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THE CAMPBELL SCANDAL.

COUNSEL FOR THE INNOCENTS OPEN THEIR CASE.

They Indignantly Repel the Attacks on Lady Campbell's Character as Base and Wicked Slanders.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lord Colin Campbell's side of the divorce case was concluded this morning.

The Duke of Marlborough's counsel opened for the defence. He said the Duke was fearless of threats, and would appear as a witness and swear that the charges were groundless. The alleged case against the Duke consisted of ordinary incidents. The small talk of society had been turned into allegations of impropriety. The only exceptions were the incidents at Purfleet and Leigh Court, and he would treat of those especially. Lady Colin's life was devoted to charitable works and was inconsistent with the charges brought against her. Even if the Purfleet and Leigh Court allegations were true, could the jury say there had been adultery? The correspondence with Lord Blandford related chiefly to the borrowing of books. Lady Colin was engaged in literary pursuits. She wrote books and worked at journalism and she frequently found it necessary to borrow books of reference. The Leigh Court charges rested entirely upon the evidence of Rosa Baer, whom nobody could trust. The Duke's counsel declared that Lady Campbell and the Duke did not occupy adjoining rooms at Leigh Court. Lord Colin knew the facts of the Purfleet incident long before the last trial, yet he then stated that he had no suspicion against his wife. If Lady Campbell had been guilty of adultery she could not have obtained a judicial separation. If Lord Colin was honorable how could he now without further evidence bring this trumped up charge? The counsel admitted that Lord Blandford was at Purfleet, but declared that he was there alone. Lady Campbell would account for every hour of her time between Saturday, Aug. 12, and Monday, Aug. 14. He trusted the jury was not prejudiced against the Duke of Marlborough on account of his previous appearance in the divorce court. The Duke had not opposed Lord Aylesford. On the contrary, he had made what amend he could by offering to marry Lady Aylesford and settling £10,000 on her child.

Mr. Gully on behalf of Captain Shaw said his client would deny, upon oath, that he had ever had improper relations with Lady Campbell. The story of O'Neil was an absolute fabrication. Capt. Shaw was an old friend of the lady's family and a man of unsullied life. The hearing was then adjourned.

RUSSIA'S POSSIBLE ALLIES.

An Absolute Monarchy That Looks to Two Republics for Aid.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—The Novoe Vremya declares that: "Only France and the United States can be relied on for Russia's future political combination. It is often said that no alliance can be made with a Republic because diplomatic secrets are impossible in a Republic, but diplomatic secrets are laughed at now as mere childish bugaboos, and Prince Bismarck is the first to laugh at them. The Republics of Rome, Venice and Holland brilliantly proved their diplomatic capacities, and the United States cannot now complain of their diplomacy. For a hundred years they have pursued one and the same line of policy, and this Republic, which keeps up no navy and an army of only about two divisions, enjoys the fullest security, and no one dares to attack her or touch American citizens who are engaged in business in every part of the world."

THE EFFECTS OF THE STORM.

Wrecks and Other Disasters—The Storm Not Yet Abated.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The steamer Avondale is stranded on the rocks near Dagmar and the bark Pegasus has been wrecked at Holyhead. The crews of both vessels were saved. The storm yesterday was the worst in the Bristol Channel. Sea-walls were demolished and many goods cars were overturned. The storm has not yet abated on the northwest coast. The sea is running mountains high at Holyhead. Ballinamore Castle fell in yesterday, and Miss Cody, one of the inmates, was killed.

The gale raged at Kilrush for eighteen hours. All the public buildings there were damaged. The loss to peasants is estimated at $75,000.

The steamers City of Berlin, Catalonia and Nova Scotian, which were due at Queenstown yesterday, arrived twenty-four hours late. Liverpool pilots say the weather has been the severest they have ever experienced.

Gallery reserved for ladies at the Blake and Laurier meeting to-night.

Female Students in Trouble.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—One hundred female students who were concerned in the recent attempt to hold a memorial service at the tomb of the Liberal leader, Dobrolinboff, have been deprived of their passports to prevent their running away. Eighteen have already been expelled from St. Petersburg without knowledge of their ultimate fate. Others, who belong to high families, will probably not be molested.

Sympathy With Scotch Crofters.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of persons sympathizing with the Scotch crofters, held at Exeter Hall last evening, it was resolved to send a memorial to the Queen, setting forth the grievances of the crofters. Resolutions were adopted sympathizing with the Irish plan of campaign. The meeting dispersed cheering for Parnell and Dillon.

