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THE SAME AS THEY WERE.

METCALFE, GIBSON AND HENDERSON ELECTED.

Mr. Neelon Overwhelmingly Defeated in Lincoln, the Patron Buried Out of Sight in Halton, While Metcalfe Carries the Late Chieftain's Seat by 96 Majority—Several Nominations.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 28.—After a keen fight in Lincoln county to-day the Reform candidate, Mr. William Gibson, was elected by about 224 majority. The majorities:

	Gibson.	Neelon.
St. Catharines city	27	..
Bridgeport	4	..
Jordan village	52	..
Beamsville village	54	..
Clinton township	121	..
Merritton	..	64
Niagara township	73	..
Louth township	63	..
Grantham township	..	22
Port Dalhousie	..	11
Niagara town	..	23
	334	110
Majority for Gibson	224	

The majority for Mr. Gibson at the general election was 48. The result was a great surprise to both parties, as no such majority was dreamed of.

Henderson Sweeps Halton.

HALTON, Jan. 28.—The election to-day in Halton between David Henderson (Conservative) and J. McGregor (Patron) resulted in the return of Mr. Henderson by a majority of 424. The majorities:

	Henderson.	McGregor.
Acton	91	..
Burlington	44	..
Georgetown	2	..
Milton	14	..
Oakville	150	..
Esquesing	71	..
Nassagaweya	..	46
Trafalgar	1	..
Nelson	97	..
Total	470	46

Majority for Henderson 424. Mr. Henderson's majority over John Waldie (Liberal) at the general election was 104.

Metcalfe in Kingston.

KINGSTON, Jan. 28.—Mr. James Metcalfe (Conservative) was elected to-day, defeating Mr. Gunn by a majority of 96. The total vote polled was Metcalfe 1830, Gunn 1734.

Sir John Macdonald's majority at the general election was 483.

The North Renfrew Vacancy.

PEMBROKE, Jan. 28.—A large meeting of the Liberal party was held here to-day to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. Dunlop, M.L.A. Henry Barr, farmer, was selected.

Prince Edward Nominations.

PICTON, Jan. 28.—The nominations for Prince Edward took place in the Court House here to-day. Mr. J. N. Carter, mayor of Picton, returning officer. Mr. N. C. Miller and Dr. Platt were the only candidates nominated.

Wilson and Allison in Lennox.

NAPANEE, Jan. 28.—M. Wilson was nominated by the Conservatives and D. W. Allison by the Reformers to-day.

Down by the Sea.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Sir John Thompson returned this afternoon from his trip to the Maritime Provinces. "You are safe to say," said the Minister of Justice to a reporter on his arrival, "that the Government will not only hold its own in the provinces down by the sea, but will, I expect, carry three more constituencies than they now have. At all events everything looked in that direction when I left."

The Banquet to Hon. Mr. Patterson.

WINDSOR, Jan. 28.—A largely-attended meeting of influential citizens of Windsor of all parties met at Laing's Hall this evening and passed resolutions congratulating the Hon. J. C. Patterson on his appointment to the office of Secretary of State, and formed a committee to make arrangements for a grand reception to the new minister on his return home to Windsor.

Back From the Grave.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Rufe Moore, colored, was hanged at Trenton, Ga., in May last for murder. The negro's neck was not broken, but he was pronounced dead by the physicians. He was cut down, coffined and placed in a wagon to be taken over the mountains to his old home for burial.

It is now pretty certain that Moore was not dead, and the shaking up he received in the ride in his coffin over rough roads revived him, and that he recovered his original strength.

Several reliable witnesses testify to having seen Moore walking on the streets of his native village just as if he had never been hanged. The affair is creating great excitement throughout North Alabama and Georgia.

The Sergeants Smoke.

The Q.O.R. sergeants held their monthly smoking concert in their rooms, corner of Church and Front-streets, last night. A very jolly evening was spent, and everyone was thoroughly pleased with the night's amusement. H. S. Clarke played several fine selections on the cornet, and Mr. Bayley executed some fine work on the violin. Messrs. Winters, Kidner and Dawson sang songs, and recitations were given by Messrs. McKendry and Stewart. Col. Hamilton moved a vote of thanks to those who had so ably acquitted themselves and had done so much to make the evening an enjoyable one.

Lover's Arm Gave Out.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 28.—Courting has assumed a serious aspect in this vicinity. George Carlisle, a young farmer, of Amwell township called on his betrothed, Miss Nellie Adams, last night. He became so affectionate and his embraces were so fond that he ruptured an artery in his arm and a doctor was sent for. Nellie's ribs are still intact.

