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JEFFERY'S JUDGMENT DAY

THE POPULAR PASTOR COMMANDED TO VACATE HIS PULPIT.

The Ultimatum that President Stafford and Other Officers of the Toronto Conference Carried to Spadina-avenue—Scenes at the Prayer Meeting Last Night.

A thunder-bolt has come out of the blue. The prophesies of evil have apparently been fulfilled. Mr. Jeffery of the Western Methodist Church has received his ultimatum. "Resign or be ousted" is the alternative presented to him. The pastor is on the horns of a dilemma. It is a veritable case of "Hobson's choice."

These are no surmisings but stubborn facts. Rev. Dr. E. A. Stafford, President of Toronto Conference; Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Financial Secretary; Rev. Dr. Stone, Chairman of the District, waited on Mr. Jeffery at his residence, Spadina-avenue, yesterday morning and officially made this unexpected demand on the pastor. Not only was this peremptory but urgency was pleaded, and "your decision within 24 hours," was added.

The Authority for the Ultimatum.

This proceeding will be a revelation to many Methodists. Was it legal? Certainly it was; but legality and Christian charity are not synonymous.

The proceeding is in accordance with Methodist discipline, but it is the first time it has been pursued in the history of the Toronto Conference. The authority under which the President acted is thus defined:

The President of the Annual Conference and the Chairman and Financial Secretary of each district concerned shall have authority to change the stations of ministers or probationers in the intervals of Conference, when the interests of the work shall appear to them to demand such change.

The tangled web of trouble in what was regarded as a promising Methodist Church in Toronto has been before the public for about three months. Hope told a flattering tale as late as a week ago. The white-winged messenger of peace, so friends and foes gave it out, was hovering o'er the shepherd and his flock. But insidious influences were at work and now it may be said in Scriptural phrase, "An enemy hath done this."

On Wednesday of last week Mr. Jeffery, in compliance with Methodist procedure, nominated seven "stewards." These officers were necessary to complete the organization of the church. It was the pastor's right to nominate them, but seeing the divided state of the church he took conference with Rev. Dr. Stone how to act best as a peacemaker. The advice of the sage and experienced doctor was "nominate nearly all of them from the ranks of your opponents. Put aside your personal predilections or any antipathies you may have and offer the olive-branch of peace."

The advice seemed as the oracle of God and Mr. Jeffery accepted the chairman's advice and out of a required seven nominated five trustees as stewards.

Five of the Stewards were Adullamites.

These brethren were unanimously elected by the Quarterly Board, the first five also being in office as trustees: Messrs. Philp, Guy, Perkins, Burdon, sr., Dinnick, Lloyd, Byrne. So stated was Pastor Jeffery at the willingness of these brethren to take additional responsibility in the House of God that he gladly announced in church his entire faith in them and believed that they would give "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together" and extricate the church from its unfortunate position.

But he "reckoned without his host," and "the staff whereon he trusted pierced his hand." Clothed with this dual authority—for the stewards have the power of nominating ministers and a voice in their loss thereof—they soon showed Mr. Jeffery how the land lay. Caucuses meetings at each other's houses for fear the proceedings should get into the press have been the order of the night. The upshot of the one held this week was a representation to Dr. Stafford, who acted as above.

Twelve Against One.

These are the men who yesterday felicitated each other on the success of their concerted scheme: Trustees Timothy Eaton, Gage, Robinette, Walton, Lydiatt, Crabbe, Paull, Philp, Guy, Perkins, Dinnick and Burdon, sr. The insidiousness of their proceeding is shown by the fact that four at least had personally thanked Mr. Jeffery for their new-found honor, had attended the church and renewed discontinued subscriptions.

The secret of the ultimatum was well kept. The notice "to quit" was given the pastor under promise of secresy towards the press and the church till his decision should in writing be given to the President this morning. But can church officials any more than women keep a secret? No. The matter oozed out, and it was this that caused so much head-shaking and whispering in Methodist circles yesterday afternoon and evening. The World heard of it and its ecclesiastical young man hied himself to the usual weekly prayer-meeting in the northwestern wooden sanctuary. Here there were sad faces and tear-filled eyes as Mr. Jeffery, apparently calm and resolute, entered the building. Promptly he gave out a hymn, of which this was the significant first verse:

Jesus, great Shepherd of the sheep
To Thee for help we fly
Thy little flock in safety keep;
For, O! the wolf is nigh.

A Pathetic Prayer.

Then he outpoured his soul in prayer, deep pathos in his voice, and besought the Throne of God for guidance in the crisis of this church's history. "Amens" were plentiful as he sought guidance for the "unknown path" on which after the close of that meeting he would enter. Similar petitions from male and female members followed, and a spirit of hope and trust pervaded the meeting as they sang:

From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a safe retreat
[illegible] sweet.