Wholesale Arrests of Socialists.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Wholesale arrests of Socialists have been made in Rendsberg, Pinneberg, Ottensen and Altona. The prisoners are chiefly young workmen who are charged with being affiliated with socialistic clubs. There are nearly 100 in custody. Several of those arrested were liberated after an examination.

Attempt to Kill a French Deputy.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—A man attacked Deputy Casse in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies to-day and tried to stab him. The deputy was rescued by friends. The assailant was arrested.

Students should hear Blake and Laurier at the Pavilion this evening.

Germany Will Not Object.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The German Government has informed the Porte that it will not object to any arrangement of the Bulgarian question, especially concerning the choice of a prince, if Turkey and Russia agree upon the conditions.

Go to O'Neil's Palace Dining Halls for 20-cent dinners from 12 to 3 p.m. Oysters, game and fowl a specialty. 239 King east.

CABLE NOTES.

Emperor William yesterday received Count Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador, in private audience.

It is reported that the press of Russia has been prohibited from detailing the movements of Russian troops.

Count Pfeil of Berlin has been appointed Governor of Somali, vice Herr Juelike, who was murdered by natives.

The agrarian cases at Sligo, Ireland, have been adjourned until Dec. 20, and a new jury panel has been ordered.

It is learned from a government source that the Bulgarian delegates will get the cold shoulder when they reach Paris.

Messrs. Dillon, Harris and Sheehy, as tenants' trustees, collected rents on the Clanricarde and Burke estates to-day.

Several of the men arrested for participating in the riots at Belfast last autumn have been tried and convicted. Sentence was deferred.

Word came from Brisbane yesterday that the steamers Kielawarra and Helen Nicholl had collided, and that forty-two persons had been drowned.

Prince Sobanoff, the Russian Ambassador, has consented to receive the Bulgarian deputation and will inform them whether the Czar is willing to receive them.

Herr Weniger, cashier of the Baden Railways, and Eleze Lang, his mistress, will be tried at Carlsruhe on the 15th inst., for stealing railway funds to the amount of 207,000 marks. Both have been in prison since July.

PARKDALE CRICKETERS' BALL.

A Large and Brilliant Gathering at the Masonic Hall Last Night.

The Parkdale Masonic Hall was ablaze with light, crowded with people and full of festivity last night, the occasion was the annual ball of the Parkdale Cricket Club. Everything went as merry as a marriage bell and there were scores of belles, too. There were not many short of 200 ladies and gentlemen present. At 9.15 the first set was formed. There were fifteen other engagements on the program, with four extras. Although the floor was pretty well crowded until early this morning, the dancers didn't mind it a bit and enjoyed themselves amazingly.

Among those present were: Ald. and Mrs. Maughan, Miss Macdonald, Miss Perry, Miss Pellatt, Mrs. and Miss Gardner, Misses Grands, Miss Beck of Peterboro', Mr. W. Hubbell, Mr. J. Garvin, Miss Bain, Mr. J. B. Ostell, the Misses Ryan, the Misses Maughan, Mr. G. Reynolds, Mr. A. Loudon, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Col. Gray, the Misses Gray, Mrs. and Miss Kay, Mr. J. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunn, Mrs. Lee, the Misses Lee, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. A. E. Beack, Mr. J. Macdonald, Mr. J. M. Laren, Mr. R. Rastray, Miss Sinclair, Miss Lockwood, Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Miller, Mr. W. Black, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. Batty, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, Barrie, Mr. and Miss Eyre, Miss Aldwell, Mr. and Miss Schreiber, Allandale, Mr. and Mrs. Hornsby, Barrie, Misses Green, Mr. I. E. Suckling, Miss Bloor, Mr. E. Badenack, Mr. F. Score, Miss Way, Mr. F. Gooch, Miss G. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Canavan, Misses Lester, Miss Dallas, Miss Risch, Mr. Risch, Miss Evans, Mr. Cathcart, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Ivory, Mr. Holmes, Mr. F. Brown, Port Hope, Mr. W. Sutherland, Newmarket, Mr. R. Burnes, Mr. A. R. McKinlay, Mr. J. E. Hall, Mr. McPhillips, Mr. Warren.

The committee earned the thanks of all present for their excellent arrangements. The gentlemen comprising it were: Mayor Lynd, H. J. Maughan, J. A. Tarbutt, W. H. P. Clement, S. W. Black, J. E. Featherstonhaugh, Geo. G. Mackenzie, J. D. Caneady, W. Bain, W. Clarke, S. McDonell.

THE GERMAN ARMY BILL.