Fortify the system against coughs and colds by using Adams' Wild Cherry and Licorice Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners; 5 cents.

Baby Swallowed a Diamond.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 28.—The baby of O. E. D. Barron, Clerk of the Board of Education, has swallowed a diamond ring worth $250, which its mother gave it to play with.

Read the "Pink 'Un" and "Referee" at the Hub Smoking Room.

Mr. Simpson, the well-known King-street photographer, has purchased through Copeland & Fairbairn, the property, No. 148 College, two doors east of the magnificent new "Club Chambers" now being erected. He will immediately make the necessary additions to the building for transferring thither his entire photographic business. The price paid was $15,000.

Canadian Law List.

The Canadian Law List for 1892 is just issued. It is edited by Mr. H. R. Hardy, and contains a complete list of the lawyers and law firms of the Dominion, and is an indispensable volume for law offices.

Fancy flannel shirts with or without collars in all sizes, at Treble's great shirt house, large stock to select from.

THE CHILIAN CONTROVERSY.

The Full and Ample Apology of Chili Read to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The President to-day sent to Congress the additional correspondence in the Chilian matter. First was Chili's answer to the ultimatum of the 21st, dated Jan. 25. It was full and complete and on the lines already published.

There was a general feeling of satisfaction prevalent in the House that the Chilian question was to be amicably settled by diplomatic methods.

On motion of Mr. Blount the message and correspondence were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

(Great applause followed the reading.

Almost immediately after the reading of the journal in the Senate the President's message and correspondence on Chilian question was received. It was read and was listened to attentively. Mr. Sherman, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, said: "I desire to say that I, and every member of the Senate, I believe, will heartily concur in the congratulations over the hopeful and honorable settlement to both parties of this unfriendly difficulty and unpleasant incident."

DISCUSSING RECIPROCITY.

Mr. Hale Reviews the History of the Movement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—In the House to-day Mr. Hale related at great length the history of the reciprocity movement, the helping hand it had received, the delays and hindrance which he claimed had been put in its pathway and the results to the present time. Mr. Hale went on to say that the people of the United States had given a generous welcome to the reciprocity scheme from the moment that it appeared in Congress, and that no measure of the present administration had received more hearty public support than it. He did not hesitate in stating here and now as the result of his observation that that section of the McKinley Act which contained the reciprocity feature was the part of the measure which had floated the whole act, and was that part of the bill which kept it from being swamped by the storm which, with or without reason, broke upon it from the day of its passage. The great merits of other parts of the McKinley bill would have sunk under a sea of obloquy and would never have been seen or appreciated if the reciprocity clause had not kept the whole structure from going down. Mr. Hale then discussed the effects of the reciprocity arrangements made with Brazil, Cuba and Porto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Germany, the Hawaiian Islands and the British West Indian colonies. The added trade gained with Cuba as to flour under the reciprocity arrangement, he said, would prove the wisdom of the reciprocity feature of the Tariff Act of 1890.

In reply to questions from Mr. Vest, Mr Hale explained that the new treaty with Spain would not take full effect till July, 1892, but that in meantime there was a transitory arrangement in force. The reciprocity arrangement concluded with Germany, Mr. Hale said, was important both in a commercial and a political view. A reduction of duty on a very important list of American agricultural produce had been obtained. One immediate effect of the reciprocity provision of the Tariff Act so far as Germany was concerned in the power given to the President to levy duty on German sugar was to bring about an agreement remedying the prohibition on American pork into German ports in September last, and this had been followed by Sweden and Norway, Denmark, France, Italy and Austria. It was here as in Cuba and in Brazil that the tremendous leverage of the power of the President to reimburse the duty on sugar had worked and brought about these concessions to American trade.

Mr. Hale then referred to the reciprocity arrangements made with the British Government in regard to its colonies in the West Indies, and said that the British Government showed no inclination whatever to enter into negotiations under the reciprocity provision of the Tariff Act touching their colonies until after the Brazilian, Spanish, Dominican and German reciprocity arrangements had shown that the provision of Congress on the subject was to be a complete success.

Blood Oozes from His Skin.

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 28.—Alexander Freeman, one of the best known farmers in Wabash county, is afflicted with a peculiar malady. For over a week blood has been slowly oozing from all parts of his body. The blood accumulates under the skin until the skin is as purple as a plum and then it oozes out like sweat from a harvest hand. This has kept up constantly until Mr. Freeman is now completely prostrated. A number of physicians have been called, but they are powerless to stop the flow of blood and in all probability the man will die.

Stripped Every Rag From His Body.

