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SUPPRESSING THE EVIL.

A CONFERENCE REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF GIRLS.

A High-Toned Investigating Committee—Proposed Amendments to the Existing Law—Thanks to the Pall Mall Gazette.

LONDON, July 14. — The Gazette announces that the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Cardinal Manning and Samuel Morley have consented to act as a committee of inquiry into the charges of aristocratic iniquity made by the Gazette. The committee, which is considered one of the most extraordinary in the high character of its members ever organized, will begin its investigation to-morrow. The Gazette will place in confidence before the committee every detail of evidence gathered by its reportorial commission. Every reporter engaged in the investigations will appear under oath before the committee and produce all the memoranda gathered by him during several weeks of inquiry, with all the addresses, letters, portraits, descriptions and identifications of persons, certificates and agreements collected and referring in any wise to persons directly or indirectly implicated in these discoveries. The committee will treat confidentially all the information placed before it, but will make a general report as to the truth of the Gazette's revelations.

Sir Richard Assheton Cross, home secretary, announced in the commons this afternoon that the government had concluded it was not advisable to prosecute the Pall Mall Gazette.

Her Majesty's Gratitude.

LONDON, July 14.—The editor of the Pall Mall Gazette has received letters from the queen and Mr. Gladstone, in which they heartily thank him for the recent exposures of the traffic in young girls for immoral purposes, and assure him that he has their full sympathy.

[Another despatch definitely denies that the queen and Mr. Gladstone have written to the editor of the Gazette. Somebody has evidently been putting a job up on Mr. Stead.]

Needed Amendments to the Law.

LONDON, July 14.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon, in response to requests for its opinion as to the nature of the changes required in the present English Criminal law, makes several important suggestions. It advocates:

First. An addition to the Criminal act raising the age at which female children may legally consent to sinful conduct from thirteen years, the present period, to sixteen.

Second. Extension of the law prohibiting soliciting to both sexes.

Third. Denial of any additional power over women to the police that will be aimed at the suppression of crime and not at the suppression of vice—that is, complete legal liberty for voluntary immorality between adults contracting on equal terms, but rigorous repression of sexual criminality in all cases in which the parties are under age or the elements of full, free, and intelligent consent are absent.

Fourth. Greatly increased stringency in the laws against procuration.

To Suppress the Evil.

LONDON, July 14.—The conference for the protection of young girls opened this afternoon. The chief promoter of the conference was the salvation army. Samuel Morley, M.P., presided and made an address on the subject of the iniquity exposed by the Pall Mall Gazette. He declared the condition of things in London, as revealed by that paper, was a scandal to a christian nation. "The people must speak out," he exclaimed, "if their homes are to be kept sacred from this surrounding pollution. I now believe there is one law for the rich and another for the poor in these matters. It should be a felony to steal a poor person's child." Prof. James Stuart proposed a vote of thanks to the proprietor and editor of the Pall Mall Gazette for the assistance their work has rendered to the cause of christian morality. The proposal was unanimously adopted, as was also a resolution urging parliament to raise the age of consent from 13 to 18 years.

Mrs. Booth addressed the conference, and referring to the queen said: "Her Majesty's heart beats on the right side of this question." Mrs. Booth announced that she had received letters from the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone encouraging the work of the conference.

A Terrible Picture of Vice.

From the New York Sun.

We have published in some detail a portion of the information concerning modern vice in London which has recently been gathered from various trustworthy sources by the Pall Mall Gazette in that city.

It is a matter of general public interest, which is important to every English-speaking community in which similar practices are possible.

London is the capital of a larger world than England. A vice that flourishes there among such persons and to such an extent as these revelations indicate, is to be feared elsewhere. In no way can it be guarded against so certainly as by making public its existence and its detestable character. If we want to protect our ports against cholera from Spain, we do not conceal the fact that the fell disease is devastating that kingdom.

It has sometimes been said that to give publicity to such vices as these which have been discovered in London is to do almost as much injury as is occasioned by the evils that are exposed. This view is untenable in the present case. There would be some force in it if, as is suggested by the Evening Post, the effect was to lessen the reader's horror of vice and enlarge his idea of vicious possibilities and opportunities. Such may have been the result in the office of that newspaper; but outside of it we cannot believe there is anyone whose detestation of vice was not increased by the terrible pictures from the pages of the Pall Mall Gazette. To reproduce those pictures in this country is to put our people on their guard against the growth of like abominations here. They do not incite to sin any more than the pictures of Hogarth.

