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WIND, SLEET AND SNOW.

ONE OF THE WILDEST APRIL STORMS ON RECORD.

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Damage at the Island—Hanlan's Point Nearly Washed Away—Casualties in the City—Railway Trains Delayed.

"Spring," sang the poet, "budding spring,"
Alas! the boughs are bare;
He was himself the one green thing,
For ice lay everywhere.

"Hail, spring, with breezes soft and sweet,"
The spring returned his hail;
There came a shower of snow and sleet
Upon a wintry gale.

"Sing, merry birds, in bush and tree,"
He read the almanac;
The birds were wiser far than he,
And did not hurry back.

"Spring, gentle"—here he ceased to sing,
Let the sad truth be told;
The while he sang of balmy spring
He caught an awful cold.

—*Century for April.*

That was about the size of it. The Century is correct.

Edward Hanlan, Simon Hamburger and The World stood on the extreme end of Tinning's wharf yesterday morning and watched great mountains of water dash madly over the sands of the point bearing the ex-champion's name, and flood the balconies and doorways of his island hotel. Few people up town had any idea that the worst storm known for many years was raging around the island and along the city's front. Hanlan gazed abstractedly across the bay and remarked laconically that he would be lucky if his hotel was worth four dollars after the storm got through with it.

Out in the bay were floating piles of driftwood, logs, old boats and even roofs of houses. They were supposed to have come from the island. A strong northeast wind was blowing straight up over Lake Ontario. A combination of snow, sleet and rain helped the vigorous wind to make about as disagreeable a day as was ever known in Toronto, and for miles to the west of the city.

The storm continued to rage all day, and it was not until last midnight that the wind was under control. Every spring those who have cottages or other habitable places on the island naturally feel great concern for their safety. When they go over this time they will find a picture of desolation and destruction probably never before seen on the island, certainly not since it became a popular summer resort. The damages to the cottages, sidewalks and the breakwater will amount to thousands of dollars. Captain Parkinson and his crew made two trips over on the Ada Alice and attempted to land at Hanlan's wharf, but were unsuccessful. They were compelled to put into Block House bay for shelter. They returned to the city at 5 o'clock in the evening. They report the destruction as wholesale. Nearly the whole of Hanlan's point was under water or washed away entirely. All along the west end of the island the cottages were flooded. The Royal Canadian Yacht club's house was almost submerged. Owing to the heavy snow storm that prevailed the crew were unable to estimate the extent of the damage, but it will be very extensive.

Mr. Hanlan, who is pretty good authority on the subject, said he had never seen the water so high for fifteen years. It was almost flush with the top of Tinning's wharf. Along the city's front, from the Humber to Ashbridge's bay, the wind executed considerable damage, but not near the extent that it did on the island side. Nearly all of the floating platforms in front of the boathouses were either sunk or wrecked. The breakwater running out from Gooderham & Worts' distillery was almost turned upside down. A long stretch of shore in the vicinity of Ashbridge's bay was washed away. The commissioners of property for the county of York went out to the Lake Shore road. The road, from the tollgate near Scholes' hotel to the Humber, was bad enough before; now it is ten times worse. It is strewn with all kinds of debris, and large portions of it are washed away. It will take a considerable sum to put the road in repair.

Harry Hodgson's floating boat house at the foot of Brock street, which was sunk last week and raised on Monday, had a hard fight to keep its head above water, which it only managed to do by the aid of four men. Opposite the west end of Union station large slices of the bank were cut away by the fury of the waves. It looked at one time as if the southern tracks on the Esplanade, from Hodgson's boathouse to the Crosby Hall hotel, would be washed away. The storm reached its height about 1 o'clock, when the velocity of the wind was about fifty miles an hour. From that hour until midnight the wind gradually subsided. At midnight it was quite cold, with every indication of a freeze up.

In the city the damage done, while not very extensive as regards value, was in some cases peculiar. The first accident reported was of a painful nature. At 9 o'clock, while John Breen, one of Burns' coal carters, was driving past the Manning arcade, a temporary window was blown out of the top story of the building. It struck Breen and knocked him off the cart, one of the wheels of which passed over his left leg, breaking it. Breen was removed to his home, 112 Centre street. Half an hour later a terrible gust of wind blew the upper portion of a frame building at No. 24 Queen street clean into the middle of the street, the mass of falling material carrying the fire alarm wires down with it. A long expanse of the fence around the House of Providence was blown down. Any number of signs were unhinged in different parts of the city, and many minor accidents occurred.

