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SALISBURY'S MINISTRY.

HOW IT WILL PROBABLY BE COMPOSED.

Lord Churchill to be Secretary for India—Regrets at Sir Stafford Northcote's Removal to the Upper House.

LONDON, June 17.—Early this morning the ministerial situation was believed to hang on the acceptance of a peerage by Sir Stafford Northcote, who would thus forego the leadership in the house of commons. This is opposed strongly by Lord Randolph Churchill and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. If Sir Stafford takes his coronet there is every likelihood that Salisbury can complete his cabinet by Friday.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon has an editorial believed to have been inspired by M. Lessar, of the Russian section of the Afghan boundary commission, couched in angry terms. It says unless Salisbury wishes to deepen the conviction of Russia that his ministry is a menace of war he will cancel the appointment of Churchill as secretary of state for India. Russia, continues the article, already regards the Salisbury cabinet with such suspicion that any sudden hitch may cause such a rupture of the negotiations now in progress as will result in war.

At the conference of conservatives yesterday it is said Lord Randolph Churchill made it a condition of his acceptance of office that Sir Stafford Northcote should be made leader of the conservatives in the house of commons. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, member of parliament for Portsmouth will have a position in the cabinet. The conference of conservative leaders to-day lasted one hour. It is said that the result of the conference is that all obstacles to the formation of a cabinet have been surmounted. All who attended the conference are, however, pledged to secrecy. At the close of the conference Lord Randolph Churchill remained in private conference with the Marquis of Salisbury. The conservative leaders will have another meeting before a decision is finally taken upon the constitution of the new cabinet.

The Marquis of Salisbury this afternoon departed for Windsor castle to present to the queen the names of the ministers he has chosen for the new cabinet.

The New Ministry.

LONDON, June 17.—Arthur J. Balfour, M.P., nephew of the Marquis of Salisbury, has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland. Mr. Holmes has been appointed attorney-general for Ireland, and Mr Monroe solicitor-general for Ireland. The composition of the new cabinet has been partially settled as follows: The Marquis of Salisbury, prime minister and secretary of state for foreign affairs; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer; Lord Randolph Churchill, secretary of state for India; Sir Richard Assteton Cross, secretary of state for the home department; Hon. Edward Gibson, lord chancellor of Ireland; Rt. Hon. Wm. Henry Smith, secretary for war; Col. Frederick Stanley, secretary for the colonies; the Earl of Carnarvon or Viscount Cranbrook, lord-lieutenant of Ireland, and Sir Stafford Northcote, lord president of the council.

Lord Salisbury had a two hours' interview with the queen yesterday and immediately returned to London. It is stated now that the conservatives have decided to accept office regardless of obtaining liberal support.

Sir Stafford Northcote's acceptance of a peerage is generally regretted as it will leave the conservative leadership in the house of commons too much under the influence of Lord Randolph Churchill. Sir Stafford's title will be Lord Iddlesleigh.

A CANNIBALISTIC CHRISTIAN.

An African Prince Seizes Nine Villagers and Has Them Cooked and Eaten.

LONDON, June 18.—The native African prince, Allagogha of the Brass river territory, Upper Guinea, while trading at a native village was shot at and wounded in the shoulder by a native, who escaped. The prince took nine villagers as hostages, and, failing to produce the would-be assassins, he had them cooked and eaten. The missionaries say the prince professed to be a Christian.

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CABLE NOTES.

Prospectuses have been issued in London for Chinese loans to the amount of $11,000,000 at six per cent.

An Allahabad despatch says troops and guns continue to arrive at Herat, which is now in a good state of defence.

Disapproval is expressed in India on the rumor that Lord Randolph Churchill will be secretary for India. It is feared his appointment would lead to the resignation of Earl Dufferin.

The great establishment of William Whitely at London, Eng., which is devoted to various kinds of business, with a number of adjoining shops, was burned this morning. Loss £750,000.

At an influential meeting in London yesterday it was decided to take immediate steps to form a naval volunteer torpedo corp at every seaport in the kingdom for coast defence. The admiralty supports the movement.

France Again Menacing China.

LONDON, June 18.—It is reported that the French cabinet has decided to replace M. Patenotre, who negotiated the treaty peace between France and China, by M. Roustan as ambassador at Pekin. The Pall Mall Gazette intimates that this change, if carried out, will imply such a menace to China that the Pekin government may refuse to accept M. Roustan's credentials.

Likely to Share the Fate of Mr. Gladstone.

ROME, June 18.—The chamber of deputies has adopted the foreign estimates by a vote of 163 to 159. The narrowness of the majority renders it almost impossible for Foreign minister Mancini to remain in office.

Half a Thousand Horses Burned.

PESTH, June 17.—Destructive fires have occurred in Ayrana and Leutschau, both towns in Hungary. At the former place 120 houses were burned. At Leutschan 400 houses were destroyed and many lives lost.

