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TOPICS FROM THE CAPITAL

LIVELY TIMES IN THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

The Minister of Militia Led a Lively Dance—A Bill Introduced in the House to Compel Telegraph and Telephone Wires to be Put Underground.

OTTAWA, March 14.—The proceedings in the House and the Senate to-day take a back seat when put beside those of the Public Accounts Committee. This body had a 3 hours' session this morning, and after the adjournment Chairman Rykert spoke freely of several members of his committee as running a bear garden. The Public Accounts Committee is entrusted by the House to inquire into the expenditure of public funds, and its meetings are generally attended by the Auditor-General. The committee also freely subpœnas officers of the different departments to explain any items of expenditure which may appear "hazy" or "fuzzy."

Mr. Mulock has been making things quite lively during the past two days in the committee over the supplies of clothing for the militia of the country. The member for North York and the gentleman from West Lambton (Mr. Lister) have been leading a lively dance for Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia. The gentlemen named and their Liberal friends on the committee seem to believe that the clothing supplied the volunteers by Canadian manufacturers is of an inferior quality and that it could be purchased more cheaply in England and a far better article supplied. There was a great deal of noise made at the meeting to-day.

The contracts for militia clothing are not awarded by public competition but are practically awarded between three or four firms: One at Halifax, two at Montreal and one at Hamilton, Senator J. W. E. Sanford's Hamilton company was paid $50,000 last year for militia clothing, James O'Brien of Montreal $19,000, and Doull & Miller of Halifax $10,000. Mr. Mulock got the committee to pass a motion summoning Senator Sadford to appear. The House when it met endorsed the resolution and it was sent over to the Senate.

Nothing has been developed so far in the committee that there is anything wrong in the contracts, but the Liberals expect to prove something or other. There has, however, been a great deal of fault found by several of the volunteer regiments over the inferior quality of the clothing supplied.

Another Canus Belli.

Another matter which created a great deal of racket was the case of Henry Smyth, ex-M.P., of Chatham, Ont., who holds a roving commission from the Agricultural Department as an immigration agent. Mr. Campbell, the present member for Kent, in which Chatham is situated, wanted to make a statement to the committee that Mr. Smyth had drawn money from the Department for services that he had never performed and for expenses which he had never incurred, in fact the charge was one of fraud. Mr. Campbell is not a member of the Public Accounts Committee, and Mr. Somerville wanted to have him examined. This, however, the Conservative members would not agree to unless Mr. Smyth was present to cross-examine Mr. Campbell. There was a great deal of lively talk as to whether Mr. Campbell would be allowed to make his statement. Mr. Foster, Mr. Bowell and Mr. Costigan energetically opposed any statement until Mr. Smyth had been notified of the charges. The latter will therefore be summoned to appear at the next meeting.

Mr. Davies called attention to a large payment made to an informer by the Customs Department and asked how the money was paid to the informer. In this case $5185 appeared in the Auditor-General's report as having been paid to S. W. McMichael of Toronto, financial inspector of Ontario customs ports, as his share of a seizure. There was also a similar sum of $5188 entered as having been paid to the informer. The Auditor-General said that both sums were paid to the officer who made the seizure. He was supposed to hand over half to the informer. Mr. Davies pointed out that it was quite possible the seizing officers might receive the benefit of the whole sum.

A DAY OF TALK.

Members and Senators Filling up The Hansard—One Bill Introduced.

OTTAWA, March 14.—The House and the Senate were engaged all afternoon and tonight in a gas-you-please contest to see which chamber could put the most talk in the Hansard. The Senate continued its discussion of Hon. John Macdonald's trade resolution and the House took up the adjourned debate on the Budget. Col. Amyot, very much to the delight of the Liberal side, supported Sir Richard Cartwright's amendment to go into supply. He will, therefore, vote against the Government. The speakers were Mr. Wood (Westmoreland), Bechard, Gigault, Amyot, Sproule and McMillan of Huron. Mr. Cockburn moved the adjournment of the debate, which will not be continued until Tuesday, when by arrangement it will be closed.

Only one bill was introduced to-day, by Mr. Perley of Ottawa, to provide for the compulsory placing of all telephone, telegraph and electric light wires underground, the bill to go into effect on Jan. 1 next. The bill applies to the whole of Canada.

The House adjourned at 12.25 a.m.

CAPITAL CHAT.

Divorce Applications Favorably Reported—Col. O'Brien's Anti-Jesuit Amendment.

