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THE PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

REGARDED FROM TWO DIFFERENT STANDPOINTS.

Mr. Harcourt Takes a Roseate View of Ontario's Money Concerns, While Mr. Clancy, the Opposition Critic, Asserts That the Province is Living Largely on Its Capital—Debate Adjourned.

The presentation of the state of the provincial finances by Treasurer Harcourt yesterday afternoon was done in a very interesting manner. The Treasurer not only succeeded in exhibiting a very roseate view of the provincial finances, but managed to clothe the dry skeleton of the figures with a garment of rhetorical ornamentation that did credit to his skill in that direction. Mr. Clancy appeared in the role of the Opposition critic and performed his vicarious task in a fairly satisfactory manner. The following are the important passages in Mr. Harcourt's speech.

The Receipts of the Year.

I will first speak very briefly of our receipts. We estimated to receive during the year from ordinary sources $3,298,822. We actually received $3,327,570, so that we have an excess of receipts over our estimate to the amount of $28,248.

The subsidy, of course, remains the same. It represents 80 cents per head of our population according to the census of 1861. According to our present population it represents only 57 cents per head. If we were to receive 80 cents, based on the last census, our subsidy would be increased by about $575,000 a year. An increase of population adds to our expenditure, to our cost of government, while on the contrary it brings, because of the increased consumption of dutiable goods, additional revenue to the Federal Treasury. Our receipts from Crown lands exceed our estimate by the considerable sum of $59,682.

Since 1872, the year when our honored leader became Premier, the gross receipts from the Crown Lands Department have amounted to $17,253,250, or an average for the 20 years, including 1891, of $863,662 per year.

What Has Been Done With the Money.

Let us now notice to what uses this large sum has been devoted. During the same period, that is from 1872 to 1891, we have spent on

Public buildings	$ 5,096,203
Railways	6,655,478
Public works	2,334,511
And on colonization roads	2,146,792
Making in all	$15,222,374

We have therefore invested during the period of 20 years in public buildings, railways, public works and colonization roads $3,016,231 more than the amount we have received from the Crown Lands Department from sales of lands and timber.

A word of explanation may be permitted as to the items of receipts, appearing under the head of "Annuities." Last year, having several very large, exceptional expenditures to provide for, in order to meet the railway certificates falling due we issued annuities to the amount of $14,000 per annum.

At a Low Rate.

The amount realized by their sale, as appears by the schedule of receipts, was $209,000, that is to say, we received $1,921.43 for every $100 of annuity. The purchaser realizes on his investment interest at the rate of a little less than 4¾ per cent. per annum.

We have, I am delighted to say, arrived at the time when our railway aid expenditures will rapidly become noticeably less. This year our payment will be $141,218 as against the payment last year of $252,179, or a saving of more than $110,000 in a single year. At the end of five years the payment will be again reduced by a large amount, while for the next five years there will be annual reductions most welcome to our ratepayers.

Last year we made payments in aid to 20 railways; this year the list is reduced to 14. In 1898 there will be only eight, while in 1904, only 12 years from now, the solitary survivors of this long and honored list of provincial pensions will be the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway and the Parry Sound Colonization Railway.

Further, these early obligations are, be it remembered, as far as we are concerned, the post obits of the first Parliament of Ontario, handed down by it for its successors to discharge.

That $500,000.

The last item of our receipts, to which I will refer, namely $500,000, received from the Dominion Government calls for some special remark. Our expenditure for the year included, as I have said, some very large items, special and exceptional in their character. We paid, for example, $100,000 to Toronto University, being part of the $160,000 unanimously voted to it by the House to assist in restoring the building, which was partially destroyed by fire. We also paid $47,115 to the municipalities on account of the land improvement fund and $32,750 to county houses of refuge. We loaned $63,000 to different municipalities on drainage debentures.

Liquor Licenses.

Our receipts for the year from liquor license fees amounted to $298,184. Our estimate was $300,000. The number of licenses issued during the last license year was 22 less than that issued during the previous year, and in all probability there will be a somewhat greater reduction during the current year. The province took to itself control of liquor licenses in 1876. Since that date it has received as net revenue from licenses $2,630,515, or $164,407 per year. It has paid to the municipalities during the same period $3,885,922, or $242,870 per year. The municipalities have therefore during the last 16 years received on an average $78,443 more per year than the province from this source.

Mr. Clancy: But you took more from the municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt: I am speaking of the fact as it is found—of the record as I find it. The temperance people, I would say to my friend, have time and again expressed their belief that it would be better for all concerned if the municipalities got nothing from licenses. [Applause.]

Increase License Fees.

