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THE CUSTOM HOUSE PLUM.

HE WILL NOT FALL INTO THE LAP OF EAST TORONTO'S M.P.

Mr. Small Says He Wouldn't Take It Anyway—Where the Trouble Is—Who Is to Be the Man?—The Toronto Board of Trade's Bill Rushed Through the House.

OTTAWA, April 15.—The Toronto public can now rest assured that Mr. John Small, M.P., is not to have the Custom House at the Queen City. I am in a position to make the statement positively. Mr. Small himself says he is not to have it, nor would he accept it if it were offered. Mr. Small made the statement to your correspondent and Mr. Cockburn of Centre Toronto to-night.

This is what Mr. Cockburn and Colonel Denison have been waiting for some time. The member for Centre Toronto says he is now in a position to act. His hands are untied; so are Colonel Denison's. These two gentlemen, Mr. Cockburn affirms, have never looked upon the office as a piece of local patronage but one of the utmost importance. He therefore claims that the public and not party interests should be considered.

Until a late hour to-night Mr. Small had never intimated to either Mr. Cockburn or Col. Denison whether he wanted the office or not. Mr. Cockburn, it is said, knows who the new collector will be, but he refuses positively to speak at present.

Where the Hitch Is.

Possibly the real trouble with Mr. Small's preferment is that the Government is afraid to open East Toronto by appointing Mr. Small on account of his vote on the Jesuit bill. That means that Mr. Small will be provided for later on, or that by the time the next general elections are held in 1892 the storm will have blown over.

Said Mr. Small to-night: "If Dr. Wild or any other man thinks he can beat me in East Toronto, I am ready for him. I will guarantee to clean Dr. Wild out, and if I do not I will pay his election expenses, provided he pays mine if he is defeated. I don't want the Custom House, and won't have it."

It is also known that strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the Government from the business circles in Toronto to fill the collectorship by a man who would be competent in every way. Between these overtures and the turn of events in connection with the Jesuit vote, Mr. Small slips down from all claims upon this fat, rosy, robust office.

"Who is the man?" That is the question that will now interest the people of Toronto.

RUSHED THROUGH THE HOUSE.

The Toronto Board of Trade Bill Passes All Its Stages.

OTTAWA, April 15.—Hon. John Macdonald's bill respecting the new Toronto Board of Trade building was sent over from the Senate this afternoon and rushed through its three stages in the House. Mr. Small moved urgency and the rules of the House were suspended to press the bill through all its stages. By the old charter of the Toronto Board of Trade, that organization was limited to holding but $250,000 worth of real estate. The new fire-proof building which will be erected will cost over $350,000, and without this amended legislation the board could not own such a structure. Had the bill gone over till the next session the board would lose $10,000 in interest on the subscriptions to erect the new building on account of its being unavailable for a year. This is now relieved and the board can go straight ahead with their proposed stupendous pile.

The good news was at once telegraphed the officers of the Board by Mr. Small.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney introduced a bill to consolidate and amend the Northwest Territories Act. In view of certain minor amendments desired it was proposed, he said, to consolidate the three acts now existing relating to the Northwest Territories. Hon. Mr. Laurier objected to a consolidation bill being introduced at this late stage of the session, and Hon. David Mills also objected, declaring it to be a most monstrous proceeding. Sir John Thompson said he saw no cause for alarm, as the amendments were very few and simple, and there being not the slightest expectation of Parliament closing before the end of next week, there would be plenty of time for consideration.

Hon. John Costigan introduced a bill to amend the General Inspection Act. The amendments include provision for the determination of the wheat standards west of Port Arthur, to be fixed by a board chosen from that locality. Authority is given to inspectors and deputies for the Northwest and Manitoba.

Freed From Marriage Ties.

The Bagwell, Wand and Middleton divorce bills were read a third time and passed.

On motion that the House go into committee on the bill for the relief of William Gordon Lowry, Sir John Thompson moved the six months' hoist. Though the evidence showed that the petitioner was not guilty of collusion the case rested only on the admission of the wife, an admission made under circumstances which rendered it of very little value.

The House having divided, Sir John Thompson's motion was lost, 55 to 69, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The Senate amendments to the bill to amend the statute respecting the safety of ships were concurred in. So also were the Senate amendments to the bill respecting the Harbor of Belleville.

The bills from the Senate to amend the Summary Trials Act and to amend the Summary Convictions Act were passed.

The House then went into committee on the bill respecting the expropriation of lands, which was adopted with amendments.

The Mennonite Loan.

After recess Hon. John Carling introduced the resolution, of which the details were given some days ago, reducing the amount of interest payable by the Mennonite body upon the loan made to them in 1876 to aid needy immigrants. In place of 6 per cent. compound interest the rate is made 4 per cent. simple interest. Computed at this rate the loan, principal and interest, has been repaid.

