel as to his financial standing. The draft, too, is supposed to be part of the confederate's work. The scheme was well laid and it was successfully operated, Sawyer being ahead $1275 worth of diamonds and $187 in cash. The case was of course reported to the police but there is not much chance of catching the swindler, as he is doubtless by this time across the border, slyly laughing in his sleeve.

News from Algoma.

A letter from a Toronto conservative, who is up in Algoma working for Plummer, says "the chances" for his party "are all up, as the Grits fixed the place four months ago." To-day's election will settle that.

THE DARN THING WON'T LIGHT.

Petley has a wild Irishman as porter. Last night he went to the door and saw all the other electric lights down the street burning and the one at the Griffin dark. He said nothing, but went in and got a ladder, placed it under the lamp, climbed up, struck a match, and held it under the carbon. Not meeting with any success he rolled up a newspaper and, lighting it, held it under the globe. The paper burned out, but not the carbon. The philosophy of the situation he summed up in these words:

The darn thing won't light.

TREVY'S SQUIB.

The town seemed to be so greatly tickled over Mr. Trevalyan Ridout's letter in the Mail and the verses on it in these columns yesterday morning that we now give the distinguished barrister's "squib" which was the occasion of both letter and verses.

Ye Ghastly Gorge.

Lord Coleridge is a "Blawsted" Fool,
He truckles to the Yankee,
We ask him to a Splendid Spread,
And never get a "Thankee."

I trust they'll stuff him with hot rolls
And make him very ill,
So when to England he returns,
He'll have to take a Pill.

This is the reason why I squeal
And feel inclined to "holler,"
For that ill-starred uneaten meal
I've had to pay—a Dollar.

Oh Cricky!!
The Pity of it!!.. The Pity of it!!!

TREVY.

LOOK OUT FOR FROSTS.

TORONTO, Sept. 28, 1 a.m.—*Lakes, moderate to fresh, west to north winds, fair, decidedly cooler weather, probably sharp frosts at night.*

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Steamship.	Reported at	from
Sept. 27—Belgravia	New York	Liverpool.
Sept. 27—Lucania	London	New York.
Sept. 27—Bolivia	London	New York.
Sept. 27—Austrian	Boston	Glasgow.
Sept. 27—Waesland	London	New York.
Sept. 27—Amerique	London	New York.
Sept. 27—France	London	New York.
Sept. 27—Abyssinia	London	New York.
Sept. 27—England	London	New York.