In answer to some press criticisms arising out of complaints made by a few municipalities as to their share of the license fees, I last year pointed out that the municipal revenue from licenses had during recent years been steadily increasing; also that their percentage of increase had been more than double that of the province.

Without question, in our larger cities, licenses have become much more valuable to the holders year by year, and it may be that the time has now come when we should consider the propriety of raising the fee and thereby increasing our revenue.

If the liquor traffic is only one-half as responsible for the serious cost incident to the administration of justice as some allege it to be, then these license duties which we are discussing might be measurably increased.

I will now, sir, briefly comment on the expenditures of 1891. The Legislature voted for the year's supply $3,622,427. Our ordinary expenditure under the Supply Bill was $3,428,731, so that of the money voted to us for the year there remains unexpended $193,695.

We have, therefore, kept within the grants wherever possible, and have in no instance abused the liberality of the Legislature.

We spent last year on the construction of new Parliament buildings $208,348, the largest sum spent any single year for that service, although thus far we have spent on these buildings $802,297.

Value of City Lands.

Certain lands were set apart to form the Parliament Building Construction Fund. The lands so set apart were, (1) the site we now occupy, containing more than 9½ acres, having a frontage of 954 feet in Front-street, and a like frontage in Wellington-street; and (2) a block of 80 acres, extending to the westerly limits of the city and lying north of the Grand Trunk Railway, reserving, however, the six acres used by the Mercer Reformatory. Now, what have we sold? In 1886 and 1887 we placed upon the market, selling it by tender after careful advertisement, parts of this block of 80 acres. We sold 52 acres of it at prices then contidered very satisfactory, realising $167,105.

These two properties, worth $450,000 and $75,000, must be placed to our credit by anyone who would fairly pronounce upon our financial operations for the last five years.

Cost of Parliament Buildings.

If, then, we have diminished our cash surplus to the extent of $500,000, we have in its place unquestionably a full equivalent in these two properties. We have voted for the construction of the new buildings $1,250,000. I am in a position to be able confidently to say that the total cost of the building will be less than the amount we have voted, the expenditure on education as a growing expenditure. The same remark applies to other expenditures. Take for example that on hospitals and charities.

In 1882 we spent on hospitals and charities $78,095 and in 1891 $167,743. We have more than doubled the expenditure in a single decade. No one proposes to reduce the grants.

Asylum Expenditures.

Another growing expenditure is that in connection with our asylums. We have good reason to be proud of our care of the insane. We have spent, and are now spending, large sums in the erection of cottages specially designed and in every way suitable for asylum needs.

The increasing number of the insane compels us to make immediate provision for still further accommodation.

We have provided in the new cottages at Orillia and Mimico beds for 950.

In leaving this branch of my subject I will remind the House that these increased grants to education, hospitals and asylums, public institutions and agriculture are substantially grants to the municipalities in relief of their local taxation.

A Statement in Brief.

At the commencement of the year we had at our credit in the banks $44,792. We received from all sources during the year $4,140,089. Our total expenditure was $4,165,063, and at the end of the year we had on hand in the banks $19,818. When it is remembered that we expended $620,591 in public buildings alone, thus adding that large sum to our permanent capital investments, that we gave $100,000 to the university, that we spent $88,312 on colonization roads, that we loaned $62,887 to some municipalities for purposes of drainage, and advanced $47,111 to other municipalities on account of Land Improvement Fund, that $311,000 went for railway aid, that our receipts exceeded our estimate and that we expended less than the House authorized us to expend, it will be admitted that the general result is exceedingly satisfactory.

Provincial Assets.

A word as to the assets of the province. These are so well known and have been the subject of such frequent debate that they require but little explanation. We still have the Dominion 5 per cent. bonds to the amount of $200,000. These mature in March, 1893. We have added during the year, nearly $7000 to our drainage investments, which now aggregate $524,155. The trust funds, the nature and origin of which have been soften explained, remain unchanged in amount and the Common School Fund, the particulars of which we are all familiar with, is slightly increased because of the fact that it is this year divided on the basis of the recent census. The amount of the balance of unpaid subsidy and other credits, as appears in the schedule in our hands, viz., $1,590,519, remains as it was last year. All told these assets amount to $5,903,077. From this sum we deduct certain small balances due to the municipalities on account of the Land Improvement Fund, as also Quebec's share of our collections on account of common school lands for two years past, in all $17,560. We had in hand bank balances to the amount of $19,818, so that our surplus at the end of the year, after deducting all liabilities now payable, amounted to $5,285,515.

The reality of this surplus can be no longer seriously questioned. It was at one time contended that, while we could expect to receive interest from these trust funds, we could never get possession of them or control them.