The resolution was adopted.

Hon. John Costigan introduced his proposed resolution amending the Inland Revenue Act so as to make it more conveniently operative. With respect to the duty on cigarets, which it had been proposed to raise to $1.95 per thousand, he now placed it at an equivalent to the duty now collected, or $1.50 per thousand.

N. W. M. P. Pensions.

A lengthy discussion took place on the motion by Sir John Macdonald for the second reading of the bill authorizing the granting of pensions to members of the Northwest Mounted Police. The Liberals opposed the extension of the pension system and Hon. A. G. Jones offered an amendment to the effect that a sum should be deducted from the daily pay of the force to be paid to members upon their retirement, or to their heirs if they died in the service.

The House divided on this amendment, which was lost by 66 to 106, and the Pension Bill was read a second and third time and passed.

Sir John Thompson moved the third reading of the bill amending the Franchise Act.

Mr. Charlton moved an amendment declaring that in any province where manhood suffrage may be adopted the qualification under the act shall be the same as under the provincial franchise, and that the provincial lists shall be used. This was voted upon and lost, as were also two other amendments proposed by Messrs. Davies and Watson, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The Postal Bill Passed.

Hon. John Haggart moved the reading of the postal bill. An amendment by Mr. Peter White of Renfrew against the proposition to increase the registration fee was lost on a division of 55 to 85. An amendment by Hon. A. G. Jones against the increased rate on drop letters was lost on a division.

The bill was read a third time and passed, and at 12.45 the House adjourned.

STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

The East Atlantic Service to Get Not Exceeding $500,000 a Year.

OTTAWA, April 15.—Mr. Foster gives notice of a resolution authorising a subsidy of £15,000 per annum for a monthly steamship service or £25,000 for a fortnightly service between British Columbia and China and Japan, provided the Imperial Government gives a subsidy of not less than £45,000 for monthly, or £75,000 for fortnightly service.

Also a resolution authorizing a subsidy of £25,000 for a fortnightly steamship service between British Columbia and the Australian colonies and New Zealand.

Also a resolution authorizing a contract for a term not exceeding ten years for a fast weekly steamship service between Canada and the United Kingdom, making connection with a French port, for a subsidy not exceeding $500,000 a year.

THE BETHANY MEETING.

Mr. Harry Ward, M.P., Says He Received No Invitation to Attend.

OTTAWA, April 15.—In reference to the articles which appeared in The Empire, The World and other papers stating that Mr. Harry Ward, M.P., had been invited to attend the Bethany meeting and declined, that gentleman said to-night that that was incorrect. Mr. Ward states that he merely received a printed poster announcing when and where the meeting was to be held. He did not receive an invitation, nor was he aware that any resolution such as was passed was to be brought forward, all other statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAPITAL GOSSIP.

The Recent Loan and the Jesuit Question to Come Up Again in a New Guise.

OTTAWA, April 15.—Sir Richard Cartwright is again to bring up the subject of the recent loan by an inquiry as to whether the Government have demanded from the High Commissioner and the financial agents explanations of the insertion in the prospectus of the unusual clause over which all the talk has taken place, also whether the Government have demanded a list of applicants for the loan and the parties to whom it was allotted.

Mr. Watson has a rod in pickle for Warden S. L. Bedson of the Stoney Mountain Penitentiary, lately appointed Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 91st Battalion and also an extra A.D.C. to the Governor-General. He wants to know whether these appointments were with the knowledge and consent of the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Barron will inquire if it is the intention of the Government to cause legal proceedings to be instituted in order to test the legality of the Jesuits Estates Act; if not, does the Government propose to bear any proportion of the costs which may be incurred in testing the constitutionality of the act.

Mr. Scarth, M. P., left for Winnipeg last evening and will not return.

Mr. Justice Strong, acting as Deputy Governor, will attend in the Senate to-morrow to give the Royal assent to bills so far passed. This will be the second batch of bills put into effect this session.

In the Senate to-day the Adulteration Act amendment bill was withdrawn. Senator Abbott stated that since its introduction the Minister of Inland Revenue had been considering the question of increasing the facilities for prosecution of persons guilty of adulteration. He is satisfied that a more extensive measure is required, especially in regard to representations made at the dairy convention recently held. Such a measure is in course of preparation and will be presented next session.

Sir John Macdonald has given notice of a resolution asking legislation of the Imperial Parliament to define the the westerly, northern and easterly boundaries of Ontario.

THE END OF A DEBAUCH.

A Drunken Woman Accidentally Suffocated at Kincardine.

