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THE CONSERVATIVE FEAST

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING IN HONOR OF SIR JOHN.

Canada's Future the Great Question—Sir John's Speech—A Thousand Banners at the Pavilion.

The culmination of the conservative gathering of the past two days was in a banquet to Sir John Macdonald last night in the pavilion of the Horticultural gardens. It was the most successful of its kind ever held in the city.

The motive of the speeches was Canada's future: shall she be independent or remain a part of the empire? Sir John Macdonald, fresh from England with new honors, declared for closer connection, but was careful to guard himself by declaring that it must be brought about by treaty.

The other feature was the unbounded affection for Sir John Macdonald shown by his party. There never was more enthusiasm displayed for a political leader than when his health was proposed. It was cheer after cheer, wave after wave, plaudit after plaudit.

The pavilion was a blaze of light, its walls were hung with bunting and mottoes, and flowers were scattered about the stage. Among the mottoes were: The queen city welcomes the queen's honored servant. Ontario hails the chieftain. Our veteran—Sir John—his name is dear to the people and written in history. Pro Regge et Patria. With the party, by the party for the country.

The tables in the main hall were seven in number, running its entire length, and accommodating 700. In the conservatory 150 more were seated. On the stage was a front table for the guests, seating 25, and behind this five smaller tables with seats for 100, making in all about 1000 diners. The tables were elegantly set with flowers, fruit and fancy dishes. There seemed to be an abundance of waiters, and there certainly was of things to eat. Most of the diners appeared to be strangers to the city, delegates to the convention. The north gallery was filled with ladies, the south one with men. The band of the Grenadiers was stationed in the upper gallery. There must have been 2000 persons in all in the building, and these gave the affair the aspect of a solid, enthusiastic mass of humanity.

Sir John Macdonald,
Mayor Boswell, Sir Alex. Campbell,
Sir Leonard Tilley, Hon. R. A. Caron,
Sir Hector Langevin, Hon. J. A. Chapleau,
Sir David Macpherson, Hon. Alex. Morris,
Senator Allan, Hon. John Norquay,
R. W. Meredith, Hon. Frank Smith,
Hon. John Carling, Hon. John Costigan,
Hon. Wm. Cayley.

There were ten members of the government present, five of them being knights, wearing their orders. Sir John displayed a scarlet sash over his shoulder under his coat, and the other four wore stars suspended on their shirt fronts by ribbons. Mr. Chapleau also wore the order of the bath.

Lady Macdonald sat in a seat in the east gallery, and received an ovation on her entrance.

The bill of fare was supplied by McGaw & Winnett of the Queen's. Mayor Boswell was in the chair, and he was ably assisted by a dozen vice-chairmen, by a numerous and active committee, and the secretaries, J. D. Henderson and F. D. Barwick.

At 9.20 the toast list was opened, but before commencing the mayor presented Sir John with a basket of flowers from Mrs. John Beverley Robinson, wife of the lieutenant-governor. The toast of the queen was enthusiastically honored.

Hon. Mr. Caron replied for the army and navy. He adjusted his eye-glasses and praised the two races, the French and the English, who are in Canada—a united people under the old flag. If Sir John had gone in for war he would have been commander of the channel fleet and a winner of battles. Canada was doing much for imperial interests in building the Canadian Pacific, which would be an important military road for the mother country.

At 10 o'clock the toast of the evening was proposed. Sir John, said the chairman, when he began public life promised to build a plank road from Kingston to Gananoque. He little thought then that he would build a road, an iron road, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Sir John had always been loyal to the crown, and he hoped he would ever frown down any sentiments of independence. There was great cheering, waving of handkerchiefs and See the conquering hero comes by the band, when Sir John got on his feet. The cheering lasted five minutes, and was worked up to fever heat. The most enthusiastic got up on their chairs and cheered themselves hoarse. Sir John Macdonald began by declaring that this banquet was more than a reward for all his efforts, all the attacks that had been made on him in the forty years of his political life. He hoped to live to celebrate his fiftieth anniversary of the same [cheers]. "I wear my blushing honors thick upon me," said he, and then he went into an enumeration of the honors conferred upon him: knighthood, member of the imperial privy council, blue ribbon of Oxford, lastly the G.C.B., with which the queen herself had invested him. These honors he took not for his own merits but as a tribute to the Canadian people who were now recognized as an important part of the empire. All these honors had been unsolicited, unsought for by him. The first he knew of the G.C.B. was a letter from Mr. Gladstone saying that in acknowledgment of long and distinguished services he had been authorized by her majesty to offer him the grand cross of the Bath. His opponents sneered at these honors, but it was only the viper biting the file. Sir John defended himself from two charges that had been made against him: that he had betrayed Lord Lorne in the Letellier matter, and had conspired against Sir Allan MacNab. Much had been said of imperial federation. What Sir John appeared to favor was an imperial alliance between England, Canada, Australia—with Canada reserving full right to manage her own affairs, but the alliance to be a sort of police to keep the peace of the world, and to league together for offence or defence in time of danger. Such a confederacy would be the most powerful in the world. He was opposed to independence. We could not keep it up. As for annexation we would be lost in the neighboring union, whereas it was only by there being more than one power in North America, by competition in government, that we could prevent the continent becoming like China. He enlarged upon loyalty, upon the virtues of his party and the high honor that they had done him.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau, in replying for the house of commons, made the speech of the evening. It pleased the Ontario conservatives mightily. He lauded Sir John, eulogized the French Canadians, glorified in imperial connection and grew eloquent over the prospects of the conservative party.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Chapleau had only got through, leaving five other toasts to be answered.