At 9 o'clock two houses on Howard street collapsed while the builders were at work, and one man was severely hurt. The houses were being built by Mr. Warwick for Mr. McArthur, and the frames had been completed and boarded up ready for the brick work. There were twelve men at work when, without a moment's notice, the two houses collapsed, burying most of the men in the debris. Beams and scantlings and planks were quickly dragged aside, and when the men escaped it was found that only one had been injured, a son of Mr. Warwick having received a gash in the back part of the leg below the knee. The damage will amount to about $800.

The effect of the storm on the street car service and the poor horses was distressing. As the day drew to a close the streets became almost impassable. The snow stuck to one's shoes like lumps of glue, making your feet feel like if you were carrying toe-weights. King street very much resembled a country road in Muskoka. The block-ages on the street railway were frequent. At times as many as twelve cars would be stuck in a line. At 6 o'clock it began to look as if traffic on Yonge street and other lines running north would have to be suspended. At this hour three or four of the heaviest laden cars at the day came up the Yonge street line. They are usually monopolized by business and professional men. Two heavily laden cars left the corner of King about the same time. Neither of them reached Queen street. The snow proved too much for the poor brutes. The big cars had to be abandoned and small ones put on the route. By this change a fair service was kept up till midnight. On all the lines the small cars were used and each had two horses attached to them. Many north end residents, who were never known to walk home before in the evening, were to be seen laboriously trudging up Yonge, Church and Sherbourne streets.

Of course the storm also seriously affected the movement of railway trains. The Grand Trunk express from the west, due at 7.10 last evening, was reported seven hours late at midnight, and it was expected she would be cancelled altogether. The Grand Trunk express from the east, due at 10.40 p.m., did not arrive until early this morning. The Midland train, due at 9.20, pulled into Union Station at 11.25. She looked as if she had gone through a pretty tough siege in reaching the city. The trains on the Canadian Pacific were pretty well on time.

Reports from the west indicate that the storm was very much more severe in that locality than to the east of us. At Guelph the roof of Bell's organ factory was blown off. Mr. James Fluke of this city received word that the south end of a building owned by him in Cartwright, Ont., had been blown off. In Brantford, Hamilton, London, Chatham, Galt, Strathroy, Port Huron, Detroit, etc., the storm was very severe, and the damage considerable.

The telegraph wires were blown down in many parts of the province, and The World is only supplied with a meagre share of electric news this morning.

Arrangements are being made, should the weather permit, for a trip to the Island today by those who own property over there. There is every reason to believe that the cottagers will sigh when they see the bill-of-fare.

The "Atradome" matches all their handsome selections in Dress Materials with Buttons, Trimmings, Ornaments, Laces, etc., imported for the purpose.

A PROSPEROUS ORGANIZATION.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the I. P. B. S.—The New Officers.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Irish Protestant Benevolent society was held last night in the society's room in the Yonge street arcade. The president, Mr. C. W. Bunting, was in the chair. Among those present were Wm. Hamilton, B. Chapman, W. J. McMaster, S. B. Windrum, W. Maclean, John Baillie, Jas. Aikens, H. English, Dr. Elliott, Alex. Patterson, jr., T. R. Clougher and W. Price. Several new members were elected. The annual report stated that 167 cases had been relieved, at an expenditure of $400 for fuel, lodgings, etc. The receipts were $1157. The balance on hand is $448. The membership is now about 350. Sixty names were added during the year. Reference was made to the deaths during the year of four old members—John Ball, Frederick Fenton, John Burns and Robert Baldwin. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William Wilson; vice-presidents, Dr. George Wright and Thos. Houston; treasurer, S. B. Windrum; secretary and chairman of charitable committee, John Baille; corresponding secretary, Alex. Patterson, jr.; council—Ald. McMillan, John Downey, T. A. Lythe, H. English, W. G. Falconbridge, Matthews, B. Chapman, J. Charters, A. T. McCord, H. O'Hara, J. L. Hughes, James Aikens, Wm. Hamilton, T. A. Clougher, Wm. McGill, W. Maclean and John Vickers; auditors, Charles Phillips and Fred. Kennedy.

Mr. Bunting was presented with a past president's jewel, and Messrs. McMaster, Clougher and Baille complimented him on the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the position.

NO HOME RULE FOR HIM.

W. E. Foster's Last Dying Words—Eloquent Tributes in Parliament.

LONDON, April 6.—The last words uttered by William E. Forster were: "No home rule."

Mr. Gladstone paid a glowing tribute to the late W. E. Forster in the commons this evening. He said Forster was a man worthy to be remembered, both on account of his public acts and personal character. He had earned a high place as a legislator. He was a man of unflinching courage. Though a man of peace, he was profoundly attached to the welfare and greatness of his country, and acutely sensible to whatever retained to its honor.

