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THE NEW COMBINATION.

THE GRAND TRUNK AND NORTHERN PACIFIC AS ALLIES.

The Syndicate's Great Rival Getting Stronger and Stronger—If Not Into the Northwest by Duluth Then by the Southern Boundary.

The Grand Trunk is bound to get into Manitoba and it is useless to prevent it. The interests of Canada and the interests of that great railway corporation alike demand it. A powerful road with plenty of money is not to be baulked in its desire to extend its connections with its own money. All it asks is for the permission to do so, and sooner or later the syndicate and government will have to give way in their opposition. To force the thing it is reported that the Grand Trunk has taken aggressive measures. One of these it is alleged is an alliance with the Northern Pacific. The Grank Trunk is as good as in connection with the Northern Pacific now; when this latter line is extended and put in better shape the two roads will be practically one extending throughout eastern Canada, through Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and then away along the southern side of the 45th parallel to the distant west and ultimately to the Pacific coast. This great trunk line is bound to tap the Canadian Northwest. If the government try to baulk it in crossing the boundary line west of Emerson then the attempt will be made by the Ontario Sault line and on through Michigan and via Duluth to the southeastern corner of Manitoba, and once into that province on to Portage La Prairie and through the Canadian fertile belt.

THE ST. P. M. & M.

It was reported a few days ago that large lumps of the stock of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, now the property of the syndicate and its American allies, had been bought up by parties with a "sinister object." The only interpretation is that the Northern Pacific and the Grand Trunk have put their heads together and the former acting for the latter, and with the latter's money having been buying up the stock of the St P M & M, which was thrown on the market in the recent tumble in that stock. It just may be that Hill, Angus & Co let more of it go than they imagined and that it was "picked up" by the Northern Pacific. The forced sales were something enormous. Immense amounts of this stock were carried in Canada, and most of this has been sold.

Shrewd men like Hill and Angus would take care, one would think, to keep the balance of power in their hands, but at all events it seems certain that their rivals have secured no small portion of the stock of the road. Perhaps in another deal they may get more and then there will be a passing of the control.

A GREAT COMBINATION.

By itself the Grand Trunk is now the most powerful railway corporation in the world; with the Northern Pacific it would be of gigantean proportions. It is making such strides in gobbling that the fear is that it will swallow the syndicate. So far it has beaten the latter at every point. Its latest acquisition is the North Shore of Quebec. And still bigger deals are now on the carpet.

Yesterday's Police Court.

Thomas Kennedy, George McMullen and Lizzie Burns were charged on remand with stealing a number of fowls. John H Wilson and John Mullen each identified the fowls as having been stolen from him. The prisoners were further remanded until the 20th to enable them to secure counsel. Ann Spring and Bella Anderson for the same offence were discharged, but immediately re-arrested as vagrants and remanded until the same date. Geo. Baldwin, Wm. Loudon, Sam and Charles Brown, young lads, were charged with stealing eight tickets belonging to Alex. Manning of the Grand opera house. Loudon, Baldwin and Chas Brown were discharged, but Samuel Brown was remanded until Friday on the charge of stealing 600 cigars from Messrs J & F Wood. He was also charged with stealing a velocipede and having maliciously injured the property of Barbara Andrews by throwing stones at and splitting her door. Matthew Jackson was charged on remand with selling liquor during prohibited hours; the case was adjourned until the 13th inst. Thos McLean was charged on remand with having disturbed a meeting of the salvation army and was fined $5 and costs or thirty days. Hon. Frank Smith, as president of the street railway, was charged on remand with having caused to be sprinkled on the street railway track a quantity of salt spoiling the sleighing. The magistrate thought it would be better to summon each man thought to be guilty of putting the snow on the track, and the case was adjourned until Tuesday next. Several persons were charged on remand with having neglected to remove the snow from the sidewalks in the front of their premises of these Sir W. P. Howland was fined $1 and costs, two discharged, and the case of Henry Hughes adjourned until to-morrow.

In Military Circles.

The Queen's Own rifles will give their dramatic and gymnastic entertainment on the fifth of February in the Royal opera, which has been engaged for that date.

The military authorities have under consideration the question of some extensive improvements in the drill-shed, such as the enlargement of the armouries, building an addition to the north of the shed, and the establishment of a non com. officers' mess room. No definite action has yet been taken other than the petitioning the council to grant to them the lane on the north of the shed.

