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Provided the School Question is Not Approved by the Pope.

The Ministers Feel That Home's Will Not Accept the School Settlement and are Preparing for Emergencies—Mr. Tarte's Idea of a Dislocation May be Carried Out if the English-Speaking Bishops Cast in Their Lot With Their French Colleagues—Station Agent Bourdais Has Got Himself Into a Bad Mess—Montreal News.

Montreal, April 28.—(Special.)—"Laurier will step down from the Premiership and let Fielding lead rather than allow the school question to destroy the Liberal party," was the remark made to-day by a gentleman well up in Ministerial circles, who had just returned from Ottawa and was discussing the situation with his party friends. He stated that the Ministers feel that Home will condemn the school question as far as Catholics are concerned, and that Quebec will step away from Laurier. This, however, would not be fatal to Laurier, and Mr. Tarte's idea of a dislocation might be carried out if it were supported. The Roman Catholic bishops of the English-speaking provinces would cast in their lot with their French colleagues. But the Government do not count on this. The Government do not count on this. The Government do not count on this.

Other Montreal News. The other day Station Agent A. J. Bourdais, at St. John's, on the Canadian Pacific, wired his superiors that his office had been broken into and some \$1000 taken away. Chief Detective Carter went out and found the burglar, and the agent himself was the robber, and true enough, Bourdais soon confessed that he was the author of the crime. He now awaits sentence after giving up all the money he had on him. Mr. J. A. Cantello & Co.'s liabilities will reach \$200,000, but the sheet has not yet been prepared.

KICKING AT LAURIER

British Columbians Object to a Blanket Lease of Yukon Territory—They are Also Afraid of Monopolies and Slaves.

Vancouver, B.C., April 28.—(Special.)—The Laurier Government is offering to lease 100 miles of the Stewart River, in the Yukon country for gold dredging. This policy is strongly opposed by British Columbia. The Board of Trade and other representative bodies, who urge that no such monopoly should be conferred. While under the terms of the advertisement the tenders there is no time for the hardy men of Yukon to apply to Ottawa, many think there is a "tiger in the woodpile" somewhere, and the people will do the Laurier Government no good. There is, moreover, strong opinion expressed by the workers of British Columbia at the Government's refusal to accept the Laurier's offer. The Government is offering to lease 100 miles of the Stewart River, in the Yukon country for gold dredging. This policy is strongly opposed by British Columbia. The Board of Trade and other representative bodies, who urge that no such monopoly should be conferred. While under the terms of the advertisement the tenders there is no time for the hardy men of Yukon to apply to Ottawa, many think there is a "tiger in the woodpile" somewhere, and the people will do the Laurier Government no good. There is, moreover, strong opinion expressed by the workers of British Columbia at the Government's refusal to accept the Laurier's offer.

ATE A DEAD COMRADE.

The Horrible Story of Cannibalism Which Came From St. John's, Newfoundland.

St. John's, Nfld., April 28.—Details are given to-day of the loss of the fishing schooner Victor Eugene, which struck an iceberg and foundered on the 15th inst. on the Grand Banks. She had on board 28 men, and the only one to be saved was the skipper, who was taken to the boat, only one of which has been heard from. When this boat left the vessel her complement was seven men. The awful experience of the seven is told in a special to the New York World from St. John's: "Worn with cold and hunger and suffering from thirst, the seven men looked out all day for a sail, but could see no further than their noses, and the night fell again. The weather cleared on the morning, and this gave more chance of seeing some ship or rescue, but nothing came in sight, and another day was gone. On the second night two of the men died from exposure and their bodies were thrown overboard. Next morning a young man named Felix died, and he too would have been given to the fishes if his companions had had strength enough to lift the body. But they had not, and so the corpse lay in the bottom of the dory, while the four remaining men sat on the side seats and waited for that which had come to young Felix. As long as they kept their noses to the dory men did not give way to the longings that possessed them to forget everything and satisfy their hunger by taking the flesh of their dead comrade. The fifth day, crazed beyond all doubt, they accepted the last frightful resort of men in their condition and ate their friend. Then they became delirious. It was on the 12th day of their shipwreck that the lookout of the fishing schooner Victor Eugene, bound for St. Pierre, saw a far-off speck upon the ocean, which later proved to be the dory of the Vaillant, with the four miserable men still aboard, raving and delirious. They were rescued and tenderly cared for, and as soon as the Eugene arrived in port to-day they were removed to a hospital. For a day after they had been hoisted aboard the schooner, swathed in blankets, their lives were in danger."

FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

A Tenement House Fire in Brooklyn Which Was Attended by Some Very Distressing Features.

New York, April 28.—A fire completely destroyed a tenement house at 54th-street and Third-avenue, South Brooklyn, this morning. Four persons lost their lives, viz., Mrs. Celia Harriet, aged 55 years, and three children, aged 10, 8, and 6 years. The fire broke out among the tenements, and spread with great rapidity through the building, which was a three-story structure. The fire was caused by a gas stove, and the bodies of the four people were found in the ruins. The fire was attended by some very distressing features.

WINDSOR NOTES.

Veterinary Inspector McEachern Orders a Great Slaughtering of Hogs—A Banquet Postponed.

Windsor, April 28.—Veterinary Inspector McEachern, has killed 40 hogs belonging to Byron Wigle, 20 belonging to Alex. A. Guinness and 10 belonging to George Washington, all of Kingsville, hog cholera having broken out among them. It is believed that the hogs in the vicinity will have to be slaughtered. The body of the murderer and suicide, J. A. Dittman, was last night shipped to Toronto to Medical College. It will be at once placed on the dissecting table. The Vaillant carried a crew of 20 men, and had also aboard 54 fisherfolk, who were rescued and tenderly cared for, and as soon as the Eugene arrived in port to-day they were removed to a hospital. For a day after they had been hoisted aboard the schooner, swathed in blankets, their lives were in danger."

troubled them came to them at about midnight in impenetrable darkness and fog. The brigantine and its crew crashed through without warning in opaque darkness of night, the impact crushing in the vessel from her bow to the foremast, and opening the hold to a rush of water that awakened the lightly sleeping men and sent them scampering half-dressed, to the deck. The men turned at once to the lifeboats, only four in number, and more dories, capable of carrying not more than a dozen men each. Men forgot their brotherhood in the mad struggle to secure a place in one of the poor little boats, and no head was ever paid to a dozen or more of the company who lay dead and dying in the debris, remaining from the collision.

It is certain only that one boat escaped the whirlpool caused by the sinking of the brigantine. The three other dories may have gone down, or they may now be floating about upon the bosom of the ocean, freighted with the dead.

In the morning the seven men in one of the boats found themselves afloat with nothing aboard with which to sustain life. The other three boats are believed to have contained about twenty men, and such as were on board the Vaillant, perished quickly. As events proved, there was the better fate.

The doctors say that their frozen limbs must be amputated and that if they live they will be minus both arms and legs.

NIAGARA FALLS NOTES.

Opposition to the New Electric Railroad Scheme—Three Youths in Trouble—Spraying Fruit Trees.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 28.—(Special.)—The new electric road scheme is receiving opposition already. A petition is being circulated and receiving a number of signatures asking the Town Council to refuse the Lake Shore Road Company a franchise on any street. The petition is in the interests of the horse-car line, and that line is also looking to the council for favors. They will ask a 10 years' extension on their franchise, and will also extend their line along that street within the six months. It stands out the new company, those who are at the back of the horse-car line have forced their franchise, and if it is not carried to the courts, they will build a road within 30 days.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last night to consider the permanent improvement of the city. The city was considered by clauses, and passed its first and second readings. The third reading will doubtless be passed unanimously at the next meeting.

The newer contractors broke ground on the excavations this morning. About 100 men are at work, but the foreign element was completely shut out from the work over the river swam in the town looking for work, but the clause of the contract debarring foreign labor will be strictly adhered to.

The pupils of the Collegiate Institute are arranging for a monster field day to be held on the school grounds on Jubilee Day, June 25. All the boys and girls of the school will be invited to enter a team, and a handsome trophy will be offered for competition. Arrangements are rapidly being prepared, and the other schools will be invited within a few days.

Three young boys, all of whom have previously served at Penzance, broke into Mr. McEwen's grocery store on Queen-street last night and carried away a great quantity of groceries and tobacco. They also stole three rifles from the armory. Chief Young got trace of them this morning, and they were covered them on the side of the cliff near the water's edge. They were carrying a bag for the rifles when the Chief fired, and brought them to time. They were giving several names, but the third is unknown. The three boys are now in the hands of the law, and a hearing will be given them to-morrow morning.

