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WHO BEGAN IT?

A very determined attempt is being made by Canadian advocates of unrestricted reciprocity to show that the McKinley bill was not thought of until Mr Foster, the Canadian Minister of Finance, introduced his measure last session for increasing the duties on certain American agricultural products. This is not the case. Mr. Foster's policy was not announced or made known to anyone until the Republican party had given it out at Washington that they intended to adopt what is now so well known as the McKinley bill. The McKinley bill took on shape and became matter of agitation, not after the announcement of the changes proposed at Ottawa, but after the visit of Sir Richard Cartwright to Washington when he met certain American politicians. What passed between them is only a matter of surmise, but it is significant to say the least that it was after Sir Richard Cartwright's mission to Washington that we began to hear of a hostile tariff.

And then the Canadian public ought to recall this fact, that Mr. Erastus Wiman, in an interview published in The Chicago Tribune, said that there was an arrangement between the Liberal party in Canada and certain American politicians by which the latter were to do all they could to help the former in Canada, and it is a fair inference to make that this McKinley bill is the help which they promised to give the Liberal party in their work of agitation in this country.

Sir Richard Cartwright owes it to the country to say whether he induced or endeavored to induce the Americans to pass this McKinley bill, and whether it is part of the promise, referred to by Mr. Wiman at Chicago, of help by American politicians to the Liberal party of Canada. Mr. Goldwin Smith in his address last night endeavored to show that the McKinley bill was not legislation specially hostile to Canada, but in the face of the number of very strange coincidences between Mr. Wiman's promises to the Canadian farmers and the various items in the McKinley bill and the further facts given above in regard to Sir Richard Cartwright's movements we think that there is more than sufficient reason why some explanation from Sir Richard should be forthcoming.

The selection of Colonel George R. Davis to be director-general of the World's Fair increases the growing apprehension that the exhibition will be a local rather than a national or international enterprise. During his six years in Congress Col. Davis was chiefly noted for doing nothing and looking pretty.

The debate on the low-cut dress has come to an interesting stage. Mrs. Frank Leslie, replying to Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps-Ward's criticism of the fashion of leaving the gates considerably more than ajar, says she has noticed that the women who oppose the low-necked frock are generally those who cannot wear it.

Miss Johnstone, the actress, has managed to shock New York by the brevity of one of her costumes. As a dramatic dynamo Miss Johnstone is a shocking success.

The fossil of a saurian, several thousand and some years old, which Yale has secured, will be placed in the museum, and not in the faculty, as rumored.

THE FLOODS IN CHINA.

Many Millions Suffer—Wanton Destruction of Railways.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The Department of State has received from the United States Legation at Pekin, China, a report relative to the recent heavy floods in that country. The report says that the floods have been the most disastrous ever known. It is supposed that an area of 3000 miles and a population of several millions were affected by them. Many people have been drowned. Tens of thousands are refugees from their homes, living on charity. One result of the floods, the report says, may have far-reaching consequences. Near Lu Tai, which is a point on the railway from Tong Ku to Tong Shan, the railway embankment has been destroyed by the people for several miles. It was alleged that the embankment dammed up the water and flooded the country. Forcible possession was taken of the embankment, which was cut in many places, the trains were stopped and the employes driven away. It is supposed that the general in command at Lu Tai either instigated or connived at these proceedings, in which his soldiers largely took part. A very serious feature of the case is the supineness of the viceroy Li. He has done nothing to discountenance these lawless proceedings. The Tong Shan colliery is stopped and 2000 men are thrown out of employment and the operation of the railway is of course suspended. This destruction was wanton and unnecessary for letting off the water. All these proceedings indicate an anti-railway excitement which may result in postponing indefinitely any further railway enterprise in China.

In Their New Quarters.

The Philharmonic Society met last evening in their new quarters in Shaftesbury Hall. There was a large attendance of members and Mr. Torrington made decided progress with them on several of the splendid choruses with which Mendelssohn's great oratorio abounds. The next meeting will be on Tuesday evening next at the same place.

From Police Blotters.

Policeman Denning yesterday morning, in attempting to put out the blaze in the Queen City Hotel, Queen-street west, was badly burned.

Michael Sheedy, a native of Ohio, was being held up in Simcoe-street yesterday afternoon by John Leonard of Minico, a chance acquaintance, when Policeman Roe arrived on the scene. Sheedy, who had $55 on him, was arrested as a drunk and Leonard for highway robbery.

William Monaghan had his pocket picked of a silver watch on the Cibola yesterday.