KINCARDINE, April 15.—Yesterday morning Margaret McLeod, a middle-aged woman living with her son, was found lying on the floor dead. Her son was asleep in another room and was awakened by Edwin Batman and Kenneth Matheson, who discovered the body. An inquest was held today. Although foul play was at first suspected, it would seem that Margaret, her son and a young man had been drinking on Saturday night, that they all became drunk, the men fell asleep and the woman, in falling off her chair, was suffocated.

A Quiet New Jersey Sunday.

GLOUCESTER, N.J., April 15.—Over 10,000 Philadelphians came here yesterday. The saloons did a rushing business, and before nightfall hundreds of drunken men and women were staggering along the streets. Fights were numerous and disorder was general. At one of the saloons up to 5 p.m. 40 barrels of beer were sold, and this is a fair criterion of business for all the places.

An Engineer Killed by This Collision.

TROY, N.Y., April 15.—A mixed train collided with a wildcat freight at Putnam, Lake Champlain, on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad this afternoon. The two engines were wrecked and one car was thrown into the lake. Sydney Sherman, an engineer, was killed. No passengers were injured.

A Committee to Confer.

Mr. Hector Cameron wrote to the Mayor yesterday that General Manager Sise of the Bell Telephone Company had arrived in the city to confer with the city authorities on the subject of placing the wires underground. Mr. Cameron deprecated any hasty action on the part of the council until Mr. Sise was heard.

In view of this letter the council last night appointed Ald. Dodds, Ritchie, Tait, Bell, Baxter, Macdougall, Fleming, Shaw and Carlyle (St. Thos.), a committee to confer with Mr. Sise at as early a date as possible.

The Duty on Boots and Shoes.

It is reported around town that the Ottawa Government are about to increase the tariff on boots and shoes.

BIRMINGHAM FOR BRIGHT.

AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY AGAINST THE HOME RULER.

The Unionists Poll More Than Double the Vote of the Gladstonians—The Imperial Finances—Mr. Goschen Brings Down His Budget—A Handsome Surplus.

LONDON, April 15.—John Albert Bright, the candidate of the Liberal-Unionists, was to-day elected to succeed his father, the late John Bright, as representative of the Central Division of Birmingham in Parliament. Mr. Bright received 5610 votes against 2560 for William C. Beale, the Gladstonian.

At the last election in the Central Division of Birmingham the late John Bright was returned without opposition.

Mr. Goschen's Budget.

LONDON, April 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the Budget. The revenue for the year exceeded the estimate of the last Budget by £1,645,000. The expenditures were £941,000 under the estimate, leaving a surplus of £2,586,000, the largest amount since 1873. The revenue from spirits and tobacco decreased, while that from tea shows a small increase.

The income tax realized £1,201,000 over the estimate, the postal service £300,000 and the stamp tax £450,000. Other increases were in the Custom House duty and the revenue from the telegraph service.

It is calculated that the revenue for the current year will be £85,050,000 and the expenditures £86,967,000, making a deficit of £1,917,000 caused by increased army and navy expenses. This deficit will be met by taking £1,000,000 saved last year and putting an additional tax of 1 per cent. upon the death duties on estates of the value of £10,000 and upwards and adding a duty of 1-14 of a penny upon every gallon of beer.

Mr. Goschen promised that the Government would deal apart from the Budget with the question of light gold currency due to wear, and would take care that the proposals would not tend to decrease the gold reserves.

Hugh C. Childers congratulated Mr. Goschen upon meeting the increased expenditures without placing a burden upon the general taxpayers. He said he approved of the new death duty on estates.

The Pope Indisposed.

ROME, April 15.—The Pope blessed palms in the chapel of the Vatican yesterday. To-day he was slightly indisposed and was unable to give the household Easter communion. It is expected he will officiate at the service in the Pauline Chapel Thursday.

The Samoan Conference.

BERLIN, April 15.—The Post says that the Samoan Conference will open May 1. The German delegates are Count Herbert Bismarck and Dr. Krauel of the Foreign Office. Count Herbert will preside.

How's This, Mr. Blaine?

COLOGNE, April 15.—The Gazette says: "The nomination of Mr. Sewall as disbursing officer of the American commissioners to the Samoan conference, together with the appointment of Mr. Bates as a member of the commission, warrants the supposition that the Washington Government does not seriously desire a friendly settlement of the questions concerning Samoa."

The Societe des Metaux in Liquidation.

PARIS, April 15.—The Tribunal of Commerce has entered a decree for the judicial liquidation of the Societe des Metaux.

GABRIEL'S GUFF.

Dumont Stirring Up Discontent Among the Half-breeds.

WINNIPEG, April 15.—Gabriel Dumont has been indulging in a lot of guff at his old home. He told the French halfbreeds that a given number of them well armed could lick a similar number of any other nation. He said amnesty had been granted and all the rebels should get back their cattle and other goods confiscated. A petition was being prepared and would be sent to Governor Royal for signature, and if he refused he (Dumont) would go to Ottawa himself with it.