The Government Desires the Immediate Passage of the Bill.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Gen. Bronsart von Schellendorf, Minister of War, met the Commission on the Military Bill to-day. It is reported that he said the Government desired the immediate passage of the bill for the purpose of mobilizing the army. The military year begins on April 1, and it was impossible for the War Department to make the necessary changes in proper time unless the bill was passed by Jan. 1. He put aside entirely all purely political questions, being in a position to defend the bill on military grounds alone. He described in detail the relative defensive power of Germany, Russia, France and Austria. In conclusion he urged the commission to assent to the bill at the earliest possible moment.

Prince Luitpold to-day received a number of Bavarian members of the Reichstag. He advised them to support the military septennate bill. Baron Frankenstein replied that they would conscientiously examine the bill, if only for financial reasons. Prince Luitpold answered that the subject of finance ought not to dominate great political questions.

PURCELL CREDITORS OBJECT.

They do not Approve of the Diocesan Synod Plan of Annuling Claims.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—The committee appointed by the late Diocesan Synod to devise means to cancel a part of the Purcell debt has reported in favor of organizing debt-raising societies in all the churches, each member to contribute $1 or more yearly to buy up the poorer creditors' claims at 25 cents on the dollar, or less. Personal subscriptions will be solicited, and masses said for all those who contribute to the fund.

Purcell creditors at Hibernia Hall yesterday decided to oppose this plan of paying off the debt of Archbishop Purcell. The Commercial Gazette was denounced for refusing to publish a creditor's communication, and a committee was appointed to visit Probate Judge Goebel to demand a report from Assignees Miller and Tafel. A committee on prosecuting Mannix was also appointed.

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

The Porte Desirous of Discussing British Evacuation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—Sir William White, the British Minister here, has received from Lord Iddesleigh a despatch saying that the Porte has intimated very distinctly its desire to discuss the subject of the evacuation of Egypt by the British and that he has promised to consider the Porte's intimation.

Count D'Aunay, the French agent at Cairo, has informed the Public Debt Commission that his Government will decline to enter into any arrangement looking to Egyptian administrative reforms until a date has been fixed for the British to evacuate Egypt.

France's New Ministry.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The following is a list of the probable members of the new cabinet: M. Goblet, President of the Council and Minister of the Interior; M. Duclerc, Minister for Foreign Affairs; M. Dauphin, Minister of Finance; M. Bardeau, Minister of Public Instruction; M. Sarrien, Minister of Justice; Gen. Boulanger, Minister of War; Admiral Aube, Minister of Marine and the Colonies; M. Granet, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs; M. Lockroy, Minister of Commerce; M. Richard, Minister of Agriculture. The Chamber of Deputies has adjourned until Saturday.

Cholera in the Argentine Republic.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 9.—Telegrams from Rossario, dated Dec. 7, say that on Monday the heat was terrific. A heavy rain fell during the night and twenty-two deaths from cholera occurred on that day. During the past twenty-four hours there have been seven deaths from cholera and no new cases in Buenos Ayres, and in Cordova during the same period seventeen new cases, ten deaths.

Nationalists' Letters Tampered With.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—The postoffice authorities are accused of opening letters addressed to Mr. Sullivan, ex-Chairman of the Irish National League of America. It is also alleged that a letter from Mr. Sullivan's wife in Chicago was received here with the seal broken. The officials decline to institute an inquiry unless the envelope which it is claimed was tampered with is produced.

The Suez Canal.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—It is reported that the Government will decline France's proposal to neutralize the Suez Canal, except on the condition that the British fleet be allowed free passage in time of war.

A Nationalist Sheriff for Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Mr. Sexton, M.P., Sheriff of Dublin, and James O'Meara, Sheriff of Limerick.

An Italian Statesman Ill.

ROME, Dec. 9.—Marcon Menghetti, the Italian statesman and diplomatist, is dangerously ill. He has been visited by the King and Queen.

Cholera Increasing at Calcutta.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Cholera is increasing at Calcutta, and it is feared it will become epidemic.

Foundering of a Steamer.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A steamer, supposed to be the Captain McClintock of Dublin, was seen to founder to-day off Point Lynas.

The Assets Run Small.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Shepard & Co., dealers in iron and paper stock, called a meeting of creditors to-day. Their liabilities are $94,000, assets $5 cash and $75 in office furniture.

10,000 useful presents to be given away with every purchase of $1 and upwards. Boomuson House, Cor. Yonge and Wilton-avenue. 356

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

IS SURPRISED AT CLEVELAND'S REMARKS REGARDING FISHERIES.