At the opening of the provincial legislature this afternoon, the Queen's Own rifles will furnish the band and guard of honor. The guard will consist of 100 men, 10 from each company, officered by Capt Brown and Lieuts McDonald and Mutton. They will parade at the armory at 1 30 p m. "B" troop of the governor general's Body Guards, commanded by Major Dunn, will act as an escort. The salute will be fired by the right division of the Toronto Field Battery, Lieut Mead being in command. They are ordered to parade at the old fort at 12 o'clock.

THE BUDDIE MORAN TRIAL.

Dr. Pyncbon Pronounced Not Guilty by the Direction of the Judge.

BUFFALO, Dec. 12—Dr. Pynchon's trial was resumed this morning. Dr. John S. Halbert was cross-examined in regard to the probability of abortion being brought about by the use of electricity. The examination was tedious and Judge Sheldon finally asked Mr. Hatch what was to be gained by continuing the question. "I am getting a little knowledge on the subject of electricity" said Mr. Hatch. "I am afraid both of you (the counsel) are getting too much knowledge on the subject," said the judge with a smile. The only remaining witness of the defence not being in court the people called Dr. Fowler to testify in regard to evidence given at the inquest. Counsellor Clinton objected to all the testimony. Dr Henry Hopkins thought an abortion could be produced with a sufficiently powerful electric battery. This afternoon the court assembled at 3 30 o'clock and Dr Bernard Barlow was briefly examined on the subject of electricity. The testimony of Dr Nicholas Hopkins of Dunnville and Mary Layman was read. Counsel announced that all the evidence was in. Judge Sheldon then briefly reviewed the case and instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, which they did without leaving their seats.

FATAL FALL OF A BRIDGE.

Seven Men Killed and Several Wounded.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 12—A telegram received here says the new iron bridge on the Mexican Pacific extension fell, while over a hundred workmen were engaged on it. Seven men were killed and many wounded.

OBITUARY.

Death of Ex-Judge Onderdonk, Duke of Sermoneta and Dr. J. W. Kermott.

ROME, Dec. 12—The duke of Sermoneta, president of the provisional government after the entry of the Italian troops into Rome in 1870, is dead.

DETROIT, Dec. 12—Dr. J. W. Kermott, the well-known physician and manufacturer of medicines, died of heart disease yesterday morning, after an illness of nearly two weeks.

GREAT NECK, L. I., Dec. 12—Ex-Judge Wm. Onderdonk died last night of paralysis, aged 62. He was one of the most prominent lawyers of the state. His death was the result of a shock received when the steamer Seawannahickon, on which he was a passenger, was burned.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Twenty persons are ill with small pox at Minneapolis.

A gratifying decrease is apparent in the number of cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever at Detroit.

Dynamite is being freely used in breaking up the frozen ground in grading the Essex Centre cut-off.

Body-snatchers are at work near Montreal. Six bodies were carried off at Hannes Lochs and St Anne de Belevues.

Detroit contemplates supplementing gas with the electric light if the superior advantages of the latter can be established.

It is reported that Ex-Senator Spencer has come to Canada from Watertown, N. Y., probably to stay till after the star route trials.

J D Locke, a prominent citizen of Erie, Pa., cut his throat yesterday morning. Financial embarrassment is said to have been the cause.

At the Higgins trial in Dublin yesterday Mr. Murphy, replying for the crown, said the perjury committed by two witnesses for the defence was appalling.

George Watson, convicted at Oswego of presenting a raised cheque at the First National bank, has been sentenced to seven years in the Auburn penitentiary.

The ice blockade at Detroit was of twenty-eight hours' duration. During that time the transfer ferry Transport was in mid-stream, laden with twenty-two cars of cattle, doing her utmost to effect the landing of the animals, which were in a deplorable condition owing to the difficulty of proper feeding on the cars and the fact that it was almost impossible to convey them food. The ferries are now running pretty nearly on time.

Disastrous Boiler Explosion.

DETROIT, Dec. 12—By the explosion of a steam-heating apparatus in the custom house on Sunday an official named Reed and two persons who happened to be present at the time, were badly scalded and bruised. One of them, Capt. George Shank, who is believed to have caused the accident by turning cold water into the overheated boiler, is delirious with pain, and it is feared he will lose his eyesight. Killey, the third person hurt, was most hurt about the face. The building caught fire but was soon extinguished.

Cursed with a Mother-in-Law.

BUFFALO, Dec. 12—This afternoon a young man named Wm Hardiker was found suffering from poison in the street. He was taken to the Bethel home and attended by doctors, who by the use of stomach pumps restored him to consciousness. He said that he was cursed with a mother-in-law who made his life miserable, and that death was preferable to the life she led him. This is the second time the young man has attempted to commit suicide within the present year.

The Fenian Brotherhood.