TILBURY, Jan. 28.—Mr. William Hobbs, an employe in Kidd's grist mill, was oiling the machinery when his jacket caught on a revolving shaft and he was quickly drawn against the great iron rod. Being a very strong man he braced himself against the bottom of the machinery and instantly grasping at a beam overhead his strength saved his life, for every stitch of clothing was in a moment torn from his body, his shoes and hat being the only articles that were not twisted around the shaft.

35 Shot In His Ankle.

BEETON, Ont., Jan. 28.—A gun which was resting against the wall in the house of Thomas Waran of Adjola, fell down and was discharged, the contents lodging in the ankle of Waran's son. Doctors Wright and Dunning extracted 35 shot from the wounded limb, and the patient will recover.

Two More Strathroy Teachers Dead.

STRATHROY, Jan. 28.—D. L. Leitch, teacher in the public school, died suddenly before his wife, who was away on a visit, could reach his bedside.

Personal.

Ald. Bell was not so well yesterday.

Sheriff Phelps, Barrie, is at the Walker.

George Hope, Hamilton, is at the Queen'.

Major Kendry, Peterboro, is at the Rossin.

E. W. Wiggins, Detroit, is stopping at the Rossin.

John Macdonald, Albany, N.Y., is at the Rossin.

Hector McRae, Ottawa, is a guest at the Rossin.

C. Wilmot, Deputy Inspector of Fisheries, is at the Queen's.

George Boncage, St. Albans, is stopping at the Walker.

Mr. Walter Dickson is confined to his room at the Queen's by grip.

George Macsoe, Dr. Smith, C. J. Buchhert and Frank Rathbun, Buffalo carlers, are at the Walker.

Mr. Peter Moyer of The Berlin News is in town to attend the wedding of his sister-in-law, Miss Ardagh.

Col. Alexander left the city yesterday afternoon for New York. He will return on Tuesday next.

Mr. Henry Benham, the wholesale jeweler, is able to be around again after a three-weeks' struggle with grip.

Mr. Miscampbell, M.L.A. for East Simcoe, is ill at his father's residence, Barrie, which accounts for his absence from the fight in East Simcoe that is going on at the present time.

NOW IT IS HIS SON-IN-LAW.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

A Broker Who Got 40 Per Cent. Commission and Paid a Goodly Portion Over to Mr. Geoffrion and the Balance to Mercier's Son-in-Law, a Montreal Lawyer.

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—To-day the Royal Commission opened at 10.45 a.m. in the Court House. The Government was represented by G. S. Stuart, Q.C., T. N. Belleau, Q.C., and Bisaillon, Q.C.

The witness subpœnaed were Napoleon Breton, Ubald Garand, J. O. Dupuis, George Davelny, Adelard L. De Martigny, M. J. A. Prendergast, James Brunet, George Balfour, James Bousquet and Eusebe Senecal.

The court room was crowded to the doors, among the most interested spectators being a number of priests. The evidence was voluminous and perhaps the most important taken during the session of the commission. Not only has it brought home to Mercier the straightest complicity in the outrageous boodling, but it places C. A. Geoffrion, Q.C., the conservateur of the Grit election funds for Montreal district, in an unenviable light and brings into the ranks of the boodle brigade Lomer Gouin, a Montreal lawyer and son-in-law to ex-Premier Mercier.

The first item taken up by the commission was the payment of $14,940 of the $51,500 subsidy granted to the Montreal and Ottawa railway. The date of payment was Feb. 14, 1891.

Mr. Machin, assistant provincial treasurer, was first called to produce correspondence on the subject. The first was a document in which A. Chalebois, contractor of Quebec, authorized Mr. Brunet of the Banque Nationale to draw from the Government in his name $5000 out of the $51,000. Attached to this is a request from the bank cashier to the Provincial Treasurer to pay over the required sum. Under date of Feb. 16 Mr. Machin tells the bank that so far he has not been authorized by the Montreal and Ottawa Company to pay the subsidy to Mr. Charlebois.

Mr. Mercier sends the following letter to Mr. Geoffrion on Feb. 10, showing his interest in the matter:

BUREAU DU GOUVERNEMENT,
PROVINCE DE QUEBEC,
MONTREAL, Feb. 10.

DEAR SIR,—At your request the transfer made by Alphonse Charlebois, Esq., of his claim mentioned in the order-in-council sanctioned on the 7th inst., and hereto annexed, has been noted in the department by the Treasurer, and the check that will be issued in a few days by the treasurer for the account mentioned in said order-in-council will be made payable to your order or to the order of any other party you mention. Yours truly.

(Signed), HONORE MERCIER.

C. A. Geoffrion, Esq., Montreal, P.Q.

The same day he writes Mr. Snehyn as follows:

GOVERNMENT OFFICE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
Montreal, Feb. 10, 1891.

