

Balfour's Bill!

The Notorious Irish Coercion Act to be Repealed.

Second Reading of the Motion to Rescind the Measure.

Coburg En Fete—Marriage of Queen Victoria's Granddaughter—Precautions for Protecting the Royal Guests—A Bank Manager Murdered by Burglars.

Mr. Gladstone Not Well.

LONDON, April 18.—The Daily News says that Mr. Gladstone is somewhat indisposed. His ailment, while not serious, tends to weaken him.

Stricken with Paralysis.

LONDON, April 18.—Sir Edward Watkin, M. P. for Hythe and chairman of the Southwestern Railway Company, was stricken with paralysis at his Snowdon residence yesterday.

The Belgian Poisoning Case.

ANTWERP, April 18.—Mrs. Joniaux, a lady occupying a high position in society throughout Belgium, has been arrested on suspicion of having poisoned a number of wealthy relatives in order to obtain insurance on their lives.

Great Counterfeiting Den.

PARIS, April 18.—The police yesterday raided a house in Rouillac and disclosed one of the most complete counterfeiting establishments discovered in many years. It was devoted to counterfeiting 50 and 100 franc notes 250 and 50,000 francs were ready for circulation and were seized.

Atlantic Passenger Rates.

LONDON, April 18.—There is the best authority for saying that negotiations between the managers of the various transatlantic steamship lines looking to the establishment of a uniform rate of passage have been broken off and will not be revived.

Murdered the Manager.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 18.—Mr. Mackey, the manager of the Commercial Bank of Barro, in Darling district, was shot dead yesterday by two masked robbers. The thieves commanded Mr. Mackey to deliver up the money in the safe. He refused, and the robbers killed him and made their escape.

Lord Dufferin's Daughter To Be Married.

PARIS, April 18.—It is announced that a marriage has been arranged between Lady Victoria Alexandrina, youngest daughter of the Marquis of Dufferin, and Hon. William Lee Plunkett, eldest son of the Archbishop of Dublin and primate of Ireland.

Presented to the Pope.

ROME, April 18.—Cardinal Benito Sanzay Foras, archbishop of Seville, presented the Spanish pilgrims to his Holiness to-day. On behalf of the Pope, Senor Mey Del Val, Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, read in Spanish a discourse to the pilgrims in which the Pope said that the pilgrimage closed worthily a jubilee which proclaimed the glories of Spain. The Pope earnestly desired fraternity of labor under a regime of charity and justice, and advised concord and union and a return to institutions which were not controlled by political passions. Nineteen cardinals and fifteen bishops were present. The Pope was in excellent health and spirits and in a genial mood.

To Repeal Balfour's Act.

LONDON, April 18.—In the House of Commons to-day John P. Nolan, member for North Galway, moved the repeal of the Coercion Act, passed at the instance of Mr. Balfour in 1887. The motion was seconded by Wm. Redmond, and carried. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, seconded the motion of Mr. Nolan to read the bill repealing the Coercion Act a second time. Mr. Morley contended that Ireland was perfectly tranquil and if there ever had been any necessity for the operation of the Coercion Act, that necessity had passed long ago. Not a single agrarian crime had been committed in Ireland, he said, since he had come into the office of Chief Secretary, and it was high time to revoke the exceptional legislation with which Ireland was oppressed.

Mr. Balfour protested against the second reading of the bill on such short notice. A few hours' debate was insufficient in discussing the repeal of an act of such magnitude.

The bill passed the second reading—254 to 104—amid loud and prolonged Liberal and Irish cheers.

John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has been selected chairman of the committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the working of the Irish Land Act. Among the other members of the committee are Messrs. Dillon, Sexton and Healy, anti-Parnellites; and T. W. Russell, Liberal-Unionist.

The anti-Parnellite members of Parliament have decided to support the budget, provided the Government will agree that the increased tax on spirits be limited to the present year.

The Fete at Coburg.