NEW YORK, Dec 12—The council of the fenian brotherhood yesterday adopted resolutions contradicting the statement of Devoy, on his trial for libelling Belmont, that the fenian brotherhood is a myth, and that he had been authorised to prosecute for the recovery of fenian moneys from Belmont & Co. He stated that New York, West Shore and Buffalo railroad contracted with Troy firms to furnish 20,000 tons of steel rails at about $40 per ton.

The Keely Motor Once More.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12—The first direct movement for patenting mysteriously the Keely motor was made yesterday, when a *caveat* was filed with the patent office in Washington. It is said this will cover many points in the discovery, and be followed in a few months by the application for patent. The contents of the *caveat* will not be revealed.

George the Second.

NEW YORK, Dec 12—In a running race this evening Thos Delaney, of the Gramercy athletic club, beat George the English champion, by 58 seconds, and also the best American record in a ten mile race.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIFFICULTY.

Girl Students Object to Plain Speaking—They Do Not Want a Spade to be Called a Spade—The Stand Taken by the Male Students—Trouble Brewing.

KINGSTON, Dec. 12—Some time since the girl students attending the medical class of Queen's college, were shocked at the plain language employed by one of the demonstrators of anatomy and withdrew. The male students then entered their protest against any squeamish curtailment of instruction on account of the sentimentality engendered by the presence of females, and requested the faculty either to prohibit the admission of girls or provide separate instruction for them. To-day the faculty refused to comply with this request and the result is that at a meeting of the male students, a resolution was passed to the effect that unless their proposition be complied with, they will leave the college and put in their course at Trinity college, Toronto.

PERSONAL.

Mr Rowe of the Winnipeg Times, is in Ottawa.

Hon Mr Caron returned to Ottawa yesterday morning.

Von Flotow, the well-known composer of operas, has become blind from a cataract of the eye.

Mr A R C Selwyn, director of the geological survey of Canada, has been appointed corresponding secretary of the Palermo academy of Belle Lettres.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Hotel at Listowel Burned—An Old Land Mark at Bowmanville Gone.

LEXARKANA, Ark, Dec 12—Nine buildings, including a hotel, the express office and several stores were destroyed to-day. Loss $35,000.

BEDFORD, Ind., Dec. 12—The Shawnee college, ten miles south of this, was burned on Monday with the museum of Indian curiosities, valued at $10,000. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

LISTOWEL, Ont., Dec. 12—About 5:30 last evening the Collison hotel, owned and kept by P. Collison, was totally destroyed by fire, caused by some defect in the chimney. Loss about $2000. Insured for $900; contents saved.

THAMESVILLE, Ont, Dec 12—A fire was discovered at 9 o'clock to-night in Mr Geo Haugh's cabinet shop; cause unknown. The losses are as follows: Geo Haugh on furniture and building, $4000; James Bowden, building, $1000, James Nickle, two buildings, $800. No insurance.

BOWMANVILLE, Dec. 12—A frame building owned by R B Andrew, which was one of the old landmarks, was burned this morning. The occupants were Mrs. Anderson, milliner and fancy goods, insured in the Hartford for $1400; and J B Tait, jeweler, who has $1400 in the Northern. No insurance on the building.

Immigration Statistics for November.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—The total number of immigrants arriving in Canada during the month of November was 8861, making in all 162,296 in the eleven months of 1882. Of the November arrivals 1877 were reported at Quebec; Halifax, 513; Suspension Bridge, 3084; Emerson (from United States), 1154; Montreal do, 36; St. John, N.B., 10; Customs' returns, 2607; agencies on the United States border, 75. Of the total arrivals this year 88 745 remained in Canada and 73,522 were destined for various points in the United States.

Brutal Wife Murder.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—A rumor is current in the city of a brutal murder committed on the twelfth concession of Fitzroy. It appears that a farmer named Kerr had a quarrel with his wife and kicked her to death, and then cooly sat down in presence of the corpse and eat his dinner. A warrant has been issued for Kerr's arrest; but owing to the fact that there is no constable for the county Kerr is still at large.

Sir Leonard Tilley and Temperance.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—Sir Leonard Tilley last evening addressed the first public meeting of the Church of England Temperance association. In discussing the evils of intemperance he contended that the liquor traffic had rendered desolate more homes than the ravages of disease, for the prevention of which the medical faculty are now making such strenuous efforts.

Experiment in Prison Feeding.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—The government have decided by way of experiment to abolish the use of dining rooms in the penitentiaries. The inspectors, after careful observation, have come to the conclusion that breaches of discipline are hatched there. The meals will be served in the cells. The first experiment will be tried in the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

Vice-Regal Movements.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—The vice-regal party, it is now understood, will not return to Ottawa until about February 1. Until that date they will continue travelling through the southern and south-western portions of the United States. Colonel DeWinton is expected to arrive here on the 20th inst.