Then on bended knees with bedewed faces the sweet tones of "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" swelled through the wooden hall. The pastor's references were to some enigmatical, as he spoke of having passed through the deepest conflict that day of any in his life. At the close his flock gathered round him, and like Ruth of old with Naomi, said, "Where thou goest we will go and where thou tarriest we will tarry."

Echoes Heard in the City Last Night.

A prominent Methodist minister was anxious to know what The World knew as to this ultimatum. Told the plain unvarnished tale he avowed it was the most contemptible piece of conspiracy he had heard of in Toronto.

Said another well-known minister, "Well as our American friends say, 'It's a caution.' We shall have to mind our p's and q's pretty sharply if this precedent be acted on."

The prevalent opinion of those to whom The World spoke was that Brother Jeffery was a modern Jonah, thrown overboard that the storm-tossed church might be calmed.

Others thought that the Adullamites' wealth had outbalanced the scale of Mr. Jeffery's popularity.

It was currently rumored after the prayer meeting that there would be a general exodus from the church, that local preachers, teachers and a host of members would resign.'Tis a veritable complication: the material church cannot be completed if Pastor Jeffery remains; the spiritual church will be broken up and the disciples scattered if he leaves. Intense interest was manifested as to which horn of the dilemma the pastor will elect to be impaled on.

A Writ Against the Trustees for $8000.

It was rumored that one of the cogent factors operating on Dr. Stafford's mind was that action is being taken by the contractor against the twelve trustees named above for payment of $8000. This amount they are individually responsible for and they will not pay it until Mr. Jeffery is got rid of. However, this may be, 'tis a very pretty quarrel as it stands.

President Stafford has nothing to say to reporters on the subject.

STUBBS' REVENGE.

Another Chapter in the Story of the Nomination Day Battle at Mono Mills.

ALTON, Dec. 5.—The fight between William Stubbs, the defeated candidate for Cardwell in the recent election, and Robert Evans at Mono Mills on nomination day, Sept. 26 last, culminated in a magistrates' court here to-day, before Justices McLaren, Patullo and Swinerton.

Stubbs charged Evans with aggravated assault—and John Hazzard with aiding and abetting.

Evans and Hazzard were committed for trial, bail being accepted, $400 for Evans and $200 for Hazzard.

[By a special provision of the election law an ordinary assault on nomination day or election day becomes aggravated assault.—ED.]

ABOUT FEDERATION.

The Meaner Streaks of Human Nature on Their Side.

From The Canada Presbyterian.

The Anti-Federationists in the Methodist Church have some decided advantage over their opponents. They have the well-known historic apathy of Methodism in regard to educational matters and the meanness of human nature on their side. These are potent allies. It is always easy to persuade some men not to give their money. To raise $450,000 even from a united church is a great undertaking; to raise it from a divided church may prove an impossibility. The work of obstruction is always easy. Many need no arguments to induce them to button up their pockets. Every person who has canvassed for subscriptions for any cause knows just how little it takes to induce many people to withhold their help. The flimsiest excuse imaginable will answer the purpose if an excuse is wanted. Whatever the merits of the question, the "Antis" have the meaner streaks of human nature on their side.

Perth Speaks Out.

Even in the Montreal Conference, where from local causes the feeling in favor of Federation might not be expected to be as strong as elsewhere, the financial appeal is meeting with gratifying success. At Perth, where the allotment was $240, at the meeting on Tuesday evening last $263 was subscribed. A communication from there states that the people are in favor of Federation and over $300 will be secured.

Picton Favors Federation.

PICTON, Dec. 5.—At a large meeting of the official board of the First Methodist Church last night a motion was adopted declaring the allotment to this circuit in aid of college federation to be reasonable and opening a way for a canvass for subscriptions. An anti-federation resolution was voted down. There is no doubt that the full amount required of the congregation will be raised.

Is There a Hotel in Brantford?

Poor, unknown Brantford!

An unsophisticated young Britisher, who was evidently on his first commercial trip, stood at the counter in the Queen's Hotel last night, nervous and anxious. He wanted to visit several western cities and towns and he wanted to have his route laid out for him most particularly. His purpose was to go from here to Guelph and thence to Brantford.

"Ah, I say," remarked he to the affable Mr. Sam Thompson, "is Brantford a large place?"

"Oh, yes."

"And is there a hotel there?"

"Yes."

And The World's young man who heard the dialog, and a gentleman from the east felt like dropping dead.

Poor, unknown Brantford!

Death of Richard Lear.

The many friends of Mr. Richard Lear, the well-known plumber, will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred yesterday afternoon in the 55th year of his age at his residence, No. 11 Richmond-street west.