My Dear Colleague,—Enclosed you will find copy of a letter which I have given to Mr. Geoffrion, which explains itself. You will be kind enough to take note of it so that the check when issued is in the name of Mr. Geoffrion, or to any other person whom he may designate between now and that time. I have the honor to be Yours truly,

(Signed) HONORE MERCIER.

Another Letter.

Mr. Geoffrion, however, was getting impatient and writes Mr. Shehyn thus:

MONTREAL, Feb. 10, 1891.

Hon. Mr. Shehyn, Treasurer of the Province of Quebec:

SIR,—You must have received copy of a letter given me this day by Hon. Mr. Mercier. I negotiated with the Molson's Bank a loan based upon the Order-in-Council of the 7th inst. and the bank before remitting to me the necessary funds requires a letter from you admitting that I requested you to issue the check in payment of the said order-in-council to the order of the Molsons Bank. As I have a pressing need of this money I pray you to address without fail a letter to the manager of the Molsons Bank in the following terms: "F. Wolferstan Thomas, Esq., general manager Molsons Bank, Montreal. Sir, I have been advised by C. A. Geoffrion, Q.C., that the amount of $51,903.50, payable to him in virtue of an order-in-council sanctioned on the 7th of Feb. inst., and transferred to him by Charlebois, is to be made payable by a check to the order of the Molsons Bank. In conformity to this order of Mr. C. A. Geoffrion the above-mentioned amount now stands at your credit in the department, and I beg to inform you that the check to your order for the above amount shall be issued as soon as the department is ready to pay the amount referred to in the above order in council."

Truly yours,

Treasurer of the Province of Quebec.

On sending this letter without fail to the address of Mr. Thomas, Manager of the Molsons Bank, please wire me that this has been done so that I may act in consequence during the day because there is not a moment to lose and a days delay might be fraught with disastrous consequences.

(Sgd.) C. A. GEOFFRION.

On Feb. 12 Mr. Geoffrion telegraphs from Montreal.

To Hon. Shehyn, Provincial Treasurer, Quebec: Did yo write to the Molsons Bank, it not don't fail to do it.

(signed) C. A. GEOFFRION.

The Elections Were at Hand.

It will be remembered that the Dominion elections were getting near about this time. As there was no record of the transfer of the railroad subsidy to the accommodating Charlebois the scheme could not go through until Mr. Mercier secured the sum from the provincial treasurer by means of a special warrant giving the department the following receipt.

Received this 14th day of February, 1891, from the honorable, the treasurer, the above mentioned sums.

(Signed) HONORE MERCIER.

Mr. Machin stated that the warrant was acquitted by Mr. Mercier, and by order the check was made payable to him. Further correspondence produced by Mr. Machin between Hon. Garneau and ex-Attorney-General Robidoux. The latter confesses that Mr. Charlebois had transferred to him $5000. After considerable letter writing in Nov. 1891, the Montreal and Ottawa finally made the transfer of the $51,000 subsidy to Mr. Charlebois.

Next wianess was Mr. E. Webb, cashier of the Union Bank. He swore that Earnest Pacaud had presented the $14,903.50 check to be cashed at his bank. He was told it could not be paid until countersigned by Montreal & Ottawa Railroad. He then offered a note signed by himself and endorsed by Mr. Mercier, which would be retired as soon as the proper endorsement could be secured for the check. This was agreed to and the money paid, the check being afterwards properly endorsed. Of the amount $7000 was sent to Mr. Geoffrion, but there was no trace as to what became of the balance.

The Bank Cashier Speaks.

L. J. A. Pfendergast told how as cashier of the Hochelaga Bank he had cashed a letter of credit in favor of Mr. Breton and signed by Hon. Charles Langelier for $4000 for his collection of coins, $1000 for 2000 copies of his book, "Le Collectionneur Canadien." He also spoke of the Cadieux and Derome letter of credit for $3000 on another book deal.

George Davelny Government insurance inspector, was placed on the stand. He said he acted as agent for Mr. Breton with the Mercier Government and got a commission of $600, although $2000 had been the figure agreed on. Mr. Breton told witness that there were so many after a share that he could only give me $500 and I accepted. He further said that unless those demands were acceeded to the letter of credit would be sent back to Quebec. Mr. Brunet mentioned the name of Mr. Geoffrion as one of the parties.

Mr. Breton's examination was a confirmation of Davelny's testimony of the $5000 he had contribute $1500 to the election fund. He also gave $10 to Mr. Lessard of Lemonde.

