

Ontario Legislature

Another Measure Regarding Cities and Towns.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Two Government measures were introduced at last night's session of the Legislature—by Hon. Mr. Ross, an act consolidating and revising the Public School Act; by Sir Oliver Mowat, an act respecting certain proceedings under the act respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons.

Mr. Preston asked as to the qualification of Mr. Blue, the director of the Bureau of Mines, and was answered by Mr. Hardy, who bore the highest testimony to the value to the Province of the services of this official. No Provincial officer works harder to advance the interests under his charge.

Mr. Stratton has introduced a bill respecting cities and towns. It provides for the reduction of the number of councillors or aldermen to one-third of the present number, and for the abolition of wards in municipal elections. It gives to each elector the right to vote for as many candidates as there are members of the council to be elected, but he must vote only once for any candidate. The council is also empowered to fill vacancies in the board for any unexpired term. The act is to come in force in any city or town only after the adoption of a by-law submitted on the strength of a petition signed by at least one-tenth of the electors. The by-law is not to be submitted after Sept. 1 in any year, and if defeated is not to be re-submitted within a period of two years.

The debate on the motion proposed by Mr. Crawford, member for West Toronto, condemning the interference of the Dominion Government with the Manitoba schools should have come up, but the resolution was awkwardly worded, and Mr. Crawford asked leave to withdraw it, so that it could be amended. It was altered to read as follows: "That the Legislative Assembly of Ontario feel deep interest in all that concerns the well-being of every part of the Dominion of Canada, that the principle of Provincial rights, rejoice that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain declared the Legislature of Manitoba acted within their jurisdiction in abolishing the dual system of schools and establishing a single national system of education in lieu thereof in the Province of Manitoba; that we regard the legislation now being contemplated by the Dominion Government, and known as the Remedial Bill, the object of which is to abolish the national system of Manitoba, and restore the old dual system in its place, unfavorably; that this Legislature cannot but look upon the legislation which is being promoted at Ottawa as an attack upon the legislative rights of a sister province, and as a measure fraught with grave danger to the peace and prosperity of Confederation, and consequently we hope even yet that the Dominion Government will decide to abandon the course it is at present following, and to leave Manitoba to manage her own educational affairs in the way that seems best to the people of that Province."

Mr. Gibson (Huron) gives notice of a bill to amend the consolidated assessment act of 1892.

LOTS OF DAIRYMEN.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 24.—The National Buttermakers' and Cheesemakers' Association began a six days' session here today. From 1,000 to 1,500 were in attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada.

DIED FROM A DOG BITE.

Brantford, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, relict of the late Thomas Hall, for a number of years a resident of the Widows' Home, died here from blood poisoning, caused by the bite of a dog. Deceased, who was 78 years of age, was bitten in the ankle some three weeks ago by a small cur, the animal's teeth penetrating pretty deeply, resulting in blood poisoning. She was forced to take to her bed and never fully recovered.

AN ASYLUM FOR ARMENIANS.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—A large number of the most prominent and influential clergymen in the city met yesterday and discussed a scheme whereby Armenians may be induced to take up their homes in the Canadian Northwest. It is understood that the Government will make a grant for this purpose, and that this will be further supplemented by a subscription which already amounts to a considerable sum.

A SEAFORTH FIRE.

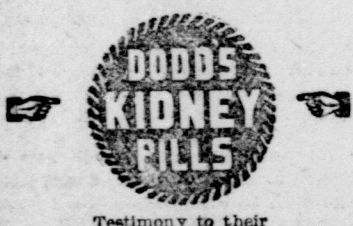
Seaforth, Ont., Feb. 25.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning fire started in the old Pinkney Hotel building, near door south of the postoffice (recently occupied by R. Haxby as a restaurant, barber shop and dwelling), and this building, with James Gillespie's harness shop, adjoining, was almost totally destroyed. The Pinkney Hotel building was owned by the estate of T. T. Coleman, and was insured for \$800. The loss is \$1,300. Gillespie's loss is \$1,600; insured for \$750.

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Eva Booth in Command.

Latest Phase of the Salvation Army Trouble in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth Will Remain in the City.