The United States Senate Rejected Canada's Proposals, and the Treaty of 1818 was Enforced in a Temperate Manner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—In an interview in London yesterday with the Tribune's correspondent, Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner for Canada, said with regard to that portion of the President's message bearing upon the fisheries: "I have read with great surprise that part of the message which endeavors to place the responsibility for the irritation arising from the protection given Canadian fisheries upon Canadian officials. The Government of Canada had given the fishermen of the United States the free use of the fisheries for a year, upon condition that the matter should be submitted to the Senate for friendly settlement by an international commission. The Gloucester fishermen declared hostility to the negotiating of any treaty under which they would be entitled to fish in Canadian waters, on the ground that they did not require to go into Canadian waters to obtain fish.

"The Senate rejected the proposal for an international commission and we then, in the most temperate manner possible, enforced the treaty of 1818, upon which our Government was thrown back by the action of the United States, with the result that the season has been most disastrous for American fishermen, who now ask the Government of the United States to double the high import duties already imposed on Canadian fish. They have discovered that the abrogation of the treaty has only injured themselves. The President had good grounds for challenging the action of the Senate in rejecting his proposals, but none for his endeavor to throw upon the Canadian officials the responsibility for the inability of American fishermen to find fish outside the three-mile limit. The Canadian Government simply protected Canadian waters from illegal invasion by United States fishermen. What is really needed is the free use by fishermen of the waters of both countries, on reciprocal terms. Some arrangement, in short, similar to that made under the reciprocity treaty of 1854."

Bayard's Letter on the Fisheries.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Chas. Levi Woodbury, who was one of the counsel for the owners of the vessel in the first case against the Canadian Government, and who, a few months ago, could see no good at all in Secretary Bayard, said to-day that he was very much pleased with Secretary Bayard's letter. "Secretary Bayard has been energetic" said he, "and there is very little comfort for Canada in that document."

ATTACKED BY AN EAGLE.

Two Men Have a Battle With an Enormous Bird of Freedom.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—Prof. W. F. Carr and Samuel Curtis, who were surveying on Nicolet-avenue, near the Washburn Home, were attacked yesterday afternoon by a large eagle. The bird dropped down like a bullet, and, knocking Curtis' cap from his head, assaulted him with great fury. The man caught up a crowbar, and for a few minutes defended himself in an unequal combat, calling lustily for his companion. Prof. Carr coming up, the savage bird turned upon him, caught him by the leg, threw him down, tore his trousers and, sinking his talons in the fleshy part of his leg, inflicted a serious wound.

The bird then mounted to the collar of the unfortunate man and seemed determined to bear him away bodily, but just at this crisis other men came up, and by their united efforts the bird of liberty was finally conquered and securely pinioned. It was found that his wings measured nine feet ten inches from tip to tip, and his talons were over four inches long.

The capture of the eagle goes far to explain the fact that lately the farmers near the Washburn Home have missed sundry pigs and sheep.

BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS.

The Disastrous Effects of the Explosion of a Boiler.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 9.—A special to the Record from Jersey Shore, Pa., says: A Beech Creek railroad engine, which had just left the shops and come to a standstill near the station here, exploded this afternoon from an unknown cause, killing Knight and Wearner, engineers; Ramsay, fireman, and Field, machinist; Stapleton, a machinist, was seriously injured. All were young men and recently married with the exception of Knight, who leaves a wife and five children. The body of Engineer Knight was gathered up in small fragments and the body of the fireman was also badly mutilated. The body of Field had been thrown fifteen hundred feet. It is thought the steam gauge of the locomotive did not work properly as it only registered 140.

THE CONFERENCE AT COLUMBUS.

A Resolution Adopted Favoring a Federation of all Trades and Labor Unions.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 9.—In the Trades Conference this morning a resolution was adopted forming a federation of all trades and labor unions of America, and a committee of five was appointed to confer with a committee of the Federated Congress. The Federated Congress met this afternoon. Chairman Scott of Toronto made a report urging the advisability of amalgamation. The eight-hour resolution, offed by Mulvaney of Chicago, was adopted. It urges upon trades unions the adoption of the eight-hour rule, making the question of wages of secondary importance. The congress then adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

One Way of Paying a Debt.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The congregation of St. George's Episcopal Church of this city was greatly shocked when, during the service Monday evening, their sexton, James Greenfield, aged 70, who had at one time served in the British army, walked into church with his blooming young bride of 20 leaning on his arm. Exactly eight days before he had buried his late wife, whom the bride, nee Davis, had nursed through her illness up to the time of her death. After the funeral Miss Davis presented a bill for nursing the late Mrs. Greenfield to the heartbroken sexton. Greenfield's exclosquer, however, had given out, and he had no funds to pay it. Miss Davis then appealed to a society composed of the women members of the congregation, but they thought the sexton was able to look after it himself. A compromise was, however, effected by the widower consenting to immediately marry his creditor and thus liquidate his indebtedness. Greenfield's conscience evidently smote him after the contract had been entered into and he refused to be married in his own church. He and his young fiancee accordingly sought the services of a Methodist clergyman, who made them one.