Destructive Fire in Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 12—The business quarter of Kingston was burned yesterday. The loss will aggregate £6,000,000. Hundreds are homeless. The wharves, warehouses, stores, banks and supplies are gone. Food is needed.

Qu'Appelle Squatters Rights.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—Mr. Rufus Stephenson is on his way to this city to report upon the claims of the squatters upon the Qu'Appelle farm, who claim the right of possession in contradistinction to the rights of the speculators.

Dominion Revenue.

OTTAWA, Dec 12—This year the revenue from July 1 to Nov 30 amounted to $15,584,833, and the expenditure $11,009,522, leaving on hand $4,575,310.

Chief Justice Wood's Successor.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 12—Hon. Lewis Wallbridge, Q C of this city, has been offered and has accepted the appointment of chief justice of Manitoba.

Funeral of Louis Blanc.

PARIS, Dec. 12—The funeral of Louis Blanc took place yesterday. The streets through which the cortege passed were lined with crowds, and in the procession were nearly all the republican deputies and senators and over one hundred deputations bearing draped flags and wreaths, and a large detachment of infantry. The remains were interred in the cemetery of Pere La Chaise.

GOUNOD'S REDEMPTION.

THE MUSICAL EVENT OF THE SEASON AT THE GARDENS.

A Large and Brilliant Audience—The Toronto Philharmonic Society Scores a Big Success in Its First Concert.

The most important musical event of the season took place last evening in the pavilion of the Horticultural gardens. The Philharmonic society had selected Gounod's new oratorio, "The Redemption," as the subject of its first concert of this year, and the event justified the choice of its conductor. The Redemption has been performed at the Birmingham festival, in London at Albert hall, and in New York, by the New York Philharmonic society under Theodore Thomas, and lastly by our local society, so that the distinctions of having the second performance in America and the fourth in the world may be claimed by Toronto. The work is laid out by the plan, followed by Wagner and his disciples, namely that the solo voice parts shall mainly be historical or narrative, while the musical illustration shall be entrusted to the orchestra and the chorus. Arias, properly so-called, are rare in this work; in fact there is only one in the whole oratorio, "From thy Love as a Father," which is assigned to the soprano and which is accompanied by the chorus. The Redemption can hardly be called an oratorio, as we understand the term from the works of the older masters. It is rather a Trilogy with a prologue—all of intense dramatic force—with a musical setting of exceeding richness.

The design of the author is best explained in his own words: "This work is a lyrical setting forth of the three great facts on which depends the existence of the christian church. These facts are: 1 The passion and the death of the Saviour. 2 His glorious life on earth, from His resurrection to His ascension. 3 The spread of christianity in the world through the mission of the apostles. These three parts of the present trilogy are preceded by a prologue on the creation, the fall of our first parents, and the promise of a Redeemer." It is this promise of a Redeemer which is set in a phrase of delicious melody which forms the *leit-motif* of the melody. This promise of redemption heralds the appearance of the Redeemer, and accompanies the monotonic recitatives of the Redeemer's part, and occurs repeatedly throughout the work in fragments and inversions. The story is told principally by the Narrator's tenor and bass, while to the chorus are entrusted the utterances of the creator, of the holy women and of the priests and populace; only two choruses, "Unfold" and the closing chorus, "The Word is Flesh Become," being narrative.