Dr. J. E. Graham had been attending deceased for heart disease during the past nine months and had expressed the opinion that he could not live through the coming winter. The immediate cause of death was blood poisoning, which affected the brain, and Mr. Lear died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a state of coma, after being unconscious for twenty-four hours.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30.

Service of Praise at the Church of the Ascension.

A large audience, chiefly members of the congregation and their friends, assembled in the Church of the Ascension, Richmond-street, last evening to hear the choir give their third monthly service of praise. The execution of a carefully prepared program was perfect, the sacred solos by Miss Morrell and Miss King and Mr. A. Parker and Mr. D. E. Cameron being particularly pleasing and exciting a desire on the part of those present to applaud.

A Hardware Traveler Gets a Present.

Mr. S. R. Kennedy, who has traveled for Messrs. Risley & Kerrigan, wholesale hardware dealers, for some time in Manitoba and British Columbia, was presented with a beautiful gold locket handsomely engraved yesterday, on the eve of severing his connection with the above firm. The present was accompanied with an address expressing [illegible] at his departure and the best of good wishes for his future.

Canada Lodge At Home.

Canada Lodge, C. O. O. F., held their first annual "At Home" at Victoria Chambers last night. Bro. Alexander Patterson, jr., was in the chair. The program was an excellent one, these ladies and gentlemen taking part: S. W. Schivrell, Miss Ramsey, Miss Fowler, Miss Jenkins, Messrs. Darby, Hewitt, Chambers, Depew, Wilson and Thorpe. The lady friends of the members were out in full force. Dancing began at 10.30.

How is This for Ducks?

St. Clair Flats, the paradise of the black duck, was last week attacked by J. O. Heward and C. H. Gooderham of Toronto and Messrs. Bunbury and Kennedy of Hamilton. The result of their joint operations for four days was 682 ducks. C. H. Gooderham 179, J. O. Heward 132, H. T. Bunbury 173, R. Æ. Kennedy 198.

Squire Wingfield's Court.

Before Squire Wingfield yesterday James Spring, charged with breaking into the house of Julius Mader, Markham; and James Wallace, charged with malicious injury to the property of Alexander Scott at Tollmorden, were discharged. The case of George Smith, house-breaking and felonious wounding of John Carruthers, was adjourned until to-morrow.

Before the Colonel.

At the Police Court yesterday John Crocker was sent to jail for 60 days for stealing a horse and buggy from William Stock. The Magistrate said he would have sent the prisoner to penitentiary only he considered the crime was the outcome of a drunken spree. On a charge of stealing a silk dress from Mrs. A. Woods, Hackman James Jordan was committed for trial.

A Passenger Rate War.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The war in railroad passenger rates to Missouri River points is being waged with vigor. At the opening of the day's business rates were quoted at $10.25 to Omaha, $10 to Council Bluffs, $9 to Kansas City, St. Joe and Atchison, and $8.50 to St. Paul. Scalpers sold at 50 cents below these rates. At noon the Burlington road made a further cut and quoted rates to Omaha at $9.25 and Council Bluffs $9.

Killed by a Cave-in.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 5.—While workmen were engaged in excavating a cellar in 13th-avenue this afternoon the earth caved in burying four of them. Philip Lubergat, Joseph Loboro and George Schwerig were instantly killed. The fourth escaped with a broken leg.

A MILLION DOLLAR MUDDLE

THE MAYOR STOPS NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE $1,000,000 LOAN.

Ald. Gillespie Not Authorized to Offer a Rate of Four Per Cent.—New Tenders to be Called For—What the General Manager of Commerce Has to say.

There was great excitement among the chief officers of the municipal machine throughout the whole of yesterday and last night. In the afternoon the Mayor instructed Treasurer Coady to suspend all negotiations that had been authorized by the Executive Committee the day previous for the borrowing of a million dollars from the Bank of Montreal. He also decided to call a special meeting of the committee to reconsider the matter.

It seems His Worship had got "further information" on the subject, and had been told by men of undoubted authority that better terms could be got if the whole question were re-opened and all the banks given an opportunity to tender for the loan. All last evening Mayor Clarke, Ald. McMillan, chairman of the Executive, and Treasurer Coady were perfecting their plans for carrying out this new move. They visited the newspaper offices and interviewed several bank managers.

The Mayor Talks.

In conversation with The World last evening the Mayor said that Ald. Gillespie had misled the Executive as to the terms that could be obtained from the Bank of Montreal, and this had been the first principal cause of the muddle that had been created. He also said that Treasurer Coady, in his zeal to secure the best possible terms for the city, had not taken the best way of submitting the proposition to the banks. He also said he had been assured on the best authority (doubtless meaning a bank manager or managers), that much better terms could be obtained for the city than are contained in the offer made to the Executive by the Bank of Montreal on Tuesday. He was therefore determined to have the whole question re-considered, and at the special meeting of the Executive, which he has called, he will make full explanation of the situation, and the steps he proposes to take for the raising of the loan.