Mr. Derome of Cadieux testified that he paid Davelny 40 per cent. out of $3000 letter of credit for books sold the Government. Mr. Davely was re-examined and he said he had in turn to divide this. Forty per cent. went to Lomer Gouin, Mercier's son-in-law, for influence used. Mr. Gouin wanted further commission on another deal, but this was refused. In all he got $4000.

Mr. Senecal, bookseller, had also some experience with Mr. Gouin. Mr. Senecal had published a "code municipal" which he hoped to sell to the Government, when he was told that Mr. Gomer Gouin had prepared a similar work, and for fear that Mr. Gouin's pull with the Government would be greater than his, he went to see the gentleman, who, after much talk agreed to withdraw his own work and use his influence for the sale of Mr. Senecal's publication on receipt of 45 3-4 per cent. of the gross receipts from its sale. In all he had paid Mr. Gouin some $4500 in commissions. At this point the commissioners adjourned.

The Son-in-Law's Denial.

At the afternoon session Mr. Gouin addressed the commission, denying the truth of Davelny's statement and demanded an opportunity to defend himself. He will be given that opportunity to-morrow morning.

J. P. Whelan is sick, so in the afternoon the commissioners drove to his house and there examined him. Whelan reaffirmed his former statement regarding the methods which had been used to bleed him.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.

A Sample Package Arrives for the Agricultural Department.

HALIFAX, Jan. 28.—On Tuesday Immigrant Agent Clay received a telegram from Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, telling him to look out for a box of butter which was on the steamer addressed to the minister. The butter arrived yesterday and was forwarded to Hon. Mr. Carling. It came from Australia, having been ordered by the Agricultural Department at Ottawa with a view of showing the Canadian farmers the kind of article they have to compete against in the English market and mode of packing. The butter arrived in excellent condition. It was packed in a box and weighed 56 pounds.

Why Talmage Cut Off His Whiskers.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 28.—The mystery as to why Rev. Dr. Talmage cleared off his side-whiskers has been cleared by himself. In a newspaper article he says he was very thin when a young man and grew whiskers to help him make a shadow. He removed them because he thinks he will look better without them. He shaves himself every morning except Sunday, and on Saturday night.

The Peculiarity of Waterloo's Council.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—One peculiarity with the present County Council is that out of the 31 members no two have the same name. For a good many years past the Hallmans were there in doubles, and some years previous to that the Sniders used to run from two to four. Now there is only one of that prolific and honored name.

A Western Railroad Strike.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 28.—The Chicago & Erie road is tied up by a strike and not a freight train is moving. Twenty-five yard switchmen went out last night and are holding the fort. They demand the Chicago wage schedule and a change in yardmasters.

$150 For a Murderer.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 28.—Government Detective Rogers is in the city looking into the Lonsdale affair, in which James McGinnis, jr., is charged with the murder of Mortimer Ford. He offers a reward of $150 for any information that will lead to his arrest.

Each Leaves a Widow and One Child.

ST. CLAIR, Pa., Jan. 28.—The boiler of a locomotive exploded at Newcastle to-day. Five men were instantly killed—engineer, fireman, conductor and two brakemen. All were married men and each leaves a widow and one child.

Three Grandmothers At His Birth.

QUEBEC, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Euclide Herbert of Trois Pistoles, county of Rimouski, gave birth to a son some days ago. The little stranger represented the fifth living generation. Three grandmothers were present at his birth.

Alleged American Crook Captured.

HAMILTON, Jan. 28.—John Watson was arrested here to day on suspicion of being a man wanted for burglary at Alton, Maine. He was remanded.

No Agreement Perfected.

HAMILTON, Jan. 28.—R. H. Metcalfe of Toronto, who has been endeavoring to secure a settlement between the Moulders Union and the six stove manufacturing firms, has been unsuccessful in effecting an understanding.

Broke Three of His Ribs.

GUELPH, Jan. 28.—At Goldie's Mills this morning a moving coal truck jumped the track and crushed Harry Brabson between the wall and truck, breaking three ribs and otherwise bruising him.

King of Wines.

The town of Ay is the cradle of the champagne district. It is there that Messrs. Deutz and Geldermann own their beautiful vineyards, under which are built their marvelous chalk cellars, measuring miles in length. These are filled with the now famous "*Gold Lack Sec*" Champagne, each bottle being carefully nursed for at least five years before shipment, and all containing wine pressed from the finest vintages only. Its delicacy, bouquet and effervescence has made the brand win its extraordinary success in the markets of England, Germany and Russia. It is now the favorite of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Court, the Army and Navy. It was also specially selected for the Lord Mayor's banquet, given last month in London.—LAWRENCE A. WILSON & Co., Sole Agents for Canada, Montreal. 15

Dropped Dead in the Library.

