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ARCHBISHOP AND LEADER.

HIS GRACE OF KINGSTON AFTER MR. MEREDITH.

Evidently He Does Not Propose to Assume Responsibility for the Utterances of The Catholic Freeman of Kingston—Press Opinions on the Big London Speech—The Platform That He Laid Down.

The last has not been heard of Mr. Meredith's London speech. Last night the Secretary of His Grace of Kingston handed The World a copy of the following letter, addressed to the leader of the Opposition:

THE PALACE, KINGSTON, Dec. 18, 1889.

To W. R. Meredith, Esq., Q.C., M.L.A.:

DEAR SIR,—The public journals report you as having made the following reference in your speech on Monday night in the Grand Opera House in London:

"I take from a newspaper published in the city of Kingston, addressed, it is true, to the readers of the paper, but arising out of matters that engage the attention of the province; the words are used by a newspaper, but to some extent, I apprehend, by the gentleman who presides over the Archiepiscopal See at Kingston:

"Holding, as we do, the balance of power between the two factions, we are, if only true to ourselves and the crisis about to come upon us, independent of either, and can dictate the terms upon which one or the other shall receive our support."

May I take the liberty of requesting you to inform me and my fellow-citizens of Ontario by what authority you publicly attribute to me the authorship of the foregoing extract from a Kingston newspaper, which you were pleased to interpret to your auditors as "revealing a great danger to the State," "one of the dangers of modern civilization," "one of the greatest evils we have to contend with in parliamentary government" and "against which both parties should cry 'Unite, unite against a COMMON ENEMY.'"

I have the honor to be, dear sir,
Yours very respectfully,
† JAMES VINCENT CLEARY,
Archbishop-elect of Kingston.

The World asked one of Mr. Meredith's right-hand men last night about the above. His reply was: "I do not know whether Mr. Meredith used the very words quoted (taken from The Empire's report), but what I would say in reply to the Archbishop, were I interpelated, would be: 'Do you endorse what The Freeman said? That is what is of genuine interest to the people of Ontario.'"

SOME PRESS OPINIONS.

On Mr. Meredith's Speech—His Platform Epitomised—It Meets With Acceptance.

[From The Empire].

Look at a few of the propositions he laid down:

A policy of wisely conserving our timber resources, instead of drawing on them as an encouragement to extravagance.

A reversal of the centralizing policy, which grasps power and patronage for the Government at the expense of municipal and local authorities.

Removing the licensing system from partizan control and putting an end to the scandals that have arisen under the present system.

Non-partizan management of the Education Department.

Abolition of tax exemptions.

A secret ballot to put an end to intimidation and bribery.

Attention to the improvement of the condition of the workingman.

In the interests of Roman Catholics and Protestants alike obnoxious amendments to the Separate School act must be repealed.

Ballot for separate school electors, as now enjoyed by public school electors.

The Mail is Satisfied.

[From The Mail.]

The address of Mr. Meredith was certainly not lacking in energy nor in material to awaken great interest and no little surprise. * * * We congratulate Mr. Meredith on the policy —the Equal Rights policy—which he has so clearly stated for the acceptance of his party and we sincerely hope, now that he has at last cast off the shackles, that he will persistently decline to be influenced by considerations as to how his conduct is calculated to affect the fortunes of the men at Ottawa, who have hitherto directed the affairs of the party wholly regardless of any interest other than their own.

Pity the Forlorn Man.

[From The Globe.]

Having been jeered and cuffed by the mutineers of his following into speaking against his own better judgment, Mr. Meredith naturally delivered a disheartened oration at London. It would be easy to pity the forlorn man if he had not prevaricated so meanly.

He is on the Right Track.

[From The Toronto Telegram (Independent).]

The words of Mr. Meredith came measurably near meeting all reasonable expectations.

The Opposition leader still has a chance to begin in the house what may develop into a successful fight in the constituencies. Delay has lessened but not destroyed his opportunities, for if he had made the London speech last spring he could have swept the province.

A Long Indictment.

[From The Toronto News (Independent).]

The speech must be admitted by all to have been a masterly one. There was no straining after effect, but it was a plain unvarnished speech which had truth for its foundation, and truth must prevail no matter what happens. * * Mr. Mowat has a long indictment against him, and it will require a strong defence on his part to convince the people that he is not the worst enemy freedom has in this province.

He Voiced Protestant Sentiment.

[From The Hamilton Herald (Independent).]

In regard to the Separate School anomaly that ever confronts us, Mr. Meredith voiced not only the sentiments of all Protestants, but he expressed the secret opinions of the liberally minded Roman Catholics.

