

## ABOUT MONEY

W. H. Gonne and Judge Houston Re-call the Days When Paper Money Unknown in Chatham

For over forty years Judge Houston has practiced law in Chatham, and during that time he has had many experiences which, while they were considered very ordinary, and quite a matter of course at the time, strike the people of this advanced age as being peculiar and laughable, and, at the same time, quite interesting. The Judge enjoys recalling his early days in Chatham and he always finds an attentive audience when he talks over his experiences of olden times.

"I was much interested in your story which appeared in The Planet about the first hundred dollars you ever earned," remarked W. H. Gonne as he met the Judge in Harrison Hall yesterday morning. "When you told about getting your cheque cashed in silver and lugging it all home with you, it reminded me of a similar experience I had in '63."

"At that time I was a contractor in Chatham and was engaged to make certain repairs to the Baptist Church," continued Mr. Gonne when he saw the Judge was interested. "When I got my cheque for \$300 of course I wanted it cashed. There were, as you said, no bills at that time, so I had to take silver. I got the three hundred in quarters, put it in a large bag and carried it home hanging over my shoulder. I had a large packing box in my house and I dumped the whole bag of quarters into it, and whenever I wanted any money all I had to do was to make a trip to the packing box."

The scribbles, who was standing near, was surprised to learn that there ever were so many quarters in circulation, and was just wondering where they could have all gone to, when Judge Houston, to whom the incident seemed quite commonplace, took up the thread of the conversation.

"When you speak of keeping money in a packing box," said he, "it brings back an experience which happened to me shortly after I started up in law."

"A certain farmer wished to purchase a firm from a man who was in Chatham then. The deal was made in my office. The papers were duly signed, and all that remained was for the farmer to deliver the money. One day I was sitting in my office when the man in question came in carrying a large bushel basket. He put it down beside the stove and walked out without saying anything, and so I thought nothing more about it—thought perhaps he would call again for the basket. Soon after, the man who was selling the farm came in and asked:

"Was Mr. — here?"  
"I answered, 'Yes.'"  
"Did he leave the money?"  
"I replied, 'No, he just left that basket.'"

"Upon an examination of the basket we found the money, seven thousand dollars—all in silver. Of course it had to be counted and I was elected to do the counting. It just took me a whole day to count that seven thousand, and when I got through, it seems a queer thing for a young lawyer just starting out to say—I was sick and tired of even the looks of money."

## W. O. T. U. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the W. O. T. U. was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Wilson. Mrs. A. Hall had charge of the program and conducted a very profitable and interesting meeting. Mrs. Wilson Taylor gave a Bible reading, and after the usual devotional exercises, Mrs. Hall discussed the subject of Parliamentary usage and an amusing "drill" brought out the advantages of a knowledge of parliamentary rules. Mrs. Blazdell and her little daughter gave an instrumental duet, which was well received. Several items of business were then brought forward. The treasurer, Mrs. Hallman, presented a very satisfactory report, and the press superintendent was instructed to renew subscriptions for the papers which had been placed in Public Library. One name was proposed for membership. Much regret was expressed that one valued member, Mrs. Hallman, would meet and work no more with us, but in her return to her former home she will have the good wishes and the prayers of those with whom she has been associated in this work. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung and the meeting adjourned.

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## HAD A GOOD TIME

One of the most successful hops of the season was the assembly given by the Young Men's Pleasure Club in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium last evening. There were about 95 couples present and everyone enjoyed the dancing, the music for which was furnished by James Robinson's orchestra. The party broke up about half past one o'clock.

The committee who had the arrangements in hand were E. Potter, G. Delina, J. Dooling, T. Carron, R. Potter, Geo. Pritchard, B. Rudling, H. Fields and H. Dillmer.

## BATTER INTO A CHURCH

Desperate Resistance to Taking Inventories in Paris.

Firemen and Police Take by Storm Barricades Erected Inside Church—One Hundred and Fifty Members of the Congregation Were Arrested—Many Persons Injured on Both Sides—Government Sustained.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Everywhere in France the actual putting into operation of the clause of the church and state separation bill which provided for the making of inventories of the property of the church has aroused a storm of protest. In several provincial parishes Catholics have gathered in the churches and made such strong resistance that the Government commissioners were unable to enter.

In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday afternoon Premier Rouvier's reply to an interpellation on the subject of socialist deputy, M. Allard, was given amid a great uproar. The Government, however, secured a vote of confidence by 334 against 166, after the Premier had assured the chamber that the Government was desirous of using tact and moderation in carrying out the law, but that it was fully determined to perform its duty.

Violence in a Church. Scenes of extreme violence were transpiring in the meanwhile at the Church of St. Clothilde, near the Chamber of Deputies.

