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THE MODERN WARWICK.

MR. PARNELL A KINGMAKER IN REALITY.

Liberal Praise for the Retiring Government—A Suggestion that the Irish Dictator Shall Enter the Cabinet.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The defeat of the government last night has left all political parties in the house of commons in a state of chaos, and may result in a dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the country.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal is jubilant over the defeat of the government, and says: "The action of the leaders of the National league in defeating the government emphasizes the fact that there is a new force in politics which parliament has to consider."

The Dublin Irish Times says: "The Parnellites rely for help on Gladstone alone. They believe he will make them an offer looking to the settlement of the Irish question."

Mr. Gladstone held a conference this afternoon with Lord Granville in relation to the reassumption of office by the liberals.

The London Times ascribes the defeat of the ministry to its hesitations and delays, and claims that it goes out needlessly on a side issue. It says Mr. Gladstone will have to reckon with the country, and that it is certain his parliament will be short-lived. It will be the duty of all who regard patriotism more than party attachments to maintain an unflinching resistance to the measures of such a government as that now threatened, and to wage war against it until the commonwealth has been delivered from a peril greater than any that has pended over England for upwards of 70 years.

Speculating on the Prospects.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The meeting of the cabinet to-day lasted an hour. The situation was fully discussed and it was resolved that the ministers should at once resign. The Marquis of Salisbury sent a special message to Osborne to inform the Queen of the decision of the cabinet.

The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting on the fact that Lord Hartington and Mr. Goschen, both liberals, voted with the government in the division last night on the Colling's allotment, declares their desertion of the liberals completely debars the Queen from entrusting either of them with the work of forming a new ministry. The Gazette says Lord Hartington may possibly retire to private life. The conservatives rely upon dissensions in the liberal ranks to prevent Mr. Gladstone from forming a durable cabinet.

The Pall Mall Gazette says Mr. Parnell confronts the country as the modern Warwick, being a king-maker in reality. The retiring ministry, however, deserves ungrudging praise as no recent government had such a creditable record. The Marquis of Salisbury's foreign policy has not been marred by a single blunder. Lord Randolph Churchill was made a steady and sober politician by the responsibility of holding office. The Earl of Carnarvon, the lord-lieutenant of Ireland, under difficult conditions did better than any other viceroy of Ireland. It is evident the liberals do not monopolize the requirements for statesmanship.

Speculating on the probabilities of a new ministry, the Pall Mall Gazette says that a strong one could be formed by Mr. Gladstone if he would take into it such men as Joseph Chamberlain, John Morley, Wm. Sprostan Caine, Reginald R. Brett, Sir George Russel, Lord Rosebery, Lord Hartington and Mr. Parnell. Lord Rosebery, the Gazette thinks, should be made colonial secretary and Lord Hartington foreign secretary, in place of Lord Derby and Lord Granville, who filled these offices respectively in the last Gladstone cabinet, and who, together with the Earl of Kimberly, formerly Liberal Secretary for India, should, the Gazette maintains, be excluded from any future government the liberals may be called upon to form. Mr. Parnell, the paper continues, will in any event be virtually the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and he might as well be taken into the cabinet first as last. In conclusion, the Gazette says that if Mr. Gladstone will form his cabinet of the material suggested he will secure for himself the prospect of a strong and staple government.

The Globe (Conservative) says it is rumored that Mr. Parnell has resolved to use the home rule vote to overthrow Mr. Gladstone at the first opportunity that presents itself should the liberals assume power. Mr. Parnell will do this, the rumor says, for the purpose of exhibiting to the Irish abroad his power in parliament in order to stimulate donations to the Parnellite treasury which was nearly drained by the recent elections. The Globe is also authority for the statement that Mr. Gladstone's new cabinet will probably be mainly radical and that it will introduce a measure of English and Irish land policy designed to settle the Irish question without conceding home rule in any form. In this way, Mr. Gladstone hopes, the Globe says, to retain the support of both the radicals and Parnellites.

Lord Salisbury is anxious to acquaint the country with the nature of the Irish policy he intended to pursue if he had remained in power, and will probably take occasion to make some statement in the house of lords to-morrow.

The Daily Telegraph says it is the opinion of leading liberals, including many former ministers, that Mr. Gladstone should invite the assistance of Mr. Parnell or Mr. Healy in arranging a home rule scheme for Ireland.

The Standard says that Lord Salisbury and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach will announce in parliament the resignation of the government.

LABOR RIOTS IN FRANCE.

