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PARNELL'S PROMINENCE.

HE WILL NOT TAKE OFFICE UNDER MR. GLADSTONE.

Position of the Irish Party—Lord Hartington's Bolt—A Stop-gap Ministry—Lord Salisbury Sick.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—While every one is discussing the possibility of Parnell being offered the chief secretaryship for Ireland, and the question whether he would accept it, if offered to him, a Scotch member took the simple course of asking Mr. Parnell himself. "Would you," he said to the latter in the house after the defeat of the government, "under any circumstances accept the offer of the chief secretaryship." Mr. Parnell's reply was: "Certainly not. To administer any law an honest man must be in sympathy with it and believe it to be a just and right law. Now, I am not in sympathy with English rule in Ireland, but believe it to be both unjust in itself and prompted by alien feelings. Believing this, under no possible circumstances would I have part or lot in administering it."

With regard to the attitude of the Irish party, a correspondent says: "It is not their wish especially to press home rule in this parliament. They see it is probably an absolute impossibility for Mr. Gladstone, with all the will in the world, to secure any decent measure of it without a dissolution. Moreover, the state of Ireland is growing so desperate that unless some steps are taken instantly for the relief of the tenantry it will be extremely difficult even for Mr. Parnell himself to keep them in hand. Therefore the Irish party will be content in this parliament with a relief measure for the land question and something to stop evictions. A large number of Irish members have received leave of absence for a fortnight.

Lord Salisbury is not well. Lately he has been unable to transact foreign office business.

There are no signs of quietude in Greece. Continental opinion strongly prophesies war. If the war party in Greece is triumphant the king will probably retire ultimately in favor of his son, the Duke of Sparta, who is a Greek by birth and popular. If the peace party wins internal troubles are almost certain.

Independent opinion here is unanimous that any ministry formed now will prove a mere stop gap, no matter what elements it may comprise, and will assuredly be turned out before August. It is confidently asserted that Lord Derby, Lord Granville, Lord Spencer, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Childers, Sir Wm. V. Harcourt and Mr. Trevelyan are among the members of the late government who have consented to join Mr. Gladstone in the formation of a new cabinet. Lord Rosebery and Mr. Morley are also willing to take cabinet rank under Mr. Gladstone. The number of seats varies with each ministry, but it will now possibly be thirteen or fourteen, and of these ten are secured. The tenth is possibly W. S. Caine, an untiring party worker who was taken in to the last administration for the first time.

The Parnellites fear that Mr. Gladstone will be compelled to form a compromise cabinet. Mr. Gladstone had conferences this evening with several prominent liberals. The Standard learns that Lord Hartington will be a member of the new ministry.

At last the hair of the Cavendishes, whose new nickname, the Marquis of Yawnington, is generally adopted in club talk, has made up half his mind. He has at least refused to be premier. It is impossible to appreciate the immensity of the pressure that has been put on him during the last four days by his own whig relatives and connections, by the whole tory peerage, and by court circles from the crown down. The tories would have given him any pledges that he desired. He could have had certainly thirty-five whigs in the commons and possibly fifty more if he had raised the standard of the landed interest. The Queen would have actively thrown herself into the work of supporting him. The London tory and whig press would have extolled him as the savior of the empire. But tremendous as the temptation was he refused from the start and went into the lobby with the tories when his original intention was not to vote, so that he would be in a minority on a decisive division, and this would render it unconstitutional for the Queen to send for him.

Mr. Gladstone will go into office without giving a single pledge to the Irish. This is absolutely certain. The Parnellites were in a dilemma whether to sustain the tories with certain coercion or to put in Mr. Gladstone with probable concessions. They have known since October 10 about what Mr. Gladstone was willing to do for Ireland, and since the session began they have had ample chances to confirm at second hand their faith that he is resolute in his wish to grapple with the issue of home rule. Curiously enough their confidence is largely based on Lord Spencer, whom a year ago they were saluting with black flags and howling at with execration.

The press association states on authority that Lord Hartington will not join the new cabinet.

The London News believes that Lord Hartington will remain neutral, and will not seek to trammel Mr. Gladstone in his efforts to settle the Irish question. With the exception of Lord Hartington, it says, Mr. Gladstone will not find a serious defection among his former colleagues.

Dogs to do Sentry Duty.

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—The German minister of war has ordered that a number of dogs be trained for use as night sentinels. This idea was suggested by an incident of the war in the Soudan, in which the experiment of substituting dogs as guards was successfully tried.

Assassination of Mr. Parnell.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A rumor, which appears to have originated in Boston, was prevalent in some quarters to night to the effect that Mr. Parnell had been assassinated. Inquiry was made of London concerning the report and a prompt response was received that it was untrue.

CABLE NOTES.

Mr. Gladstone will visit the Queen at Osborne to-day.

A panic has been caused at Massowah by the report that Osman Digna is advancing on the town with a large army.

The chamber of Saxe Weimar has voted a credit for the purpose of founding a museum in Goethe's house at Wiemar.

The latest collective note of the powers agrees to prevent any warlike steps in the Balkans or territorial modifications.

A severe shock of earthquake was experienced at Velez Malaga, Spain, Saturday. Considerable damage was done in the town.