GODERICH, Jan. 28.—Thomas Troy, aged 56, a well-known resident of the town, dropped dead in the Mechanics' Institute library room yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He was formerly a farmer in Wawanosh, but some years ago disposed of his farm, and came to Goderich to live.

Summoned in the Night.

UXBRIDGE, Jan. 28.—Charles McCabe, aged 80, of the 5th concession of Scott, was found dead in bed.

Try the Restaurant at the Hub.

WHOOPING IT UP FOR SAM.

THE BARON OF CHESTER TALKS COMMERCIAL UNION.

The Meeting Wasn't With Him—A Poor Showing for Canadian Independence—Army and Navy Veterans Make a Loyal Noise—Charles Durand's Amendment—He Don't Want Independence.

"Put out the geese!" said Mr. E. A. Macdonald, as a score of people imitated very successfully the bird mentioned at Temperance Hall last night.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing Canadian independence, and although the assemblage was small it was very excitable. The Baron of Chester was the only one on the platform who had signed the requisition and the absence of the other "independents" caused the meeting to be something of a failure.

Mr. D. H. Watt, although not in sympathy with the movement, was persuaded to take the chair, and as no other persons seemed willing to speak Mr. Macdonald started the ball rolling. He said:

Ladies and gentlemen, this meeting has been called to discuss the affairs of Canada, and particularly Canadian independence. It has been convened by the Mayor, and that gentleman would be present but for an imperative engagement which keeps him away.

Maligned the Government.

We have arrived at that state of misgovernment which no change can make worse. Everyone acknowledges that something must be done. Some want Imperial Federation, others commercial union and others annexation. If the people want any change they must bring it about themselves.

There was a time when Canada had a leader; but that leader is now dead, and the alleged leaders who have taken his place are no use.

The Cry for Annexation.

Continuing he said that a manifesto had been issued in 1859 calling for annexation, and that it had been signed by Abbott and Macpherson. It was a good thing for this country that it had not been annexed at that time, as the United States had been engaged in several disastrous wars shortly afterwards. Things were different now. He read in The Empire that 70,000 Canadians were in the city of Buffalo alone. Here were two countries so much alike that it looked as if God had made them to be united. It was foolish to keep up two parallel lines of custom houses, which it cost $20,000,000 to run. Some people had said that this country was too moral to unite with the Yankees. He did not think that it was. He looked at Quebec and found that every other politician was a thief. Even in dear old Toronto there was lots of boodle.

A voice: Yes, street railway boodle. [Loud laughter.]

"If everything were brought to light," said Mr. Macdonald, "the people of Toronto and of Ontario would be forced to blush." He then read the following:

The Resolution.

Mr. E. A. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Isaac Buiger, 168 Centre-street, moves that:

Whereas, the maintainance of a line of Customs houses between this country and the United States is, and always has been, a grievous burden and expense to this country, and has greatly restricted profitable trade and commerce;

And whereas, there exists only an artificial boundary line between the two countries;

And whereas, the language, railway system, customs, habits, currency, commerce and other interests of the people of both countries are the same;

And whereas, it appears that nature and Providence intended that the two countries should be under one government, and it is the opinion of this meeting that it is the ultimate destiny of this country and the United States to be united and form one powerful, peaceful and industrious nation, whose objects will be to promote the development and industry of our common country, and the equal distribution of the products of our common reservoirs of wealth and the product of labor, science and art, without regard to sex, color or condition, consistent with justice and natural rights;

And whereas, it would not be wise, prudent or proper to enter into any negotiations or treaty with the United States until after the whole question and the proposed terms of union shall have been submitted to the electorate of the whole Dominion for their approval or otherwise;

And whereas we deem that it would not be desirable, wise or prudent to enter into any such union except upon the following terms as conditions precedent, viz.:

1. That each province become a distinct sovereign state and be represented in the Senate by two senators to be elected by popular vote, and be represented in the House of Representatives in the same way as other states.

2. That all debts, Dominion, Provincial and municipal (cities, incorporated towns and villages) be assumed and paid by the Central Government.

3. That the Central Government undertake and agree to construct within seven years after the consummation of the said union a system of canals from Montreal to Chicago suitable for traffic of all ocean vessels, such system to include the completion, deepening and widening of the Trent Valley Canal; the deepening and widening of the St. Lawrence canals, and the construction of the proposed Huron and Ontario Ship Canal.

4. And whereas it is desirable that the people of this country become an independent nation with a view to entering into the said union upon the said terms, or such other terms as may be deemed desirable or expedient, or failing such union with a view to attaining our fullest happiness, prosperity and national development in some other way.