COBURG, April 18.—The ex-Empress Frederick, Prince Henry and his wife, Princess Irene of Prussia, Duke George of Saxe-Meiningen, and several members of his family, arrived this evening. They were met at the railroad station by the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg. The royal visitors were heartily cheered by crowds at the station and en route to the palace.

The city was filled with visitors, and the gaily decorated streets were crowded with people in holiday garb in honor of the marriage of Princess Victoria of Coburg and Edinburgh, to her cousin, the Grand Duke Ernest Louis, of Hess. Queen Victoria was serenaded by the band of the First Dragoon Regiment of the Prussian Guard, of which her Majesty is honorary colonel, and this afternoon the Queen drove out with her granddaughters. Extreme precautionary measures against an attempt upon the life of some member of the reigning families assembled here were taken, and hundreds of detectives of all nations mingled with the crowds.

The Czarevich has a body guard of

Russian police, and is also looked after by some of the most experienced of German detectives.

A similar German guard has been assigned to the protection of Queen Victoria in addition to the special English police, who guarded her during her stay in Florence.

The Prince of Wales is constantly guarded by two English detectives and a detail of German police.

A large torchlight procession did fancy marching on the Schloss Platz this evening. About the middle of the evening the Burgomaster and other municipal authorities, flanked by treble lines of torches, delivered an address to bride and bridegroom. Afterward the royal guests and the crowd sang the National Anthem.

POLITICAL UPS AND DOWNS.

The Tory Leaders in the Manitoba Legislature Unseated.

Dr. Wicksteed Wants to be Called Before the Bar of the House—Petersburg Liberals Renominate J. R. Stratton.

WEST PETERBORO LIBERALS.

PETERBORO, Ont., April 18.—The Liberals of West Peterboro held a convention in the Opera House here this afternoon to select a candidate for the Legislature. The Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer, was present and addressed the meeting. Mr. J. R. Stratton, the present member, was the unanimous choice of the convention for re-election.

MR. DAVIDSON UNSEATED.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 18.—Mr. J. A. Davidson, Conservative leader of the Opposition in the Local House, was unseated yesterday by the courts on the ground of corrupt practices on the part of his agents. His predecessor in the leadership was also unseated for corruption.

DR. WICKSTEED IS NOT WORRIED.

OTTAWA, April 18.—Dr. Wicksteed, one of the law clerks of the House of Commons, says he is not worrying much about his suspension. He only wants a chance to be called before the bar of the House.

MANY MADE HOMELESS.

Destructive Fire in Huntsville, Ont., Starts in a Rubbish Heap.

Many Public Buildings and Thirty-Two Stores Burned—Other Fires.

HUNTSVILLE, Ont., April 17.—A disastrous fire occurred here to-day, resulting in the destruction of over 30 places of business. The fire spread from a rubbish heap to H. S. May's hardware store, thence it spread to all the business places in the easterly part of Main street, and in less than two hours the whole was in ashes, comprising one hotel, grist mill and 32 business places, also the Episcopal Church and telegraph and telephone offices, postoffice and the steamer Excelsior, owned by G. F. Marsh.

The fire engines from Gravenhurst and Bracebridge came, but too late to save anything. Loss estimated at about \$130,000; insurance about \$40,000. Many people are homeless to-night.

HASTINGS, Ont., April 18.—A fire broke out in the barnyard of J. Crowley, two miles west of this village, to-day. Loss about \$2,000. In his efforts to save some of the contents Mr. Crowley was severely burned.

FATAL RIOT IN DETROIT.

Two Laborers Shot Dead and Several Persons Seriously Wounded.

DETROIT, Mich., April 18.—The water board, which will employ a large number of laborers laying pipe extensions, decided a short time ago to pay the men digging trenches by the yard instead of by the day, as formerly. This the men objected to, and a fatal riot occurred to-day. The men gathered to assemble at the scene at 4 o'clock this morning, and by 7 o'clock at least 700 laborers were there, all demanding day work and many threatening violence to anyone who should go to work by the yard. When Engineer Williams appeared at 7 o'clock the fracas began.

