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MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE.

CHARGES AGAINST MR. BOWELL AND MR. WHITE (HASTINGS).

Mr. Edgar Demands an Investigation into the Grants to the Prince Albert Colonization Co.—The Budget Debate Resumed.

OTTAWA, April 2.—Among the notices of motion to-day were two of a startling character. One was presented by Mr. Edgar. In it the member for West Ontario believes he can establish that in 1882 Mr. White (Hastings), with whom was associated Mr. Jamieson, of the Belleville Intelligencer, obtained from the government a grant of 51,200 acres of land near Batoche for colonization purposes, with the intention of forming a company, the members of which would give them special advantages and profits in consideration of their obtaining the grant. The company was formed under the name of the Prince Albert Colonization company, and Messrs. White and Jamieson were each allotted "blind shares" to the amount of $30,000 nominal value, on which they paid nothing; while other shareholders paid calls to the extent of $20,000. The affair was conducted, it is alleged, with the knowledge of the Minister of Customs, father-in-law of Mr. Jamieson, and that ultimately when Mr. Jamieson sold some of his "blind shares," Mr. Bowell received from him $500. It is further charged that Messrs. White and Jamieson subsequently obtained from the government an exchange of part of their land for other land in the parish of St. Louis de Langevin, and also that they procured from the government an agreement for another lot of land for the Shell River colonization company on the same system of profits. The motion concludes with a request that a special committee be appointed to make a full investigation under oath into the charges.

The other motion is from Mr. Blake and concerns Murray, Dodds and McDougall, the members from Cape Breton. They are charged with having threatened Matthew Roche, a government employe, that if he did not vote for the government candidate (McDougall) he would be dismissed. Believing that Mr. Roche did not vote as they desired they carried out their threat, so far as to induce the government to transfer him to a minor position at a lower salary. A special committee is also asked to investigate this case.

Further developments in the Beaty-Woodworth scandal were expected in the railway committee to-day, but Sir Hector Langevin disappointed the large audience by postponing the Northwest Central Railway bill. As he put it, "with the pleasure of the committee, the bill will stand," and it stood accordingly.

In the senate this afternoon Mr. Alexander had a motion on the paper respecting the extension of the extradition treaty with the United States. He said the present law was intended simply to facilitate the arrest of minor offenders, while it allowed jewellery embezzlers and scoundrels to escape. "There might even be some of the latter sitting in the house," continued the eccentric senator. While the senate wondered who he was driving at Sir Alex. Campbell rose and scathingly denounced the language used.

The Budget Debate.

OTTAWA, April 2.—The Minister of the Interior resumed the budget debate, speaking for an hour and three-quarters. He made a strong defence of the government's fiscal policy, and although frequently interrupted with questions more or less pertinent, was not in the least upset, and gave ready answers. Sir Richard Cartwright's speech in reply to the Finance Minister received special attention. Mr. White characterized it as "the dismal wail of the pessimist," whereupon ministerialists laughed and applauded, as it was natural for them to do. The party opposite were five years in power, and what was the result? An immense decrease in the bank circulation; manufacturers and commerce were on the verge of ruin; bread riots; streets of tenantless houses, and other signs of depression and decay. The member for South Huron was cognizant of all this, but offered no remedy, meeting appeals of manufacturers, political supporters included, with supercilious indifference. Mr. White went on for an hour, contending that the conservative government had raised the country from the depths of depression, developed its resources, opened up the Northwest, improved the shipping industries, encouraged and originated manufactories, largely increased the value of bank stocks, satisfied farmers; in fact, done everything to make this prosperous land inhabited by a satisfied people. Even the liberals, said the speaker, acknowledged this, and he quoted Mr. Darling, president of the Toronto board of trade, a pronounced liberal, to the effect that a more active and healthier business was now being done in the Dominion than ever before. Was not the opinion of such a man to be relied upon in preference to the statement of the ex-Finance Minister, who declared the country was going to ruin, and wished to rise on that ruin into power. The completion of the C. P. R. was another great instance of the country's progress, and the immediate payment of the twenty million loan was a stinging rebuke to the opposition's prophecy that the money was lost forever. Sir Richard Cartwright had said that the people were indifferent to the country's interest, but he believed there never was a time in Canada when there was more intense interest in public affairs manifested by the people and especially by young men—[hear, hear]—to whom the future was full of hope and who were not willing to have that hope blasted by the presence of pessimists on the treasury benches. He believed there never was a time when that independent element composed of men of no political bias on either side, but who labored for the good of the country, occupied so prominent a position, was so numerous and influential as now. [Hear, hear.] He had no hesitation in saying that he believed this government depended for its success and its continuance in power upon the matured judgment of those independent thinkers and of those young men who were looking to the future. [Applause.] He believed in a Canadian sentiment which was not in any way opposed to the British crown, a sentiment which was growing so rapidly amongst the people of Canada, a sentiment which sought the progress and prosperity of Canada, to them above all things a work to be accomplished and to be hoped for. This independent element would in future as it had done in the past extend to the government now in power that generous support upon which they had up to this time depended with so much success, and for the best interests of the country. [Applause.]

