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THAT BLANKET DEAL.

Correspondence Produced by Col. Engledue.

THE PROPOSAL IS REJECTED

Mr. Hardy Declares That it is Not in the Mining or Public Interest.

Then J. K. Kerr Appears Upon the Scene and Consents to See the Ministers on Behalf of the Application — The Strings Commence to Loosen—The Government Makes Concessions, and Ultimately a Contract is Entered Into, With J. K. Kerr the First Partner in the Company.

The additional papers brought down yesterday deal with the earlier negotiations between the Kerr-Reid-Engledue syndicate and the Government for the deal in mining lands, to which reference has previously been made.

Col. Engledue opened negotiations with the Ontario Governmnt on July 6, 1896, in a letter dated at Toronto, in which he asked whether the Government would grant the exclusive right to explore for mines or minerals over certain areas, not exceeding two townships, or 23,040 acres, to be under exploration at any one time, and the right to be for not less than three years. The person or persons who obtain such rights to be allowed 'to transfer them to a syndicate or company to be formed in Great Britain under the Limited Liability Act. The syndicate to purchase or lease such portions of said areas as they choose and when they have completed exploration of the first area first selected to have the right to select other areas under similar conditions and for a similar period and so on for 21 years.

NOT IN THE MINING INTEREST.

In reply to this request Hon. A. S. Hardy, who was then Commissioner of Crown Lands, on July 8, 1896, wrote to Col. Engledue:

"Have to say in reply to this inquiry:

"1. The Mines Act of the province provides that 'any person or persons may explore for mines or minerals on any Crown lands surveyed or unsurveyed,' and there would be difficulty in setting apart an area for exclusive exploration by a person or company without an amendment to the Act.

"2. It is not in the interest of the mining industry, nor in the public interest, that large tracts of mining land should be locked up for a long period, and if it is deemed expedient to make a concession to a syndicate or company of known position and capital it is not advisable that a very extensive area should be set apart or that a long time should be allowed for exploring it.

"3. But with a view to encourage the further introduction of British capital in the Rainy River district, I am prepared to consider favorably an application from a syndicate or company having sufficient capital, for a tract, not exceeding one township or 36 square miles."

A DECIDED ADVANTAGE.

On 11th August Col. Engledue wrote to the Commissioner expressing his regret "that it is not considered possible to introduce British capital on the conditions named to you. Neither the areas nor the time allowed for exploration are thought sufficient." To do any good "the company to be formed should be one of at least $500,000 capital, the grant of lands by your Government being the security for investors. It is therefore necessary that the areas should be large and the period allowed for exploration at least three years." The Commissioner is further informed that Mr. James Reid, late of Toronto, and the writer "have had the advantage of consulting with Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., of Toronto, who is at present on a visit to London.

SEEN BY MR. KERR.

"We have fully explained to him the conditions necessary to secure ample capital and he has kindly undertaken to see you on the subject when he returns to Canada, and it is hoped that such arrangements may be made as will enable a development scheme to be formulated to benefit alike both your province and the investors."

The next document is a copy of a letter from A. Blue to J. K. Kerr, Q.C., dated Sept. 9, 1896, forwarding a copy of the letter written to Col. Engledue by the Commissioner on July 8.

MR. KERR'S OFFER.

Then, on Sept. 28, Mr. Kerr enters upon the scene with a letter to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in which, after giving assurance of the ability of the applicants to carry out the deal, he states that "the proposal mentioned in the letter of July 8 will not answer their purposes." He adds: "I venture to submit that if a concession were made to them of two townships, one township being located in the locality agreed upon with the department in the neighborhood of the Lake of the Woods, and the other township in what may be known as the Rainy River district, for the period of three years, to be assured to them by lease or otherwise, it might be made subject to the condition that a sum of say not less than $20,000 per annum should be expended in exploration or development in one or other of the townships covered by the concession."

THE SURRENDER.