"I love a clamor," said Edmund Burke, "wherever there is an abuse."

So do we.

The P. M. G.'s Brewery.

LONDON, Ont., July 14.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Carling Brewing company was held yesterday, when John Beattie tendered his resignation as president, and Geo. Macbeth as business manager. D. Macfie was appointed president and managing director, T. H. Carling has been appointed general superintendent. It has been deemed necessary to make large reductions in the running expenses of the establishment in view of the falling off in business incident to the Scott act.

ANOTHER TIE VOTE.

The College avenue Paving Contract Again Before the Works Committee.

The city works committee met yesterday afternoon, the members and Mayor Manning being all present. Secretary Roden read the report re the College avenue paving job. Ald. Hastings objected to the minority report, which he moved should be struck out. The vote was a tie and the minutes will not be confirmed until Chairman Carlyle interviews the city solicitor as to whether he can or cannot vote twice. Boswell avenue is to be cedar-paved from Avenue road to the western terminus at a cost of $1500. A sewer is to be built on Munro street, from Queen to its southern extremity, to cost $700. McGee street is to be paved at a cost of $2300. Mayor Manning said that the Yonge street retaining wall was in a defective state. The engineer was requested to report. The city solicitor was instructed to press a suit against the Street Railway company to determine whose duty it was to keep the pavement between the tracks in repair. Ald. Baxter moved to ask the mayor to sign Mr. Godson's contract of paving College avenue. *Yeas*—Ald. Hastings, Hunter, Barton, M. J. Woods, Jones and Allen—6. *Nays*—Carlyle, Frankland, Hall, Verrall, Baxter and Steiner—6. The mayor declined to vote, but held that according to all principles of justice Mr. Godson was entitled to the work. The tie vote negatived Ald. Baxter's motion. It is altogether probable that the work will not be completed this season, unless Mr. Godson carries out his avowed intention of compelling the mayor, through the courts, to sign the contract, which he claims has been fairly awarded him. Papers were served on the city treasurer and city clerk yesterday afternoon and the mayor will be served today. The city engineer was ordered to suspend the inspector of drains on Mercer street for not attending to his duty. Permission was given to Messrs. Brewer, Beatty and Willcocks to build an arch at Queen and Brock streets in honor of the returning volunteers.

The Agreement With the Ameer.

LONDON, July 14.—Lord Churchill stated in the commons this afternoon that the government had no intention of negotiating with the ameer of Afghanistan for the defence of Candahar. England had given certain pledges to assist the ameer if an emergency requiring it arises and the ameer asks for assistance. Whatever government might be in power the course of England was clear if the ameer should ask assistance.

The Tanners of Trebitzch.

VIENNA, July 14. — A despatch from Brunn states that the tanners of Trebitzch, Moravia, have been rioting and attempted to rescue two socialists from jail. In the attack the mob stoned the gendarmes on guard. The latter charged the mob with fixed bayonets and wounded many rioters. The number of tanners concerned in the attack on the jail was 2000, and the mob largely increased this number.

Komaroff Looking for Another Fight.

BERLIN, July 14.—Advices from St. Petersburg say Gen. Komaroff recently informed the government that the Afghans were advancing their outposts and the Russians retained their former positions, and asked instructions. The government instructed him to avoid any step which might lead to a collision and to remain strictly on the defensive.

Irishmen Should Not Pay Rent.

DUBLIN, July 14.—At a meeting of the land league to-day Mr. Abraham, chairman of the Limerick board of guardians, advised that in view of the expiration of the coercion act, all branches of the league keep order, but he said Irishmen should resist to the last the payment of the iniquitous rents imposed by the land commission.

A Pall Mall Gazette Needed in Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., July 14.—Mary Curtis, a colored woman of bad repute, was arrested at her establishment on Mill street to-night by the police. She is charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, and with enticing small white girls into her place for immoral purposes. Mary Murray, white, was also arrested. A young white girl 14 years old was found in a back room frothing at the mouth, and giving every evidence of being in a fit. It was found she was the daughter of poor but respectable parents, and had been decoyed into the house by the mistress and been made drunk. The women were locked up and the girl given to the custody of her parents.

A Terrible Fall.

ALBANY, N.Y., July 14.—While hoisting the centre of the roof of the new gasometer for the Albany Gas Light company into position this afternoon the gaff gave away, throwing five men from the platform. Three fell a distance of 105 feet to the bottom of a well, and were instantly killed. The other two saved themselves by catching hold of a rope.