Mr. Meredith's pronouncement in regard to the limitation of all public schools to secular education will meet with widespread satisfaction. The State must not interfere with religious teaching, but must confine itself to what is purely secular.

The Hamilton Kicker Satisfied.

[From The Hamilton Spectator (Conservative).]

Mr. Meredith has spoken. The Spectator felt aggrieved because the leader of the Opposition did not speak sooner. Now that he has placed his views before his constituents and before the electors of Ontario there can be no further room for complaint. He has spoken so ably, so fully, so frankly, so convincingly that he has made the platform on which the opposition to Mr. Mowat must stand in the elections, which will probably be held within a very few months.

Still the Enemy of the French Canadians.

[From L'Etendard, Mercier Organ.]

M. Meredith, the leader of the Opposition in the Legislature of Toronto, has delivered a great speech at London.

We have not the time to-day to comment on the political program of the worthy lieutenant of Sir John. Suffice it for the moment to say that M. Meredith is still the same man, the enemy of the French-Canadians and of the Catholics.

He is Still the Party's Leader.

[From The Woodstock Standard.]

The reception he received indicates that in Western Ontario at least Mr. Meredith still retains the confidence and respect of the Conservatives, and that the efforts to supplant him will be futile. Mr. Meredith gave no indication that he intends to retire from the leadership. His speech was an able effort and was as powerful an arraignment of the Mowat administration as could well be compiled. Unfortunately for Mr. Meredith the administration of affairs by the Government has been so uniformly good that he has no very strong grounds for attack.

A Leader Who Does Not Lead.

[From The London Advertiser.]

We have said enough to show how weak and illogical much of the criticism of Mr. Meredith was. Stripped of his eloquent periods—about the blessings of civil and religious liberty, on which no body would be disposed to oppose him, and viewed only in the light of the cold facts, and Mr. Meredith's own record—the address of the Tory leader was not such as can relieve him of the stigma which some of his former lieutenants and leading Tory papers have affixed to him: He is a leader who does not lead, because he lacks a case.

He Arraigns His Own Leader.

[From The Montreal Herald.]

The leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature made an important speech to his constituents in London. It was important because Mr. Meredith has not been heard from for some time, and he is one of those Conservatives that command the respect for his personal character of those who differ with him; a man, in fact, who, metaphorically speaking, can be touched without soiling the fingers. His speech at London will astonish a great many people, and only the assurance that Mr. Meredith is a man of honor and could not be guilty of purposely stabbing a friend, prevents its being interpreted as a vigorous arraignment of his leader, Sir John Macdonald. We are quite satisfied that such an idea was foreign to his purpose, but the facts of history were too strong for him * * *. Naturally, all well-wishers of Mr. Meredith are disappointed at his having promised no measure of reform in his own party.

Great Auction Sale of standard rare and curious books at "Piddington's," 250 Yonge-street. This evening.

THE "STRETCHERS" NOT NEEDED.

But the Ambulance Corps of the Royal Grenadiers Have a Good Time.

The first annual dinner of the Ambulance Corps in connection with the Royal Grenadiers took place last night at McConkey's. The dinner was served in the upstair private dining-room, and in a style that left nothing to be desired. The head of the table was occupied by Surgeon Ryerson and Assistant Surgeon King, R.G., Surgeon Strange, I. S. Corps, Surgeon Leslie, Q.O.R., Dr. Burns, Major Mason and Adjutant Manley. The Sergeant-major of the regiment was also a guest and the side tables were filled by the regimental "sawbones," a full muster of 14 members and Sergeant Taylor.

The toasts were "The Queen," "Our Guests," the "Non-Coms." In a neat speech Surgeon Strange proposed the health of "The Ambulance Corps of the Royal Grenadiers," which was responded to by Drs. Ryerson and King.

A pleasant feature was the presenting of the certificates won at the recent examination to these members: Ptes. Stevenson, Carter, Miller, Jackson, Harris, Miller, Dr. King, in making the presentations, spoke highly of the ability and industry of the corps.

A pleasant evening was spent in song and speech, and as there were no casualties the "stretchers" were not required. Capt. Manley was pleasantly reminded—lest he might possibly have forgotten it—of his approaching jump into the ranks of the Benedicts by the toast proposed by the chairman of his good health and future happiness, which was heartily drank and responded to.

Great Auction Sale of standard rare and curious books at "Piddington's," 250 Yonge-street. This evening.

They Are Busy.

[From Daily Globe Dec. 18th.]