Funds Really Ours.

They have always yielded a rich return by way of interest, and there was no good reason why we should ask to have them handed over to us. And yet the suggestion came from the Finance Minister at Ottawa two years ago that the requisite legislation should be had in order that the Dominion might hand them, or an important part of them, over to us, so that this contention can no longer be maintained.

A few weeks ago, acting for once, at least, on his suggestion, we asked for and promptly received a check for $300,000 of it.

For the Sister Provinces.

If we look about us a glance at the finances of the sister provinces will give us additional cause for thankfulness that we have persistently adhered to a policy of rigid economy. The Treasurer of more than one of these provinces each year laments his inability to see a way of escape from the "gloomy grove of annual deficits." The large and constantly-increasing debt of Quebec is, from an Ontario point of view, alarming, and all parties there seem to take it for granted that sooner or later the Federal Government must come to the rescue. Prince Edward Island has drawn upon capital account and is still behind. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have incurred large debts, and they are once more agitating for better terms. Nova Scotia urgently asks the Dominion to relieve her of liabilities to the amount of a million and a half of dollars. New Brunswick, with a population of only 321,294, had at the close of last year a bonded debt of $2,242,000. And where, sir, we may well ask is this to end? With an aggregate population of only 889,905, or two-fifths that of Ontario alone, maintain separate Legislatures, each of them having a second chamber, and that because of this the administrative work is trebled and the expenditures on education, administration of justice and public works is very much larger than would otherwise be necessary. At the same time, we may well, nay we must insist, that any settlement of these difficulties, as concerns the future, I do not speak of existing obligations, whether by means of increased annual grants to each of the provinces, having strict regard to population, or otherwise should be a comprehensive settlement arrived at after a careful study of the whole situation, altered as it is in so many regards since Confederation, that it should be an absolutely final settlement, made so by Imperial enactment, that not another dollar of the Federal Treasury should thereafter be spent in "special grants" or "better terms," and that it should be in all regards fair, we ask no more, to our own province. If we cannot get an exact measure of justice, we must accept that settlement which will most nearly approach to it.

Every province save our own has profited by this departure from safe and sound principles, and each occasion of profit to them means corresponding loss to us.

What is wanted now is to get back to first principles, and firmly to take the position to which when Confederation was brought about all parties were pledged. Those who guided public opinion at that time stated confidently that in their scheme they had provided the necessary safeguards. Has time fulfilled their promises? The difficulties then predicted, as well as others unforeseen, have confronted us, and the promised safeguards have proved shadowy and unreal. Had the wise policy outlined at Confederation been rigidly adhered to the finances of the provinces and of the Dominion as well would now be in a far more satisfactory condition.

The Estimated Expenditure.

Our estimate for the year's expenditure is $3,472,237, a decrease as compared with last year's estimated expenditure of about

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RUSSIA WILL APOLOGIZE

FOR THE EXPULSION OF CAPTAIN YOUNGHUSBAND.

The Pamir Incident to Be Settled Satisfactorily to England—The Newspapers on the Irish Local Government Bill—The Wife of Lord Montagu Released on Bail.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The St. James Gazette says the negotiations which are being conducted between England and Russia in regard to the expulsion by Russian officers in September last of Capt. Younghusband from the Pamirs point to a settlement favorable to England.

The Russian authorities have fully investigated the affair and have concluded that the Russian officers acted precipitately, and Russia now shows her full desire to make reparation for the acts of her officers.

It is expected an apology compatible with the dignity of both countries will be tendered to England by Russia.

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Opinions of the British Press on Mr. Balfour's Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Irish Local Government Bill, on which the ministry staked its fortunes this session, met with an extremely hostile reception from both sections of the Irish party and the Gladstonians.

The Morning Post says the reception accorded the bill makes it highly probable that the Government will modify the safeguarding clauses before it is offered for second reading. The strongest objections are offered to the trial council's cumulative vote, the disfranchisement of illiterates and the control of capital expenditure.

The Daily News says: Nothing more extraordinary in the shape of an Irish bill was ever submitted to Parliament. Mr. Balfour's strongest opponents never imagined that he could have devised so thoroughly bad and hopeless a measure. We are far from supposing that he meant to insult Ireland. Probably he will try to raise the cry of obstruction. The luckless measure, however, does not need to be obstructed. It will sufficiently obstruct itself.

The Chronicle describes the bill as an honest attempt, but as "failing to please everybody." It concludes: "The bill is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. The fact that Mr. Balfour's whole speech was a dispirited apology to his own supporters instead of a strong defence suggests that the bill is like the hero of Ibsen's 'Sengemand,' worm eaten at birth. The principle of the judges' trial of councils is a gross excrescence and must be squelched."