New York, Feb. 25.—Ballington Booth and his wife have retired from the command of the Salvation Army in America. Eva Booth has been placed in command, temporarily. Such instructions were cable to her from the London headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth accepted their dismissal very quietly. They were asked if they would go to England or remain in America. "We will remain here," said the ex-commander. "We are American citizens. Our children are Americans, and we do not intend to go to England."

A decided anti-English feeling has manifested itself in the ranks of the Salvation Army in this city. The end looks ominous for the American army. Gen. Ballington's friends are numerous, and are very loyal to him. They were about the Fourteenth street headquarters in goodly numbers all day, and were open in their avowal that unless the English officials of the army left Ballington Booth in command there would be a revolution in the ranks.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Commandant Herbert Booth has issued an official statement of his side of the trouble in the Salvation Army, and it says that he does not demand the handing over of his brother's commission, but on the contrary he attempted to dissuade him from persisting in his resignation and refusal to take another command. His sister, Eva Booth, and Col. Nicol joined him in his efforts, but the attempt was unavailing. Beyond this he did nothing to interfere with the American army. He says he has no desire to succeed his brother in New York.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The announcement that Commissioner Booth Tucker had been named to succeed Ballington Booth as commissioner of the Salvation Army in the United States, and that the appointment of Commissioner Eva Booth to the command of the army in the United States is only a temporary affair. She is under 30, and like her parents, is possessed of great executive ability. She has been for several years her father's immediate assistant, and she is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the great work of the army.

ABOUT THE NEW COMMANDER. F. De la Tour Booth-Tucker, the new commander, is 43 years old. He belongs to an old English family, and before he joined the Salvation Army was a resident magistrate in the Punjab district in India.

Eight years ago he became interested in the army, and after investigation decided that about a year returned to India to evangelize the natives. The ex-magistrate donned the garb of the inhabitants of the country, went barefooted and begged his bread as a traveling preacher among the Gingers, one of the native tribes. It was mainly through his efforts that the army got a foothold in that vast country.

He rose rapidly, and now holds the position of foreign secretary. His sister was a distinguished writer, who wrote under the signature of A. L. O. E.

Five years ago he married Emma Booth, the second daughter of Gen. Booth, and sister of Ballington Booth. She is very active in army work, and is lady principal of the organization's training schools.

THE CRISIS AT OTTAWA.

Petition Signed by 5,000 Persons at the Toronto Mass Meeting.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—At the great mass meeting in Toronto on Saturday, the following petition to Parliament was unanimously adopted, and signed by over 5,000 of those present:

"This mass meeting of the citizens of Toronto, which cannot be unrepresentative of the Province of Ontario, respectfully asks the Parliament of Canada to express its attitude on the remedial bill now before the House of Commons, and to desire for a continuation of British connection and confederation. We are anxious for the increase of the glorious, inspiring and unifying impulse of patriotism, and for a better mutual understanding between the elements which, if welded together, will create a nation; but, while we are sincerely loyal to Great Britain and the constitution, we desire to be free ourselves."

"The remedial bill we consider unnecessary, unjust and imprudent. Under the circumstances it will benefit no one and injure all. It is in variance with the provincial autonomy and of a united and harmonious citizenship; an intrusion (whether carried or defeated) into the home and heart of the Dominion of Canada, destructive of the ideal; a bone of contention and a source of weakness to us all, no matter of what race or creed."

"We ask you in our united names appended, with a Canadian voice given to each of the many names, to appeal to whatever force has made this measure a possibility, to stay its hand."

"We extend our hand in peace, brotherhood and affection, saying that such an opportunity—surrounded as it is with contentions and aggravated by importunities—never before was offered to unite the provinces of confederation. If it is refused, such an opportunity may never offer itself again. That the contest, if persisted in, may be final, we do not deny; if it is avoided by those whom we have been led to believe instigated, it will have reason to thank God and open our arms more widely, more eagerly, than ever before to embrace all our fellow-citizens as brothers."

"That in the past we may not have been without error is immaterial; that now we are sincere, reasonable and within our rights, should be enough to make our position tenable, and our procedure unquestioned, as well as to the welfare of confederation and to those 'splendidly isolated' islands of which we are so proud and to the empire of which Canada claims to be no unimportant part."