Hon. J. M. Gibson replied under date Oct. 2, 1896, assuring Mr. Kerr of the anxiety of the Government to meet the views of Col. Engledue and his associates, and also of its disposition to make liberal concessions to encourage the introduction of English capital. It is suggested that a smaller area than two townships should be sufficient and a definite amount should be spent each year, for failure to follow default in doing so. A deposit of $40,000 to the joint credit of the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Col. Engledue is demanded and that $25,000 be spent in development during the first year. The concession should not be made for three years, but for one at a time, with the right of renewal if the agreement is carried out. Mr. Gibson in his letter says:

"It is not quite clear that a concession of the character here referred to could be granted by the Government under authority of the existing mining laws, and to remove doubts it is proposed that any agreement entered into between the Government and your clients should be subject to ratification by the Legislative Assembly."

An amendment to the mining law to further facilitate operations is suggested and the districts to be handed over to the company are specified as in the contract.

A memorandum dated Oct. 6, 1896 by Hon. A. S. Hardy, Attorney-General, construes the existing law as conferring power upon the Government to dispose the power to authorize the issue of a license of occupation under it.

IT IS KERR, REID AND ENGLEDUE.

On Oct. 27 Hon. J. M. Gibson telephoned J. K. Kerr the amounts which would require to be spent in each year. On Dec. 3, 1896, in a further communication to J. K. Kerr, Q.C., Col. W. T. Engledue and James Reid, Commissioner Gibson communicates the terms of the agreement as fully settled.

On Feb. 15, 1897, J. K. Kerr forwards to the commissioner the deposit receipt for $20,000 placed in the Bank of Hamilton as security for "the license of occupation granted by you to Messrs. Kerr, Reid and Engledue."

ONTARIO'S GAME AND FISH.

Important Suggestions in the Annual Report of the Commissioners Submitted to the House Yesterday.

The fifth annual report of the Ontario Game and Fish Commission was submitted to the Legislature yesterday. The principal suggestions are that the number of game wardens be increased, while the offices of the unpaid deputy wardens, amounting to 511, it is urged, should be abolished and some 50 paid deputies scattered throughout the districts where game abounds, and under the direct control of the Chief Warden, substituted. The Commissioners urge this latter change on account of the laxity of these officials in enforcing the game laws. In fact, the report states that they even go so far as to openly violate the provisions of the Act themselves, "using their position to incite foreigners and others to break the law, in fact to go out hunting with them, acting as guides and promising to shield them from the action of the law if discovered."

BIRDS BECOMING SCARCE.

The report complains that woodcock and wood duck, though well protected in this province, are almost exterminated while wintering in the Southern States, and are consequently growing rapidly scarcer. It suggests that at most 400 should be the limit of these birds which any one person should be allowed to shoot in one season. To preserve the also rapidly-decreasing partridge and ruffed grouse, it is urged that measures be taken to destroy foxes, weasels, skunks, etc., which prey upon these birds, as they roost on the ground at nights. It is recommended that such valuable game birds as capercallzie, black cock and Mongolian pheasants be placed in Algonquin Park for breeding purposes.

DEERHUNTING.

The laws relating to deer adopted last year curtailed the slaughter of these animals by one-half, and at the same time greatly increased the revenue. The use of dogs in hunting deer is deprecated. It is suggested also that specimens of the mule deer and white-tailed deer be also placed in the National Park.

PROTECT HAWKS AND OWLS.

The report deplores the slaughter of insectivorous birds by boys and others ostensibly for scientific purposes, and urges that a fee of not less than $5 be charged for the permit, that no one under 18 years of age be granted one, and then only when recommended by two reliable and well-known scientific men, also that the applicant be required to give bonds of at least $200 that the permit will not be used for other than strictly scientific purposes and not for barter. "We have for some time been of the opinion that many of the so-called hawks and owls are beneficial and should be protected, an opinion which could only be confirmed by an exhaustive investigation into the food habits of these birds," say the commissioners.

THE FISHERIES.