Divorced Himself.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Joseph Vlana, whose wife had instituted divorce proceedings against him, went to the house where she was staying to-day and shot and killed her. He then shot himself and will die.

The C. P. R. Resolutions.

OTTAWA, June 17.—The debate on the C. P. R. resolutions was continued to-day by Mr. Blake and Mr. Ives.

FRENCH CANADIAN VIEWS.

What Was the Real Cause of the Northwest Outbreak.

QUEBEC, June 17.—In connection with the announcement made a few days ago to the effect that certain reports circulated by French papers here have given a new aspect to the responsibility for the outbreak in the Northwest, L'Electeur, a French liberal paper, says:

A company was formed under the name of the Prince Albert Colonization Co. Its principal directors and shareholders were Mr. Jamieson, son-in-law of Mr. Bowell, minister of customs, and ex-Orange Grand Master John White, tory member for Hastings. Mr. Sharples, brother-in-law of the Hon. A. P. Caron and Mr. McGreevy, M. P. for Quebec west. The government granted to this company an immense tract of land including the settlements at Batoche, St. Laurent, in a word all the principal French halfbreed settlements on the South Saskatchewan. It was this company who emitted the eviction notices to the halfbreeds, and it was after the receipt of these notices that the latter organized and armed themselves for the defence of their properties, expecting from moment to moment the arrival of the mounted police to evict them. But here is what brought about the explosion and provoked the first fight. Things stood as related, when Mr. Clarke, the Hudson Bay company's agent, arrived at Batoche. He was asked if he thought the halfbreeds would soon receive an answer to their numerous memorials sent in to the government at Ottawa since 1879. Mr. Clarke replied that the answer was about to reach immediately and and that it would be brought by five hundred policemen in the form of little balls of lead. The excitement which this intelligence provoked can readily be comprehended. The halfbreeds flew at once to arms to protect their properties. As if to confirm Clarke's statement, Major Crozier's detachment arrived on the scene a few days later in search of provisions from the Hudson Bay company's store, and it is added that it was upon Clarke's demand that the expedition was undertaken. The rest is well known. At the words exchanged between Crozier and Dumont, Crozier's attack and the repulse of his two hundred men by Dumont and his twenty-six halfbreeds. This not only confirms what we reported the other day but agrees with it. The direct cause of all the troubles in the Northwest was an abominable injustice committed to furnish the relatives of ministers and to friends of the government an opportunity of making millions of dollars out of the public domain.

KILLED BY A TORNADO.

Sixteen People Swept Out of Existence in an Iowa County.

LEMORS, Iowa, June 17.—As reports from the outlying districts come in, it becomes evident that the tornado which swept over Plymouth and Cherokee counties was attended with a great loss of life. Among the killed so far reported are: Mrs. Wm. Gano and child at Marcus; Nick Mackel, aged 65; W. Goetchle, aged 26, found in a lake, he having been struck over the heart with a plank and instantly killed. Sixteen are reported killed in Cherokee county.

DOUBTFUL OF THE ISSUE.

Goldwin Smith Does Not Believe in the Sure and Certain Supremacy of England.

ITHACA, N.Y., June 17.—Goldwin Smith, in his lecture last evening said: "How long England will last no one knows. Her 'drum beats circling the world' is a hoax. She has less than half the soldiers of Russia, and it may be possible that she cannot hold her 250,000,000 subjects on the other side of the globe under her hands for a great while. Whatever may happen to England she has had her history. If fight we must, let the old ship be cleared for action."

Death of Baron Von Manteuffel.

CARLSBAD, June 17.—Field Marshal Von Manteuffel, the distinguished German commander and governor of Alsace-Lorraine, died suddenly here this morning of pulmonary congestion. The Emperor William was completely prostrated when he heard of the death of Baron Von Manteuffel, and said in a mournful way: "All my friends are dying."

Baron Von Manteuffel was born at Madgeburg Feb. 24, 1809, and was consequently 76 years old. He was in command of the first army corps in the Franco-Prussian war and was governor of Alsace-Lorraine when he died.

A Worm in Kansas.

PARSONS, Kan., June 17.—There is now making its appearance in this vicinity a scourge equal to the grasshopper. Large fields of corn, standing on an average of eight inches high, looking fresh and green in the morning, before night becomes withered and dead. Examination discloses in each hill a myriad of worms—ranging from one inch and a quarter down to one-eighth of an inch in length. Nearly every piece of corn is more or less infested. The eggs from which the worms are hatched are supposed to be deposited by a small yellowish white matter.

The Bartholdi Statue Arrives.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., June 17.—At daybreak the lookout sighted a strange steamer anchored off the bar. She soon got under weigh, and at 5 a.m., when off the Hook, she displayed her signal letters. All doubts about her were dispelled, and the long looked for Isere was reported. The United States steamer Omaha received the visitor with full honors. At the office of the Bartholdi statue committee it was announced that the formal reception of the statue would probably take place Friday or Saturday.