Gounod has had the advantage of preparing his own libretto, whereby the whole scheme, literary as well as musical, is entirely under his control. The English translation from the original French is perhaps more literal than elegant, and was prepared by the Rev J H Troutbeck, a well-known English divine of great musical attainments. The work is open to the accusation of being fragmentary and monotonous, and its beauties can only be thoroughly enjoyed after several hearings, and by perusal of the explanatory commentary, which shows the subjects of musical illustration. The monotonic recitative, ascending and descending chromatically, is trying to the voice of the soloist, as well as to the understanding and musical sense of the hearer, and seldom attracts at the first hearing. This is greatly due to its dramatic concentration and to the richness of coloring in the orchestral accompaniments which distract very largely the attention of the audience from the movement of the story. The choruses mainly, however, are marvels of close choral writing, with rich melodic and harmonic effects, while the orchestration is masterly in the extreme. The established canons of musical composition are often set aside, and the most startling chords and discords show themselves as figures in a phrase, which at its completion justifies the composer's boldness. The purely orchestral movements are characterized by a strength, dignity and gorgeousness of phrase and color that is met with only in the works of Liszt and Wagner among the composers of the present day, and which will undoubtedly herald a new era in the treatment of religious subjects. The Philharmonic society scored a splendid success in its performance last night. A chorus of over 400 voices, assisted by an orchestra of seventy pieces, was presented to the audience which filled the large pavilion, and which represented the taste and culture of the city. The choruses were sung with fire, boldness and energy, and at the same time, with more attention to light and shade, and to correctness of phrasing and expression than has ever been achieved by the society. The orchestra naturally might expect severe criticism after the recent visit of Dr. Damrosch's fine band ten days ago, but it suffered no loss by the comparison. Without taking into consideration the fact that most of its members are amateurs, and most of its professional assistants are from a distance and therefore unable to attend but one rehearsal, the orchestra needs no apology. Never in the history of the Philharmonic society has its orchestra played with so much crispness, clearness and breadth of tone, and never has it played so delightfully, easily and smoothly. Of course occasional faults occurred, but they were rare. The choice of soloists was a most judicious one. Mr. John Winch sang the tenor narrator's part with a delicacy of treatment and breadth of style rarely heard here, and with his powerful and withal sympathetic voice was splendidly successful. Mr J F Winch sang the part of the Redeemer with care, and used his magnificent bass organ with great judgment, though a little more feeling and tenderness might have been expected from an artist of his reputation. Mrs. Ames had little to do, but did it well. Her solo obligato to the "From His Love" chorus was a masterly rendition. Her voice is beautifully cultivated, and very smooth and flexible, with but one fault, and that so serious a one that it must be mentioned. She does not pronounce her words so that they may be heard. The tone is sweet, but the expression is lost on account of indistinct enunciation. Mrs. Petley sang the parts of the Angel and of the Virgin Mother, with great sweetness and care, but with hardly enough contrast in her phrasing and expression. The trios are beautiful bits of part-writing and were exceedingly well rendered by Misses McManus and Berryman and Mrs. Petley. Mr. Schuch sang the base narrator's part, carefully and with due attention to the dramatic effects. Mr. Torrington wielded the baton with his customary success and watchfulness, but might, in justice to our local soloists, have afforded them the same latitude as to tempos, and the same assistance as to suppression of force in his orchestra that he did the imported talent. The success, musically speaking, of the concert is entirely due to his courage and thorough knowledge of orchestral and choral effects, and how to achieve them. The Redemption will be repeated to-night with the same artists, excepting that Mr. Warrington will sing the bass narrator's part.

ONTARIO TRADE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

First Annual Meeting at Albert Hall—Banquet at the Walker House.

The first annual meeting of the Ontario Trade Benevolent association (nee the licensed victuallers) convened at Albert hall yesterday afternoon. The president, Mr. J. S. Hamilton of Brantford, occupied the chair. After discussion it was decided to make the session an open one. There were about fifty delegates from different parts of the province present. Matters pertaining to the trade were discussed, but there was nothing said in reference to the politics of the association. All the old officers and committees were re-elected, with the exception that James Lennox of Toronto was placed on the finance committee in place of Thomas Brown. A G Hodge, the secretary, reported that the total receipts of the year were $3650 and the expenditure $1873, cash in bank in treasurer's name, $1167, cash in secretary's hands $619. There are 37 branches in the province with an aggregate membership of 1147. Secretary Hodge's salary was placed at $800 per annum. The session will be continued to-day.

BANQUET TO THE DELEGATES.

The Toronto branch gave a banquet in honor of the delegates at the Walker house last night. The spacious dining-room of mine host Walker was occupied to its fullest capacity, there being a table across the the east end and three running down therefrom. The tables were elegantly laid, and the menu was faultless. Mr. Wm. Armstrong, the president of the Toronto association, occupied the chair, the vice chairs being filled by Mr J G Coleman and Mr Thos Wilson. Among the invited guests present were Rev Dr Wild, Mr Robert Bell, M P P, Major Bennett, Major Gray and Mr John Armstrong. The secretary, Mr George Mitchell read letters of regret from Sir John A Macdonald, Hon Edward Blake, Hon Oliver Mowat, Hon Alex Morris and Mayor McMurrich.