At a league meeting in Limerick yesterday the mayor announced that the executive had instructed him to discountenance boycotting.

Six houses on the Holloway road, London, collapsed yesterday. Five passers-by were instantly killed and a number of others were injured.

A party of "moonlighters" at Tralee, last night, attacked a process-server named Rue, aged 70 years, cutting off one of his ears and a portion of one cheek.

The British authorities are endeavoring to raise a number of native battalions to garrison Suakim and replace British and Indian troops stationed there.

A government clerk at Athens yesterday violently assaulted the representative of the Havas agency who telegraphed to Paris that Greece had submitted to the powers.

ON 'CHANGE AT LONDON.

Effect of the Defeat of the Conservative Ministry.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Discount is quoted at 1½ for three months and ½ for short. Rates are drooping and there is a prospect of a further drop. The plethora of money has rendered the employment of capital most difficult. The fall of the conservative ministry had no appreciable effect on the stock exchange, although it checked the revival of business and dampened speculation. The settlement of American railway securities was the smallest in many months, showing limited speculation and a scarcity of stock. The incoming of Gladstone has slackened England's hold in Egypt.

TERRIBLE DOUBLE MURDER.

A Sailor Beats His Wife and a Friend to Death With a Hammer.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 31.—Alfred Smith, a sailor on the lakes, murdered his wife and her companion, Lou Jane Wilson, some time last night, and then attempted suicide by cutting his throat. The razor failed in its work, however, and he will recover. Mrs. Smith was a clairvoyant, and for two years occupied rooms in the Crocker block on Superior street. She and her husband came from Oswego, N.Y., where they were born and reared. She was 35 years old and quite a good-looking woman. The pair had two children, a girl 16 years old and a boy 10. Smith has been a worthless fellow and has compelled his wife to support him, lately he has been very brutal and his wife on Friday applied for a divorce. Last night or early this morning he entered the room by means of a window and killed the women by beating them over the head with a carpenter's hammer.

A DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Two Gamblers, Rivals in Love, Engage in a Fatal Shooting Affray.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 31.—A fatal shooting affray occurred here last evening between Jack Crowley, a sporting man of this city, and Jack Hanlon, a Galveston gambler. Crowley was almost instantly killed and Hanlon was seriously wounded. The shooting occurred in the parlor of the residence of John Delaney. Both men had been paying attention to Miss Delaney. It appears that the lady sent Crowley to Galveston on Friday, bearing a sealed missive for Hanlon. Both men came here on the same train yesterday, and Hanlon took a carriage for the Delaney residence, while Crowley followed on foot. Crowley entered the house a few minutes after Hanlon, and was apparently unknown to the latter. Miss Delaney was engaged to marry Hanlon. She is a handsome brunette. Hanlon will probably die.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

A Man Assaults his Wife and Kills his Brother-in-Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Last night Francis McDonald, aged 23, returned to his home in Crosby street and found that his wife had gone out and left their sick baby alone. McDonald went in search of her, and when he again returned he found her in bed sleeping, under the influence of liquor. He upbraided her for her neglect of the child, and when she made him a saucy reply he struck her. Mrs. McDonald ran down stairs to her mother's apartments and told her brother, John Kiernan, that McDonald had struck her. Kiernan rushed up stairs and pummelled McDonald severely. The latter drew a pocketknife and slashed at Kiernan once or twice and then ran. This morning when Mrs. McDonald went to her room she found her brother lying dead upon the floor. McDonald had severed the brochial artery in his arm, and he bled to death. McDonald surrendered himself to-day.

France and Madagascar.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Despatches from the capital of Madagascar state that in the treaty of peace betwen Madagascar and France, France waives all claims to a protectorate over the island or an indemnity. Madagascar agrees to pay and France agrees to accept $2,000,000 for the release, which is to cover all foreign claims against Madagascar, both those antedating the recent war and those growing out of it, France to occupy Tamatave until the money is paid. The treaty also empowers France to station a French resident in the country to watch the external politics of the country until they are clearly defined.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The daily loss of the strikers in the Connellsville coke region is estimated at $15,000, or $165,000 since the strike began.

It is estimated at the treasury department that the public debt statement to be issued on Monday will show a decrease for the month of January of about $3,500,000.

All the schools in the towns of Pierce and Albany, Wis., and throughout the entire section, are closed in consequence of the prevalence of malignant scarlet fever.

Owing to differences which arose at the last moment among the representatives of the different soft coal producing and carrying companies at Philadelphia, a pool for 1886 was not formed.

Ellen Fitts, aged 26 years, of 140 Mulberry street, New York, was shot in the breast Saturday morning and instantly killed by Frederick Gibbett, a keeper on Blackwell's island. Gibbett escaped.

A merchant named Titcomb has been sick for three weeks in an apartment house near Third avenue, New York. It transpired that Titcomb had a light attack of smallpox. Monday three of his children were seized with violent smallpox.

The Pump That Cost $1,000,000.