How is trade? was the question asked Mr. W. Dineen by a reporter as he entered the large fur stores of Messrs. W. & D. Dineen, at the corner of King and Yonge-streets. Trade is all that we can expect taking into consideration the very open season we are having. Our orders are ahead of us at present, and if cold weather comes we will be overcrowded with work. We bought early and more heavily this year, anticipating a large increase in the finer class of furs as they are becoming scarcer each year, and consequently advance in price, so that we have placed ourselves in the position that we can sell South Sea seal, sea otter, beaver, mink, Hudson Bay sable, Alaska sable and the finest bear skins at prices that are a very small advance on last year. To what extent have furs advanced? Seals advanced this year about 40 per cent. Bears have doubled—and others from 25 to 50 per cent. In passing through the different handsome showrooms, that were newly fitted up this year, might be seen hundreds of garments made from every kind of fur, and it led one to wonder would they ever sell so many, but, as this firm not only have one of the largest city trades but do a large business throughout the whole Dominion they will have little difficulty in disposing of them. The stock consists of sacques, dolmans, coats, capes, storm collars, muffs, boas, caps, jackets, ulsters, Newmarkets. They also show an immense stock of furs for gentlemen's wear, and anyone requiring anything for Xmas gifts for gentlemen, ladies or children could not do better than look through this immense assortment of furs, from which they could hardly fail to find just that "something" that every giver of presents is always so perplexed about at this time of the year. This firm have now in progress an immense Xmas sale, and are offering everything in their store at reduced prices. Messrs. Dineen the whole year round carry large ranges of the latest, "nobbiest" and "nattiest" hats made by the leading hatters of the world.

Ladies' Heavy Solid Gold Watches, with stem wind, movements warranted 25 years, only $25 at George E. Trorey's, manufacturing jeweler, 61 King-street east.

Canadian Pacific Earnings.

The traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending Dec. 14 were:

1889	$292,000
1888	271,000
Increase for 1889	$ 21,000

Above does not include earnings on South-eastern Railway.

Great Auction Sale of standard rare and curious books at "Piddington's," 250 Yonge-street. This evening.

A Handsome Calendar.

The British America Assurance Company have issued some fine calendars for 1890. They are the work of the Toronto Lithographing Company and the design and execution is excellent.

One hundred Christian portraits and biographical sketches; newest book for present to pater or mater. $3.75 at "The Willard."

Open Until 10 o'Clock Every Night.

For the convenience of their customers, Messrs. J. E. Ellis & Co. will keep their establishment open until 10 p.m. to Xmas Eve.

Who is Williams After.

Detective Williams, of the Chicago Pinkerton's, who came to Toronto a few weeks ago to assist in getting Andrew Drumm to disgorge the $68,000 which he stole from his uncle in Kansas City, is back in town again, or at least he was up to last evening, when he left for Chatham. Mr. Williams has been making some mysterious movements since his arrival and by some it is thought that he is looking for Silcott, the Washington absconder. That gentleman, however, is said to be in Manitoba with United States Government detectives on his track. A few weeks ago a young man stole $1600 from a Clifton bookmaker and came on to Toronto. During his stay in this city he is said to have passed himself off as a son of a noted Chicago faro-bank keeper and horseman. The other day he suddenly left town. It is just surmised that Williams would like to meet this youth.

THE KINGDOM'S WEALTH.

GREAT BRITAIN THE RICHEST OF EARTH'S NATIONS.

The Thames Police Thwart a Plot of the Strikers to Blow Up a Coal-Laden Vessel in the River—Another Batch of Arrests for Alleged Conspiracy in the West End Scandal.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Robert Giffen, the famous statistician, has read a paper before the Royal Statistical Society on the accumulated wealth of the kingdom. This amounted in round numbers in 1885 to ten billion pounds. This would give to each person in the kingdom a personal share amounting to £270. If the several countries were to be separated England would be entitled to £308 a head, Scotland to £243 and Ireland to £93. Comparing the decade ending with 1885 with the two previous decades ending in 1875 and 1865, Mr. Giffen finds that in every item an increase of capital marked the preceding decade, whereas the last decade shows numerous instances of a decrease owing to agricultural and industrial depression. Making a comparison of the richest three nations of the world Mr. Giffen finds that the wealth per head of population stands as follows: Great Britain £270, France £190, United States £160.

A NEFARIOUS PROJECT.