Affairs in Central America.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The following telegram has been received from Rear Admiral Jouett at Colon: "My attempt at mediation, supported by Commissioners Justo Arozmena and Daniel Hernandez, resulted in a treaty of peace, which was signed by the commissioners of both parties. This was not approved by revolutionary orders. Matters remain as previously reported. The government forces are now marching on Barranquilla."

Fruit Against Grain in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—The crop reports from the principal wheat growing counties of the state show that the yield will not exceed 24,000,000 bushels, or about three-sevenths of last year's crop. The probabilities are that next year's acreage will show a large decrease, while the fruit area will be largely increased. The fruit crop of all kinds throughout the state will be large and good.

Imported from Canada.

TROY, N.Y., June 17.—A case of smallpox has appeared in Plattsburg, Clinton county. It is supposed to have been brought from Canada. Inspectors will be appointed in Troy to watch all incoming trains and canal boats for cases of smallpox.

Hops in New York.

WATERVILLE, N.Y., June 17.—Hops are in fine condition in Oneida, Madison and Otsego counties. The average is equal or greater than that of last year.

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THE RATE OF TAXATION.

SEVENTEEN MILLS ON THE DOLLAR THIS YEAR.

An Increase of a Mills and a Half—The Council Spends Six Hours Over the Estimates.

The estimates for this year were considered by the city council yesterday. The meeting commenced at 11 o'clock, with a full attendance of aldermen.

Mayor Manning regretted the increase of a mill and a half over last year's fifteen and a half mill rate. The increase was due to the extension of the city and increased cost of running the municipal machinery consequent upon the increase in population. During '84 the local improvement debt was increased by $369,512, and the general debt by $288,835. Last year's council left liabilities which are barely covered by the mill and a half added to last year's rate. Were it not for this, his worship explained, that the council for 1885 would be able to discharge all obligations, including $12,000 for allowances to volunteers' families without raising last year's rate. He called the attention of the council to the large annual increase in the debenture debt for local improvements and for other purposes. Unless a check was put on this the taxpayers would find cause to complain of the great burden of the taxation.

Chairman Defoe followed with his budget speech, which was a clear and well delivered statement of the financial condition of the city. He regretted that the executive had to report an increase of a mill and a half over last year's rate. The council for '82 left to their successors a freedom from liability a cash surplus of $20,220, and balances to the credit of numerous accounts. The '84 council left to the present board of aldermen a cash deficit of $1,850. They had to assume the waterworks indebtedness of $23,300: $14,070 had to be re-provided for Yonge street avenue paving. Among other extra liabilities are $9,500 for Brookton expenses, $1000 for the memorial volume, $33,000 increase on debt charges $15,600 on public school expenditures. Another extra charge is $17,803 discount on £47,000 forty year four per cent. debentures to pay off $229,700 G. T. R. six per centers maturing in April last. This expenditure converts six per cent. into four per cent. debentures and effects a saving in interest of $4600 annually. The present six per cent. debt of the city is $4,874,500; the five per cent. $947,403; four per cent. $98,700. In the latter class $300,000 for a new court house, and $160,000 for waterworks purposes. The city debt is now: General, including Esplanade aid to railways, $3,435,000; waterworks $2,260,205; public school $357,000; city proportion of local improvement $531,000. Referring to the local improvement question the speaker condemned the practice of exempting property fronting on block-paved streets to the extent of ⅔ of a mill as most inequitable. On a twenty-foot frontage on King street assessed for $2500 the exemption would total $1875, while the annual paving charges only foot up to $6. Thus the exemption works a wrong to the general ratepayer, and the owner gets not only his paving free of charge, but also a bonus of $12.75 annually. An allowance on every foot of lineal frontage would be a more equal method. The assessed value of exempted frontages this year amounts to $21,672,000. It was with much regret that the executive felt compelled to recommend sums much less in amount for roadways and sidewalks than the committee asked for. The $3000 appropriated for sewer balances reduces the liabilities on this account to $2854. The executive thought they could, without difficulty, reduce the street lighting estimate to $75,000. This is an increase of $7800 over last year, and the members think that unless this item of expense can be curtailed by a reduction in price, the city will have to resort to some scheme for protection. In conclusion, Chairman Defoe disclaimed all idea of attempting to foreshadow future rates. Each year's losses will be regulated by special requirements. The taxpayers need have no cause for alarm, for the only project now outlined that will cause a serious advance is the trunk sewer scheme, which would probably call for an extra rate of 1½ mills. A well-defined scheme should be submitted to the ratepayers for approval at the municipal elections. The soundness of the city's financial position gives cause for congratulation. City debentures should be considered the best securities on the market, as at least fifty per cent. of the gross debt is secured by real estate owned by the city. Concluding, the speaker warmly complimented Treasurer Harman and Assistant Coady on the efficiency of their department.