Heavy Failure in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—The old and well-known boot and shoe house of Field, Thayer & Co., 178 Congress-street, Boston, made an assignment this afternoon, with liabilities estimated at $600,000. The house had been in existence forty years, and did a business of $1,000,000 a year. The firm hope to be able to pay in full.

Coal Deposits in Texas.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 9.—Coal in immense quantities has been discovered in Henderson and Smith counties. In the former county one vein is 20 feet thick and only 30 feet below the surface.

The Strike at Amsterdam.

UTICA, N.Y., Dec. 9.—One hundred special police were on duty to-day at Amsterdam, and although there were several small sized riots among the tough element, nothing serious occurred.

ARRIVAL OF MR. LAURIER.

The Well-Known French Liberal M.P Greeted by Young Politicians.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, M.P. for Quebec East, reached the city at 10.50 last night via the Grand Trunk, coming straight from his home at Arthabaskaville. There was a strong deputation from the Young Men's Liberal Club in Union Station to greet the great French orator when he stepped from the train. The Reception Committee was composed of J. F. Edgar, S. Cutler, H. Manley, Robert Patching and H. H. Dewart. The "youngsters" were chaperoned by Major Allan and Mr. Joe Tait. Mr. Laurier was warmly shaken by the hand by the twenty or so who gathered around him. He was then escorted to the Reform Club, in one of the comfortable parlors of which hostelry he was regaled with glowing accounts of the Queen City and the big crowds that were going to turn out to-night to hear himself and Mr. Blake speak on the great political issues of the day. Mr. Laurier was evidently well pleased with the enthusiasm displayed by the young Liberals, under whose auspices he visits the city.

After spending half an hour at the club, Mr. Laurier was driven to the residence of Hon. Edward Blake, whose guest he will be during his stay in the city. Mr. Laurier was arrayed in a heavy Persian lambskin coat and a fur cap, and was somewhat surprised at the mildness of our Toronto weather. He speaks in London on the evening of the 13th.

HAMILTON AFFAIRS.

Donation to the Y.M.C.A. by John Macdonald—The Factory Inspectorship.

George Burrows, the lad who is charged with breaking into the office of the Osborne-Killey Company, was brought up at the Police Court to-day. He pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by the Police Magistrate. At the request of the police the trial was set for Saturday.

George Ennis and Mrs. Abart, of Elmira, N.Y., who left wife and husband in New York State and eloped to this city, finding they have become tired of each other, left town here to-day with all their goods and chattels for some place where their antecedents will not be known.

Mr. John Macdonald, the wholesale dry goods merchant of Toronto, has subscribed $100 towards the building fund of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city.

No information regarding the whereabouts of the little boy Kenneth Hare, who has been missing from his home since Tuesday, has been received by the police, who have the case in hand.

It is reported that Edward Tinsley, locomotive engineer, will get the appointment of Inspector under the Ontario Factory Act.

James Collins, a young colored man, wandered into Bell's engraving establishment this afternoon, stretched himself before the fire and could not be persuaded to leave. Constable Alex. Campbell carried him out and put him into the hands of Constable Bainbridge, who took him to the cells. He has been out of jail only a few days.

The Central Labor Union at its last meeting adopted a resolution to the effect that the Mayor and City Council be petitioned to make election day a public holiday, but the proposition meets with the disproval of many business men who think that the Christmas trade will be injured enough by the election canvass without the suspension of business which a holiday would entail.

Serious Runaway Accident.

HAMILTON, Dec. 9.—To-night Mr. David Steele, barrister, and Mrs. Harry Mackelcan, members of St. Thomas' Church choir, were driving out to Trinity Church, Barton, where a service was to be held, when the horse ran away. Mrs. Mackelcan jumped and escaped with a severe shock and some bruises. Mr. Steele had a leg and arm broken and his skull injured.

Ladies—Our big sale of Dress Goods which commenced Monday last is drawing immense crowds of buyers. The very low prices at which we are selling Stylish New Materials has completely paralyzed the bankrupt stock trade in this city. Petley & Petley.

OF INTEREST TO CATTLE SHIPPERS.