HOW WINGATE WAS ARRESTED.

The Toronto Absconder Makes no Effort to Conceal His Identity.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat of Sunday last tells the story of George E. Wingate's arrest in the crescent city. It seems that Wingate, utterly regardless of the fact that he was being pursued by Pinkerton and other detectives, visited Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Chattanooga, Lexington, and finally New Orleans, where he arrived Saturday. Finding his way to the Hotel Royal, he secured an elegant apartment, and having removed the travel stains from his clothing, started out to see the city.

Now, it came to pass that Detectives Gaster and Cain of the New Orleans force visited the hotel, and, looking over the register, saw, written in a firm bold hand, the name "George E. Wingate." It struck them as familiar, and, after a moment's thought, they remembered that a general order had been issued to all detectives to arrest a man by that name. They also remembered the description of the accused, but so as to refresh their memory, they took another look at the photograph and concluded to get a look at Mr. Wingate, so as to see if he was indeed the man wanted.

Finding that he would be back at 6 30 o'clock, they waited, and promptly at hour they were rewarded by seeing the counterpart of the photograph, dark side whiskers, loose fitting clothes and all, coming swaggering down the street. There could be no mistake; the man before them was the much wanted Wingate, and in an instant they had him under arrest.

The prisoner offered no resistance, but in a quiet and insinuating manner he made the officers understand that he had plenty of money on him, and would give it up could he obtain his liberty. Gaster and Cain, however, quickly made him understand that they were officers who were not up for sale, and in a few moments had him in the presence of Chief Bachemin. He was perfectly cool, and smiled when he saw that the authorities at Toronto had styled him as good-looking in furnishing his description to the police. On being searched in the station $4500 in United States currency and $4302 in Canadian notes were found in his possession. He was incarcerated in the central police jail, and the authorities of Toronto notified by telegram of his arrest.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Mitchell and Madden drawing-room party will give performances at Albert hall next week, Friday and Saturday. They will make the Terrapin their headquarters in this city.

Articles of agreement were signed and a forfeit deposited at Chicago yesterday by Prince and Woodside, to ride a bicycle race for the fifteen mile championship of America, Christmas day, at the exposition building.

Dog racing is coming to the front as a sport. It has superseded horse racing at Philadelphia, where Arthur Chambers keeps a kennel of sporting dogs, and is to be introduced in New York, where the Puppy sweepstakes will be run in May.

A cocking main between birds owned by Long Island and Newark, N.J., parties took place last night at Long Island city. The stakes were $500 on the main and $50 a battle. Nine battles were fought, Long Island winning six and Newark three.

"Sport" Out West.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 18.—Waite, the Montana heavyweight pugilist, was badly punished by the Colorado champion, McNally, Sunday at Butte. Waite will probably die.

CABLE NOTES.

The English court of appeal has granted Bradlaugh a new trial.

The manager of the Vienna bourse has been arrested for embezzling £16,500.

The French and Chinese in Tonquin are entrenched four miles from each other.

The French senate budget committee has restored the credits for the salaries of the clergy and other religious bodies rejected by the deputies.

The governor of Saigon has addressed a menacing letter to the Siamese government concerning the question of the Siam-Tonquin frontier. The Siamese are deeply alarmed.

French Ascendancy in Cambodia.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Saigon advices state that the revolution in Cambodia is complete. The direction of public affairs has been wrestled from the royal authority. Girard, French commissioner at Saigon, has assumed direction of the government.

