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WHAT WILL SIFTON DO?

Mr. Smart Will Not Become Deputy of the Interior.

BUT CHANGES ARE PROBABLE

The Brandon Man May be Put in Charge of Immigration.

A Chance Now for the Liberals to Try Their Hand in Getting the Vacant Lands of the Northwest Settled—Messrs. Blair and Davies are Traveling by Jim Hill's Line—A Scrap in the Patent Office in Which a Toronto Man Got a Right Hand Blow in the Face—Ottawa Notes.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Considerable speculation is being indulged in in official circles with respect to Mr. Sifton's intentions regarding the reorganization of his department. It is said that he contemplates changes on his arrival in Ottawa, but their precise form will not be known for some time. The Brandon despatch intimating that Mr. Smart was to be Deputy Minister is known to be erroneous. Mr. Sifton could not have a better man than his present deputy, but it is believed that the Minister has in view certain changes in regard to the immigration branch. It is said to be his intention to bring Mr. Smart to Ottawa and place him in the position of Commissioner of Immigration, with sole charge of the immigration work. He would be practically Deputy Minister of Immigration. Whether or not the country would justify the creation of another deputy head is questionable, but if Mr. Smart can devise means for largely augmenting the population in the Territories, and in this way provide additional markets for our producers, then the move would be a good one. For years past the Reform press has been calling out for a vigorous immigration policy, and it will now be seen whether a man like Mr. Sifton, who is well acquainted with the needs of the Northwest, can do any better than his predecessors in filling up the vacant lands.

BLAIR AND DAVIES.

Messrs. Blair and Davies are making their journey out to the Pacific Coast by the Great Northern (Jim Hill's line). They will go as far as Seattle and then cross from that port by the Government steamer Quadra to Victoria. While in Washington State they will run up from Spokane to Rossland to see the wonderful British Columbia mining town. The Ministers have a touch of mining fever, as have many other Eastern men. They will return home via the C. P. R.

CRUISERS LAID UP.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries was advised to-day that the crews of the lake cruisers Petrel and Dolphin have been paid off at Owen Sound and the vessels laid up for the winter. The cruiser Curlew has also been laid up at St. John.

A TORONTO MAN HIT.

There was a lively scrap in the Government patent office yesterday between H. H. Bailey, the examiner, and Mr. Featherstonhaugh, a patent solicitor from Toronto, who has a branch office here. The trouble ended in the representative of the Minister of Agriculture for the time being giving a knock-out blow to the limb of the law. The affair is reported to have happened in this way: Mr. Featherstonhaugh was explaining a patent to Mr. Bailey. The latter threw some doubt upon the statements of the lawyer. Mr. Featherstonhaugh assured Mr. Bailey upon his word of honor as a gentleman that the representations he was making were perfectly accurate. This did not make matters any better, for Mr. Bailey retorted that he was accustomed to hear such remarks, and afterwards they frequently turned out to be unworthy of belief. Mr. Featherstonhaugh insisted on being treated as a gentleman should be by a Government employe. The end of it was a right-hand blow from Mr. Bailey, which blackened the lawyer's face near the eye, and there the matter ended for the time being. Mr. Featherstonhaugh says he will lay the matter before Mr. Fisher.

NOTES.

The Welland Canal will be closed on the 15th inst.

Messrs. Heney and Borthwick have taken suit in the Exchequer Court for $15,000 for extra work in connection with the construction of a drain along the Lachine Canal.

The application of ex-Chief McVeity for a retiring allowance, referred by the City Council to the Police Commissioners, was considered by the latter body to-day. A reply will be sent to the Common Council that as the commissioners have no appropriation for the purpose the application could not be entertained.

Minister Tarte came back from Montreal to-day, and is busy on the preparation of contracts arranged during his absence.

The Sealing Commission will adjourn shortly before Christmas for two or three weeks. They will likely continue in San Francisco.

CHARLTON SAW M'KINLEY.

The Canadian M. P. Chatted With the President-Elect on Reciprocity.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Major McKinley's first extended interview to-day was with Senator J. W. Thurston of Nebraska, who told him about the situation in the west, and discussed at some length the probable course of Congress this winter. Major McKinley then had a chat with Mr. Charlton, a member of the Canadian Parliament, who had some observations to make on the subject of reciprocity and the establishment of closer commercial relations between this country and Canada.

Jottings.