The largest pumping engine in the world is that at Friedensville, Pa., used to pump water out of a zinc mine. It was built at Merrick's foundry, Philadelphia, in 1870, at a cost of nearly $1,000,000. Its parts were so heavy that all the bridges along the line of the North Pennsylvania railroad, from Philadelphia to Center Valley, were strengthened to insure against accident. Its cylinder has a diameter of 110 inches; the piston rod is fourteen inches in diameter. It has a stroke of twelve feet, and in one minute forces over 20,000 gallons of water, or 30,000,000 gallons daily, out of the mine to a height of 130 feet.

Don't Eat Too Much.

According to a hygienic article just published in the London Lancet, the appetite is a most misleading sensation, only remotely related to the actual demands of the organism. If we only ate more deliberately we should find half our accustomed quantity of food sufficient to satisfy the most eager cravings of hunger, and hence save ourselves from dyspepsia.

Life—In Six Acts.

BABY. Sighing, crying, Night and day; Winking, blinking, Full of play.	MANHOOD. Cooing, wooing, Future wife; Gushing, blushing, Tied for life.
BOY. Fooling, schooling, Getting tall; Growing, rowing, Playing ball.	MIDDLE AGE. Slaving, craving, Hoarding wealth; Driving, striving, Broken health.
YOUTH. Fussing, mussing, Over a tie; Larking, sparking, On the sly.	OLD AGE. Ailing, failing, Day by day; The undertaker Ends the play. —Boston Globe.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

Miraculous Escape of Four Hunters—Forty Hours on Floating Ice.

QUEBEC, Jan. 30.—During the frightful tempest which prevailed some ten days ago all over the Gulf and lower St. Lawrence, four hunters of Godbout had a most miraculous escape from a terrible death, having drifted for some ninety miles during forty hours on a piece of floating ice. Napoleon Comeau, his brother, and two of his brothers-in-law named Labrie, went out from Godbout river in two canoes to hunt seal and duck. The two Labries were engaged in killing a seal upon a field of floating ice, when the animal fiercely turned upon them. The Comeaus went to their assistance. After killing the seal they were drifted so far out into the Gulf that they were unable to return. A merciless storm raged around them, and soon they were out in the middle of the Gulf, thirty miles from either shore. The Labries became badly frozen, and would inevitably have perished but for Napoleon Comeau. They had nothing to eat but a couple of frozen duck, and had frequently to take to their canoe, as the ice broke away beneath them. After drifting, as already described, for ninety miles during forty hours, they managed to land upon the south shore of the Gulf near St. Anne des Monts. Thence they were driven by sleigh to Metis, a distance of fifty-six miles, it being impossible for them at this season of the year to recross the Gulf. From Metis they journeyed by Intercolonial railway, arriving in this city yesterday. They will shortly leave for their home on the north shore at Godbout, which is distant from this city some 240 miles. They will be able to drive as far as Sault-au-Cochon, but the remaining distance, some eighty miles, will have to be walked on snow shoes.

[A member of The World staff spent two days at the Godbout this past summer and made the acquaintance of the heros of the above adventure. Napoleon Comeau is telegraph operator there, agent for the Gilmores of Quebec (who own the fishing privileges of the Godbout river) and is one of the best shots and most noted hunters in that dreary Labraderean region. Many stories are told of his powers with the harpoon and rifle. He is a slight man, black haired and featured, but wiry and enduring. There are five houses in the settlement, and after winter sets in they see no one but an occasional hunter. Right in front of their houses on the shorehill they ply their trade of hunting seal, porpoises and puffing pigs, all monsters of the Gulf. They shoot thousands of duck in the fall and spring, simply for their feathers. Some winters the white partridge come down to the coast line in these parts and the Comeaus and Labries take them by hundreds and hundreds. The men along this coast are the finest sample of sea and land hunters to be met with anywhere on the continent; they are at home in the woods with the rifle; they are fishermen of the Gulf and salmon catchers of the rivers, and with the harpoon after big sea game they are unequalled. On the whole they are prosperous and contented. In one of their houses where The World man visited last summer there were three strong looking young wives, each of whom was busy rocking her cradle.]

THE HAMILTON EXHIBITION.

The City and County Agricultural Societies Amalgamate for the Work.

HAMILTON, Jan. 31.—At a joint meeting of the North and South Wentworth Agricultural societies and the City of Hamilton Electoral Division Agricultural society held here yesterday, a resolution that the three societies should amalgamate for the purpose of holding an exhibition here during the fall of 1886 was carried.

At the police court this morning Robert Harrod and Wm. Hutchinson were charged with the theft of $20 from John Sharp, a Nelson farmer. Sharp visited Hutchinson at his rooms on the latter's invitation on Thursday evening, and during his stay he claims that a pocket book containing $20 was taken from a pocket in his overcoat. The prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the case was remanded till Monday.

Chief Aitcheson of the fire department has received a check for $20 from L. D. Sawyer & Co. and a complimentary letter thanking the brigade for their quick and efficient services at the recent fire at the Sawyer works.

Sergeant Prentice and a posse of police made a descent on Hannah Bradfield's house York street, near Park, on Friday night. A search unearthed two quarts of whiskey and thirteen bottles of lager. The case will be tried on Monday.

Charles Castle, 101 Elgin street, a workman employed on the Ferguson avenue sewer, was dangerously and probably fatally injured by falling into the sewer yesterday. He struck a heavy beam in his descent and received internal injuries.