Sheriff Collins, with a number of deputies, soon arrived upon the scene, and the sheriff served notice upon the men that he was there to preserve order, and that he would protect any who wished to work. One of the Poles began a violent opposition harangue to the men. The mob roared, and swinging their picks and shovels, advanced upon the officers, who drew their pistols, and as the mob pressed upon them they fired.

Almost immediately Sheriff Collins was struck down by a shovel, a corner of which pierced his skull as he fell another shovel struck him on the leg. The attention of the crowd was turned in another direction, and while the confusion lasted the sheriff was carried off by some of the friendly workmen to a shanty.

For a few minutes there was a shower of bullets, fired at short range, into the dense crowd. This did not deter the infuriated laborers. Though several of their number fell, they pressed on until the muzzle of the revolvers were at their very breasts, and mowed down everybody who opposed them.

A telephone message from the water-works said positively that one Pole was killed.

Among the injured are: Sheriff Collins, Turnkey Steyskal, Michael Kafiski (will probably die), W. E. Frise, Andrew Boersig, John Russell Fisher (Evening News reporter, brained on back and shoulders); one Pole wounded, name not known.

LATER.

In the fight in Grosse Point township to-day Sheriff Collins was probably fatally injured, two Polish rioters were shot dead, half a dozen more were seriously injured, and at least three fatally.

WORK AND WAGES.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 18.—The miners employed by the Santa Fe Company at the Fontenac mine, the largest in the district, have decided not to strike on April 21, as had been decided by the National Organization.

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"Mental" Notes

Were Taken During the Recent Tariff Conferences.

The Member for Bellechasse Furnishes Fun for the House.

Messrs. McGregor, Lister and Campbell Plead the Cause of Handicapped Canadian Fishermen.

(Special to the ADVERTISER.)

OTTAWA, April 18.—In the House to-day, in reply to a question by Mr. Casey, Mr. Foster said that mental and other notes are taken during the tariff conferences, but no report was made to the Government, and was not expected.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell)—How many of these mental notes are still legible?

Mr. Foster—They are legible in the tariff propositions.

Sir Richard Cartwright—Which propositions, the first or second?

Mr. Foster—There may yet be more propositions.

There was laughter at these sallies.

The House deeply loves a laugh to relieve the dry tediousness of a debate. It was nothing, however, to the fun the Opposition got out of Mr. Amyot. That gentleman left the Conservatives and then went back to them, so that the Liberals as well as the Conservatives have a wholesome contempt for the member for Bellechasse. He placed a question on the paper asking if the Government were aware of a debate in the Manitoba Legislature on the school question in 1891, and of certain statements Hon. Jos. Martin was alleged to have made and broken.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell) objected that the question was out of order, and Mr. Speaker ruled that it was, and added that it was a highly objectionable and wholly irrelevant question. Then the Opposition laughed loud and long at Mr. Amyot's confusion, and rubbed it in by several derisive remarks.

"Is this the Mr. Amyot," said Mr. Lister, "who was in charge of the provisions," a reference to Col. Amyot's experiences in the Northwest rebellion which appeared to annoy the member for Bellechasse, but amused the Liberals who footed Mr. Amyot's election expenses and were deserted afterwards.

Mr. McGregor, in moving for copies of all orders issued by the Government concerning the fisheries of Ontario, complained that the restrictions in force on the border in Canada handicapped Canadian fishermen in favor of American fishermen.