IN A FIERY FURNACE.

Windsor, Feb. 25.—Two men who were repairing C. H. Marentette's bakery oven at Park street and Bruce avenue had a narrow escape from death. They were in the oven and a lamp exploded at the oven door. The flames caused the gas to ignite, and instantly the room was filled with flames, but the men escaped with a slight scorching. The department extinguished the fire.

House and Lobby.

The Prohibition Bill Discussed in the Commons.

Debate Adjourned Until the Privy Council Decision is Given.

Prospects of Success for Sir Donald Smith's Winnipeg Mission.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Mr. Charlton today introduced his bill to "render more effective the law regarding seduction and abduction." No changes have been made since last session in its provisions, which are to raise the age of consent from sixteen years to eighteen, and to lower the age of responsibility of males for the consequences of seduction under promise of marriage from 21 years to 18. For abduction the age of criminality is raised from 16 to 21 years in the case of females. The bill received its first reading.

In reply to Mr. M. C. Cameron, the Minister of Railways said that W. J. Poupore, Conservative candidate for Pontiac, has contracts with the Government. The amount of money paid to Mr. Poupore's firm is \$78,700 on the Stouffville, and \$302,210 on the Morrisburg; the additional sum of \$4,000 is claimed on the latter. Mr. Poupore says he has assigned his contracts, but the assignment has not been filed in the department. The Minister of Public Works identifies Mr. Poupore as a contractor for that sink-hole of public money, the Little Rapids lock and dam, in which \$260,000 has been wasted, and upon which there is no traffic and no receipts.

The Tax Canal promises to entail upon the country still further expenditures. Mr. Haggart gave to Mr. Cameron (Huron) a long list of claimants against the Government for damages for flooding of their land from the canal. None of the claims have yet been paid.

Mr. Flint resumed his speech upon the prohibition resolution. Upon the question of legislative jurisdiction he quoted the opinions of their Lordships of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to demonstrate that the power to prohibit the liquor traffic lay with the Dominion Parliament. Mr. Flint pointed to Maine as a proof of the fact that whatever effect a prohibitory liquor law might have it did not affect the means of the people of acquiring and storing up wealth.

Mr. Craig united with his political opponent, Mr. Flint, in advocating the adoption of the resolution on behalf of the women who advocate temperance, and of the women who suffer by intemperance on the part of husbands. He asked that an end be put to the liquor traffic. He also appealed to Parliament on behalf of the temperance men of Canada, the Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy of the country. He urged that when prohibition is declared there should be compensation to makers and dealers.

Mr. Charlton said that no evil provoked so much vice as intemperance, and none more sapped the morality of society. It was true that a large portion of the revenues of the country would be lost by the measure, but he pointed out that the savings of the millions which are now squandered and wasted by those who indulge in intoxicating liquors. Furthermore, and above all, there would be the saving of three or four thousand lives which now yearly go down to drunkards' graves.

Dr. Lachapelle, speaking in French, said he appreciated the great evils of intemperance, but could not agree that they could be dealt with by statute. Alcoholism was a modern disease, and was due, in his opinion, to the use of industrial alcohol made by the aid of chemicals and having active toxic qualities. Drunkenness, he said, must be distinguished from chronic alcoholism, which was due to poisons introduced into the circulation by industrial alcohol. The way to deal with it, therefore, was to put a heavy tax upon alcohol manufactured out of chemicals.

Mr. Gullett spoke after recess, strongly favoring the relegation of this subject to the Provincial Legislatures in the same manner as health, education, morals, etc. He moved that the question should be laid over till the decision of the Privy Council was received. Dr. Christie favored immediate prohibition.

Hon. David Mills argued in favor of Provincial rights in the matter of prohibition, reviewing the case of the Queen vs. Russell and the decision of the Privy Council, which was based on the unenumerated powers of Parliament and not on the enumerated powers of the Provinces. As things stood he thought it would be well to wait till the question of jurisdiction was settled and the House knew what its powers were. He was not in a position to vote for Mr. Flint's motion, but if he was as sure as that gentleman was he would have proceeded in the matter himself ere now by way of a bill. He moved that the debate be adjourned.