The public are reminded of the W.A. meeting to be held in St. James' school house at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when addresses will be given by the two Zenana missionaries who are returning to their work in Foo-Chow, China.

Rev. Alexander Mackay, D.D., will conduct a Gaelic service next Sabbath in the lecture room of Knox Church at 3 p.m. All who understand that language are cordially invited to attend.

The date of the at home to be held at Herbord Collegiate Institute has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 22, so as to avoid clashing with a similar affair at Jameson-avenue Institute.

Scores' advertisement to-day mentions what, in some lines of business, would be called a remnant clearance. There's a chance of ordering coats at $14, $15, $16, $17 and $18 that are worth almost double these figures.

LATEST FROM HAMILTON.

Preferred Jail to Work—Contractor Small's Case Again Remanded—Desperate Thieves—Minor Matters.

Hamilton, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Arthur Elgood, a young grocer who bears a testimonial as to character from a merchant named R. Flack, 454 Gerrard-street east, Toronto, applied at No. 1 police station last night for lodging. He said he was downhearted owing to the fact that he was out of employment and unable to find anything to do. He wished to be sent to jail for about six months in order to be sheltered from winter's cold blasts. Harry Headland, the kind-hearted janitor at the King William-street police station, took an interest in the stranger, and this morning before Police Court opened made arrangements for a situation for him with M. S. Bradt & Co., grocers, but when the visitor was offered the position he had numerous excuses to make for not accepting it. His boots and underclothing, he claimed, were worn out, and he could not think of venturing out in the cold under those circumstances. Elgood was remanded till to-morrow that the police may investigate his case. He is a young Englishman with good address, and says that Mr. Flack was the last man for whom he worked.

SENTENCE AGAIN DEFERRED.

Frederick Small, the grocer, who pleaded guilty to having been implicated in the House of Refuge irregularities to the extent of defrauding the city of $100, was, in the presence of a large assemblage of citizens, arraigned at the Police Court this morning to hear his fate, but as Police Magistrate Jelfs had not had sufficient time to look into all the circumstances connected with the case sentence was deferred till Monday. The Magistrate announced, however, that judging from the facts of Small's case as laid before him by City Solicitor Mackelcan, he was inclined to believe that civil instead of criminal action should have been taken against the prisoner. Small was readmitted to bail.

DESPERATE THIEVES.

A glass show case in front of E. S. Wilson's store, 81 John-street south, was smashed by two daring thieves last night and a considerable quantity of wearing apparel taken therefrom. Robert Homes, a clerk in the store, heard the smash of glass and ran to the door, only to receive a blow in the face from one of the thieves, which fractured his nose. The police have not yet captured the robbers.

Victoria-avenue school and Stinson-street school were also broken into by thieves, but nothing of any consequence was taken from either of these institutions. The marauders were evidently in search of money.

THEY WILL LIVE APART.

Albert Hewson of Ancaster and his wife ventilated their domestic troubles at the Police Court this morning, which resulted in the husband being ordered to contribute $3 a week toward her support. Hewson objected to living with his wife because she persisted in going to the house of her brother-in-law, Harry Smith, notwithstanding the fact that at one time she complained to him about Smith having taken improper liberties with her. The judge stated that if the husband agreed to take care of his 2-year-old child $2 would be all he would be called on to pay.

MINOR MATTERS.

A special dispatch has been received in this city stating that Hon. J. Israel Tarte to-day gave orders for the Hamilton postoffice to be put in thorough repair at once.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the employes of the Duncan Lithographing Company had to suspend work for the day owing to the dangerous condition of a wall in the building, occasioned by the snapping of a beam.

On behalf of the Bell Organ and Piano Company, Nesbitt, Bicknell & Gould have issued a writ against Mrs. Rachel Rubin to replevin a piano. The claim is alleged to be $200.

J. Matthews, 228 Sanford-avenue, sustained a fractured leg by a chunk of iron ore falling on him at the Smelting Works this afternoon.

The people in the vicinity of Vineland, 4 1-2 miles east of Beamsville, are agitating to get the H., G. & B. electric railway extended to that village.

The will of the late William Henry, Saltfleet, who left $3210 to his family, has been filed for probate.

WON'T BURY THE HATCHET

Saskatchewan Liberals Continue to Wrangle, and a Conservative Can Win If Put in the Field

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Saskatchewan Liberals refuse to bury the hatchet and are widely divided. If a Conservative candidate runs he will be elected.