Nearly all the wheat in the west has been delivered. There is about 1,000,000 bushels in inland elevators and as much more at Fort William.

Manager Miller of the Merchants' Bank has been promoted to the management of the Toronto branch.

THE OUTLAWS ABETTORS.

Judge Dugas to Go to Sherbrooke on Thursday to Try the Prisoners.

MONTREAL, April 15.—Judge Dugas states that he will go back to Sherbrooke on Thursday next to continue the preliminary investigation in the three first arrests.

"Why did you not admit those men to bail?" he was asked to-day.

"It is a felony," replied the judge. "There is evidence that two of the men had threatened to shoot the would-be captors of Morrison. I see I am blamed for having met Morrison. I have already stated that I hesitated, but the mayors of Stornoway and Gould and a number of Justices of the Peace insisted that I should go and assured me that Morrison would surrender to me. Had I not gone I would have been blamed. Some one said I had two revolvers with me at my so-called interview with the outlaw. That is not true; I was unarmed."

OVER THE MOUNTAIN.

A Cock-Fight Between Toronto and Hamilton Roosters—Anti-Prohibition Burglars.

HAMILTON, April 15.—On Saturday night there was a big cock-fight over the mountain between representative Toronto and Hamilton roosters. Eleven carriage loads of sports went out from the city to attend the festivities. Hamilton birds won five battles out of six.

Last night Daniel Sullivan's grocery at the corner of Walnut and O'Reilly-streets was entered by some anti-prohibition thieves, who got away with nine bottles of brandy, four or five bottles of port wine and six flasks of whisky.

There were thirteen applications for the vacancy on the police force caused by Constable Strongman's death. John S. Creen, 5 ft. 11 in., 198 lbs., 26 years old, a native of Waterdown, secured the appointment.

Wm. Harper, one of the oldest and most generally respected of the Grand Trunk Railway employes in Hamilton, died on Saturday night after a short illness.

At the Police Court this morning on the charge of assaulting an officer Henry Hanley was fined $10, and on charges of interfering with the police George Johnson was fined $4 and Frank Doolan and John Kelly $5 each.

Pauper Emigrants at Castle Garden.

NEW YORK, April 15.—At Castle Garden to-day over 200 emigrants, of 4000 landed, were detained as liable to become a public charge.

White shirts to order at White's, 65 King street. Six for $9.00, 6 for $10.00, 6 for $11.50.

BUDDING POLITICIANS.

The Young Liberals on the Disallowance of the Jesuits Estates Act.

Mr. J. S. Willison presided at the meeting of the Young Liberals last night. This motion by James Knowles, jr., was discussed:

That this club endorse the course taken by Messrs. Barron, Charlton and other Liberal members of the Dominion Parliament in regard to disallowance of the Jesuits Estates Act, thus emphasising one of the main planks of the Liberal platform, viz., the separation of church and state.

An amendment to this motion was made by Mr. W. D. Gregory:

That this club is opposed to the disallowance by the Dominion Government of acts passed by the Provincial Legislatures, which should be supreme within the limits laid down by the Act of British North America, and the question as to whether the Provincial Legislatures have or have not exceeded their powers should be determined by the courts. That it is contrary to the principles of Liberalism that any religious body should be endowed with powers and privileges not accorded to all denominations, or that any connections whatever should exist between state and church. That the existence of a state church in the Province of Quebec endowed with privileges and powers not accorded to other religious bodies there is opposed to the spirit of the age and to free institutions. That the disallowance of legislative acts, which are but the natural and logical outcome of the present relations of church and state in the Province of Quebec.

The question was ably discussed, the speakers being James Knowles, jr., J. P. Donald, W. D. Gregory, A. T. Hernon, J. M. Statton, A. King, A. F. Chamberlain and D. P. Calhill, but no conclusion was arrived at, the debate being adjourned.

The Liberal-Conservatives.

The chair last night was occupied by J. A. Worrell, the president of the association. The banquet committee reported that arrangements had been made for a dinner, which is to be held at the Rossin House the first Monday in May. The debate on a bill for the abolition of local legislatures was then opened by Mr. Houlton, who was followed by Mr. P. H. Barrett, Leader of the Government, and the resolution was carried by a large majority. The association then adjourned until the 29th inst. owing to the next regular meeting falling on Easter Monday.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Ald. Woods Gets a Sweeping Resolution Through as to Railroad Crossings.