Mr. Paterson (Brant) was the next speaker. He referred to the large public debt and taxation of the country, and said that the Finance Minister had succeeded in placing upwards of three million of deficits to capital account, so that the 200,000 babies which he (Mr. McLelan) at one time described as being rocked in their cradles all over the dominion, would have to pay it when they grew up to manhood and womanhood. He denounced the N. P. as a failure, and went on to discuss the tariff.

Let these men with their $4,900,000 deficit place their tariff at what the member for South Huron wished, and a different state of affairs would be the result. We would not to-day be carrying a deficit the largest that ever was in the darkest days of Canada. Not content with taxing flour and everything else he also puts a tax on the playthings of these 200,000 children being rocked in their cradles. He burdens these little ones not only with a debt of over $3,000,000 but taxes their dolls as well. [Laughter.] As to sugar, we would have it for nor half the price were it not for the operation of the tariff.

He showed how the Finance Minister only quoted six months of the year 1885 and compared them with the six months in 1878 to show that the Canada cotton factory had greatly extended its work and gave much more employment to workingmen. It might be all right, but it did look rather fishy for him to have only given the latter six months of each year. Was it the case that the mill was closed for the greater part of the prior six months?

He exposed what he called the fallacious idea of the finance minister that by the imposition of a tax on agricultural implements the ox was taken from his stall and the ploughshire, which rusted in the field, was again at work. [Laughter.] He did not know where the finance minister saw this state of things, but he was under the opinion that it were horses and not oxen that were used for ploughing purposes. No one would deny but grass did grow in 1878, and if oxen were not at work surely they might be turned out to graze and thus save the expense of being fed in a stall. [Laughter.]

It was the master mind of the same finance minister that declared that it was necessary to have money to build canals and railways, and if stocks were sold at $100 it was a better price than $88. [Cheers.] After this wonderful discovery there were hopes for the hon. member becoming a gallant knight.

The hon. gentleman who preceded him (Mr. Paterson) referred to the success of the conservative party at the last general elections. It was through an injudicious system of gerrymandering that the present government climbed into office. Every pledge made at the time was broken. Certain specific promises were made, but never fulfilled. He charged ministers with making these promises, and demanded an answer. He compared the progress of the Northwest territories with that of the Western states, and showed that during a period of six years, with the expenditure of many millions of money, we only succeeded in placing 50,000 people in the Northwest, while during the same period the Western states added 638,000 to their population. It might be contended that the Western states had better facilities for helping along their growth, but he would go back thirty years when that argument could not be advanced, and still the result was equally favorable to the States. Canada possessed the climate and possibilities of making it go ahead with rapid strides, if properly governed.

He dealt with the balance of trade theory, which, if on our side, according to Sir Leonard Tilley, was to add so much to our prosperity. The volume of trade was twenty millions less than it was twelve years ago.

He charged the Minister of the Interior with passing over without mentioning the specific charge made by Sir Richard Cartwright against members of the cabinet. This charge was to the effect that every other member of the cabinet was the recipient of testimonials from public contractors, or received subsidies for railways in which they were interested, or connected with the government printing contracts. These were charges which must be answered, and he repeated them so as to give an opportunity to ministers to give them a denial and set themselves right with the people. It was the right of the men of Canada to have the earnings of ministers for any office they labored under just as well as the capitalists and manufacturers, and the poor Indian and Metis of the plains had a right to be heard equally as well as the greatest in the land. [Cheers.]

Mr Wood (Westmoreland), and Mr. McMullen (Wellington) took part in the debate, which was adjourned till Tuesday.

The house adjourned at 11 40.

THE TRAGEDY AT WIARTON.

A Verdict of Wilful Murder Against Unknown Parties.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., April 2.—The inquest on the bodies of John A. Bailey and his hired man, which were burned in the building destroyed on Thursday night last near Wiarton, was concluded late last night. It disclosed a most atrocious murder. Bailey had been in Wiarton in the afternoon, and had started for home about 8 o'clock, after which he was never seen alive. The body supposed to be that of Bailey had a gash four inches long in the right side of his neck, severing the principal arteries on that side, and a heavy blow had crushed in the forehead until the brain exuded. The body of the hired man showed still more horrible treatment. The skull was battered in, ribs cut off, and the left arm was broken. The affair has caused the wildest excitement in the neighborhood, which has been deepened by the fact that no clues to the murderers have been discovered, and suspicion rests on no one. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder by unknown parties.

TO THE BITTER END.

The 65th Propose to Get an Apology or $70,000.