While the only four-pound nets on the Canadian side of St. Clair, there were 70 on the American side. The annual catch in the St. Clair, Detroit River and Lake Erie was \$1,899,000 on the American side, while it was \$229,000 on the Canadian side. Mr. McGregor showed that the fish were increasing in numbers in this portion of Ontario. The number caught on the Canadian side was in 1880, 11,000,000; in 1885, 27,000,000; in 1890, 32,000,000, and in 1892, 33,000,000. The number caught on the American side rose in 1892 to 137,000,000. He denied that the fish did not cross from side to side, because the wind affected their movements. He condemned what he termed the harshness used by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in enforcing their regulations by seizing and confiscating the outfits of the poor fishermen and sometimes imprisoning them. The result was that Canadian fishermen were being driven across the border, and the proportion now was 1,500 on the American side and only 200 on the Canadian side. He appealed to the House to remove these grievances, and quoted a resolution passed at a meeting of Canadian fishermen asking to be put on an equality with American fishermen by being placed under the same regulations. They spent \$4,000 a year on the Sandwich fish hatchery, but the Americans under existing regulations reaped the benefit of this Canadian hatchery. If things were not changed for the better they should close up the hatchery. The close season worked great hardships, and should be changed so as to extend from Nov. 25 to April 15.

Mr. Lister said that the regulations complained of extended to Lake Huron, and the management and regulations of the department were equally obnoxious to the fishermen of Lake Huron. He recognized the difficulty which the department had to contend with, but he strongly denounced the regulation prohibiting the use of seine nets. This had the effect of depriving fishermen of their living. The department encouraged the use of pound nets, which injured the fisheries. They would be satisfied with the close seasons if seines were used instead of pound nets. It was impossible to fish a river fishery out. It was all right to talk of preserving the fisheries, but we should not preserve them for the use of Americans. If these fisheries were to be depleted let Canadians share in the depletion. The department was wrong in concluding that the Canadian fish stayed on the Canadian side always and never crossed to the United States.

Dr. Landerkin—Loyal fish.

"Unless," added Mr. Lister, "it was a fugitive fish."

Dr. Landerkin—A rebel.

Mr. Lister believed the wind drove the fish from side to side. He closed with an eloquent plea for justice to these poor, industrious and honest fishermen who were to be ruined this season by the refusal of the department to renew their licenses of last year.

Mr. Campbell believed in unrestricted fishing for Canadians if they had to compete with unrestricted fishing by Americans.

Mr. Macdonnell, of Algoma, was speaking at 6 o'clock, and when the House resumed at 8 o'clock the order of business changed, and Mr. McGregor's motion will be taken up another day.

The debate on Mr. Tarte's motion for papers respecting the Manitoba and Northwest school questions was resumed by Mr. Davin, who questioned the right of the Government to send an order in council to the Northwest authorities requesting them to rescind or amend the school ordinance.

Mr. Davin made an exhaustive speech lasting two and one-half hours and at its conclusion the House was so exhausted that it immediately adjourned. Mr. Brodeur will resume the debate.

NOTES.

A delegation waited on the Government to-day and requested that the duty on coal oil be reduced to 3½ cents a gallon.

An act amending the Insurance Act was introduced in the Senate to-day by the

Minister of Agriculture. It deals chiefly with relations of insurance companies to the Government, but also defines the classes of business for which licenses may be granted. No other business can be combined with life insurance, but any two of fire, marine, cyclone and tornado insurance may be carried on together.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell) gives notice of a resolution that efforts should be made to introduce the fur seal into Hudson Bay and other points upon the eastern Atlantic coast.

Late Canadian News.

A Farmer Drops Dead While Riding Horseback.

Newfoundland Newspaper Men Fined for Contempt of Court.

The rate of taxation for Guelph has been fixed at 23½ mills.

The Collingwood curfew regulation is said to be productive of good results.

The streets of Winnipeg are in a worse condition than at any time since 1882.

Sir Francis Johnson, aged 79 years, chief justice of the Supreme Court of the Province of Quebec, is dying.

Miss Bertha Wright, Ottawa, has accepted the presidency of the Dominion Young Women's Christian Association.

C. P. R. traffic for the week ending April 14, \$313,000; same week last year, \$397,000. Decrease for 1894, \$84,000.

Adam Brown, president; J. J. Mason, vice-president, and Henry McLaren, secretary, are the new officers of the Hamilton S. P. C. A.