Case of Dynamite Captured.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A case of dynamite was captured at Dover, to be delivered in London to a person producing the necessary authority.

A Girl's Dead Shot on a Dummy.

From the Ottawa Sun.

A short distance from the city, on the Montreal road, is situated the residence of Mr. Austin. The other evening, while Mr. and Mrs. Austin were absent on a visit to Montreal, their 18 year-old daughter Miss Polly Austin, with her younger sisters and brothers, were left at home to mind the place. Miss Austin was sitting in the library reading at 11 o'clock at night, the others being gone to rest, when she heard the voices of strange men in the garden. She watched their movements, which were stealthy, and determined to give them a warm reception. Seizing a revolver the young lady went out into the garden, and brandished it demanding the business of the intruders. Two of them thereupon moved off, and the third remained standing. Not receiving any answer to her challenges the young markswoman fired, wounding him in the head. She ran down to where the intruder stood, half horrified with the expectation that she would find him perhaps mortally wounded. To her pleasant surprise, however, she found that the figure was a dummy, placed there by the other two parties, who probably wished to perpetrate a practical joke. One thing has been learned, however, by the whole circumstance, and that is, that it will not do for any suspicious parties to proul around Mr. Austin's residence at night while he has such a trusty daughter, who is an expert shot.

New Presbyterian Paper.

The Presbyterian Review is a new venture in the field of denominational journalism. It will be published weekly in this city.

EUROPE'S THREE ENEMIES

DYNAMITERS, ANARCHISTS AND SOCIALISTS.

Disclosures in the Design on London Bridge—The Trial at Leipsic—Socialism in the German Army.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—At low tide yesterday two recently driven nails were discovered in the buttresses of London bridge. To these nails the explosives had evidently been attached.

The two strangers who hired a boat at Queen-Hithe Saturday went to a tavern in the vicinity before embarking and took refreshments. While they were eating one of them said: "What shall we take with us. We have a cold job on hand." Whisky was suggested, but they finally decided that they would take no liquor. The tallest of the men drew attention to the venerable appearance of the tavern, exclaiming to the keeper: "Say, old man, this is a bit of London." The smallest of the men remained seated and taciturn, holding a black bag with great care. The landlord of the tavern says the men were of gentlemanly appearance, and were evidently strangers.

A heavy baulk of timber at the bottom of the bridge has twenty feet in length blown away.

The researches into the explosion are causing a sensation, as the disclosures show the outrage was planned with an amount of coolness, determination and foresight hitherto uncredited to the terrorists. Everything proves the participators in the plot must have remained beneath the bridge a quarter of an hour, despite the swiftness of the current. The work was prosecuted with immense difficulty, but the deep shadows were sufficient to prevent detection.

HE QUOTES SCRIPTURE.

How Reinsdorf the Arch Anarchist Squares Himself.

LEIPSIC, Dec. 18.—A remarkable feature in the trial of the eight anarchists for the attempt to kill the emperor at Wiederwald is that each of the prisoners, excepting Reinsdorf, tries to put the blame on somebody else. Reinsdorf tries to shield his accomplices as much as possible. He is a man of much force of character. In concluding his harangue yesterday he said he knew he risked his own life, but if he died he died as a martyr in obedience to the scriptural command, "Be ye faithful even unto death."

Schiebeck of Eberfeld deposed that Reinsdorf boasted that he would do a deed that would make all Germany talk of him. Counsel for the defence will sum up tomorrow.

SOCIALISM AMONG SOLDIERS.

An Extensive Plot Discovered in the German Army.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A Gaulois Berlin despatch in relation to the socialism excitement says the police assert that they have found proofs of an extensive plot to enroll soldiers in socialist societies and that pamphlets preaching revolt have been circulated privately among the soldiers. The Berlin garrison barracks were minutely searched on Wednesday. The result will be kept secret. Since the elections for members of the reichstag socialist workingmen have been openly advocating resistance. The police recently, while trying to dissolve a socialist meeting, were resisted and beaten. The mob afterward fought in the street. The police were reinforced and arrested a number of rioters.

What the Peace Society Can Do.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Wilfred Blunt has written a letter, which says that the Peace association is certain that it could negotiate a safe conduct for Gordon and the Khartoum garrison to Dongola. The association could also secure a general pacification of the Upper Nile region, and avoid the necessity of an expedition to that quarter. The present movement in the Soudan is identical with that under Arabi Pasha, and is equally amenable to the overtures of peace.

Proof of India's Loyalty.