MONTREAL, April 2.—At a meeting of the officers of the 65th battalion it was proposed to take measures to force the Toronto News to make a full and satisfactory retraction of the libellous article against the regiment, in default of which actions for damages are threatened by every officer for $1000, non-commissioned officers $250 each, and private $99.99 each; total for the whole battalion, $70,000.

Killed by a Shovel.

MONTREAL, April 2.—It is reported from Bedford, Que., that an old man named Abraham Tournier was found the other night in rear of his premises dying from the effect of wounds in the head and covered with blood. A coroner's inquest was held, and the jury found that the deceased had come to his death by falling on a shovel. The family are not satisfied with the verdict and will investigate the circumstances.

Temperance Cottage Meeting.

The weekly cottage meeting was held at Temperance hall last evening. Mr. Chas. D. Ryder, of Providence, R.I., addressed the audience. He said that too many people though professing to be Christians, would not give up any of their worldly interests. They wanted to know if it "would pay" to serve Christ at the expense of their earthly possessions. The meeting closed with prayer.

The Light Extinguished.

BERLIN, Ont., April 2.—About five o'clock this afternoon a fire was discovered in the gas works and before the engine could get down the building was doomed to destruction. Business people are likely to be left in darkness for some days. Insurance not known. Loss $15,000.

The Missouri Pacific Strike.

ST. LOUIS, April 2.—Chairman Irons denies that the present difficulty was on account of the discharge of one man, but rather for a grand principle. He took issue with Governor Oglisby about this being the best government on earth and declared that this government had been perverted. If the railroads force us to violate what they call the law the time will soon come when the class of people that make this country and government will all be overthrown.

Provincial Appointments.

Capt. McMaster has been appointed assistant secretary of the bureau of industries, salary $1500.

It is understood that Mr. Sproule has been appointed provincial auditor.

Piano and Organ Warerooms of Joseph Rusz.

—These are the most extensive warerooms and his stock of pianos and organs the largest ever shown in Canada. Four immense flats filled with instruments. Boudoir, parlor, concert grands, square and upright pianos and over fifty different styles of organs. Here all purchasers can be accommodated. Organs from $20 to $1000, and pianos from $80 to $1500. Visitors always welcome. Pianists and courteous assistants constantly in attendance. Call at 68 King street west. x

(1) Nov. 24, 1879. (2) No, They Were Saved From the Sea in the Fall of 1883.

(1) *Editor World:* What date was the steamer Wanbuno wrecked on the Georgian Bay? (2) Was it not from that wreck that Miss Morrison and a young gentleman were the only persons saved?

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WHO IS TO OWN IRELAND?

WILL THE GREEN ISLE BE "HANDED OVER" TO PARNELL?

A Great Mass Meeting in Guildhall Denounces Mr. Gladstone's Proposal—The G. O. M. Riding Straight for a Fall.

LONDON, April 2.—A great mass meeting was held this afternoon in Guildhall to protest against the granting of a parliament to Ireland. The lord mayor presided. Sir John Lubbock (liberal and member for London university) moved the adoption of a resolution condemning Mr. Gladstone for his intention of "handing Ireland over to Parnell, whom he had previously denounced." A workingman arose and offered an amendment to Sir John's resolution, but he was howled down. The resolution was carried amid wild enthusiasm, but 200 persons in the immense audience voting in the negative.

Mr. Gladstone is riding straight for a fall, the Pall Mall Gazette declares this afternoon. "He refuses," says the Gazette, "to modify his Irish scheme, and the result will be that the majority will have neither home rule in Ireland nor Mr. Gladstone."

It is believed that the statement in relation to the government of Ireland, which Mr. Gladstone promised to make on Thursday next, will be again postponed.

The Irish Threaten the Scotch.

DUBLIN, April 2.—The Freeman's Journal, commenting on the growing opposition of the Scotch members to granting Ireland a parliament, threatens that if the Scotch members help to defeat Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule bill the Parnellites will adopt a policy of relentless opposition to every Scotch measure.

ST. MATTHEW'S WARD.

Meeting of Property Owners to Discuss the Cattle Market.

A meeting of the property owners of St. Matthew's ward was held last night at Mallandine's hall to discuss the bylaw which is to be submitted to the ratepayers on Monday next for the appropriation of $51,000 for the purchase of a new site for a cattle market. The hall was densely crowded by influential property owners, cattle men and others interested in the matter.

Mr. Henry Frankland, reeve of the township of York, was chosen chairman.

Ex-Ald. John Hallam was the first speaker. In a short but able argument, in which he discussed the matter pro and con, he said that it was to the interest of the citizens of Toronto to vote down this iniquitous measure.

