

It Grows!

Strong Feeling in Favor of Abolishing the House of Lords.

Many Mass Meetings Held to Further the Movement.

Machinery Plans of Projected Warships Stolen.

The Silver Question Brought Up in the House of Commons—Leon Breton's Exploitation of the Talk of Paris—The Brunswick Succession Settled—Nearly 500 Armenians Killed or Wounded by Turks in the Yuzat Riots.

Stopped the Pilgrimages.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The Government has stopped the pilgrimages of Anarchists to Villant's grave in the cemetery.

The Terrible Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 13.—The Turks killed 125 Armenians and wounded 340 during the recent riots at Yuzat.

Frau Materna.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Frau Materna, the great Wagnerian artist, will come to Berlin, where she will sing in a series of Wagner concerts before retiring to private life. She has declined an offer to visit the United States again.

Punished for Attacking Carnot.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—M. Breton, a writer on the Paris Socialist, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1,000 francs for saying that if M. Carnot approved of the death of Villant, nobody would pity him if "his wooden carcass should be dislocated by a bomb."

Valuable Plans of Vessels Stolen.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The admiralty lords have been thrown into a state of consternation by the theft of the machinery plans of the new torpedo destroyers of the Havock type. The Government ordered a fleet of 42 Havocks, and sent the plans to a private firm on the Clyde. The papers were stolen on the way. Two postal officials, who must have handled them, have disappeared.

"The Coat of Christ."

ROME, Feb. 13.—The Pope has granted permission to the Bishop of Versailles on the occasion of the May fete to exhibit the coat of Christ, which relic is kept at Agoutin, on condition that the invitations sent out do not contain the statement that the coat is the seamless garment worn by our Saviour. The provision is made in view of the fact that the seamless coat is understood to be preserved in the Cathedral at Treves.

R. M. Ballentyne's Death.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—There are few boys that will not feel sorry to hear of the death of Mr. R. M. Ballentyne. He wrote his first story for boys in 1848, when he was 23 years of age, and after he had been for six years a resident of the Hudson Bay Company's territories. Before he exhausted that field he traveled extensively in other countries, so that his numerous stories cover a great part of the world.

The Latest Outrage.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The excitement occasioned by the bomb explosion at the cafe of the Hotel Terminus at the St. Lazare railway station last night has not abated, and the outrage is the subject of discussion in all public places. It has been ascertained definitely that at least 25 persons were hurt. The name of the bomb thrower is Leon Breton. The police believe he is a member of an Anarchist group who have their headquarters at Neuilly-Sur-Seine.

Now We Can Sleep.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The Hanover Tagblatt says that Emperor William and the Duke of Cumberland have agreed upon terms settling the question of the Brunswick succession. The Duke of Cumberland resigns all his rights to the succession in favor of his eldest son, George Ludwig, who beginning immediately after Easter will study at Dresden. Later he will serve in the Prussian army and upon coming of age he will succeed to the title of Duke of Brunswick, first renouncing all claims to the throne of Hanover.

Killed by Falling Debris.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Reports of the loss of life and damage to property by yesterday's storm continues to be received from all parts of the country.

At Radeburg, a scaffolding upon which a number of men were working was blown down and four of the workmen were instantly killed and a number injured.

At Penzance, a house was blown down and all the inmates were buried in the ruins. The debris was soon cleared away, when it was found that several children had either been crushed to death or suffocated.

At Rinteln, the tall chimney of the stove and glass works was blown over, and some of the bricks struck three persons, killing them instantly.

At Sonderburg, a bridge collapsed and several persons were killed.

At Luckenwald, Brandenburg, a factory chimney was blown down and ten workmen were killed and many injured. The storm was the most violent experienced in many years.

Against the Lords.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—A great meeting of the London Reform Union to protest against the existence of the House of Lords was held this evening. Sydney Buxton, M. P. for the Tower Hamlets, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Colonial Office, made a speech, in which he said that the Lords had flouted and insulted the people's delegates, and that it was high time they were called to account. Similar speeches were made by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Henry Labouchere and others.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Mr. A. H. Dike-Aland, who holds the office of vice-president of the committee of the council on education in the present Ministry, raised a

furor of enthusiasm in a speech at Portsmouth this evening by declaring that the Government had determined to negative all amendments made by the House of Lords. The Government will not submit, he said, to being dictated by the Peers.