OTTAWA, March 14.—Mr. Brown has decided not to attempt to "re-committee" his bird bill. Notwithstanding that the bill has been put out of court Mr. Brown fought a gamy battle in its favor.

Two applications for divorce have been before the Senate committee. In the case in which Mr. G. W. Lowry of Huntley, Ont., applies for separation from his wife on the grounds of adultery, the application will be favorably reported.

The Wand case, in which Arthur Wand of Montreal applies for divorce from his wife on the ground of adultery, was up to-day. The respondent was not represented. The petitioner and several witnesses were examined. The committee framed a report which will be presented to the Senate to-morrow. The charge of infidelity was conclusively proved.

Col. O'Brien, M. P., says positively that he will not withdraw his anti-Jesuit amendment to go into supply.

A handsome bouquet of flowers from the Toronto Gun Club decorated the desk of Col. Tisdale, M.P., this afternoon.

The condition of Hon. J. H. Pope does not improve.

Hon. Edward and Lady Alice Stanley gave an elaborate "At Home" at the Racquet Court this evening. There was a large invitation list.

The lobbies are full of Canadian Pacific Railway magnates to-night. General Manager Van Horne leads the party. The company's bill comes up in the Railway Committee to-morrow and a big time is expected.

Church of England Sunday Schools.

The regular monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Association of Toronto was held in All Saints' schoolroom last night, with Mr. S. G. Wood in the chair. Rev. Charles Ingles, rector of St. Mark's, Parkdale, read a few lessons and in his remarks pointed out the value of not only denying oneself during Lent but also of contributing to the welfare and good of others. Miss Osler, a lady who takes a deep interest in Sunday School work, read an interesting paper, in which she dealt with "casuals" and the best way of getting them to become regular attendants.

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THE MANITOBA CABINET.

Rumored Changes Impending—The Enfield Murder Trial.

WINNIPEG, March 14.—Amongst the rumors flying around to-day is one to the effect that Attorney-General Martin is to retire from the Cabinet and accept the solicitorship of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railroad.

Treasurer Jones' early retirement is now accepted as a fact.

The defence was entered upon in the Hatfield murder case to-day, one of the witnesses being the prisoner's young child. The medical testimony as to the cause of death was very conflicting.

Wm. Harding, a miner at the anthracite mines, was instantly killed to-day by five tons of rock falling on him.

A Chicago Capitalist Victimized.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The developments in connection with the disappearance of Alfred W. Post show that his freight claim bureau was a bigger swindle than was supposed. His victims are scattered all over the country. One of them was Albert A. Munger, a shrewd and wealthy capitalist of Chicago. At first Munger only ventured a small amount but when, it is said, at the end of 30 days he received 15 per cent. dividends he doubled and then trebled the investment and kept putting in until Post had $75,000 of his money. At last, when an investigation was started and an exposure threatened, Post demanded $50,000 with which to close the mouths of small fry victims and Munger is said to have planked it down without a murmur. Even then he did not suspect Post of being a scoundrel and it was not until a few weeks ago that he realized the full extent of the deception that had been practiced upon him. When his eyes were fully opened he demanded the return of the money and Post suddenly disappeared.

A Probable Murder.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 14.—To-night John W. Dwyer, a sailor, while drunk staggered into a house in Charles-street. A woman shoved Dwyer out, causing him to fall on the pavement. Emil Williams grabbed a lighted lamp from the woman's hand and hurled it at the prostrate man. The lamp struck him in the face and exploding destroyed the sight of one eye and tore the flesh from the face, mangling both jaws. Dwyer will probably die. Williams was arrested.

Preparing for an Emergency.

LONDON, March 14.—The Buda-Pesth correspondent of The Standard says: "The Austrian Government has ordered the Danube Navigation Company to hold as many steamers as possible ready for an emergency. Numerous tugs and barges have been concentrated within the last few days to enable troops from Neusatz to be transported to the Servian frontier at a moment's notice.

Official circles in Vienna discredit The Standard's advices.

Brodie's Latest Craze.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 14.—Steve Brodie, the bridge jumper, arrived here tonight. He came to get permission from Mayor Parsons to shoot the upper falls of the Genesee, 92 feet high, wearing a life-saving suit. He is confident that he can make the descent in safety, but there is hardly a probability that he will be permitted to attempt it.

The Nutmeg Boys Can't Smoke.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14.—The House to-day passed the bill already passed by the Senate prohibiting the use of tobacco for smoking by minors under 16. The bill was amended, making the delivery of tobacco to a minor a crime as well as the sale of it.