Joshua Ingham, cattle dealer, made a strong speech in favor of the retention of the present site. His arguments were strong and frequently interspersed with humorous incidents. He was frequently applauded. He said that the $51,000 asked would be but a drop in the ocean to the amount which would ultimately be required to carry out the project of a new cattle market. The Canadian Pacific railway could obtain all the access needed to the present stock yards. Mr. Wragge, local superintendent of the Grand Trunk railway, at the meeting on Thursday offered the Canadian Pacific railway independent entrance to the yards, or by constructing a subway under the tracks they could also gain admission. The yards were large enough to supply any demand on their space for the next twenty years, and if the city would spend a small amount in putting the present yards in a good sanitary condition they would be far better than any new yards which they would obtain for $51,000 or for three times that amount. He referred to the statements made by Ald. Denison at the meeting in Yorkville last Monday night and said that the statement in reference to shunting charges made by that gentleman was incorrect.

Ald. Denison followed and favored the removal.

Mr. Dennis O'Leary, cattle dealer and exporter, said that five years ago the project of removing the cattle market to the new site was suggested to him by Ald. M. J. Woods, but he referred him to other men who were more largely engaged in the trade. Mr. Woods replied that they (the men in the trade) were opposed to any removal. Mr. O'Leary further stated that he had never experienced any embarrassment in shipping by either the Canadian Pacific railway or Grand Trunk railway on account of the market being where it is. The shunting charges came out of the pockets of the railroad company and not out of his. He was at one time—some nine or ten years ago—a wholesale butcher, and he found great competition in that business, and that competition was still in existence. Since he had been shipping cattle to this market he found no monopoly, but the keenest competition—far keener in fact than in Montreal or in any other market in Canada. [Applause].

Mr. A. W. Aikens, cattle exporter, was next called upon. The proposal to remove the market never emenated from cattle men at all, but from people who never went near the cattle market—land speculators—and by them was infused into the markets and health committee. He said that from large and extended experiences in the cattle markets of the old country, that the present market was as large as any in Great Britain or Ireland, although one market in London accommodated cattle to supply five million people, equal to the present population of Canada.

Ald. Jones followed, and in a short but able speech upheld the retention of the present market, it being in the interests of everybody but the sellers of the land.

Ald. E. A. Macdonald stated that if this bylaw was carried the city council would be committed to buy Mallon's property. His advice was to vote against the bylaw.

The following resolution was then put to the meeting:

Whereas, The present site being city property, centrally located and quite adequate for the demands of the trade for the next fifty years, and as the Canadian Pacific railway, by building a platform adjoining their track, can gain free and independent access, and facilities equal to those enjoyed by the Grand Trunk railway; Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting do pledge itself to do all in its power by every legitimate means to defeat the bylaw to be voted on next Monday asking for an appropriation of $51,000 for the purchase of a totally unnecessary cattle market, and which would be only the thin edge of the wedge, as the ultimate cost of the proposed site and buildings with a suitable sewer would be nearer $250,000.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Eighteen Buildings Burnt.

PORT ROWAN, Ont., April 2.—Eighteen places of business were destroyed by fire here to-day. The loss will be $30,000. The establishments burnt out are those of McKenzie & Becker, dry goods; P F Fick, hardware; Geo Stewart & Co, drugs; W C Stearns, buildings; G Barrett, general store; Misses Anderson millinery; George Pitman, tinware; Mrs Cowan, millinery; Isaac Saxton, buildings; H A Mabee, building; W Woodman, buildings; H B Wickens, jeweler; M Mackenzie, buildings; F A Ellis, grocery; Thos Gordon, blacksmith; D W Scott, tailor; Ben Pontine, butcher; John Davies, buildings and furniture; Chas McGillivray, shoemaker; T S Dedrick & Co., dry goods; Franklin & Deane; A J Countryman, buildings.

THE BENCH SHOW.

Great Competition as to Who Will Eat the Four Annual Dinners Provided for the Thirty.

The lawyers are quite worked up over the election of thirty benchers to administer the Law society and eat the four annual dinners provided for them for the next five years.

Thirty dining benchers we
Dinine much against our will!

Its now looks as if at least ten of the thirty will not be re-elected, as a great deal of kicking has broken out against the old heads going back en masse; the cry is for new blood on the bench, even if it is found in the veins of a lawyer less than 40. The profession throughout the province who vote for benchers number over 1000, and it requires a thousand circulars and a thousand postage stamps to send out each ticket. About fifteen tickets are out from Toronto; while London, Owen Sound and Hamilton have already got out local tickets, with other places to follow. A number of funny circulars have been scattered broadcast, making light of Lawyer McAndrew's midnight manifesto.

The great conundrum in connection with the matter is, who constitute the "junior bar," what is a junior, and if a highly polished bald head like A. B.'s has anything to do with the case.

The London bar ask that W. R. Meredith, Q.C., and James Magee of that city be elected of the thirty.

The Owen Sound bar put up John Creasor, Q.C.

Ex-mayor Myer of Wingham has been nominated as a candidate for free lunches in term time by the bar of his district.