There were present at last night's meeting of the City Council, Mayor Clarke, Ald. Carlyle (St. Thos.), Maughan, Carlyle (St. And's.), Ritchie, Macdougall, Frankland, Baxter, Gilbert, Fleming, Shaw, Boustead, McMillan, Dodds, Swait, Bell, Gibbs, Davies, Booth, Denison, Vokes, Moses, Graham, J. E. Verral, Hewitt, Gillespie, McMullen, Lennox, E. A. Macdonald, Peter Macdonald, Hill, Geo. Verral, Woods and Tait.

The Ferry Bylaw passed with a few trivial amendments. On motion of Ald Ritchie, the name of Ald. Gowanlock was added to the special committee re the Building Bylaw. A motion by Ald. Davies that the Esplanade Committee be requested to consider the desirability of a deputation proceeding to Ottawa to urge upon the committee of the Privy Council the necessity of having a swing bridge constructed over the River Don on the line of the G. T. Railway was referred to the Don Improvement Committee.

Ald. Woods moved, seconded by Ald. Lennox:

That in the opinion of the council it is desirable in the public interest that the several railways crossing Brock-avenue should have gates erected or a subway constructed for the convenience of the public, and that suitable gates be erected at all level crossings where traffic is large within the city limits, and that the Committee on Works be requested to confer with the Dominion Government, the York County Council and the different railway companies interested and to give the matter such other consideration as they may think fit.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Ald. Boustead at his own request was struck off the Fire and Gas Committee and Ald. Macdougall substituted.

The Council went into committee of the whole at 10.45 on the reports of the standing committees with Ald. Frankland in the chair.

Apart from a short discussion about the purchase of a dredge the reports passed without cavil, the only matter referred back being the clause in the Property's report regarding illuminated clocks.

ANOTHER WEEK'S DELAY.

East Enders Will Have to Wait a Little Longer.

The sub-committee of the Board of Works in the matter of the Toronto and York Street Railway Co. met at 10 a.m. yesterday. There were present Ald. Fleming (chairman), Carlyle (St. And.'s), Carlyle (St. Thos.), and Small. Ald. E. A. Macdonald appeared for the new company and Mr. George F. Shepley for the company. It was decided to recommend that the consideration of the Toronto and York Street Railway Co.'s application be deferred in order that the sub-committee might secure an interview with the Hon. Frank Smith, at present out of town, to see what steps he would be willing to take to meet the views of the St. Matthew's Warders on the lines proposed by the applicants for the new routes.

In the afternoon the Board of Works, present Ald. Carlyle (chairman), Geo. Verral, Baxter, Tait, Macdougall, Fleming, Shaw, Small and Carlyle (St. And.'s), met and determined to adopt the report of its sub-committee. Ald. E. A. Macdonald was on hand to look after the interests of his ward, and Mr. Shepley for the T.S.R. Co. On motion of Ald. Verral the City Engineer was instructed to note the condition of the street car rails in the city and their height above the level of the roadway.

THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT.

A Recent English Work Criticised by the Ministerial Association.

The Ministerial Association gathered in full force yesterday morning in Association Hall, when Rev. D. J. Macdonnell delivered an able address on a series of lectures recently given at Oxford by Robert Edward Bartlett on "The Letter and the Spirit." The speaker thought the book reasonable, and said that there never was a time when religious questions occupied the public mind as they do at the present. He also considered that there never was a time when men were less willing to accept traditional solutions of these questions. Criticisms on the work followed by Revs. G. M. Milligan, Dr. Parsons, A. F. McGregor and Dr. Williams, the opinions expressed being generally favorable.

At the next meeting Rev. G. M. Milligan will read a paper on "The Development of Religious Life and Doctrine."

THE BIOLOGISTS MET.

Read Papers and Discussed Them and Elected Officers.

The Biological section of the Canadian Institute held an interesting meeting last night at which President James H. Pearce occupied the chair. A paper on the "True Dalmatian Insect Powder, Pyrethrum Cinerariæfolium," was read by the chairman. This was followed by another on "Some Low Forms of Life," by Secretary W. E. Middleton. Both papers had in them many valuable hints and a discussion ensued. The lectures were freely illustrated with blackboard sketches and by the aid of the microscope.

These officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, James H. Pearce; first vice, A. Elvins; second vice, G. G. Pursey; third vice, J. B. Williams; secretary, W. E. Middleton; assistant-secretary, C. W. Armstrong; recording secretary, S. Hollingsworth; curator, J. B. Williams; council: Dr. Brodie, A. Black and C. Armstrong.

The Barebr Trust and the C.P.R.

The Harbor Trust met yesterdry afternoon, present Ald. Davies and Messrs. A. B. Lee, A. M. Smith, J. H. G. Hagarty. After some discussion it was resolved to dredge out the slip owned by S. Crane & Co., near the sugar refinery. The renting of the land at the Queen's Wharf controlled by the trust to the C.P.R. was discussed, and it was determined to lease it at a fair rental. The contract for the harbor dredging was let to the contractor who did the work last year.