The funeral of the late David Blunt was held this afternoon. The local Masonic lodge attended in a body, about 75 strong. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario also gave the funeral honors. A lesson in spraying on the farm of Thomas Smith last afternoon. The attendance was small, but a good idea of the work was given those who were there. The fruit found that very few of the apple trees will blossom this year, especially fall fruit, so that a small apple crop is foreseen.

HE CHOSE THE LAKE.

Banker Sheldon of Sheldon, Ill., Got a Lot of People and Himself Into Serious Trouble.

Chicago, April 28.—"It is disgrace and the penitentiary or the lake—I have chosen the latter," wrote John Sheldon, the leading banker of Sheldon, Ill., to his confidential friend and attorney, J. Moffett. The receipt of the letter yesterday was followed by the closing of the leading bank of Lodi, the assignment of four leading business firms and the individual assignment of as many more. The trouble involved the funds belonging to the bank of Lodi, the assignment of which was made by Sheldon. The trouble involved the funds belonging to the bank of Lodi, the assignment of which was made by Sheldon. The trouble involved the funds belonging to the bank of Lodi, the assignment of which was made by Sheldon.

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Big Display in Men's Department.

A Whole Floor for Men's Shoes.

Enlarged space, plenty of seating capacity, a commodious, comfortable room, everything bright and cheerful, the Men's Section merits your appreciation and ought to win your trade. Any shoes displayed on large tables, easy of inspection and examination. And the prices! They eclipse anything of the past, and how much that means! New season shoes in Fine French Calf, Kangaroo, Vic Kid, Shell Cordovan and all the newest shades in Ox Blood and Russets. The popular toes—everyone here—wide, plain, new coin, razor, needle, and light and heavy soles.

This is a remarkable sale. It opens Friday morning. The Men's Department comprises one large floor crowded with nothing but Men's Goods and furnished in unique and original fashion—no trouble to fit anyone. Our specialty is fitting peculiar shaped feet.

Choice of 1000 Pairs AT.... Worth 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00. \$2 FRIDAY -- Opening Day.

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There is nothing newer, nothing better made, finished or better fitting than our OVERCOATS, in Covert Cloth, at \$10.00 and \$12.00. Some are made with strap seams, others without.

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They are predicting great woes and tribulations for Wabigoon, the Coming City of Western Ontario. They say there is no Wabigoon—because nobody ever heard of the place until this spring. Its advent wasn't prophesied in last year's dream books. And they declare that there wouldn't be a ghost of a chance for Wabigoon, anyway—even if there was such a place, because Canada has more towns now than the taxpayers can support.

They say there's no gold in the Wabigoon country, because they haven't seen any prospectors or assays to prove it. And, anyway, it wouldn't make any difference to them if there was gold there, because in some places people would get their feet wet in muskies to take it. Instead of gold, these anti-Wabigooners want to hear of asphalt streets, trolley cars, swimming clubs, five-o'clock teas, and all that—Wabigoon, being only a rough, new mining town, hasn't got—not yet.

They say Wabigoon is no place for settlers—even if there was such a place. And you'd think they were imputing improper motives to the Provincial Government to hear their comments on the sale of over 30,000 acres of Crown lands in the Wabigoon country since last fall, to ordinary, every-day people who are going Wabigoonwards this spring to farm it.

They say—but what does mere say-and-act amount to in the face of facts! Send for printed information about Wabigoon, which we mail free. It tells you what the Government claims for that section, and what the C.P.R. and other good authorities who know Wabigoon predict for it.

We are selling building lots in Wabigoon for \$50 to \$250 which will double in value before fall.

Write to The WABIGOON LAND AGENCY, Ltd., 19 Jordan Street, Toronto.

Every Wire Gone Down. Wichita, Kansas, April 28.—At 1 o'clock the Wabigoon Land Agency Company reports that every wire communicating with Guthrie has gone down.

While the Motor Man Was Collecting Fares His Car Hit a Railroad Train. Tampa, Fla., April 28.—An electric street car filled with passengers was on the outside of this city, and one person killed, two fatally injured and several slightly hurt. The street car was without a conductor and the motorman was taking fares. A Cuban refused to pay, and when an attempt was made to eject him he was rescued by three other Cubans, who assaulted the motorman, holding him down on the rear platform while the car ran down grade to the crossing.