WINDSOR'S CENTENARIAN.

The Funeral Yesterday of the Oldest Inhabitant in Canada.

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 30.—Coleman Freeman, Windsor's colored patriarch, who died last Tuesday in his 122nd year, was buried to-day from the B. M. E. church. A goodly number of his numerous descendants were present. Among them is a daughter, Mrs. Green, whose husband, at the time of his death, was a bishop of the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Coleman, daughter of Mr. Freeman, said to a reporter in answer to his enquiry that her father had told many incidents of men and events in connection with the war of the revolution, but she could not think of any in particular just then. She knew that her father, when a lad of 12 years or more, was with one of the colonial armies in the capacity of a waiter to the officers at headquarters, but whether that army was the one commanded personally by Washington or that of some other general she could not say. Her father had often told her of the first battle he witnessed. The death of Mr. Freeman has brought to light some other remarkable instances of longevity about Windsor. A short time ago a colored man name Moore, who resided about half way between Puce and Little Rivers, died at an age variously estimated at from 110 to 120, and among the guests at the wake Friday was a white woman whose mother, Mrs. Kennedy, is still living in the outskirts of Windsor in her 104th year.

Effects of the Smallpox Epidemic.

MONTREAL, Jan. 30.—The following firms made assignments to-day; Edward Jette, dry goods and mantles, liabilities $12,000; Poirier & Co., dry goods, liabilities $10,000; Madame D. Laurin, milliner, liabilities $11,000; J. B. Normond & Co., hatters, liabilities between $3000 and $4000. All the above firms allege that their embarrassments arose from the dullness in trade during the smallpox epidemic.

The G. T. R. Employes.

MONTREAL, Jan. 30.—The rumors of threatened troubles between the Grand Trunk railway and its Montreal employes are likely to prove groundless. The men disclaim all idea of a strike.

J. A. LIVINGSTON'S CASE

SUIT AGAINST THE TEMPERANCE COLONIZATION COMPANY.

Statement of Claim — Contradictory Accounts of the Sale of Scrip—An Adjournment to Osgoode Hall.

The Temperance Colonization society, some facts concerning the management of which The World felt called upon to publish a few days since, has got itself into trouble with its former energetic general manager (or, as the company claims, general agent), J. Alpheus Livingston. On Friday morning, at the civil assizes, Judge Galt commenced hearing an action brought by this gentleman against the company to recover certain moneys for commission, etc. The plaintiff was represented by Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., and Wallace Nesbitt, and the defendants by Charles Moss, Q.C., and Walter Barwick.

In opening the case, Mr. Nesbitt explained that the action had a double object: first, the obtaining of commissions on the sale of scrip; and secondly, the obtaining of a declaration as to the validity of a settlement arrived at in reference to certain stock transactions. The object of the society was the acquisition of 2,000,000 acres of land, 600,000 acres of which they were to take up themselves, the balance to be sold to the public. After the first third had been taken up, and the remaining 14,000 acres floated, a joint stock company or syndicate was formed, and it was arranged that for every hundred acres of land the original subscribers would hand over to the company they would receive $300 worth of stock, the value of land having risen considerably since the formation of the society. Under this arrangement the plaintiff Livingston became a large stockholder, and complaints were made by those coming into the company who had to pay $5 per acre as against $1.10 per acre paid by the originators. A settlement was come to, Livingston agreeing to take 868 shares in lieu of his large claim, the shares being reduced from $100 to $40, half of which was to be considered as paid, and the other half to be placed to his credit for the purpose of future calls. Certain transactions took place in reference to the Bouithee trust, to the benefit of which Mr. Livingston claimed to be entitled. An agreement was come to, and, in order to secure Livingston in the payment of $3670, the company gave him a long list of notes, which were to be held as collateral to the indebtedness of the company to Mr. Livingston, and which he was entitled to sue as they came due. Livingston now seeks to have those securities delivered over to him. In connection with the obtaining of the original subscribers at $1.10, Livingston produced vouchers for some $1900 expenditure, which was allowed in the settlement. In September, 1881, a resolution was passed by which it was arranged that agents should be appointed to obtain subscriptions at from $3 to $5 per acre, ten per cent. to be paid to agents when the money was collected. Mr. Livingston claims ten per cent. upon a large number of subscriptions. In October, 1881, the company agreed to allow their agents to substitute new men in place of subscribers who had not made good their contract with the company. Mr. Livingston then formed a scrip association to take over scrip. The company passed a resolution to the effect that they were quite content to take their 100 per cent. on scrip taken over by agents, and agreed to allow the agent whatever profit he could make over the $2 per acre. On this branch of the case Livingston claims $60,000, the commission on some sales of scrip being as high as 70 cents per acre. The resolution under which this claim was based was read to his lordship, who expressed the opinion that it could not be maintained. Mr. Nesbitt afterwards abandoned the claim.

Mr. J. Alpheus Livingston was then called and gave a history of the Temperance Colonization society and his connection with it. A host of documents and copies of documents were read and fyled. His lordship complained of the unintelligible way in which some of the papers were drawn up, saying that it was necessary to read them over several times before they could be understood. "In fact," said his lordship, "of all the complicated cases I ever saw, this is the worst."