His Worship denounces an article in last night's Telegram which charged him with causing a loss to the city of $5000 by reason of his opposition to Ald. Gillespie at the last meeting of the Executive. The Mayor said that this charge was utterly groundless. The responsibility rests for it was the statement of The Telegram that Ald. Gillespie had extracted terms from the Bank of Montreal to let the city have the money at four per cent. The facts were, and Ald. John McMillan corroborated His Worship, that the Bank of Montreal had promised no such terms to Ald. Gillespie as to give the money at 4 per cent. He further said that he would be able to show at the coming meeting of the Executive that he had acted entirely in the interests of the city, and that as a result of a reconsideration of the matter better terms would be secured.

Chairman John's Rejoinder.

Ald. McMillan, chairman of the Executive, informed The World that Ald. Gillespie had no authority from the Bank of Montreal to promise a loan to the city at 4 per cent. Mr. McMillan said he had been down to the bank and had asked Manager Brough if Ald. Gillespie had been so authorized, and he distinctly asserted that he had not. Chairman McMillan also wishes it understood that no "strained relations" exist between him and the Mayor in regard to the business of the Executive.

When His Worship said in the presence of Chairman John and the reporters that he (John) had not sufficient backbone to oppose Ald. Gillespie's incoherent policy in the Executive Committee, a fruity, flowery smile took possession of the face of the Civic Minister of Finance.

A Bank Manager's Statement.

The World learning that some of the banks of the city are dissatisfied with the manner in which the city's loans are being negotiated called on the manager of the Bank of Commerce yesterday. Manager Walker said:

"I think we have been badly treated. We were asked to tender for the loan of a million dollars. We were told that in the tender there must be no stipulations or conditions. It was definitely stated to us that we need not hope to have our tender accepted unless it was below 4 per cent. We were told that the handling of the proposed issue of bonds was not to be made a condition in the tender, although the disposition of the committee would be to give that to the bank making the best tender. We were told that the Bank of Montreal had offered the money at 4 per cent., and as money is worth more than that we made no offer. We did not know that the Bank of Montreal had not made a definite offer of 4 per cent. or we would have tendered at 4½ per cent., without the condition of raising the rate hereafter or of handling the city's debentures.

"It is made to look now as if no other bank was prepared to lend that amount of money. But we were definitely told that the Bank of Montreal had offered it at 4 per cent., and we were therefore foolish enough to tender at a higher rate than that. If the city want to ask for tenders they ought to state the terms of the tendering; the tenders should be opened simultaneously and any tender not in accordance with the terms should be thrown out. We consider that after what the officials said to us they were in honor bound to throw out the Bank of Montreal offer as not within the scope of the tender asked for.

"The result of the way the matter has been handled is that the city will pay a higher rate than the money might have been procured for. We felt that unless we could make an offer at 3½ per cent. it was useless to enter the field. The Bank of Commerce would have then offered the money at less than 4½ per cent. But apart from the question of the money that the city loses it is most unfair to the other banks. The Bank of Commerce, Bank of Toronto and Imperial Bank have carried the city's finances during periods of financial trouble, and now when money is low and the Bank of Montreal has a surplus to lend, the city throws the other banks over and the loan is given to a Quebec institution. It might be fair to suppose that the city would give Ontario banks the preference, but we do not ask that. All we ask is a fair field and that we have not had.

"I might say that within the last month the Bank of Commerce has offered the city a half a million dollars at 4½ for six months, but the offer was not accepted, the city preferring to take 60 days' money at 4 per cent, which will run out shortly and will likely have to be renewed at as high as 5 per cent.

"More than all this the city officials distinctly told the Bank of Commerce that the city would under no consideration pay more for the loan than the 4 per cent. borne by the debentures. If they wanted competition they worked it so as most completely to prevent it. To talk of the Bank of Montreal being able to handle the debentures in England more advantageously than other banks here because they have a branch in London is absurd. Our correspondent there is the Bank of Scotland, with influence second to none; a bank established before the Bank of England, and the richest in Scotland. During the last six months our correspondents floated debentures for an Ontario loan company after the Barings had failed.

A Victoria-street Col. Sellers.

The following letter was left at the warehouse of Ald. Gillespie yesterday:

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Toronto, Ont.:

I hereby offer to refund the entire debt of the city of Toronto as far as the bonds fall due or are retired, at the rate of three per cent. interest payable semi-annually.