Hon. Hugh John Macdonald will preside at the Manitoba Club banquet to Hon. Mr. Sifton Saturday night.

Hon. Mr. Tarte will return to Winnipeg at the end of next week.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache instantly. Price 10c.

The Sons of Temperance.

Whitby, Ont., Dec. 3.—The Grand Division Sons of Temperance 48th annual session, now in the third day's proceedings, at last have got down to work. The next place of meeting is Toronto, on Dec. 1, 1897. The discussion of the plebiscite question showed unanimity in pushing forward in that fight. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. W. Bradley of Washington, D.C., for his presence during the sessions. In reply Mr. Bradley outlined his work as superintendent of the Young People's work, and urged the organization of local crusaders. The installation of the newly-elected officers was gotten over without creating bruises from riding the goat.

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York Lodge, S. O. E. B. S.

York Lodge, No. 6, S.O.E.B.S., have elected the following officers for 1897: Past president, James Kitchener; worthy president, James Sturgess; secretary, Jas. Bayliss; treasurer, Peter Roberts; chaplain, R Bulmann; committee, F J Ward, Ben Miller, William Lewis, Thomas Steele; inside guard, Matt Hall; outside guard, John Clifford; trustees, Frank Midgley, T Steele; auditors, Burden, W Smith, T Steele; Grand Lodge Delegate, H Airthorpe; delegate to juvenile lodge, H Airthorpe, J T Dewey.

The Star Cafe, 99 King Street West, is now opened under the management of Lovering and Jewell.

Killed While Stealing a Ride.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—A lad named St. Germain, son of a footman employed by Squire John Crawford of Verdum, was killed this evening while stealing a ride on an electric car, which was switching on the "Y" at Point St. Charles.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

HUDDART HEARD FROM

In Regard to the Fast Atlantic Contract.

HE VIGOROUSLY PROTESTS

Against the Contract Being Awarded to the Allan Company.

Claims That if Anyone is Entitled to the Privilege of Amending His Tender It Should Be Himself—The Matter Left to Mr. Laurier by the Colonial Department in London—Full Particulars Demanded Before an Imperial Subsidy Can Be Secured.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Coincident with the visit to Ottawa of J. F. Hogan, M.P., as Mr. Huddart's representative regarding the fast Atlantic steamship contract, it may be stated that the papers presented to Parliament on this subject last session have just been issued. On July 1 Mr. Huddart wrote to the then Minister of Trade and Commerce a strong protest against the contract for the fast line being given to the Messrs. Allan without a reconsideration of the offer made by him.

OPPOSES THE ALLANS.

In the course of his letter Mr. Huddart said: "If any person be allowed to amend their tender, I have the honor to suggest that it would not be unreasonable for me to ask to be that person. I respectfully submit that the object Mr. Chamberlain had in calling for tenders had been reached and that my position has been vindicated. You will have taken note that the offer of the Messrs. Allan is said to be £225,000, which is almost exactly the equivalent in sterling of the amount in dollars which I have asked.

"My conduct during the previous two years in seeking to establish this fast mail service is open to the criticism of Englishmen everywhere. I am informed that if the contract is given to the Messrs. Allan they will go to the public precisely in the same way that I have always proposed to do, and they are not more likely to succeed than I am. In my case there are no conflicting interests. On the contrary, interest leads us to make the greatest possible exertions to succeed on the Atlantic. There are no old ships to be taken over by the proposed new company, and the management would be in the hands of the company itself, as in the case of the Peninsular and Oriental S. S. Company, and not in the hands of other persons, who might make such an arrangement with the company as to secure the managers profitable emoluments, while the shareholders might not be receiving dividends.

"Judging from the letters of the Messrs. Allan, which appeared in The London Times about two years ago, I think it is fair to assume that their hearts are not in the work, and that they have been forced to tender for the service because they believed that if it were left in my hands I should succeed in forming all respects a suitable company and building the most suitable steamships."

LEFT TO MR. LAURIER.

The letter of the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated July 10, 1896, to the Canadian High Commissioner in London, is as follows:

"Respecting the Fast Atlantic Service, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acquaint you that he is still of opinion that it would be undesirable to take any steps towards definitely accepting the tender of Messrs. Allan until the new Government of the Dominion has been formed.