The Standard understands that the Government has resolved to proceed with the bill, and that it confidently anticipates that it will receive the support of the Liberal Unionists. The Standard's article indicates that the Government is willing to go before the country on the ground of Liberal obstruction to a laudable attempt to place local government for Ireland on a popular basis.

The National Press of Dublin says: The bill is a beggarly account of meaningless provisions. It is like a Japanese toy—a succession of empty boxes within one another.

The Freeman's Journal of Dublin declares that the bill is a legislative joke. An appeal to the country on this legislative abortion would make Mr. Balfour and his colleagues the laughing-stock of the country.

The Irish Daily Independent (Parnellite) says the Irish party was prepared to give the bill fair support had it proved satisfactory, but the measure is a sham, a fraud and an insult. Not much was to be expected from a Unionist Ministry, but nothing so ridiculous as this bill was anticipated.

Foreign Notes.

Another case of smallpox was discovered in New York yesterday.

The French Ministers have tendered a collective resignation to President Carnot.

The British bark Cavour has been lost off the Irish coast with all on board, and the crew of the pilot boat Polly are also supposed to have been drowned.

Mr. Deacon, the American who shot his wife's paramour, Abeille, at Cannes, will be released on bail. His wife when examined by the magistrate admitted that her husband's suspicions of her infidelity were quite correct.

The most extraordinary snow storm which has visited England for a generation continues, and if anything is growing heavier. The snowfall in some places is several feet deep. Railway communication is stopped and telegraph lines are down in every direction.

The threat made at the joint meeting of representatives of 23 labor societies in Rome that a general strike would be inaugurated and continued until the Government started public works to give employment to idle workmen was set at naught by the Government, which caused the arrest of several of the prominent labor agitators. Yesterday the men were all working as usual.

A loaded bomb was discovered last night outside the Spanish Consulate in Messina, Sicily. The fuse attached to it was burning, but was quickly extinguished with remarkable presence of mind and courage by the finders. The police were alarmed and immediately began a search for the dynamiters, but no arrests have yet been made. The men are supposed to be members of an anarchist society.

Trinity University.

Professor Clark will open the course of public lectures on English Church History at Trinity University this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The subject of his lecture is "Principles of the Anglican Reformation."

Death Roll of a Day.

Senator Dautresme of Paris.

Baron Stafford, tenth holder of the title, which was created in 1640.

Henry Edward Doyle, C.B., at London, aged 65.

John Shaw, the chief of the bucket-shop dealers of England, died yesterday in London.

Dr. T. A. Slocum's

Oxygenized Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil. If you have Bronchitis—Use it. For sale by all druggists. 35 cents per bottle. 136

The Glee Club's Concert.

The University Glee Club's concert in the Pavilion last evening was well attended. The choruses contributed by the club itself, under the direction of E. W. Schuch, were much appreciated. The support was exceptionally good. Mr. Frederic Boscovitz's execution of "Etude de Concert" elicited the greatest enthusiasm. Miss Mary Howe is a charming blonde, whose pictures, contrary to expectations have not flattered her in the least. She is a large, handsome woman, with a graceful carriage and benignant mien. To say that her vocalizations equalled the charm of her person is to bestow well deserved praise. Mr. William Lavin has appeared before Toronto audiences on former occasions and is a tenor of no mean ability. His rendition of "Bedouin Love Song" was probably his finest effort. The chorus "Hie Thee, Shallop" by the Glee Club, with soprano obligato by Miss Minnie Gaylord, seen, have confronted us, and the promised safeguards have proved shadowy and unreal. Had the wise policy outlined at Confederation been rigidly adhered to the finances of the provinces and of the Dominion as well would now be in a far more satisfactory condition.

What the Country Has Escaped.

No one need fear cholera or any summer complaint, if they have a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial ready for use. It corrects all looseness of the bowels promptly and causes a healthy and natural action. This is a medicine adapted for the young and old, rich and poor, and is rapidly becoming the most popular medicine for cholera, dysentery, etc., in the market.

VIOLATED ITS POWERS.

The Managers of the Grand Trunk Committed a Breach of Duty to the Shareholders.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—While the argument in the North Perth case was being heard at the Supreme Court, Ottawa, in reference to the distribution of Grand Trunk tickets, Justice Strong said that in his opinion the Grand Trunk Railway, in interfering in elections in the way it had done, had committed a strong violation of its powers as a corporation and a breach of the duty due by its managers to its shareholders.