Driven Insane by His Losses.

KANSAS CITY, March 14.—Adolph Nafay committed suicide last night with morphine. He was en route from Arizona to New York to see his son. He was a mining operator of means, and while in Denver was swindled out of over $10,000 by bunco men. It is supposed his loss drove him insane.

A Copper Combine.

LONDON, March 14.—At the settlement on the Stock Exchange yesterday no defaulters were announced. One or two brokers were assisted by friends. There were continual rumors of a new combination with a capital of £6,000,000 to buy copper and uphold the price.

Swindled a Bank President.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Wm. H. Davis, a well-known builder and real estate dealer, was arrested to-day at the door of the Chicago Trust and Savings Bank, charged with victimizing the president of the institution, D. H. Tolman.

A Collision at Sea.

LONDON, March 14.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Bohemia, which left Havre March 13 for New York, has been in collision with the steamer Paris. Both were slightly damaged.

Lost Four Men Overboard.

LONDON, March 14.—The steamer Lord O'Neill, from Baltimore, which arrived at Glasgow yesterday, lost four men overboard during the gale on Feb. 26.

A $30,000 Fire.

MARION, Ind., March 14.—The window glass factory of Stewart, Estes & Co. was burnt to-day: loss, $30,000.

THE LATEST BY LIGHTNING.

Despatches of the Night Boiled Down—Flashes From Here and There.

Henri Tamberlix, the celebrated Italian tenor singer, is dead at Paris, aged 69.

President Harrison yesterday formally received the members of the diplomatic corps.

The liabilities of the Reading Iron Works are $1,875,955 and the assets $215,786 above liabilities.

The appeal of Father Paradis has been rejected by the Sacred Congregation of the Propagunda.

At Agincourt yesterday James Patterson, an old and respected citizen, was killed while moving a building.

It is just 100 years since the then John Walter of The Times was sentenced to stand in the pillory for political libel.

The Paris Bourse closed yesterday with prices above the lowest figures of the day, but the market was unsteady.

The Executive Committee of the trunk lines has decided to have no more commodity tariffs except by mutual agreement.

The reported resignation of the governor and some of the directors of the Bank of France is denied by the bank authorities.

White Caps have whipped James Hatton, a prominent colored politician of Pungoteague, Va. Hatton is badly injured.

The French Minister of Finance has appointed two experts to ascertain the exact position of the Comptoir d'Escompte.

The shut down of two mills at Fall River yesterday added 2000 to the number of idle operatives. The strike continues.

Mrs. McLintock, wife of Rev. Mr. McLintock of Mandaumin Presbyterian Church, expired suddenly at a wedding on Wednesday night.

The Granite Hotel at Wellsburg, W. Va., was burnt Wednesday night. Several guests jumped from the third story windows and were badly injured.

A man answering to the description of Tascott, the murderer of Millionaire Snell of Chicago, was arrested at Nanaimo, B.C., on Wednesday. He is evidently insane.

George C. Hayden, aged 75, who died at a cheap boarding house in St. Louis last week in apparent poverty, is found to have had in a safe deposit vault $60,000 in cash, stocks and bonds.

Lord George Hamilton announces that Australia had promised to give £35,000 annually for ten years towards the building of the proposed new ships of war, also to fully maintain the vessels when completed.

A noisy debate in the French Chamber over the report of the committee appointed to consider the charges against Laguerre, Laisant and Turquet was clotured yesterday, 318 to 214. The Chamber then, 344 to 227, authorized the Government to prosecute the deputies. As a result of the debate duels are imminent between MM. Arene and Provost Dulaunay, Bardoux and De Cassagnac, Pichon and Laguerre.

FINE FEMININE FUROR!

THE FRANCHISE WOMEN AND THEIR OPPONENTS.

Big Rally Last Night—Arguments Torn to Tatters—The M. L. A.'s Obtuseness—The Sterner Sex Sternly Rebuked—Speeches Reviewed and Analyzed.

Among others present last night at the Women's Enfranchisement meeting in Association Hall was the lady novelist of whom Ko-ko says politely but emphatically "she never will be missed." A fair sprinkling of the sterner sex was to be seen. Mrs. R. McDonell presided and recretted the absence of M.L.A.'s. Dr. Emily H. Stowe, president of the association, opened the subject in a very able paper on the aims and objects of the society. In the course of her remarks she alluded in terms of praise to the stand taken by Mr. Waters in the Legislature for the enfranchisement of women. Continuing she said that the association did not desire anything more than legal recognition of their rightful authority. They do not wish to rule, neither do they wish to be led, but simply to be on an equal footing with the lords of creation. The member for South Ontario was severely criticized for his actions and language in respect to the bill. The medically-minded lady referred to the Biblical aspect of the case, and was of the opinion that had St. Paul lived at the present day he would have been a champion of the cause. Dr. Gilmour, the member for West York, next came in for a drubbing because his objections were based on the ground that it would be inimical to the province of women.