Mr. Lepin, prefect of police, finally ordered the municipal guards and police to enter the church. Under a shower of broken chairs the officers broke down the railings in front of the entrance, while the crowd raised heavy blows upon them. Then the firemen burst in the doors and the police and municipal guards entered the building. One of the principal officers was severely wounded.

Inside the church the congregation had erected barricades which had to be taken by assault while the men and women fought. After the church had been cleared, the prefect proceeded to take the inventory. The Catholics outside were singing canticles.

The ejection of the crowd resulted in the injuring of many persons on both sides, including 10 policemen and guards and a still higher number of militant Catholics. One hundred and fifty members of the congregation were arrested.

One of the barricades erected before the church was the scene of a fight. After the people had been driven out Prefect Lepine to prevent further interruption of the inventory, placed a triple rank of guards armed with rifles around the church. The commission thus was enabled to proceed with its work, which he had about completed last night.

## IN THE DIVVY.

Paid Money to Keep Out of City Hall Contracts.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The further examination of Joseph Wright, president of the Bennett and Wright plumbing firm, at the civic enquiry yesterday, had its interesting features. One of these was the admission that Architect T. J. Lennox had received \$3,300 from the firm instead of the \$7,000 formerly mentioned. The name of a new concern was brought into the investigation, that of Worthington, Gerrard and Armstrong. Mr. Drayton told Mr. Wright members of this company had stated they received payments from Bennett and Wright for allowing the latter to get the city hall plumbing contract. Witness did not deny the existence of a "Big Seven" among the plumbers, but was not aware that this body had shared in the "divvy up" in which his firm supplied the funds. Bookkeeper Purdy was brought up by the judge with a short turn, during the time he was a witness. His Honor saying that witness had desired to mislead him, but hadn't succeeded.

Death of S. G. Moore. Hamiltonian forty hour yesterday morning death claimed S. George Moore, business manager of The Spectator. Mr. Moore had been with The Spectator since 1872, coming on as a route boy and advancing rapidly to the position of general manager. He was an enthusiastic Mason, being a past master of Barton Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite. He leaves a widow and three children. He was 46 years old.

Marine Engineers Convene. Quebec, Feb. 2.—Delegates from different parts of Canada are here to attend the first annual convention of the National Association of Marine Engineers to be held at Lewis. The ice-breaker Montcalm was placed at the disposal of the delegates yesterday afternoon and a large party took a trip about the harbor.

Bad Fire at Ripley. Ripley, Feb. 2.—Fire broke out at 6 o'clock yesterday morning in the Shelton block on Queen street, completely destroying it and contents, and spreading westward to Dr. McLeann's office, thence to the offices of Angus Martyn, and McKenzie & Martyn before getting it under control.

Profane Patrolman Fined \$90. St. Louis, Feb. 2.—Recently the board of police commissioners issued an order prohibiting policemen from swearing while on duty. Since the police board's order was issued, one patrolman has used profanity while on duty and has been fined \$90.

Bishops Veto It. Montreal, Feb. 2.—The eleven Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of the council of public instruction have voted together with four laymen against the proposition to allow the Provincial Secretary to sit ex-officio in council.

Mr. Blake Goes. Toronto, Feb. 2.—Hon. Edward Blake, who has been visiting in Toronto for some weeks left yesterday for New York en route for England, to take his seat in the British Parliament.

## UNIFORM INSURANCE LAWS.

State Officials Meet and Consider Plan Approved Of by the President for the District of Columbia.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—More than 100 state officials including several governors, commissioners of insurance, attorneys-general and representatives of insurance companies, were present at the opening session yesterday of the national convention call to discuss measures of control of insurance companies in the various states. Thomas A. Drake, insurance commissioner of the District of Columbia, called the convention to order.

After full consideration the following plan was agreed upon, and which has the approval of the President and the commissioners of the District of Columbia:

One Plan of Action. "A bill to be introduced in Congress which shall be a code for the regulation of insurance in the District of Columbia, but which, with necessary change in form to make it applicable may be enacted by the states and territories, thus making a uniform regulation of insurance and avoiding the vexatious and costly burden incident to differing and often conflicting local legislation."

The report of the committee on permanent organization naming Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota as chairman was adopted unanimously. The committee on permanent organization recommended that a committee of fifteen be appointed to formulate a bill, or bills, with a view to the establishment of a uniform system of statutory regulation of legal reserve life insurance in the several states.

This committee is to report at an adjourned meeting of the present convention, at a time and place to be hereafter determined.

## "TO MARTYRS AND ASSASSINS."

Thousands of Soldiers at Vladivostok Honor Rio's Dead.