"Independently of this consideration, however, it would in any case be impossible for Her Majesty's Government to come to any immediate decision on the matter, because, as intimated in my despatch to the Earl of Aberdeen of Nov. 21, 1895, Her Majesty's Government have still to consider the amount of the subsidy to be granted from the Imperial Exchequer, and for that purpose they require to be furnished with all particulars in possession of the Dominion Government, including the form of tender and copies of all tenders, and of any communications in respect to them which may have been received.

"With reference also to your interview with Mr. Chamberlain on the 9th inst., I am able to state that Mr. Chamberlain learns that some changes of an important character have been made in the tender of Messrs. Allan. If that is the case, it is quite possible that questions will arise as to the necessity of calling for fresh tenders, so that all parties may have a fair chance of competing on the altered terms. Information on this point will certainly be required by the Lords' Commissioners of the Treasury in considering the question, and you will see, therefore, that some delay is unavoidable."

The publication of the foregoing correspondence is a timely contribution to the debate, in view of the presence in Ottawa of Mr. Hogan, M.P., who is urging on the Government a reconsideration of Mr. Huddart's offer.

Stanley Barracks.

Last night Lieut.-Col. Otter and the officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment and of the Dragoons entertained at dinner at Stanley Barracks Sir Casimir Gzowski, Deputy Governor of Ontario, Commander Law, A.D.C., Hon G. W. Allan, Col. Gibson, Rev. Mr. Williams and the city M.P.'s, viz., Messrs. Lount, Osler, Maclean and Clarke.

Funeral furnishings.Ormsby & Somerville, 172 Queen St. West. Tel. 3355

Shorter Time to Rossland.

The Northern Pacific and Spokane Falls & Northern extension into Rossland is about completed and will be open for traffic by the 10th inst., shortening the time and distance between Toronto and that district considerably.

Turkish baths open day and night, 129 Yonge.

Queen's College Old Boys.

At a meeting held at the Rossin House yesterday for the purpose of forming a Queen's College graduate club in Toronto, there were present: Capt. D. M. Robertson, in the chair; H. M. Mowat, secretary; Rev. Dr. Milligan, Alex. Muir, W. A. McGillivray, Dr. B. W. Davis, E. R. Peacock, S. H. Gray, J. S. Rowland, R. J. McLennan, A. U. Bain, and A. H. Beeton. Messrs. Robertson, Mowat, Milligan and McGillivray were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and arrange for a public meeting, to be held early in the new year.

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OR THE EVOLUTION AND RISE OF TARTE.

MR. TARTE'S PLAIN TALK

He Pays His Respects to Archbishop Langevin.

WHAT THE COUNTRY WANTS

Is Peace, Work, Development and Concord, Says the Minister.

The School Question Merely a Pretext for Keeping Up Political Agitation—Supremacy Should be With the Ratepayers Who Pay the Taxes—French-Canadians Have Lost Ground for Want of Good Educational Facilities—Such Exaggerations as Those of Mgr. Langevin Would Bring About Extermination of the French and Catholic Groups.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—"I presume that the attitude taken by Mgr. Langevin will surprise no one," says Hon. J. I. Tarte, over his own signature in to-day's issue of his paper, Le Cultivateur. "He is keeping up the political campaign, which he commenced at the time of the last elections with the measure of success of which all are aware. Public opinion is heartily sick of such appeals to violence as those made by this young prelate. In these days a man must have reason with him if he wishes to be listened to. In what position does Mgr. Langevin find himself to-day? He has permitted without protest that some thirty Catholic schools continue to work under the laws of 1890 and 1894. These schools receive the grant of the Provincial Government; they are inspected by the officers of the Provincial Government. Now, this same Government offers concessions the importance of which no impartial man can deny. They modify, in the paths of justice, the legislation of the last few years. The Archbishop of St. Boniface, who allows thirty Catholic schools to operate under the old law, is up in revolt against these amendments which insure for the Catholic minority most precious advantages. This single fact suffices to show that Mgr. Langevin allows himself to be carried away by pre-occupations, the nature of which it is easy to size up. Excesses of language have to be deplored, no matter where they come from, but in the present circumstances the excesses of the Archbishop of St. Boniface are of a nature to give the masses the direction which they may follow. This country is anxious for peace, work, development and concord. The peace disturbers," he proceeds, "are in a minority. This school is not keeping up the fight for the benefit of the Catholics of Manitoba. It is putting forth such efforts only to recover the political and temporal supremacy, which is fading away from it, and which belongs to the ratepayers who pay the taxes. The school question is merely the pretext; if this pretext did not exist, another one would be found. I have the profound conviction and the certainty that the great majority of Catholics and enlightened priests deplore the excesses of those who refuse to be guided by experience and the teachings of history. Hon. Mr. Prendergast, whose experience in Manitoba affairs is much more precious than that of Mgr. Langevin, has expressed the true mind of the Catholics in the striking interview published. He is aware of the painful situation occupied by our compatriots and our co-religionists of the west. He is aware that half the young generation are deprived of the benefits of education. He knows the the French-Canadians have constantly lost ground during the last fifteen years. And he is also aware that exaggerations like those of which Mgr. Langevin is guilty would tend to bring about the final extermination of the French and Catholic groups, if they were not repudiated by the true representatives of our race."