Referring to the fisheries, it is stated that the laws require at present no serious alterations, but it is advised, if the Privy Council endorse the Supreme Court decision, that every facility be provided for fish to reach their spawning grounds by placing fish passes in all dams which obstruct streams and by restocking depleted waters.

The Chief Game Warden's report states that on the whole there has been an increase in the game of the province, and that 3542 resident and 49 non-resident deer-hunting licenses have been paid for. There were 174 convictions for violations of the game laws, the fines from which netted the provincial coffers a good round sum.

Tailor Takes Laudanum.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a man named Andrew Lundgreen, a tailor, engaged a room at the Empress Hotel. He went to his room and was taken ill. He asker that Dr. Spence be sent for. When the doctor arrived Lundgreen told him that he had taken laudanum. An eleven-drachm empty vial was found in the room. Dr. Spence put him through the usual treatment and sent him to Grace Hospital. The would-be suicide is 38 years of age, and had been working in a shop in Queen-street near Duncan-street. He has been married twice and claims that family trouble was the cause of his misery. He is getting on nicely in the Hospital, and will recover.

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Stricter Law for Baby Care.

The coroner's jury in the case of the Nookes child brought in a verdict that the infant died from natural causes. A rider was attached, that the proper authorities should make more stringent rules and pay more attention to those who undertake the care of children for money.

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THE NEWS IS WARLIKE

Greek Cabinet Shows No Sign of Backing Down.

COERCION WAS DISCUSSED

And Active Measures Looked Upon as the Only Solution.

Crown Prince Constantine Momentarily Expected to Leave for the Frontier to Assume Command of the Greek Forces in Thessaly—Greek and Turkish Troops Within Sight of Each Other—A Single Shot or Any Trifle May Start a Conflict—France is With the Concert of Powers

Athens, March 16.—A prolonged meeting of the Cabinet was held today. The Ministers discussed at great length the attitude to be taken in the event of the powers attempting to coerce Greece into a compliance with their demands. It is stated that no disposition was shown to accede to the demands, and that it was finally decided to take active measures as the only possible solution of the difficulty.

It is thought that by active measures is meant a declaration of war against Turkey, which in its effect will be to give Greece the right to maintain her army in Crete and deprive the powers of any right of interference.

Crown Prince Constantine, with the First Regiment of Infantry, is momentarily expected to leave Athens to assume command of all the Greek forces in Thessaly.

The prevailing conviction here is that war is inevitable.

It is understood that the Cabinet at its meeting to-day discussed a plan of campaign against the Turks.

The whole garrison of Athens and nearly all the reserves have started for the frontier.

The departure during the night of a number of troops for Volo, Thessaly, was undoubtedly owing to the Government receiving information regarding the blockade.

France is With the Concert.

Paris, March 16.—M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made in the Senate to-day a declaration of the policy of France in the matter of the Greco-Cretan situation, similar to what he made in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, when he announced that France would adhere to the concert policy, and at the conclusion of his statement asked for a vote of confidence in the Government. The Senate attested its confidence in the Govrnment's policy by a vote of 240 to 32.

One Shot May Start War.

London, March 16.—The Chronicle, Daily Mail and Telegraph have correspondents with the Greek forces on the Thessalian frontier. They all concur in their descriptions of the rapid massing and continual drilling of the troops. They add that the excitement and enthusiasm of the soldiers are a dangerous element of the situation, as a trifle may start a conflict with the Turkish forces on the frontier, who are in sight of the Greeks.

A despatch from Canea to a news agency, says that the foreign admirals have not yet proclaimed the blockade. The statement received from Vienna this afternoon saying that the blockade began to-day were re-affirmed this evening, but as it is not officially, it is likely that it is premature.

Troops Ordered From Malta.

London, March 16.—A despatch from Malta says that 600 British troops were ordered to Crete from that station today. In the House of Commons this evening Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, made the following announcement on behalf of the Government: "We have to-day addressed a communication to the powers in regard to Greece, but it is impossible, as it would be improper and against the public interest, either to state the terms of the communication or to encourage debate on the subject.