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AMBITIOUS CITY NEWS.

Burglars Held for Trial—The Drill Instructor's Case—A Wayward Girl.

HAMILTON, Dec. 5.—David McAuliffe and William Smith were brought up for examination before Police Magistrate Cahill this morning, charged with breaking into Mills' hat store on Nov. 25 and stealing ten Persian lamb caps. The magistrate held them for trial.

This morning Police Magistrate Cahill gave judgment in the case against Drill Instructor Athawes, charged with assaulting W. Chaunt, a school boy. The Magistrate considered that Athawes had not exceeded his authority and dismissed the case.

Mary Walker, a 16-year-old girl charged with larceny, was to-day sentenced to 23 months in the Mercer Reformatory, her father testifying that she was beyond his control.

Yesterday afternoon some boys in Mount Hope village saw a man who was driving through the village fall off his load upon the ground. Assistance was immediately summoned, but the man only lived a few minutes after being picked up. His name was George Clark, jr., son of George Clark, dairyman, on the mountain. The deceased was about 40 years of age and leaves a widow and three children, who live in Caledonia. He was engaged in teaming groceries and general merchandise from Hamilton to Caledonia. Just before he fell, the boys say, the deceased rose up as if about to fix his load. There were few bruises on the body and it was impossible to tell from a superficial examination what the cause of death was. There will not be an inquest.

Ald. Kenrick and McLellan of the Markets, Fire and Police Committee, are going to Toronto to-morrow to take a look at the ambulances there, with a view to adopting the best style for the vehicle that is to be built here.

Burglars were at work last night at M. T. Evans' residence, 131 York-street, corner of Caroline. They tore a shutter off his front window and had it raised ready for business when Mr. Evans appeared with a light.

This morning Mr. Aschenfelter, agent for E. W. Gillett, baking powder manufacturer, was thrown out of his buggy and down an embankment. Twenty minutes later he was picked up in an insensible condition by some persons residing in the vicinity and brought to this city. He will have to stay indoors for a while.

Last night Mr. Colin Campbell of Jackson-street west went to a field near his father's pottery to catch a horse. Mr. Campbell procured a measure of oats, and with it endeavored to get at the animal's head. While so engaged the horse turned suddenly about and lifted his heels, striking the unfortunate young man in the jaw, fracturing it in two places, and knocking out the four front teeth.

Xmas Numbers, Graphic, London News, Holly Leaves, Yule Tide, "Christmas Chimes." "Christmas." Sun, Montreal Star 40c., Saturday Night, 25c., Globe, 25c., Paris Illustrated, $1, at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

CANADA AND THE STATES.

The U. S. Senate Select Committee on Their Relations Continued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.) offered a resolution (which was referred) continuing the select committee on the relations with Canada, with power to sit during recess and to report at the December session of 1889.

When the Tariff Bill was taken up, Mr. Harris (Dem., Tenn.) moved to lay on the table the amendment to the House bill, proposed by the Committee on Finance, which is the whole Senate bill. The motion was rejected by a strict party vote—yeas 19, nays 26.

The House has made the direct tax bill a special order for Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, a final vote to be taken at 4 o'clock on the latter day.

The rivers and harbors committee spent several hours to-day in work upon a river and harbor bill for the next fiscal year. The committee has fixed $10,000,000 as the aggregate amount of appropriations to be covered by the bill.

W. W. Cooper of 69 Bay-street, the well-known importer o guns, rifles and sporting goods, has disposed of his entire stock, which is now offered by the purchaser, at the old stand, for the next thirty days at the actual cost price. This is a splendid opportunity for sporting men. 402

Three Buildings Burnt.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 5.—Fire last night destroyed the old Prescott Schoolhouse, occupied by several manufacturing firms, and a four-story brick building occupied by several other manufacturing concerns. Total loss, $60,000.

A portion of the Cortland Wagon Works, at Cortland, was destroyed by fire this morning. The flames originated in the blacksmithing department, which was destroyed, along with the woodworking and finishing room. The company had an insurance of $211,000. The loss on buildings will be upwards of $50,000, while upon stock and machinery it will range from $100,000 to $150,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Losses at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—The loss by the fire at Lyman Sons & Co., wholesale druggists, last night is now placed at $135,000. The value of the stock is estimated at $175,000, but it is thought that the actual loss on stock will be about $75,000. Buildings and stock were insured as follows: Ætna, $7628; Caledonia, $3000; Citizens', $8000; Commercial Union, $5500; Glasgow & Landon, $6100; Guardian, $7600; Hartford, $16,600; Imperial, $10,300; Lancashire, $4800; Liverpool, London and Globe, $12,625; London Assurance, $10,000; North British and Mercantile, $7628.