OUR ROSSLAND SPECIAL.

Le Roi Declares Another Dividend of $25,000, Making $250,000 in All in Thirteen Months.

Rossland, B.C., Dec. 3.—(Special to The World, via Spokane, Wash.)—Le Roi has declared another dividend of twenty-five thousand dollars, making two hundred and fifty thousand paid in thirteen months. The product of Le Roi will be greatly increased as soon as the Red Mountain Railway is in operation. Ore from the mine will be treated at Trail and the American smelters.

A. R. M.

BACK FROM THE STATES.

Mr. Dineen Has Returned With All the Latest Fur Novelties.

Mr. Wm. Dineen has returned from a flying visit to Boston, Philadelphia and New York, where he went to get the very latest fur novelties for the Christmas trade. Some of his purchases arrived yesterday, and the goods are indeed beautiful. It is well worth a visit to the big store at King and Yonge-streets to see them.

The new goods include Persian lamb fancy muffs, with head and pocket, stone marten tails and lined with Dresden silk.

Seal muffs, stone marten or sable tails, fancy head, handsome lining, long, full flaps, pocket or invisible purse; also in sable stone marten, chinchilla, electric seal or in Persian lamb and seal, and other combinations.

The latest New York fad is a very large feather-weight and feather-lined and rich in appearance.

There are innumerable other pretty novelties, suitable for Christmas presents at Dineens, corner King and Yonge-streets.

Pember's Turkish baths, evening, 50c. 129 Yonge.

Personal.

W. H. Bennett, M.P., is at the Walker.

G. M. Dawson, Ottawa, is at the Queen's.

David Smith, Montreal, is at the Grand Union.

John Forsyth, Berlin, is at the Grand Union.

W. F. Thompson, Trail Creek, is at the Walker.

John Idington, Stratford, is at the Queen's.

George C. Gibbons, London, is at the Queen's.

A. F. McIntyre, Ottawa, is at the Queen's.

George R. Stark, Montreal, is at the Queen's.

George B. Miller, Buffalo, is registered at the Grand Union.

S. W. Hobart, Rapid City, Man., is stopping at the Grand Union.

George Taylor, M.P., the Liberal-Conservative whip, is at the Walker.

Dr. C. F. Moore of College-street has just returned from a pleasant trip to the principal cities of the United States. Dr. Ball of Sherbourne-street accompanied him on his travels.

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Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, cor. Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Proprietor. 135

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AID FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Minister Ross Says it the City Provides Building the Legislature May Make a Grant.

The committee deputed by the Technical School Board waited upon Hon. G. W. Ross, the Minister of Education, at his residence last evening. The result of their interview was a success which exceeded their fondest hopes.

The Minister told them that if they could get the civic authorities to provide a building he would have his colleagues provide for its sustenance.

Dr. J. O. Orr, who had been elected one of the spokesmen of the deputation, did not appear. The talking, therefore, fell to the lot of Mr. O'Donoghue, who did his part nobly. Trustees March, Polson, Gleckling and Wickens and Mr. A. G. Horwood, Secretary of the Board, composed the body of petitioners.

A STRONG CASE.

Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue related to the Minister the circumstances leading up to their being instructed to interview him. He stated that the success which the Toronto Technical School had attained of late had been such that the present accommodation was by no means sufficient for the ever-increasing attendance. He thought it the part of the Education Department to aid in giving a good technical education to the youth of the Province. The very fact of the present school's phenomenal growth was sufficient indication that Government assistance was needed and would not fail to be appreciated by the people. He concluded by asking that the board be granted substantial aid by the Government in the erection of a more spacious building, that an annual Government grant be given to assist in conducting the school and that the school be subject to Government inspection. In short, the spokesman requested that the Toronto Technical School be recognized as a Government institution.