With Ald. Taylor in the chair, the council went into committee on the estimates.

The executive committee reported that they had not been able to see their way to recommend compliance with the requisition of the public school board for an issue of debentures to the extent of $42,000 to provide funds for the purchase of new school sites and the erection and enlargement of the public schools; and the public school board, if they were dissatisfied with the decision, have the power by statute of requiring that a bylaw shall be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers. Ald. Galley did not see why the executive committee struck out this item and allowed a similar item of $32,300 for separate schools to remain. Chairman Defoe explained that the item for separate schools would not affect the city taxation, while the amount for public schools would. The recommendation of the executive committee was adopted. Ald. Frankland then moved, seconded by Ald. McMillan, that the question of public school debentures be reconsidered. The motion was carried, and Ald. Frankland then moved, that the sum of $42,000 be inserted in the estimates for the erection of school buildings. Ald. James moved in amendment that the amount be placed in the estimates at $30,000, instead of $42,000; and another amendment to this effect, moved by Ald. Defoe was adopted. Ald. Baxter moved that the estimates of the board of works, which had been cut from $57,000 to $48,800, be increased by $15,000. Ald. Carlyle, chairman of the board of works, strongly supported the motion. He said the amount was necessary for new sidewalks. The motion was carried but at a subsequent stage the amount was struck out in council for want of a two-third majority.

A recess took place at o'clock for luncheon. Chairman Defoe invited his aldermanic colleagues and the heads of the departments to luncheon in the mayor's office where H. E. Hughes of the Criterion had laid an elegant spread. For a time the cares of civic life were forgotten while the party partook of the best of sandwiches, the most palatable salads, the finest of jellies and strawberries, the whole being washed down with Hughes' sparkling wine. The company drank Ald. Defoe's health with a gusto. A little bird whispered that he would be the next mayor. Ex-mayors McMurrich and Boswell were among his guests.

On the item of $14,894 for street cleaning, Ald. Frankland made a sensible suggestion. It was that younger men should be employed at the work. Or if old men must be engaged as a kind of charity, they should be worked in separate gangs and on back streets. He thought the city commissioner should get more labor for the money. Chairman James agreed with him.

Ald. Hastings moved that the $20,562 for water for street sprinkling be reduced by $10,000. He objected to the city being charged exorbitant rates for water simply to boom the water department's revenue. Ald. Defoe explained that the case was simply a matter of bookkeeping between the two departments. The water committee was credited with so much revenue from the markets and health committee. If this appropriation was reduced, the revenue would be correspondingly reduced, so that the taxation would not be affected. Chairman James supported the motion. Ald. McMillan contended that the civic departments should not be changed for water; it placed the waterworks revenue in a fictitious light. The motion was carried, but in council the item was reinserted.

Ald. Hastings thought the city commissioner's salary was too high, in view of the fact that his duties had been lessened. He moved that $500 be struck off. The motion was ruled out of order, as the matter can only be amended by bylaw.

The mayor's salary of $2000 was made the subject of some banter. Ald. Allen understood his worship had stated during the election that he would not accept any salary if elected. This kept men from going into the field, as they could not afford to work without pay. He might have been a candidate himself but for this assurance. It was, said the speaker with a dry smile, now in order for his worship to strike the sum out. Ald. Baxter: "I hope the worthy alderman is not sincere; look what it costs his worship for dinners given to the council." This sarcastic observation caused quite a laugh, which made the mayor wince. Ald. Walker: "I think there is no sincerity on either side."

The question of keeping the Horticultural gardens open longer at night was introduced by Ald. Lamb in connection with the item of $2000 for the society. He moved that the grant be conditional on the gardens being open till 9.30. Ald. Baxter observed that this would entail extra expense for police, lighting, etc. It was pointed out to the mover that the aldermen who had seats on the directorate of the society should go there and regulate the matter. The matter dropped; Ald Lamb will offer a motion at the next meeting to request the directors to keep the gardens open till 9.30.

Last year's council left unpaid a bill for $1000 for the semi-centennial memorial volume. Ald. Baxter moved that the sum in the estimates to meet this be struck out. The council thought the city should pay its debts, and passed the item. In council, Ald. Baxter argued that the item was illegal, as the books had not been ordered. He again offered a motion to strike it out. Ald. Taylor, Pepler, Allen, John Woods, James, Baxter and Johnston were the only aldermen who voted for the resolution, as against 22 to the contrary.