The New Brunswick Appeals.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Feb. 19.—An appeal will be taken against the judgment of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in dismissing appeals against the return of Hon. Mr. Foster, and also in the Queen's county case, which awards the seat to Mr. Baird.

McGreevy Is Out of It.

QUEBEC, Feb. 19.—John Hearn and Arthur H. Murphy were nominated for Quebec West to-day, the former in the interests of the Government, and the latter as Liberal candidate. Thomas McGreevy retired from the contest.

It is said that McGreevy retired at the request of Hon. Edward Blake, who arrived here yesterday.

Another M. P. Dying.

SACKVILLE, N.B., Feb. 19.—Mr. Josiah Wood, M.P., is very ill, and it is understood with congestion of the lungs as a complication of la grippe.

Dineen's Fur Figures.

A few words will explain what our offer of selling fashionable furs at actual cost really means.

Our house is perhaps the largest wholesale buyer in Canada of raw pelts and sealskins that manufactures fur garments on its own premises for its own retail cus om trade.

The facts involved in this statement are that experienced judgment in selecting and buying furs at the right time in large quantities, at the right prices and for spot cash, nets us a saving which represents the profit that the average fur dealer must pay to the wholesale fur merchants.

Thus when we offer to sell at actual cost we mean the actual first cost to us, under our plan of close cash buying.

We are large manufacturers of fur garments, and the careful personal management that we give to the details of this department is shown by the fact that our prices for making fur garments have always been considerably lower than those of other first-class manufacturing furriers in Canada.

The truly remarkable feature of our present Fur Clearing Sale is the actual original cost inducement conveyed in the very low prices. We are not looking for profit. We are clearing out a $30,000 stock of fashionable fur garments and fur goods to save the large expense of packing, storing, keeping and insuring it until next season, and to have the use of the money. The gain to purchasers of furs at this sale is evident to everyone who has visited our fur parlors. W. & D. Dineen, Toronto's Fashionable Furriers, corner King and Yonge-streets.

Another Crash on the M.C.R.

COMBER, Ont., Feb. 19.—Another collision occurred on the M.C.R. early this morning, this time at Ruscomb Station, about 5 miles from here. A freight was standing on the main line awaiting orders, when another came crashing into it at the rear. The locomotive and 15 cars loaded with freight were thrown into the ditch and the locomotive demolished and broken in an inconceivable shape, while the cars are a total wreck. The trainmen escaped injury by jumping.

Hubbell Gets Two Years.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Hubbell, the defaulting teller of the Ottawa Bank, was again brought before Judge Ross to-day and pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against him. He was sentenced to two years in the Kingston Penitentiary, the lowest that could be inflicted for the offence.

Best white shirt in the trade for $1; lined front and back in all sizes, at Treble's 53 King-street west.

Told in a Line or Two.

The U.S. Cabinet yesterday considered the Behring Sea controversy, but took no action.

The sheriff of Victoria, B.C., has seized the whaleback schooner Wetmore for damages for sinking a scow.

An old man named Lucas, living at the American Hotel, St. Catharines, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, but failed to cut deep enough.

A fire in the Percival flats, West 42nd-street, New York, yesterday occasioned $200,000 damage. There were many narrow escapes, but no lives were lost.

Anson Fisher, an old resident of Ridgetown, was found dead in bed. The relatives thought the man was only in a trance and postponed the funeral for a day or two till all doubt was dispelled.

The five-story mill of Harner Bros.' Carpet Company was discovered to be on fire yesterday and occasioned much commotion among the 1000 employes, although none were injured.

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Local Jottings.

Ex-Constable Armstrong was taken to the Isolated Hospital yesterday suffering from diphtheria.

William H. Johnson, son of Mr. William Johnson of Toronto Junction and nephew of City Commissioner Coatsworth, died yesterday.

"Charles Bradlaugh" is the title of the lecture to be delivered in Science Hall, 25 Adelaide-street east, to-morrow evening by Mr. A. F. Jury.

At the Friends' Church, Pembroke-street, Mr. McCarthy, who has just returned from the China mission field, gave an interesting address.

The annual sale of unclaimed goods in the possession of the Detective Department will take place at Police Headquarters this afternoon at 1.30.

Minnie Cohen, 155 King-street west, was yesterday fined $50 and costs or three months for each of three offences of selling liquor without a license.

At Oliver, Coate & Co.'s auction rooms the schooner Gleniffer, which was wrecked off Mimico Point two years ago, was sold to John S. Nesbitt of Sarnia for $850.

Harry Pifer, second-hand dealer, Queen-street west, was yesterday committed for trial, charged with larceny of two mail bags, the property of the Postoffice Department.