A MIDNIGHT ASSAULT.

A Soldier Waylaid, Beaten and Robbed in University-Street.

Shortly after midnight a private of "C" Company named Jacob Wright was walking down University-street near Queen-street when he was brutally attacked by three men. He was knocked down and got a severe beating. He received serious injuries to the head from blows with a stick. The ruffians stole his cap and stick and made off. He was found by a policeman, who took him to the nearest drug store, where his wounds were dressed.

THE ESPLANADE AGREEMENT

Causes a Right Noisy Meeting of the Aldermen.

The Esplanade Committee held its first meeting of the year yesterday. There were present: Ald. Boustead, Baxter, Macdougall, Dodds, Shaw, Small, Gillespie, Maughan, McMillan and Geo. Verral. On motion of Ald. Baxter, Ald. Boustead, the chairman of the committee for 1888, was unanimously elected to the chair for 1889. Copies of the agreement were handed round, but before any consideration was afforded, Ald. Gillespie objected that any discussion should be taken up at the meeting in view of the absence of the Mayor, who had taken such an interest in the settlement of the long-pending dispute. The Mayor, however, came in while the words were still in the air, but he also objected to any discussion until the City Solicitor could attend. That official was almost immediately on hand, and the work of the meeting commenced in earnest.

And in consideration thereof it is further agreed that in order to meet the wishes of the Mayor and Council of Toronto concerning a new Union Passenger Station, an agreement shall be made between the Railway Companies providing for the erection and completion, on or before the first day of January, 1891, by the said companies, and for their joint use on a fair and equitable basis, of a new Union Passenger Station of suitable design and capacity on the site of the present Union Station in Toronto, or for the necessary alterations of and additions and improvements to such present station to make it such in all respects as the importance of the city may warrant and the business of the parties hereto may require.

The above is clause 2 of the draft agreement. Ald. Gillespie objected that it did not compel the erection of a new passenger depot at all. Under it the clause the companies could enlarge or slightly alter the present station, and that would be all Toronto would get from the arrangement. The City Solicitor was requested to report upon the position of the city in the matter.

The next bone of contention was clause 7:

The rights, if any, which the G. T. R. have or claim to have under existing contracts with the city respecting exemption from liability for the cost of constructing such or any overhead bridges, except the Queen-street bridge, shall not be affected by this agreement. All questions in regard to such rights, if any, shall first be determined by the submission, as soon as conveniently may be, of a special case in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice for Ontario.

Ald. Shaw wanted to know why all the overhead bridges except the John-street bridge had been omitted from the clause; then Ald. Dodds complained that the agreement practically closed up the Esplanade with the exception of a few streets to be supplied with overhead bridges. Then again the agreement, if carried out in its entirety, would give the whole Esplanade into the hands of the R. R. Companies. At this point discussion got so hot that it was impossible to get sense out of what was being said. The members seemed anxious to talk at one and the same time, Ald. McMillan, Shaw, and Gillespie more particularly were desirous of giving their views. Chairman Boustead attempted to place before the committee his views, but was compelled to give up in despair. The Mayor and Ald. Verral managed to get in a few sensible suggestions, but taking it all through the meeting was about the wildest since the commencement of the year.

The result of the meeting was practically nil. A few questions were referred to the City Solicitor. The Mayor took the opportunity to hit hard at the Council for 1887, demonstrating by the minutes of that year that the agreement was in exact line with the sentiments then expressed. It appeared now, however, that there was a change, and the men who so eagerly championed the scheme in those days took a different tack now.

35,000 BOSTON WOMEN.

Dr. Hamilton Tells of What They Did and What They Can Do.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton of Boston, Mass., lectured last night in Trinity Methodist Church, Bloor-street. The peculiar topic "Thirty-five Thousand Boston Women," was well handled. He advocated the granting to women of similar opportunities as are enjoyed by men. He said, "I remember seeing a procession where a company of tall, brave men marched through the streets with an illuminated motto, 'No more women in our printing office.'" He then spoke of the power the Romish church had possessed in Boston. For instance, at one time out of 11 school buildings in East Boston 8 of the janitors were Roman Catholics, "Holy Mother!" exclaimed the lecturer, "what more could you ask?" whereupon the audience laughed. "But," he continued, "Boston is redeemed. [Applause.] Boston is herself again." Many influences contributed to bring about this result. He claimed that to the Boston women they were much indebted. They joined the Christian ministers in public meetings and on the day of the election enough men were supported and defended by their wives to bring about a change of many thousand votes. Then the lecturer proceeded to say: I am not here tonight to discuss Canadian affairs, but whatever your view may be, we have decided that in our country it is the right of no one class of people to insist upon rights that every other may not possess. We have solemnly affirmed that no dispensation shall be made from the public exchequer to any particular sect or denomination. [Applause.] This we have put in the constitution of the State.