When Mr. Gladstone had finished Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said: "After the eloquent eulogy just delivered I can only add that the conservatives cordially sympathize in the tribute that has been paid to Mr. Forster's memory. The nation has lost a man of high courage, great ability and of sincere devotion to his country."

THE ROCK AHEAD.

Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Scheme Talked Over in Council.

LONDON, April 6.—Mr. Gladstone's home rule scheme was submitted to the cabinet to-day.

The conservatives are making strenuous efforts to form a coalition with the whigs against Mr. Gladstone. Lord Salisbury had a conference with the other conservative leaders yesterday, but no decision was reached relative to the course to be pursued on Irish measures.

The Government is Doomed.

LONDON, April 6.—It was stated in the lobby of the house of commons this evening that Messrs. Mundella and Childers had resigned their seats in the cabinet. It is expected that Messrs. Fowler, Heneage and Broadhurst will secede from the government on Thursday. The consensus of opinion is that the present government is doomed.

Socialists in Captivity.

PARIS, April 6.—Mm. Roche and D'Ucqueroy, who were arrested at Decazeville and taken to prison at Vellefranche, were brought before the magistrate to-day. They refused to answer the questions of the court and simply protested against their arrest.

LONDON, April 6.—Burns, Hyndman, Champion and Williams, charged with inciting riots, were placed on trial to-day.

The Knights of Labor.

NEW YORK, April 6.—A special from St. Louis says it has been decided by the head Knights of Labor that upon the result of the great railroad strike in the southwest depends the welfare of the order. Members of the general executive recognize the fact that the integrity of the order is menaced by the mistake of Chairman Irons.

Labor organizations at Chicago propose to raise $10,000 to help the strikers on the Gould roads.

The New U. S. Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 6.—The Ways and Means committee have practically concluded work on the tariff bill, and will report it to the house Thursday. The clause relating to Canadian fish was held in abeyance until to-morrow.

To the World's Laborers.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 6.—The striking employes of the Gould lines issued an address to the laboring men of the world to-day detailing the injustice to which they had been subjected. The address is directed personally against Gould.

For stylish, first-class, good fitting clothing, go direct to Petleys'. 135

INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

DR. ORTON'S EXTRAORDINARILY BOLD THREAT.

Grits Warned to Beware—Pressing Government Business—The Abolition of Tolls—Toronto's Board of Trade.

OTTAWA, April 6.—Government business had preference in the house to-day.

The Third Day of the Week.

OTTAWA, April 6.—There was a short discussion on Sir Hector Langevin's motion that government business shall have precedence Thursdays during the remainder of the session. Mr. Mitchell considered it unfair, while Simcoe Cook suggested that the house should sit Saturdays, for the benefit of private members. Mr. Blake thought it was too early in the session to appropriate the third day in the week, and asked the acting leader to give him another Thursday at least, and that questions by members have first place that day. Mr. Davies put in a word on behalf of the maritime members for Saturday sittings. Sir Hector acquiesced in the opposition leader's request.

Before the orders of the day were called Dr. Orton drew attention to the following editorial paragraph in the Toronto grit organ April 2nd: "Orton was almost as conspicuous as Capt. Scott Tuesday, and in the same way, this is a case in which a pair is better than three of a kind, and three of a kind better than a full four." The Globe meant that the member for Wellington was intoxicated. This he characterized as a wanton slander. "We have enough," he said, "to suffer in public life without being the subject of remarks painful to our families and friends. If these uncalled-for attacks on members do not cease they will have to take the law into their own hands." [Hear, hear.]

Mr. Edgar reminded the government that the return ordered a month ago asking for a report of the inspector's investigation into the affairs of the Pickering postoffice was not yet forthcoming. Sir Hector Langevin took a note of it.

The government orders were then proceeded with. Mr. Thompson's act to accept the statutes as revised and classified by the commission as originals thereof was read a second time.

Mr. Pope's bill respecting the railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo in British Columbia authorizes the adoption of curves of the radius of not less than 573, to avoid certain unusually heavy work, instead of the specified 800 feet. It was advanced a stage.

Measures to abolish tolls on the suspension bridge between Ottawa and Hull, and on the Burlington canal at Hamilton, were put through committee.

Messrs. Gault and Curran hoped the government would continue their good work.

Mr. Blake challenged the former to bring in an amendment to this effect, but the member for Montreal West only smiled.

Sir Hector Langevin intimated that the tolls on the Burlington canal varied from $1790 to $4000. The gross revenue in the last five years was $11,791.

The bill from the senate extending the time for official acknowledgment of deposits in the post office savings banks in Manitoba and British Columbia received a second reading. The time is enlarged from 10 to 18 days.

The senate sent down a bill increasing the borrowing powers of the Toronto board of trade from $250,000 to $500,000. On motion of Mr. Small it was read a first time.