A division was taken, and Mr. Mills' amendment was carried by 56 to 47, and the House adjourned.

Sir Donald Smith, who has just returned from Winnipeg, holds out the prospect of a settlement of the school question on Provincial lines. It is quite possible that the motion for the second reading of the bill may be deferred when it is called.

The annual report of the Minister of Agriculture, which has been laid on the table of the House, covers the calendar year 1895. It deals with the crops, cattle trade, food products, experimental farms, quarantine and exhibitions. The exportation of live stock from Canada, 99,606; sheep, 187,338. Outside of Montreal only 6,000 head of cattle were shipped. The sheep export was the largest since 1885. The number of horses exported the calendar year was 15,322; in 1890, 16,709; in 1888, 12,210, and in 1890, 21,392. In 1894 the number was 9,414, of the value of \$1,178,000, and in 1895 the 15,322 were valued at only \$1,547,000.

Prof. McEachern states that the healthiness of our live stock generally is phenomenal. Prof. Andrew Smith states that the horses and cattle of

Ontario show a high standard of health. There was a decline in the exports of butter and cheese during the fiscal year ending June 30. The amount of butter was 3,650,000 pounds, of the value of \$897,000, compared with 5,534,000 pounds, valued at \$1,095,000 in 1894. The cheese figures were: 146,000,000 pounds, valued at \$14,553,000, compared with 154,977,000 pounds, valued at \$15,488,000. The report is signed by the Hon. J. A. Oulmet, acting Minister of Agriculture.

The Builders' Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will hold an emergent meeting tomorrow evening, at which a reception will be tendered to Mr. W. Bro. W. White, Q. C., grand master, R. W. Bro. William Gibson, M. P., deputy grand master, and to the members of Parliament who are members of the craft.

Representations have been made to the Controller of Customs in regard to the establishment of a factory at Leamington for the manufacture of beet sugar. It is stated that the inhabitants of that place have made arrangements with a company composed of German capitalists to commence operations, and that an agreement has been entered into with farmers in the neighborhood to supply 1,000 tons of beets daily. In order, however, that the success of the enterprise may be assured, it is asked that a bounty, on a sliding scale, for the production of beet sugar, be granted for a period of five years. It is declared that the prospects are exceedingly bright for the early inauguration of the enterprise, as the beets in the vicinity of Leamington are larger and contain more sugar than elsewhere, and there is an abundance of water and limestone in the neighborhood. Mr. Wood promised to consider the representations made to him.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Lonsbrough, an old and much esteemed resident of McGillivray, who died at his residence the other day, after a long illness. Mr. Lonsbrough was for many years a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

The new industrial school building, now nearly complete at the Muncey institution, and the work connected with it, will cost about \$28,000, and was erected by the missionary society of the Methodist Church. Rev. W. H. appeared as the principal, and to his efforts the success of the institution is largely due.

A case of interest to some farmers was tried at Glencoe the other day. Edmund Stabone was engaged by a farmer named Jeffries for two years under a written agreement at a certain rate per month. Evidence of a subsequent verbal agreement making the wages payable yearly was not allowed, and the judgment for the number of months served was given for the plaintiff.

A very sudden death occurred in the neighborhood of Newbury, in the person of George Harris, aged 67, who died at his home, about two miles from that village. Mr. Harris had been complaining of a pain in his ear for a few weeks, and consulted the doctor, who prescribed, and told him to go home and go to bed at once. A tumor had been growing, and reached his brain, causing death. He was a widower, and had one daughter and three sons are left.

LUCAN.

"Advertiser" Agent, Willard Hodgins. "Lucan, Feb. 25.—Mr. H. Dobbs received a kick from a horse a few days ago which fractured a small bone in his leg.

Mr. A. K. Hodgins, deputy reeve of Biddulph, represented Lucan, No. 200, A. O. U. W., at the grand lodge meeting of that organization in Toronto last week. Miss May Fort has gone to Emmett, Mich., to visit her uncle Dr. Jos. Abbott. Mr. Geo. Neil, son of Mrs. Alexander Neil, 2nd concession McGillivray, died on Saturday 22nd inst., after a short illness. Deceased was a fine young man of 24 years of age, much respected by all who knew him, and his death has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood.