In cross-examination Mr. Moss asked Livingston several questions in reference to the amount of commissions he had received on account of the sale of scrip, and as to the amount of his claim for commission on sale of scrip by sub-agents, which Livingston could not answer without examining the books of the society. His lordship then adjourned in order to give Livingston an opportunity to look into the books and obtain the required information.

On Saturday morning his lordship took the bench at 10 a. m., but owing to the illness of Mr. Moss adjourned to Osgoode hall, where the evidence of Mr. A. M. Burgess, deputy minister of the interior, was taken. He produced several documents from the department, applications by the society and the reply of the department thereto.

The case was further adjourned till Friday at 10.30 a. m.

Prayers for a Ghost.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—The parish priest of Ile Bizard referred at high mass to-day to the reports of extraordinary proceedings in Mr. Dufresne's house, and urged the faithful to offer prayers for the soul of some departed person, who it is believed is undoubtedly the cause of all the manifestations. The unusual state of affairs has become the topic of every conversation at Ile Bizard. The beadle, it appears, swears that he found the red hot embers in Mr. Dufresne's pew, the parish priest states that he was present in Mr. Dufresne's house when the bed clothes were disturbed and he is of the opinion that the soul of some departed unfortunate must be wanting prayers. The Dufresne family with their neighbors join in prayer every evening and a number of masses have already been said for the repose of the soul supposed to be in purgatory.

Burnt at Barrie.

BARRIE, Jan. 30.—Last night a large barn in rear of the Ross block on Elizabeth street, owned by Alfred Moren and used by Thos. Kion as a feed and boarding stables, was completely destroyed by fire, together with contents consisting of a large quantity of hay and feed, also four fine horses which it was impossible to save owing to the advancement of the fire before discovery. Kion's loss is about $700. No insurance.

Tidal Observations of the St. Lawrence.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The following members of the Montreal Board of Trade arrived this morning: F. W. Henshaw, president; R. Patton McLea, Dr. Ambrose and P. Owen, and accompanying the deputation from the Royal society, urged upon the minister of marine to take steps for proper tidal observations in the gulf of St. Lawrence.

MR. JOLY'S SUCCESSOR.

Result of the Election in Lotbiniere for the Local Legislature.

LOTBINIERE, Que., Jan. 31.—The election here yesterday to fill the vacancy in the local legislature, caused by the resignation of Hon. J. G. Joly, resulted in the return of Mr. Laliberte, the liberal candidate by 53 majority over his conservative opponent, Mr. Beaudet.

Speaking of the contest on Saturday the Montreal Star said the issues raised are of the most meagre kind. No attacks have been made upon the Ross government except on the ground that a tax has been levied on the whole Quebec district to build a court house in Quebec city. Apart from the speeches made by Messrs. Quinn and Kirwan, who went into the election on the national business, the Riel question has been completely tabooed. A good deal of excitement was caused yesterday, when it was discovered that in two of the polling districts where majorities are expected for Mr. Beaudet, the government candidate, the clerks entrusted with the polling list had disappeared. The defaulters are now being looked for all over the country.

Faithful to Their Fatherland.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The Archbishops of Paris, Lyons and Toulouse have written to President Grevy asserting their devotion to the fatherland, and condemning the isolated electoral misdeeds of a few priests who, they say, persist in harping upon the religious gravity of the present situation. The archbishops assure M. Grevy that the monarchical and republican forms of government are equally acceptable to the Roman Catholic church, provided the affairs of the nation be wisely administered.

Middleton's Flying Column.

Special to the Montreal Star.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 29.—Next spring a flying column of about 1200 men, under Major-General Sir Frederick Middleton, will be sent to the Northwest to restore confidence and make an outbreak of Indians impossible.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Hog cholera has again broken out in Kent county.

Fourteen cases of smallpox were reported Saturday from St. Justin de Newton, Que.

Montreal's expenditure so far on smallpox account is $150,000 and there are yet a number of bills to meet.

The county councils of Northumberland and Durham have voted $100 to the Col. Williams memorial fund.

The first sod of the Brighton, Warkworth & Norwood railway was turned at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Ex-Mayor Leduc, of Hull, has entered an action for $10,000 damages for libel against La Vallee d'Ottawa. He denies that he struck the editor of that journal as reported.

At Ile Bizard, Quebec, yesterday the parish priest asked that prayers be said for the soul of the departed person who it is believed is the cause of the alleged recent spirit manifestations there.

General Manager Vanhorne denies the report that the Canadian Pacific intends to make a demand upon the transcontinental association for admission and a percentage of not less than 50 per cent.

Mr. Patrick Purcell was selected at a meeting in Glengarry Friday night to contest that constituency in the liberal interest against Mr. McMaster at the next election. Mr. R. A. MacDonald was in the chair.

It is estimated, from the proportion of expense already incurred, that the total cost for printing, revising barristers' fees, etc., for the preparation of the Dominion voters' list this year will be at least half a million dollars.

An order-in-council was issued on Saturday proclaiming the Scott act in force after May next in the city of St. Thomas. The vote was carried by a majority of 11, and the opponents demanded a scrutiny, which has been refused.