The post prandial proceedings commenced with the toast of the queen, which of course was heartily honored. Then came the governor general, accompanied by the well-known song, For He's a Jolly Good Fellow. The chairman next gave the toast of the president of the United States, coupled with the name of Rev Dr Wild. The toast was enthusiastically honored, and Rev Dr Wild thanked the audience for the honor conferred upon him. He was pleased to be present at the Trades' Benevolent association dinner, and looking at the members present he could truly say they were a fine-looking body of men and showed no signs of dissipation. He was a temperance man himself, but he could not altogether agree with some of his temperance brethren. The licensed victuallers, whose trade had been so long recognized by law, had a vested interest which should be recognized, and he had no sympathy with any legislation that proposed to deprive the trade of their vested rights without compensation. The rev doctor next referred to the pleasing unity that existed between England and the United States, a unity that was becoming people descended from one common stock. He admired the United States and left that country in the most friendly manner for Canada, preferring to move to a better land, a land above which waved the glorious union jack. The army, navy and volunteers brought Major Gray, Major Bennett, and Mr. Wm. Fahey to their feet, and they made suitable replies. The dominion parliament and local legislature was responded to by Mr. Robt. Bell, M.P.P. The toast of O.T.B.A. was then proposed and duly honored. Mr. Hamilton, the popular president, responded. He spoke of the sound basis upon which the association was established and said its principal object was to elevate the standard of the trade. The commercial and manufacturing interests were ably responded to by Mr. John Cosgrave and Mr. George T. Robinson, the latter gentleman's speech being the best of the evening. Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Armstrong, president of the Trades' and Labor council, and others replied to the toast of our guests. Several other toasts were proposed. The proceedings were interspersed with songs Mr Armstrong made a good chairman, and Mr. Coleman was in his happiest vein as occupant of the vice chair. The committee paid the best of attention to the guests, and the unanimous verdict of the company was that the banquet was a great success.

St. Andrews' Lodge Installation of Officers

At the regular meeting of St Andrews lodge last evening the following brethren were installed into office for the ensuing year: W Bro Jas L Hughes, W M; W Bro M E Snider, I P M; Bro John Kent, S W; Bro L J Clarke, J W; R W Bro W James Bain, Treas; Bro W Barclay McMurrich, Sec; Bro R W Doans, Ass Sec; Bro Rev James Boddy, Chap; F McDonald, S D; Bro W A Geddes, J D; Bro C S Kenyon, S S: Bro Thos Pells, J S; Bro T McMullen, D of C; Bro A R McDonald, J G; Bro J F Fennel, Org.

Bros W L Wilkinson and Robert Hull, trustees; W Bro Wm Anderson, representative at the board of benevolence; Bros J B Boustead and W J Hundry, auditors, J H Pritchard, tyler. The impressive installation services were performed by R W Bro W C Wilkinson, assisted by R W Bro J B Nixon, V W Bro T F Blackwood, W Bros E T Malone, Jas S Lovell, Geo Tait, H M Graham, V W Bro N L Steiner and Wm Anderson. The retiring W M Bro M E Snider was presented by W Bros Hughes, on behalf of the members of the lodge, with a handsome past-master jewel, to which W Bro Snider made a suitable reply.

A Toronto Artist Abroad.

The New York Sun, commenting on the black and white exhibition of the Salmagundi club, says, in reference to the inability of most engravers to give an adequate translation of the artist's drawing: "Even with us, work done with full reference to the engraver's requirements, such as the Gaspe Headland of Mr. Fraser is by no means sure of adequate treatment."

And again: "Landscape is generally held to be the art of the future, yet we are not producing many new landscape artists. The best of those who are new to us is Mr. John Fraser, whose Gaspe Headland has already been mentioned. He is a Canadian well known in his native haunts." Mr. Fraser, a well known citizen of Toronto, should feel flattered at this high praise in the metropolis of America.

A WORD WITH THE PROPHET OF BOND STREET.

Let me ask you a question, dear doctor,
A straightforward question or two,
Let me put you a few simple queries
'Bout some things that I cannot see through.
I haven't much learning or knowledge,
While you, as you know, are D D.
And these things, though they puzzle me greatly,
May to you be like A B and C.

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When we deemed that you'd carefully show us
The true and the excellent way,
Was it wise to confront us with Egypt,
And the image whose feet were of clay?
Are there no forlorn souls in our city,
Groping blindly for truth and for light,
That you speak of zodiacal wonders
Or rehearse Arma-geddon's great fight?

When you tell of the mystical virtues
Of three, or of five, or of seven,
Do you think there are no weary sinners
Seeking vainly the road up to heaven?
When, tired of grief's heavy burden,
They turn their worn faces to you,
Do you think it will lighten their sorrows
To hear they are kin to the Jew?

You're discoursed on pre-Adamite mortals,
On the only true measure for corn,
You can figure the weight of behemoth,
Or the length of the unicorn's horn:
Is this food for our innermost nature,
Will it lay the grim spectre of doubt?
Illumine the dark shadowed pathway,
Or our fears and uncertainties rout?