Robert Woods was yesterday committed for trial on charges of feloniously wounding and attempted larceny. Hi Lee, a Chinese laundryman of Parliament-street, is the prosecutor.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Church has heartily endorsed the movement to raise $10,000 for mission extension as a Carey memorial. Applications for mission work were received from Mr. E. J. Smith, a Trinity Medical College student, and Rev. G. M. Leehy of Whitby, late of McMaster Hall.

A petition is being actively circulated praying the City Council to take immediate steps to encourage all and any manufacturers and other employers of labor to settle here by exempting manufacturers' plant and buildings and machinery or by granting free sites, free water, etc.

Joseph Lyner must be a chronic law breaker. Not very long ago he came out of the penitentiary after having sojourned there for three years. Since then he has been arrested for highway robbery, and was on suspended sentence, when he was arrested yesterday. He is charged this time with breaking into the store of G. Gillespie, 398 King-street east, on Feb. 15, and stealing therefrom ten pair of boots.

Messrs. Porter & Co., corner Queen and Portland-streets, entertained two sleigh loads of their employes and friends at their annual sleigh drive at the McFarland House, Lambton. At 2.30 in the morning the party left for the city, after deciding that Messrs. Burroughes & Struthers of the above firm understand how to have their friends a pleasant evening and that there is no better place to spend an enjoyable time than at Lambton in the hands of mine host McFarland.

A DOSE OF STRYCHNINE.

Ends the Ailments of James Griffin of London.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 19.—James Griffin was found dead this morning. From what could be learned from his wife he had been suffering for some time past from grip and bronchitis. This morning between 7 and 8 o'clock he left his home in Wellington-street, near Clark's bridge, and it is said obtained a bottle of strychnine. Returning to his house he died in a few minutes. The bottle was afterwards found under his pillow by his wife. For 34 years he had kept a seed store in this city.

ONLY MODERATELY ACTIVE.

Bradstreet's Report as to Trade in the Dominion—The Spring Outlook.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's point to no material change in conditions affecting the general business situation. Trade thus far on the whole is disappointing, though a deal of confidence is expressed as to what the spring may bring forth.

In the Canadian Dominion general trade is only moderately active, raw wool and staple drygoods being most in request. Orders from the Maritime Provinces and a portion of Quebec are unsatisfactory. Canada reports 43 failures, a material reduction from last week.

Bank clearings at four cities in the Dominion show a reduction of 17 per cent. this week as compared with last.

T. K. C. CANDIDATES.

A Big List of Doggy Men Anxious for Honors—The May Show.

An important meeting of the Toronto Kennel Club was held last night in Richmond Hall, when the officers for next year were nominated. President R. W. Boyle was in the chair. Here are the nominations:

Patron, J. S. Williams: President, George Sweetman. H. B. Donovan; 1st vice-president, R. F. Forshaw, P. J. Smith; 2nd vice-president, F. H. Elmore, P. J. Keating, J. O. Bennett, Frank Nelson; Secretary, H. O. Thompson, Shirley Stewart; Treasurer, H. Hill; Sion Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. Campbell; Executive Committee, J. Smellie, P. J. Smith, J. Forshaw, Shirley Stewart, H. Meade, R. F. Forshaw, D. J. Keating, H. B. Donovan, R. W. Wright, J. McFarren, J. Massey, H. Hobart, W. R. Boyle, J. Fitzsimmons, J. S. Millichamp, J. F. Scholes, George Bell; Auditors, G. Sweetman, J. E. Williams.

The election takes place on Tuesday, March 1. The club will hold a mammoth show in May next, when a great number of entries in all classes are expected. A permanent club room will soon be secured. Several new members were elected last night.

An Over-Populated House.

A fight among a lot of Italians, boarders in the house, 199 Centre-street, on Thursday revealed the fact that in this seven-roomed house all this winter an average of 20 Italians and in the case of the married ones, their wives and children have been living in this house in defiance not alone of the sanitary laws but the laws of decency as well. The house is run by John Colleia and he charges each male in his house $2 a month. Of course in this mass of human beings crowded together in seven rooms the decencies of life had to be abandoned. A number of Arab women were among the boarders during the winter. The fight arose through some of the boarders refusing to pay their board money and had it not been for the interference of Mr. McDaniel the police somebody would have been killed. As it was knives were used freely before Mr. Basso arrived and severe wounds inflicted but after it was all over the police could not discover who were the knife-users. No arrests were therefore made. The health authorities should examine the house.

Five Horses Burned.

Yesterday morning a fire suddenly broke out in the stable in the rear of the house of Charles Boyd, a teamster who lives at 21 Russett-avenue. Before the firemen could arrive the whole building was in a blaze and five of the horses were burned to death. The loss on the horses will be $600, and the building is damaged to the extent of $250. It was insured in the London and Scottish for $1000.

b Toothache cured instantly by using Gibons' Toothache Gum.