Prince Minister Sullivan and Senator Howland, of Prince Edward Island, are at Montreal to consult engineers regarding the proposal to build a submarine tunnel between the mainland and the island. The distance is six miles.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A good variety performance is promised at the People's theatre this week.

Alexander Ireland, grocer and liquor dealer, St. Patrick street, has assigned.

61 births, 13 marriages and 28 deaths were registered at the city hall last week.

Stuart Scott of Lloydtown is gazetted as an associate coroner of York and Simcoe counties.

St. John's lodge No. 75, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C. meet this evening at 7.30 at Masonic hall, Toronto. Some interesting work will take place.

The sum of $281,583 was collected in duty at the customs house during last month, as against $296,350 in the corresponding month of last year.

Rolph Smith & Co. are about to erect a large establishment on Wellington street west, between Wyld, Brock & Co. and the Reform club.

The amateur Christy minstrels will occupy the Grand opera house Friday and Saturday nights and matinee. The tickets are going like hot cakes.

The mayor has asked ex-Ald McGee to represent the city in the arbitration to fix the value of the land expropriated for the extension of Jameson avenue, St. Mark's ward.

Erskine Presbyterian church is having revival services every afternoon and evening, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Smith, and Rev. Mr. Shiveres of Brooklyn, N.Y.

J. W. Kennedy has been re-elected separate school trustee for St. Stephen's ward. The school management committee has honored Rev. Father Moyna with the chairmanship.

A class with the object of giving instruction in cutting and fitting dresses, wrappers, etc., to young women will be opened at the Girl's Industrial institute, Tuesday evening next.

The guarantee list for a farewell concert by the Musin grand concert company, Monday, March 1, opens this morning at Suckling's. Subscribers have the first choice of seats.

Mr. Raymond Shaw of Haverly's minstrels was entertained by his old Yorkshire friend, Fred. Cook, of the Mail, after the performance Saturday night. Cooky and he were companions at school years ago.

The Princess rink had a big crowd Saturday night to see a contest of running, skating and bicycling. The roller skater did not appear. The result was a win by ½ lap for Bennet, the runner, against Hill, the bicyclist.

The only Clow will open his Snow Palace at 58 and 60 Colborne street this forenoon at 10 o'clock. It represents a steamer at sea and is freighted with all the luxuries of life, with the lighthouse in the dim distance.

Mrs. Reeves, a woman 35 living at 51 Augusta avenue, was dressing a goose, when she suddenly became tired of life and cut her throat with a carving knife. Dr. Machell and Dr. Ferguson were summoned and sent her to the hospital. The probabilities are that she will recover.

The employes of Mr. Jno. Catto & Co. waited upon Mr. W. W. Appelbe at his residence, on Saturday evening, and presented him with an address and easy chair, on the occasion of his severing his connection with the firm to take an important position in one of our wholesale millinery houses.

At a meeting Saturday afternoon of the executive committee of convocation of the University of Toronto it was decided to call a general meeting of convocation for Friday, February 12th, in Moss hall. Among other subjects the question of increasing graduate representation on the senate will be taken up.

Though the annual ball of the Royal Canadian Yacht club is later this year than usual, the interest taken in it seems in no way affected thereby. The invitation list is abnormally large, and the committee may be compelled to limit the number of guests in order to prevent the overcrowding of the pavilion, where Toronto society will be so largely represented on Thursday evening next.

Weddings Are Never Unlucky.

Editor World: Are double weddings unlucky? CONSTANT READER.

Manchester.

Editor World: Kindly inform me as to which is the largest town hall in the world.
Toronto, Jan. 27. P. A.

An American Island, British Province, Western Side of the Atlantic.

Editor World: Will you kindly inform me which side of the Atlantic the island of Newfoundland is on or is it on the continent of America.
Toronto, Jan. 29. ED. W. PIKE.

A SUDDEN TAKING OFF.

County Crown Attorney Fenton Found Dead in His Bedroom.

About church time yesterday morning the inhabitants of North Toronto were startled by the announcement that County Attorney Fenton had been found dead on the floor of his bedroom at his residence, 94 Bloor street west. Mr. Fenton had been at his office in the court house Saturday, and had been present at the marriage of James Worfolk and Jennie Leslie. He had a long conversation with Canon Dumoulin, who performed the ceremony, and seemed even in better spirits than usual. During Saturday evening he was engaged in drawing plans for a new house that he had some idea of erecting. On Sunday he arose at his usual hour, and after requesting the nurse to dress the children for church, proceeded to make his own toilet. Mrs. Fenton is at present in a poor state of health and confined to her bed in an adjoining room. She heard a heavy fall and called to one of the children to open the door of their father's apartment. It was locked and could not be opened. Entrance to the room was made by way of the window, and Mr. Fenton was found dead, he apparently having fallen while taking his sponge bath, a practice in which he every morning indulged. Dr. Johnson was called in at once, but found that the vital spark had fled.