Said to Have Been Lynched in Canada.

ITHACA, N.Y., July 14.—A despatch received this morning from Freeville, this county, states that John Henry Greenfield, carpenter, of that place, was lynched in Canada on Saturday for a grave crime. No particulars given. The deceased leaves a divorced wife and two children.

CABLE NOTES.

The Munster bank (Ireland) has suspended payments.

The prevalent drought in India is causing much anxiety in regard to the crops.

There were three murders and five murderous assaults in the streets of Paris last night.

A papal consistory has been appointed for July 27th, when six cardinals will be created.

The long-continued drouth in the southern provinces of Russia has completely ruined the crops.

A severe shock of earthquake, lasting several minutes, was felt at Calcutta yesterday morning.

Greece has abolished her consulate in Turkey, because the Porte refused exequatur to several Greek consuls.

The Imperial government know nothing of the offer of El Mahdi to release General Gordon on a payment of £5000.

The Salisbury government has introduced a bill providing that recipients of gratuitous medical aid shall not be disqualified as voters.

Mormons commenced a crusade at Berlin on Sunday. They intend to hold meetings every Sunday. It is not likely that they will obtain many adherents.

The Khans of Bokhara and Khiva are afraid that the intended coronation of the czar as emperor of Central Asia means the annexation of their territory to Russia.

The bricklayers' strike at Berlin continues and eight thousand men are idle. Five thousand men have left the city. The men refuse to resume work at $1.25 a day.

The Times says: Henceforth every native and English traveller who may visit Niagara will owe New York a debt of gratitude for opening the falls to the public.

The empress of Germany offers a prize of $1000 for the best portable hospital tent for war or epidemic use. Competitors are to exhibit the tents at the Antwerp exhibition.

The St. James Gazette of London, Eng., in an article on Canada and its affairs, expresses the opinion that "the tendency of events in Canada is in the direction of national independence."

The anniversary of the taking of the Bastile was enthusiastically celebrated in Paris yesterday. The army was reviewed in the Champs Elysee, and 10 000 school boys in military uniform were put through various movements.

WAITING THEIR RETURN.

THE TROOPS EXPECTED AT SELKIRK TO-DAY OR TO-MORROW.

Quebec's Herculean Efforts at a Reception—Gen. Middleton on the Fish Creek Fight—High Praise for Bugler Buchanan.

QUEBEC, July 14.—A meeting of the citizens on the subject of a reception to the 9th battalion was held last night at the office of the Canadien. Nearly all the prominent citizens were present. Hon. H. G. Joly presided. Mr. Delagrave acted as secretary and presented a check for $250 voted by the city council at its last meeting. The Union Commercial club will erect an arch in front of their building if the procession will pass that way. A committee of reception was appointed, including the mayor and a number of influential citizens, presidents and secretaries of the snowshoe clubs and associations of Quebec and Levis militia officers. A subscription list was opened amongst those present and nearly $100 was subscribed.

The Returning Troops.

WINNIPEG, July 14. — A number of military men have gone to Selkirk to await the arrival of the boats with the 90th, Queen's Own, Midland and Grenadiers. They are not expected before Wednesday or Thursday. All are expected to go direct east except the 90th.

The York-Simcoe battalion and Governor-General's body guard arrived at Fort Qu'Appelle yesterday, and are expected here to-morrow. The Montreal Garrison artillery arrive to-night.

Gen. Middleton's Official Report.

OTTAWA, July 14.—In his official report of the Fish Creek fight Gen. Middleton says that Gabriel Dumont had special designs on him. He says:

"On recrossing to the left flank I received a bullet through my fur cap from one of the men in the rifle pits, who had made several attempts to hit me before, and whom I have reason to believe was Gabriel Dumont himself, and who a few minutes after, when I was obliged to recross with my A.D.C., Capt. Wise, shot from the same place Capt. Wise's horse." The report expresses admiration of the remarkable promptness with which the Tenth Royals were rushed across the Saskatchewan to his aid under great difficulties, and also refers to the valuable services of Captains Haig and Wise, Lieut. Doucet, and others. It continues:

"I cannot conclude without mentioning a little bugler of the 90th regiment named William Buchanan, who made himself particularly useful in carrying ammunition to the right front when the fire was very hot; this he did with peculiar nonchalance, walking calmly about crying: 'Now, boys, who's for cartridges?'"