A REMARKABLE SERMON

Preached by Father Brennan at St. Basil's on Palm Sunday Evening.

The report of the vesper service at St. Basil's Church, St. Joseph-street, Sunday evening last, at which a World representative was present, was crowded out of yesterday's issue. It was a forcible sermon on the "notes" which distinguished the Roman Catholic organism from all outside institutions. No religious sect or organization at the present time possesses these "notes" in the unique manner claimed by the preacher's mother church. Forcible allusion was made to events connected with the Reformation. Luther and Calvin were considered the leaders of that movement, and their followers were now to be found in great numbers spread over the different countries. Luther was a monk who abjured his vows and broke his obligations of office. Calvin was dogmatic and intolerant. These leaders, shortly after their rebellion against the Church, found the people distrusting their power and virtue and it became necessary to perform a miracle in order to retain the confidence of their followers. It was arranged that a dying man should be the subject of the miracle. They attempted the miracle, but the man died. These men could not cure a lame horse of his lame ness nor restore the sight to a blind ass. The followers of the Reformation leaders are living in darkness and devoid of sanctity. The flote of unity is only found in the church—all outside sects being at variance with each other. In no other organization than our own is the altar and a sacrifice existent. The followers of the different sects are taught by preachers self-constituted and without priestly functions. Leo is the direct lineal descendant of St. Peter and the Apostles, and no sect outside of the Church can claim such succession. Salvation being only possible within the pale of the Church, it behooved them to pray earnestly to hold fast to the truth and stand firm.

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TERRIBLE FOREST FIRES IN THE "OLD DOMINION."

The Flames Sweep Through a Virginia County Like a Tornado—Only One Life Known to be Lost—Four Men Missing—Great Destruction of Property.

DANVILLE, Va., April 15.—Information has been received of a terrible forest fire in Patrick County, which swept everything before it. One man, six horses, a large number of hogs and cattle and numerous dwellings and tobacco barns were consumed. Many poor people are left destitute. Such a fire was never before known in that section.

The fire extended from Patrick Springs to Critz Depot, covering an area 10 miles long and three to six wide. The fire commenced Friday and burned until a heavy rain aided the men Sunday night in stopping it.

The flames impelled by a gale swept through the fertile valley called Wildcat Hollow like a tornado, preceded by sounds like rolling thunder, and dashed up the mountain side casting a lurid glare over the country for miles around and terrifying the mountaineers.

Over a hundred families were left homeless, escaping with only the clothes they wore. Every vestige of fencing in the track of the fire is gone.

One man is known to have been burned to death and four others are reported missing.

The damage will amount to many thousands of dollars.

FIREBUGS IN DURHAM.

Extensive Incendiary Fire—A Farmer Loses Heavily.

PORT HOPE, April 15.—An extensive incendiary fire occurred on the premises of Mr. Thos. Cole, lot 25, 7th con. of Hamilton. The fire was first discovered about 2 o'clock this morning. Two barns, two stables and a lot of farming implements, cutter, robes, two or three sets of harness and all the grain and feed on the farm, with all the seed grain, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at between $3000 and $4000, insured for about $1400.

A Blaze at Welland.

WELLAND, April 15.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning the store and residence of Frank Macoomb were discovered to be on fire. The stock and store were completely demolished, the residence being badly wrecked. Part of the furniture was saved, but damaged greatly by water and fire. Loss, $3000; insurance, $1200 on contents in Mercantile, $1000 on stock in Mercantile, $500 on stock in Commercial Union, $300 on building in Queen's. Mr. Duncan's residence was slightly damaged; covered by insurance in Royal. The cause of the fire is unknown.

A Kingston Dwelling Burnt.

KINGSTON, April 15.—A brick dwelling occupied by Mrs. McCaul was burnt Sunday evening. Mrs. McCaul lost all her furniture. The adjoining dwelling occupied by J. Brokenshire was considerably damaged. Buildings and furniture insured in the London and Lancashire and Royal Canadian.

Perished in the Flames.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15.—A stable, owned by James Miller, a colored man, was burned at 2 o'clock this morning. Miller and his colored driver, Felix Williams, perished in the flames.

HARRY PHILLIPS TOO.

The Noted Sport Arrested for Complicity in the Alleged Jewelry Steal.

MONTREAL, April 15.—Harry Phillips, late manager for John L. Sullivan, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of helping Andy Maloney to steal $14,000 worth of jewelry from Von Reinholtz, agent of P.W. Ellis & Co. of Toronto. The case will come before the court to-morrow.

UNDER GOVERNMENT PROTECTION.