Ald. McMillan moved that $300 be inserted for the Prisoners' aid association. He said the association was doing a good work. Ald. Barton objected to the grant on the ground that the association competed with private parties in making brooms and other goods. The city should not grant money to be used for this purpose. Ald. Frankland objected to the grant as also did Ald. Johnston, who said the members of the association did a great deal of hack-driving Sundays, but would doubtless be opposed to running street cars on that day. Ald. Walker observed that he had seen them having a good time. Ald. McMillan's resolution was lost by a large majority.

Ald. Sheppard moved that the item of $600 for the Female haven be reduced to $200. The mayor observed that many country girls were kept in this and other institutions at the city's expense. He thought this was wrong. Ald. Carlyle, Pepler and McMillan favored the grant standing as it was. Ald. Frankland supported the motion, which was lost.

Ald. Taylor made a very patient chairman of the committee of the whole. When the committee arose he was applauded. A lot of time was spent in discussing matters that had already been overdone in committee. The upshot was that the estimates were confirmed as they had been reported by the executive committee, the rate of taxation being fixed at 17 mills on the dollar. It was 6.45 when the council adjourned.

Thanks to the Toronto Ladies.

Those who availed themselves of the means afforded by the volunteers' supply committee in sending parcels to the troops in the Northwest, will be pleased to read the following letter, received yesterday by the treasurer of the fund:

BATTLEFORD, June 6, 1885.

MY DEAR MADAM—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of supplies per Mr. Hume Blake. The goods arrived in good condition, and I can assure you were welcomed with all our hearts. You will please accept our most sincere thanks for all the good things sent us; you will also please convey to our many friends our sincere thanks for their kindness in sending us so many valuable presents. All the regiments join in sending their kindest wishes.

I remain, my dear madam, yours sincerely,
A. A. MILLER, Lt.-Col. commanding Q.O.R.

Mrs. Edward Blake, treasurer, acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for the relief of the families of volunteers on active service: A. Bertram, captain W. Co., 77th Batt., $32; G. T. Kingston, $10; H., $20; employes of Galt foundry, Galt, per J. Montgomery, $20; Friend, $5; total $87.

A Cool Sentence.

Of all the cool things in this world of cheek, says the Boston Herald, the passage cited from the sentence of death passed by a Wyoming territorial judge upon a condemned murderer is certainly the coolest. After reviewing the trial, he said to the prisoner: "I am by no means satisfied with the evidence in the case, and am not sure whether you killed John Forbes or whether he died by a visitation of God, but my sentence is that you be hanged on the third Friday of June; and should you know of your own innocence you will have the comforting assurance that it is doubted by some of the wisest thinkers of the age whether life is in any circumstances worth living." This refrigerated philosophy deserves a place among the curiosities of law.

Ordination at West Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Pedley, a young minister, was duly ordained and installed into the charge of the congregational church at Georgetown Tuesday. Among the ministers present were Dr. Wild of Toronto, Dr. Stevenson of Montreal, Rev. Mr. Pedley (a brother), Rev. Mr. McGregor of Guelph, Rev. Mr. Martin of Hamilton. The services both during the day and in the evening were attended by large numbers of adherents of the church and their friends.

A Disappointed Crowd.

"What came ye here for to see?" was the question put to the crowd that gathered at Yonge street and Yorkville avenue last night. They thought they had come to see a race, but the competitors failed to connect. An apology is due from them, if not their next public appearance will be a melancholy failure.

A COBDENITE'S DEATH.

THE LAST OF THE WHISTLER AT THE PLOUGH.

Action Against a Doctor—Boy Drowned in the Bay—Entertaining the Incurables—Other City News.

Yesterday afternoon, at 106 York street, in this city, died Alexander Somerville, better known as the Whistler at the Plough. He was a man of gigantic frame and endowed with an amount of vital energy that in former years carried him through much heavy work and many arduous struggles. Forty years ago he was an esteemed fellow laborer with Cobden and other heroes of the British anti-corn law league, but we have never heard that the victors in that famous struggle did much of anything for him. In his later years, even after the old fire had left him, a considerable power of description yet remained; and letters of his, telling of rude beginnings and final successes of old country emigrants in the Canadian bush, have been extensively printed in Scotch and north country English papers. He was proud even in his poverty, and sternly honest even in want. On the whole an extraordinary man, one whose like we shall not soon see again. With his strength and temper, he would surely have been a chief of the marches near the Tweed a few hundred years ago; but, living in this country, his energies were largely wasted. Peace to his ashes.

ACTION AGAINST A DOCTOR.

Dr. Eastwood of Whitby Sued for Alleged Malpractice.