The official list of killed and wounded shows that the number of volunteers actually engaged in the fight was 350, of whom 10 were killed or afterwards died, and 40 more wounded. As to the rebels' numbers and losses, the following is Middleton's statement under a later date:

P.S.—May 13—I find from papers captured at Batoche yesterday that the number of the rebels at Fish creek was 250, under Gabriel Dumont; that they had intended to let me enter the ravine or crest and then destroy us, taking me prisoner and holding me as a hostage to assist them in making terms with the government at Ottawa. Their scheme was defeated by my having my scouts so far in advance, which obliged them to fire on them and thus disclose their position. I also find now that the rebels had eleven killed or died of wounds, and eighteen wounded at Fish creek. (Signed) FRED. MIDDLETON.

EXPECTED HOME ON SUNDAY.

The Probable Date of the Arrival of the Q. O. R. and Grens.

The C. P. R. officials in this city yesterday received a despatch from the company's officers at Winnipeg saying: "Expect to give you Midland, Grenadiers and Queen's Own for Alberta; York-Simcoe and Ottawa Foot Guards for Algoma. This may be changed, but will keep you posted." If the Toronto regiments and the Midland battalion reach Selkirk to-day or to-morrow they would be enabled to catch the steamer which leaves Port Arthur on Friday and would arrive in Owen Sound early Sunday morning. They would then take special trains for Toronto, and if they came straight through would reach the city at 2 p.m. There seems to be considerable doubt as to whether the regiments named can reach Port Arthur in time to catch Friday's boat. Their whereabouts on Lake Winnipeg is unknown at the present time. The Canadian Pacific officials, however, will make every effort possible to get the troops to Port Arthur in time for Friday's boat. The York-Simcoe men will be a week later than the Toronto regiments.

Preparations for the Welcome.

The executive committee of the general volunteers reception committee met at the city hall yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Ald. Defoe in the chair. There were present: Ald. Lamb, Maughan, Capt. McMaster, Hon. Alex. Morris, H. W. Darling, W. Ince and Dr. Ed. Wright.

The mayor read a letter and a telegram from Mr. Wm. Algie of Alton, stating that the people of Alton are desirous of providing luncheon for the returning troops to the number of 1000 men, and adding that as there is no Scott act in Alton beer would not be an objectionable feature with them.

The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the kindness of the Alton people, but to state that acceptance would be impossible owing to certain arrangements with the C. P. R.

The mayor presented a telegram from Henry Beatty, Owen Sound, stating that the troops will not be ready to leave Port Arthur before Friday, possibly Sunday. A telegram was read from A. B. Clendenning of St. Catharines, asking for 72 hours' notice of the arrival of the volunteers in order to have present 1000 delegates from St. Catharines.

The report of the barricade committee was adopted; the city volunteers are requested therein to help the police to keep the streets clear.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

David Cogan, at Woodfield, O., beat his wife's brains out with an axe, in presence of their three children.

While the quality of the winter wheat crop in Illinois will be above the average, the quantity will be one-third below the average of the last ten years.

In a jealous rage yesterday at Jeffersonville, Ind., Albert Ross shot and fatally wounded his wife, and then killed himself. The couple had been married but two weeks.

The Erie railway's new fast train, which is styled the "Chicago and St. Louis limited," makes the trip between New York and Chicago in 27 hours; between New York and St. Louis in 36 hours.

The dreaded web worm has made its appearance in several cotton fields south of Dallas, Texas, along the river. Considerable anxiety exists among the cotton dealers of northern Texas over the sudden appearance of this scourge in the very heart of the cotton belt.

The Pacific mail company intend to withdraw their steamers from the line between San Francisco and Australia Nov. 1. The company's contract with the colonies expires at that date. The colonies declare they will not renew the contract, by which they pay the steamship company a subsidy, unless the United States agree to pay a portion of it.

The busy merchant has always time to go over The World at breakfast or on the way down town in the cars.

A NOVA SCOTIAN TRAGEDY.

An Ex-Customs Clerk Kills His Daughter and Himself.

HALIFAX, N.S., July 14. — Edward Withers, a clerk in the Halifax custom house for several years, shot his daughter and then himself at his residence on the Quinpool road this morning. They are both dead. The daughter was about 18 years of age. Withers has not been considered of sound mind by many of his acquaintances for some time past.