Two-year-old rye whisky $2.25 per gallon, 5-year-old $2.75 per gallon, 7-year-old $3 per gallon. All my whiskies are guaranteed pure and full strength, the same as received from the distillery. Will ship to any part of the Dominion. William Mara, wine and spirit merchant 282 Queen-street west. Telephone 136

GRAVESEND'S BIG PROGRAM.

EIGHT RACES RUN YESTERDAY ON A FAST TRACK.

Esperanza Wins the Willow Stakes and the Fulton Goes to Demuth—West Side Favorites Win—Barker's Crew Captures the Argonauts' Final—Several Bowling Battles—Other Sports.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 23.—Another heavy program was offered at Brooklyn to-day, the original six events having been extended to eight owing to the numerous entries received for the first and last races, a division in both cases being necessary.

The chief attractions were the Willow and Fulton stakes. In the first-named, for 2-year-olds, the bright particular star Sallie McClelland was scratched, and in the Fulton stakes the withdrawals included English Lady and Burlington. The track was in excellent condition.

First race, 6½ furlongs—Chesapeake 1, Iago 2, Veronica 3. Time 1.08¼.

Second race, 1 1-16 miles—Diablo 1, Kasson 2, Grimaldi 3. Time 1.48¾.

Third race, the Willow stakes for fillies two-years-old, ¾ mile—Esperanza 1, Kildeer 2, Equity 3. Time 1.16¼.

Fourth race, the Fulton Stakes, 1¼ miles, for 3-year olds—Delmuth 1, Sinaloa 2, Prince Fonso 3. Time 2.08¾.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Lowlander 1, Adage filly 2, J.B. III. 3. Time 1.03¼.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Esquimau 1, St. Paris 2, Kern 3. Time 1.43¾.

Seventh race, 5½ furlongs—Busteed 1, Houston 2, Gertie D. 3. Time 1.08¾.

Eighth race, 1 mile—Little Jim 1, Castaway 2, Rambler 3. Time 1.43¼.

In the Blue Grass Country.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 23.—First race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Gymnast and Robin dead heat, La Premier 3. Time 1.49¼. Run off—Gymnast 1, Robin 2. Time 1.49¼.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Roseland 1, Melnie 2, The Turk 3. Time 1.02¾.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Marmora 1, Reputation 2, Carrie A. 3. Time 1.04¼.

Fourth race, 1 mile—Chimes 1, Miss Hawkins 2, Miss Leon 3. Time 1.45¼.

Fifth race, 1 mile and 1 furlong—Camilla 1, Mary Mack 2, Eli 3. Time 1.58¾.

Guelph's Fall Races.

GUELPH, Sept. 23.—The Guelph Turf Club's fall races opened to-day. Summaries:

Three-minute trot:

B. Wallace's (Acton) Flying Dexter	2	1	1	1
D. Cummings' (Mount Forest) Valentine Jr	1	3	2	3
George Stevens' (Galt) Sam Purdy	3	2	3	2

Time 2.38, 2.47, 2.48, 2.46.

2.37 class:

A. E. Brown's (Barrie) Forest Boy	1	3	1	1
H. Crozier's (Orangeville) Billy-Go-Easy	2	1	2	2
T. Aderly's (London) Stamboul Chief	3	2	3	3

Time 2.30, 2.44, 2.37.

Favorites' Day at West Side.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—The favorites were lucky in all but the two first races.

First race, 6 furlongs—Jake Saunders 1, Crissie 2, Skobeloff (favorite) 3. Time 1.15¾.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Joe Carter 1, Ethel 2, Ben March 3. Time 1.16.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Creole 1, Goodday 2, Hartfiol 3. Time 1.18.

Fourth race, 1 mile—Pearl Jennings 1, Jack Staff 2, Labrador 3. Time 1.42½.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Riley 1, Lizzie Gwynn 2, Longshot (Gates up) 3. Time 1.28¾.

Racing in England.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The race for the Twelfth Foal Stakes at the Newmarket first October meeting to-day was won by Lord Hartington's Marion, the Duke of Westminster's Blue Green 2, Mr. Houldsworth's Alloway 3.

Grand's B g Horse Sale.

Grand's fall sale of hunters and harness horses began yesterday at the Repository in Adelaide-street. There was a good attendance of buyers present, including Messrs. T. E. Burke, New York; D. T. Lowes, Brampton; W. D'Arcy, New York; W. Ramsay, Hamilton; J. S. Rogers, Detroit; W. Thompson, Plainville, N.J.; Baines, Boston, and R. C. Clute, Belleville, who captured some of the valuable animals offered. The prices ranged from $150 to $300. Mark and Royal, a pair of bright bay geldings five and six years, going to Mr. Thompson the Jersey buyer for $600.