Therefore, be it resolved, that this meeting pledges itself to endeavor to promote and secure by all honorable and legitimate means the complete and immediate independence of Canada, and we hereby call upon our representatives, Dominion, Provincial and Municipal, to do us in this great and beneficent undertaking.

And we hereby appoint George C. Patterson, Charles Marsh, Harry Webb, Alfred Jury, ex-Ald. Thomas McMillan, J. A. Macdonald, James Carnochan and the mover of this resolution to be a committee to carry on an active propaganda throughout the Dominion for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution, such committee to have power to add to their number, and in the event of any members declining to act the residue to form the committee, and that such committee do meet forthwith after the adjournment of this meeting.

They Sang "Rule Britannia."

While reading the above Mr. Macdonald was interrupted with such remarks as "We'll tar and feather you!" "Where's Chester?" and several verses of "Rule Britannia."

"I'd commit suicide to-night if I were you," said an old member of the Army and Navy Veterans' Society.

"Well, go right down and jump into the bay and say here goes nothing," responded the Baron.

Mr. Charles Durand made a short speech, saying that England had not treated Canada badly and was always ready to protect her. He then read the following amendment, which was seconded by James Thompson:

The Amendment.

Resolved, That the meeting feels that our position as a people under the protection of England is satisfactory, and we feel that either annexation or independence under our present circumstances would be injurious and we are determined to work out our destiny under the blessing of God and as a separate people under the protection of England and in union with her.

A voice: Couldn't you make it a little more loyal, Mr. Durand? [Applause.]

Joseph Riddell: Yes, shove in the old flag somewhere. [Laughter.]

The Baron's resolution was lost and the amendment carried, after which the meeting adjourned.

Probably an Elopement.

ORILLIA, Jan. 28.—John Hughes and Kate Chisamore of the Barrie-road are away from home and everything points to an elopement.

The Ottawa Citizen Sold.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—It is stated that Mr. R. W. Shannon of Kingston, has purchased The Citizen, and will arrive here on Saturday to take possession of it. The purchase price is said to have been $30,000.

Travelers' Order Books.

In duplicate or triplicate or made to suit the trade. H. M. Blight, 51 Yonge-street. 246

THE NEW REGIME AT THE HALL.

Public Library $5000 Thrown Out—Police Court Fines—Departmental Amalgamation.

The Executive Committee got down to work yesterday afternoon.

J. J. Foy, Q.C., asked to have the taxes on the Notre Dame des Anges, over $10,000, remitted. The matter was turned over to the City Solicitor.

G. W. Badgerow's account of $120 for legal services in connection with liquor cases was thrown out.

A list of interim appropriations was passed as recommended by the different committees, with the exception of the Parks and Gardens, which was reduced from $5500 to $3000 and the Public Library appropriation of $5000, which was thrown out on the suggestion of the Mayor.

While speaking on the library question His Worship said that the principle which allows outside boards to spend the city's money was a bad one and should be remedied.

The recommendation of the Works Committee, that Mr. Cunningham be appointed City Engineer at a salary of $3500, was sent on to council, but not without discussion.

Ald. Macdonald thought $3000 was enough salary, Ald. Leslie went $200 better. Ald. Crawford would like to see a more competent man in the position.

The recommendation to amalgamate the Street Commissioner's Department with the City Commissioner's went to the council.

Ald. Leslie and Ald. Macdonald spoke of the excellent work done by Mr. Jones, and Ald. Jolliffe and Ald. Maloney endeavored to show what a saving it would be to the city to have the two departments merged into one.

On motion of Ald. Saunders a sub-committee was appointed to enquire into the Police Court fines. There is now about $5000 overdue in fines, and the sub-committee will try and arrange to have this department run on a spot cash basis.

A special committee was appointed to confer with the County Council in reference to toll-gates.

The Property Committee's report re the McMurray lease was sent to the Council.

The Mayor introduced for discussion the advisability of making a change in the assessment system. It was suggested that the services of the assessors and tax collectors be done away with for a year.

Under the present system the city is a year behind in collecting taxes. It is proposed to appoint 8 assessors, start them out at the beginning of the year and complete the work in six weeks and have the first instalment of taxes due about Aug. 15. The matter will be brought up for further discussion later on.

META CHERRY'S FATE.

Recalled By the Attempted Suicide of a Canadian Woman.

GALT, Jan. 28.—A despatch from Chicago recently stated that a young woman by the name of Hannah Boyd, who has been living in that city for some time, becoming discouraged in her attachment for a young man in that city, has become deranged and has been placed in confinement. The young women referred to is the same who was arrested at St. Catharines as an accomplice in the celebrated poisoning case in Galt, brought here and kept in Berlin jail for some time in the hope that some confession might be obtained from her which would afford a clue to the guilty party or parties.