Withers had been under the doctor's care for some days. He arose this morning and, having a pistol in his hand, commenced chasing his family, consisting of wife, son and daughter, through the house, stating that he wanted to get them all into one room so that he might shoot the whole of them. After great trouble they succeeded in quieting him somewhat and imagined his violent attack was over. The daughter then went to the kitchen to prepare breakfast for the family. The father shortly after eluded the vigilance of his wife and son, got to the kitchen and immediately fired into the body of his daughter, who dropped dead. The other members of the family wildly rushed from the house for assistance. They returned with help in a few minutes, and after a great struggle Withers was secured and tied on to a bed. A physician was sent for and when he arrived he found the man working violently in convulsions. He died in half an hour, having taken poison after shooting his daughter. Withers was about 50 years of age. The daughter was engaged to be married to a young man of this city in a few days. She was 19 years old.

Local Health Affairs.

The local board of health met yesterday at 2 o'clock, Ald. Allen presiding. Present were: Ald. Irwin, Verral, Johnstone, Carlyle, Jones and Dr. Canniff, medical health officer.

Dr. Canniff's report was adopted. It stated that 345 complaints had been attended to during the past ten weeks and that most of them had been settled satisfactorily. It recommended that steps be taken to compel the owners of the present court house site to remove all sanitary evils from the premises. Various recommendations were made as to the treatment of the numerous forms of sanitary evil in the city. It was recommended that a sub-committee be appointed to investigate the case of the sausage factory and rendering establishment on Francis street.

A letter was read from Mr. Leslie complaining of the filthy condition of Ashbridge's bay, and on motion of Ald. Jones it was resolved that the city commissioner and medical health officer be instructed to devise some scheme whereby the evil may be remedied.

In reference to the medical health officer's application for an increase of salary the committee left the matter to the council for decision.

Hamilton Jottings.

HAMILTON, July 14.—Col. Skinner received a telegram from Minister Caron this morning, refusing permission to the Thirteenth battalion to go to the American side of Niagara river.

John Smith, a builder's carpenter, fell off a ladder on Main street to-day and was probably fatally injured.

A Stoney Creek correspondent states that the twenty months' old boy of Sectionman Murray got on to the track Saturday. Its mother saw the child beneath the wheels of the passing train and hid by the whirling dust. After the train passed the little one was found between the ties on the outside of the rails lying on his face. His skull was laid bare, an ugly gash extending across the top of its head for a space of 3 inches one way and 1½ inches the other. Dr. Thornton dressed the wound and the child is doing well, but Mrs. Murray is prostrated from the shock of the sight of the child in his terrible position.

After His Dying Wife's Money.

MONTREAL, July 14.—At a late hour last night Alphonse Moussel of St. Jean Baptiste village, whose wife died to-day at the Civic hospital, rang at the door of that institution and on being asked who was there answered that it was a new patient. As soon as the door was opened by a nun he rushed into the hospital and upstairs to the woman's ward. There he knelt by the bedside of his dying wife and implored her before leaving him to sign some sort of a contract by which, after her death, he should be recognized the sole possessor of $5000 she owns in bank shares. Lucien Bolson, the gardener, was called in and by his aid Moussel was shown outside the door.

Peppering a Partner.

MONTREAL, July 14.—A rather peculiar shooting incident has just been reported. As W. C. Davidson, of the firm of W. C. Davidson & Co., was approaching the door of his residence a day or two ago he observed Mr. Younger, his partner, standing with a rifle in his hand. As Mr. Davidson came up he peppered away at him, and if that gentleman had not got into his house as soon as possible it is hard to say what might have happened. No reason can be ascribed for Mr. Younger's action. The two had dissolved partnership a short time ago.

A Five Thousand Dollar Thief.

KINGSTON, Ont., July 14.—Duncan Mackenzie, of this city, has been arrested for alleged complicity in the robbery of $5000 at Harrison, Mich., about a year ago. While a circus was at that place the town treasurer was gagged and bound to a chair at about 9 o'clock at night and the sum named extracted from his safe. Mackenzie admits having been at Harrison at the time, but denies that he had anything to do with the robbery. The case will be argued as soon as the American sheriff arrives.

A Bogus Count in Trouble.

MONTREAL, July 14.—G. DeWolf, formerly agent for a firm of German financiers, has been arrested here for forging letters of credit, one of which, for $1800, he got cashed at Philadelphia. He has been travelling with a disreputable woman and is now held for extradition. He passed himself off as a German count making the tour of America.