A number of Radical meetings were held in the provinces last evening, at which the consensus was in favor of abolishing the House of Lords. The agitation against the Lords is increasing daily. The Radical newspapers are filled with accounts of the movement, the ordinary news of the day being curtailed.

Parliament—The British Councils Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Pariah Councils Bill passed its third reading in the House of Lords to-day. The bill was greatly mutilated by the amendments made to it in the Upper House.

The silver question was up again in the House of Commons. Replying to questions on the subject, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared that it was not intended to reopen the silver question to readopt a minimum rate for the sale of India Council bills. The Government did not intend to tax imports of silver nor to change its present policy. The Indian Government has not exhausted its borrowing powers, being inside the limit of £9,500,000.

The Government accepted the amendment offered by Mr. Cobb to the Employers' Liability Bill, suspending for three years the operation of the bill in cases where there are existing workmen's insurance funds.

Mr. Cobb's amendment to the Employers' Liability Bill was carried by a vote of 215 to 213. The announcement of the figures was received with wild Unionist cheers. The smallness of the majority was due largely to the absence of Irish members.

Threatened a "Nobleman."

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Sir Wm. Rose, the co-respondent in the divorce suit brought by John Russell Rogers against his wife, "Minnie Palmer," the actress, applied to a police court this morning for an order restraining Rogers from writing threatening letters to him. The application, however, was withdrawn on Rogers withdrawing all threats that he had made and promising not to repeat them.

CONCISE CULLINGS.

Silver is quoted at 25½ pence in London.

At Cairo, Egypt, on Monday, Hans Von Bulow, the distinguished pianist, died.

Following Dr. Talmage's example, Organist Browne, of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, is about to resign.

Congressman W. L. Wilson, of West Virginia, who has been suffering from tonsillitis, continues to improve slowly.

It is reported that the insurgent cruiser Republica rammed and sunk the Brazil Government transport Itapua, which was conveying several hundred troops and a quantity of munitions of war.

A commission has been appointed in the United States to report upon the advisability of constructing a man-of-war on the whaleback principle or remodeling one of the old ships for use on the Great Lakes.

BEDFORD FIRE-SWEPT.

A \$30,000 Blaze in the Quebec Town.

BEDFORD, Que., Feb. 14.—The most destructive fire that ever swept through Bedford happened last night about 11 o'clock. The fire started in the tailoring department of V. Brosseau's general store in the center of the C. P. R. block. The flames quickly spread to the jewelry store of Wm. Kennean, and the barber shop and grocery store of J. T. Rollanda. There were only two small force pumps available, and a small force pump owned by E. Casse, which was frozen at the start. They however, got it to work and managed to save the grain mill. The horse barn of Mr. Cossett was burned with the store lately occupied and owned by Mr. Martin. The total loss will be about \$30,000.

Crushed to Death by a Sawlog.

ROSEAU, Ont., Feb. 12.—Mr. John Richardson, of Windermere, was engaged in shelling snow off some sawlogs this morning when one of them started to roll, striking him on the head, instantly killing him.

The War in Brazil.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 13.—Advices received here from Rio Janeiro are to the effect that the recent attack made by the insurgents in their attempt to capture Niteroy lasted for six hours. The insurgent loss is placed at 200. Four of the insurgent officers are said to have been killed.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 13.—It is reported that Admiral Da Gama, who was wounded in a fight at Armacas, is in a critical condition and that the injury may result in his death.

In Memory of E. P. Roe.

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 13.—A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church here yesterday for the late E. P. Roe. A bronze tablet, on which he is described as "Author, Pastor, Friend," was unveiled in the vestibule, and the Rev. A. R. Baron preached a memorial sermon. Mr. Roe was pastor of this church from 1866 to 1875 and was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of the present edifice. Several of his novels were written here.

Killed in Church.

LEEMINGSBURG, Ky., Feb. 13.—At a negro church at Nepton last night, while services were in progress, a quarrel arose between two young colored loughs over a young woman in the congregation, and a general fight ensued.

Pandemonium reigned for a quarter of an hour. Song books flew in every direction. The deacons and preacher shouted for order, and the fight came to a climax by one negro drawing a revolver and shooting Walker Bradley, killing him instantly. In the general rush from the house that followed the murderer escaped and has not yet been captured.