At the assize court yesterday the case of McQuery v. Eastwood ensconsed the attention of Judge Armour and a jury all day. Plaintiffs are James H. McQuery and wife of the township of Pickering, county of Ontario, and the defendant is Dr. Eastwood of Whitby. The action is brought for alleged mal-practice at Mrs. McQuery's accouchement, which, through alleged carelessness on the part of the doctor in the use of an instrument which caused laceration, was followed by septic and puerperal fevers. Plaintiff claims she was unnecessarily ill for ten weeks, and after dispensing with Dr. Eastwood's services and calling in another physician she speedily recovered. B. B. Osler, Q.C., and Robt. McGee of Oshawa, appeared for plaintiff, and Wm. Lount, Q.C., and J. C. Farewell of Whitby, appeared for defendant. The case was not concluded. Peremptory list to-day is McGurn v. McGurn, Kelly v. Walker, McQuire v. Barbour, Robinson v. Willoughby, Hayes v. Ryan, Peck v. Shields, Friendly v. Canadian Transit company.

A Lady Painter's Works.

Miss Brooks, the English artist, whose pictures at the exhibition of the royal society of Canada, and the Ontario art society, just closed, called forth such general eulogium from the art critics has placed the whole of her collection on view at Roberts' art gallery, King street west, for the next ten days. The view is open, free of charge, and thus our citizens may not only enjoy an hour's delight seldom accorded them, but to those whose taste and wealth lead them to desire something valuable, an opportunity is offered of possessing themselves of one of Miss Brooks' excellent works. Nor should it be forgotten that the older a good picture grows, the more valuable it becomes, even in the money market, and thus money spent in art is invested, not sunk.

Entertaining the Incurables.

The afflicted ones in the home for incurables received a visit from H. C. Dixon's cottage meeting choir Tuesday evening, when the well-known story of Eva, from Uncle Tom's Cabin, was read, and illustrated by sacred music, in a manner which would be a credit to a trained choir. The choruses were especially good, which, sang in a subdued tone, in keeping with the pathetic story, had a marked effect. The quartette, I Am The Resurrection, by the Misses McKnight and Duffy, and Messrs. Dorsey and Luff, was all that could be desired. This novel entertainment was found to be well adapted for bringing the gospel home in a forcible way. A vote of thanks was tendered to the visitors.

A Great Crash.

A store on King street, near Yonge, has been crowded to the extreme every day but as something very extraordinary is going on, it is not to be wondered at; in fact ladies say we expected as much, for Farley & Co. always have done a big trade, but now since they give a discount of 20 per cent. off everything we knew there would be a great rush. The proprietors of the Bon Marche are making this great discount sale the best they have ever held, and will give the public such bargains that will astonish the closest purchaser.

Boy Drowned in the Bay.

Charlie Brown, a boy 8 years of age, was drowned in the bay at the Credit Valley wharf yesterday afternoon. He was playing on a raft in company with other boys and fell off. He struggled desperately to keep his head above water, but soon sank, and was afterwards grappled from the bottom of the bay by a gentleman who saw him sink. The body was removed to the residence of deceased's parents at Elizabeth and Albert streets.

Hymeneal.

The accomplished and clever young doctor, Lesslie M. Sweetnam, whose surgery is at the corner of Church and Richmond streets, is about to lead to the altar a young lady in every way worthy of the happy home that the doctor has ready for her. A bachelor doctor is an impossibility, and this the only needed addition to the doctor's long list of recommendations will start him on the journey of life, under the brightest auspices.

The Metropolitan Rink Carnival.

The costume and dress carnival at the Metropolitan roller rink, Shaw and Queen streets, to-night, promises to surpass anything that has been hitherto attempted in this direction. Every arrangement has been made to make it a complete success. Prizes amounting to $300, and consisting of a gold watch and other valuable articles are offered for the best costumes and characters. Good music will be supplied by a cornet band.

Masonic Hall Over the Don.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new masonic hall in St. Matthewward, will be performed by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, grand master, assisted by the grand lodge officers, Tuesday, June 30, at 2 p.m., at the corner of Bolton avenue and Kingston road. The hall will be occupied by Orient lodge, which is in a flourishing condition.

The World is the first paper we pick up when our exchanges come in. So say nine out of every ten editors in the country.

COUNSEL FOR THE CONVICTS.

The I.C.B.U. and the Central Prison Investigation.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the last meeting of branches Nos. 1 and 11 of the Irish Catholic benevolent union;

Whereas the warden of the central prison is accused of having shown gross cruelty and partiality and hate towards prisoners confined in the central prison, and especially towards those who are Irish in nationality and Catholic in creed.