DOMINION DASHES.

Prescott hotelkeepers have raised the price of whisky to ten cents a glass.

Six people have been drowned in the Otonabee river at Peterboro this year.

The body of a man with a bullet hole in his forehead and a 38 calibre revolver in his hand was found the other day at Walkerville, near Windsor. He was well dressed and about 50 years of age. The initials A. L. R were in his hat.

The grand jury at Charlottetown, P.E.I., have found a true bill against Alexander Gillis for the murder of the old cemetery keeper Callaghan, on purely circumstantial evidence, part of which is that the prisoner was heard talking in his sleep, during which he admitted murdering Callahan and said he must hang. Some of Callahan's money and his watch were found on Gillis.

EAST ROSEDALE SHUT OUT

THE CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT WANT ANOTHER NEW WARD.

Ald. Pepler's Redistribution Scheme Voted Down—The Wards Will Remain as they are for the Present Year.

Ald. Brandon and Smith were the absentees from the special meeting of the city council last night. Mayor Boswell presided. Petitions: John Park and eleven Ossington avenue residents, sidewalk on west side of that thoroughfare to the Denison street school, as a local improvement; James Dickinson and fifteen Broadview property-holders, against the paving of that street between Queen and Gerrard streets, the petitioners being in favor of paving the street from Queen street to Don and Danforth avenue; E. M. Chadwick and eighteen St. George street property-owners, refund of sewer balances. Sheriff Jarvis and thirteen College street property-owners, that the fire limits be extended west from Spadina avenue to Bathurst street. The council went into committee on a report from the executive recommending that $2000 of city funds be appropriated for the purpose of entertaining the volunteers on their return home. The report was adopted and the amount was placed at the credit of the reception committee, of which Ald. Steiner is chairman. Ald. Pepler's special committee on the annexation of Rosedale presented the following report, on which the council went into committee of the whole: "We beg to report that, having had relegated to us the question of the annexation of East Rosedale to the city, we examined the petition presented to the council seeking such annexation, consulted with and heard the parties in favor of and opposed thereto. We visited the locality and examined its topography. We do not recommend the annexation of the whole of the territory sought by the said petition to be annexed to the city. We would, however, see no objection to the city absorbing that portion of Rosedale aforesaid lying south of the south iron bridge, and bounded on the north by the high ridge lying south of the ravine; thence along the top of the said high ridge to the easterly limit of the city."

There seems to be an impression among the present members of the council that the city has enough territory now and that the late annexations on the north, east and northwest sides of the city have been unprofitable. The report was tendered a very cold reception, and the committee of the whole gently refused to adopt it. Ald. Pepler's committee also presented its report on the redistributing the wards of the city. The report recommended that the city be divided and redistributed into nine wards, which wards are to be hereafter known by numbers, and that the names of the wards of the city, as now existing, be thereafter abolished. That a resolution be prepared embodying the changes above recommended, and that such resolution, when adopted by the council, be presented forthwith to the governor-in-council of Ontario. Printed plans showing the proposed redistribution were also presented by the committee. Ald. Pepler explained at length his basis of redistribution, which in a nutshell was that a more equitable representation both as regards population and assessment value of each ward was desirable. Ald. Pepler said: "Our plan will do away altogether with the purely local and outlying representation, making each ward's interest and representation general, each ward having an inlying and outlying interest. It will do away with the old trouble of the east trying to get the better of the west, and vice versa, for as the centre line of the city running north and south is considerably west of Yonge street, wards 1, 2 and 3, reaching from Church (their easterly boundary) to John, Beverley and the west side of the University grounds (their westerly boundary) stand as much in the westerly as in the easterly sections, and have, therefore, the same interest in one section as the other. This fact will place these wards as arbiters as between east and west. The time since the annexing of St. Paul's, St. Matthew's and St. Mark's has not yet been long enough to show to all the disastrous results that will ensue from the anomalous state of things that now exists, but it is felt acutely in our taxation. Then there is the unfairness to the most numerously populated, most wealthy, and most deeply interested central wards."

Several amendments to the report were moved and all voted down. The committee of the whole also refused by 15 to 12 to commit itself to redistribution. However to carry out such a scheme would require a two-thirds vote of the entire council. The statutory date in each year for asking legislative authority for annexing new territory to the city or redistributing its wards expires to-day, July 15, so nothing can be done this year.