Lord Kimberley asked that the Government make a further and more explicit statement in regard to the Crete situation, but Lord Salisbury referred him to the admirable speeches delivered by Foreign Minister Hanotaux and Premier Meline in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, in the sentiments expressed in which he (Lord Salisbury) said he heartily concurred.

Lord Kimberley: "But I should prefer to have a statement of Great Britain's policy by Great Britain's Ministers."

Lord Salisbury: "The policy of the powers was explained in the speeches of MM. Hanotaux and Meline. If I have used their brilliant language, it is my misfortune and not my fault."

In the lobbies of the House the remarks of Lord Salisbury are regarded as indicative of an aim on the part of the Premier to secure closer entente with France, and also as indicating that England and France are closer united with one another in understanding in regard to Crete than they are with the other powers.

Greek Warships Move.

Canea, March 16.—As a result of the operation of the blockade of Cretan ports by the combined fleets of the powers, the Greek squadron, with the exception of two small warships, left Cretan waters to-day. The two vessels that remain are preparing to take their departure.

The Blockade Begun.

Vienna, March 16.—The blockade of the ports of the island of Crete by the warships of the concerted European powers went into effect to-day.

Is Russia Inciting Greece?

New York, March 16.—A despatch to The Herald from Athens says: There is a whisper in court circles here that Russia is secretly urging Greece to war. Faithful to Prince Lobanoff's policy and under the mask of friendship to Turkey, Russia will occupy Constantinople, when a rising in the Balkans is brought on by Greece. Russia will then retain Constantinople and abandon Crete and a part of Macedonia to Greece. The attitude of Germany is resented by the Greeks, who propose to retaliate by obstructing German commerce and oriental exports and favoring the French.

Greeks Resist Coercion.

London, March 16.—A despatch to The Times from Athens says that since the action of the powers in ordering the beginning of coercive measures against Greece became known in Greece, the popular determination that the Greek army of occupation shall never be withdrawn from Crete has become stronger than ever. The people are unanimous in this matter, and the King and the Government have no choice but to swim with the tide of popular feeling.

The commander of the Greek troops in Crete is fortifying his position upon the hills at Alikianu.

A Pro Tem Commissioner.

Vienna, March 16.—It is announced here that until the powers shall declare the appointment of a Governor for Crete, a commissioner will be appointed to act in that capacity in the name of the European powers.

Thessalians Moving.

Athens, March 16.—Information has been received here that two band of Thessalians one of one thousand men and the other of three hundred men, have entered Macedonia from the Larissa and Volo districts of Thessaly.

A GRAVE SITUATION.

British Troops in the Transvaal Ordered to Hold Themselves in Readiness for an Emergency.

London, March 16.—The Daily Mail under the caption "The Transvaal—A Grave Situation," will to-morrow publish a despatch from Cape Town saying that the British troops there have beep ordered to hold themselves in readiness for an emergency. The despatch quotes anti-British utterances published by the press of the Transvaal.

Legislative Notes.

Mayor Bingham, City Solicitor D. B. McTavish, Ald. White, J. C. Roger, Cook, Stewart, Payment and Gauthier of the city of Ottawa composed a deputation, which waited upon the Private Bills Committee yesterday to ask for power to borrow $115,000 for waterworks and fire department improvement purposes without the passing of a bylaw. Messrs. H. Hudon and Wallace also of Ottawa opposed the bill, but it was finally carried.

The same committee also confirmed a bylaw to consolidate the city debt of Windsor; an agreement between Hamilton and the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway; a bylaw extending the time for building the bridge across the Ottawa, and a bylaw to permit Port Dalhousie to grant a bonus of $6500 to the Toronto Rubber Company.

Hon. John Dryden was yesterday elected chairman of the Railway Committee.