The Matrimonial Outlook.

The Doctor then proceeded in her stolid manner to deal with the suggested evil results to the matrimonial aspect of the question should the franchise be extended to women, after which H. E. Clarke, M.L.A., came in for his turn. He thought it would interfere with the sanctity of home, but this idea was ridiculed by the speaker. A number of countries were then mentioned in which women had an equal voice with men in choosing who shall legislate. Among others the isles of Man and Pitcairn were cited, in the former of which women have been a power in the land for the last five years and in the latter for one hundred years. Concluding, the speaker enumerated some of the foremost men in America and Great Britain who favored woman suffrage.

Mrs. W. R. Parker followed with a paper in which she dealt with Mr. Hardy's amendment, and congratulated the ladies that they had 22 sympathisers in the House. She believed that agitation would not end till this reform is accomplished. Touching on the liquor traffic, she said: "Whether it is safer with a preponderance of the voting power in the hands of Canadian women, or in the hands of that traffic which can only result in the destruction of the country?"

The Doctor's Practical Suggestion.

Dr. Wild then suggested that a collection be taken up. He was very glad of the success achieved by the ladies in having the matter brought before Parliament. Mr. James Beaty followed with a short address in which he referred to the opportunity he had of introducing the first deputation of ladies with a view to obtaining the franchise in municipal matters before Mr. Mowat and the Cabinet about eight years ago. The deputation consisted of fifteen ladies and himself, and he got well laughed at for his trouble, but he does not mind that and is in full accord with the movement. He could not see why the legislators did not allow women to have a word in legislative elections when they were admitted to the municipal polls. He would say to the women, in Daniel O'Connell's words, "Agitate, agitate, agitate."

About The Cradle.

Mrs. McDonell said that in reply to a question addressed to Mrs. Youmans of temperance fame, in reference to the ability of women to vote and mind the baby, that that lady had said, that for it the men of the future generation were not going to have any more backbone than the men of the present generation it would be well enough to talk about the cradle question.

Mr. E. S. Spence was then called upon and in response made a strong speech in favor of woman suffrage, dealing with the question principally from a temperance point of view. Dr. Powell made a few remarks and Rev. A. F. Macgregor moved that the papers read by Dr. Stowe and Mrs. Parker be published for circulation. Dr. Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

A Grand Show of Clydesdales.

The admirers of the heavy horse from all parts of the Province assembled at the Toronto Drill Shed yesterday to witness the Clydes' contest for honors. It was the third annual spring show of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada. Both morning and afternoon the spacious building was crowded with spectators, who seemed to take great interest in the big horses as they were led about, their manes decorated with various colored ribbons. The show on a whole was certainly the best yet held by the Association and the animals did credit to the country. Mr. Beith of Bowmanville was a prominent exhibitor, his stock being a fine lot. The interest in Canada's first-class that came before the judges, that of Canadian bred Clydesdale stallions, showed that the agriculturists of the Dominion are aware of the necessity of securing good serviceable home bred animals. In this class first prize was awarded to William Gregg's Glenlee, bred by the exhibitor at Clarenont. Glenlee also secured the sweepstake prize. In the next class, that of Canadian Clydesdale stallions, foaled subsequent to Jan. 1, 1887, John Bell's Clareneux secured first prize, the only other entry being Alex. Doherty's Merry Boy.

At a Ripe Old Age.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Patrick Tierney died here to-day. Aged 101.

An excellent expectorant—Tutti Frutti.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Another application for the release of C. L. Van Wormer will be made before Judge McDougall to-morrow.

John Archer, for assaulting the landlord of Wood's Hotel, King-street west, was fined yesterday $25 or 30 days.

"Behind Closed Doors," by Anna Katharine Green, is the latest novel issued by the Rose Publishing Company.

The nominations of the University Literary Society will take place in Tolchard's Hall, corner of Yonge and Alexander-streets, at 8 o'clock this (Friday) evening.

In the Central Methodist Church, Bloor-street, last night Rev. G. Watson gave an illustrated lecture entitled "From Toronto to Vancouver."