Bonnie Gertrude, Fred Henry and several imported thoroughbred stallions and mares will be put under the hammer to-day.

Gossip of the Turf.

At a sale of horses at Gravesend yesterday the famous filly Reclare was bought in by her owner for $15,500.

Harry Cooper and Gates' Chicago purchase, Speculator, were given fast miles at Woodbine yesterday.

The annual steeplechases of the Toronto Hunt Club take place at the Woodbine Park Saturday, Sept. 11. A good program will be given.

Mr. W. E. Warren, contractor of New York, has instituted a suit against the Monmouth Park Racing Association for $25,000, which he claims is due him for work. Mr. D. D. Wilsey was served with the summons by Constable J. Frank Patterson of Red Bank, Monday, and the papers will be returnable by Oct. 1.

The conditions of the $10,000 stake of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association were arranged Monday as follows: Stallion Representative Stake, $10,000 guaranteed, for foals of 1890, to trot at the fall meeting in 1893; nominations of stallions to be made on Dec. 1 next; colts to be named ten days before the race. There may be as many colts by one sire started as there are different owners, but no person can be interested in more than one starter. In case of a walkover the winner will receive the whole amount paid in, otherwise the guaranteed amount will be divided as follows: $8000 to first, $1250 to second and $750 to third; and if the stake exceeds $10,000 the excess goes to the nominator of the stallion whose colt wins the race. The entrance fees are $100 to name the stallion, $50 to name the colt and $100 more to start.

THE ARGONAUTS' FINAL

Won by A. W. Barker's Four After a Hard Struggle With Alex. Boyd.

A. W. Barker, stroke.
G. Harold Muntz, No. 3.
J. D. McKay, No. 2.
H. C. Jarvis, bow.

This is the champion four-oared crew of the Argonant Rowing Club. The grand final struggle was witnessed last evening by a large assembly from the balconies of the Club house.

The crews took a good start from the Yonge-street buoy and fought a great battle up to Bay. Then Boyd's shell began to fall to the rear, but very slowly, for at the finishing line Barker's boat was barely a length ahead.

The winners deserved their victory. The crew was a well-trained one and every man a stayer. All their four races were well pulled and resulted in creditable victories. Each member will now sport handsome gold medals. Boyd's four also deserve great credit for their showing in the series, but the crew was not so evenly balanced as the victors. They also receive souvenirs.

O'Connor and the Dark Horse.

Messrs. Joseph Rogers and Joseph Wright were discussing some rowing questions last night, when the new Lake Simcoe man was mentioned.

"O'Connor will soon reach here," said Mr. Rogers, "and may give the Dark horse his attention; "and if he doesn't I'll give him a race myself for a gold watch or the like," continued Mr. Wright.

THE BANKERS AT CRICKET.

Some Lively Hitting by the Traders and Dominion Stars.

The return match between the crack cricketing banks, the Traders and Dominion, was played yesterday afternoon in the Bloor-street grounds, which resulted in a draw owing to a lack of daylight for the heavy hitting Traders to finish their inning. The Dominion went in first, and rapidly their stumps flew until Gillespie and Ross got together, when the fielders engaged in some lively leather-hunting. For the Traders Myles played a steady inning for his 19, and might have been there yet but for a circus catch of Holden. Darrell and Gimson for their respective sides were demon bowlers. Only ten men played on each side. Score:

DOMINION.		TRADERS.	
Bethune, b Darrell	1	Darrell, b Bethune	2
Jones, b Darrell	0	Mitchell, b Gimson	1
Gordon, b Darrell	0	Matthews, c Bethune, b Gimson	0
Bogart, b Darrell	0	Myles, c Holden, b Gimson	19
Gillespie, not out	41	Alley, b Gimson	4
Gimson, c Muir, b Darrell	0	Coleman, not out	7
Ross, std., b Mitchell	20	Muir, b Gimson	0
Cassels, b Mitchell	0	Sherriss } did not bat.	
Holden, b Darrell	5	Hillary }	
Walsh, b Mitchell	6	Stokes }	
Extras	9	Extras	2
Total	76	Total	35

BOWLING ON THE GREEN.

Prospect Park Defeats Caer Howell in the Fourth of Their Series.

The fourth regular match of the season between Caer Howell and Prospect Park was played yesterday on the rink of the former. Score:

CAER HOWELL.		PROSPECT PARK.	
Dr. Davis.		J. Horn.	
Dr. Reed.		Major Beverly.	
Dr. Troutman.		J. Claxton.	
Dr. Murdoch, skip	19	R. Malcolm, skip	16
William Simpson.		D. Carlyle.	
R. Pickering.		George Hardie.	
William Mennie.		William Forbes.	
T. S. Smith, skip	8	J. G. Gibson, skip	38
Total	24	Total	54

Majority for Prospect Park, 30 shots.