At 5.30 the house went into committee of supply. After recess the committee was resumed until after midnight, when the house adjourned.

The Ladies Called a Nuisance.

OTTAWA, April 6.—Mr. Mulock presented petitions from the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' association and the Agricultural and Arts association in favor of his bill to amend the animal contagious diseases act.

A deputation to-day asked Sir Hector Langevin for a subsidy of $10,000 to improve the Midland harbor. The minister promised to consider.

There were alarming reports to-day concerning Sir John's health, but it is stated good authority that he is improving, and the presence of Lady Macdonald in the gallery to-night is regarded as assuring.

Senators at one time prided themselves on their gallantry, but latterly they have become veritable lady-haters. They complain that their gallery in the commons is overrun by the fair creatures and at secret session decided to take steps to abate "the nuisance."

The annual spring sale of elegant carpets. All the newest designs and latest novelties now in stock at Petleys'. 135

ALD. MACDONALD AND THE BOARD

The Committee Express Disapproval of the St. Matthew's Ward Representative.

Ald. Jones, at the Board of Works meeting yesterday, had occasion to say that he thought it was high time that Ald. Macdonald should be substituted for himself on the board. What gave rise to the remark was a recommendation in the engineer's report to the effect that Broadview avenue, from Gerrard street to Wilson street, be widened to eighty feet as a local improvement. Ald. Jones asked the city engineer where he had got the idea that such a contingency was desirable. The people certainly did not want it. Mr. Sproatt replied that Ald. Macdonald had pressed the matter. Ald. Jones then made the remark referred to, and his opinion was concurred in by the committee, individual members expressing themselves in strong terms against the practice of any alderman interfering with his colleague's affairs on any committee.

Earlier in the day Ald. Macdonald appeared before the committee to ask permission to open up an eighty-foot street, to be called Withrow avenue, running east from Broadview avenue and 350 feet north of Smith street. Thirty feet of the street he proposed should be taken from a piece of land owned by himself, and without frontage. The other fifty feet were to be taken from land belonging to C. J. Smith, the coal and wood man. Mr. Macdonald wanted the street opened for personal and public benefit. Mr. Smith objected to the scheme strongly. He could, he said, run a sixty-six foot street through his own land, and thereby obtain a double frontage. If Ald. Macdonald's scheme were carried into effect Mr. Smith's lots would be 200 feet deep, and the only other way to obtain a double frontage would be to purchase on the north of his property land belonging to Ald. Macdonald. The committee decided that they could not sanction anything whereby Mr. Smith's interests should be so materially injured.

He Stole the Cash Box.

MONTREAL, April 6.—An ex-inmate of the Boys' Home, named Edwards has been arrested for stealing a cash box from Alfred Evans, jeweler, Notre Dame street. He got the cash, amounting to $83, out of the box, but left therein $380 worth of diamonds.

THE WIRES DOWN.

Yesterday's storm had its effect on the telegraph wires. With Eastern Canada communication was fairly good, but with Buffalo and the west little or no correspondence was to be had. As a consequence The World this morning is almost without its usual condensation of European and United States news.

REV. DR. KELLOGG.

Preparing For His Induction as Pastor of St. James' Square Church.

The Toronto Presbytery met yesterday in the lecture room of Knox church. The moderator, Rev. H. M. Parsons, presided. Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. Dr. Kellogg to the pastorate of St. James' square church on May 20 at 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. M. Parsons will preside, Rev. John Neil will address Dr. Kellogg and Rev. Dr. Maclaren the congregation. Rev. Herbert C. Ross, of the Canada Methodist church, applied for admission into the Presbyterian body. The presbytery decided to ask the general assembly to receive Mr. Ross as a minister. Rev. John Mutch reported that he had moderated in a call for Knox church, Scarboro, in favor of Rev. J. Ross of Brussels in the Presbytery of Maitland. The call was sustained, and ordered to be sent to the Presbytery of Maitland. Rev. R. P. Mackay to represent Toronto Presbytery. The committee on church extension in the northwest sections of the city reported favorable to the establishment of a Sunday school at Bloor and Huron streets. A resolution was passed instructing the clerk to write to the sessions of Central, College, Charles and Erskine churches enquiring whether they had any objections to Sabbath evening services being held there when the building was erected. A letter was read from Rev. A. B. Dobson of Ballinafad resigning his charge. Knox college graduating class were then examined as to their qualifications for the Christian ministry, and the Presbytery agreed to apply for leave to take them on public trial for license. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held May 4 at Galt, at the same time and place as the Synod meeting.

The Royal Block at Shelburne Burned.