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.—The Marquis of Ripon, retiring governor-general of India, made a state entry into the city. The streets for six miles were thronged with people. Seventy-five addresses were made. The marquis said he was leaving India in a tranquil and prosperous condition, and loyal to the home government, and the country was better guarded against famine than ever before. Enthusiastic cheers were given for Queen Victoria and the marquis.

French Farmers to the Front.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Republique Française announces that owing to the agricultural agitation many farmers' candidates are preparing to appear for election as senators, and that a number of the departments will send to the senate members instructed to defend the farmers' interests. The Republique does not fear that the persons of farming preoccupation will have political domination.

How El Mahdi Gets His Pointers.

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—It is charged at the headquarters of General Wolseley at Korti that the Frenchman who is with El Mahdi is in secret correspondence with the French at Cairo, who inform him of the movements of the British and of the best methods by which El Mahdi can oppose them.

"Guff" From United Ireland.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—United Ireland says the English exhibit admirable patience under the senseless and wicked frights to which they are subjected, but the police direct the dynamite conspiracies and pay for the explosions.

German Administration in Africa.

LISBON, Dec. 18.—Loanda advices state that the Germans in Anga Pequena are organizing an administration. It is stated England appears inclined to abandon the Walfisch bay settlement.

Granville and Gladstone Guarded.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Granville and Gladstone have been provided with extra guards since the explosion at London bridge.

Dublin's New Archbishop.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—The bishop of Meath has been elected archbishop of Dublin.

FIRE AMONG ORPHANS.

A Catholic Institution at Brooklyn Burned—A Heroic Sister.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 18.—A fire broke out this afternoon in the large building of the catholic male orphan asylum, containing 785 orphans, 60 of whom were in a dormitory on the top floor. Whether or not all escaped cannot be told until the roll is called. It is thought some were lost.

Sister Mary Josephine, who was in the dormitory at the time the fire broke out, made heroic efforts to save the little ones. She remained in the room until driven out by the flames. Then she ran to a window, where she stood upon the cornice until a fireman from the roof swung his coat to her. The sister caught the coat, but when the fireman tried to pull her from her perilous position she lost her grasp and fell headlong to the ground.

An 8-year old boy jumped from the third story, and was severely injured. There was great excitement among the inmates. Hundreds of little fellows ran out into the falling snow, hatless and coatless, and took shelter in adjoining residences.

There were 30 sisters in the asylum at the time, but it is believed they all escaped. Two civilians handed seven boys down from a second story window, when the flames compelled them to retreat. Two firemen fell from ladders and were severely injured. Hundreds of partially clad children forced themselves through every conceivable avenue of egress, and rushed shivering to the nearest place of shelter.

The loss on the building is $200,000. Sister Mary Josephine has since died from her injuries.

The Correct Terms of the Nicaraguan Treaty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Tribune this morning publishes the text of the Nicaraguan treaty. It says the synopsis published a few days ago was incorrect. The document shows that the sovereignty of Nicaragua is not involved, that the United States do not propose the acquisition of territory or the right of eminent domain, or to secure political control of Nicaragua by treaty, and that with the exception of favoring tolls to coastwise commerce carried on by vessels entirely owned and commanded by citizens of the United States and Nicaragua, all other nations are to enjoy its peaceable use on equal terms.

The Mercury Away Down.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 18.—All the roads report delays in trains on account of the cold weather. The mercury is ranging from 20 to 43 below zero.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The severe weather here and throughout the northwest continues. Sixteen degrees below zero here to-night.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—The temperature reached zero to-night and is still falling. Two inches of snow fell.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—The snow blockade continues. The street cars have stopped and no trains have arrived since Monday.

Shot Dead at His Door.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Last evening farmer Harrington, living near Geneva, was called to the door and opening it was confronted by a masked man, who presented a revolver and said he wanted the farmer's money. Harrington was shot dead. The murderer is a fellow named Feck, who lived two miles from the farm

HAZELHURST, Miss., Dec. 18.—Last night Wm. Somerville, an old bachelor, was shot dead at his door by unknown parties.

Fatal Chemical Explosion.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—A terrible explosion of chemicals occurred in the wholesale drug store of Lamar & Co. this afternoon. A chemical mixture was being compounded in a mortar by a colored boy, Wm. Holt, under the direction of a chemist when the mass exploded terribly mangling and killing Holt, throwing the others in the store to the floor and shattering every window in the building.