New Who Is Lying? San Francisco, Cal., April 28.—In the case of the Fair heirs and administrators against Mrs. Craven to disprove the genuineness of certain deeds purported to have been signed by ex-Senator Fair, the testimony given by the witnesses so far was conflicting. J. J. Schneider and Henry Carson testified that on September 24, 1894, the date on which it is alleged that Fair signed the deeds in favor of Craven, the ex-Senator was really at San Rafael, where he remained continuously from Sept. 19 to Sept. 25. On the other hand, Mrs. Craven deposed that Fair was in the city after Sept. 24 in her house.

Death Dealing Hurricane. St. Louis, April 28.—A special despatch from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to the Associated Press says that a terrible hurricane has been visited by a terrible storm which has not only ruined the growing crops, but caused great loss of life and property. The hurricane was reported to have killed several hundred people and to have done great damage to property.

The Queen Starts for England. Nice, April 28.—Queen Victoria started at noon to-day on her journey from Cannes to England.

Fire on Board a Ship. London, April 28.—The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Mobie, Captain Layland, which was scheduled to sail on April 29 for New York, has had the contents of her main hold severely damaged by fire, which lasted for five hours before it could be extinguished. Her departure will therefore be delayed.

Ex-Mayor Harvey of Orillia and the Provincial Treasurer yesterday.

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JUDICIAL SALE of the Assets of the Bank of Montreal.

Parties desirous of purchasing the assets of the above company are to attend at the chambers of the Master-in-Ordinary in Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1897, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when offers will be received for the purchase of the assets, consisting of wooden poles, manufactured and unmanufactured, and wood-working machinery, patents and hard tools, in course of manufacture, valued as follows:

Wooden poles, partly unmanufactured, partly manufactured, 2,483 34
Stocking, including veneer, poles and varnishes, 2,203 90
Machinery, 5,500 00
Patents, 6,000 00
Wooden poles on consignment, 812 82
Timber, 707 58
Office furniture, 226 75
Stamps, 80 00
Total, \$18,222 30

Offers at a rate on the dollar or for a lump sum may be made. The purchaser shall have 10 days to pay the balance within 10 days. No allowance will be made for the purchase of any goods, unless the same are sold at a profit. The purchaser shall be bound to take the assets in the standing condition of the court.

The plan and stock of the inventory may be inspected on application to the Receiver, Mr. R. F. Spence, 100-101, Toronto.

Dated at Toronto, the 28th April, 1897. THOMAS MITCHELL, Receiver.

ESTATE NOTICE. THE MATTER of the Estates of Francis William Hollender, deceased, and Catherine Hollender, widow, and John Hollender, spinster, all of Toronto, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to R.S.O. 28, cap. 10, that all persons having claims against the estate of the above deceased, who died on or about the 27th day of March, 1897, and who have not presented their claims to the Receiver, Mr. R. F. Spence, 100-101, Toronto, on or before the 27th day of April, 1897, respectively, are on that day required to do so, or their claims will be barred. The Receiver, Mr. R. F. Spence, 100-101, Toronto, is the Receiver for the estate of the above deceased.

And take notice that after the said last day of April, 1897, the Receiver will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate, and that the persons who have not presented their claims to the Receiver, Mr. R. F. Spence, 100-101, Toronto, on or before the 27th day of April, 1897, respectively, are on that day required to do so, or their claims will be barred. The Receiver, Mr. R. F. Spence, 100-101, Toronto, is the Receiver for the estate of the above deceased.

Care of Messrs. Andrew & Victoria, 100-101, Toronto, is the Receiver for the estate of the above deceased.

Dividends. The Dominion Bank. Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Three Per Cent. upon the Capital Stock of this institution has this day been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at the Banking House, in this city, on and after Saturday, the 1st day of May Next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th of April next, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House in this city on Wednesday, the 20th of May Next, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon.

By Order of the Board. R. D. GAMBLE, General Manager.

Toronto, 30th March, 1897.

BANK OF MONTREAL. NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of five per cent. for the current half year (making a total distribution for the year of ten per cent.) upon the paid-up capital stock of this institution, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this city, and at its Branches on and after

TUESDAY, the 1st DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of May next, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House in this city on Wednesday, the 20th of May Next, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon.

By Order of the Board. E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager.

Montreal, 15th April, 1897.