Dr. Stewart of Palmerston appeared in answer to a summons before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday to give an account of his conduct of the vaccine farm at that town. Dr. Bryce read a report of an inspection of the farm by Dr. McKenzie, which was eminently satisfactory.

Dr. Willoughby, the Opposition whip, is ill and has not attended the session this week.

Old Man Nearly Asphyxiated.

Lawrence Walls, an old man who lives by himself in a brick cottage at Monroe and Napier-streets, retired Monday evening in good health. He was not seen around the premises yesterday, and Mrs. Mitchell, who lives near by informed the neighbors. The door was burst open, and the old man was found lying in bed unconscious. He had been knocked out by coal gas. He was taken in the ambulance to St. Michael's Hospital, where he is recovering.

The "Fortieth" Celebrated.

WilsonLodge, A.F. & A.M., held its 40th anniversary at the Masonic Hall last evening. There was a large gathering of Masons, among whom was the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William Gibson. An exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

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A LITERAL APPLICATION.

TARIFF CLERK FIELDING: That old coon's been playing us some shabby tricks lately. I think I'll heap a few coals of fire on his head.

THE AX FALLS AGAIN.

Tory Workingmen Have No Show This Year.

DREDGERS GET THE BOUNCE

New Men Put On For the Work On the St. Lawrence Channel.

Mr. Gauthier Gets a Verdict and Abbe Proulx Gets a Reprimand in Connection With That Election Deal in L'Assomption—Laval Students Make a Demonstration—Father Murphy of Gold Cure Fame Sent Up by Judge Desnoyers of Montreal for Trial.

Montreal, March 16.—(Special.)—The ax has fallen again heavily in Sorel Saturday was the day for the re-engagement of the crews of the dredges and vessels engaged in keeping the St. Lawrence channel clear. When the work of re-engaging commenced, Howden, the Public Works Superintendent of dredgery, who was present, gave all the old hands a chance. The number of some forty, to understand that they would not be reengaged. New men were put on in every case, though many of the old hands had been on the work for years.

GAUTHIER GETS A VERDICT.

Judge Curran to-day gave Mr. Gauthier a verdict of $100, yet at the same time His Honor severely scored the member for L'Assomption for accepting the $750, and also Abbe Proulx for having been a party to such a transaction.

STUDENTS RAISE A RUMPUS.

Considerable excitement was caused on St. James'-street this morning by the actions of about a hundred students who surrounded the office of Les Nouvelles. It appears that in last Sunday's issue there was an article reflecting on the conduct of the young men of Laval University in general, which did not tend to increase their popularity with the students. They took this means of expressing their disapproval of the action of the paper. They first sang a couple of songs and then tore up and burned about one hundred copies of the paper. Calls for the editor did not cause that functionary to appear, and an unusually large deputation waited on him in his office. They demanded the name of the writer, but the editor refused to divulge it and telephoned for the police. A patrol wagon was sent to the scene and the gathering dispersed.

FATHER MURPHY COMMITTED.

Judge Desnoyers this morning rendered judgment in the case of the Rev. Father Murphy, committing the accused to go before the grand jury and stand his trial in the Court of Queen's Bench on the charge of obtaining the sum of $5000 from J. J. Franklin of Toronto, under false pretences. The case is one that has been before the magistrate for some three months, and was only concluded toward the close of last month. The charge was to the effect that Father Murphy represented to Franklin that Archbishop Corrigan of New York and the Bishop of Newark had been trying to induce him to open up a gold cure institute in the vicinity of the American metropolis. On such representation the complainant claims to have advanced the money, only to find out afterwards that the prelates mentioned were not interested in the venture.

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Dineens are Toronto's leading hatters, and they have on hand shipments of fine spring hats from all the leading English and American makers. Ask to see Dineens' special.

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Antique Furniture by Auction.

Messrs. C. J. Townsend & Co. beg to announce that they have received advices of a choice collection of antique furniture in rosewood and mahogany, rare old Chippendale and Sheraton, and a number of colonial pieces; old Elizabethan furniture in black oak and some beautiful pieces in the Empire style; bronzes, bric-a-brac, etc. This collection, which is one of unusual interest and well worthy of a visit, will be on view on Tuesday, March 23, and sold on Thursday. Catalogs on application.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., day, 75c.