Arrived in Time for Grippe Invalids.

Almoxia wine is the best wine for invalids ever offered to the public, and is highly recommended by the medical profession all over the world.

It is the only wine known to contain natural salts of iron produced by nature, on account of the ferruginous soil in which the vines are cultivated.

Nothing can surpass this wine as a restorative when the vital forces are exhausted.

It corrects and counterbalances the effects of the perturbation of the system. Gianelli & Co., 16 King-street west, sole agents for Canada.

If you want a genuine high-grade smoking mixture at popular prices, buy *Puck*. All tobacconists sell it. McAlpin Tobacco Co.

Yellowhead's Fate.

ORILLIA, Feb. 19.—Edward Yellowhead, an Indian belonging to Rama, was struck by a train, receiving injuries which resulted in his death. He was found lying beside the track with three ribs crushed into his lungs and only lived a few hours.

An absolute cure for indigestion, Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all Druggists and Confectioners; 5 cents.

Killed While Skidding Logs.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19.—Richard Walter of East Wawanosh was skidding logs in his bush, when his leg was caught by a log and was smashed to a pulp. He only lived two days.

A Blind Man Killed.

MACLEOD, N.W.T., Feb. 19.—While a blind Peigan Indian was being led by a boy close to a high cut bank near the reserve the boy went too close to the edge, and his blind companion fell over and was instantly killed.

Scotch Concert in Association Hall Tuesday evening. Only 25 cents.

The Last Chance.

This week we will sell Natural Wool Shirts or Drawers, which we sell at $2.50 each, for $2.35; our $3.00 Natural Wool for $2.10, our $2.50 Natural Wool for $1.60, our $1.75 Scotch Lambs' Wool for $1.30, our $1.25 for 98c, our $1.00 for 75c. Try our Unlaundried Shirts at 50c, 75c and 90c; our 90c Unlaundried Shirts are equal to ordered shirts at $1.75 and $2.00. Try a sample one. Bonner's, corner Yonge and Queen-streets. 246

Bandages of all description for male and female, abdominal supporters in rubber, celluloid, cotton, silk. Suspensories in 60 different patterns. Elastic hosiery in silk or cotton stockings, knee caps thigh. Fresh goods in monthly. Crutches, 200 pair to select from. Trusses of all description, 93 varieties of spring trusses. The old and reliable one-price house, Charles Clothe, Surgical Machinist, 134 King-street west, Toronto. 6

Ontario Mutual Life.

The twenty-second annual statement of the Ontario Mutual Life shows an increase in every item of business where increase is indicative of stability and progress. The record of the Ontario is unexcelled. Office 32 Church-street.

Scotch Concert in Association Hall Tuesday evening. Only 25 cents.

White is still selling out, and you are missing it if you don't get there soon. Drop in and look at the prices—65 King-street west.

Oh, What a Cough! 246

Will you heed the warning? The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c, to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails.

THEIR LICENSES REDUCED.

THE CITY LOSES AND PEDLARS GAIN $1400 A YEAR.

A Disinfecting Station Wanted — To Abolish the License Department — Motion Defeated—Dr. Richardson and the Guillotine— The Medical Duties at the Jail.

The Markets and License Committee had a large audience yesterday afternoon consisting of pedlars and grocers, who turned the Executive Chamber into a bear garden for a time.

J. Banham applied for a transfer of the eating house license for 132 York, the "joint" made famous by "Pete" Green. Inspector Stephen said the place was a den of thieves, but he had nothing against Banham.

The transfer was granted.

A three-months license was granted a billiard hall at 355 College-street, subject to a renewal for the balance of the year providing there are no complaints.

Pedlars' Licenses Reduced.

President Pocock, of the Pedlars' Association, championed the cause of the pedlars, who are asking for a reduction in the license fee. The license is $30 at present.

Mr. George Mills spoke on behalf of the grocers and said that it would be an injustice to lower the license.

A deputation from the Trades and Labor Council spoke in favor of the reduction.

Ald. McMurrich's motion that the license be reduced to $20 was carried. This knocks about $1400 off the revenue of the city.

A sub-committee was appointed to deal with a license fee for teamsters.

The Medical Officer wrote asking for permission to establish a disinfecting station in the annex of St. Andrew's Market. The matter goes to the council.

The License Department.

"Incidents are cropping up every day which show that this department should be done away with," said Ald. McMurrich.

A letter was read from the Chief of Police to the effect that the work done by the License Department could be done by the police with the exception of the inspection of meat, thus saving the city $1800.