Five Acres of Lumber Burned.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 5.—The extensive lumber yard of Woods, Jenks & Co., at the west end of this city were fired by an incendiary at 4 o'clock this morning. Five acres of sawed lumber were destroyed. Loss, $50,000. A week ago Saturday night the same yards were set on fire and $600 worth of lumber was buried.

Clearing sale at 117 Yonge-street, previous to removal, Juvenile books, illustrated works, small and large. Booklets and a large general stock of books. 24136

A Martyr to His Profession.

UTICA, Dec. 5.—Dr. Frederick Lengenhager, a prominent physician of this city, aged 27, died suddenly last night from blood poisoning, the result of a pin prick on the hand received in caring for a diphtheritic patient. He had refused to take precautions at first, wishing to watch the result of the accident. He was a Swiss by birth and an enthusiast in medical experiments.

A Flagman's Heroism.

CANJOHARIE, N. Y., Dec. 5.—As the fast mail whizzed through Herkimer this morning two girls were on the track and in danger. Flagman Wolver, seeing their peril, rushed to their rescue and saved them, but was himself cut to pieces.

An Engineers' Strike.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 5.—Most of the engineers on the Montana Union Railroad struck yesterday, the cause being the alleged unjust discharge of three of their number by the master mechanic. The strike will put a stop to the working of the copper mines in Anaconda.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

To-night is Shakespeare Evening with All Saints' Literary Society.

Those who are interested in the proposed dinner and musical festival for poor children on Christmas eve are invited to meet at St. James' School House at 3.30 on Saturday afternoon to talk over arrangements.

The treasurer of the W. C. T. U. building fund acknowledges donations of $100 each from Mrs. Dr. J. K. Trout and ex-Ald. E. A. Macdonald.

A man named John Smith, who is employed at the Don works, received a severe scalp wound yesterday. He was taken to the Hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

Our readers will do well to bear in mind that the auction sale of C. & J. Allen's stock is still going on every day, and a first-class opportunity is offered to purchase Christmas gifts. The firm are going out of business and everything will be sold entirely without reserve. Sales each day at 3 and 8 p. m. 245

THE QUEEN AGAINST CARDO.

An Important Criminal Matter Before the Court of Common Pleas.

The arguments in the important criminal cases of the Queen v. Cardo, a crown case reserved from the last Toronto Assizes, was heard by the Common Pleas Division yesterday. The prisoner was tried for the heinous offence of committing a criminal assault upon his own daughter in this city. The evidence for the prosecution, however, was of such a meagre quality, consisting only of the unsupported testimony of the girl, that after the closing of the case for the crown the court was moved by Mr. N. Murphy, the prisoner's counsel, for an acquittal. The learned Chief Justice expressed himself in favor of such a view if the relationship of father and daughter had not existed between the parties. In cross-examination Mr. Murphy had elicited very damaging facts as to the credibility of the witness, who is only 15 years old, and who exhibited in her examination a strong antipathy to the father. The jury, however, brought in a verdict of guilty, and the Chief Justice reserved the question of the sufficiency of the evidence for his own court.

Counsel for the prisoner in an elaborate argument, in which all the cases on the subject were fully digested, contended that on the evidence adduced the prisoner should be acquitted. He distinguished the present case from that of the Queen v. Jones (Eng.) L. T., 137, in which the father by exercising a reign of terror in the family had accomplished a like crime. That on the evidence before the court no force was proven, if anything solicitation was resorted to. The fact was also commented upon that the court should not, under the circumstances, attach any weight to the unsupported testimony of children in such a case, as it would lead to charging parents with such offences through anger and spite. Mr. Æ. Irving, Q. C., supported the conviction briefly and the judges reserved their decision. Sir Thomas Galt, Chief Justice, and Justices McMahon and Rose occupied the bench.

Other Osgoode Hall Matters.

Loney v. Oliver was argued before the Queen's Bench Division yesterday and judgment reserved. This is an appeal from the Chancellor and has previously been reported in this column. The action was originally brought for the breach of an agreement for the sale of certain lots over the Don by the defendant. The plaintiff had agreed to re-sell the property to a third party and the Chancellor gave a judgment in his favor for a reference as to damages from which the defendant appeals.

The appeal of J. Baldwin Hands from the Chancellor's decision sustaining the action of the Law Society in disbarring the appellant was argued at length before the Queen's Bench yesterday. The facts in this case which has been so often repeated call for no further statement. Counsel for Mr. Hands urged strongly on the court that restitution had been made by him in pursuance of a hint from the Law Society and the main objection in the court below that the petition to the Benchers had not been fortified by the oath of the complainant. The court reserved judgment.