MIDDLETON'S GREY CHARGER.

A Batoche Resident Wants $18,000 Damages From the Government.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Emannel Champagne of Batoche, to whom a flat was granted in September last, has entered a suit in the Exchequer Court against the Government claiming $18,000 damages for live stock, store goods, etc., including $5500 worth of furs alleged to have been looted by the troops under General Middleton after the taking of Batoche in the rebellion of 1885. Chrysler & Lewis, Champagne's counsel, claim that General Middleton's famous grey charger was Champagne's property, and was improperly confiscated and sold by the crown. W.D. Hogg, Q.C., for the crown claims that Champagne was in arms as a rebel, and his property was damaged during the taking of Batoche.

UNCLE SAM STILL ANGRY.

But it is Canada That He is Screeching at Now.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—There is much indignation at the Treasury Department over the arrest of two of the United States officers at Montreal upon a charge of conspiracy preferred by a tailor of that city. Secret service men are said to have been given that unless the Canadian authorities can protect the United States customs officials, who are stationed there for the convenience of Canadian railways, from persecutions of this sort those officials will be withdrawn and the examination of baggage and other services now rendered by them will be performed at the frontier, requiring delays of trains for that purpose.

MULDOON GETS A YEAR.

In Addition to a Fine For Smuggling Chinamen From Canada.

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 27.—United States Judge Coxe sentenced to-day James Muldoon of Toronto to one year in the county jail and fined him $25 for smuggling Chinamen into the United States.

Tore His Arm Off.

GALT, Jan. 28.—The 11-year-old son of Mr. Christopher Cressman of New Dundee, while driving the horses on the horse-power for threshing, walked around with the teams in order to keep himself warm, and as he was about to step over the tumbling-rod he slipped and fell and the rod caught his left arm and wound it several times around, breaking it in several places and severing it completely from the body near the shoulder.

Cars to Run 100 Miles an Hour.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 28.—A charter has been granted to an electric railway company that proposes to build an electric road from here to Chicago. The track will be a bee-line and trains will run 100 miles an hour, making the trip in 2½ hours instead of eight, as at present.

Closing Sale of Furs.

W. & D. Dineen, on corner King and Yonge-streets, take stock first of February. If you want anything in furs it will pay to look at what they offer and see the great reductions that are made on every article. Dineen's furs are all made by themselves, are all new styles, this season't make and got up for the best city trade. The stock comprises—Ladies' seal garments, gents' fur coats, fur capes, muffs, collars, circulars, robes, sleigh robes, gents' fur gloves and caps, coachmen's outfits, baby carriage rugs, mats, etc., children's fur coats caps, etc., a large assortment to select from.

BIRTHS.

GUNN—At 585 Sherbourne-street on Tuesday, Jan. 26, the wife of James Gunn of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HAMLY-MICHELL—On Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Church of S. Matthias, Bellwoods-avenue, by the Rev. S. Harrison, James E. Hamly of Toronto to Miss S. Michell of Cobourg.

DEATHS.

FORBES—At 34 Caer Howell-street, Sarah, beloved wife of G. H. Forbes, aged 42. Funeral from above address Friday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m.

BLAIN—At 10 St. George-street, on Wednesday evening, the 27th inst., Huldah Lee, the beloved wife of Hugh Blain.
Friends will please not send flowers.
Funeral private, Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

THE QUEEN'S GREAT SORROW.

VICTORIA ADDRESSES A CARD TO HER SUBJECTS.

Her Majesty Deplores the Death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and Expresses Her Gratitude for Sympathy—Horrible Massacre of Christian Missionaries in Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The Royal Gazette this evening publishes the following in relation to the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale:

"OSBORNE, Jan. 26.

"I must again give expression of my deep sense of the loyalty and affectionate sympathy evinced by my subjects in every part of my empire on an occasion so sad and tragical than any, but one, which has befallen me and mine, as well as the nation, in the overwhelming misfortune of the death of my dearly beloved grandson, suddenly cut off in the flower of his age, full of promise for the future.

"That he was so amiable and gentle, and endearing himself to all, renders it hard for the sorely stricken parents, his dear young bride and fond grandmother to bow with submission to the inscrutable decrees of Providence.

"The sympathy of millions, touching and visibly expressed, is deeply gratifying, and I wish, in our own name and that of our children, to express from our heart warm gratitude for all these testimonials of sympathy with us in appreciation of our dear grandson, whom I lo