SHELBURNE, Ont., April 6.—The Royal block, owned by Mr. Jelly, has been destroyed by fire. Loss $15,000, insured for $5000 in the Waterloo Mutual. Jessop & Hogg, dry goods and groceries, loss $7500, insured for $2000; Joy & Mason, loss $20,000, insured for $2000 in the City of London, Glasgow $1000, Royal $1000, Caledonian $1000; L. F. Belfry, drug and book store, loss $2000, insured for $1000; Geo. Gillespie, photographer, loss $3000, insured in the Northern for $1500; R. W. Tuck, Royal hotel, loss $4000, insured in the Northern for $2000.

The "Atradome" has the largest stock in the city of Black Silks and Satins, imported exclusively for their opening. To establish their reputation for these goods they are offering them at manufacturers' prices.

Raids in St. John's Ward.

Agnes street police station had a "full house" last night. There were thirteen men and six women in the cells. Sergt. Munro and four policemen raided a disorderly house kept by Frank Ross at 90 Elizabeth street, and at 9.30 captured therein: Frank Ross, John Ballun, Felix Naplon, Frank Palmer, John Marine, Charles Addison, Martin Barrett, Annie Macdonald, Maggie Smith and Annie Henderson. After these had been safely landed in the station, the policeman returned to a cottage in rear of the same place and secured Josephine Patterson, Elizabeth Williams and Elizabeth Robinson. Most of the men are Italians and the women are of the most degraded stamp.

At 12 o'clock another raid was made. The police visited 92 Elizabeth street and arrested Elizabeth Wilson, Eliza Robinson, John Cash and Levi Barton, all colored.

An Artistic Show Room and Office.

Messrs. Elliott & Son, the well known painters and glass-stainers at 94 and 96 Bay street, are making interior decoration a prominent feature in their business. They have recently added a wall paper department, and are now in a position to undertake all kinds of church and house embellishment. The Rossin house and other large establishments have been fitted up by them. The show room is being arranged so as to show to great advantage the different varieties of interior decoration. The walls are covered with designs in French and American papers, ranging in price from 20 cents up. The ceiling is a perfect picture, being divided into squares showing a number of graceful designs. An imitation mahogany screen contains all the latest improvements in stained glass for church and other purposes. This show room will be a great convenience to patrons, who will be able to tell at once what they would like. The firm say that if the work is entrusted to them they can entirely modernize old-fashioned houses by their system of decoration.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

A building boom has struck Ottawa.

The Knights of Labor are 700 strong in Ottawa.

New Edinburgh is considering the advisability of being annexed to Ottawa.

St. Thomas has had a cooking main. A considerable sum of money changed hands on the result.

The Bank of British Columbia has just completed a palatial building as its headquarters in Victoria.

James Moore, a lad 12 years of age, was drowned in the canal near Point St. Charles on Saturday last.

Minor & Palmer of St. Thomas have lost their Clydesdale stallion Better Times. He was valued at $4000.

It is estimated that the mills on the Georgian Bay will manufacture during the coming season 203,500,000 feet of lumber.

Earlier in the day the river still continues to rise, and more of the streets of New Edinburgh are submerged than during any previous flood.

From present indications it is expected that navigation between the mainland and Prince Edward island will be opened in a few days.

Work has been resumed on St. Peter's cathedral, Montreal. It is expected that the main tower will be completed during the summer.

Banff, on the C. P. R., promises to be a lively place by and by. Its hot springs are declared to be equal to anything in that line on this continent.

The rector of St. Paul's, Kingston, has been giving the denizens of the Limestone city his ideas about gambling in remarkably plain language.

Emerson, Man., has become the home of John Doyle, a drummer from St. Paul, Minn., who forgot to hand in $2000 (the proceeds of his last trip) to his employers.

Two years ago Peterborough had twenty sawbones. To-day she has only eleven. The Review is jubilant over this hopeful state of things, and predicts a marked decrease in the death rate of the city.

It is proposed to exhibit Poundmaker and several other of the Northwest Indians lately released from prison, in Great Britain. Mr. Mack Howse, who has the scheme in hand, thinks "there's millions in it."

Hammill and Ball, photographers, Peterborough, had a preliminary trial there on Monday on a charge of counterfeiting. Ball, the junior partner, gave very damaging evidence against Hammill, who has been committed for trial. Ball has been taken back to Orillia.

Men's tweed pants at $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3.50 and up at Petleys'. 135

CRIMINALS IN LAMBTON.

A GANG OF CROOKS WHO HAVE BEEN A TERROR TO THE COUNTY.

Arson and Burglary at Watford—Arrest of Three of the Gang—"Dusty" Matthews and His Pals Sent to the Sarnia Jail.