The London Strikers Plot to Blow Up a Coal-laden Vessel.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—An increased activity on the part of the Thames police and a considerable addition to their number led to some alarming rumors. The authorities refuse to admit that anything extraordinary has occurred or is expected to happen, with the natural effect of increasing the number of stories current. The one which is best supported by circumstances is that the police have received information of a plot to blow up a coal-laden vessel from Hamburg or Bremen. The gas companies have lately found it difficult to obtain coal from English mines on account of the boycott to which they are subjected by the coal handlers, and several cargoes have been imported in German bottoms which were manned and unloaded by German crews. Unable to gain access to these foreigners, owing to the preventive measures taken by the gas companies, the strikers, it is understood, determined to make such an example of one of the vessels as to deter shipowners and sailors abroad from engaging in the business again. The authorities have offered a large reward for the detection of anyone engaged in the attempt to carry out such a nefarious project, and though possibly the threat to destroy a vessel in the crowded river, endangering many lives and property of immense value, was merely bluster, it has given added uneasiness to London merchants and will add another circumstance to those which have contributed this year to deprive the commerce of the world's greatest port.

The Serpa Pinto "Incident."

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Marquis of Salisbury has received Col. Evan Smith's report giving the details of the Serpa Pinto incident showing that it occurred in November and was reported by Pinto in a much modified form.

The Lisbon papers publish the letters of Johnston, the British Consul at Mozambique, written in July last, in which he asks for a passport or safe conduct for a journey to the interior of the country, offers to carry letters to Portuguese officers there and thanks the Governor of Mozambique for his assistance and courtesy. The safe conduct was given and Johnston used it. The Portuguese allegation is that while bearing it he excited the Makalolo to revolt.

Parnell at Hawarden.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Parnell visited Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden and goes to Liverpool to-morrow to receive addresses and make speeches.

The West End Scandal.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—As a result of the secret examination in connection with the West End scandal before the magistrate of the Bow-street Police Court Monday last, summonses have been issued for the arrest of solicitor named Arthur Newton, a clerk in his employ named Taylor and an interpreter named De Galo, for conspiracy to defeat justice. It is understood that Newton obtained funds for Hammond, the proprietor of the Cleveland-street house in which the scandal occurred, and for whose arrest a warrant was issued, and assisted him in reaching America.

The Cape Mail Robbery.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The postoffice authorities and the merchants who owned the diamonds taken from the letter carrier Tuesday by robbers, agree that the value of the gems lost was $40,000.

Steamship Collision in the North Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The steamers Leerdam, bound from Amsterdam to Buenos Ayres with 400 passengers, and Gau Quan Sia, bound from Calcutta to Hamburg, collided with each other in the North Sea to-day and both sank. All aboard the two vessels were saved and were taken to Cuxhaven by the French steamer Emma.

Fighting in Crete.

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—Reports have been received of fresh fighting at Sphakia, in Crete, with many killed.

Cable Flashes.

There are 3000 cases of influenza in Hamburg 6000 in Stockholm and many senators, deputies and others are ill.

Parnell declares that the modified Home Rule proposed by Mr. Gladstone is preferable to Grattan's scheme, which contained several elements of fiction.

Many eminent engineers in conference at Berlin favor the scheme of connecting Berlin with the sea by a canal to the North Sea rather than by canal to the Baltic.

Mr. Parnell declares that all the talk about a Protestant minority being animated by a spirit of hostility to an Irish Parliament and opposing it, or Catholics oppressing Protestants, is fallacious.

The London Chronicle's Berlin correspondent says that advices from Brazil by mail report that the proclamation of the Republic was received with enthusiasm in all places where the German population predominates.

Nelly Bly at Singapore.

[Special to The World.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A cablegram to-day from Nelly Bly announces her arrival at Singapore. She expects to reach Hong Kong Dec. 24, ahead of the time set for the steamer she expects to catch. Miss Bly has completed one-half her journey round the world in 34 days.

"Our Darlings," edited by Dr. Barnardo, full of pictures plain and colored. Price $1 at "The Willard."

Preparing to Sell What They Don't Own.

[Special to The World.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Windom is having prepared proposals to be advertised for the exclusive privilege of catching seals in Behring Sea. The 20-years' lease of the Alaska Commercial Company will expire next May.

Xmas Cards and booklets, finest assortment at "The Willard." Open to-night.

$50000 Reward for Silcott's Capture.

[Special to The World.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House to-day adopted a resolution offering a reward of $5000 for the capture of the defaulting cashier Silcott.

The Old Man Coming This Morning.

Sir John Macdonald will arrive in the city this morning from Kingston. He has engaged the Red Parlor at the Queen's for his accommodation. It is said that an important conference will take place between the Premier and Mr. Meredith.