Steamship Arrivals.

From	At
Peruvian	Halifax
Oregon	Halifax
America	New York
Service	New York
Rugia	New York
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The place to buy watches cheap. J. E. ADKINS, jeweler, East London. Fine watch repairing, engraving and manufacturing.

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Echoes of the Gale.

At Least Thirty Lives Lost in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Millions Compelled to Stop for Lack of Water.

Train Service at Stratford in Terribly Disordered State—Demoralization at Hamilton and Niagara.

MERRITTON, Feb. 13.—The high easterly gale of last night lowered the water in Lake Erie at Port Colborne so much that there is not sufficient feed in the old Welland Canal to run the manufacturing, and the water wheels have all been stopped until the water rises in the lake. The mills have never been compelled to shut down for shortness of water in this way before.

STRATFORD, Feb. 13.—The snow and wind storm which raged yesterday played havoc with the train arrangements for some hours. The train from Woodstock, due here at 7 o'clock last evening, was stalled in the snow all night about a quarter of a mile from Tavistock and did not reach here until 11 o'clock this morning. The train from Buffalo, due here at 9:20 p.m., spent the night at Paris, reaching here this afternoon. The London train, also due at 7 p.m., was stuck all night somewhere between Thorndale and St. Marys. Trains were also canceled on the Goderich and Warton branches. The main line was comparatively clear, and tonight passenger trains were running as usual.

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 13.—The heavy snow storm completely blocked all traffic on the railways in and out of the city. The day the streets in many places are impassable. The electric street railway was completely blocked, and a good start toward opening the line was not made until noon today.

NAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 13.—The great blizzard continued throughout the night, only abating in its fury about 10 o'clock this morning. All the Grand Trunk lines were paralyzed, it being next thing to impossible to move trains of any description, but most of the roads will be able to move freights to-night, and by to-morrow it is expected the passenger trains will be again running on schedule time.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Several fishing schooners belonging to this port were caught in the fierce storm of the coast last night and it is feared the New London Emma was lost with ten men.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 13.—Reports received here to-day from Oklahoma and the Indian Territory make it almost certain that at least 30 lives were lost during the great storm of Sunday. Only isolated homesteads where the families were poorly prepared for the winter cannot be heard from for days and possibly weeks, and there is reason to believe 30 will not represent the total number of dead. In Western and Southwestern Kansas there was great suffering, and it is probable that in more than one house dead bodies will some day be found.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The snow storm of yesterday and to-day was characterized at the office of the local weather bureau as the severest of its kind that has visited this vicinity since the memorable storm of 1888. Last year was exceptional for its many and heavy snow storms, but no individual storm of 1893 equaled this in severity. Exactly one foot had fallen by 8 o'clock this morning, and there was a fall of two inches more by 11 o'clock. About noon the weather partly cleared up.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 13.—Besides two families reported frozen near Cross, an unknown man was found near the Ponca Indian agency frozen still. Near Stillwater another man was frozen to death under his house, and three perished. Two Tonakwa Indians are reported to have been found dead in a hut. Near Andarkka three Indian children were caught out in the storm perished. Scores of cattle and horses perished in the strip and on the Osage and Katoie will reach thousands.

BARBERSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 13.—On Rad Bird Creek, on the edge of Harlan and Clay counties, the storm made a cyclonic path, destroying life and property. Two women and a boy of 9 years were killed. Great numbers of live stock were killed and crippled.

SHOCKING DISCOVERIES. WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 14.—Snow commenced falling here yesterday afternoon throughout Kansas, and the effort to restore railway communication with the western part of the State will be further impeded. Telegraphic facilities are greatly impaired. Succoring parties were formed Monday in some of the western towns to scour the surrounding country, but little except rumors of their discoveries have so far been received.

In the northeastern part of Clark county a recruiting party found a wagon on the prairie with the dead body of a man named Lane in it. The horses had dropped in their tracks and were dead. Lane had been in town early the previous morning after way home and had succumbed on the way home. Hanging on to Lane's farm in they perceived the wife had six children in a deplorable condition. Two of the babies were dead and the others were all helpless from the cold. In Mend, the adjoining county, the wife of a man named Wells died from exposure.

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Late Canadian News.

Sudden Death of the Late United States Consul at Port Stanley.