A Steamship Company Not Liable for Deterioration in Cattle in Transit.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—Yesterday Hon. Justice Cimon adjudicated upon a case which will prove interesting to owners of sea-going vessels and exporters of cattle. A cattle dealer named Joseph Kelly some months ago shipped a herd of cattle to England by the steamship Quebec of the Mississippi and Dominion Steamship Company. The vessel had not been long out when a heavy storm carried off her rudder. Being compelled to remain a very long time at sea, and water consequently running short, all the animals were allowed but a very small quantity of the latter every second or third day. The result of this was that a very large number of them died, and when the ship arrived in Liverpool the rest of them were in such a sickly condition that the purchaser from Mr. Kelly would not accept them. The authorities of the company, however, sold them the next day for £260. Mr. Kelly then entered action against the company for $7000 damages for the loss he had sustained through their alleged negligence.

The company answered that the storm had been the cause of the misfortune, that Mr. Kelly's loss was fully covered by insurance and that they were willing to give up the £300 they had derived from the sale of the surviving cattle.

The court yesterday held that the ship had done all in its power to save the cattle and they were not to blame if any had succumbed. The action should therefore be dismissed, but the £300 should be remitted to the plaintiff.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

It is denied that there is a case of smallpox in Verona.

Diptheria is very prevalent at Port Stanley. An entire family, numbering nine, is prostrated by the disease.

Dame F. X. Brazeau, dealer in Indian goods, St. Paul-street, Montreal, has assigned with liabilities of $30,000.

The Quebec provincial vaccine establishment at Balvenie, St. Foy-road, near Quebec, was officially opened on Monday.

Thomas Broadbent, charged with being concerned in the Lalond outrage, has been committed for trial at St. Thomas.

William Burns of the Brampton High school has been appointed to a vacancy in the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute.

William John Madill, once the terror of Shelbourne and that vicinity, has been sent to the Michigan State Prison for life for killing a man.

Exposure to the cold brought on cramps which ended the life of Robert McAlpine, a farmer of Campbellford, after twenty hours' intense suffering.

The Calabogie iron mine has been secured by a wealthy American firm and the prospects are that a large quantity of iron ore will be shipped from Kingston next year.

William Vail, while driving from London to his home on North-street, Westminster on Tuesday night, was thrown from his vehicle and sustained injuries to the spine which will prove fatal.

Father Stubbe, in Notre Dame Church, Montreal, preaching on the feast of the Immaculate conception, denounced tobogganing and snow-shoeing and blamed parents who allowed their daughters to attend such sports.

J. W. Foster, arrested at Berlin and taken to St. Thomas to answer a charge of purchasing goods from W. H. Bleasdale & Co. of Toronto, with intent to defraud his creditors, is held on remand. An execution for $477 has been put on Foster's goods.

H. L. Down, employed in the Michigan Central Railway machine shops at St. Thomas, had a narrow escape from death. He was working at a boring machine when his coat became entangled in the belting, and it required all his strength to get free. Several severe wounds were inflicted on his arm.

A Rosebud's Tribute.

"Oh, my! how handsome he looks," exclaimed a sweet, gurgling thing as her brother entered the house with a new lambskin cap. I think the Queen ought to confer the Grand Order of St. Thingamabob on quinn the shirtmaker for selling such lovely white silk suspenders for embroidering at Christmas.

"BLOODY SHIRT" WARFARE

INSPECTOR HUGHES UNFURLS A FLAG AT A POLITICAL MEETING.

He Rakes the Minister of Education Fore and Aft—Conservative Enthusiasm in St. Paul's Ward.

The meeting held last night in St. Paul's Hall in the interest of the Conservative candidates for the Local House was fairly well attended. Ald. John Shaw presided and in close proximity was the somewhat elongated frame of School Inspector James L. Hughes. It had not been announced that he was to be present and deliver his long and eagerly looked for dissertation on school matters and Archbishop Lynch's influence in the direction of their management. The chairman made an urgent appeal for the election of the candidates and then gracefully made way for the irrepressible inspector.

Inspector Hughes, for forty minutes, dwelt upon the alleged iniquities and anomalies of the school question, premising his remarks with the statement of his willingness to have the matters at issue between himself and Hon. G. W. Ross decided as he had suggested in his Streetsville speech. The school question, he said, comprised three great divisions: the school book monopoly, the expulsion of the Bible from the schools and the encroachment by the Catholics upon the rights and liberties of the Protestants of this province. He went into a careful analysis of the cost of the books used, and claimed that the royalty of 10 per cent. allowed the publishers was an excessive burden upon the public, and that the latter would lose $50,000 through the favoritism shown to the monopoly, which was a combination and not three distinct firms. He claimed that Robertson & Bros. of this city had offered to publish one of the books for just one-half of its present cost. He ridiculed Mr. Ross' assumption of sufficient ability to edit a whole series of school books, and regretted his lack of judgment in so appearing. He mentioned the fact that only one of the eight requests of the Ministerial Association in reference to the school books had been acceded to, and drew the deduction that there was a clear and manifest domination of the Catholic church in this country as shown by the laws governing the Separate Schools. He held that Archbishop Lynch was responsible for keeping the Bible out of the schools, and denied that the Ontario Teachers' Association had suggested the Bible selections, as stated. He quoted from letters from such eminent divines as Dr. John Hall and Dr. Tiffany of New York, Phillips Brooks of Boston and Dr. Ormiston of New York, in which these gentlemen stated they believed in the use of the Bible in the schools. The French Nationalist cry was then discussed, as well as the demand of the French Canadians for the same privileges and rights in Ontario as are accorded the English in Quebec.