Just before the council adjourned at 9 15 Ald. Pepler and Defoe moved a resolution confirming the principle of the special committee's report, that it was desirable to redistribute the wards and leaving it to the lieutenant-governor in council to name the new divisions. A vote was polled on this resolution as follows:

Yeas—Defoe, Walker, Lamb, Irwin, Jones, Baxter, Pepler, Saunders, Piper, Taylor, Frankland, Elliott, Mitchell, Hall, Maughan, Carlyle—16. *Nays*—Steiner, Hastings, Hunter, Barton, M. J. Woods, J. Woods, Gormley, James, Johnstone, Shaw, Mackenzie, Galley, Adamson, Allen, Sheppard—16. This negatived the motion.

MR. BLAKE BANQUETTED

By the Liberal Members of the Commons and the Senate.

OTTAWA, July 14.—Hon. Edward Blake was banquetted to-night by the liberal members and senators in the commons restaurant. The attendance was beyond expectations, and the proceedings, though necessarily brief, lasting from six to eight, were of an interesting character. Sir Richard Cartwright presided, and was happy in his speech in proposing the toast of "our guest," to which the honorable leader of the liberal party replied in felicitous terms. In proposing the toast of the "army, navy and volunteers," Hon. Wilfred Laurier spoke in eulogistic terms of the bravery and devotion displayed by the troops in the Northwest rebellion. Both English and French, he said, had done their duty in a manner which entitled them to the earnest gratitude of the country they so nobly served.

A Hay Pest.

OTTAWA, July 14.—An insect known as the joint worm has made its appearance in the meadows in several parts of the country, and is having an injurious effect on the hay crop. Each blade of grass become white immediately after being attacked by the insect. In consequence farmers are cutting their hay rather on the green side.

The ladies like the Bon Marche, and why shouldn't they?

ABOUT LOYALTY.

The Growth of French Canadian Influence in Ontario—The Rebellion.

On Sunday, at St. Mark's church, Rev. C. E. Thomson, incumbent of Carlton and West Toronto Junction, preached an eloquent sermon to the Orangemen of Carlton village. His text was:

"Honor all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honor the king."

After reminding the brethren of their duties to mankind in general, to their order or peculiar sect in particular, and to their God, the reverend gentleman touched on the respect due to the king, or, more strictly speaking, to "the powers that be," be they emperors, kings, presidents or magistrates. In reference to this question of loyalty, he alluded to the divided allegiance of the Roman Catholic church between "their lawful civil ruler and a foreign spiritual prince," and to the reported growth of their political influence. "In some provinces," he said, "they control the government, and hold the balance of power in others, perhaps within the dominion government itself. It is said that foreign laws, customs and languages are gaining ground in some parts of Ontario. The Quebec act of 1774 gave to the Lower Canadians privileges very unusual in the case of a conquered country, and this arrangement has been faithfully observed by Great Britain and by the other provinces, necessarily to the disadvantage of British settlers. How far it may answer to extend their language and customs beyond the province of Quebec is a question for our statesmen to consider."

He hoped that the only strife that might spring up between the French Canadians and ourselves would be as to who should show the most loyalty to the government. In this connection he said that he did not attach much importance to the recent revolt in the Northwest. In such an unsettled country, with a population composed of so widely differing elements, and with no regularly organized legislature, there will always be dissatisfaction and disturbance. The first rebellion resulted only in one important catastrophe—the murder of Thomas Scott—the second, which has just been put down, has involved the loss of valuable life, the horrors of an Indian war and the loss of a whole summer for agricultural purposes. He hoped that the courts and government will make a signal example of those who organized, encouraged and conducted the rebellious warfare.

THE NORTHERN LINK.

A Rapidly Approaching Connection Between the Northern R'y and the C.P.R.

The Gravenhurst and Callandar extension of the Northern & Northwestern railway will shortly be completed. Efforts are being made by the head contractors, Messrs. Hendrie, Symmes & Co., to have the line in running order by November next. It is stated that they have entered into a contract with the company to hand over the line by that date. Already the track is laid as far as Huntsville, a distance of 32 miles from Gravenhurst, the starting point of the extension. Track-laying will be delayed a day or two at Huntsville on account of the bridge over the Muskoka river, which is not sufficiently advanced to allow of the iron trains passing over. It will, however, be completed some time early next week. A very heavy cut immediately north of the bridge will not be through until October, but the contractors are constructing a temporary line around it to enable the trains to carry the iron required for continuing the track-laying north where the grading is completed. As an evidence of the energetic manner in which the line is being pushed through it is stated that from 1½ miles to 2 miles are being laid per day.