For a number of weeks past the farmers of the county of Lambton have been the victims of gross outrages. Barns have been burned and daring robberies committed. The height of the outrages was reached when early on the morning of March 21 the jewelry and fancy goods store of W. P. McLaren, in the village of Watford, was discovered to be on fire. By heroic work, the village brigade, aided by the citizens, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. It was then found that the place had been robbed and fired.

The police of the county had been unable to locate the guilty parties, and Government Detective Joe Rogers was despatched from this city to assist them. When the detective arrived in Watford he found the village swarming with well-known crooks, both native and foreign. One of the worst of the gang was Ernest Roberts, against whom a warrant for horse stealing was in existence. On the strength of this warrant Roberts and one of his pals named Pete Sperraway were arrested by a county constable, who had been previously instructed how to act by Detective Rogers. Roberts pulled a revolver on the officer, but he did not have the courage to use it, and he was safely locked up. On being searched a large portion of the stolen jewelry, pipes, etc., were found on the prisoners, and subsequently other goods were found in the mattrass of their beds.

On Monday Detective Rogers returned to Watford, and while walking along the street he noticed a boxing-master known as "Dusty" Matthews smoking a valuable meerschaum pipe. "Dusty" is a well-known crook and fakir, who hangs out in the western part of the province. The detective took "Dusty" into custody and searched his boxing academy, where a large amount of the stolen goods were unearthed.

The officers had the three men arraigned before a bench of magistrates and they were fully committed on charges of arson and burglary. The evidence against them is overwhelming and there is every reason to believe that they will spend a few years at Kingston. The residents of Watford and vicinity are elated over the capture of the three men, and they expect it will have the effect of clearing the rest of the gang out of the county. "Dusty" and his friends are now safely locked up in the Sarnia jail.

The "Atradome" (71 and 73 King street east) shows opening bargains in great assortments that must establish their reputation for excelling in their specialties. Don't miss seeing them early as many can't be repeated.

A SUMMER EXHIBITION.

Mr. Irish's Scheme Laid Before the Industrial Board Last Night.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Industrial Exhibition association was held last night, when President Withrow, Messrs. Elliott, Hamilton, Saunders, Vain and Manager Hill were present. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a scheme proposed by Mr. Mark H. Irish, and adopted by the Board of Trade, for opening an industrial and arts exhibition in June and keeping it open until the regular fair of the association began in September.

Mr. Irish's object was to have, in addition to exhibits of machinery, arts, textile fabrics, etc., musical concerts, light operas and other amusements daily in the main building, and he hoped by such an attraction to draw a large number of visitors to Toronto from the United States. As chairman of a sub-committee of Mr. Irish's committee, Mr. W. D. Matthews, jr., addressed the board in favor of the scheme.

The proposal met with very little sympathy, and the opinion was expressed that no matter how sanguine Mr. Irish might be of its success, nothing could be done in that direction this year. The matter was relegated to the attractions committee for a report.

The board then transacted some general business. At his own request, Mr. Fred. Nicholls of the Canadian Manufacturer was appointed a honorary commissioner to the maritime provinces to induce manufacturers in those localities to make an exhibit at our next fair. The board expressed itself as willing, if sufficient exhibitors are forthcoming, to erect a special court in the main building for the maritime men. Heretofore these gentlemen have always looked upon the Montreal exhibition as the greatest of all Canadian fairs, although it is well known that it can't begin to approach the Toronto industrial.

President Withrow repeated his fond desire of some day having the dominion exhibition associated with the industrial, when he prophesied an exhibition the equal of which has never been seen in Canada. The agricultural department at Ottawa, which controls the dominion grant of $10,000, has stubbornly refused to recognize the claims of Toronto to a participation in the same. Every effort has been made by the industrial board to secure the grant for one year at least. Manager Hill reported that applications for space were already coming in. The greatest exhibit of stoves ever seen in Toronto is expected at the next fair. He also reported that the various committees were actively at work revising their prize lists. President Withrow reported that he had been waited upon by many intending exhibitors (principally manufacturers) with a request that money prizes be abolished. This question has given the board a great deal of concern, as the awarding of prizes in certain classes of exhibits has been followed by wholesale dissatisfaction among exhibitors. Many of them are content to let the public judge of the relative merits of the articles on exhibition. No definite action was taken in the matter.

On the application of Mr. F. Nicholls the board promised to erect a suitable building for the accommodation of the press. It will probably be called "Newspaper Row."

There seems little prospect of the grounds or the horse ring being enlarged this year.

Blaze at Cobourg.

COBOURG, April 6.—While a severe hail and thunderstorm was raging this forenoon, between 9 and 10 o'clock, a fire occurred at the residence of Mr. D. Hand on Water street. The dwelling was destroyed, but the furniture and contents and the barn were saved by the fire companies. The damage is covered by insurance. The surrounding houses were in great danger, but through the energies of the firemen a large fire was prevented.