"What flag was it?" exclaimed the Inspector, "that guaranteed to the English in Quebec the preservation of their rights," and with a coup d'etat worthy of one supposed to be more thoroughly versed in the art, he drew from the capacious pockets of his closely fitting Prince Albert, a minature Union Jack, and waving it to and fro, he added, with dramatic effect "This is the flag!" The effect upon his sympathetic audience was instantaneous, and its recognition of this evidently welcome and palatable species of "bloody shirt" warfare was general and enthusiastic.

"I will to-morrow (Friday) night week again speak on this subject in Toronto and if Hon. Mr. Ross wishes to meet me on the platform he will find I am no coward."

Mr. S. R. Heakes and the two Clarkes filled in the balance of the time, until 11 o'clock.

Young men! Hear Canada's two greatest statesmen at the Pavilion to-night.

The Montreal Star's Christmas Number.

This year Mr. Hugh Graham has excelled all his previous efforts in the way of issuing a Christmas number of the Montreal Star. The number consists of twenty-eight pages, printed on extra fine paper, and is rich as to its engravings and choice as to its letter press. Seasonable stories, delightful poetry and picturesque scenes, make up an interesting and beautiful work that compares favorably with the London illustrated weeklies at double the price. Two charming pictures, suitable for framing—one of them being colored—accompany the number, which, without doubt, will have an immense sale, being as it is, not only a credit to its publisher, but to Canada.

Bazar at the Metropolitan Church.

A two-days' bazar opened in the Metropolitan Church Schoolroom yesterday under the direction of the Ladies' Aid Society. Plain and fancy work, Japanese goods and other inviting articles were displayed for sale and met with ready purchasers. A lunch table is provided for the hungry. The proceeds go towards paying for the recent extension to the church building. The bazar continues to-day and to-night.

Another Baby Case.

Toronto must be getting a bad name for infanticide cases. Yesterday afternoon a boy who was walking along the Rosedale Ravine between the heads of Ontario and Parliament-streets found a small box in which was a 5-months old fœtus. Notice was sent to the Yorkville Police Station and P. C. Stewart took the body to the Morgue. An inquest will be held to-day.

Ladies—You can buy at our stores Stylish New Dress Materials in all the leading colors at 8 cents, 10 cents, 12½ cents, 15 cents, 20 cents, and 25 cents per yard, worth from fifteen to forty cents, and that the public are convinced of the great bargains our sales for the past few days in this department is a substantial evidence. Petley & Petley.

Carrying an Appointment in His Pocket.

Mr. S. R. Heakes is authority for the statement that Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue carries in his pocket his appointment as Factory Inspector.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The real estate dealers meet to-night for the purpose of completing details of their proposed exchange.

The loss by Martin, Toms & Company's fire last week is more severe than at first supposed. They claim that it is in the neighborhood of $900.

The Governor General's Body Guard met last night and appointed a committee to make arrangements for the annual ball. The ball given by the Guard last year was one of the social successes of the season, and they look for a repetition of the same this year.

Mr. Wm. Clow of the Colborne-street restaurant yesterday received his usual Christmas hamper of English game composed of the finest pheasants ever imported, Scotch grouse and English hams. This is the finest importation ever made and it may be seen to-morrow at the restaurant.

Jose Fasoli, an Italian, was charged in the Police Court yesterday with having assaulted Wm. H. Swinburne with a butcher's knife in a house on Centre-street a few nights ago. Swinburne showed a cut on the hand, and a young woman named Josie Chesmith said that Fasoli threatened to kill her because she would not marry him. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

St. Paul's R. A. Chapter No. 65, last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Z., Ex. Comp. W. H. Best; H., Ex. Comp. Fred F. Manley; J., Comp. A. D. Pouton; P. S., Comp. Benj. Allen; Treas. R. Ex. Comp. T. F. Blackwood; S.E., Comp. J. W. Hewlett; S.N., Comp. Geo. W. Weston; Jan., Comp. John Dixon.