Inspector Awde presented a statement refuting the figures given by the chief.

Ald. Stewart favored retaining the department.

Ald. McMurrich said there was too much sympathy and friendship shown to officials when a matter of reform was brought up.

As far as Ald. Foster could see there would be no saving in abolishing the department.

Ald. Maloney was satisfied that the police could do the work and was in favor of it.

Ald. Stewart informed Ald. McMurrich that he was not working on sympathy, he was only doing his duty.

Ald. Bailey is in favor of economy, but was not in favor of abolishing the department until he could be shown where the saving would be.

The Vote.

ABOLITIONISTS: Ald. McMurrich and Maloney.

TO RETAIN THE DEPARTMENT: Ald. Stewart, Foster, Bailey and Verral.

Ald. McMurrich, still unconquered, will move in council to have the department abolished.

The estimates of the License Department were sent on to the Executive.

The Jail Surgeon's Head in Danger.

Ald. Foster moved that Dr. Richardson's services as jail physician be dispensed with and the duties be performed by the Medical Department.

Ald. McMurrich's amendment that the health officer be asked if his department could perform the work without interfering with present duties was carried.

Burglarized the House.

MILTON, Feb. 19.—John Erwin has been in charge of the residence of the late Judge Miller ever since Mrs. Miller went to Toronto, and has visited it daily to see that all was right. On going there Thursday he found that someone had broken into the house, taken out a breech-loading shotgun and a number of small articles.

Special Notice.

S. Corrigan, the leading tailor, 123 Yonge-street begs to call attention to the fact that he is turning out a very superior class of work, at the closest cash prices. Gentlemen appreciating quality, style and finish in their garments will do well to visit the above address.

Note prices—Imported Trousersings from $4 up. Suitings from $16 up. Overcoatings from $15 up. Entire satisfaction assured; inspection solicited. 246

An Actor Injured.

GALT, Feb. 19.—Sidney Leslie, an actor recently connected with the Rosina Vokes company, alighted from a C.P.R. train in search of a friend. While walking along Ainslie-street he slipped and fell, receiving an injury to his spine, which paralyzed his lower limbs. He is now in the hospital, but not out of danger.

Remanded for Sentence.

Wm. Rose, Lionel Ling and P. E. Murray were arraigned before Judge McDougall yesterday charged with having broken into the residence of T. W. Leadey at Mimico a few days ago. Rose and Ling pleaded guilty and were remanded until Wednesday for sentence. Murray, who pleaded not guilty, was remanded until the same day for trial, and most of the stolen goods were found in possession of the prisoners.

Pin Tickets.

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

Messrs. Millichamp & Sons have in their show window a remarkable specimen of the carver's art in the shape of a mantel. It is very rich and elaborate and executed in the style in vogue in the time of Queen Elizabeth. The peculiarity of the work is that everything is left rough as from the carver's tools and the effect is wonderfully good. 246

Killed by a Limb.

MANSFIELD, Ont., Feb. 19.—Geo. Price, who lived on the town line between Tossorontio and Mulmur, went out to the woods to chop. He was found in the evening lying in an insensible condition, a limb from a tree having fallen and struck him on the head. He lived 48 hours.

The Devil's Strip.

Those who advocate the widening of the devil's strip, the space between the double street car tracks, ought to pause and see what the result would be on the space for sleighs in winter weather if this were done. It would simply make it impossible for one vehicle to pass another. The devil's strip must remain as it is.

Concert in the Church.

Despite the very unfavorable weather McCaul-street Methodist Church was well filled last night. The occasion was a concert given by the Ladies' Aid Association and it was a success. The program was varied, presenting vocal and instrumental music. Mrs. J. Wesley Corley gave two recitations, and although she is not so well known as many other elocutionists in this city, yet if her performance of last night can be taken as a criterion she will soon take her proper place among the prominent artists of the city.

North American Life Assurance Company.

At this season of the year those who are interested in life insurance, and that class may be said to embrace nearly every wideawake man in the community, are on the watch for the reports of the various companies operating in our midst. The North American Life, which certainly occupies a very prominent position in regard to its progressiveness in every other direction, was, as usual, among the first in the field with its report. According to the statement presented at the annual meeting held on the 28th ult. the company shows a record almost unexcelled by that of any other company. Parties wishing to take out a policy of life insurance should at once communicate with the head offices of the company, Toronto, or with any of its agents, who will be pleased to give information as to the plans, etc., of the company. 246

CAN'T GET LOWER RATES.

This is the Decision of the Underwriters re Drygoods Insurance.

The annual meeting of the