A Boss Kicked to Death and Several Strikers Killed.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Two thousand striking employes at one of the iron works in Decazeville, department of Aveyron, attacked the house of the manager of the works. They broke open the door, entered the building, seized the manager and threw him out of the window. He was then trampled to death by the angry crowd. Troops were sent to quell the disturbance and restored order, but not until several of the rioters had been killed and a number wounded. The strike grew out of a question of wages.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

The Porte Disposed to Agree to the Proposed Settlement.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 27.—M. Tzanow, the Bulgarian foreign minister who recently arrived here with Gadban Effendi, the Turkish commissioner, is negotiating with the porte for a complete union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia with one legislature and administration for both. The porte is friendly to the scheme and an early settlement of the question is expected. The Turkish and Bulgarian troops on the frontier are on the best of terms.

FOUR NEW FIREMEN.

George Wilkes, Henry Jones, James Brennan and Wm. Crawford—A Promotion.

All the members of the fire and gas committee were present at its first meeting yesterday afternoon: Chairman Maughan, Ald. Piper, Turner, Jones, Drayton, Carlyle (St. Andrew's), Pepler, McMillan, John Woods, Allen, Johnston, Shaw. There was a big time over the appointment of four new men to the brigade. The corridors and ante-room swarmed with applicants, anxious to learn their fate, and the members themselves became excited in their endeavors to get their pet candidates appointed.

After much long and needless discussion it was decided to make the choice of four men from the following list, submitted by Chief Ardagh: Henry Jones, Wm. Crawford, James Brennan, John Coulter, Jacob Raines, John Auchincloss, Abraham Cochrane, George Wilkes, James Harris, Ed. Robinson, Henry Hanscombe, Wm. Rogers, F. H. Carson. The chosen quartet were Wilkes, Jones, Crawford and Brennan. For promotion as foremen, six names were handed in: Firemen John Smith, W. W. Fox, Rutledge Irwin, — Auchincloss, Richard Schoales, W. S. Ashfield. Smith got the place on the first vote.

Robt Chandler petitioned for a permit to operate an engine and boiler in a planing mill on Markham street, the city commissioner offering no objection. Mr. Tilt, Q.C., protested on behalf of 33 property owners, representing an aggregate assessment of $140,000, against the permit being issued, on the ground that the mill would depreciate the value of their property. Mr. Chandler replied that his petition contained 117 bona fide signatures, representing property to the value of a quarter million dollars. An employe of the factory and a storekeeper in the vicinity supported the application. As the latter remarked, "We want to get hinto the locality all the henterprises that we can." Ald. Pepler spoke against the petition. Ald. Allen said the east end people would welcome all such factories down their way. Mr. Mowat Williams, as a citizen, was heard in opposition to the petition, which, however, passed almost unanimously.

MARRIED IN THE DARK.

A Squire Fooled Into Marrying Two Young Men and Swindled out of His Fee.

A Lumberton (N.C.) despatch says: A law suit just entered here brings to light an extraordinary marriage ceremony performed early last week in a neighboring township. 'Squire James Bilsop was called on some time ago by Johnny Trants, a Croatin Indian, who solicited his services to marry him to an Indian girl. While in a group of young men a few days later he mentioned the interview, and said it was the first time in his experience of 21 years that he had been called on to perform the marriage ceremony for Indians. Just after dark on Monday two young men, one of them dressed as a woman, came to the 'Squire's house and asked to be married, saying they were the Indians. The 'Squire came out with a lamp in his hand, which the wind extinguished. One of the party then said:

"We are in a hurry. Don't matter about the light. Marry us in the dark."

The 'Squire at first demurred, but the man said: "I'll pay you $5. We are in a big hurry."

'Squire Bilsop then performed the ceremony. When it was over he asked for the license and fee, whereupon the young men laughed, and, after telling him how he had been sold, ran off. The next day he demanded $5, which they refused to pay. The third day he was ill of pneumonia, and had a narrow escape. He is still confined to his bed. Yesterday he instituted suit against Davis Turnehough and Richard Roach for $1,000 damages. He alleges that he caught pneumonia by standing out in the cold to perform the marriage ceremony, and that as he did perform the ceremony he is entitled to the $5 fee. Later the parties asked him to withdraw the suit upon payment of the $5. This he has declined to do.

The Ocean's Depths.

Among the interesting results of submarine or deep-sea explorations conducted under the auspices of the London Geographical society are those in reference to the Atlantic sea bed. It would seem that the bottom of the North Atlantic is occupied by two valleys, the eastern extending from ten to thirty degrees west longitude, and traceable as far as the equator, with an extreme depth of less than 13,000 feet, while the western valley reaches from the thirtieth to the fiftieth degree of west longitude. The two are separated by a ridge thirty degrees west longitude, along which the average depth is only 1,600 fathoms, and which can be traced northward to Iceland and southward to the Azores; it is volcanic in character at both extremities. Its extreme breadth is somewhat less than 500 miles, and the depth of the water increases on both sides of it according to the distance of the axis.