THE PUBIC ACCOUNTS.

Facts and Figures From the Blue Book—The Public Debt.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The public accounts of the Dominion for the past fiscal year were given to the public to-day. From the blue book it is learned that there was paid on capital account the sum of $4,420,313.66, of which $737,441.80 were chargeable to public works, and the balance to railways and canals. During the year there was paid as subsidies to railroads the sum of $846,721.83. During the year there has been received on account of Dominion Lands $237,820.61. The amount invested on account of the siuking fundwas $1,736,644.34, and the amount of debt redeemed $3,516,091.11. The total amount at the credit of Savings' Bank depositors at the close of the year was $42,956,357.68, showing an increase of $1,585,299.45 during the year. The amount of Dominion notes in circulation at the close of the fiscal year was $42,956,357.68, showing a decrease during the year of $823,037.70.

The net debt of the Dominion at the close of the year was $237,537,041.65, an increase of $2,998,683.49, which is more than accounted for by the amount expended on capital account for railways, canals, public works and expenses appertaining to the Northwest rebellion, which aggregated $4,420,313.66. The rate of interest paid on the gross debt during the year averaged $3.52 per cent. against $3.45 per cent. during the year ended June 30, 1888. The increased rate is due chiefly to the fact that prior to June 30, 1888, a portion of the recent 3 per cent. loan had been received, upon which no interest at that date had accrued. On the net debt, however, the rate of interest decreased from $3.12 per cent. to $3.07 per cent., as a result of the increased amount received in the way of interest on investments. The balance of the above-mentioned loan has since been received, and the funded debt payable in London has advanced from $176,091,775.89 to $188,299,439.90. Against this an increase of $1,736,644.34 has taken place on the sinking funds, which amounted on June 30 last to $22,730,298.73. The cost of the management of the finance department during the year, was $69,840.44.

The profit derived from the silver coined, amounted to $52,774.21, an amount more than sufficient to cover the salaries of the staff.

Toronto Visitors at the Capital.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Ex-Ald. Bernard Saunders and Mr. W. H. Avis of Toronto, representing the Toronto Twine Manufacturing Company are here on departmental business. They visited the Minister of Customs and exhibited a fine assortment of their manufactures from the smallest twine up to the largest rope. The company want certain modifications of the tariff touching the raw material used in their business and also the finished articles. Hon. Mr. Bowell stated that the matter would be taken into consideration.

Messrs. W. R. Brock and Donald McKay, wholesale dry goods merchants of Toronto, were closeted all day with the Minister of Customs with reference to a revision of the tariff on dry goods.

Messrs. H. D. Warren, president, and J. D. Humphries of the Gutta Percha Manufacturing Company, Toronto, had an interview with the Minister of Customs to-day, requesting a readjustment of the tariff on certain rubber goods, especially rubber clothing and shoes.

The works of poets, novelists, historians, etc., at "Piddington's" Great Book Auction to-night, 250 Yonge-street.

SURPRISED AT HIMSELF.

One of Hamilton's Crazy Policemen Turns Up All Right in Detroit.

HAMILTON, Dec. 18.—A letter was received this morning from Police Constable Christopher Griggs, whose mysterious disappearance was reported yesterday. It was dated at Detroit, addressed to his wife, and in it he said that he found himself in that city and did not realize how he came to be there. He made up his mind yesterday to leave Hamilton, and carried out his intentions so quickly that he was surprised at himself. It is thought that his mind is affected. In fact ever since he was roughly handled by Eddie Brand and the West End gang he has not been quite right in his mind.

The city will try legal conclusions again against the Grand Trunk Railway, and attempt to prevent it from building the spur line across the beach. The company has not yet started work on the line; but agents are purchasing right of way, and it is hard to say just when they will begin constructing the road. The city is determined that it won't be too slow about applying for the injunction, as it was when the Grand Trunk built the switch over Gage's farm. On that occasion the line was built befo e the application for the injunction came before the judge at Toronto. Mayor Gibson, Ganong & Martin this morning issued a writ out of the Chancery division on behalf of the city against the Grand Trunk to prevent the building of the spur line. Perhaps when this application comes up the Grand Trunk will say that it has no intention of building the line.

Merchants can warehouse goods in bond or free with Mitchell, Miller & Co. Negotiable warehouse receipts issued; rate of insurance low.

Butterworth's Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Payne (Rep., N.Y.) introduced in the House of Representatives to-day a bill for the construction by the Federal Government of a ship canal around Niagara Falls.