A Testimonial to Col. Otter.

An address and testimonial will be presented to Col. Otter at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the city council chamber. Gov. Robinson and Mayor Howland will be present.

Everything new at Bonner's. New Scarfs from 25c. up; new Shirts, linen fronts, for 75c.; new Socks, merino, 25 cents—5 pairs for $1.00. Bonner's, 157 Yonge St., cor. Richmond. 135

BLOCK-PAVING CHURCH STREET.

A Prospect of the Work Being Completed the Coming Summer.

The most important matter under discussion at the Board of Works meeting yesterday was the Church street block paving question. The engineer, in his report, withdrew his former recommendation to have the work done in one piece, and recommended that the street be divided into two sections, the first from King to Gerrard and the second from Gerrard to Bloor, as a local improvement, and on the initiative principle. The approximate cost of the first section was $19,000; $12,000 to be paid by the Street Railway company, $2300 by the city and $4600 to be assessed on the properties opposite the pavement. The cost of the second section would be $62,900, made up by $26,780 from the Railway company, $22,500 from the city and $13,370 from the ratepayers.

Ald. Baxter raised his time-honored objection to the local improvement system, and said that the cost of the work would be more than the interested ratepayers could bear. Ald. Steiner said that he had been unable to get his constituents into a state of one-mindedness on the matter. He expected, however, to get petitions sufficiently signed to have the work gone on with at once on the initiative. The recommendation passed.

There were present at the meeting: Chairman Carlyle, Ald. Baxter, Jones, Allen, Verral, Hastings, Steiner, Hunter and Hall. On motion of Ald. Allen it was decided that all carters, with cart and horse, under the control of the board, should be paid not less than $2.50 per day. In accordance with a recommendation from the city commission it was decided to recommend the council to repeal the bylaw permitting the presence of sign boards. On motion of Ald. Baxter a sub-committee was appointed to see after getting the city a proper lumber yard. The commissioner called the board's attention to the fact that the macadam on several principal streets, Esplanade and Bathurst for example, was fast wearing out and recommended the enactment of a bylaw to regulate street numbering. These matters were referred to the engineer. The chairman announced that a sub-committee would shortly confer with the heads of departments to see what could be done towards commencing work earlier in the year, as, in spite of the long season, a good deal of work had to be laid over yearly on account of tardiness in commencing.

The engineer reported in favor of several block pavements, chief among which were those on Parliament street from Gerrard to Wellesley, and on Winchester from Parliament to Sumach. Several sewers were recommended, as also was the construction of two culverts to cross the Kingston road at Leslie street and Pope avenue. The recommendations were concurred in.

Montreal Carriage Works Destroyed.

MONTREAL, April 6.—The Montreal carriage works, Ontario street, took fire this morning and were badly gutted. Fifty sleighs, which had been newly finished, were destroyed and one horse burned to death. The damage to the stock is $25,000, insured for $2000 in Citizens, Royal and North British. The building, a four-story one, was owned by Mr. Lamarche; it was damaged to the extent of $5000 and is only insured for $1000.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Plenty of Attractions in the City—An Enjoyment Night for Sight-Seers.

A large number of amusements were announced for last night in different parts of the city. While none of them were postponed, yet naturally, the inclement weather ordained that the home fireside was preferable to a jaunt to a theatre or a concert, be it ever so attractive. The city streets never looked more desolate than they did last night. They will probably look worse this evening.

Miss Adelaide Moore and her company affected to play Romeo and Juliet at the Grand opera house last night. The audience was a fair one in size. It was really painful to see how this beautiful play was mangled by the leading people of the company. This afternoon the Lady of Lyons will be presented, and this evening Miss Moore's engagement concludes with School for Scandal, when she will appear as Lady Teazle.

The Yonge Street Opera House.

The Pauline Markham company presented the Lady of Lyons at both performances in the Yonge street opera house yesterday to appreciative audiences. To-day they will give Le Astray.

The Caledonians Enjoying Themselves.

The Caledonian society held their quarterly reunion at Temperance hall last night. The hall was well filled. The entertainment took the shape of a concert. A choice musical program, in which Fred Warrington took a prominent part, was rendered under the direction of Prof. Bohner. Miss Ewing read Burns' A Man's a Man For a' That, in a manner that delighted her Scotch hearers. President Alex. Ross occupied the chair.

The Young Ladies of Whitby.

The concert at the Pavilion on Friday night by the musical department of the Ontario Ladies' college, Whitby, promises both to be good and well attended. The cantata, King Rene's Daughter, is the main item on the program. The verses of the piece have been printed in book form, the design on the front page, representing an interior view of the college, being the work of Miss Orr, a pupil of the school and daughter of Mr. Wm. Orr, of Toronto.