If you want help, have an article to sell or have lost a dog, advertise in The World. Three lines Ten Cents.

His Annual Report.

From the Wall Street News.

An old chap who has been conducting a private bank in a Missouri town for the last four or five years, was told by several citizens in December that he ought to come out on the first of the year with an annual report.

"What for?" he asked in great surprise.

"Why, to let the people know how you stand financially."

Soon after New Year's day the old man tacked up a paper on the bank door, reading:

NOTICE—This 'ere bank has got $65,000 behind her. She don't owe nobody a cussed cent. Good paper discounted as heretofore, and nobody proposes to cut sticks for Mexico or Canada."

A Steady Job.

From the Wall Street News.

A man near Dubuque, Iowa, had a derrick and a drill at work last fall, boring for natural gas, but there were no indications of it.

"How long are you going to keep this up?" inquired a passer-by.

"One hundred and fifty days."

"You seem to have figured it down fine."

"Oh, I have. A Chicago party puts up $600. I bore for ¾ per day. Odds is the difference to me whether I reach h—ll, or a gas well."

Figured on Buttons.

From the Wall Street News.

He was trying to beat a Chatham street dealer down on a suit of clothes, and he finally observed:

"You'll admit that wool is down, won't you?"

"Oh, yes."

"And cotton is down, and labor is down?"

"Shust so."

"Well, then, how can you call that suit worth $14?"

"My frendt, you haf entirely forgotten dot buttons vhas way oop. Dot vhas der basis I figure on."

MASONRY IN QUEBEC.

Election of Grand Lodge Officers Last Night.

MONTREAL, Q., Jan. 27.—At a meeting of the grand lodge of Quebec A. F. & A. M. to-night the following officers were elected: Grand master, M. W. Bro. J. Fred Walker, Montreal; deputy grand master, R. W. Bro. A. F. Simpson, Lennoxville; grand senior warden, R. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec; grand junior warden, R. W. Bro. Albert Mills, Knowlton; grand chaplains, R. W. Bros. Rev. J. A. Newnham, Montreal, and Rev. R. Ker, Quebec; grand treasurer, R. W. Brother J. H. Stearns, Montreal; grand registrar, R. W. Bro. Dr. Lovejoy, grand secretary, R. W. Bro. Isaacson. The following District Deputy Grand Masters were elected:—Quebec and Three Rivers district, R. W. Bro. Henry Russell, M.D.; Montreal district, R. W. Bro. Dickson Anderson; St. Francis district, R. W. Bro. M. B. Schofield; Bedford district, R. W. Bro. Burnett; Shefford and Brome district, R. W. Bro. J. Rigand; Ottawa district, R. W. Bro. J. H. Shaw.

GEN. MIDDLETON'S DENIAL.

He Says he had Nothing to do With the Northwest Police.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—This afternoon Gen. Sir F. Middleton was shown a copy of the Fort McLeod Gazette, containing an article reflecting on the major general for partiality shown by him in the distribution of favors among those engaged in quelling the rebellion. In reply Gen. Middleton said: "There's not a word of truth in the article from beginning to end. In fact, I have never been consulted in regard to the subject of medals for the police. Furthermore, the question has never been mooted to me at all. I think, and I hope, I have given due praise to all deserving of it. To those of the police officers who came under my immediate control I have given all the praise that was due. Of course I had nothing to do with the police officers who were not under my command. As I said before, the charges in that article were totally uncalled for."

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

The Only Institutions in Montreal that Disobeyed the Law.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—The citizens' committee have sent a strong letter to the provincial board of health, reminding the board that the only institutions under the charge of nuns which had suffered from smallpox are those in which the law requiring vaccination was persistently disobeyed and which the provincial board knowingly allowed them to disobey, and urging the board to take such action in this case as is needful for the maintenance of its own authority and as a protection against a possible further outbreak of the disease.

The people who have money to spend read The World. The wise advertiser, therefore, avails himself of its columns.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Three concealed cases of smallpox were yesterday found in a huge tenement occupied by Italians at New York.

John C. Kembrel, his wife and three children were frozen to death in a wagon near Dodge City, Kan., during a recent blizzard.

The strikers in the coke regions yesterday ordered out the engineers of the water pumps. The pumps are all idle. The mines are becoming flooded. Much property will be destroyed. One mine gave in to the strikers yesterday.

Although the coal trade is in an unsettled condition and it is admitted that there is little pretence of a firm maintenance of prices, committees of the Lehigh and Schuylkill coal exchange yesterday agreed to make no change during February in the present circular prices.