Gustavus Rudolph, a painter, was seriously injured yesterday whilst painting the Trades work of the hoist in the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, Bay-street.

A movement is on foot which deserves encouragement. It is proposed to start a "Newsboys' Band," which would induce more boys to live at the Frederick-street institution instead of in low lodging-houses.

Solemn Hudson, 324 Lippincott-street, was engaged on a scaffolding at 131 Yonge-street yesterday, when he fell, striking against a joist in his descent and sustaining serious injury. The police ambulance conveyed him to his home.

At the Y.M.C.A. monthly concert in Association Hall last night the following ladies and gentlemen took part: Miss Jardine Thomson, Mrs. T. H. Lister, Messrs. Lister, Kleiser, Bruckshaw, English and Andrews. Mrs. English was accompanist and Mr. H. English conductor. The Toronto Silver Quartette Club rendered several selections.

Christ Church, R. E., gave an oyster supper and concert last night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Rev. T. W. Campbell, the rector, presided. The concert program was rendered by Messrs. Sexsmith, Downard, Blight, Parker, and Misses Matthews and Fowler. The choir sang several selections in good style.

Last night in Temperance Hall a complimentary benefit was tendered to Messrs. Beeck and Rundle. The artists taking part were Messrs. Martin, Johnston, Prince, Mills, Pritchard, Mead and Williams. The features of the evening were Ben Dodge in his comic songs, little M audie Sanderson in graceful Highland fling and sword dances. Mrs. Sylvestre was accompanist.

Prevention of disease is both rational and scientific. If one knows the causes of most diseases, and can remove that cause, the diseases must disappear. Prof. Wm. H. Thompson of the University of the City of New York, says: "More adults are carried off in this country by chronic kidney disease than by any other one malady except consumption." The majority per cent. of all diseases are caused by unsuspected kidney poisoned blood. The late Dr. Dio Lewis, in speaking of Warner's Safe Cure, said over his signature: "If I found myself the victim of a serious kidney trouble, I would use Warner's Safe Cure."

THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL.

Two Fine Dramatic Attractions at the Grand Next Week.

None of the actors who graduated from the greatest theatre in the world, the Theatre Francaise of Paris, have ever reached the wide fame that M. Coquelin enjoys. Not even Sara Bernhardt can boast of having played to audiences of four continents. Coquelin is certainly the most versatile artist of any stage, and evidently loves to give complete exhibitions of his wonderful powers of characterization. The repertoire for his brief engagement here will show the great actor and his company at their best. The bill for Monday is an excellent one, giving the star the greatest opportunity, while the Tuesday night's performance of "The Marriage of Figaro" will give the public an opportunity to hear what has so often been sung under the same title. On Wednesday Jules Sandeau's exquisite play "Mlle. de la Seigliere" will be given with Coquelin in his great role of Detournelle.

The latter part of next week will witness the engagement at the Grand of a young American actress, Miss Julia Marlowe, who though only in her second season is acknowledged by the most capable critics of the United States to be a marvel. Col. Bob Ingersoll saying "she is one of the greatest artistes on the American stage." She is totally unknown in Toronto, but those who have seen her say she is bound to make a great impression.

Only three more performances of "She" at the Grand. Big matinee to-morrow.

"Queen's Evidence" will close its run at the Toronto to-morrow night. "Harbor Lights" is announced for next week.

What promises to be an excellent concert will be given in the Pavilion on the 20th inst. with the names of such artists as Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Alexander, Miss McCormack and Messrs. Herbert Clarke, Warrington, Ramsay and Depew on the program.

Prof. Clark on Robert Elsmere.

Prof. Clark of Trinity College delivered an interesting address last night on "Robert Elsmere," under the auspices of the Young People's Association of the Church of the Redeemer. The chair was occupied by Mr. P. R. Clougher. The Professor first referred to the literary qualities of the novel "Robert Elsmere" as being "of a high order. There are people," he said, "of the present day like Robt. Elsmere, and though we as Christians do not care to agree with his opinions, still we cannot quarrel with Mrs. Ward's reference to them, as they were produced rather by influences than by arguments or conviction." When Robert Elsmere abandoned the Christian faith he lost more than he gained. "When we consider," said the professor, "the various characters represented, we cannot help seeing that he was a very superior unbelieving character, and that the type of unbelief represented by him was predictive of good, because it came in the place of materialism, which was of a very pronounced type in the last generation."

The Professor was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close of the interesting lecture. A collection was taken for the benefit of the Young People's Association.