The Montreal Mayorality Recount Reveals a Flagrant Blunder—No Show for McShane.

It was the express desire of the Rev. Dr. Douglas that his funeral in Montreal should be private, without flowers, and without crape.

At the last meeting of the Hamilton City Council it was resolved to send a deputation to Toronto to oppose the Beach bill in the Legislature.

Mr. Dennis, a resident of Emerson, Man., has lost four children with diphtheria within the last ten days. The eldest was about 14 years of age.

Wm. Milne, provision dealer and market clerk, Barrie, died of heart disease very suddenly Monday night. Mr. Milne was one of Barrie's oldest residents.

The Methodist ministers of Ottawa met and passed a resolution expressing sympathy with the widow and family of the late Dr. Douglas in their bereavement.

Bradstreet's reports these assignments: Frank Atkinson, Ailsa Craig, stove factory and cooper; W. D. Vanderburgh, Delhi, agent; Geo. Traub, Orillia, lumberman.

Mr. E. A. Husher, late United States consul at Port Stanley and St. Thomas, died suddenly on Monday afternoon at Grand Forks, North Dakota, from the effects of heart disease.

The first ice bridge of the winter of 1893-94 has formed in the Niagara gorge. The bridge extends from the new suspension bridge up to the American Falls to the foot of the Horseshoe.

Nanaimo, B. C., papers are jubilant over the passing of the Wilson Bill, and the consequent free introduction of coal into the United States. Two more rich coal beds have been struck in the Province.

The apple exporters of the Province will hold a meeting in the Toronto Board of Trade to-day (Wednesday) with the object of forming an association to improve the system of carrying on the exporting business.

The amount now in banks contributed for the monument to Champlain is \$15,808. Mr. Chaveau appeals earnestly to the patriotism of Quebec for further subscriptions. The cost of a monument would be about \$30,000.

In the mayoralty recount, which was continued before Judge Archibald in the Supreme Court yesterday, owing to a mistake made by one of the deputy returning officers, Mr. McShane lost nearly 100 votes and Mr. Villeneuve's majority increased to 275.

BORNE TO THE GRAVE. Simple Obsequies of the Late Dr. Douglas—Burial of the Late Sheriff McKellar.

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 13.—The funeral of the late Dr. Douglas took place this afternoon. The service was strictly in accordance with the last request of the deceased, consequently few outside of the ministers of all denominations, the professors and senate of the college and the delegates from different points were present.

The service was very impressive throughout and testified to the high regard in which the deceased gentleman was held by all. The services were conducted by the Rev. Drs. Carman, Poits and Hunter.

HAMILTON, Feb. 13.—The funeral of the late Sheriff Archibald McKellar took place from his late residence this afternoon and was largely attended by the citizens generally. A deputation from the Toronto Gaelic Society was in attendance and placed a wreath of heather on the casket. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Dr. Fletcher. The body was taken to the G. R. Station and thence to Chatham, where the interment takes place to-morrow.

McKinley Gush. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 13.—Gov. McKinley was nominated over and over again in the convention of Republicans of Ohio here to-day for President of the United States. In the course of his remarks the Governor compared the condition of the country to a case of a land-lord with a bad tenant whose lease had come up for renewal, and who had no provision for forfeiture. He concluded as follows: "This country will not, however, have long to wait—too long I fear for the country—until it can commence the work of outliving. In November next people will have chance to deal with the House of Representatives. Free trade domination will give way to a protection majority. British policy will be dethroned and genuine Americanism enthroned, and the final work will be completed in November, 1895, in the restoration of the Republican party, which through piety and passion and prejudice was hurled from power in 1892."

ALL MEN. Young, old or middle-aged, who find themselves nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headache, pimples on the face and body, itching or peculiar sensation about the acetum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will and genuine Americanism enthroned, and the final work will be completed in November, 1895, in the restoration of the Republican party, which through piety and passion and prejudice was hurled from power in 1892."

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Legislature Opens.

Important Bills To Be Introduced.

Will There Be a Redistribution of Seats?

Provincial Officer Question To Be Investigated by Commission.

Rondeau Point Will Be Made Into a Public Park.