The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, established 1875, Edward W. Scott President. General agents wanted in the following districts: Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, Belleville, Peterboro, Barrie, Owen Sound, Arthur, Guelph, Stratford, Berlin, London and Hamilton. Successful agents and gentlemen seeking remunerative business connections may apply to R. H. Matson, General Manager for Canada, 37 Yonge-street, Toronto. 136

The Wearing of the Green.

To-day we show something new—green mixed neckwear in bows, puffs and string ties. Don't forget our big glove, shirt and collar sale this week. Cape and kangaroo gloves 69c a pair, regular $1; colored-fronted shirts, latest Dresden effects, 50c, regular 85c; cambric shirts, 2 collars, detached, 44c, regular 75c; cambric shirts, 2 collars and cuffs, detached, 75c, regular $1.25; 3 four-ply collars 25c; other lines at similar reduced prices. Sword, 55 King-street east.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W, evenings, 50c.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

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NOMINATION DAY AT HULL.

Mr. Laurier Speaks on the School Question—Not What He Wanted But Best He Could Get.

Ottawa, March 16.—(Special.)—The transpontine town of Hull was a busy political centre to-day. In the forenoon the Conservatives of Ottawa county met to nominate a candidate for the Local Legislature, and in the afternoon the regular nomination of candidates for the representation of Wright county in the Commons was held. At the Conservative convention Hon. G. A. Nantel, Minister of Crown Lands for Quebec, was placed in nomination by Warden Ellard and seconded by Mr. N. Tetreau, ex-M.L.A. The acceptance of Mr. Nantel as the standard-bearer of the Conservatives was urged by E. B. Eddy and several other prominent people, and the nomination was made unanimous. J. McDougall, Conservative, and L. N. Champagne, Liberal, were duly nominated for the Commons for Wright county. The election takes place on the 23rd, two days before Parliament meets.

THE PREMIER SPEAKS.

Speech-making commenced in the City Hall at 2 p.m., and after the candidates had been heard, Mr. Laurier was introduced and warmly welcomed.

The Premier was in rather poor voice, but he enthused the Liberal electors present to the shouting pitch. Speaking of the school settlement, he said that when he entered office he entered into negotiations with the Government of Manitoba and obtained from them concessions which give the French Catholics of Manitoba religious teaching in their schools, and the protection of their language. As a result the French language will now be taught in the schools of Manitoba. "Are you satisfied?" Cries of "Yes, yes." He appealed to the good sense of all reasonable men if this was not a satisfactory settlement. "I want the two languages taught in all the schools," he said, "I speak French, because it is the language of my mother, of the historic nation from which I have sprung, but I also speak English, because it is the language of business. This double-teaching will enable the children of Manitoba to earn their living as they could not otherwise do."

Towards the close of his address Mr. Laurier said: "I appeal, not to your prejudices, but to your good faith. I am a Catholic as you know, and I have the good of my countrymen at heart. It is not by hostility that we can come to an understanding, but by compromise. I know I have not got as much as I wanted, but I have got as much as I could. We have settled the question to the best of our power. It will not satisfy Archbishop Langevin, it will not satisfy some extremists, but the policy of the Government will, I am convinced, be accepted by all fair thinking Catholics without exception."

MR. TAILLON REPLIES.

Ex-Postmaster-General Taillon replied. He dealt thoroughly with the question from the standpoint of the hierarchy. But, when in scathing terms he denounced Mr. Laurier's hypocrisy and traitorous treatment of the trustful electors of Quebec, an organized gang of Champagne's claquers raised a great racket, Mr. Taillon, finishing amidst this racket, sat down with the remark that succeeding Liberal speakers need not expect better treatment. The McDougall men took the hint.