We have climbed to the pyramid's summit,
We have conned all its mysteries o'er,
Yet the cares of our life are as bitter,
And our future as dark as before.
We have measured the city celestial,
With plummet and tape-line and square,
But you've somehow neglected to teach us
The way to a residence there.

When the wretched, the weary, the sinning,
Ask a haven of rest to be shown,
For a fish will you throw them a serpent,
And for bread will you give them a stone?
Will you save many souls, my dear doctor,
If you prove that three threes will make six?
Will you make many converts from Satan
By preaching a gospel of tricks?

Will the wand'rings of old Jeremiah
In the emerald isle of the west
Show us a near by-way to heaven—
A short cut to the land of the blest?
If we take all you tell us as gospel,
Of re hilim, nephilim, Jew,
Will the pearly gates ope any quicker,
Or let us the easier through?

In the book that tells of the Master
We don't read of strange topics like these,
Yet he swayed the hearts of poor sinners,
As tree tops are swayed in the breeze.
The story he told has not altered,
That age was, I think, much like this;
Are his methods old-fashioned, then, doctor?
Is your plan so much better than His?

When you've located at last Eden's garden,
And exhausted the wonders of seven,
When you're done with the transit of Venus,
When you've finished the census of heaven,
When you're settled the point whether Satan
Or the snake our first mother enticed,
Will you, just for a change, my dear doctor,
Preach the glorious gospel of Christ?

—G.

THE LEAN AND THE FAT FOX.

On a winter's night as the moon shone bright
Two foxes went out for prey;
As they walked along with frolic and song
They could scent neither rabbit, nor goose
astray:
But at length they came to a farmer's barn
That stood on the road by the way.
The prowlers found a hole by the ground
And they both went in, the sinners.
On the roost there sat some chickens as fat
As foxes could wish for their dinners.
So the chickens were quickly killed,
And one of them lunched, feasted and munched
Till his stomach was fully filled.
The other more wise, looked on with both eyes,
And scarcely would eat as all,
For as he came through with a squeeze
And a crush he remarked that the hole was small.
Thus matters went on, the winter's night long,
Till at length the morning came.
With it came the farmer's man, with pitchfork in
hand.
The foxes both flew, the thin one got through,
But the other stuck fast in the wall—
Let Dr. Wild make the moral.

—M.

An English M. P. in Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 12—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Whalley, a member of parliament, who failed to appear in answer to a summons charging him with obtaining £56 from an hotel proprietor on false pretences.

Spanish War Office on Fire.

MADRID, Dec. 12—A portion of the war office was burned and twenty persons injured; one seriously. The library and part of the archives are destroyed. The king was present and assisted in subduing the flames.

An Affecting Scene.

DUBLIN, Dec 12—At the trial of Higgins to day his little girl, Katie, who was called as a witness for the defence, saw her father and throwing her arms around his neck kissed him affectionately. The prisoner was much affected.

The Madagascar Question.

LONDON, Dec 12—It is stated that the Irish ambassador has informed France that England will not consent to her forcing a protectorate on Madagascar. The statement is sensational.

The Cox Assassins

DUBLIN, Dec 12—The grand jury have found true bills against the three men charged with the assassination of Detective Cox, and the man who tried to assassinate Judge Lawson.

The Curfew Act in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 12—The first arrest under the curfew clause of the repression act was made last evening. The prisoner is believed to have been a companion of the murderers of detective Cox.

Proceedings Against Davitt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 12—The proceedings against Davitt, Healey and Quinn have been adjourned for ten days to enable the defendants to meet the charges against them.

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, December 13, 1 a.m.

Lakes: Southeast to southwest winds, cloudy, mild weather, with local falls of snow or rain, followed to-night by northwest winds, clearing cold weather.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Date.	*Steamship.*	*Reported at.*	*From*
Dec 12	Bohemia	New York	Hamburg
Dec 12	Erin	New York	Liverpool

A FIGHT OVER A RAILWAY

WHO WILL CONTROL THE TORONTO, GREY AND BRUCE ROAD.

The Case of Hendrie vs Grand Trunk Railway at last Secures a Hearing—Opening of the Case Yesterday.