Editor World: In regard to the election of benchers at Osgoode hall, I desire to say that the voting paper to which my name has been attached was made out and circulated without my knowledge, and I learned of it to-day for the first time. D. A. O'SULLIVAN.

April 2.

Editor World: As it was I who stated at the bar meeting that Mr. H. W. M. Murray had got the McAndrew circular printed, I think it due to Mr. Murray, as well as to myself, to give the source of my information.

Happening to go to a printer (not Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison) with some work, I was informed by him that he had just done some circulars and tickets for Mr. Murray about the late contested election. Since Mr. Murray has disputed my statement I have gone again to the same printer, who reiterates his statement that he printed for Mr. Murray 1500 ballot papers with the names of Messrs. H. W. M. Murray, W. G. Falconbridge, J. E. Robertson, G. F. Shepley, and Wallace Nesbitt printed therein, and that these ballot papers were delivered and charged to Mr. Murray's firm; also 250 circulars signed "J. McAndrew," which were delivered to that gentleman, "who gave instructions that they should be charged to Mr. Murray's firm, which was accordingly done.

F. W. HARCOURT.

Editor World: Mr. Hudon Murray's statement in the letter published over his signature this morning is to say the least, somewhat evasive.

Will Mr. Murray deny:

1. That his firm ordered the printing of the circular signed "J. McAndrew," which advocated Mr. Murray's election at the head of a list containing three new names to represent the junior bar?

2. That the cost of printing said circular was charged to Mr. Murray's firm with their knowledge and consent?

Will he also state who asked him to assent to his name being on a ballot paper with that of Mr. Falconbridge and others as representatives of the junior bar?

As all the other candidates named on that ticket have disclaimed responsibility therefor, it is fair that Mr. Murray should also rise and explain." JUNIOR.

PROHIBITION IN THE WEST END.

Mayor Howland Presides Over a Large and Enthusiastic Meeting.

A rally in favor of total abstinence was held last night in the Wesley church on Dundas street. The meeting was under the auspices of Railway Signal lodge, I.O.G.T. It was presided over by Mayor Howland, and with him on the platform were Ald. McMillan, J. J. McLaren, Q.C, Rev. John Smith, Rev. Thos. Cullen, Rev. E. A. Stafford, H. M. Graham, W. R. Watson and Alex. Stewart. The building was comfortably filled.

The mayor, on ascending the platform, was loudly applauded. He said it was easy to see he was among friends. He was glad to have a talk with them on the great question of temperance. This was a young country, and its future depended on its getting rid of drinking habits. He was a thorough sympathizer with the workingmen, and he wanted to do all he could for his welfare. The greatest labor organization on this continent had as one of its cardinal principles that no person connected with the sale of intoxicating liquor could be a member. After a time they would not have anyone who touched it at all, and that would soon put an end to drink. The removal of this evil would not take the sin out of the world, but what a change it would make! No women going about with black eyes or children with bare feet, but happy homes and industrious, God-fearing citizens. Prohibition was not so far off as people thought.

J. J. McLaren, Ald. McMillan, Rev. John Smith, Rev. Thomas Cullen, J. Stanton, W. R. Watson and E. A. Stafford followed in a similar strain. Resolutions were passed condemning the manufacture and sale of liquor; condemning the action of the twenty-one aldermen who voted against a reduction of licenses, and promising to vote for no one who does not uphold the principles of total abstinence.

A vote of thanks was tendered the chairman.

University Cricket Club.

The Toronto university cricket club met at Moss hall yesterday afternoon and elected the following officers: President, Dr Wilson; first vice-president, Prof Pike; second vice-president, R O McCullough, B A; captain, R G Macdonald; secretary-treasurer, J J Hughes; curator, E C Senkler; committee, A W P Mustard, A G Smith, S D Schultz, E A Snetsinger and J D Thorburn. There is every prospect of a good season's cricket for the club. Several fixtures have been already made. The membership has been largely augmented during the past year and the club may be depended on to give a good account of itself.

General Notes.

Selex and Seleps, well, well, but then everybody knows it was Selex, by Seleps, that Joe Murphy shot at the Grand opera house Thursday evening and again last night. By the same token, did you notice the artistic way in which Mr. Murphy tackles the job? Many a local and aspiring blacksmith might well envy his workmanlike style, but then he has performed the operation once every night for seven years, or more, all told.

At a meeting of the Toronto Lacrosse club committee Thursday night John Massey, R. B. Hamilton and J. S. Garvin were appointed delegates to the Canadian Lacrosse association, which meets here next Friday evening. The club meeting will be held at the Rossin house Wednesday evening. A full attendance of members is requested.