U. S. Treaty With San Domingo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The text of the treaty with San Domingo is published. Under its provisions every encouragement is given for the introduction of American manufactures and industries into San Domingo. Our legal tender standard of gold and silver is to be the standard of the Dominica. The treaty covers a larger number of products and manufactures of this country than any yet negotiated.

A Paying Spec.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The strikers' co-operative store, established during the existing labor troubles here, meets with great favor among the working classes, and is said to be immensely successful. The profits will be divided among the various labor organizations interested.

Advised to Visit the Exposition Sundays.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Archbishop Leroy approves of the exposition being kept open Sundays, and recommends the catholics who are unable to attend week days to visit it on Sunday after their religious duties have been performed.

Killed Together.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 18.—While E. T. Shaeffer, wife and daughter were driving home, near Catawissa, this morning, the horses ran away and threw the party over a steep embankment, fatally injuring him and his wife.

Riches in Alaska.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Lieut. Abercrombie, who has been engaged in government explorations in Alaska, says he explored the Yukon river for 2700 miles and reports rich placers for 1000 miles up paying $50.

Died for His Dog.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Dec. 18.—Capt. Oliver Powell dropped dead yesterday. The jury found his death was caused by paralysis of the heart, superinduced by grieving over the death of his dog.

Nine Lives for Every Vessel.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 18.—During the past season sixteen vessels of the fishing fleet have been lost, and 131 fishermen lost their lives.

Snow in the South.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—Snow has been falling incessantly throughout the day. The thermometer has fallen thirty degrees since midnight last night.

A Cold Day for the Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—The cold and and unpropitious weather has a depressing effect on the attendance at the exposition.

OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS

THE PRESBYTERY AND TROUBLES IN COOKE'S CHURCH.

Words of Counsel to Pastor and People—Committee Appointed to Restore Harmony if Possible.

After the induction of Rev. Mr. Neill yesterday, the presbytery adjourned to the vestry of the Charles street church to consider the troubles between Rev. John Kirkpatrick of Cooke's church and some of the members of his congregation. Mr. Wallace moderater.

Rev. Mr. Wilson alluded to a statement made by Mr. Kirkpatrick from the pulpit that his (Mr. Wilson's) church was in a shaky condition, and pronounced it a slander. Coming to the main question, he thought that, in view of the fact that Mr. Kirkpatrick was supported by a majority of the congregation, and that he was only at variance with the session and some of the trustees, that the latter should resign and an election be held. If then the old members of session were re-elected, then Mr. Kirkpatrick's proper course would be to resign.

Rev. Dr. Reid threw out the suggestion that the presbytery have a brotherly conference with Mr. Kirkpatrick. Dr. Reid was not prepared to recommend that Mr. Kirkpatrick should resign, but if he were in Mr. Kirkpatrick's place he would give that alternative careful consideration.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod, for the benefit of those who were not present at the last meeting at Cooke's church, gave an account of the position of affairs. Mr. Kirkpatrick undoubtedly possesses the confidence and affection of a majority of the congregation, but the session to a man and a majority of the trustees were against him. Mr. Kirkpatrick had undoubtedly made imprudent remarks from the pulpit.

Principal Caven would not advise that the presbytery press on Mr. Kirkpatrick to resign, but he thought it would be judicious if it would occur to Mr. Kirkpatrick to do so himself. He thought the deliverence of the presbytery might take the form of stating their deep sorrow at the state of things that existed in the church, and its conviction that the elders be advised to resign and that the pastor be admonished to refrain from making offensive utterances from the pulpit.

Rev. Dr. Gregg expressed the deep interest that he had in Cooke's church, which he had served as pastor for fifteen years. He dissented from Principal Caven—he did not think the elders should be advised to resign. That would imply that they were blameable, and he did not think that from what they had heard they could justly draw that conclusion.

Prof. McLaren was also opposed to asking the elders to resign. There could be no doubt that if a minister in any church in Toronto made remarks regarding the officers of his church such as had been made by Mr. Kirkpatrick, there would be just such a storm in that church as had risen in Cooke's.

Principal Caven submitted the following: That this presbytery express deep regret at the difficulties which have arisen in Cooke's church, and especially at the want of harmony between the elders on the one hand and the minister and a large portion of the congregation on the other, the presbytery earnestly counsels Mr. Kirkpatrick to avoid in his public utterances everything which may give offence or wound the feelings of individuals, and counsels all parties to study the things which make for peace, as they would have regard to their own edification and the glory of the church's head. The presbytery appoints Drs. Reid, Gregg, McLaren and Caven as assessors to the session with a view of endeavoring, if possible, to restore amicable relations between the minister and the elders.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, in reply to the moderator, said he had but little to say. His course seemed to him quite clear. He believed his resigning would seriously impair the church, perhaps break it up. The state of affairs which existed in the church was not such that harmony could not be brought out of it. They were not so far apart that a union was impossible. He was sanguine that a basis of agreement could be arrived at by which the church need not lose the valuable services of these brethren.