And whereas this association has investigated into the truth of such charges, and do believe from the evidence brought before them that a strict investigation of such charges should be had;

And whereas the government of Ontario have ordered that such investigation should be had and have appointed commissioners for the purpose of trying such charges;

And whereas it is the interest of the Irish and the Catholic residents and of all citizens of the province of Ontario that no bigot should hold an office under any government where his bigotry might prejudice the just rights of any citizens;

And whereas the object of this union is to protect the just rights of the Catholic citizens of the province;

Be it therefore resolved, that it is the duty of this union, non-political as it is in its constitution, formation and carrying out, to look after the interest of any Catholic, no matter what nationality he may be, nor how unfortunate he may have been, and to protect him in his just rights, even when suffering punishment for crime, and to help the strong arm of the law in punishing and degrading any one who may be guilty of infringing on their just rights, no matter how high the position of the offending party may be;

Therefore be it resolved that we the Irish Catholic benevolent union, although composed of members of different political parties, and yet in the majority, having been strong supporters of the present government of Ontario, do retain counsel for the purpose of aiding the investigation into the truth of the charges alleged against the warden and management of the Central prison, and that we do request the attorney-general of Ontario and the commissioners appointed by the government of Ontario to allow counsel retained by us to attend such investigation, to examine witnesses, and to take part in such investigation as counsel. Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the attorney general and to each commissioner appointed to investigate such charges, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the press.

A deputation waited on the attorney general and obtained his permission to retain counsel to attend the investigation, which will be commenced July 2.

THOSE AMENDMENTS.

The Prospects of Their Carrying and What May Defeat Them.

OTTAWA, June 17.—The Scott act fight will likely be on to-morrow. The majority of members, it is believed, are prepared to vote for the beer and light wine amendments, though they are afraid to commit themselves one way or the other. The only thing that will defeat the amendments is that some of the members are afraid to vote for them until the people have said at the poles whether they desire the act to be amended or not, and whether it is constitutional to pass an act that nullifies the wish of a large number of counties as expressed in the recent vote when the measure was submitted to these various municipalities. The people in these counties at least wish the act, and why should we (the members) override their vote. It is this argument that may secure the rejection of the amendments; otherwise they will go through. The reform members have come out quite strongly for the beer and light wine clause. There is a large delegation of parties interested in the matter here.

Accidental Discharge of a Pistol.

PRINCETON, Ont., June 17.—Alexander, a fifteen-year-old son of chief constable Logan, was accidentally shot this afternoon. He was charging a revolver, which exploded, the ball entering the groin, taking a downward course. Dr. Benham, ex-army surgeon, is in attendance and he has probed the wound several times, but as yet has failed to locate the ball. He reports it a very serious case.

Wanted—A French Canadian.

FALL RIVER, June 17.—The proposed attempt to open the French Catholic church at Flint village was abandoned yesterday, owing to the treatment accorded the priests who visited the church Saturday to prepare for the re-dedication. The priests were hooted at by a crowd which gathered at the church and were told they were not wanted. The priests who were selected to reopen the church were Father Cassidy of St. Anne's of this city and Father Guerin, Oblate missionary from Lowell and a native of France. The parishioners insist on a French Canadian pastor.

The Last Disraeli Ministry.

Editor World: Who were the members of Lord Beaconsfield's last ministry?

ENGLISHMAN.

First lord of the treasury—Rt. hon. Earl of Beaconsfield.

Lord high chancellor—Rt. hon. Earl Cairns.

Lord president of the council—His grace Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

Lord privy seal—His grace Duke of Northumberland.

Chancellor of the exchequer—Rt. hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote.

Sec. of state, home dept.—Rt. hon. Sir Rich. Assheton Cross.

Sec. of state, foreign dept.—Most hon. Marquis of Salisbury.

Sec. of state, colonial dept.—Rt. hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

Sec. state war dept.—Rt. hon. Col. Fredk. A. Stanley.

Sec. state Indian dept.—Rt. hon. Viscount Cranbrook.

First lord of the admiralty—Rt. hon. William Henry Smith.

Postmaster-general—Rt. hon. Lord John Manners.

President board of trade—Rt. hon. Viscount Sandon.

Harbor Arrivals and Departures.

Arrivals: Schooners M. A. Hall, Rapid City, Rover, Bismarck Brothers, stone, lake shore. Departures: Schooners M. A. Hall, Rapid City, Brothers, Bismarck, lake shore; R. W. Folger, Wellington Square, U.S.; Steamer Algerian, passengers and freight, Montreal,

They Made Up.

"My dear," said a Parkdale wife to her husband, "I know that I am dreadful cross with you at times, that I am not patient as I should be, and I think the same can be said of you." "Yes, certainly," he frankly acknowledged, "I am almost as bad as you are." "What's that?" "I—I say that I am as much to blame as you are." "I think," went on the lady, "that we ought to cultivate a mutual toleration of each other's faults," and she bent over him and fondly kissed him. "You are not looking well to-night, dear," he said, stroking her hair. "No," she replied, "my feet pain me dreadfully." "That's because you wear shoes two sizes too small for you." Then the trouble began once more.

"Who was that gentleman whom you were so intimate with last night at the concert?" asked one lady of another. "He is a four-handed acquaintance of mine. We play duets together on the piano."