The Commerce Tournament.

At the Bank of Commerce tournament yesterday good progress towards the finals was made. V. C. Brown has reached the final in the singles. Following are the results of the events:

Tennis—Brown beat Buchan, Osborne and Cowan beat O'Grady and Minty, Forde and Hillyard beat O'Reilly and Roberts.

Bowls—O'Reilly beat McLean, Bull beat Strachan, O'Grady beat Osborne.

GRANITES.		VICTORIAS.	
G. R. Hargraft.		J. H. Hossey.	
H. Williamson.		C. O. Cayley.	
W. Beswick.		T. M. Scott.	
W. Lawrence, skip	11	A. F. Scott, skip	31
J. Hedley.		G. C. Biggar.	
J. Kemp.		J. J. Arnold.	
R. Spence.		J. S. Russell.	
W. Mandeville, skip	13	E. H. Duggan, skip	24
W. G. Hamilton.		P. J. McNabb.	
J. Braim.		J. Reynolds.	
W. A. Williams.		S. Morrison.	
C. Dempsey, skip	21	W. B. Smith, skip	24
B. Macdonald.		W. Wilson.	
R. Henry.		W. Dickson.	
J. D. Henderson.		C. E. Ryerson.	
W. H. Blessdell, skip	23	A. F. Jones, skip	19
Dr. Capreln.		J. Sheppard.	
W. Gibbs.		G. F. Sproule.	
W. Crooks.		A. Beines.	
J. Lee, skip	20	J. Geddes, skip	21
Dr. Sheldrick.		J. P. Little.	
W. J. McMurtry.		A. C. Gibson.	
C. C. Dalton.		J. Walker.	
W. O. Thornton, skip	24	A. E. Williams, skip	23
Total	112	Total	143

Majority for the Vics. 31 shots.

Where Are the Toronto Athletes?

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—The entries for the Canadian Amateur Athletic games to take place next Saturday closed to-day. There is a grand list, including names of representatives from the Manhattan and Boston Athletic clubs. The Salford Harriers will have four men in the running races. Toronto will not be represented.

Yesterday's Baseball Scores.

NATIONAL—New York 7, Pittsburg 6; 24 game, New York 8, Pittsburg 5. Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 4; Boston 1, Cleveland 5.

AMERICAN—St. Louis 21, Athletics 2; Toledo 4, Baltimore 7; Columbus 1, Syracuse 2; Rochester 6, Louisville 13.

Spots of Sport.

At Detroit yesterday Cleveland and Boston played a championship game. Getzein and Bennett, the old Wolverines, were in the points for Boston and were given a great reception, but Cleveland won the contest.

At Hartford, Conn., last Monday J. L. Cattenach of Providence is said to have thrown a 224-lb. hammer 36 feet. This beats the American record. Kenneth McRae threw the 22-lb. hammer in Dublin in '85 90 feet.

Dr. Emory has challenged Mr. Charles to compete for the McDowell trophy, which represents the trap shooting championship of Canada.

The Toronto and Varsity Rugby Clubs play their annual fixture on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Rosedale.

The second team of the Toronto club will likely visit Montreal on Thanksgiving Day to play two games with the junior fifteens of the Britannia and Montreal clubs.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Hockey Club will be held to-morrow evening at the Victoria Club, commencing at 8 o'clock.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Figures From the Statistical Committee—The Oka Question.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—The committees of the conference were again at work to-day. They recommend that as the Oka Indians do not wish to go and are protected in their possession by a title of prescription, the Methodist Church continue to minister to them and stand by them in their just pretensions.

The table of the Statistical Committee gives these figures: Ministers and probationers 1748, members 238,868, baptisms (1886-90) 73,374, marriages 29,000, burials 40,193, Sunday schools 3173, officers and teachers 28,411, scholars 226,050, library books 217,388, churches 1696, parsonages 967, burial grounds 1117, total value of church property $11,597,491, amount of insurance $442,800, raised during the quadrennium for ministers' support $2,791,941, for missions $857,635, and amount raised by the church for all purposes $8,063,967.

The committee on annual conference boundaries will report in favor of the six Western Ontario conferences being consolidated into four, virtually wiping out the Bay of Quinte and Guelph conferences. One reason given in favor of the change is that the stationing committees have a choice from a larger number of ministers, but the opponents claim that these conferences are none too small for administrative purposes.