Xmas and New Year's Cards, Xmas Booklets, Children's Annuals, Office and Pocket Diaries for 1889. Illustrated Canadian Almanac, 25c., Rassells' Almanac, 25c., Grip Almanac, 10c., &c., &c., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

THE INVESTIGATION TAKES PLACE.

Mayor Clarke and a Party of Aldermen Visit College Street.

The Mayor, Chairman Carlyle of the Board of Works, Ald. Verral and Barton, and the City Engineer drove to College-street yesterday morning to inspect its block-paving, complained of by Ald. Ritchie, and against which ex-Ald. Thomas Hunter had formulated charges of faulty construction. The party opened up thirty-six places in the roadway with a view of testing the depth of the sand and ballast laid on the street.

The specifications called for eight inches of sand and seven of cedar block, and the inspection showed an average depth all told of 8½ inches in the spots tested. The committee of investigation came away with the belief that the Hunter charges were made in error of the facts.

Great reduction in prices at the Japanese store, 106 Queen east. Jenkins, direct importer.

Hungry City Editors.

The Hungry Hielan' man who is city editor of The Mail, just a month ahead of the event, is afraid that he will not get a fill at the dinner of the Board of Trade, and yesterday he attacked Secretary Wills on that account. Not only does he clamor for a seat for himself (wines included) but he wants a plate each for the four assistants that he purposes taking with him to the banquet. The Globe City Editor has a similar fit of lunar hunger and also opens out on Mr. Wills, but in better form. The Hungry Hielan' man's article did not appear in the evening edition. Secretary Wills should get a big pot to boil kail and beef for this ravenous quill-driver.

Honors for Toronto Hospital Nurses.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m., in St. Luke's Schoolhouse, Miss Snively, Lady Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, will give a lecture to ladies upon the nursing of typhoid fever patients.

Miss Nellie Stowe, a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital, has been appointed a head nurse in Grace Hospital, Detroit. Three other nurses who received their training at Toronto Hospital are occupying similar positions in Grace Hospital. The new nurses opens to-day.

Diamond sale, 9 King west. 246

As to the Making of Dresses.

In the Western Division Court yesterday, before Judge Morgan, the claim of Miss McGill against Mrs. Hammond, the King-street dressmaker, for $70 wages was heard. It transpired that Miss McGill had been engaged to come from New York as chief cutter and dressmaker at $20 a week, but things did not go well and the engagement was broken off. A score of seamstresses and customers gave evidence as to competence and the case resulted in a judgment of $50 and costs for Miss McGill.

Barnett Will Come Right Along.

"You can say," said Detective Sergeant Reburn to The World yesterday, "that this talk about Baxter arresting Barnett as he passes through Montreal is nonsense. Barnett is the property of the Imperial Government until he is delivered over to the authorities in Toronto, and it would go hard with the man who interferes with him while en route. Inspector Stark did not go to Halifax to receive the prisoner from the Metropolitan officer but simply to meet the men, and return to Toronto. You can bet that Barnett will come to Toronto without any bother from Baxter."

Watch sale, 9 Kingwest. 624

"The Difficulty Overcome."

The young lady in search of a handsome holiday present for her "best fellow" need not this year be a prey to the uncertainty of indecision of "not knowing what to get." Neckties are works of art now-a-days, and the feminine taste, always inclined to things beautiful, turns with great pleasure to see the extraordinary assortment at Levian's, 92 Yonge-street.

The Ontario Industrial Loan.

The Ontario Industrial Loan and Investment Company have declared a half-yearly dividend of three and one-half per cent. upon the paid up capital stock of the company. The Ontario Industrial is rapidly coming to the front as one of Toronto's leading loan companies.

Heavy rich silk Turcoman Curtains for holiday gifts can be had in great variety and very cheap at W. A. Murray & Co's. They are offering the finest qualities at prices that will interest intending purchasers.

Ancient Time Pieces.

Valuable watches, no matter how old, remodeled and modernized, by inserting the most perfect movement and compensation balance known in horology. E. Boston, high-grade watch specialist, opposite Post-office. 245

LORD RANDOLPH'S ATTACK

CONTINUES TO BE THE TALK OF ALL BRITAIN.

Gen. Wolseley Denies That He Furnished Lord Randolph with the Materials of War—Proceedings Yesterday in the House of Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—In the House of Commons to-night James Stuart, a Home Rule Radical, moved the rejection of the report on the vote for the Irish Secretary's office, his object being to discuss a statement by the viceroy to the effect that 160 derelict farms from which tenants had been evicted were nearly relet. Mr. Stuart contended that this statement was a gross error. Derelict farms were never relet, a fact that demonstrated the failure of the Government's policy in Ireland.