A woman from the country on her first visit to one of the conservatories of music in Boston, as she stood in the corridor and listened to the practising of vocal and instrumental music, said she should think about fifty women had taken ether and were having teeth extracted by piano accompaniment.

UNIVERSITY FEDERATION

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE DECIDE THE QUESTION.

An all Day Debate—Dr. Dewart Champions the Cause of Higher Education, but is Defeated.

Yesterday morning in conference, after several reports of committees were received and some pieces of small business transacted, the discussion of the university federation question was resumed. Hons. G. W. Ross, minister of education, and Dr. J. G. Hodgins, deputy minister, were Present.

Rev. Alex. Sutherland continued his speech. The substance of his remarks is as follows: Monopolies are dangerous, and for education as everywhere else, vigorous competition is a healthful element. A uniform system of education is impossible, and if possible would not be beneficial. The proposed scheme of federation would if brought into effect be an unjust measure to the majority in the province, who, if an increased endowment were made to the provincial university, would be compelled to pay for luxuries which they themselves wouldn't enjoy. Federation on the proposed basis would result inevitably to the complete extinction of Victoria as a college. The idea that Victoria college loses nothing by merely keeping her university powers in abeyance is fallacious. She thereby loses standing as a university, and becomes merely a theological school. The expense incurred by coming to Toronto and setting up new buildings would be just as great as those incurred by keeping in operation a thoroughly efficient, independent university, and if a definite scheme of operations were laid before the Methodist people, they would willingly come forward and give enough to thoroughly endow and equip a university which would be second to none on the continent.

Dr. Sutherland then moved, in amendment to the Rev. J. W. Annis' motion of yesterday, that, in view of the action taken by Trinity college and Queen's university, and in view of the fact that the convocation of Toronto university had expressed themselves as opposed to the modifications of the original scheme by the Victoria college regents, it would be undignified for the Methodist church to have anything further to do with the scheme.

Dr. Dewart replied in defence of federation. Following is the purport of his speech: Those opposed to federation reason entirely on the grounds that Victoria as the arts college is to be completely extinguished. This misapprehension must be guarded against. The men who are in favor of federation are as loyal to Victoria college as ever, and have as deep convictions regarding religious education as those opposing it. Evil motives should not be imputed to everyone advocating this scheme. The advantages which Victoria would derive from the university professionally are not inconsiderable, as the opposition try to make out.

Students of a provincial university are likely to exercise a greater political influence in the world, and will derive more temporal advantage from their college associations than those from a sectarian institution. To tarry at Cobourg, after having experienced the want of local backing and other drawbacks, is to die as a university. As a part of the people of Canada, Methodists, besides educating themselves help to educate others; therefore, as the provincial university belongs to the people, the Methodists should take their share in it. This rotation in politics and education is the very cause of the small influence of the Methodists in the province, if their influence is small, which is a question of doubt.

Dr. Sutherland's motion was seconded by J. T. Moore, and supported by Rev. C. S. Eby, Justice Rose and Dr. Aylesworth. The remarks of these gentlemen covered the same grounds as those of Dr. Sutherland. All urged the necessity of denominational as opposed to state education, all expressed the conviction that funds would be forthcoming to suitably equip Victoria college. Dr. Dewart was ably supported by Revs. Messrs. Webber, German, Sanderson, Willoughby and Johnston, Jos. Tait and Wm. Gooderham. Dr. Sutherland's amendment was carried by a considerable majority. Thus ended a very important discussion. If anything, the federationists had the best of the argument as their opponents argued almost entirely on sentimental and sectional grounds, while they themselves spoke from the broader basis of the great benefit which a proper scheme of confederation would confer on higher education.

In the evening the conference anniversary Sunday school meeting took place. Rev. Wm. Briggs, president, was presented by the young men ordained last Sunday with their photographs. Speeches were made by Dr. Withrow, Dr. Potts and others relative to Sunday school work.

Penalties at the Police Court.

Yesterday at the police court George Ferguson, wife beating and assaulting a policeman, was taxed $20 or sixty days. Daniel Quigley, breaking in a G. T. R. car, $1 and costs or thirty days. Michael Mulcahey, larceny, committed for trial. Fred. Clover, larceny, sent to jail for ten days.

PERSONAL.

The queen arrived yesterday at Windsor.

Hon. Mr. Mowat will be the only member of the local government in town to-day. The rest are taking part in the bye-elections.

Gen. Grant took a short walk at Mount McGregor, N. Y. yesterday, and returned greatly exhausted. He dictated a couple of notes giving certain instructions that he desired to be carried out after his demise.

J. L. Pattison, secretary of the Rt. Hon. W. H. Smith, expectant first lord of the admiralty and proprietor of the countless book-stalls at the English railway stations, is in town. He was dined last night by Senator Frank Smith at the Toronto club. Mr. Smith is a principal holder of Northern railway bonds. Mr. Patt