Vladivostok, Jan. 30.—The funeral of the 37 men who were killed by machine guns Jan. 23, near the commandant's house, were held in solemn state yesterday. The interments were made with full military honors. The cannon on Tiger Hill thundered a salute, while choirs composed of soldiers chanted dirges.

Two immense processions, in which there were thousands of soldiers, sailors and civilians carry red flags and singing revolutionary songs and headed by the regimental bands escorted the bodies to the cemetery.

The service was conducted by both Catholic and orthodox priests and the coffins were covered with wreaths bearing such inscription as "To the eternal memory of the martyrs and heroes of the eternal cause of our assassins."

Shot Without Trial. Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 2.—Four more anarchists, making sixteen during the past fortnight, were shot without trial here in the city yesterday. Of the total, fifteen were Jews.

Another Assassination. Poltava, Russia, Feb. 2.—Yesterday a statement that there is not a single port in Canada at which steamers of the proposed fast line class can land their mails and passengers with the requisite convenience is keenly resented in Halifax as unfair to this port, which the C. P. R. president has never visited.

HALIFAX TO SHAUGHNESSY. Writes C. P. R. to Make Test Before Disparaging the Port.

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It is pointed out that the big North German-Lloyd steamers Neckar and Bremen, and the French liner La Champagne, have transferred passengers ashore (and there is the biggest steamer afloat) and there are several larger than the Empress boats of the C. P. R.) could be handled at Halifax with despatch and convenience. The C. P. R. president is invited to make the test, using Halifax as his terminal. The C. P. R. could, it is claimed, shorten the trip from Queenstown to Montreal to almost six days.

The length of the rail haul is doubtless a handicap, but the shortness of the ocean voyage, especially for passenger steamers, is an adequate offset.

Flight Fire on Transport. San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Fire broke out late Wednesday night in the hold of the transport Meade, lying at Folsom street wharf, and raged for several hours despite the efforts of the fire department. Fully twenty men were overcome, of whom three are dead, two of whom are firemen. The Meade was to have sailed yesterday for Manila with 1,600 natives on board. Deeds of thrilling heroism marked the fire.

Bodies Drifting to Sea. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 2.—Bodies of victims of the Valencia wreck are beginning to scatter, the last recovered being picked up at Long Beach, to the westward of Barkley Sound, and 35 miles by direct line from the scene of the wreck. The launch Shamrock went to secure the corpses. Twenty-two bodies have been recovered to date, about one-fifth of the victims of the disaster.

Haultain's Election Protested. Qu'Appelle, Feb. 2.—Protests have been entered against the return of Hon. F. V. G. Haultain, leader of the opposition in South Qu'Appelle, and also against Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan.

Manitoba Government Defeated. Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—On a division yesterday in the House on the bill that directors of companies must not accept stock grants, the Roblin Government was outvoted.

## SULTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY

Direct Plucking of Morocco's Ruler's Wings Protested.

U. S. Ambassador White Leads, is Followed by Ambassadors of France and Russia, But Withdraws When Movement Was Not Unanimous—Meanwhile the Moors Object to the Taxation Draft.

Algiers, Feb. 2.—The Moroccan conference at its session yesterday adopted without modification the draft of the taxation project. The Moorish delegates raised a number of objections, and will refer the proposals to the Sultan at Fez. The question of reforming the customs duties was not considered.

An American Protest. The committee on taxation reported a lengthy plan, one of the features of which gave the foreign consuls right to retain a certain percentage of the taxes on foreigners to cover the expenses of collection. When this feature was reached, United States Ambassador White rose and remarked that there appeared to be some inconsistency in foreign officials collecting money for the Sultan and then retaining a portion of it. He made the point also that such retention of revenues designed for the Sultan might be construed as an infringement of his sovereignty. He therefore suggested a modification so that the retention of a portion of the tax by the consuls should not be a permanent feature of the system.

M. Revoli, for France, and Count Cassini, for Russia, promptly supported the American view and the approval became general with the exception of the Spanish delegates, who manifested strong dissent.

Spain the Big Loser. Senior Paris Cabellere spoke long and earnestly against the American suggestion, emphasizing that Spain would suffer the chief part of the loss if the consuls did not retain a portion of the tax, as Spain had the largest number of foreigners under its jurisdiction.

A running debate, often earnest but always good-natured, went on for an hour. Sir Arthur Nicolson, the head of the British mission, finally suggested that since Spain objected it might be desirable not to press the proposed modification. Mr. White immediately assented, saying that he considered unanimity essential and therefore he withdrew the proposed modification.

The conference then adopted the committee's report, giving a general plan for taxes largely under the control of the diplomatic and consular body at Tangier and adjourned until Saturday.