The following officers were appointed: Dr. John Potts, Educational Secretary; Dr. Alexander Sutherland, Missionary Secretary; Dr. Briggs and S. F. Huestis, Book Stewards; James Gray, Treasurer Superannuation Fund; Rev. Dr. Dewart, editor Christian Guardian; Dr. Lathern, editor Wesleyan; Dr. Withrow, editor Methodist Magazine; James Woodsworth, Superintendent Northwest. There being now only one superintendent, Dr. Cameron continues in office.

A report on Civil and Religious Liberty was presented, declaring against the Jesuit Estates Act, for a national system of education and equal rights generally.

The Grand Central Fair.

HAMILTON, Sept. 23.—The Grand Central Fair was formally opened this afternoon by the Earl of Aberdeen. The weather was fine, the attendance large and the various exhibits are more than usually representative and attractive.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—The Central Canada Fair was formally opened by His Excellency the Governor-General this afternoon.

Correspondent O'Brien Re-Arrested.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—The prosecution in the O'Brien libel case has abandoned the previous charge and has had him arrested on a new and more specific one. The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

Jottings About Town.

At 1¾ yesterday morning the brigade had a run to Euclid-avenue to extinguish a blazing chimney at 142. Another blaze occurred in the early morning in Cohen's yard, Arthur-street, the damage being trifling. At 6.55 yesterday morning, an explosion of gas in the Queen City Hotel, corner Queen and William-streets, did $50 damage.

The Royal Grenadiers had about forty robust looking recruits at drill last evening, who appear to be learning their work very fast. The Battalion will parade at the Armory for the first autumn drill of this year to-morrow, Thursday, evening.

ESCUSING M'KINLEY'S BILL.

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party inspiration from the other side of the Atlantic, but by the real interest of our own people. The real interest of the British people in connection with Canadian commerce is in the same scale.

A Dark Hour for Reciprocity.

The hour in which the McKinley bill passes is a dark one for the friends of reciprocity, no doubt, but this may prove the darkness which precedes the dawn. There are strong symptoms in the United States of a growing movement in favor of tariff reform. Mr. Blaine, the shrewd leader of the Republican party, finds it politic to declare for reciprocity, and though he confines his proposal to South America his principle points north as well as south. From Kansas, the banner Republican state, a cry comes that for the West protection is a failure and that the West has been sacrificed by it to the East. From New England herself comes a call for free iron and free coal. The enormous waste of revenue in pensions and other expenditures necessary to get rid of the surplus and stave off a reduction of duties cannot fail to produce a recoil. Tariff reform is now the declared platform of the Democratic party. Mr. Cleveland only missed re-election very narrowly; he had a majority of the popular vote. Perhaps he would not have missed re-election at all if he had stuck to his general proposition that a government has no right to take more from the people than it needs, instead of challenging special interests by the Mills bill. After all, the victory of protectionism was not won but bought; the manufacturers paid hard cash for the votes of the doubtful states. Their compeers do the same sort of thing elsewhere; and then we are told that opinion is turning against free trade. There was a marked increase of the mechanics' vote in favor of tariff reform. When the mechanic once sees the great fact that protection does not raise wages, but on the contrary lowers them, the system will fall. If people of the United States should ever declare for free trade, Canadian protectionism must fall.

If there are any new points in the discussion, succeeding speakers, I hope, will take them up. There are no new arguments, so far as I can see, on the other side. There is daily abuse of Mr. Wiman, who shows his superiority to his antagonists in manners, lowly as his origin may have been, by never uttering an ungentlemanly word; and there are charges of conspiring with politicians at Washington against Canadian independence which, once for all, are and are known by them who utter them to be a pack of silly lies. I hope that you, gentlemen, at all events, need no assurance that nothing has ever passed between me, and any American politician respecting political relations in the slightest degree at variance with your honor and duty or with my own. I see myself accused by Sir John Macdonald's organ of being a party to a treasonable conspiracy for bringing American money into this country for a political purpose. It happens that I once was offered a check for the objects of this association, on behalf of the Canadian branch of a New York firm, and I refused it on the ground that the contribution would not be purely Canadian. Both Mr. Hitt and Mr. Butterworth, with whom my relations at Washington have almost exclusively been, are as thoroughly friendly to this country as men can be. The people of Canada have too much sense to be led away from the path of their real interest by slanderous figments when the motive of the libeller is perfectly apparent.

If the hour is dark, this is the time to keep the lamp of a sound policy burning and to feed it with the oil of constancy and hope. We may be sorry that a step the wrong way has been taken, not for the interest of Canada alone, but for those of commerce and industry in general, and for that of humanity on this continent. We may be sorry that the bread of the people should once more be sacrificed to the game of politicians. But when we are satisfied that our principle is sound, and that our object is patriotic, there can be no room for despondency, much less for despair.