Schaefer Still Leading Vignaux.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The international billiard match between Schaefer and Vignaux was continued to-night, play being resumed where it stopped last night, with Schaefer's score 600 and Vignaux's 274. There was a large audience, and the betting odds were 50 to 35 in Schaefer's favor. At the close of to-night's play Schaefer had scored 600 to Vignaux's 561, leaving the total score for the two nights: Schaefer 1200; Vignaux 835. Schaefer's highest run to-night was 178 and Vignaux's 143.

A Surprise in Wheat.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A special from Springfield, Ill., says the forthcoming report of the state agricultural department on the amount of wheat raised and consumed during the year 1885, will show a condition of affairs not known to exist for the past twenty-five years, there being a deficit in the crop of 5,000,000 bushels. The acreage harvested was 1,068,364, the amount annually reserved for seed and consumption is 13,739,029 bushels, but the amount produced was 8,299,243 bushels.

The Silver Question.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The house committee on coinage to-day began the consideration of the silver question. The whole subject was discussed in an informal way, and while members spoke more freely than heretofore, they did not state their views specifically but in very general terms. The discussion took a wide range, reference being made to the French monetary system and our own paper money.

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Ice in the Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—The Mississippi river is blocked by a solid mass of ice from this point as far north as the mouth of the Illinois river and as far south as Ste. Genevieve, a distance of sixty-five miles. The ice is six feet or seventeen inches thick.

On the Last Five Hundred.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 27.—The pedestrians' score now stands: O'Leary, 2067 miles, Weston 2058. Both men left this evening for Chicago.

The one opportunity in a thousand to save money, and that is now at the Bon Marche, 7 and 9 King street east.

Excitement in Greece.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 27.—The inhabitants of the island of Crete, three-fourths of whom are Greeks, are excited over the prospect of the arrival of the Greek squadron. There are only two Turkish ironclads in Cretan waters and they are stationed in Sunda bay. They would be unable to resist the progress of a Greek fleet. The Turkish garrison on the island numbers 10,000 men.

CABLE NOTES.

The vatican has accepted Prussia's modus vivendi regarding the education of clergmen subject to some minor modifications.

M. Girord Renand of the Grand theatre, New York, made an ascension in a balloon at Breste, France, yesterday. The balloon was driven out to sea and suddenly vanished.

M. De Freycinet yesterday informed M. Criesis, the Greek charge d'affaires, that France, although she sympathized with Greece, was unable to separate herself from the action of the powers toward that country.

The lower house of the Danish parliament rejected the government's measure establishing protective duties on corn and sugar.

If you have an announcement that you wish to make to the business men in the morning utilize the columns of The World.

THE FIRM OF ROBIN & CO.

FAILURE OF THE LARGEST FISHING FIRM IN CANADA.

A House that Treated Its Employes as Slaves—Fears that Much Misery Will Result.

The news of the failure of the firm of Chas. Robin & Co., the great fishermen, the great shipowners, the real kings of the lower St. Lawrence, is confirmed. This powerful house whose disposable capital was rated over a million pounds sterling, which was believed to be more solid than the bank of England, has been obliged to close its doors. The news will seem so unlikely that more than one will refuse to believe it.

For over a century the Robin firm possessed fourteen establishments for fishing and the preparation of fish situated in the best places on the gulf and connected with the headquarters at Paspebiac; a large fleet of fishing boats and brigantines for the transport of merchandise to Europe and the West Indies; wharfs, stores, warehouses and all the outfit needed for a business of five to six million dollars a year.

To operate all this plant an army of employes, trained from youth to the work assigned them, and subjected to a discipline more rigorous than that of the soldier, was intrusted with the duty of working and squeezing the poor fisherman; to let him have just sufficient to live, but not enough to enable him to procure his emancipation; to keep him in ignorance by prescribing the schools. These unfortunate people who, owing to the inadequacy of their land, are forced to fish for the company in order to gain their precarious livelihood are practically serfs condemned for life to the hardest labor, to continual privation, and they become spectre-thin in a hopeless melancholy and indigence.

Never has a more barbarous and odious monopoly been exercised with greater impunity. The Robin firm was powerful enough to bring governments to its feet and a fortiori members of parliament, inspectors and public employes. Its organization was so perfect that no human means of gagging it were deviable: at the head was an able administrative council controlling unlimited credit and capital; an immense personnel at every rung of the ladder, then below, very far below, the people, the plebs, the fisherman, the slave of the press which feeds this great industry. One can perceive what powerful means this firm had at its disposal. It defied all competition and it needed nothing less than a decree of providence to bring it to account.