THE MINISTER'S REPLY.

Mr. Ross, in reply, acknowledged that the school had been wonderfully successful, and said he was glad to see it so. The Government, however, had got so much into the way of helping institutions of this kind that it would be gratifying to them to see the municipal authorities do something towards aiding them. The latter bodies could, he said, do as is done in England: give them large annual grants. The Government gave $50,000 annually for public libraries and there was no reason why the board should not share it as well. If the city would build the school he would like to help them. He approved of a technical education. He said he did not want to do anything that would conflict with the views of the Trades and Labor Council.

Mr. O'Donoghue: On the contrary, they were the originators of the idea.

The Minister resumed that he was particularly pleased with the idea of a domestic science class for girls. He had seen the workings of these schools during his trip in the States. There were also two of them in Montreal, as well as a Technical School.

Mr. O'Donoghue took occasion to remind Mr. Ross the Montreal institutions were under Government control and received a Government grant of $10,000.

LOARD MUST PROVIDE BUILDING.

Mr. Ross thought the Ontario Government did not get credit for what Technical education they did give. He instanced the School of Practical Science as one where pupils were taught along the lines in question. He was prepared to discuss the matter with his colleagues and would consider favorably the aid towards a Technical School, but would insist that the board furnish the building. Such a provision he thought justifiable, because High School Boards had to do the same thing. He did not want to see the Government defeated on account of extravagance, but thought expenditure in this direction would not be the means of having them put out.

Mr. O'Donoghue rejoined: We will never put you out if you commit extravagances of that nature, to which Hon. G. W. Ross added, "it took a long time to put an extravagant Government at Ottawa out."

"That's all we want," said Mr. O'Donoghue, and the petitioners left.

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TARIFF ENQUIRY AT BRANTFORD.

Varying Views of the Business Men—Majority for Protection—Sir Richard Cartwright Not Present.

Brantford, Dec. 3.—Hon. Mr. Paterson and Hon. Mr. Fielding, two of the Tariff Commissioners, opened their inquiry at the Council Chamber this morning. Sir Richard Cartwright was detained in Toronto, and will join the commissioners at London to-morrow.

Mr. H. B. Gardner, cigarmaker, wished an increase of the duty on Havana cigars, which would materially improve the position of the Canadian cigarmaker.

Mr. M. K. Halloran considered it wrong to put a license fee of $75 upon all factories. He wished a graded list according to the number of employes.

THE NAILMAKERS.

Mr. J. E. Watercus, representing the manufacturers, wished no alteration on either raw material or finished article. Any reduction would seriously injure the business.

Mr. John Mann wanted a uniform duty on all coal other than nut.

A FREE TRADER.

Mr. Thomas A. Good wanted the duty of $4 per ton on raw iron removed. If they got the duty off iron, the manufacturer could produce a cheaper agricultural machine, and that would be a benefit.

At this point Sir Oliver Mowat came into the room and sat down beside Messrs. Paterson and Fielding.

Mr. Good, continuing, said if the Liberal Government didn't give tariff reform there would be a big kick.

OTHER VIEWS.

Mr. G. W. Brown spoke for a rearrangement of the duty on slate, blackboard and roof slates. Mr. Joseph Ruddy of the Slingsby Woolen Mills, thought the present duty on their goods unnecessarily high.

Mr. Wm. Buck advocated pig iron being free.

Mr. C. H. Waterous thought some discrimination should be made on mining machinery, on which there was no protection.

Messrs. H. Cockshutt and R. H. Verity showed for the plow works that raw material was highly taxed and the manufactured article only slightly protected.

AFTERNOON TESTIMONY.

The Canadian Wine Growers' Association asked that the standard of French wines should be reduced from 26 degrees to 16 degrees, the same as Canadian light wines.

The starch makers wished the duty on starch should remain as it is at present.

Mr. H. Yelgh represented the Beekeepers' Association, and asked for a few concessions.

Mr. R. M. Fullerton appeared for the Snowdrift Baking Powder Company. He asked that the duty on spices should be advanced, and that it should be about 25 per cent.