Dr. Cavan's motion was carried and Dr. Gregg was appointed to preach in the church a week from Sunday next and read the deliverance of the presbytery.

A Spartan Father.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 18.—Walter and Wesley Miller, sons of Detective Robert Miller of Lawrence, were taken into custody at Dutton yesterday on a charge of stealing a side of pork from A. Campbell and some turkeys and geese from other farmers. On searching a rig brought to Dutton by the boys, the property was discovered in it. The warrant for their arrest was issued at the instance of their father.

So Near and Yet So Far.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Lefete's jewelry store Notre Dame street was broken into at an early hour this morning and the safe blown open. The proprietor claims that $10,000 worth of watches and diamonds were stolen. The store is opposite the court house and within about 100 yards of the central police station.

Libels in the Air.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—An information was this morning laid by Charles Hutchinson, county crown attorney, against Josiah Blackburn of the Free Press, charging that he published in the Free Press a false and infamous libel concerning complainant.

Score Another For the Scott Act.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 18.—The Scott act was carried in Leeds and Grenville to-day by a majority of 688.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The schooner Annie D. Merritt, New York, for Cayenne, is believed to be lost with all hands.

John Mossey, aged 12, has been arrested at Ronceverate, Va., for killing his girl cousin, aged 7.

The railways running east of St. Louis are doing scarcely more than half the business done this time last year.

The Connellsville coke syndicate has shut down another 10 per cent. of the ovens, leaving but 40 per cent. of the ovens controlled y it in operation.

Representative Hemphill of South Carolina and Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom were badly injured at Washington by one car crashing into another on Capitol hill yesterday.

At the Grand.

The Bandmann-Beaudet company played Narcisse last night. Lady of Lyon's is on the program for to-night. Matinee to-morrow, Called Back; evening, Richard the Third.

DEATH OF JAMES BETHUNE.

The Brilliant Career of a Prominent Lawyer Cut Short.

Not only the legal profession, but the general public, will hear with deep regret of the death of James Bethune, Q.C., LL.B., who succumbed yesterday evening at his residence, Stormont lodge, Adelaide street west, to the attack of fever from which he had been for some time suffering. Mr. Bethune was one of the most eminent counsel of Ontario, having been retained on a large number of the big cases that have come before our courts, and having also argued before the privy council.

He was born in Glengarry county in 1840, and was educated at the universities of Queen's and Toronto, taking the degree of bachelor of laws at the latter in the year 1861. He was called to the bar in the following year. In 1875 he was elected a bencher. For five years he acted as county crown attorney for the united counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, where also he for some time performed the duties of deputy judge.

Mr. Bethune's name is also well known in provincial politics: he was an unsuccessful candidate in 1871, but took his place in the Ontario legislature in the following year, and continued a member of the house until 1879, when he abandoned politics for the exclusive practise of his profession. He ranged himself on the reform side, and will be remembered for his advocation of compulsory voting.

In his profession he will best be known as standing at the head of the firms, first of Bethune, Osler, and Moss, then of Bethune, Moss, Falconbridge and Hoyles, and subsequently of Bethune and Marsh. Though comparatively young when carried off, Mr. Bethune had, in his career, accomplished a vast amount of work. He will be much missed by his friends and by the profession he so admirably adorned. He was married to Miss Rattray of Cornwall in 1860, who survives him with several children.

The South Renfrew Appeals Dismissed.

Thirty cases are on the list of the divisional court of chancery, which began its sittings yesterday.

Langtry v. Dumoulin was argued before Chancellor Boyd and Judge Proudfoot yesterday, on appeal from the judgment of Judge Ferguson, who decided that the city rectors should share in the surplus of St. James' rectory fund, after deducting $5000 a year for the rector of St. James. A motion was made to strike the appeal off the list; but the judges decided to hear the merits of the case before deciding whether the defendant could appeal.

In Doyle v. Bell, in which a constitutional question was raised, the court of appeal delivered judgment yesterday. They hold that the dominion parliament had power to allow a civil remedy for recovering a penalty against a person who was guilty of a breach of the election act.