For some time past Mr. Fenton had been in a bad state of health, so bad that Dr. Johnson, his medical adviser, insisted on complete rest and change of air. Mr. Fenton last summer went to the mountains, and one day while out for a walk felt a pain in his side, which he afterwards described to his medical man as "something having given way." He was advised to consult the celebrated Dr. Loomis of New York, which he did. Dr. Loomis described his ailment as a "mediastinal tumor," probably "anurismal," *i. e.*, the inner coating of a large blood vessel of the heart, the "aorta" had given way and the bulging of the outward wall had caused the tumor, which had displaced the heart to the right side. The consequent loss of voice was caused by the pressure of the tumor on the left recurrent laryngeal nerve. Mr. Fenton fully understood the nature of his complaint, and had not only talked freely with his intimate friends in regard to it, but had read and studied many medical works that dealt with the subject.

Mr. Fenton was a native of the north of Ireland, and came to Canada with his parents when but 7 years of age. His mother is still living at Hamilton, but in poor health. After leaving school he entered the law office of Spohn & Short of Hamilton, and coming later on to Toronto became a member of the firm of Morphy, Sullivan & Fenton, whose office was in the American Express company's buildings, Yonge street. He left this firm to form a partnership with J. D. Edgar, and it was while still a partner of Mr. Edgar that he became county crown attorney. Mr. Fenton, however, soon withdrew, his duties, as crown attorney requiring all his time. As an official he was honest and painstaking to a degree, and was a thorough believer in Grant's celebrated memo "let no guilty man escape." His funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon to Mount Pleasant cemetery. Mr. W. H. Stone has charge of the obsequies. Mr. Fenton's death may be ascribed to a rupture of one of the blood vessels of the heart. He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his death. The office of county attorney is a lucrative one, it being worth some $7000 per annum.

Against a City Charter.

The legislation committee of the city council waited upon the attorney-general Saturday afternoon to ask the government to grant a special charter to the city. Mr. Mowat explained that if Toronto was granted a special charter, Hamilton, London and other cities would prefer similar requests, which would thus lead to the disintegration of the whole municipal system. In regard to ward redistribution he did not think the legislature would give them power to regulate it.

Papers at the Canadian Institute.

The Canadian Institute held its regular meeting Saturday, with President W. H. Ellis in the chair. J. D. Barnett of Port Hope read a paper on the mechanical treatment and value of hard and soft coal. He showed that although hard coal is so costly it has not the heating power of soft coal. M. L. Rouse read a paper on the analogy between consonance and musical instruments. He pointed out that consonance and musical instruments corresponded in their classification, division for division and sub-division for sub-division. He thinks that we waste a great deal of labor in writing and spelling, as in the words cattle, column, huff, hum and hush, which should be catl, colm, hf, hm and hsh. A discussion followed, which was taken part in by Prof. VanderSmissen and J. A. Livingston, the chairman concluding.

Extending the Windmill Line.

John Small, M.P., has returned from Ottawa, whether he went to advocate before the minister of marine the extension of the Windmill line, Toronto harbor. This line is an imaginary one, extending from the mouth of the Don to the Queen's wharf. By extending it out in the bay it is claimed the wharfs could be run to deeper water, greater dock accommodation would be possible, and an impetus given to various enterprises along the front, among them perhaps a big C. P. R. depot built between Bay and York streets. The minister promised a favorable consideration of the project submitted to him.

A Case of Market Fees.

Editor World: A farmer in this locality complains that he was compelled to pay market fees twice in Toronto the other day. He arrived there in the evening and sold his load and paid his fee, but being unable to deliver that evening, he remained with his load all night at a hotel and next morning, on his way to deliver, he was again compelled to pay market fees. This farmer would like to know through The World if this kind of thing is lawful.
Lemonville, Jan. 29. ENQUIRER.

Leading a New Life.

Special revival services are in progress at Agnes street Methodist church under the pastor, Rev. J. M. Kerr. Yesterday the services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Osborne, a returned missionary from India. In the evening a large number came forward and expressed their desire to lead a new life. The church has been wonderfully increased in number and strength since Mr. Kerr took hold of it.

Do it at Once.

—"A cloud pass'd kindly overhead,
The moon was slyly peeping through it,
Yet hid its face, as if it said—
'Come! Now or never! Do it, do it.'"

So wrote that celebrated author, Edmund Clarence Stedman, when encouraging a youth to an act osculatory. But the lines are applicable to something besides kissing. Go to Dineen's and secure some of his cheap furs, all descriptions. "Now or never! Do it, do it." Cor. King and Yonge streets. edx

PRUSSIA AND THE POLES.

AN EXCITING INCIDENT IN THE LANDTAG.

Bismarck Explains His Policy and Creates a Sensation—Land Owned by Polish Nobles to be Expropriated.

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—The debate in the lower house of the landtag on Thursday last on the subject of the expulsion of the Poles from Eastern Prussia was listened to by an immense audience. The chamber was crowded to its utmost capacity, and outside the building there was a great crowd of people who had been unable to gain admission. The box reserved for royalty was occupied by the princes of the royal family. Prince Bismarck gave a masterly historical survey of Prussia's relations with the Poles. The allusion by the chancellor to the government's intention of expropriating the land of the members of the Polish nobility who live in Paris and Monaco caused a tremendous uproar. On Friday when the discussion was continued there was less interest manifested and the galleries were not so crowded as on the preceding day. The debate savored of party recrimination. Herr Stablevski made a violent speech in which he accused the government of waging a war of extermination against the Poles. Prince Bismarck in controverting the statements of Herr Windthorst, the clerical leader, remarked that he wished Herr Windthorst had his (the chancellor's) place, adding that he had sounded the emperor on the subject of such a change, but that the latter had declared he was too old to try such an experiment. This hit of the chancellor's was greeted with loud laughter.