Mr. Bourassa, M.P., Mr. Marcil, the candidate in Gaspe, and the Controller of Customs essayed to speak, but were howled down and the meeting, which was very evenly divided, broke up in disorder.

Thwarted the Youthful Drift.

A number of boys in one of the Toronto collegiates had engaged seats for a certain matinee performance in one of the theatres here to-day. Of course it was only accidental that their arrangement was made with the house to which a special wire had been constructed from the Corbett-Fitzsimmons battle ground. However, their best-laid plans were wafted to the ears of the Principal, who checked their frolic elect by changing important examinations from Tuesday to Wednesday. The boys are not at all angry. Oh! no!

The Self-Denying Ordinance.

A well-known member of the Presbyterian Church in Toronto who has lately retired from the ministry is very enthusiastic about the week of self-denial, which is being observed that the Foreign Mission fund of the church may swell thereby. His idea consists, however, of going without breakfast, taking a light lunch whenever he has to prepare his own, and inviting himself out to evening dinner. This might do very well were his friends not Presbyterians, but this being a fact people are wondering how this is to counteract the deficit.

Will Get No Grant.

The Industrial Exhibition Board of Directors met yesterday afternoon and a letter was read from the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fisher, intimating that the Dominion Government will be unable to make any grant towards the holding of a Dominion Exhibition in Toronto this year.

A deputation from the Ministerial Association waited upon the board and entered a protest against the introduction of the ballet on the program of special attractions.

The president assured the deputation of the desire of the management to exhibit nothing that was not in accordance with the moral sentiment of the community, and in proof of his statement referred to the annual report issued recently.

Class of Ninety Five.

Arrangements are being made to hold a re-union of the class of '95, University of Toronto, on the evening of Easter Monday (April 19), and circulars have been sent out to the members of the class, who are now widely scattered throughout Ontario, calling for suggestions as to the character the affair should assume. As it is difficult to locate all the members of the class, it is requested that both those who receive circulars and those who do not communicate immediately with the class president, Mr. James A. Tucker, B.A., Owen Sound.

Big Rush of Passengers to the Old Country This Coming Summer.

Berths for June and July are already being applied for; so passengers who wish to travel in comfort will please reserve accommodation at once at S. J. Sharp's ticket office, 78 Yonge-street.

Sheds Blazed Last Night.

A row of sheds in the rear of 123 to 135 Niagara-street were burned last night. The loss is about $200.

Remington Typewriter for $15.

Also No. 6 Remington, No. 2 and 4, Smith Premier, No. 4 Yost, and all makes of second-hand machines at cost price. Creelman Bros., Typewriter Co., 19 Adelaide-street east.

BIRTHS.

MICHIE—At 150 Beverley-street, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the wife of J. Forbes Michie, of a daughter.

THEY WILL NOT TALK.

Ministers Silent on the New U.S. Tariff Bill.

ONE ALONE SPOKE OF IT.

And He Said the Fierce Protective Features Were Expected.

It is Stated, However, That Arrangements Have Been Made at Washington for a Joint Commission to Meet and Consider the Whole Question, With a View to a Reciprocity Treaty—A Washington Man Spent a Few Days With the Ottawa Lumbermen Before the New Bill Was Finally Adopted.

Ottawa, March 16.—(Special.)—Ministers decline to criticize the United States tariff bill, but one of their number, recently returned from Washington, declared that its fiercely protective features were not unexpected. They had been told in Washington how it would be, but were assured the protective character of the tariff would not prevent reciprocity negotiations being entered into. He added that early in April President McKinley would be invited by the Ottawa Government to name American representatives on a joint commission to look into the whole question of international trade and suggest lines upon which a reciprocity treaty might be arranged.

AN EMISSARY.