Mr. Butterworth (Rep., O.) introduced a bill for full reciprocity between the United States and Canada.

Mr. McMillen (Dem., Tenn.) introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of State to notify the Republic of Brazil of its recognition by the United States.

The number of bills introduced to-day was 184. The deaths of James Laird, Nebraska; S. S. Cox, New York; H. W. Nutting, New York, and R. W. Townshead, Illinois, were announced and the House, as a mark of respect, adjourned until Friday.

Trowern, Jewelry Manufacturer, has removed from Yonge-street to 113 King-street west, south side, four doors east of Rossin House. 246

DR. STANLEY.

Queen's University Tacks Another Title to the Governor-General's Name.

KINGSTON, Dec. 18.—At the convocation of Queen's this afternoon Chancellor Fleming presided and Principal Grant presented Lord Stanley of Preston for the honorary degree of LL.D. His Excellency made a happy speech as did also Sir John Macdonald, Provost Body, Rev. G. M. Milligan and Rev. J. Burton of Toronto were among the other speakers.

At the banquet in the evening covers were laid for for about 400 guests. Among the speakers was Sir John Macdonald, who declared for British connection and held that a majority of the people favored it. Ruin and misfortune would follow severance from Great Britain. No party could ever be formed in Canada having for its object separation from England, either to go it alone or to annex to another land. He intimated that he would again be a candidate for Kingston if he lived. He was vociferously applauded.

Go to the Church Book Depository, Synod office, over the Merchants' Bank, for the newest books of the season at very low cost.

Spectacled Sneezers.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—There are a dozen cases of influenza in Boston.

A Rascally Arabian.

Joseph Phelimon, an Arabian, was locked up in the Agnes-street Police Station yesterday. He arrived from the States a few days ago and was peddling fancy jewelry and trinkets around the streets. Yesterday morning he went to a respectable house in Centre-street, north of Edward, when he made improper advances to the lady of the house, offering as an inducement a cheap crucifix bearing the inscription "Remembrance of Jerusalem." The police were called in and at the station a charge of trespass was entered against him.

BY OVER TWO TO ONE.

Hon. Mr. Colby Elected for Stanstead by a Majority of 1045.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The election in the County of Stanstead, caused by the elevation of Charles Carroll Colby to the position of President of the Council, took place to-day. Benj. Lebaron, the candidate of the Equal Rights party opposed the return of Mr. Colby, but was defeated by a majority of 1045 votes.

There are 4595 votes in the county, less than half of whom marked their ballots to-day. At the last general election 3254 votes were polled, and Mr. Colby's majority was 434.

The complete returns of yesterday's polling, with the exception of Griffin's Corners—which place reports 12 majority for Colby without giving the votes polled by each candidate—are as follows:

Place.	*Colby.*	*Lebaron.*
Ayers' Flats	48	28
Boynton	59	22
East Hately	60	45
North Hately	28	78
Katevale	80	8
Ways' Mills	52	16
Stanstead	75	18
Magog No. 1	78	5
Magog No. 2	96	5
Magog No. 3	94	15
Rock Island	86	17
Coaticook No. 1	82	13
Coaticook No. 2	91	9
Coaticook No. 3	44	17
Coaticook No. 4	64	22
Barnston No. 1	69	16
Barnston No. 2	58	0
Barnston No. 3	51	15
North Burford	73	6
South Burford	98	13
Smith's Mills	51	9
Dixville	37	48
Georgeville	43	26
Mansus school house	33	29
Pitch Bay	41	62
Total	1591	558
Majority for Colby		1033

The man in the moon is sighing for "Athletes." 136

THE POISONED CANDY CASE.

A Handwriting Expert Gives Damaging Evidence Against McDonald.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 18.—In the McDonald case to-day George A. Sawyer of Boston, a penmanship expert, testified that the addresses on the MacRae, Desoyres and Dienstadt boxes were written in a disguised, unnatural hand. The Dienstadt address was an attempt at back hand but the forward slope was continually cropping out. The writing is all in the same hand. He described at length the similarity in many of the letters to those of McDonald's in samples identified and was quite positive that McDonald wrote the addresses.

Life itself—the "Athlete." 136

BEAUTY AND ART.

A Brilliant Conversazione—A Lecture on Sculpture, Music and Dancing.