Judgment was delivered in the South Renfrew provincial election case yesterday by the court of appeal. It will be remembered that Dr. John Dowling, the reform member, was twice unseated, and the petitioner in the last case claimed the seat on the ground that the doctor was disqualified and ineligible. Dr. Dowling was unseated, but the petitioner was not given the seat, and both parties appealed. Both appeals were dismissed with costs.

Razors Flying Through the Air.

Thomas Jackson, a person of color who comes from a long line of ancestors residing on Emma street, went into the Commercial hotel about 5 o'clock yesterday evening and being already overloaded with disturbing liquids was refused a drink. He then drew from his pocket a toy pistol which failed to frighten the bartender into compliance. Mr. Kemp, the proprietor, proceeded to eject the noisy fellow, but Jackson drew a razor and threatened to cut into mince meat anybody who interfered with him. Constable Mills was called and he arrested Jackson, but the latter resisted violently and it required a good deal of the officer's strength to effect his subjugation. Officer Mills is accustomed to tossing the caber and toying with 56 pound weights and he did not find it difficult to land the colored gentleman in No. 1.

More of the Hay Fork Swindler.

Prominent among those who occupied seats in the county court room yesterday were a number of delegates to the Sir John convention. Their white badges were pinned conspicuously on their breasts, and they appeared to take a deep interest in all the proceedings. Bennie v. Dixon was given to the jury at 2.30. They returned a verdict for plaintiff for $30. Morton v. Humphrey, an action for $300 on a promissory note obtained from Wm. Humphrey of Dunner township, Peterboro county, by E. E. Jones, the hay fork agent, by means of fraud, was then taken up. The particulars are precisely the same as those in the case of Bingham v. Baxter, the plaintiff being the holder of the note which he bought from Jones. The case was not finished last night.

Death of Policeman Kearns.

Officer Kearns of No. 1 division died at 3 o'clock yesterday at his residence, 169 Wilton avenue. Deceased had been ill off and on for a year. He was a faithful and efficient servant, and his death is much regretted by the officers of the force and his fellow constables. He leaves a widow and three children.

Ald. Mitchell in the Field.

Ald. Mitchell has acceded to the wishes of a large number of the ratepayers, and again offers himself for re-election in St. Andrew's ward.

The Fox, Hen and Lamb.

M. R., Fred H. and P.B., Niagara Falls, send in correct answers to J. B's. query. Let us be satisfied.

PERSONAL.

Kossuth is not dead as reported yesterday. His health is good.

Sir Samuel Rowe has been appointed governor of Sierre Leone.

Louise Michel, the anarchist, shows symptoms of madness and softening of the brain.

Beloved Great Black Coat is the style in which the Indians address Bishop Sullivan of Algoma.

John White, M.P., states there is little probability that the orange bill will be brought up next session.

Bartley Campbell in five years has made a profit of $250,000 out of his plays. He began life a newspaper reporter.

U. S. Minister Morton entertained the ambassadors from England, Russia, Austria and other people of distinction at Paris last night.

The poet Whittier will complete his 77th year to-day. Though in feeble health, his spirit is as vigorous as ever and he enjoys the sunset of his life too much to wish it to pass.

COWARD AND SCOUNDREL.

CHIEF STEWART'S OPINION OF MAJOR DRAPER.

The Hamilton Man Uses Some Strong Language, and is Asked by his Commissioners to Withdraw.

The Hamilton commissioners of police met yesterday to take action on the matter in dispute between Chief of Police Stewart of that city and Chief Draper. The following are the letters which are causing the little unpleasantness:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 9.

Major Draper, Chief Constable, Toronto:

SIR,—Your letter of the 5th inst. is received. I was more than astonished to find that at the very moment I was writing to assure you of my innocence in the matter of speaking about stories of the "rottenness and inefficiency" of your force, you were employed in making public statements to my prejudice. If your course has been shaped with a view to doing me harm, I congratulate you. You could not possibly have succeeded more thoroughly.

Your whole attitude in the matter has been that of an enemy and a coward. You knew (for I heard it told you) that Garner's case had been taken out of my hands. You knew that I had refused in the most positive manner to give any information in regard to it to anyone. You knew that I had expressed to yourself belief in the innocence of Detective Hoggins, and yet you publicly stated that my position was unwarrantable, and so represented matters in my absence as to throw blame and discredit upon me when you knew in your heart that I was innocent. It was due to me that I should have been asked under the circumstances to attend the meeting of police commissioners, but you never so much as hinted that a meeting was to be held. When that meeting adjourned for a season, after Garner had made his statement, it was your duty, as a man of honor, to have telegraphed me, in order that I might meet and refute these statements, as you knew I would have done. But it suited your base purpose instead to allow the matter to assume the appearance of coming entirely from me, as if, in fact, I had instigated and suggested it.