The Brantford Carriage Company were in favor of retaining the duty at present on their goods.

A number of local wagon builders were next heard. They asked for a duty of 25 per cent, on all wagons coming into this country.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

The Morgans and Harrisons of Kentucky Met on the Road and Used Their Guns Effectively.

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 3.—A battle has occurred in Letcher County between the Morgan family, supporters of Congressman D. C. Colson, and the Harrison family, advocates of ex-Congressman Johnson D. White, in the recent Congressional election. William Morgan and his three sons, Thomas, Caleb and John, were going to the mill, when they met with Harrison and his sons, Jim and Henry. The families have been on the outs since the election, and after a few words guns were drawn. Old man Morgan fell dead at the first fire, Jim and Henry Harrison were also killed, and Tom and Caleb Morgan are dying.

CUMBERLAND ELECTION.

The Protest Against Mr. Logan to be Pushed Because the Quid Pro Quo Was Annulled.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—It appears that the protest against Mr. H. J. Logan, member for Cumberland, is to be pushed to a conclusion in the courts, much to the disgust of the hon. member's friends. They say that they agreed to have Mr. C. T. Hillson, Sir Charles Tupper's nephew, retained in the service of the Intercolonial Railway at Amherst, N.S., provided the protest were dropped, and arranged to have that gentleman retained. Somehow, the Local Committee's intentions miscarried, however, and Mr. Hillson was dismissed, whereupon, they say, the Tories took advantage of the occasion to press the protest against Mr. Dickey's successful rival. The defence will be that the protest was behind time.

Mr. McMullen, M.P., is here on departmental business.

JACK FROST STOPPED THEM.

Three Steamers Frozen in at Fort William, and Will Have to Remain There.

Port Arthur, Dec. 3.—Last night's frost was too much for the steamers Minola, Ogilebay and Gratwick. They are solidly frozen up in the Kaministiquia at Fort William to-day, and cannot leave either way. The captains have commenced to lay up their boats and leave them here till spring. The Algonquin, which left the river yesterday, loaded at Port Arthur to-day and cleared for Prescott to-night.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

See our "rock bottom" letter file. Holds 500 letters; the cheapest file on earth, 25c. If it is a good thing we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Full dress shirts, English style, fit and finish guaranteed, regular $1, and cheap sale price 80c. Treble's expiration of lease sale; 53 King-street west.

"Salada" Tea is not nerve disturbing.

MARRIAGES.

JAMES—MACDONELL—At St. Basil's Church, Toronto, Florence Helen, eldest daughter of Mr. Alexander Macdonell of Toronto, formerly of Lindsay, to Grenville James, Esq., U.S. Consul, Woodstock, N.B.

DEATHS.

HESSE—In this city, Dec. 3, 1896, Thomas P. Hesse, in his 40th year.

Funeral private, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from 240 King-street east.

THOMPSON—Suddenly, on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 3rd, Eliza, beloved wife of Andrew Thompson of 640 Bathurst-street, in the 64th year of her age.

Notice of funeral later.

For Coughs and Colds, use Adams' Tutti Frutti. Some dealers try to palm off imitations, on which they make more profit.

OTTAWA'S GREAT FIRE

The Worst Conflagration for More Than 20 Years.

LOSS TOTALS OVER $340,000

Dominion Methodist Church Had a Very Narrow Escape.

Total Insurance of $162,350—Ross & Co.'s Case One of Peculiar Hardship—Large Importation of New Silks Had Just Been Put in—Masonic Fraternity Loses All Records and the Goat as Well—Some of the Documents Were of Priceless Value and Cannot be Replaced—A Call for Aid Will be Issued.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The worst fire which Ottawa has had for over twenty years took place this morning. The fine block of buildings on the south side of Sparks-street from Metcalfe-street east to Butterworth's store, and including the stores occupied by C. Ross & Co., drygoods; G. M. Holbrooke, tailor; Mrs. Turner, confectioner; Macdonald Bros., gents' furnishings; a large number of offices tenanted by city lawyers, the two Masonic halls, the Blue room and the Scottish rite, have all gone up in smoke. The fire began shortly after midnight, and the firemen have been at work playing on it until daylight this morning. The Dominion Methodist Church narrowly escaped destruction. The roof caught fire, but six streams were turned on it and the church was saved. A summary is as follows:

C. Ross & Co., building and stock, $32,000; Holbrooke, building and stock, $55,000; E. P. Hartney, building, $25,000; Masonic Halls, $12,000; Macdonald Bros., $13,000; Mrs. Turner, $2200; W. J. Kidd, $2000; L. Jarvis, $8000; Taylor McVetty, $1500; Pratt & Pratt, $1500; total, $241,200.