Prof. Smith: "I will now ask Mr. Darling to tell us how the N.P. is working in the regions with which he is acquainted."

Mr. Darling began by moving that Prof. Goldwin Smith be the president again for the ensuing year. He thought there was the best ground for encouragement as to the success of the movement. It was now the chief plank of one political party. Even its strongest opponents admitted that reciprocity in coal would be advantageous and from coal he believed they would advance to reciprocity in everything. He believed that the great bulk of Canadian manufacturers were ready to work on their own resources and take advantage of a larger market and face the disadvantage of competition. The advocacy of the movement is unanswered and practically unanswerable. Argument on the part of his opponents has given place to abuse. If a private gentleman like Mr. Wiman has done as much as it is represented he has done at Washington what could not the government do if it wanted to? This club has had, not one political party, but one political party having adopted the policy of the club. It is the duty of the club to strengthen the hands of that party and show how the success of the movement can be accomplished. The policy of retaliation is directly opposed to reciprocity and manufacturers who have sufficient knowledge and capital to carry on their business are ready to accept a larger market, even if it brings more competition. He believed the principles of the club would ultimately prevail.

Mr. S. H. Janes, in seconding the motion, said that reciprocity would be the only question at the approaching Dominion election and did not doubt the result. He believed there was now a proposition before Congress in favor of complete reciprocity.

Prof. Smith said he was afraid that the report in a morning paper that a proposition for reciprocity was before Congress was rather doubtful for there reasons. In the first place, if it were so, he could hardly have failed to hear of it. He had a letter from Mr. Wiman since it was reported the proposition was before Congress, but nothing was said about it. In the second place there was the feeling that was fatal to the Sherman resolution, namely, that the Canadian Government was not favorable to it. In the third place it was not likely that the Republican House of Representatives which had enacted the McKinley bill in favor of the farmers would so soon entertain a contrary proposition.

Mr. Andrew Pattullo, president of The Globe, said there was a slight misunderstanding with reference to that report. The proposition was not before the House but before the conference committee and would no doubt come up later before the House. The text of the proposition was shown Mr. Blaine and the speaker believed Mr. Blaine was favorable to it.

Prof. Smith was then elected president. The other officers elected were: Vice-Presidents—W. H. Darling, A. H. Campbell, S. H. Janes, W. H. Lockhart-Gordon, Capt. William Hall, T. D. Ledyard, and W. Cluxton. Treasurer—George Kerr. Joint-Secretaries—George Kerr and G. Mercer Adam. Executive—Messrs. G. Mercer Adam, J. N. Blake, H. H. Dewart, E. E. du Vernet, W. D. Gregory, M. H. Irish, R. Jaffray, A. F. Jury, T. D. Ledyard, A. Macdougall, P. McIntyre, J. Pearson, G. B. Smith, M.L.A., F. W. Walker and the vice-presidents.

A resolution was then proposed to the effect that the time has now arrived when some steps should be taken to extend the views of the club throughout the Dominion and with that object that the club should open communication with the leading public men of each province in order to ascertain what persons there are favorable to some commercial arrangement with the United States and what are the best steps to be taken to further the views of the club in each province. The matter was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Hallam objected to the term unrestricted reciprocity, which would alienate manufacturers and many Conservatives. What he wanted was reciprocity simply, and for this he was willing to subscribe liberally. "Give John A. 10 years more and he will accomplish the objects of this club and do more good than all the politicians with their sectional preaching."

Mr. A. F. Jury said that one of the benefits of commercial union would be to make us adopt direct taxation, which was an infinitely better way of raising revenue than by indirect taxation or protection.

U. S. Minister Maney Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of George B. Maney of Tennessee to be Minister to Uruguay and Paraguay. The nomination was one of the first sent to the Senate this session, but it has been held up by charges relating to Maney's habits

THE BUSY BOARD OF WORKS.

CITY ENGINEER JENNINGS SENDS IN AN IMPORTANT REPORT.

The Sewers Must Not Be Used By Manufacturers for Steam Flues—A Big Batch of Contracts Awarded—The Lake Shore Road—Engineer Sproatt to Have a Rest.

The first regular meeting of the Board of Works after the holidays was held yesterday. Ald. Shaw presided, present Ald. George Verral, Allen, Irwin, Lucas, Lennox, Peter Macdonald, Small and Hewitt. The following contracts were awarded:

Sewers:

Christie-street, from present terminus to city limit, to John Farley at $1843.

Royce-avenue, Perth-street to Symington-avenue, to C. H. Clarke & Co. at $698.

Mowat-avenue, King-street to terminus south, to C. H. Clarke & Co. at $4290.