What will be the result of this suspension? Will the fishing stations and fleet be sold to the Americans? or will they be divided into small companies in each locality? We do not know, and it is certain that this sudden change is going to upset things. The fishermen, accustomed to the advances which the company made them and counting on them for their existence, are going to be in the depths of misery.

It would be timely to organize this army of fishermen into a co-operative society and to place our Canadian fishermen on a footing of equality with the American fishermen.

HUGH THE HERO.

Release of Mr. Cayley on Order of the Minister of Justice.

CALGARY, N.W.T., Jan. 27.—Mr. Hugh Cayley, committed to prison for contempt by Judge Travis, has been released from custody and his fine remitted, by order of the minister of justice. Judge Travis will be asked to explain. There was quite a jubilee time to-night over the release of Mr. Cayley, who is regarded as a great hero.

Speeding in Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Jan. 27.—At the police court this morning Joseph Taylor, Walter Davis, Owen Nolan, Charles A. Burdon, Andrew McVittie and Dr. Ten Eyck were each fined $2 and costs for speeding their horses on Main street at a higher rate than the law allows.

Matthew Dunn, 58 Hess street north, a well-known contractor here for a number of years, died at his residence this morning from a sudden attack of hemorrhage of the lungs.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

A young Liberal club has been formed in London, Ont.

Voting on the Scott Act takes place in Pontiac on Thursday.

Three hundred births, 68 marriages and 89 deaths were reported in Stratford last year.

Col. C. B. Baxter has resigned the chief of policeship of Chatham in consequence of illness.

The St. Thomas literary society of Hamilton has engaged Robt. J. Burdette to lecture there on Feb. 11.

The Ontario government has incorporated the Petrolia Masonic Temple company, with a capital of $20,000.

At Hamilton yesterday J. W. Jardine, reeve of Saltfleet, was elected warden for the county of Wentworth.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Wm. Mulock, M.P., address the electors of North York at Bradford this evening.

A Cornwall firm announces that on Feb. 1 they will commence the manufacture of apollinaris and Plantagenet water.

The Galt papers record the death of Peter Keefer, for many years past clerk of the Division Court there, at the age of 80 years.

Stone, the would-be murderer of Miss Hodge, of Beamsville, is gradually sinking, and his death is anticipated. Miss Hodge is recovering.

The traffic receipts of the Canadian Pacific railway for the week ending January 21 were $105,000, an increase of $21,000 over the corresponding week last year.

Hector Bouchard, a shantyman at St. Etienne, Que., undertook on Sunday to blow into the muzzle of a gun. He blew all right, but was killed by the rebound.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen of the United States have accepted the proposition to admit the Conductors' and Brakemen's Association of Canada, with a membership of 8,000.

It is said that all of the Chicago baseball team have been ordered to be at Hot Springs by February 10 to boil out ready for the season. Chicago always bleaches out and trims up its club in this manner.

Captain George Jenkins, once the most prominent and perhaps the most popular man in Windsor, was on Thursday morning last sentenced to two months in the county jail by Police Magistrate Barclay for vagrancy.

On the 19th inst. Mr. T. J. Hampton, of Sharbot Lake, shot three bears in one den. The bears were discovered by his dog, which followed them to their hole and kept them there till Mr. Hampton procured a gun and shot them.

The annual meeting of the Montreal corn exchange association was held yesterday afternoon. W. W. Ogilvie was elected president for the ensuing year. In discussing the annual report several members suggested the amalgamation of the corn exchange association and the board of trade.

A result of the investigation into the customs frauds at Montreal is that five of the employes at the custom house have been suspended on a charge of neglect of duty. Chas. Paquette, a clerk employed by Glover & Brais, was given $800 to pay dues. He forged an invoice, paid $200 and secured $600.

Lettie Hunter, a young girl of Petrolia, wanted a new dress to go to the rink in. Her mother would not purchase the article for her. The young lady procured her father's razor and tried to commit suicide by cutting her throat. She made a bad gash, but is now out of danger. The girl's mother has been an inmate of an asylum, but returned a few months ago considered cured. Since the above incident Mrs. Hunter has become terribly deranged.

ONTARIO MANUFACTURERS.

Annual Meeting of the Association—Election of Officers—Commercial and Industrial Papers.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Manufacturer's association opened at two o'clock yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the association, 6 Wellingtons treet west. There was a good attendance, the largest for a number of years. No reporters were present, but the secretary gives us the names of officers elected, as under:

President, Thomas Cowan, Galt; 1st vice, James Goldie, Guelph; 2nd vice, Samuel May, Toronto; treasurer, John Cosgrave, Toronto; honorary secretary, A. W. Wright, Toronto; general secretary, Frederic Nicholls, Toronto. The usual committees were also struck, the approval of the meeting being unanimous in every instance. A vote of thanks to Mr. R. W. Elliot, the retiring president, was passed and duly acknowledged.