Rev. Dr. Sweeny on Jesuitism.

Rev. Dr. Sweeny delivered a lecture on Jesuitism last night in the school-room of St. Philip's Church, under the auspices of the Young People's Association. He briefly sketched the career of the Jesuits and the life of Loyola, their founder. He traced the history of the society to the present time and its relation with Canada, drawing the following conclusions

That the early founding and the rise and power of this society is most interesting; that its conflicts with and intrigues against Governments and States are most instructive to us at the present time, and that while this individual Jesuit may be a hero, a saint and a martyr to the system of which he is a part, he is fundamentally unsound, and provoking hostility towards our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria.

The address was listened to by a very large number of people. The chair was occupied by Dr. Hanley Smith. The sum realised by the collection is to be used for the benefit of the association.

Was Father Chiniquy Ever a Jesuit?

Editor World: If so, will he give us the words of the oath which he took when becoming a Jesuit? This would settle the dispute now going on in the papers as to what the oath is. I remember when Mr. Chiniquy was called the apostle of temperance in Lower Canada some forty years ago. The Government of the day passed a resolution granting him £200 as an acknowledgment of his services in that cause. A member objected to the grant because Mr. Chiniquy was a Jesuit and, therefore, could not receive the money for his own use, but must as a Jesuit hand it over to the Order. As far as I can remember, although no one denied that he was a Jesuit, the vote passed. It would be very satisfactory to hear from one who was once one of the initiated, as it would be reliable and unanswerable, as I suppose that as a Protestant he would have no desire to cover up or moderate the words of the oath. ANTI-JESUIT.

Adams' Tutti Frutti preserves the teeth.

A Welcome Arrival.

The Cunarder which arrived in New York last Sunday morning brought out a large consignment of Welch, Margetson & Co.'s celebrated Monte Carlo, Eglinistone and San Remo collars and Zulu cuffs for quinn the shirtmaker. They are now on sale at both stores, 93 Yonge and 115 King-street west.

THEY DECLINED TO TALK,

BUT THERE'S BEEN TROUBLE JUST THE SAME.

Gillespie, Ansley & Martin's Little Variance With the Toronto Customs Authorities—It Is Said the Firm Has Been Mulcted to the Extent of $5000.

Rumors were rife in the street yesterday in which the name of Gillespie, Ansley & Martin, the wholesale furriers, was coupled with a story of troubles with the Customs authorities. The World in the course of a tour of investigation interviewed four several distinct parties. The first was Mr. Martin of the alleged compromised firm. He acknowledged that some difference existed between the firm and the Customs people, but what it was he declined to state, asserting that Ald. Gillespie, the senior partner, was the only one of the firm fully seized of the facts.

The second person interviewed was Mr. Ansley, the other partner. He also refused to say anything, on account of Ald. Gillespie's absence. The trouble arose purely out of a technical difference, he said, between the officers of the Customs and the firm. No underhand dealing was imputed, but further than that Mr. Ansley would not go.

The other two interviews were very funny. The World first saw Mr. S. W. McMichael, the finance superintendent of the Toronto Customs. He told the reporter that he knew positively nothing about the matter, and that it was entirely out of his hands. He suggested that Acting Collector Douglas knew all about the affair and might submit to an interview.

Mr. Douglas was equally affable and impregnable. He would not say a word on the subject except that Mr. McMichael was the only man in Toronto who could tell the cause of the trouble.

The World's Ottawa correspondent telegraphed the following last night: Ald. Geo. E. Gillespie, after remaining two days at the capital, returned to Toronto to-night. Mr. Gillespie's firm has had a trouble with the Customs Department and it was mulcted in several thousand dollars. It is said the amount is about $5000.

A Montana Murder.

FLINT CREEK, Mont., March 14.—T. C. Milroy, a ranch man, fatally shot M. Dooley, a large cattle owner, with a rifle. Some time ago Dooley's son shot the two Milroy's with bird shot wounding them in a quarrel over a fence on disputed ground. Dooley's brother was then killed in a melee. Milroy gave himself up.

An Arkansas Affray.

CLARKSVILLE, Ark., March 14.—J. P. Underwood, a prominent planter, was assaulted today by John Willford, a tenant, who fired two loads from a shotgun and then used the gun as a club. Underwood managed to cut Willford's throat from ear to ear. Underwood's left shoulder was shot off. He gave himself up.

Imprisoned in a Mine.