Mayor Peters was defeated in the mayoralty election in St. John, N. B. The result is a victory for the Tax Reform Association.

The St. Lawrence River is covered with ice opposite Quebec. The blockade was started at Platon early Wednesday morning. Navigation will be opened in a few hours.

Burglars at Thurso, Que., Tuesday night raided Rev. J. Chateau's house and Cheever's hotel. They stole jewelry and cash from the preacher and whisky from the publican.

Ten persons were brought before the police magistrate at Nanaimo on Monday and fined \$10 and costs each, for writing in newspapers and otherwise offending against the postal laws.

The solicitor for Wm. McCulloch, of the Toronto Y. M. C. A., has issued a writ for \$5,000 damages against F. S. Cole, traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A. It charges libel and slander.

Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, an old and most respected farmer, rode into Dundalk on Wednesday on horseback to attend to some business, and while riding along Main street suddenly dropped dead.

Mrs. McNally, of Paris, has secured an order at Hamilton restraining T. A. Aitchison from administering the estate of his late wife, a daughter of Mrs. McNally, pending an action at Osgoode Hall for judgment declaring the will a forgery.

A delegation from Russell and Prescott, with one from the Board of Trade, Ottawa, waited on the Minister of Railways on Wednesday to get the Government to compel the C. P. R. to build the Ottawa and Montreal Railway as far as Alfred in 1894.

At Montreal swindlers have been at work altering the denominations of bank bills from \$5 to \$20 and upwards. The City and District Savings Bank was offered three Union Bank of Canada notes and some greenbacks and Bank of Toronto bills altered in this way.

The drygoods section of the Toronto Board of Trade has decided to take determined steps to restrict the practice of dating ahead. It was also decided to cooperate with a deputation of the Montreal Board of Trade in urging the Government to make changes in the tariff relating to woollens, elastic webbing, parasols, etc.

Messrs. Parsons, Editor and Parler proprietors of the St. Johns (Nfld.) Evening Telegram, were fined \$112 each by the Supreme Court for contempt in publishing articles attributing partisan feeling to Justice Winter in unseating and disqualifying Messrs. Woods and Moores as members of the Newfoundland Legislature.

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What Has Been Done in Forming New Branches—A Decline in Giving.

OTTAWA, April 18.—At the Women's Missionary Conference of the Presbyterian Church the report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, showed a falling off in the givings from last year. Fifty-two auxiliaries and 25 mission bands were formed last year.

Barric Presbytery has now 18 auxiliaries and 15 mission bands.

Owen Sound Presbytery reported 1 new auxiliary and 2 new mission bands. There are now 11 auxiliaries and 2 mission bands. Saugeen Presbytery reported 13 auxiliaries and 6 mission bands with a total of 414.

Guelph Presbytery had sent in very meager reports, and there was a falling off in the revenue.

Orangeville Presbytery has 18 auxiliary and 5 mission bands.

Bruce Presbytery reported an increase both in membership and interest.

Winnipeg Presbytery has 15 auxiliary and 4 mission bands; membership, 258.

An increase of 2 auxiliaries was reported in the bounds of the Brandon Presbytery.

In Lindsay Presbytery the present membership is 625, or an increase of 295 over last year.

Hamilton reported 3 new auxiliaries.

Paris Presbytery reported 25 new auxiliaries and 15 mission bands.

There are 30 auxiliaries and 9 mission bands in the London Presbytery.

Sarnia Presbytery has 14 auxiliaries and 5 mission bands.

In Huron Presbytery there is now a membership of 593.

BLOCKED BY A BOULDER.

Heavy Landslide on the Central Road, Near the Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 18.—A heavy landslide occurred on the Lewiston branch of the New York Central Railroad a few miles north of here this evening.

The regular train which leaves here at 4:40 p.m. for Lewiston had just gone down the mountain when the crash came. One boulder has fallen on the tracks, which weighs hundreds of tons, and will have to be blasted before the road will be opened again.

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