Carzon-street, Queen-street to Sproatt-avenue, to C. H. Clarke & Co. at $3920.

Battye-street, Broadview-avenue to Bowden-street, to J. H. McKnight at $2181.

Howard Park-avenue, Dundas-street to Roncesvalles-avenue, to J. J. Booth at $2721.

Ratcliffe-avenue, Queen-street to Eastern-avenue, to J. H. McKnight at $1433.

Davenport-road, Yonge-street to Hazelton-avenue, to C. H. Clarke & Co. at $11,575.

Cedar pavements:

Frizzal-avenue, Carlaw-avenue to Pape, to Callaghan & Gibson at $1840.

Stone flagging:

Yonge-street, west side, Queen to College, to McKeown & Challis at $4.73½ per lineal foot.

Granolithic:

Spadina-avenue, east side, Queen-street to Grange-road, to R. Forsyth at $7.10 per lineal foot.

Eureka sidewalk:

Jordan-street, west side, Wellington-street to King, to Gardner & Co., $2.17 per lineal foot.

The Works Correspondence.

The communications were numerous and varied. Robert Clarke billed the department for $182.50 for damage to his property by overflow of sewer. This was referred to the Claims Committee. City Solicitor Biggar wrote regretting that the Crawford-street extension matter could not be closed at present, owing to delay in securing certain information touching it from ex-Solicitor Macwilliams. A sub-committee having the matter in hand reported in favor of the city standing the expense of opening the street to College, on the understanding that the property-owners build the bridge and indemnify the city in the matter of prospective land damages. The City Solicitor will be asked to report further. A letter from James Wagstaff, offering to accept $200 in lieu of all demands for damages in connection with the grading of Jones-avenue, was referred to the City Engineer. F. Stenyer in a strongly-worded communication, protested against the delay in the construction of the sewer in Park-road, and the chairman stated that he would try his best to rush the matter through. Assistant City Solicitor Caswell informed the board that nothing could be done in the matter of taking over the Lakeshore-road until such times as the council set its seal upon the measure in the shape of a two-third vote. The City Engineer in a short note told the board that after examining the charges of the Toronto Incandescent Electric Light Company he did not think it could be prevented from tearing up the streets to lay down its conduit, but would recommend that steps be taken to arrive at a more satisfactory understanding as to what it should pay for the privilege. Mr. Fred Nichols will be interviewed. A sub-committee was appointed to take up the question of settling with the Davies Dressing and Malting Company for land damages in connection with the Don improvement.

Engineer Sproatt Breaking Down.

"Before going into the reports," said the chairman, "I wish to call your attention to Assistant-Engineer Sproatt. His health, both physically and mentally, is breaking down. The poor fellow has suffered so much, one way or another, in the last four years that he cannot possibly stand work much longer. I would propose that he be given three months' leave of absence to recuperate." Ald. Small: "How about the Manning and Macdonald cases?" The Chairman: "Oh, we can always get Mr. Sproatt when we want him."

Mr. Sproatt was given the required leave of absence by the board, but the council will have to approve of it as well. It is the unanimous opinion of the board that Mr Sproatt receive his salary during his absence

What the People Want.

Petitions were received for an asphalt pavement in Gerrard-street between Jarvis and Sherbourne; for a street on the lake shore from Lee-avenue east a distance of 522 feet; for a cedar block roadway in Leslie-street from Queen to Eastern-avenue; for a cedar block roadway in Douro-street, from Bathurst easterly; for a cedar block pavement in Water-street from Front to Eastern-avenue; for the laying of a street car track in Ossington-avenue; for the changing of the name of Centre-street to Auburn-avenue, and for the opening of Heward-street.

The Engineer's Report.

The City Engineer recommended the block-paving of Hayden-street by day labor at a cost of $1120; the widening of College-street between Major and Borden to cost $1080; the extension of Wood-street from the east side of Mutual-street to Jarvis at a cost of $12,900; the construction of a cedar block roadway at Hamburg-avenue by day labor, the tenders sent in being too high; the grading of Ulton-street at a cost of $1500; the extension of Barton-avenue from Manning-avenue to Christie-street; the asphalting of Palmerston-avenue, College-street northerly 600 feet, at a cost of $8300; a cedar block roadway in Vermont-avenue to cost $1500; the opening of a new street from Queen-street to Wyatt-avenue and between Sumach and River-streets, to cost $17,045 and to be known as Regina-avenue. The recommendations were adopted.

Stopping a Nuisance.