The Baptist correspondent for the Exeter Advertiser described in last week's issue a meeting of the F. M. B. A., at Atkinson school house Biddulph. He said the addresses given on that occasion were both eloquent and instructive, but the correspondent forgot to describe the musical and entertaining part of the programme, which was chiefly supplied by Mr. F. C. Cann, who breaks the monotony from time to time with his well known songs and dance.

LAKE SHORE AND BOSANQUET.

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Feb. 25.—The nektie social at the residence of Edward James on the 21st went off pleasantly, netting \$15, to help on the Methodist fund. The nektie part was very amusing.

James Brand is laid up with a very severe attack of rheumatism. Archie Johnson caught a heavy cold last harvest while working in Manitoba. Indisposition set in, and he has not fully recovered, but every one is glad to see him able to be around again.

A Huntsville lassie finds a pleasant home on the Lake Shore. Lena Shay, whose mother died in Huntsville some time since, has come to live with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mackin. Mr. Mackin is her grand uncle, and Ollie Trussler, also an orphan who was adopted by the Mackins a few years ago, is Lena's uncle, and is only a week older.

Mr. Campbell, of Thorndale, a very old resident of Bosanquet, is not likely to recover, as he is in advanced years and lies low with a complication of ailments. Mrs. James P. Johnson, of Thorndale, is convalescent, having suffered severely from sore throat, brought on by a heavy cold. She was skillfully treated by Dr. Woodward.

We are glad to learn that Rev. J. M. Collins, of Thorndale, superannuated minister, and years ago M. E. pastor there, seems to be recovering after a long illness.

DELAWARE.

Delaware, Feb. 25.—A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. John Mills, on the Longwood road, on Wednesday, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter Nettie to Mr. W. Young, of Moosejaw, Man. The honeymoon trip is to the home of the groom late this week.

Mr. C. J. Fox, former secretary-treasurer of the Delaware Agricultural Society, is moving today to his lately-purchased residence on Elmwood avenue, South London.

Mr. H. C. Johnson, one of our enterprising merchants, has sufficiently recovered from his attack of grippe to be out trying his new high-backed cutter.

Miss Edna Hunt had a short runaway last evening. She was thrown into a snow-bank on the east end hill, and the horse

had it all his own way as far as the Methodist Church shed. The cutter was damaged. Mr. Wm. Shaw, from England, has come back to Delaware again, and is at present hanging up his hat at Jarvis' hotel. Messrs. Fred and Walter Throver propose going to Manitoba early in March next. A crowd of Delaware and a load of Mount Brydges people went over to Howlett's Church to attend a tea meeting in connection with the anniversary services of that church yesterday evening.

The business men and farmers of this neighborhood are getting in their stores of ice.

Mrs. Fred Rockey, of Manitoba, formerly of Delaware, lately lost a young daughter by infirmation of the lungs. Mr. Wm. Bignall, of the 3rd concession line, lost a sleigh and wood rack, Mr. Wonnacott a set of harness, and Mr. Milne a collar and necktie last Friday night. The individual who takes so well must have been acquainted with the places before. Quite likely he will soon have another trip down to Central or Penitentiary.

Mrs. John Lewis has gone on a pleasure trip among friends and relatives in and around Sparta and Union.

ILDERTON.

Ilderton, Feb. 25.—Next Wednesday the W. M. S., of the Exeter district will hold their convention in the Ilderton Methodist Church. Three sessions will be held during the day, commencing at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. A good programme is being provided. Everybody welcome.

The carnival held in the rink here Saturday night was a grand success; quite a number appeared in costume and the rink was crowded to the doors. Another pleasing feature of the evening was a half-mile race which was won by R. Burr of Birt, and O. Wilson, Ilderton, second. Next Saturday evening there will be a half-mile race open to all, also a half-mile race for boys under 15 years of age.

Mr. Ed. Douglas is slowly recovering after a painful illness.

Mr. A. Bowman is seriously ill at present. Quite a number of people in and around our village are laid up with gripple.

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