A local paper says that while the Republican leaders who compose the Ways and Means Committee of the new Congress were still in session, namely on the 5th of March, there arrived in Ottawa an accredited agent of the new regime, Mr. F. J. Sheridan, who duly registered at the Russell from Washington. Mr. Sheridan made no secret of the fact that his mission was to confer with leading lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley in regard to the lumber schedule of the proposed new United States tariff. Mr. Sheridan remained in and about Ottawa until the 11th inst., when, his mission having been fulfilled, he quietly took his departure for Washington. There is no doubt his business was to confer with the lumbermen of the Ottawa section as to the duty on sawn lumber, and the comparatively moderate treatment of that product in the wood schedule of the new tariff is evidently the result of the understanding arrived at during the commissioner's stay in the Capital.

Railway Notes.

It is stated that James Webster is to be reinstated as G.T.R. superintendent at Allandale. For some time past Mr. Tiffin has been filling Mr. Webster's place, but it is said that the former was appointed only temporarily to make changes in the staff, which the latter did not feel inclined to make, since his personal friends would be affected thereby. It is asserted, in fact, that Mr. Webster is still in receipt of his Allandale salary and that he will resume his old position on April 1.

The railway authorities seem satisfied with the result of their discontinuance of the special market-day passenger rates to market towns from surrounding points. They assert that the rescinding of the old-time privileges by which people were allowed to occupy two or three seats with their purchases at market towns has resulted in an increase of freight receipts, and that, moreover, the companies are recouped for the loss in market-day traffic by the increase in the number of passengers who travel on ordinary week days.

The emigration to the Northwest from Toronto and other Ontario points is said to be greater this spring than in former seasons.

Gen. Superintendent McTuigan, Chief Engineer Hobson and Superintendent Fitzpatrick of the G.T.R. have gone to Detroit.

John M. Storr, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Chicago and Great Western, is in town.

F. K. Bowman, District Passenger Agent at Buffalo of the Chicago and Alton, is in the city.

Telegraphic Briefs.

which has been with the circus 20 years, was hanged yesterday at Bridgeport, Conn., having become ugly. Tip weighed 3500 pounds and stood 10 feet 6 inches high. He died defiant.

Rev. Dr. Jackson of Knox Church, Galt, has accepted a call to Madison-avenue Presbyterian Church, Cleveland. Guelph Presbytery yesterday met and passed eulogistic resolutions, expressing regret at the reverend gentleman's departure. He will remain in his present charge till the end of this month.

At Carrutherville, Missouri, and other points in that section, water got into many houses and drove the people out. At Galeso prisoners had to be removed from the jail.

George H. Coes, the old-time minstrel, died yesterday in Boston.

At Omaha, Charles Rodontsky, a shoemaker, and his wife and baby were fatally burned by a gasoline explosion in an emigrant wagon in which they were setting out for Kansas.

The rolling mills of Lancaster and Columbia, Pa., have reduced wages 10 per cent.

Dr. Lalonde has been chosen as the Liberal candidate for Vaudreuil in the Quebec provincial election.

Toronto Extra Men's Benefit Concert.

A concert in aid of the extra men of the Street Railway was held at the Masonic Hall, Bolton-avenue and Queen-street, and proved to be one of the greatest successes of the season. Mr. Wilson of the Railway Company was chairman. The meeting was opened by Mr. Wylie, and his address was appreciated by all present. The talent for the concert were all appreciated and all were encored. Mr. Howard gave a violin solo, and he being an old man, was a surprise to all. The managers of the smoking concert were A. J. Wilson, chairman; J. Hawksby, treasurer; F. J. Newberry, secretary.

Milder Weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 10—36; Prince Albert, 8 below—32; Winnipeg, 8 below—20; Port Arthur, 12 below—24; Parry Sound, 14—20; Toronto, 8—22; Ottawa, 2 below—14; Montreal, 2—14; Quebec, zero —12; Halifax, 14—20.

PROBS—Becoming decidedly milder today and to-morrow; fair to-day; a few local showers to-night or to-morrow.

Steamship Movements.

March 16.	At	From
Idam	Amsterdam	New York
Majestic	Queenstown	New York

Baths steam heated, 127 and 129 Yonge.