MT. CARMEL, Pa., March 14.—Intense excitement prevails at the Black Diamond collieries where by a running of the pillars six miners have been closed in. Workmen are driving a heading for the purpose of liberating their imprisoned comrades, but hours must elapse before it can be ascertained whether they are alive.

Mrs. Langtry Ill.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Mrs. Langtry is suffering from acute tonsilitis and has cancelled her engagement at the theatre for the remainder of the week. It is said an operation was performed on her throat this evening during which she swooned twice, and she cannot now speak above a whisper.

Raised to the Cardinalate.

ROME, March 14.—The Pope has willed several of his jubilee presents to members of his family.

The Pope has raised to the cardinalate Monsignors Bianti, Lauranzi, Vannutelli and Cristofori.

The American Pilgrims in Rome.

ROME, March 14.—The American pilgrims have arrived here.

"Bright's Disease has no symptoms of its own," says Dr. Roberts, of the University of New York City. Additional proof why Warner's Safe Cure cures so many disorders which are only symptoms of kidney disease.

Startling Experience on a Railway.

From the Algoma Gossip.

Some four days ago as No. 1 was rushing along past Stayner Falls, Conductor Nidd's attention was drawn to one of his lady passengers who was apparently ill, and bending over the lady with motherly solicitude she whispered something in his ear which made his hair stand on end like quills on the fretful porcupine. He soon went to the other lady passengers, explained the nature of the news which had so startled him, and requested their assistance, when, much to his astonishment, they all cleared into the next car and left him alone with the patient. Hastily rushing into the sleeping car he obtained some bedding and comfort, when the lusty voice of a fine young boy was heard above the rattling of the train. She was taken on to North Bay, where medical assistance was procured and kind hands carried mother and new-born child to the hotel. On the news being flashed to Montreal directions came back to christen the youngster "Van Horne," and the company directed the conductor to assume the title of "Doctor," his visiting cards now reading "Doctor Nidd, accoucheur-general to the C.P.R."

Personal Mention.

Captain Labello, M. P., Montreal, is at the Queen's.

Mr. Edward Farrer, editor of The Mail, has returned from his trip to the South, feeling quite recovered from the effects of his recent severe illness. He is again able to wield the pen.

W. E. Price, G. T. R., Frank May, Montreal; E. E. Fuller, New York; E. W. Scane, Chatham; Charles J. Hauck, jr., W. P. Sully, New York; A. E. Crisfield, London, Eng.; W. R. Hobbs, London; R. R. Paulison, Detroit, are at the Queen's.

Countess Martinez sells stamps at the post-office window in Philadelphia. She was a Baltimore girl, and her husband is a real German count, at present in reduced circumstances and in a Philadelphia hospital.

The Hon. Charles Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is suffering from a severe attack of ulceration of the throat, the result of a heavy cold, which confined him to his house for the last three or four days.

The Hon. J. H. Pope is still confined to bed. His condition is about the same. He is extremely weak and is not allowed to receive visitors. The leaders of Liberals and Conservatives alike have frequently called to enquire concerning him.

The Emperor of Germany is an early riser. When he takes his usual drive through the Thiergarten at 8.30 he has not only breakfasted, but done more than an hour's hard work. The Empress is nearly always her consort's companion of these early drives.

George Moore, Waterloo; R. B. Germyn, Acton; F. J. Daly, Peterboro; J. Connolly, Lindsay; E. Roat, Berlin; A. F. McDonald, A. E. Buchanan, Stratford; T. E. Smith, Hamilton; H. W. Foster, Villa Nova; Thomas New, Guelph; M. B. Poring, Doon; H. Baseom, M.D., Uxbridge, are at the Palmer.

Dr. W. Jakeman, N. H. Meagher, Halifax; J. L. Thurber, Chicago; Fred Stinson, Andover, Mass.; N. Dyment, Harrie; P. J. Babcock, Newark, N.J.; James C. Malone, Three Rivers, Que.; Atwell Fleming, London, are at the Rossin.

The Prince of Wales has perhaps the finest railway coach in Europe. The Southeastern built it and it contains seven rooms, there being a study, with a little library, a couple of bedrooms, a dressing-room and a bath-room. The bed-room is most luxuriously furnished in old gold silk, being lighted by electricity, and the panelling is beautifully painted. The Prince uses his carriage for all his journeys south.