George Von Reinholtz Gone Down to Testify Against Andy Maloney.

The case of fraud against Andy Maloney, the Montreal gambler, is assuming a serious phase for that gentleman. Ever since George Von Reinholtz fled from Montreal after being victimized he has been in constant communication with P. W. Ellis & Co., whose property he allowed to slip through his fingers. Mr. P. W. Ellis has made several trips to the States to interview him. The result was that Reinholtz consented to come back to Montreal and testify against Maloney if guaranteed Government protection. This was secured and on Sunday night he arrived in Toronto, leaving yesterday morning with Mr. M.C. Ellis for Montreal on time to be on hand when the case is called this morning. He is bitterly hostile to the Montreal crowd, and told The World while stepping on board the train that he would make it hot running for the men who had ruined him.

Mr. Aleck Burgess Banqueted.

Genial Aleck Burgess was royally banqueted last night at those comfortable quarters known as "Club Chambers." Choice was the repast and pleasant the entertainment provided. Some thirty good friends of Mr. Burgess were seated round the board, with Mr. Fred. Madden occupying the honored position of chairman. The occasion of all this festivity was the return of Mr. Burgess to the position occupied by him last summer, that of steward of the Northern Hotel at Port Arthur. Before departing on the 11 p.m. train for the west he was amiably "bounced" by his friends.

A $15,000 Wharf.

A strongly representative deputation of West Enders waited on the Mayor yesterday afternoon to press for his support to secure the construction of a city wharf at the foot of Dufferin-street. They were chaperoned by Parkdale's Ex-Mayor, Dr. Lynd, Ald. Lennox, Booth and Dodd and several ex-councillors of the western suburb. They submitted plans showing that the cost would not exceed $15,000. The Mayor promised his most serious consideration to the scheme.

A Bank Manager's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Walter Creighton, manager of the Bank of Montreal branch at Quebec, took place yesterday at St. James' Cemetery. The remains arrived at the Union Station via the Grand Trunk, and were taken charge of by Undertaker E. J. Humphrey of Queen-street west. The casket was bedecked with a simple wreath of white roses. The breastplate was inscribed "Walter Lindsay Creighton, aged 41, died 13th April, 1889." The deceased was well known in Toronto, especially in banking circles. Among those at the station were Hon. J. B. Robinson, Christopher Robinson, Theodore G. Brough, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, G. H. Wilson, Frank J. Joseph, William Grindley, C. P. Reid, D. R. Wilkie, manager of Imperial Bank; J. S. McMurray, A. R. Boswell, Hon. Frank Cayley, Charles Heath, Stuart Heath, R. B. Bethune, G. S. Bethune, H. S. Strathy, R. Cassels and Col. Ross, the latter being chief mourner. The service at the cemetery was conducted by Rev. J. D. Cayley, rector of St. George's church.

The Dead.

Dr. Brinkmann, Bishop of Munster, a champion in the Kulturkampf, is dead.

Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, President of the Council in the British Columbia Government, died at Victoria, B.C., on Saturday from paralysis.

POLITICAL CHRONIQUES.

If D'Alton McCarthy enters Ontario politics it will be with "No Popery" for a slogan. In that case he will be on The Mail's platform. Mr. McCarthy and The Mail had quite a lot to say in the last Ontario election which turned out unsuccessfully for Mr. Meredith, who on that occasion refused to mount their platform. Perhaps they were a little "previous" then; now that the Jesuit Bill is in the ring they may have the winning card. Will Mr. Meredith join with them?

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If he does not go the whole length he will try to go part of the way, riding the two horses with what skill he can. But if he comes to any working arrangement with Mr. McCarthy where will The Empire be? In the soup, certainly. The Empire may be pleasing its Ottawa friends at present but it will have to swing round, if it can, before the Ontario elections come on. As far as Ontario politics is concerned The Mail is much nearer the party than The Empire.

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Mr. Mowat on the other hand will have no organ at all unless he can induce Mr. Nelson to cease another Globe flop. Practically Mr. Mowat will have to go into the next fight and defend the Jesuit Bill, and excuse the French invasion of Ontario. As regards the first The Globe is dead against it and will for that reason be only a dead weight to the Little Premier. Nor can he secure The Mail, for it is tarred with the same stick. The only paper that fairly reflects the position that he will have to take is The Empire. Can he secure that journal as his organ for the fight that is coming?

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Meredith, McCarthy, Globe and Mail arrayed against Mowat and The Empire!

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The Mail and The Globe have both dropped C.U. and are trying to escape from it in the dust they have been kicking up over the Jesuit Bill. Their next move will be to disown the child entirely.

ALDERMEN WHO ARE SICK.

Ald. Galbraith's Resignation is Not Accepted by Council.

The following letter was read in council last night:

MY DEAR MR. MA