Moors Discontented. The Moorish delegates are showing signs of discontent. They came expecting to take a leading part in the plan for the administration of their country, but thus far their influence has been for little and they are only passive listeners to the plans formulated by the powers. This was noticeable in the discussion of the internal tax system, to which they withheld their consent, and in the discussion of the other powers unanimously assented to the feature of the tax system by which the foreign ministers and consuls retain considerable control is construed as indicating the tendency of the conference to deprive the Sultan of international authority which is one of the main Franco-German issues.

Smoothly and Satisfactorily. Washington, Feb. 2.—American Ambassador White again cabled the State Department yesterday from Algiers that the conference there as to Morocco was proceeding smoothly and satisfactorily.

## PROVINCE PAYS ITS OWN WAY.

Expenses Under All Heads More Than Borne by Revenue.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Hon. Col. Matheson announced yesterday morning that the receipts for the province for last year were in round figures \$600,000 more than expenditures.

The bonus on timber was \$255,000, so that the ordinary receipts paid all expenses, both ordinary and capital, for the past year, and left something over. In the \$600,000 above mentioned, no account is taken of the balance from the Temiskaming Railway of \$100,000.

Coroner's Jury Blame G. T. R. London, Feb. 2.—The jury empanelled at the inquest held by Coroner Ferguson to enquire into the recent street car accident in which Conductor J. J. Moore lost his life, fixed the blame on the Grand Trunk Co. Switchman Sweeney claimed he waved a stop signal with his lantern when he noticed the freight train was about 200 feet away. Engineer Dunn claimed he did not see the signal as he was watching the semaphore light, which gave him the right to proceed over the crossing.

Bole Declared Elected. Regina, Feb. 2.—Judge Newlands yesterday gave his decision on the thirty-eight appealed ballots, and in doing so read a lengthy judgment. Of eighteen ballots declared good, nine were found to be marked for Bole and nine for Laird. Bole's majority of three, as declared by the returning officer, remains unaltered, and he was again declared elected member for Regina City by the judge at the conclusion of counting of the allowed ballots.

Lady Grey Injured. London, Feb. 2.—Lady Grey, wife of Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, was thrown from a trap while driving near Ellingham, Northumberland, yesterday afternoon, and sustained concussion of the brain. Lady Grey is now unconscious.

Prisoners Fight For Bath. Montreal, Feb. 2.—A desperate fight between Max Genser, a bankrupt debtor, and Max Phillips, occurred in the jail yesterday morning. The trouble arose over a bath. Genser was injured.

Ekers Elected Mayor. Montreal, Feb. 2.—Ald. H. A. Ekers was elected mayor of Montreal yesterday by 3,417 majority, defeating W. E. Doran, who had previously opposed Mayor Prefontaine.

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## Gauntlets Save Life.

Bracebridge, Feb. 2.—James Bogart, an old resident of the Township of Watt, had a narrow escape from drowning. He was driving on Lake Rousseau when his team went through the ice and were lost. Bogart managed to reach solid ice with his hands, but was unable to extricate himself from the water until an hour had elapsed, when his gauntlets became frozen to the ice three feet from the opening. By this means he managed to pull himself out just as his strength was about wearing out by exposure.

## Pirates in the North Sea.

Leith, Scotland, Feb. 2.—The German steamer Gemma, which arrived here yesterday in ballast, reports that she was fired on by the crew of a schooner of unknown nationality in the Categat (a large arm of the North Sea) at 8 o'clock on the night of Jan. 28. Rifle shots were fired at a distance of a ship's length and the first mate of the Gemma, who was on the bridge, was wounded.

## "Green Goods" Case Falls.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The charge of obtaining money by false pretences against Alex. Cummings, alias "Ned" Lyons, the notorious criminal, was dismissed by Col. Denison in the Police Court yesterday morning. Crown Attorney Curry had Cummings taken into custody again immediately and a charge of attempting to sell counterfeit money in Canada is to be laid.

## An Old Lady Burned.

Port Hope, Feb. 2.—Mrs. James Maselle, an aged and respected resident of this town, was horribly burned about 6 o'clock yesterday morning. While attempting to light a lamp, in some unknown way her clothing caught fire, and her screams awakened her daughter, Mrs. Goodrie, who rushed to her assistance.

## Workmen Buried in Cave-In.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Several workmen were buried by a cave-in which occurred yesterday in the Erie Railroad tunnel which is now being constructed near here. Three dead have been taken from the cave-in, and two injured. The cave-in was caused by an explosion.

## Colombia Revolution.

Panama, Feb. 2.—Private advices received here from Cartagena, are to the effect that Gen. Gonzales Valencia, former vice-president of Colombia and Gen. Nelespina have started a revolution in the Province of Antioquia, against President Reyes.

The little daughter of William Monck, Taylor avenue, met with a very painful accident yesterday. The child was playing when she fell down and fractured her arm.

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