Dr. H. Dunn, Denver, Col.; John Thurosson, San Francisco; Dr. Newcombe, St. Thomas; M. O. Roeve, Chatham; R. B. Macoun and wife, St. Thomas; G. B. Lindsay, Dunnville; John McCausland, St. Thomas; J. Schofield, Paris; W. R. Watson, London; H. McKay, Sherbrooke; W. L. White, jr., Midland; Geo. M. Stewart, Montreal; F. A. Johnson, Collingwood; J. W. Elliott, Milton, are at the Walker.

"Lord Stanley"

will not be recalled, notwithstanding the overnight at Ridout Hall. "The Empire" will still be intact. "The Empire," "Lord Stanley," the "Court" and the "Fairfax," the tour leading shapes in spring coats, at White's, 65 King-street west.

PROVINCIAL POLITICAL NEWS.

A Government Caucus Decides to Aid Provincial Railways.

A Government caucus was held in room 16 at the Legislative buildings yesterday. The chief subject was that of opening the railway question. It was decided that colonization railways should receive encouragement, notably those which would open up the northwestern part of the Province. The railway projects to receive aid from the Government are not yet chosen, neither is kind or amount of expenditure decided upon. It is probable, however, that two railway enterprises to open up parts of Northwestern Ontario and one to open up neglected districts in the east will get money and land grants.

"The Tories are taking a lot of unnecessary alarm," said a prominent supporter of Mr. Mowat yesterday. "There is no probability of the elections being brought on now. In fact it was decided some time ago that an appeal would not be made to the people till the expiration of the legislature.

A CHAIR FOR COL. MILLER.

The Officers of the Queen's Own Honor Their Late Commander.

The cosy house of Capt. Pellatt at 513 Sherbourne-street last night was the scene of a gathering of many of the officers of the Queen's Own Rifles. Lieut.-Col. A. A. Miller, the late commander of the regiment, was present in response to an invitation, but he had no idea that he was to take a prominent part. He was pleasantly undeceived, however, when a massive arm chair was rolled into the drawing-room and presented to him on behalf of the officers of the regiment which he has so ably commanded. The gallant ex-colonel was completely surprised.

In the absence of Lieut.-Col. Allan, whom ill-health has compelled to go south, the presentation was made by Major Delamotte in a neat speech, to which Col. Miller responded in excellent manner. The evening was pleasantly spent, and many a tale of camp and field was told.

The chair is a handsome specimen of wood carver's and upholsterer's best art. It is high, wide and massive, the woodwork being polished oak and beautifully carved. The ends of the arms are lion's heads; over the back is carved the arms of Canada with the British and Canadian ensigns, while a silver plate bears a suitable inscription. That the colonel may live long to fill the chair is the wish of not only the Queen's Own but of many outside.

"A SITE AND A BIG HOLE."

This, Says Judge McDougall, is all so Far of the New Court House.

Judge McDougall presided in the General Sessions yesterday but no criminal business was transacted. The grand jury in making their presentment stated that they had considered 16 indictments and found 14 true bills. Speaking of the court house they regretted that the Crown officials have not sufficient accommodation, particularly the Clerk of the Peace, whose "natural modesty" prevented them from referring to this matter at length. The public institutions were found in good order, but as usual the jail was overcrowded.

In replying His Honor spoke of the increase of insanity and the great need of accommodation for the unfortunates of this class. Although the government is providing additional room it will not be more than enough for the 50 or so insane people at present confined in the cells. Something more must be done. As for the proposed new Court House his patience and hopefulness has been failing gradually since his elevation to his position six years ago. The 3½ years in which the Court House was to have been erected will have expired next June and all that has been done is the erecting of a site and the digging of a big hole. They have only the dismal prospect of occupying the present quarters for three or four years to come.

A Magnificent Work of Art.

The portrait of Sir John Macdonald by A. D. Patterson, R.C.A., of this city, has been reproduced in photogravure by the celebrated firm of Goupil & Cie of Paris, and an artist-proof edition of 250 copies struck off. The original is one of the best, if not the best thing, in the way of portraiture ever produced in Canada, and the reproduction of it is certainly equal to anything that this well-known firm have ever sent out. Mr. Patterson only returned from Paris about a week ago after an absence of eight months, most of which time he spent in overseeing the details of the photogravure. A photogravure is printed from a metal plate. The method of its preparation is more or less a secret, but in general terms the portrait is photographed on the prepared surface of a plate, etched with acid (this takes two months), and then finished by the engraver's tool. By this process effects can be got not attainable in steel engraving, a fact which anyone who sees the print will readily admit. Among those who have already received copies out of the very limited edition are Lord Lansdowne, Lord Lorne, Her Majesty, the Canadian