In the evening a meeting open to the public was held, when papers were read as follows: Trade Outlook, R. W. Elliot; Question of Foreign Markets, Fred. Nicholls; Origin and Object of a Patent Law, D. C. Ridout; Railway Question, A. W. Wright; Prospects of Trade with Germany, J. E. Klotz; Against Commercial Union, John Maclean; Our Past Progress and Future Prospects, John Livingstone; Relation of Capital to Labor, Thomas Cowan; Milling Industry, William Lukes.

All these papers dealt with eminently practical subjects, being listened to with great attention and well applauded. They will be put together and published in pamphlet form.

Ira Cornwall, jr., New Brunswick's agent-general in England, was present, and was invited to address the meeting. He made some timely remarks on the importance of having these provinces efficiently represented abroad by government commercial agents.

H. W. Darling, president of the Toronto board of trade, was present by special invitation, and occupied a seat next to the chairman. He expressed the interest he felt in listening to the papers read, and acknowledged in appropriate terms the compliment paid him. The marked success of this annual meeting is held to show that the association is looking up. A charter of incorporation is now being applied for.

The Affairs of Knox Church.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox church was held last night. The pastor, Rev. H. M. Parsons, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises the address of the session was read by Mr. Parsons, from which it appears that the membership of the church is 985. The report of the trustees was read by Mr. A. J. Somerville, and the treasurer's statement was read by Mr. Thos. McCraken. The total receipts were $21,884. The report of the deacons was also read by Mr. Somerville, and dealt fully with the various departments of congregational work. This report showed that $6370 was contributed for missionary and other schemes during the year. The reports of the Sunday school and the Duchess street missions were read by Messrs. McMurrich and Smith. Reports from the Young People's association, the Ladies's Benevolent association, the Topp Auxiliary for missions showed an active interest in the work of the church.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The admirers of County Constable Lane have presented him with a pair of handcuffs.

Thomas Episom was arrested yesterday for stealing a rug and whip from a buggy about a year ago. He has been out of the city.

The Grip publishing company has transferred its printing contract with the Ontario government to Wm. Warwick & Son.

The Ontario legislature will be opened with the usual fuss and feather at three o'clock this afternoon. Many of the members arrived last night.

About 200 more sought work from the mayor yesterday, but his worship said that nothing could be done for them until the council voted an appropriation.

John Hicks, arrested here on a telegram from Guelph charging him with embezzlement, was taken back yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Randall.

Francis Chbesor and James Sobry, two young men rooming at 100 King street west, were nearly suffocated yesterday morning by coal gas from an open fire grate.

Michael McCarthy, a bad young Torontonian, has been sentenced to Kingston penitentiary for three years by the Niagara Falls police magistrate for burglary.

Lizzie Good, a girl of 16, was arrested yesterday at the instance of Henry Pierce of 297 Simcoe street, charged with stealing several small articles while employed as a servant.

The Central Co-operative Baking society has passed a resolution that the present bread by-law should not be repealed, it being a protection to honest bakers and a safeguard to the consumers.

At the instance of the mayor, the city clerk has written the Toronto street railway company notifying them they will not be allowed to run their sleighs on any streets upon which their rails are not laid.

Madame Stuttaford, assisted by 14 gentlemen and 17 ladies, gave a concert to the inmates of the lunatic asylum last night. Over 150 of the patients were admitted to the hall, the sexes being about balanced. They thoroughly appreciated the treat.

Torrance Palmer, one of the Northwest "veterans," was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with having filled in some land scrip certificates, and having disposed of them to local brokers. He belonged to the Yorkville company of the York Rangers.

At a meeting of the Parkdale school trustees Tuesday night J. R. Harris was appointed secretary-treasurer of the board. The principal's report showed an average attendance of 576 pupils. Miss Currie was awarded $25 in recognition of two year's services in the Model school.

The annual concert and dance of the Parkdale Cricket club took place Tuesday evening and proved an immense success. The following took place in the concert: Miss Shaw, Miss Boddy, Miss Lester and Messrs Cameron, Mundie, Taylor, Brame and Prof. Bohner. Miss Maughan was admirable as accompanist.

Among the attractions for Saturday night will be a grand race for two miles on rollers at the Princess rink. The contestants are well-known professionals in their respective lines, viz. Dave Bennett the sprint runner, Geo. H. Hill, bicyclist, and Sid Bennet, roller skater. The race promises to be exciting and well contested.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Convocation of Toronto university, called for yesterday afternoon to consider various matters, among others the increase of graduate representation on the senate to 25, was adjourned till Saturday afternoon at o'clock, to give outside members an opportunity of being present.