The elite of Toronto were present at the conversazione of the Ontario Society of Artists last night at the Toronto Art Gallery, in the Academy of Music building. Hon. G. W. Allan, the president, was in the chair and The World noticed among others Vice-president W. Revel, Hon. G. W. Ross, M. Matthews, Hamilton McCarthy, J.C. Forbes, J. W. L. Forster, Miss Tully, J. D. Blatchley, and C. Ince, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sugars, Miss Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Ince, Dougald McMurchy, Mr. Percy and Miss Horrocks, Miss Hannaford, Miss Stovin, Mrs. and Miss Turner, Mr. E. C. Rutherford, James A. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Mr. and Miss McMahon, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Bethune, Miss Birwick, Miss Ethel Dickson, Miss Hanson, Miss Hind, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. R. McCausland, Mr. Faichish, Mr. C. Downes, Mrs. and Miss C. W. Armstrong, Miss Florie Smith, Miss Miles Mr. and Mrs. A. Cox, Miss Honora Taylor, Miss L. Taylor, Mr. R. J. Griffith, Miss Ince Mrs. T. Christie, Miss Roberts, Miss Stimson, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smith, Misses Scott, Miss Maggie Lloyd, Miss Ethel Lloyd, Liverpool, England; Miss Simons, Chicago; Mrs A. Patterson, jr.; M. C. J. Mariana, Mr and Mrs LjR O'Brien, Mr and Mrs Revel, Mr and Mrs. A Patterson, Mr and Mrs Alley, O A Howland, Mr and Mrs Neville, Capt and Miss McGee, quite a large and very pretty party, Miss Langstaff, Mr McAndrew, MLA, and Mrs. McAndrew, Mr and Mrs J L Thompson, M C G, King of the Haitian Navy; Mr and Mrs Farrer and the Misses Leah, Mr and Mrs A Cox, Dr. Peters, Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Thompson and Miss Wye, Mr. and Mrs. Wickson, Mr. and Mrs. Stimson, Mr. Percy Maud, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cameron, Mr. and Miss Fahey, Miss Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Hirschfelder, Mrs. and Miss Christie, Mr. and Miss Hoskuter, Miss Brown, Miss Roberts.

A lecture on sculpture was given by Mr. Hamilton McCarthy, after which the following musical program was carried out:

Piano solo	Selected
Song "Morning Is Lower" (Miss May Fahey)	Lohr
Duet "The Sailor Sighs" (Mr. E. W. Schuch, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cameron)	Balfe
Song "Because of Love" (Miss Alice Waltz)	Tours
Song "The Skipper" (Mr. D. E. Cameron)	Jude
Duet "I Feel Thy Angel Spirit" (Miss Alice Waltz and Mr. E. W. Schuch.	Graben-Hoffmann

The magnificent artistic display in the gallery has already been noticed in these columns and it was highly appreciated and praised by the visitors last night.

There was dancing after 10 o'clock.

Everybody's favorite—the "Athlete." 136

Alice, I am going down to East's to buy my Christmas Presents; their plush jewel cases are very cheap.

Extending our Trade with the West Indies.

A special meeting of the council of the Board of Trade will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 to hear an address by George Robertson, vice-president of the St. John (N.B.) Board of Trade, on the possibility of extending our trade with the West Indies and British Guiana by means of the new West India steamship line now under contract with the Dominion Government, to sail from the port of St. John. The subject promises to be one of considerable interest, and all interested persons, particularly manufacturers, are cordially invited to be present. Mr. Robertson arrived in town yesterday and will address the Hamilton Board of Trade on the same subject to-day.

Private Dining Rooms at English Chop House. Theatre Parties a Specialty.

Beautiful holiday volumes at "Piddington's" Book Auction, 250 Yonge-street. This evening.

Selling Mining Lands for Taxes.

The adjourned sale of Algoma mining lands, held on Nov. 13 last, took place yesterday. About twenty lots were sold for small amounts, realizing on an average about half of the amount of the taxes, which would not amount to more than $700 or $800.

Piddington's Great Book Auction begins to-night.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

65 Yonge-street (below King), New Sterling Silver Goods suitable for Xmas Presents. We receive new goods every day. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

"1890." Pocket and Office Diaries, Canadian Almanac, Grip, London News, Cassells' and Bow Bells' Almanacs, Xmas Judge, Puck, Life, Star, Globe, etc. Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

Personal Mention.

Henry Rochefort is dangerously ill in London.

The Brazilian Empress' diamonds were not stolen.

Count von Moltke has recovered from the influenza.

The Tangiers Government has demanded the recall of United States Consul Lewis.

Stanley and Emin Pasha will probably sail on Tuesday from Zanzibar for Cairo.

Emin Pasha is entirely out of danger and is making rapid progress towards full recovery.