(Special to the ADVERTISER.) TORONTO, Feb. 14.—3:15 p.m.—The fourth session of the present Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber this afternoon. No. 2 Company of the R. C. I. and "A" Troop Royal Dragoons acted as a guard of honor and escort to the Lieutenant-Governor, who, after the usual formalities, read the following:

Speech from the Throne. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with much pleasure that I once more meet you assembled for the dispatch of the business of the Province and the legislation which the public interests require.

PROGRESS OF THE DAIRIES. While in the last year the grain crops and the live stock trade have not been so remunerative as in former years, I am pleased to know that the products of our dairies are steadily increasing, and by reason of the improved quality command higher prices than at any time in recent years.

PROGRESS IN THE COUNTRY. The numerous agricultural organizations which are aided by the Legislature have been increasingly active; the membership of most of them has largely increased, and the demands for their reports published by the Department of Agriculture is evidence of the interest taken in the good work in which these organizations are engaged in.

The attendance at the Agricultural College is larger than at any time in its history; the accommodation for the regular course has been taxed to its utmost. The summer course for teachers proved a most successful experiment and will be repeated during the present year. The large number in attendance at the special dairy school has fully justified your action in providing increased accommodation.

ONTARIO AT THE GREAT FAIR. The signal success of the Province at the World's Columbian Exposition has been a matter of just pride and satisfaction to our people. By our exhibits of live stock, grain, fruit, honey, cheese, minerals, timber, natural history and education, we have shown that Ontario possesses great natural resources, and in their development has kept pace with wealthier and more populous countries.

THE LUMBER TRADE continued active and the markets good during the early part of the last year, and until the monetary stringency in the United States caused much depression in business in that country. Prices since then have not been so high nor the market so active. Notwithstanding this the receipts from woods and forests have, I am pleased to say, more than equaled the estimated revenue from that source.

NEW SETTLEMENTS. A considerable area of fertile land has now been surveyed about Lake Temiskamingue, is easy of access and capable of sustaining a large population. During the year a crown land agency has been established at Halleybury on the northern end of the lake, and several townships have been opened for sale to actual settlers. There is reason to hope that an important settlement may soon be formed to take advantage of the great natural resources of this northern portion of the Province.

THE NEW ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE. Satisfactory progress has been made in the erection of the new buildings at Brockville intended for the further accommodation of the steadily increasing number of insane patients, for whom provision must be made. It is expected that before the end of the present year the main building will be ready for occupation.

THE NEGLECTED LITTLE ONES. The act passed during the last session of the Legislature for the prevention of cruelty and the better protection of children has been favorably received and a gratifying disposition has been manifested by the police to take advantage of its provisions. The rescuing of children from lives of crime and placing them in the way of becoming useful and honorable citizens is a work which may well engage the best consideration and attention of the community.

NEW LEGISLATION PROMISED. Amongst the bills in preparation for your consideration are a bill respecting the representation in the Provincial Assembly; a bill making further provision to prevent the personation of voters; a bill for the organization of the judicial districts of Nipissing; a bill to further facilitate the administration of justice in certain matters; a bill respecting mining interests; a bill respecting the management of Upper Canada College; a bill respecting the law of libel; a bill respecting bills of sale; a bill respecting goods entrusted to agents, and a bill to make Rondeau Point a public park.

The bills to consolidate and amend the drainage laws and the Ditches and Watercourses Act, prepared by the commission on the drainage laws with some changes, will again be submitted to you.

PAYMENT OF OFFICERS. There having been considerable discussion of late with respect to the mode of remunerating and appointing certain provincial officials, and with respect to the extent of their allowances, it is my intention to issue a commission for the facts bearing on the various views which have been expressed on these subjects, including the practice and experience of other countries, the commissioners to report thereon with all convenient speed.

THE PLEBISCITE upon the question of prohibition was, in pursuance of the act of last session, duly taken at the recent municipal elections and a large majority pronounced in favor of prohibition. The proceedings necessary for obtaining a final and conclusive judg-

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ment with respect to the jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law are being pushed forward with all practical haste.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS for the past year will be promptly laid before you, and you will be pleased to learn from them that the expenditure has been less than was provided for by the estimates, and that the receipts have exceeded the amount anticipated. The estimates for the current year will without delay be submitted for your approval. They will be found to have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the necessities of the public service.

I feel assured that your deliberations and conclusions, while affording proof of your wisdom and patriotism, will contribute to the