The Polish merchants are making arrangements to boycott the German trade as an act of retaliation for the Polish expulsions.

The lower house of the landtag after eight hours' debate adopted Herr Achenbach's motion for the adoption of a resolution expressing satisfaction at the passage of the speech from the throne promising measures for the protection of German interests in Eastern Prussia. The announcement of the result was greeted with applause. The members of the Centre, the Polish members and new German liberals left the chamber before the division.

Herr Richter submitted a motion to refer to the budget committee Herr Acherbach's motion offering to grant funds to increase the educational advantages in the Polish provinces. The motion was rejected by 234 to 152. Herr Virchow then declared that in view of the rejection of this motion, annulling as it did the prescribed order of business, the new German liberals would not assist in another division. Herr Von Puttkamer, the minister of the interior, in supporting Herr Achenbach's motion, denied that the government had been guilty of harshness in the treatment of the Poles, or that it entertained feelings of hatred toward them. For himself he was willing to accept the responsibility for the course that had been pursued.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Burgess, deputy minister of the interior, left for Ottawa on Saturday evening.

Arthur Ainley, New York agent of a number of North of England manufacturers, is at the Queen's.

Pere Hyacinthe has been refused the use of a protestant oratory in Paris to deliver a lecture on christianity.

D. McNichol, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., is in town. He is looking better after a short trip to Europe.

It is definitely stated that Archbishop Williams, of Baltimore, will be the next wearer of the red hat in America.

The Emperor William, the Empress Augusta and a great number of the imperial family, Friday night attended the annual ball de l'Opera. The Kaiser danced with the crown princess.

Lord R. Churchill will shortly address a meeting at Belfast, and will subsequently deliver a speech in Manchester, in which he will inform the people of that city of his impression of the loyalty of the inhabitants of Ulster.

Mr. John R. Hall, secretary of the department of the interior, Ottawa, was at the Queen's yesterday en route for the Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will take a course of the waters in the hope of obtaining relief from siatica, to which complaint he is at present a martyr.

The Dead.

Armand Baschet, the French author, is dead.

M. Charles De Lesseps and the French commission arrived at Colon last evening.

Benjamin R. Hitchcock, one of the founders of the Palladium and the Journal and Courier, died at New Haven, Conn., yesterday, aged 79. He is said to have been the oldest type setter in the United States.

Mrs. Bayard, wife of the secretary of state, died at her residence in Washington at half-past eight o'clock yesterday morning. The immediate cause of Mrs. Bayard's death was congestion of the brain brought on by the shock of her daughter's sudden death two weeks ago.

Many Happy Returns of the Day

To Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, born at St. Nicholas, Quebec, February 1, 1835.

More Snow.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Feb. 1—1 a. m.: There is a moderate depression this morning, moving over Eastern Canada, causing light local snow falls in Quebec and New Brunswick. The pressure is increasing over the lakes, and is high throughout the west, with fair cold weather. The temperature is 14° below zero at Winnipeg, and increases westward to 32° above at Calgary.

Probabilities—Lakes: Moderate winds; generally fair weather, with light snow falls in a few places; not much change in temperature.

Parliamentary and Municipal Qualifications.

Editor World: Kindly state the qualification required of candidates for parliamentary and municipal representation. OLD HEAD.

[Nothing for parliament; $3000 leasehold or $1500 freehold for mayor or alderman.]

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Richmond Hill and Assyrian Monarch from London; St. Simon and Canada from Havre; Celtic and Egypt from Liverpool.

At Queenstown: Cephalonia disabled; Oregon and Republic from New York.

At Plymouth: Lessing from New York.

At Halifax: Peruvian on Saturday at noon with English mails.

SS. "Oregon," which arrived at Queenstown to-day, made the trip from New York in six days, seventeen hours and thirty-eight minutes.

The Cephalonia Disabled.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The steamer Cephalonia, Liverpool for Boston, is returning to Queenstown, having become disabled.

The Cephalonia lost her propeller when six hundred miles west of Fastnet. The British steamer Viola, from Baltimore for Dublin, being hailed took her in tow and brought her as far as Kinsale. There tugs came to the assistance of the disabled vessel and hauled her to Queenstown.

Ran Into by a Cunarder.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Red Star line steamer Noord and for Antwerp was run into this afternoon by the steamer Servia of the Cunard line. The Noordland had just backed from her pier and was lying helpless in the stream when the Servia came down the river and struck her on the starboard side of the stern, cutting through her three decks, smashing her turtle back and making a large triangular gash. A dense mist hung over the river at the time of the accident. The Servia proceeded down the stream, but is reported to be laid to at quarantine. The Noordland was assisted to her dock by tugs. It will take several days to repair her damages. No one was hurt in the collision.

The work of repairing the Noordland will take about ten days and will cost $15,000. The Servia was only slightly damaged, and will proceed on her voyage to-morrow. The Noordland's passengers will be transferred to the steamer Baltic.