Articles of agreement have been signed at length for the proposed three-mile single-scull race between C. T. Enright of this city and James Griffin of Buffalo. The race is fixed to take place on Chautauqua lake, Mayville, N.Y., on June 17, for $500 a side, $100 of which has already been posted and the balance $400 a side is to be up on May 15. Robert Stafford of the Tiffith house, Buffalo, is stakeholder and J. J. Donahoe referee. C. T. Enright is allowed $75 for expenses and the winner takes all moneys from privileges.

A well attended meeting of baseballists was held Thursday night at the City hotel, London, for the purpose of forming an amateur baseball club. It was decided to organize a club to be known as the "Mutuals," and to then enter the Western amateur league. Mr. Geo. T Hiscox was elected president, and the following committee of management were selected: Messrs. Charles McDonald, Joseph Durkin, Jerry Pendergast, Bert. Sheer and Frank Morrison. O W Norman and I D Durkin were appointed delegates to the Stratford convention on Monday next.

Charles Robinson & Co., of 22 Church street, Toronto, have sent us their illustrated catalog of sporting goods and bicycles. They are the only firm in Canada that deal exclusively in baseball, lacrosse, cricket, football and other goods, uniforms, shoes, shirts, belts, etc. They claim that their prices are very low. Send a three-cent stamp for their catalog. 51x

The "Atradome's" specialty is Mourning Goods. See their great advertisement this morning.

THE PULPTOWER MYSTERY

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MAIL BUILDING FIRE.

Vice-President Sise Arrives From Montreal and Discovers Holes in the Safe Door—The Detectives Exercised Over the Matter.

The mystery in connection with the Mail building fire grows apace. Yesterday some interesting developments came to light, and the only way apparently open to a thorough investigation of the causes of the conflagration is a fire inquest. Mr. C. F. Sise, vice-president of the Bell Telephone company of Canada, came up from Montreal and was busy all day yesterday and last night with matters connected with the fire. Both Mr. Sise and Mr. Neilson, the Toronto manager, are strong in their convictions that Arthur Porter's story about being assaulted by burglars about the time the fire broke out is true. On the other hand the detectives who are investigating the mystery scout the idea of crackamen being in the building.

The day after the fire, in the afternoon, Detective Inspector Newhall detailed Detective Cuddy and Acting Detective Davis to obtain what information they could about the fire and to make a minute inspection of the burnt premises, and more especially of the safe. The officers examined the doors of the safe as thoroughly as possible and are positive that there had been no attempt at drilling or any other means by which the combination could be wrecked. Several parties who examined the door were equally positive that no signs of drill holes existed.

When Mr. Sise went up to the wrecked exchange yesterday the first thing he did was to examine the safe door. About four or five inches below the combination he says he discovered two small holes. He at once sent to Goldie & McCulloch's for an expert. The latter gave it as his opinion that a start had been made with a quarter-inch drill to bore holes in the safe door. The marks were only surface ones. The expert said that if burglars were at work they did not understand their business, because they were too far off to do any harm to the combination.

When the news of the discovery of the holes reached the detectives' ears last evening three of them immediately went up to the Mail building, but were unable to gain admission, although they sent around to the various parties who were supposed to have keys to the premises. Porter was out. Entrance could not possibly be obtained. While the detectives were talking about the new turn of affairs, and waiting for someone with a key to turn up (who never came), Mr. Sise, Mr. Neilson and Mr. Malcolm Gibbs, of the Citizens' company, who are discussing insurance matters in a room in the queen's hotel,

The revised theories of the origin of the fire are numerous. Porter's latest story, which was told to Mr. Neilson and the solicitor of the company, is as follows: At 11.30 on Wednesday night, while there was still another operator with him (who usually left at midnight) he thought he heard a noise in the attic above the exchange. He procured a dark lantern, went up-stairs and made a minute search, but could find no trace of anyone in the place. He returned to the exchange and nothing further occurred until the struggle, already described, took place in the hall, where he claims he was knocked senseless by two men, and he remembers nothing until he woke up three hours afterwards in the Mail press room.

It may be mentioned that the only visible sign of violence on Porter's face is a red mark under his eye. There are no bruises such as would be made by a club or blunt instrument. It was customary for Porter to exchange calls every morning at 3.30 with the Walker house and the Yorkville office. This he did as usual on Thursday morning. Half an hour later (4 a.m.) when the Walker house called him up no answer could be obtained. That was the last heard of Porter until he was found unconscious in the hallway, a silk handkerchief which he usually wore around his neck, tied loosely over his mouth.

The discovery of alleged holes in the safe door, after their own close investigation, has greatly exercised the detectives, and they quietly put their finger on their noses and draw a long breath. It would be of the utmost interest to the public to have the mystery thoroughly unraveled. There is no doubt that if no one does it, the insurance people will.

The Telephone company are fixing up quarters in Thompson's new block at Adelaide and Bay streets.

Mr R A Waite, the well-known Buffalo architect who designed the Mail building, arrived in the city last evening.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Q. O. R. begin battalion drill next Wednesday night.

H company, Q.O.R., drilled in front of the postoffice last night.

The Trades and Labor council met last night and transacted considerable business.

Auctioneer Farley announces a big sale this morning of all kinds of household articles.

There were 468 students registered in the Toronto general hospital during the last session.

Four young women, Maggie Brown, Addie Brown, Mary Murphy and Mabel Ross, were arrested in Union station last night for being disorderly, viz., on street walking.

At the meeting of the Canadian institute this evening Dr A M Rosebrugh will read a paper on Telegraphing to and From Railway Trains.

Prof. Ramsay Wright has kindly consented to deliver a lecture in the main building of the Zoological gardens this (Saturday) afternoon to the teachers of the public and separate schools. Subject: Natural History. Prof. Goldwin Smith will take the chair.

Peter McIntyre has called a meeting for Tuesday night in connection with the Toronto and Lorne Park Summer Resort Co. He wishes to see at this meeting all of our citizens who are desirous of helping to get up a place of summer resort of the high character set forth in the prospectus of the company.

Before the police magistrate yesterday Albert Brown and Alex. Johnston, fighting on the streets, fined $1 and costs or ten days. Alexander Telfor was fined $21 and costs or thirty days for savagely assaulting W R Lambert, a fellow-employe in the Massey works.

At the police court yesterday Robert Piggott, charged with being drunk, showed a 6-inch cut on his head with rough edges and said he had received it from a policeman in a cell at headquarters. A vagrant, who was in the same cell, corroborated the statement. The magistrate ordered all the evidence to be collected and laid before the police commissioners.

Amusement Notes.

Joe Murphy will conclude his engagement at the Grand this afternoon and evening. Shaun Rhue at both performances.

The musical department of the Whitby Young Ladies' college will produce the cantata, King Rene's Daughter, in the Pavilion on April 9.

The Queen's Own will hold a military ball in the Pavilion on the night of April 23. The Athletic association of the regiment have the affair in hand.

The famous Pauline Markham will be at the Yonge street opera house all next week, opening on Monday in the Two Orphans.

The last of the series of entertainments under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society of Bond street church was given last night and was a big success.

Best show in town at the Yonge street opera house—afternoon and evening.

Miss Adelaide Moore, who appears at the Grand Opera house next Monday evening, was an intimate friend of Miss Adelaide Neilson and is said to resemble her both in face and figure. She has chosen for her opening piece "As You Like It."

There will be a two-mile race for boys under 15 for a silver medal at Princess roller rink this evening.

An Unprovoked Street Assault.

A young man named George Gray, of 145 Wilton avenue, was passing Yonge and Temperance streets last night with a couple of friends. They had just quitted the theatre. A young man, under the influence of liquor, walked deliberately up to Mr. Gray and dealt him a severe blow under the eye and ran off. The party followed and captured the assailant. He was handed over to Policeman McGraw, who locked him up at headquarters. He was recognized as one Maloney, a cigarmaker, although he gave the name of Pat Costello.

Remarkable Case of Instinct.

—A new conductor on a Yonge street car noticed the horses come to a standstill every time he passed No. 179. He could not account for it in any way, but on enquiring found that nearly every car stopped at this store, bringing down ladies who are purchasing their baby carriages at Strathern's, the popular house furnishing man. For style, strength and price his goods are unequalled. 246x

Never Smoke a Bad One.

—Lots of people do it, and don't know it. A bad cigar is not only distasteful to the smoker, but it injures the system. W. E. Dobson's "Brave Boys" and "General Middleton" brands are noted for their purity and excellence. 246x

TARIFF GOSSIP.

Fresh Facts About the Changes in Duties—General Trade Topics.

The tariff changes in fruits provide for a specific duty of 1c per pound and 10 per cent. ad valorem on raisins, and currants, figs, dates and prunes will in future pay 1c per pound. This virtually means that figs will come in cheaper than previously.

Sugar, dried fruits and nuts of all kinds have advanced in prices owing to the tariff changes.

General groceries are quiet, with a less active movement. The non-imposition of duties on tea and coffee was a disappointment to many, and it will flatten out the demand for some little time.

Dry goods houses have advanced the prices of gloves, embroideries, laces, lace curtains, braids and trimmings of all kinds owing to the increased duty of 10 per cent. now levied on these articles.

In all lines of iron and hardware a fair business is being done at steady prices. There has been some enquiry for heavy goods for future delivery and now that it is settled that no change is to take place in the tariff, buyers are expected to show more interest.

The duty on lead pipe and lead shot has been changed to 1½c per pound, equal to an increase of about 25 per cent. ad valorem.

The English Provision Dealers' association complain about the false branding of Canadian cheese.

The Montreal butter trade protest against the sale of oleomargerine, butterine and other substitutes for butter, unless properly labelled.

The tariff changes provide for the admission of gimps, braids, ribbons and bindings when imported by hat manufacturers for use in their factories at 15 per cent. ad valorem. This class of goods when brought in dry goods houses must pay 30 per cent., and merchants now fear that this will lead to a fraud and underselling. Already the Montreal dry goods houses have arranged to send a deputation to Ottawa to interview the Finance Minister, and the dry goods section of the Board of Trade of this city are also likely to move to have the clause repealed.

The recent changes in duty will give the home market for baking powder and yeast to Canadian manufacturers.

The sorting-up trade in dry goods has commenced.

Boots and shoes are selling fairly well for summer orders.

Sugars have been advanced ¼c per pound for yellows.

Old Tom gin will in future pay $1.90 per gallon and a duty of 20 per cent. on the value of the packages.

Saddlery hardware and whips are now rated at 30 per cent.

Confectionery has been advanced to 1½c per pound and 35 per cent.

THE DEPUTY A. G. RESIGNS.

Mr. E. F. B. Johnston Can Do Better at His Profession.

Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, deputy attorney-general of Ontario, has placed his resignation in the hands of Mr. Mowat. It is said that the causes which led to Mr. Johnston's resignation were that the work was too hard for the salary, $3000 per annum. Mr. Johnston will resume practice of his profession in Guelph. At the late session of the legislature, when the estimates for the attorney-general's department were being discussed, Mr. Meredith made an attack on Mr. Mowat for starting Mr. Johnston at the same salary that Mr. Scott received when he retired. Mr. Mowat explained that Mr. Johnston was a very efficient and trustworthy deputy, understood his business thoroughly, and was the best man he possibly could obtain for the salary, $3000. It is said that Mr. Johnston felt very much annoyed, considering his standing as a lawyer, over Mr. Meredith's uncalled-for attack, and this may have had something to do with his resignation.

The "Atradome" has one of New York's first artists at the head of its dress and mantle-making department. Garments going out every day that have never been approached in Canada before.

A Retiring Veteran.

When the Grenadiers mustered on Thursday night, a well-known face and form was missing. For many a year the parade in the new regiment, as well as the old, has been "formed up" by Sergt.-Major John Quinn. On this occasion the sergeant-major's baton was wielded by another. For a long time, as the regiment has increased in numbers, the work of the sergeant-major has been getting too much for a man of Mr. Quinn's years, and his recent severe illness rendered his retirement necessary. His form will be missed very much at the Armory. A terror to the loafers and noisy boys, he was respected by every officer and man in the battalion, and although relieved from the active duties of sergeant-major, he will always find something to do for the regiment; in fact, as he puts it himself, "I couldn't keep away from it." The militia authorities would perform a gracious act in conferring, as a special case, a retiring allowance on such a deserving old servant of the force.

A Strike in the Williams' Piano Factory.

For some months past a number of the younger men employed in R. S. Williams' piano factory have been dissatisfied with the wages paid them. They claim that although they have been working in the factory from three to four years, and their work has been satisfactory to their employer and his customers, they have only been receiving from $5 to $7 per week, as against $10 to $12 paid for the same class of work elsewhere. They allege that for some time they were encouraged to expect the increase asked for, but that yesterday they were told that there were plenty of men ready to take their places. They then put on their coats and left.

"Her Majesty's Glorious Reign."

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. George's society last night, pursuant to a resolution passed at a previous meeting, a committee was appointed to confer with committees from the other national societies on the proposed erection of a statue in the Queen's park to commemorate the fiftieth year of "Her Majesty's Glorious Reign." The committee will issue circulars calling a public meeting for the 14th. It was decided to hold the annual society dinner on the 27th.

Officers of the Fire Underwriters' Association.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Underwriters' association closed yesterday, when these officers were elected: President, G. F. C. Smith, Montreal; vice-presidents, S. C. Duncan Clarke (Toronto), Wm. Tatley (Montreal); secretary-treasurer, Robt. McLean, Toronto; assistant secretary, Alf. W. Hadrill, Montreal.

And Still We Wonder at Crime.

—And we also wonder at lots of other things. Some people wonder how it was that Noah was able to so guide the Ark that it eventually went ashore (or at least on top) of Mount Ararat. And then again others wonder how it is that the price of bread is 1 cent more than it ought to be. Another wonder is that Dineen can sell hats—latest New York spring styles—so cheap. Corner King and Yonge streets. x

POISONOUS WATER GAS.

A DOUBLE CASE OF ASPHYXIATION AT THE LITTLE YORK HOTEL.

One Proves Fatal—Coroner Duncan Opens an Inquest—Dr. Oldright Calls Attention to the Poisonous Nature of Present Day Illuminating Gas.

The long list of casualties resulting from asphyxiation by gas received an addition yesterday morning. The scene of the tragedy this time is the