The insurance is about as follows:

Ross & Co., $105,000; Holbrooke, $32,000; E. P. Hartney, $10,000; Masonic Halls, $5000; Macdonald Bros., $7000; Mrs. Turner, $1850; W. J. Kidd, $1000; Pratt & Pratt, $500; total, $162,350.

All the insurance companies with agents in Ottawa are affected to a greater or less extent. The case of Messrs. Ross & Co. is a pretty hard one. Only yesterday Mr. Ross took out of Customs $20,000 worth of silks. The stock in the store was a very large and up-to-date one, and was purchased by Mr. Ross and one of his assistants, chiefly in Europe, during the past summer.

Crowds of people have been gathered around the ruins all day. As a measure of precaution men were employed by the building inspector tearing down the walls of the burnt buildings.

The loss to the Masonic fraternity is a severe one. All the lodge charters, valuable records of the craft, and the goat which has inhabited the hall since the establishment of Masonry in Ottawa in the forties, and the Masonic library, which had been collected from all parts of the globe and was of great value, probably $20,000, are gone. Indeed, nothing whatever has been saved from the building by any of the firms or occupants. Some of the Masonic works which were destroyed are of almost priceless value, as it will be impossible to duplicate them. It is the intention of the craft, however, to appeal to their Masonic friends in England, Canada and the United States, and to ask for contributions to help make up the loss by to-day's fire.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

News Notes of All Kinds Rolled Into Paragraphs in Order to Economize Space.

The American Cotton Oil Company made $836,431 this year, against $1,565,863 last year.

Katherine L. Stevenson, Secretary of the National W.C.T.U., has written a letter to President-elect McKinley, appreciating his total abstinence record and hoping liquors will be banished from the White House during his term.

New York friends of Ivory, the alleged dynamiter, have engaged Assistant District Attorney McIntyre of New York to go to London and assist in his defence. Witnesses will also go from New York to expose Informer Jones.

The Central Passenger Association has authorized the use of 5000-mile interchangeable tickets.

The Newfoundland Government has purchased practically all the railroads in the colony.

The judges of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland will not try the Union and Commercial Bank cases on the ground that they are interested parties. There is talk of getting a Canadian or English judge to preside.

A cyclone has swept the Windward and Leeward Islands, causing the loss of many lives and great destruction of property. Seventy-five persons perished on the island of Montserrat.

Three masked men held up Cashier Robert Hoffokamp of the Home Brewery in the office yesterday at St. Louis and got away with $800.

Peter Maher now wants to have a shy at Tom Sharkey for $5000 a side and the best purse than can be got.

Tommy Ryan, the champion welterweight, says he will not fight his match with "Young Corbett" at San Francisco because of the treatment accorded Fitzsimmons.

Monsignor Martinelli, Papal delegate to the United States, has received from Cardinal Rampolla instructions to contradict all reports of the intention of the Vatican to take measures against American prelates and characterizing such reports as falsehoods.

Joe and Christopher Halford of Maidstone Township, Ont., learning that detectives were after them on charges of assaulting Jake Tompkins, have given themselves up.

J. Wyley of Maidstone Township, County of Essex, aged 83, has been robbed on the highway. He cannot describe his assailants.

Sleet or Rain.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 34—54; Kamloops, 26—36; Prince Albert, 18 below—6; Qu'Appelle, 6 below—12; Winnipeg, 24 below—4; Port Arthur, 14 below—8; Parry Sound, 16—24; Toronto, 12—30; Ottawa, 6—20; Montreal, 5—20; Quebec, 6 below—8; Halifax, 6—20.

PROBS: Increasing southeast to southwest winds; mostly fair at first, then local falls of sleet or rain; rising temperature.

Have you tasted "Salada" Ceylon Tea?

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 3.	At	From
Assaye	Prowle Point	Montreal
Scandinavian	Glasgow	Montreal
Vancouver	Liverpool	Montreal
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	New York
Britannic	New York	Liverpool
Dresden	New York	Bremen
Anchoria	Moville	New York