Mr. Balfour said he gathered from Mr. Stuart's remarks that the Gladstonians wanted to keep the derelict farms unlet. [Hear! Hear!] This implied approval of a system of intimidation to prevent farmers from exercising their industry unless with the approval of certain politicians. The Viceroy's report on the reletting of farms was based upon official returns and could not be questioned.

The vote was approved without a division.

Gen. Wolseley's Denial.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Owing to a report that General Wolseley had been in communication with Lord Randolph Churchill and had inspired his attack upon the Suakim expedition on account of the inadequacy of the proposed forces, Mr. Stanhope, the War Secretar, wrote a letter to General Wolseley on the subject asking him upon what military authority he supported Lord Randolph's views.

General Wolseley in his reply says there has been no interchange of confidence between himself and Lord Randolph Churchill and that he is not responsible for the latter's statements.

The Conservatives, charge that Lord Randolph took the Government by surprise last night, when warning the Liberals to prepare for a division, is explained by Lord Randolph's friends. They assert that he informed the Government early yeste day that he intended to move an adjournment, but that he did not put the motion upon the notice papers, fearing it might be blocked. Lord Randolph denies that he communicated with the Liberal whips on the subject.

Comments on Randy's Attack.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Standard says with regard to the attack of Lord Randolph Churchill on the Government last night that the Government do not owe their victory to any excess of consideration on the part of their late colleague. His sense of public duty must be mortidly acute when it blunts the commonplace instincts of courtesy and fair play. The disloyalty of the escapade is only exceeded by its childish conception of military State-craft.

The Times thinks there was a deal of justification for the protest. It must not be supposed, it says, that the majority obtained indicates a general approval of the Government's policy. It was, however, inexcusable to spring the motion without the usual notice.

The News approves Lord Churchill's course.

The Chronicle thinks Lord Churchill's action treacherous and cowardly, because he failed in courage to defend the only alternative open to the Government, namely, the abandonment of Suakim and Egypt.

The Telegraph says Lord Randolph Churchill may be credited with perfectly proper and patriotic motives, but apparently he has no other motive to suggest.

The Post says it is glad Parliament voted against assuming a responsibility properly belonging to the Executive Government.

The Breach of Privilege.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The statements of Home Secretary Matthews and Mr. Morley were submitted to the Sheehy Committee yesterday and led to a long discussion. Finally Mr. Healy's suggestion that a breach of privilege had been committed, was unanimously accepted. No proceedings were taken against Constable Sullivan, however, and the committee adjourned until Friday, when they will discuss whether the Irish authorities are blameable for failing to give proper instructions to the constable.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Upon the opening of the Parnell Commission to day Sergeant Moroney read the report of a speech by Mr. Tanner, M. P. for Cork, denouncing one Heagarty, who had been boycotted.

The commission decided to adjourn from Friday next until Jan. 15.

Other witnesses were called who swore that they knew of cases of boycotting and outrages.

Mr. Walsh, ex-Secretary of Kildemach (County Mayo) branch of the League, testified that by order of the League several persons had been boycotted for refusing to join in the plan of campaign.

Sir Charles Russell objected to the introduction of evidence concerning the plan of campaign on the ground that that subject was not included in the allegations.

Attorney-General Webster contended that his object in introducing this evidence was to show connection between the League and the plan of campaign.

Justice Hannen admitted the evidence.

On cross-examination witness admitted that he had been charged with pilfering of funds and had been expelled from the League. He also admitted that he had been agent for a glass insurance company, and had been discharged by the company for making a fraudulent claim for damages. He had also attempted to defraud the Gresham Life Insurance Company. Replying to Mr. Davitt witness said the police had intimated to him that they did not know what would befall him in connection with these insurance matters if he refuses to give evidence on behalf of The Times, and that he then consented to testify.

Half price—no humbug—we will sell full plated new Base Burner Stoves from $14 to $20, regular prices from $28 to $40. Wheeler & Bain, King-street East.

France and Boulanger.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The Boulangist Committee finding that a number of adherents objected to the proposal to support the Royalist candidate in Ardennes has been obliged to adopt a resolution that no candidate is entitled to style himself a Boulangist unless he clearly accepts the program of Republic revision. The French Government's intention in dealing with Boulangerism will be disclosed in the Chamber of Deputies, in the course of a debate about to be raised on a question asked by M. Jouvencel (Radical) as to what measures have been taken to ensure respect for the established Government. In Premier Floquet's circle it is asserted that the Government's policy is to allow Gen. Boulanger full swing to destroy himself.

To Protect Italian Emigrants.

ROME, Dec. 5.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Signor Ungaro, in a debate on the emigration bill, demanded that measures be taken to protect Italian emigrants in America who might be deceived upon the prospects of work. Passports ought to be refused to persons unable to pay their passage and to live for some months without working after reaching