Entertainment at St. George's School House.

An entertainment was given last night in St. George's school house in aid of the Ontario depository for ladies' work. Mayor Howland was to have presided, but owing to unavoidable causes was unable to do so, and in his stead ex-Mayor W. B. McMurrich occupied the chair. The names of those who took part in the program were: Mr. E. A. Meredith, Mr. W. Blake, Mr. R. Moffat, Mrs. Irving Cameron and Miss Wright. The chairman thanked those who had so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, and regretted that others who were to have taken part had been unable to put in an appearance.

Modjeska at the Grand.

The opening play selected here for Modjeska is Adrienne Lecouvreur. In this city she has never yet played the part. The Boston Herald, of her recent appearance in it in that city, says: "A large audience was present at the Globe theatre last evening, and assisted in the triumph won by Mme. Modjeska in the role of Adrienne Lecouvreur, in Scribe and Legouve's play. It was in this character that Mme. Modjeska made her first appearance in this city eight years ago, and convinced even the most critical that she possessed dramatic powers of a high and rare order. Her knowledge of the English language at that time was slight, and her speech was burdened by an accent which made much that she spoke almost unintelligible, but the intelligence and fire of the true artist were plainly apparent in all she did, and the beauty of her by-play and the skill with which she managed the business of the piece proclaimed that she was an experienced actress trained in a good school. Her success was pronounced, and the predictions concerning her future were framed in words of pleasing promise. That she exceeded the most sanguine expectations of her warmest admirers has been frequently recorded of late years. In no other play in her repertoire does her art show such evidences of constant progression. In the loving and tender passages of the play, Mme. Modjeska has always excelled, and it cannot be said that she has improved in them, since she was ever in them well-nigh perfect; but she has made a decided gain in the more intensely dramatic and passionate sentences."

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"Oh, That Nasty Fellow!"

—So said a Carlton street young lady, on coming down town yesterday, in referring to the clerk of the weather. But she just then met her Tuesday young man, who wore one of Dineen's spring hats, and the frowns all vanished from her pretty face. Dineen, corner King and Yonge streets. x

THE POLITICAL HORIZON.

HOW MATTERS APPEAR IN THE PROVINCES AND AT OTTAWA.

A Dominion Election Expected in September—Conservative Gains Looked for in Ontario and Losses in Quebec—Mr. Blake's Position.

OTTAWA, April 6.—For information of readers of The World your correspondent will endeavor to give a correct view of the political situation of the country, without regard to the interests of the parties or of the politicians.

To begin with it is understood that the general elections will come off next September and not a day later. The conservative preparations are well forward, and the reformers are not very much behind them.

In Quebec Sir John Macdonald cannot expect to do better than make a tie of that province, and the probability is that he will be beaten by two or three. As for the local politicians in Quebec, it is certain that Mercier will be the next provincial premier. He may not succeed in turning out the government in this parliament, but he will be able to beat them on the next appeal to the people. He will not, however, do it as the head of the Parti Nationale, but as a liberal, though as a matter of fact he will have the bolters, the nationards, the Rielites and the rouges under his banners.

In regard to Ontario, the conservatives claim that they will sweep all doubtful constituencies in the west, while the liberals, by reason of the scattered French vote in the eastern counties, make the same claims for that portion of the province.

The conservatives of the maritime provinces are sure of carrying Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by large majorities. Prince Edward Island may be pretty evenly divided.

Mr. Blake's statement in his speech that his vote on the Riel question would not be attended by benefit to himself or his party is pretty generally accepted. He has made nothing out of it but rather lost. Perhaps he has other cards to play.

As to Sir John's health it may be stated that the severe cold which was the beginning of his confinement descended from his back into his legs, causing sciatica and some swelling. It may be that he will be about this session but if he is it will be but little. The idea is that he is through the worst of his illness and may pick up if the weather is in his favor.

Of course so severe an illness of a man so prominent in the country's affairs has caused a great deal of speculation as to his successor. All sorts of possible combinations have been spoken of, but they are not worthy of publication at present. One thing certain is that Mr. Thompson, the new Minister of Justice, is looked to as a man who could form a coalition with certain elements of the reform party.

Methodist Clergymen to Change Pulpits.

Arrangements have been made by the Methodist ministers of the city for an exchange of pulpits on the last Sunday evening in each month of the year, excepting June, July and August, months during which the conferences and summer holidays occur.

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JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Rev. Edward Wine of London, England, lectures to-night in Bond street Congregational church on Who We Are.

The young man Dale, who was asphyxiated at the Little York hotel on Friday morning, died at the hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday.