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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1886.

Amusements To-Night.

Grand Opera House, 8—"The Golden Era."
Toronto Opera House, 8—Minnie Maddern—"Mignonette."
Metropolitan Roller Rink—Band this evening.
Princess Roller Rink—Band this evening.
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David Blain For Mayor For 1887.

Mr. David Blain has consented to contest the mayoralty against Mr. Howland, the present occupant of the chair.

His right to do so is undoubted, though a giddy evening paper asks him to first establish his claim. His right and claim is exactly the same as was the right and claim of Mr. Howland just one year ago, at that time "an inexperienced man;" and we are afraid he still remains so.

Mr. Blain is in every sense a worthy candidate. He is eminently respectable; he has been a Toronto man from his youth; his interests, and they are large, are all here; he is respected on every side; he is a first-class man of business and of administration; he knows the wants and needs of the city; and he has the time and disposition to realize them. Man for man, in any way you like to take them, Mr. Blain is Mr. Howland's superior.

Mr. Howland has proved a disappointment and a drag. Men who worked night and day for him a year ago have no sympathy for him to-day. The cry is for a man to displace him. Strange how so popular a man should waste away so rapidly in popular esteem!

When Mr. Blain will have laid his policy before the ratepayers, and they have had an opportunity of judging of the relative fitness of the two men for the position, they will decide by an overwhelming vote that Toronto has no further use for Mr. Howland in the mayor's chair.

The Question of the Hour.

Evidence accumulates of the concessions made by the Ontario Government to the Roman Catholic Church in the legislation and management of the Public Schools. The practical exclusion of the Bible to make room for the book of extracts approved by Archbishop Lynch, the difficulties put by recent legislation in the way of Roman Catholic parents freeing themselves from the influence of the church in favor of Separate Schools, the open declaration of the Minister of Education that he desires to see the Separate Schools flourish, and the increase in number and revenue of these schools, show that the Government no longer adheres to the principles which they professed in former years. But the revelations made by a correspondent of the Mail who has lately traversed the Counties of Prescott and Russell are more alarming even than those we have already mentioned. The correspondent interviewed Mr. Summerby, the "English" county superintendent (the French are so strong that there is also a French one) of these counties. This gentleman was not disposed to "give away" his chief at Toronto, but he admitted that there were between sixty and seventy French schools in the united counties, in "some of which," however, "a little English was taught," that many of the teachers were entirely ignorant of English and that they were only examined, before being appointed, in French! He was then asked—"Have you authority to do that?" (to examine in French only), and answered, "The Board of Examiners has had communication more than once with the Department of Education in these matters, and has authority for all that it has done." Further questioned he said that he had "fully informed the Department of the state of affairs." Light is thrown upon these statements by a speech made by the Minister of Education in Ottawa a few days ago. The following report is from the Free Press, a Reform journal favorable to Mr. Ross:

"Some day this week the Mail made a complaint that in the counties of Russell and Prescott French schools were established, and the Mail seemed very angry to think so, and predicted that the French were going to be a great danger to the Anglo-Saxon community of Ontario. He would like to see a little competition between the two nationalities. He would like to see the French with their enterprise taking possession of lands that were not occupied, or in any other way contributing to the prosperity of the province. They made very good citizens. He had associated with them in the House of Commons. Yet they were the great French wave which the Mail said was going to be spread over the country. If he had the choice he would trade off fifty such men as the editor of the Mail for any one Dominion man. There was the French language, the diplomatic language of Europe. There were French orators, such as Laurier, etc. And yet the French language was not to be taught in the schools unless the English language was taught too. According to a fixed law of Ontario the English language is taught, but the editor of the Mail did not know that. Article 24 of the School Act provided that in French and German schools the authorized reader should be used in addition to the other books. The Mail said they were going to be submerged by this French wave. In the first place, he was not afraid of one, and in the second place, they had made preparations for it."

It is interesting to learn that this Reform minister welcomes the French to Ontario; that he regards them as good citizens. He thinks, however, that they should be taught English as well as French in accordance with the law. He omits to say, however, that he has made the law a dead letter, that he has sanctioned the appointment of many teachers supported by money entrusted to him for distribution who know nothing of the English language!

The Provincial Government rest their hope of a continuance in office on the Roman Catholic Church and if they are so continued it can hardly be hoped that any reform will be made in school matters during the next four years. The Liberal leaders no doubt tell their followers that when they are established in power at Ottawa they will improve matters, but in the effort to get there they are throwing aside Ontario opinion, which is the only fulcrum by which they can move the other provinces. They are more likely now to lose their own province than to gain the Dominion, and they are fast losing the sympathies of the best classes of the population, who have hitherto been their main support.

A day or two ago a decision of the Court of Appeals (State of New York) was handed down, which it is said puts an end to the scheme to gridiron the city of New York with cable roads. The Supreme Court had denied a motion of the New York Cable Company to confirm a report of commissioners under which it was allowed to build over seventy miles of railway in the streets of that city. The Court of Appeals sustained the Supreme Court.

Several gentlemen left their cards at St. James' Rectory yesterday and the day before by way of testifying their admiration of Canon Dumoulin's manly defence of himself and his protest against a gerrymandered Bible.

A cable correspondent says that complaints continue to come (to London) from Russian partisans that Prince Alexander is styled in "The Court Circular" Prince Alexander of Bulgaria. Remonstrances from high quarters are without effect on the Queen, who with her own hand wrote in the words "of Bulgaria" which were wanting in the manuscript presented to her. Family discussions arising out of the Queen's partiality for the Battenbergs have not been appeased. The postponement until to-day (the 18th) of the christening of Princess Beatrice's boy has been due to the difficulty of finding sponsors for him. The Prince of Wales, who makes no secret of his dislike for Prince Henry and his brother, positively refuses to serve in spite of something very like a royal command from his mother.

General Butler, who figures prominently and to his discredit in the Campbell divorce case, is well known in Canada. Twenty years ago, before he wrote his books "The Great Lone Land" and "The Wild North Land," he was quartered with his regiment at London, Ont. He has also been a constant visitor at Montreal and Ottawa in more recent years. He is not regarded by those who know him as a paragon of virtue. Indeed his name has very frequently been mentioned in quite another connection. He married Miss Thompson, the gifted artist whose "Roll Call" is known so well in both hemispheres; but the pair are now said to agree to differ. The gallant general might have been asked some awkward questions, and he declined to face the music.

The Expressman Agitated.

Editor World: Is it in accordance with the fitness of things that a policeman should also be the proprietor of a large express business? How can he attend to the duties of the one without neglecting the other? Is it fair to other expressmen, who help to pay his salary and who have hard enough work to get along without competing with a subsidised rival? Besides, cannot a policeman who runs an express business use his position and influence trade to the detriment of others in the business? Is not this a case for the consideration of the Police Commissioners? A RATEPAYER.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

[The World cannot speak as to the "fitness of things" referred to; but the constable in question has the record of being an efficient, reliable officer, who never neglects his duties.]

Mr. Morton's Printing Office.

Editor World: I wish to give an emphatic denial to the statement in last night's News, and to say that Mr. E. E. Sheppard or Mr. H. Parr know nothing about the employes of Mr. Morton, as I for one am a Union man and have been in his employ for over five years and have drawn over the Union scale, and Union compositors have been employed and have drawn Union pay.

W. T. RICHARDSON, Pressman, Union No. 10.

Toronto, Dec. 15, 1886.

[N. B.—The above letter was sent to the News but did not appear.]

The Underpaid Reporters Will Kick.

Editor World: There is hope for us poor struggling reporters yet. I see that Editor Farrer of the Mail sent a letter to the Court of Revision saying that his salary was "only $1200 per annum—$100 per month." The court was trying to make him pay income-tax on $2000. If Mr. Farrer only gets $100 a month, what chance has the poor underpaid city scribe to climb up on the salary list? I hear a great deal about eight-hour movements and 10 per cent. advances in the wages of "workingmen." Of course we are not "workingmen." I labor about fifteen hours every day on a morning paper and draw the viceregal salary of TWELVE DOLLARS PER WEEK.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

Mr. Bews is Not a Grit.

Editor World: In your report of the meeting held in St. Paul's Hall, in the interests of the Labor candidates, I find myself described as "an aspiring young Grit." This is incorrect, for although I may have aspirations, and am not old, as an independent Labor Reformer I must decline the very doubtful honor of being read into either party, Grit or Tory. I never had any connection with either, nor do I intend to, being firmly convinced that only through organization, education and such independent action as is now being taken, irrespective of party politics, creed or sect, can the interests of labor be materially and permanently advanced. W. H. BEWS.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

Complimentary.

Editor World: I sincerely congratulate you on the production of your leading article this morning. It contains the most authenticated and best classified association of ideas on its subject that has fallen under my notice. The literary progress you are rapidly making was remarked this morning on my way to business. I would recommend all electors here whose desire for the religious welfare of our province can be placed before party strife and political mud-throwing to send it to their country friends. ONTARIO.

Toronto, Dec. 23, 1886.

Blind Protestant Ministers.

Editor World: In striking confirmation of what you say to-day in a splendid editorial, that the Protestant ministers who are in all but open alliance with Rome, are not in sympathy with the people, allow me to state the following from my own observation. On the 18th a crowded meeting was held at a country town where Mr. Campbell, the candidate for Peel, was speaking. He asked the large audience, "Who turned the Bible out of the Public Schools?" A Toronto Grit lawyer, Mr. Clement, called out, "It was done by Protestant ministers." On hearing this, Mr. Campbell said, very solemnly, "If the Protestant ministers are guilty of having helped to turn the Bible out of the Public Schools, then we Protestant laymen will turn those Protestant ministers out of their pulpits!" The audience was a mixed one, but this appeal to Protestant sentiment was received with rich applause, which lasted for some minutes. It is clear that the people are ahead of many of their spiritual leaders in intelligence in discerning the signs of the times. JOHN HAGUE.

Alleged Protestant "Submission to Rome."

Editor World: In common with many others I have regarded The World as an independent journal and have been pleased to see it pursuing a course of general independence in political matters, even when its views did not happen to accord with my own. The position that you have taken in the present political campaign, as expounded by your editorials from time to time, has, however, led many to doubt your independence. Instead of the impartial survey of political affairs that we were accustomed to look for we have found a repetition of the Conservative policy as enunciated by the Mail. Your article in yesterday's issue on "Protestant Clergymen Preaching Submission to Rome" was a new surprise. I could well understand your not agreeing with the Mowat Government on every point in their policy. I could believe in your sincerity had you objected to the educational policy of the Government and given your reasons for so doing. But I ask, in all fairness, what has occurred to justify the aspersions you cast in your editorial upon the Protestant ministers in this city who have had the manliness to justify their approval of the Scripture Readings against the attacks of partisan assailants?

Your editorial proceeds on the quiet assumption that Mr. Mowat has pandered to Archbishop Lynch. There is not one word offered in support of this assumption, but throughout you cleverly argue as if this theory had been satisfactorily proved. Now I, for one, am thoroughly satisfied that there has been no truckling to any religious body, that there is no "alliance between the Ontario Government and the head of the Roman Catholic Church in this province," that the Church of Rome during the last fourteen years in Ontario, never did and never could "use Provincial powers for her own aggrandisement." You have unfairly interjected this into the discussion of the attitude taken by the large majority of the Protestant clergy. There is not a single case in which any minister who has spoken or written in opposition to the sectarian cry, manufactured by your contemporary the Mail, has ever done anything that by the most specious reasoning could be twisted into "adjudicating the pretensions of the Church of Rome, and advising the surrender of Protestant rights."

You must be as well aware as any one even of your own readers who has read your own account of what has been said and written by Protestant ministers, that there is nothing to justify your allegations. What has been the position of the Protestant clergy? Against what have they been defending themselves? You must be well aware that in every case in which a Protestant minister has spoken, it has been in regard to the "Scripture Selections." The ministers who formed the committee appointed by the several Protestant churches have been attacked for the part they took in this matter. They have been accused of pandering to the Church of Rome by recommending to the Minister of Education the use in our schools of a book of Scripture selections. All that has been done in reply has been to show what the real facts are, what the position of the Protestant clergy really was, that the demand for this book was a Protestant demand, that the book was neither originated or carried out at the instigation of Archbishop Lynch. Is it fair, then, that these ministers, who have spoken in self-defence against a mean political attack, should be held up as if they were "Jesuits in disguise," allies of the Church of Rome? It was unnecessary to look for any ulterior motive to justify their course for any alleged "excess of political zeal;" they would have placed themselves in a false position had they failed to deny what they knew to be untrue.

It is not my purpose to enter into a discussion of your statement that "the Church of Rome has gained immensely" by Confederation. Surely the Catholics have not gained by having the affairs of this province under provincial control in a province where they are in a minority of one-sixth, rather than under the control of the united provinces of Upper and Lower Canada in which they had a Catholic majority of the population. But I do wish to enter my firm protest against any covert attack upon the Protestant loyalty of those ministers who have not feared to declare their denunciation of illiberal and sectarian cries despite of personal considerations and at the risk of political abuse.

Toronto, Dec. 23. H. H. DEWART.

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THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 23.

The stock market was very quiet this morning, and continues without any other feature. Montreal was rather better in bid at 236½, and Ontario unchanged, with buyers at 113. Toronto 1 lower at 210 bid, and Merchants ½ firmer at 128 bid. Commerce sold at 126½ for 20, and at 125½ for 100 shares, closing at 125½ bid, as against 123½ yesterday. Federal steady, with buyers at 166½, and Standard ½ higher at 124½ bid. Loan and miscellaneous shares quiet, the only transactions being 15 shares of Consumers' Gas at 198. Montreal Telegraph was 107½ bid, and Northwest Land ½ firmer in bid at 28½. Freehold Loan offered at 120 without bids, and Union Loan was 137 bid. Farmers' was 120½ bid, and London and Canadian firmer at 161 bid. People's was wanted at 112 and Land Security at 205, without sellers. The others are unchanged. In the afternoon the market was dull, there being no transactions and quotations of bank shares in some cases easier. Montreal was ½ easier, and Merchants' ¼ at 236, and 127½ bid respectively. Toronto is unchanged at 210 bid, and Commerce is ¼ lower at 126 bid. Federal and Standard are each ½ easier in bids. Western Assurance ½ lower at 161½ bid, and North-west Land weak at 27½ bid. The balance of the list is unchanged.

The Toronto Stock Exchange will not meet to-morrow or Saturday.

Closing prices on the Montreal Stock Exchange were: Bank of Montreal, 236 and 236½, sales 35 at 236½, 3 at 236, 125 at 236¼, 100 at 236½; Ontario Bank, 115 and 112; Banque du Peuple, 99 and 97½; Molsons' Bank, 146 and 141, sales 1 at 141; Bank of Toronto, 213½ and 209; Banque Jacques Cartier, 94½ and 71; Merchants' Bank, 128½ and 128; Bank of Commerce, xd., 126 and 125½, sales 25 at 125½; Canadian Pacific Railway, 67½ and 67¼, sales 25 at 67½; Montreal Telegraph Company, xd., 108½ and 108½; sales 280 at 108½; Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, 62½ and 62, sales 75 at 62; City Passenger Railroad, xd., 229 and 224½; Montreal Gas Company, 218 and 217½; Canada Cotton Company, 97 and 90; Dundas Cotton Company, 72 and 70½, sales 25 at 71. Board adjourned until Monday, 27th inst.

Foreign exchange was quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	$4 80	$4 79½
Sterling demand.	4 84	4 83½

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Asked.	Counter.
New York Funds	1-16	¼	⅛
Sixty days' sgt.	8½	8¾	9
Demand do.	9½	9¾	9½ to 9¾

Final cash prices in Chicago: Wheat 77½c, corn 36½c, oats 25½c, pork $11.25, lard $6.17½.

Oil City Oil Market: Opened 66½, closed ½ higher; highest 66½, lowest 66.

There will be no afternoon session of the Chicago Board of Trade from Dec. 24 to Dec. 31 inclusive.

Canadian Pacific shares in London 69½. In New York the stock opened at 67, closed 66½.

Consols in London 100 1-16 for money and 100½ for account.

The receipts of grain on the street to-day were fair, and prices steady. About 1200 bushels of wheat offered and sold at 80c to 82½c for spring, 79c to 81c for fall, and 70c to 72½c for goose. Barley unchanged, with sales of 2000 bushels at 45c to 47c. Oats are steady, with sales of 300 bushels at 31c to 34c. Peas sold at 52c to 53c a bushel. Hay steady, with sales of 40 loads at $9 to $12 for clover and at $12 to $14.50 a ton for timothy. Straw steady, with sales of bundled at $10 to $12, and loose at $7 to $8. Hops firm at $5.85 to $6.12½. Dressed hogs $7.50 for prime, and $5 to $7 for light quarters. Mutton $5 to $6.50. Lamb $6.50 to $7.50.

St. Lawrence Market was fairly active and prices generally unchanged. We quote: Beef, 12c to 14c; sirloin steak, 16c to 18c; round steak, 10c to 11c. Mutton, legs and chops, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts, 7c to 8c. Lamb, 7c to 9c for fore, and 12c to 13c for hindquarters. Veal, best joints, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts, 6c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts, 11c. Hides, No. 1 rolls, 25c to 26c; large rolls, 16c to 18c; inferior, 10c to 12c. Lard, tubs, 10c, pails of new, 11c. Cheese, 12c to 13c. Bacon, 10c to 12c. Eggs, 21c to 23c. Turkeys, 75c to $1.50. Chickens, per pair, 45c to 90c. Geese, 60c to 75c. Ducks, 45c to 55c. Potatoes, per bag, 75c to 80c. Cabbages, per dozen, 30c to 35c. Apples, per barrel, $1.50 to $2.25. Turnips, per bush., 35c to 40c. Carrots, 30c to 35c. Beets, 50c.

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Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 9 7-16c, do. New Orleans 9¾c. Flour—Receipts 18,000 bbls., strong; sales 22,000 bbls. Wheat—Receipts 106,000 bush., exports 36,000 bush; spot lots about ½c and options ¼c to 1½c higher, closing firm; sales 7,120,000 bush future, 242,000 bush spot; No. 1 hard 91c to 94½c store, No. 2 red 90c to 90½c elevator, No. 1 red 83c. No. 1 white 88c to 88½. No. 2 red Dec. 89c, Jan. 89 11-16c to 90c, closing 90½c, May 96½c to 97c, closing 96½c. Corn—Receipts 46,200 bush; steady; exports 30,000 bush; sales 218,000 bush future, 104,000 bush spot; No. 2 47½c elevator, 48½c afloat, No. 2 Jan. 47½c, Feb. 48½c to 48¾c, May 51½c to 51¾c. Oats—Receipts 43,700 bush; ¼c to ½c higher; sales 220,000 bush future, 112,000 bush spot; No. 2 34½c to 34¾c, mixed western 33c to 37c, white 37c to 41c. No. 2 mixed Jan. 34½c to 34¾c, Feb. 33½c to 33¾c. Sugar weak; refining 4½c to 4¾c, standard "A" 5⅝c, cut loaf and crushed 6½c, powdered 5⅛c to 6¼c, granulated 5 11-16c to 5¾c. Eggs firm; state 23c to 26c, western 24c to 27c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The wheat market was strong throughout to-day. Corn was steady and closed a shade firmer. Oats dull and firm. Pork opened dull, 5c to 10c lower, and declined 10c to 12½c additional, reached 7½c to 10c, and closed steady. Lard ruled 2½c to 5c lower. Short rib sides were considerably weaker, and declined 10c to 15c. The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. 76½c, Jan. 77½c, Feb. 78½c, May 83½c. Corn—Dec. 36½c, Jan. 36¾, Feb. 37¼c, May 42½c. Oats—Dec. 25½c, Jan. 25½c, May 31c. Pork—Dec. $11.25, Jan. $11.30, Feb. $11.40, May $11.77½. Lard—Dec. $6.17½, Jan. $6.22½, Feb. $6.30, May $6.57½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet, unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat 77½c, No. 3 red 77½c, No. 2 corn 36½, No. 2 oats 25c. Pork $11.25 to $11.30. Lard $6.17½. Short rib sides $5.60 to $5.65, dry salted shoulders $4.50 to $4.55; short clear sides $6 to $6.05. Receipts—Flour 21,000 brls, wheat 36,000 bush, corn 131,000 bush, oats 64,000 bush, rye 10,000 bush, barley 28,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 14,000 brls, wheat 14,000 bush, corn 80,000 bush, oats 85,000 bush, rye 1000, bush, barley 28,000 bush.

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