Dr. F. W. Radford, the Medical Health Officer of Montreal, is registered at the Queen's. The Doctor will be best remembered by his energetic and successful fight in stamping out a virulent smallpox epidemic in Montreal four years ago. He is the father of Mr. Radford, the artist and designer of this city.

Say, Charles, buy me one of East's gold-handled umbrellas for a Christmas box. They have just lovely goods and they are awfully low in price.

J. R. Armstrong & Co., of the "City Foundery," have removed from 164 Yonge-street to 219, 221 and 223 Queen-street east. d

STILL ON THE WRANGLE!

HOW POLITICS CROPS UP IN THE ALLIANCE DELIBERATIONS.

A Long Series of Resolutions by the Committee on Electoral Action—"The Canada Temperance Act Division" Called to Task for Allowing Politicians to get Hold of Departmental Papers.

Rev. Dr. Stone presided yesterday at Richmond Hall over the annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic. Nearly 100 delegates were present.

Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., chairman of the Executive Committee, presented their report. This dealt at length with the aspects of temperance and prohibition work, the repeal of the Scott Act and the electoral action of the Alliance in the recent elections in West Lambton and Bromé. It was claimed that temperance is making progress all along the line, and there were strong appeals for renewed action on the part of the friends of prohibition.

The discussion of the report occupied a long time. Ultimately it was adopted.

Mr. F. S. Spence presented the report of the Committee on Legislation, which proposed reduction of the maximum number of licenses issued in any municipality; that provision be made that any person applying for a license shall produce evidence to show that the granting of such license is consented to by a majority of the ratepayers in the locality in which it is to operate; local prohibition where the people desire it; the abolition of bar-rooms; the closing of bar-rooms on Saturday afternoons; prohibition on public holidays; the abolition of steamboat licenses; the prevention of the sale of liquor to minors, the furnishing by tavern keepers of sufficient security for the due observance of the law; the cancelling of licenses when the holder persistently violates the law; that provision be made against the sub-letting of bar-rooms; the imposition of adequate penalties for law violations; the punishment of licensees who violate the law; the removal of screens and blinds; the prohibition of the sale of liquors to intemperate persons; the abolition of serials for convicted liquor sellers; the right for police in cities and towns to arrest the keepers and frequenters of unlicensed dives; the suppression of liquor selling in unlicensed clubs, and the giving of restrictive authority to municipal councils. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Electoral Action, after having carefully considered that portion of the report relative to electoral action, submitted this resolution:

That in order to carry out the policy of the Dominion Alliance of electing known and professed prohibitionists to all parliamentary and municipal positions, as laid down at the Montreal Convention of July, 1886, and at the convention of September last in the city, it is necessary that the various constituencies of the province should be forthwith thoroughly organized so as to render the temperance vote effective.

That the necessary steps should be taken to ascertain what members of the present Provincial Assembly are in harmony with the members of the Alliance, in order to prevent as far as practicable the re-election of such as are not favorable thereto.

That we would strongly urge upon our friends that steps be taken so as to secure at the approaching general provincial election at least one candidate in each constituency who will support the principles of the Alliance.

That a special standing committee be appointed to the convention to take the necessary steps to obtain at the approaching session of the legislature the passage of such measures as may be approved by the convention, and also to watch legislation generally in the interests of temperance.

Mr. J. T. Moore moved in amendment to the first clause, that this convention is of opinion that the cause of temperance and prohibition will be best promoted by united political action in conjunction with Canada's new party.

The suggestion of the Chairman the amendment was withdrawn and the following addition substituted by Rev. Alexander Sutherland:

And it is the opinion of this convention that the ends in view will be attained most quickly and effectively by hearty co-operation with Canada's new party.

An interminable amount of talk followed, in which both political parties came in for a vigorous overhauling, the parliamentary proceedings at Ottawa and Toronto got it hot and heavy, and the recent elections in West Lambton were reviewed and much time consumed in discussing the action of electors at that time.

F. S. Spence spoke at length on the questions, urging the members not to attach the Temperance and Equal Rights parties together and thus alienate the Roman Catholic vote.

Mr. William Munns scored the License Department of the province, charging it with allowing departmental papers to be taken out of their keeping for political purposes.

To this Mr. J. W. Manning of the "Canada Temperance Act Division of the Crown Lands Department," replied denying that the paper in question was in the custody of the department and stated that the paper had been returned to the License Inspector.

The paper referred to by Mr. Munns was in connection with the employment by that gentleman of two whiskey detectives at the request of License Inspector Morgan. When the question of payment came up that important duty someh