In return for a prompt performance of duty, I have been made the scapegoat for your own miserable deficiences, and seeing the shape that affairs have taken and knowing that I am suffering a monstrous injustice, and am publicly branded with an attempt to tarnish the reputation of your department, you are content to sit silently by without a word of protest or explanation on my behalf. Your action is that of a craven and poltroon, and it is just as well that you should know what I think of it.

Our public position demands that business intercourse should exist between us; for this purpose my time is at your disposal and my house and office open to you; otherwise, I never wish to shake your hand or see your face again.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

A. D. STEWART.

This letter was returned by Major Draper, who wrote as follows:

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,
Toronto, Dec. 10, '84.

MY DEAR STEWART—I have yours of the 9th instant, which I now return to you, feeling sure that it has been written whilst you were under great excitement, and not clearly understanding all you said or wrote. If, upon reflection, however, you deliberately mean to apply the language it contains toward me, you will please return it to me. If I do not receive it back I will consider it as never having been written. Believe me, very truly yours,

FRANK C. DRAPER.

Chief Stewart sent both letters back to the major, who then forwarded them to Judge Sinclair for the consideration of the board of commissioners. He asked for the opinion of the board on the language used towards him, and for notice of any action that might be taken in the premises.

When these letters were read Chief Stewart said: I acknowledge sending that letter. Whatever faults I may have, I am no hypocrite, and I stick to every word in that letter. Draper has lied about me, and turned his men against me, to ward off the torrents of abuse and censure he was getting from the Toronto papers. He has acted like a scoundrel—in a cowardly and ungentlemanly manner. I decline to retract any word I said. I meant it when I wrote it and I mean it still. I think this is an entirely private matter between Draper and myself, and one that the commissioners have no business to interfere with. I am ready to submit to my superiors in all matters connected with police duties, but I do not think any man has the right to say who shall be my friends and who shall not, or whether I shall have my eggs boiled hard or soft for breakfast.

The three commissioners expressed the view that a quarrel between heads of the two departments was a public and not a private affair, and unanimously adopted the resolution, "that the commissioners do not approve of the language used by Chief Stewart in his letter to Major Draper of Toronto on Dec. 9, and are of opinion that it is desirable that it should be withdrawn."

Equitable Distribution of Taffy.

From the Stayner Sun.

Canada possesses two statesmen of which she has every reason to be proud. Their names are Sir John A. Macdonald and Oliver Mowat. Although the latter is not a dominion statesman, his influence is felt through the length and breadth of the land.

WINTER.

The winter comes, 'tis sad to think it must!
But yet it comes: our wishes cannot keep
The leaves forever green upon the trees,
Nor the streams always sparkling in the sun;
Nor the birds always merry in our groves;
Change must forever wave her magic wand,
And what is fair doth fall; and what is foul
Doth mend: and what is life doth cease:
And clay-cold forms of death do live again.
Here we grow old, and wear away, and wrinkle,
And gradually melt into the earth,
And worms and plants divide our old apparel,—
This once bright, buoyant, tenement of clay!
A thousand lives do start afresh from one!
And thus we go to nourish and to beautify
The earth that once did nourish and delight us.
When winter chills the north, the south in smiles
Returns the glowing glances of the sun.
We are denied our mother's warm embrace
The while her other children she doth bless;
So with our bodies, old age, their winter,
Makes summer for a thousand forms of life!

—*Merlin.*

A Christmas Prophecy.

A subscriber sends us the following Christmas prophecy, which is among the Harlcian manuscript in the British museum:

If Christmas day on Thursday be,
A windy winter you shall see:
Windy weather in each week,
And hard tempests, strong and thick;
The summer snail be good and dry,
Corn and beasts shall multiply:
That year is good for lands to till;
Kings and princes shall die by skill;
It a child that day born should be,
It shall happen right well for thee—
Of deeds he shall be good and stable,
Wise of speech and reasonable.
Whoso that day goes thieving about,
He shall be punished with doubt;
And if sickness that day betide,
It shall quickly from thee glide.

The Cold Continues.

Moderate to fresh winds; fair, continued very cold weather, with a few local snow flurries.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Scythia.
At Queenstown: Wyoming.
At Liverpool: Scandinavian.
At Bremen: Fulda.