Police Court yesterday: Daniel Sheehan fined $10 and costs or 30 days for kicking his wife. Kate Hickey, stealing a cruet stand, three months in jail. Frank Phillips was convicted of stealing railway tickets and was remanded for sentence. For disorderly conduct Ellen Weir was fined $10 and costs or 60 days in jail; John Weir $1 and costs and Joseph Wardell $10 and costs or 30 days.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier at Horticultural Gardens Pavilion this evening at 8.

A Girl Badly Scared.

—A girl filled three stone beer jugs with wet sand, corked them tightly and set them in the oven to heat, so that she could warm her bed with them. The heat generated steam from the wet sand, and an explosion followed which filled the room with flying sand and fragments of beer jugs. The girl and the rest of the family were badly scared, but escaped unhurt, and don't intend using any more artificial bedwarmers, as they've bought one of Strathern's stoves that heats the whole house. x

STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE.

A Real Estate Journal's Opinion of Some of Toronto's New Buildings.

Investments, the real estate journal, says there are a number of buildings going up in Toronto that are "structurally defective." It says the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Yonge and Magill-streets, is one of them. One of the worst defects in this building Investments says to be:

At the corner of the building is a fairly stout pier of masonry from which springs an arch, being the first of a series of similar arches forming the facade of the first story of the building. The entire weight of the front wall of the edifice is upon these arches. The lateral pressure of the outside arch would be all that the corner pier could stand, but the architect has added a sort of turret, supported on a bracket right on the corner. The only extra support given on account of this is an iron rod two inches square imbedded in the masonry, one end under the centre of the turret at its base and the other extending about twenty feet along the wall. Now an arch at the corner of a building like this is by no means a source of strength owing to the great lateral pressure, but to combine a bulging turret of this description is only to intensify and to materially increase this pressure. The iron rod will not add much to the strength of the structure, certainly not enough to supply the extra support required.

Investment says the new Orange Hall possesses the same constructive error. Then of the building being erected at Yonge and Shuter streets it says:

Here the outside walls are only a brick and a half thick, while half the weight of the upper stories (which are intended for public halls and therefore should be competent to sustain a considerable weight) rests on iron pillars not more than three or four inches in diameter. The weight is not directly on the pillars but on a wooden beam (we presume oak) which rests on them while the small partition walls are little else but lath and plaster. We shall not be at all surprised if the episode of the Granite Rink wall were repeated in any of these buildings. This state of things is scandalous!

Of all the Jim Crow harum-scarum buildings that were ever put up in Toronto that of the Hospital for Sick Children at the head of Elizabeth-street takes the lead. It is now being "demolished" to make way for the new hospital. Had it been left alone any longer it would have fallen down. The children were just removed in the nick of time. The World examined the composition of the building yesterday. The walls are about a foot thick and are composed of fine gravel and mortar, which would pass in the trade as a kind of concrete. The walls were run up without stays of any kind, or at least of any strength, and when the "concrete" dried it was ready to go to pieces at any moment. It is a miracle indeed that there was not a tumble down and a slaughter of innocents long ago.

Investments says the only remedy for this state of affairs is a building inspector.

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Officers of King Solomon's Lodge.

At last night's communication of King Solomon's Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 22, G.R.C., the following were elected officers for the coming year: V.W. Bro. W. J. Hambly, W.M.; W. Bro. James Spooner, I.P.M.; Bro. James B. Cloudsley, S.W.; Bro. Wm. Anderson, J.W.; Bro. James Adams, Chaplain; V.W. Bro. Walter S. Lee, Treasurer; Bro. Wm. Cooke, Secretary; W. Bro. D. McDonald, and Bro. John Graham, Representatives to M.H. Trust; Bros. A. F. McDonald and Samuel Lytle, Auditors; W. Bros. James Spooner, John F. Pearson and W. H. Walkem, Committee of General Purposes; Bro. John H. Pritchard, Tyler.

10,000 useful presents to be given away with every purchase of $1 and upwards. Boomuson House, Cor. Yonge and Wilton-avenue. 356

The Canada (Dundas) Tool Works.

The long established firm of Mckechnie & Bertram having dissolved, the above works are now carried on by Bertram & Sons. The senior partner has been a successful mechanic in the Valley City since 1852, and his sons, Alexander and Henry, have been connected with the works for nineteen and seventeen years respectively, which facts afford a partial explanation of the unusual popularity of the products of their extensive shops. To their former designs they have now added lines of labor-saving tools, some of them of Mr. John Bertram's own origination, which have had the honor of being voluntarily engraved by the London Engineer and other British mechanical journals. The