At the last regular meeting of the Maple Leaf council No. 807, Royal Arcanum, five new applications for membership were read. Thos. Ratcliffe of Englewood council, Chicago, Ill., and Thos. H. Turner of Franklin council, Brooklyn, N.Y., deposited their withdrawal cards, as they have become residents of Toronto. There are eleven applications before the council.

The case of Sam Bittle, accused of taking part in an alleged prize fight, came up before the police magistrate yesterday, but he failed to put in an appearance. His employer at Gait promised that he would be in court Monday, until which time the case was adjourned. The other man, Casey, is said to have gone to the land of the free. A quartet of other pugs were also told to put in an appearance Monday.

Joseph Fontaine, living on Berryman street, was before Police Magistrate Denison yesterday charged with having deserted from No. 6 company of the York-Simcoe provisional battalion at Touchwood Hills, May 15 last. His defence was that the march from Fort Qu'Appelle to the Hills tired him out, and getting away from his regiment he went back to Winnipeg. He remained there until the volunteers were returning, when he joined them with all the circumstance and pomp of war. The magistrate thought this was a court martial case, and remanded him until Monday.

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HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

Annual Meeting—The Good Work Done Last Year—Government Grant.

The annual meeting of the managers and friends of the House of Industry was held yesterday afternoon in the board room There were present Hon. G. W. Allan, Mayor Howland, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Ross, Canon Dumoulin, Rev. Principal Caven, Vicar-General Laurent, Revs. Hugh Johnston, Elmore Harris, J. D. Cayley, A. H. Baldwin, A. Williams; Messrs. Neil C. Love, S. Alcorn, James Scott, J. J. Allworth, George Goulding, John Baillie, M. Nasmith, D. A. O'Sullivan, Warring Kennedy, ex-Ald. Fleming, Richard Brown, John Gillespie, Arch. McMurchy, W. J. Macdonell, Charles Duckett, Charles Burns, Thos. Caswell.

Mayor Howland was appointed chairman. He expressed himself as pleased to preside at the annual meeting of an institution which he thought one of the most useful in the city. He thought that if the public knew more of the good being done they would take a deeper interest and pride in the institution.

The report for the year showed that 4140 persons had been relieved. There was distributed 32,040 four pound loaves of bread, 525 tons of coal, 31 cords of wood, and 1500 bushels of coke. Reference was made to the death of E. H. Rutherford, who had been the oldest member of the board, and Robert Walker, who had contributed liberally to the institution. There are at present about 150 inmates in the house. The receipts from all sources amounted to $13,456.37; balance on hand after year's expenditure $457.90. The medical report stated that fourteen aged persons had died during the year.

Rev. Mr. Broughall thought the House was not getting a fair share of government assistance, and this being concurred in a deputation consisting of Rev. Dr. Potts, Mayor Howland, Neil C. Love, Vicar-General Laurent, James Scott and Rev. A. J. Broughall was appointed to interview Attorney-General Mowat on the subject.

The board of managers was elected as follows: Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. J. D. Cayley, James Scott, Archibald McMurchy, Rev. Dr. Ross, George Goulding, Charles Burns, Richard Brown, Thomas Flynn, Warring Kennedy, Rev. Elmore Harris, Rev. Hugh Johnston, J. J. Allworth, John Baille, Charles Bugg, Beverley Jones, D. A. O'Sullivan, C. Duckett, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rev. A. Gilray, H. Cawthra, R. J. Walker, Rev. D. Potts, R. W. Elliot, and the chairman of the executive committee of city council.

Rev. A. H. Baldwin moved a vote of thanks to the mayor for presiding. Several gentlemen expressed their pleasure in having such a man at the head of the civic administration as Mr. Howland, who took a deep interest in the charities of the city. A vote of thanks was passed to officers and managers for faithful service rendered during the year.

County Council Committees.

At yesterday's meeting of the county council standing committees were appointed for the year:

Finance—Davis, Tyrrell, McNabb, Stevenson, Morgan, B. E. Reesor, Humberstone.

County property—Duncan, Vannorman, Robinson, Secor, Hughes, Davidson, Terry, Wallace.

By-laws and legislation—Jackson, Richardson, Yule, Bruce, Clendenan.

Roads and bridges—C. Irwin, Dolley, Holcroft, Reaman, Horner.

Industrial home—James Malloy, Hartman, Pugsley, Cherry.

Equalization of assessment—Evans, Brodie, Sandom, Thorn, Frankland, Forster, Ramsden.

Printing and contingencies—Norman, Thompson, Elliott, J. Irwin, Armstrong.