The following clause in the engineer's report received the hearty endorsation of the board:

With reference to the practice now prevalent among manufacturers of this city of discharging the contents of their steam exhaust pipes into the city sewers I would (in view of the fact that the said discharge is not only injurious to the sewers into which the said discharge is made, but to the health of the public, especially in the immediate vicinity of the same) ask that your committee recommend the City Council to authorize the City Solicitor to prepare a bylaw making the said practice unlawful, and to compel any party or parties now discharging steam into the city sewers to desist.

A Big Batch of Wooden Sidewalks.

The City Engineer recommended wooden sidewalks on the following streets: Bernard-avenue, North Drive, Queen-street west, Radenhurst-street, Leslie-street, North Sherbourne-street, South Drive, Avenue-road, Eastern-avenue, Sincoe-street, Bellwoods-avenue, North Lansdowne-avenue, Claremont-street, College-street, Dundas-street, Humbert-street, Givens-street, Harbord-street, St. Patrick-street, Parliament-street, Prospect-street, Spadina-avenue, Bloor-street, Garrett-street, Shanly-street, Gerrard-street, Milan-street, Denison-avenue, Grafton-street, Clinton-street, Harrison-street, Kusholme-road, Palmerston-avenue, Markham-street, Sumach-street, Woodland-avenue, Park-road, Carlton-street, River-street, Regent-street, Renfrew-place, Ossington-avenue, Yarmouth-road, Barton-street, Robinson-street, Centre-road, Concord-avenue, Jubilee-avenue, Queen's Park, Brock-avenue, Dundas-street, Peel-avenue, Waterloo-avenue, Alma-avenue, Florence-avenue, Erie-avenue, Elliott-street, Munro-street, Matilda-street, Steiner-avenue, Paul-street, Thompson-street, Carroll-street, Davis-street, Harris-street, Brookview-avenue, Grant-street, Hamilton-street, Sheridan-avenue, Millicent-street, Perth-street.

Death of George A. Thompson.

News was received in the city yesterday of the death at San Jose, Cal., of Mr. George A. Thompson of the firm of Thompson & Smith, Ingersoll. Mr. Thompson had been ailing for some years and thought by visiting the Pacific Slope to regain his health. He was well and favorably known to the wholesale drygoods trade of Toronto and Montreal, having been a large buyer for the past 24 years.

AN UNQUALIFIED UNTRUTH.

Engineer Ferguson and Ald. Gowanlock Dispute a Question of Fact.

The Waterworks investigating sub-committee held a lively session yesterday morning. There were present Mayor Clarke, Chairman Hill, Ald. Gowanlock, Bailey, Gibbs, City Engineer Jennings, Waterworks Engineer Brough, Pumping Station Engineer Ferguson, and Superintendent Hamilton. The first business accomplished was the passing of a resolution instructing Engineer Jennings and Superintendent Hamilton to interview Contractor McNames to see if he could not hurry on the work of laying the five-foot conduit in order to allow the four-foot wooden one to be inspected.

Matters had progressed smoothly until the capacity of the contractor's dredge came up for discussion. Mr. Jennings thought that it was not big enough for the work, and Ald. Gowanlock insinuated that he was poking his nose into what did not concern him.

This roused the engineer's spirit, and standing up he said: "I may as well tell you that, as engineer of the city, I think I should be engineer of the Waterworks Department: I have never interfered yet, except when in consultation with the superintendent, but when you put it on that ground, I shall come out flat-footed and tell you what I think."

Ald. Gowanlock then subsided for the time being.

It was resolved that all hoists and elevators be closed down until the reservoir is again filled to its normal level. At present there is five feet of water in it. When the reservoir is filled then the engines at the main pumping station will be repaired in detail. Mr. Jennings will also report on the advisability of continuing the work of extending the six foot pipe into the lake. This about finished the business, when Engineer Ferguson rose to a question of privilege. He just desired to remark that the statement made by Ald. Gowanlock at the meeting on Monday to the effect that he had broken the plunger through his gross ignorance was an unqualified untruth.

Ald. Gowanlock said he got his information from an employe in the pumping station, but refused to give the name of his informant. Mayor Clarke designated the alderman's conduct as cowardly in refusing to give up the name. It was unfair to the official. Ferguson demanded an investigation under oath, which will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NORTH OF BLOOR WITHOUT WATER.

No. 2 Engine at the Main Pumping Station Breaks Down.

A very serious accident occurred in the city Waterworks Department about 3¼ yesterday afternoon, when No. 2 engine at the main pumping station broke a plunger, leaving only engines Nos. 1 and 3 to supply the city. From 4 p.m. yesterday, therefore, the city, north of Bloor-street, has been without water. Temporary arrangements, however, were at once decided upon and new plungers have been ordered. At the time of the accident the Rosehill reservoir had about five feet of water in it. The eng