The celebrated case of Hendrie vs. the Grand Trunk to decide who shall control the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway, which has been pending for about a year and a half without being heard, came up at the chancery divisional court yesterday morning before Judge Proudfoot. Mr. Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., Mr. C. Robinson, Q C. and Mr. E. Martin appeared for Mr. Hendrie, and Hon. E. Blake and Mr. Cassels for the Grand Trunk. The pleadings set forth that the company was in difficulties in 1874, failure following endeavours to resuscitate the company's affairs, and allege that Mr Beatty, in April, 1881, was making a secret agreement with the Grand Trunk railway company with the object of leasing the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway to that company at a rental, and upon terms far below the value of the line. The plaintiff Hendrie protested against this agreement, and desired at a meeting of the board of directors of the Toronto company to have the consideration of the question postponed, but a majority of the directors refused, resisted the delay and insisted on the terms of the agreement being carried out. The proposal of the Grand Trunk was that they should have the line on the following terms: A rental of 27½ per cent of the gross earnings up to $500,000; 25 per cent of all the gross earnings from $400,000 to $500 000, and 12½ per cent for all over $500,000, and to guarantee that the minimum rental should not be less than $100,000. Certain works were also to be performed by the Grand Trunk. The plaintiff alleges that these terms were most unfavorable. The North ern railway company then made an offer of 35 per cent on the gross earnings up to $350,000, 25 per cent for the next $50,000, 20 per cent for the next $100,000 and 12½ per cent for all over $500,000. The proposal was rejected, however, and an agreement was entered into on the 13th of May. At a meeting of bondholders held on the 28th June 1881, to ratify the agreement, it is contended that the plaintiff was not permitted to vote on account of the bonds he held. He also charges that the agreement was hastily and improvidently entered into at the instigation of the defendant and without independent legal advice or due consideration, and it was unfair and unjust to the plaintiffs in its terms and that it should not be enforced against the plaintiffs, and that the said agreement is of such a nature that specific performance shall not be decreed. At the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the plaintiff's company, held in Sept. 1881, the term of office of the directors expired, and Messrs. Beatty, Worts, Lee, Gooderham, McKay, then ceased to be directors of the said company and other persons opposed to the said agreement were elected in their place. The plaintiff prays that it may be declared that the agreement of May 13, 1881, with the G. T. R., was not duly confirmed at the meeting called for that purpose, and that the proceedings were and are null and void so far as they relate to the agreement of May 13. That it may be declared that the votes on 1561 bonds were improperly rejected and ought to have been received. That the defendant may be restrained by the order of the court from taking over the Toronto, Grey & Bruce railway, and entering into possession or otherwise acting on or carrying into effect the said agreement of May 13, 1881. Mr. W R Beatty was examined, and detailed the various negotiations which had taken place in reference to placing the Toronto, Grey & Bruce railway on a paying basis. All failed however till a scheme was propounded for getting the Grand Trunk railway to lease the road, in consideration of which the municipalities through which the road runs had agreed to give a bonus towards altering the gauge, etc. The offer of the Northern & Northwestern was rejected because they considered that the company could not carry out the agreement. There was also a legal difficulty in the form of a clause in the Toronto companies' act preventing such an arrangement. There was a proviso that the assets of the lieutenant-governor in council should be first obtained. Another difficulty was the fact in the event of an agreement with the Northern company the Grand Trunk company could "squeeze" them. The latter company, however, had never done so. The guarantee of the Grand Trunk would have the effect of enabling them to pay 5 per cent on the preference bonds of $1,000,000, and nearly 2¾ per cent on the issue of $2,000 000. He did not think anything about the agreement being ratified by the bondholders, though he went to England in order to get the assent of the bondholders to the scheme.

DARING ROBBERY.

$50 Snatched from a Lady on Victoria Street.

Another daring highway robbery was perpetrated in the city on Monday evening. Miss Burnett, a well-known milliner on King street west, Stovell's block, left her place of business for her home on Victoria street about 7 p m, carrying a satchel containing $50 with several valuable letters and papers. When on Victoria street a little north of Queen, a skulking individual who had quietly approached from behind, suddenly seized the satchel, wrenched it from her grasp, and before she was fully aware of what had happened was off at full speed towards Queen street. He slipped and fell once but quickly picked himself up and turning the corner of Queen and Victoria, fled eastward. Miss Burdett immediately gave the alarm, "Stop thief!" but to no effect as the street was almost deserted at the time. One gentleman gave chase, but only with the satisfaction of seeing the thief disappear in a lane between Victoria and Bond streets where he was lost sight of. He was, as far as could be seen, a young man of medium size and fair complexion. It is supposed that there were accomplices and that Miss Burdett was watched and followed from her shop. The police were at once notified of the matter but as yet no arrests have been made.

The First Carnival.

The first carnival of the season was held in the Spadina avenue rink last night. The attendance was very good, there being about 700 skaters on the ice, though very few of these were in costume. Anderson's band furnished the music, the ice was in good condition and appeared to enjoy themselves. A number of new gas jets have been added, being a great improvement on the former lighting.