The report on York roads showed an expenditure of $14,576 during the year. The grants to the electoral division agricultural societies were apportioned: $125 each to those of the west and east ridings, and $150 to the north riding.

Tremendous bargains in all wool French dress goods clearing at 50c on the dollar. Come early and capture the bargains at the Bon Marche.

Haverly's Minstrels.

It is scarcely necessary to comment upon the excellence and popularity of the burnt cork artists who open at Horticultural gardens to-night their reputation as mirth provokers and entertainers being known at home and abroad. An exchange says: "The first part of the program was unique, comical and sweetly musical, opening with a familiar overture, passing on to other vocal and instrumental work, which it is unnecessary to enumerate in detail. The principal acts were those by the Craggs, five in number, who gave a choice exhibition in graceful acrobatic feats. These young men, and three of them are mere lads, in full dress, overcome all laws and accomplish feats of swift double revolution easy and skillfully."

"Ruth" at Erskine Church.

A sacred concert was given last night in Erskine church in aid of their mission on William street. The attendance was large and the program was carried out successfully. There was a chorus of sixty voices under the leadership of J. Bayley. A. R. Gaul's sacred cantata, Ruth, was presented, Miss Patterson taking the part of Ruth, Miss Ryan that of Naomi, Miss Lawson as Orpah, and Mr. Edwards as Boaz. In the second part the soloists were Messrs. Gorrie and Edwards, and Misses Patterson and Ryan. The entertainment would have been much more enjoyable had the words of the cantata and the anthem been printed in pamphlet form.

Dark Days at the Grand.

Hugh Conway's absorbing story of Dark Days is well put on the boards by Loveday & Faker's company, whose visit here in November last will still be fresh in the memory of theatre-goers. As a Philadelphia exchange remarks, "the company is very capable all the way through, and while there are three or four who do conspicuously good work, there is an evenness to the whole which adds much to the excellence of the piece." They will be at the Grand to-night and for the remainder of the week.

Irish National League.

The regular weekly meeting of the Toronto branch of the League was held last night, President C. L. Mahony in the chair. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Mulvey, sr., on the nature of former Irish parliaments. Mr. J. Brown, of Belfast, Ireland, spoke of the feeling in the North of Ireland towards the home rule movement. He stated that a great number of conversions are going on in that part of the country, and that this was not a war of races but a war of justice.

Auction sale advertisements inserted in The Morning World find readers all over the city.

Toronto Board of Underwriters.

The annual meeting has been in session for two days. A reduction was made in the rates on isolated and semi-detached private dwellings. A committee was named to consider the "compact system" and report on it. William Henderson was elected president and Alfred W. Smith chairman. The latter presides at the weekly meetings. Mr. Smith's election was unanimous and popular. Robert McLean was re-elected secretary.

THE GREAT FERTILE BELT

A COMPANY OF NORTHWEST LAND SPECULATORS IN COURT.

Suit on a Large Promissory Note—J. J. Foy the Plaintiff—John Northwood, Defendant—Verdict for $35,000.

Judge Galt disposed of two cases on the civil assizes list yesterday. McCaskell v McCaskell was an action brought by Mary McCaskell to recover $55 yearly interest secured for her on a Brock township farm. The case was adjourned for argument at Osgoode hall.

In Foy v Northwood, the plaintiff was J. J. Foy, Q.C., of this city, and the defendant was John Northwood of Chatham. The action was brought to recover the value of a promissory note for $30,000, with interest. H. S. Strathy, James Maclennan, Reford & Hughes, of Toronto, H. J. Eberts and John Northwood of Chatham, some time ago incorporated under the name of the Northwest Fertile Belt company, and acquired from the government a large parcel of land in the Northwest for which the first three parties mentioned paid over $28,000. Messrs. Eberts and Northwood for a fifth interest each were to colonize the land. This they failed to do. Mr. Strathy's share had in meantime come into Mr. Foy's hands. An arrangement was arrived at whereby Mr. Northwood was to buy out the interest of the Toronto parties for $30,000. He gave his note for that sum and it was upon this note that the action was taken. The defence was a perfect title could not be given by plaintiffs to Northwood. Plaintiffs produced a certified order in council consenting to the assignment to Northwood by the parties of the first part. The judge gave judgment for the plaintiff for $35,243.

To-day's peremptory list is McDonald v. Brown, 9.45; Livingston v. Temperance Colonization company, 1 o'clock; Ontario bank v. Walsh.

CONVICTIONS AT THE ASSIZES.

Benjamin McCance and W. R. Cox—Alleged Conspiracy—True Bills.

Before Judge Rose at the criminal assizes yesterday Wm. Tobin, a l