The Accident at Queen's Wharf.

Editor World: I had hoped this subject had dropped before now, but as Captain Coghill speaks I wish to give the true facts of the case so far as I am concerned. Just as the Maggie Mason was leaving the Queen's wharf I went on the dock and saw young Angus lying there with one foot nearly severed from the leg. Mr. Walton was not then on the dock, neither did I know that any one had been asked to look after him. By the aid of three of Mr. Burns' men we carried him to the engine room and did all we could to relieve his sufferings. I telephoned from C. P. R. office for the ambulance, but just before its arrival Mr. Walton came and told me he had tried to get a cab and, as I understood him, he had failed, at least no cab ever came. I asked Mr. Walton if he could go with the young man to the hospital. He replied that he could not. We got two young men, strangers, to go with him. I will just state here that Mr. Walton, Captain Coghill's friend, knows that he neither ordered nor paid for the ambulance, although asked to do so; nor have we received the money from Mr. Coghill. E. WORTH, Engineer C. P. R. Elevator.

Queen's Wharf, July 14, 1885.

Crushed to Death.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the Brock street station, John Elwood, a yard hand in the employ of the Northern railway, was in the act of stepping on to the rear of the tender of an engine which was backing towards him, when he lost his hold and fell between the rails. The tender alone passed over him, the engine itself being stopped before it reached him. His body was found wedged between the firebox and the ground. There were but few marks visible, with the exception of some slight wounds about the head. Death resulted from the crushing he received by the firebox, and was instantaneous. Deceased was an unmarried man, 24 years old, and lived with his parents at 44 Denison avenue.

A Close Call.

Edward Wilson, a moulder, living at 134 Richmond street, had a narrow escape from being drowned at the Brock street wharf yesterday morning. He was waiting for one of the Island ferries, and accidentally slipped off the wharf, his head striking one of the beams. Hugh Johnstone, a railroad employe, sprang into the water and brought the unconscious man ashore. He was carried into the boat-house and resuscitated.

A Tramway on the Island.

Messrs. Boswell & Eddis, solicitors, last night filed a petition at the city council meeting praying that the Metropolitan Street Railway company be granted leave to build and operate a tramway on the Island, from a location near Hanlan's point to the vicinity of the Wiman baths.

The Civic Holiday.

The city council last night set apart Monday, August 17, as the civic holiday for 1885. Ald. Defoe and Shaw endeavored to have the holiday fixed for August 10, the day of the Foresters' celebration, but they were voted down.

Another Secret Out.

From the Texas Siftings.

A Vassar graduate being out in the country went into the stable of a farm house.

"Dear me, how close the poor cows are crowded together," she remarked.

"Yes, mum; but we have to do that."

"Why so?"

"So they will give condensed milk."

AN IRISH BANK FAILS.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST THE DIRECTORS.

Great Suffering Expected to Follow—The Shareholders Mainly Ladies—The Bank to be Re-Organized on a New Basis.

DUBLIN, July 14.—The Munster bank has suspended. The directors are greatly blamed for their dealings with the bank. One, a Mr. Shaw, owes the bank £80,000 and claims £30,000 as director's fees. The bank of Ireland on Saturday decided to stop supplies and this resulted in the suspension, which is likely to bring great suffering upon the south of Ireland.

LONDON, July 15.—A telegram from Cork, where the headquarters of the Munster bank are, says that for several years the bank paid 10 and 12 per cent. dividends, and that its shares, with three-tenths paid up, were quoted as high as £10 10s. In recent years, depression in business caused the last dividend to decline to 8 per cent. Statements of recent litigation produced an uneasy feeling and a heavy loss resulted. The bank was unable to realize quickly enough to meet the demands. There is still an uncalled capital of £975,000, but it is hoped that there will be ample assets without making a further call. The bank will probably be reorganized in a new form. Another dispatch says the liabilities of the Munster bank of Cork and Dublin amount to $8,750,000. The majority of its shareholders are ladies who are solely dependent on the dividends for income.

The Great Hat Prize Sale won't last forever. Don't miss it at the Bon Marche, 7 and 9 King street east.

The Remains of the Hero of Batoche.

The steamship Algoma arrived in Owen Sound at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from Port Arthur, having on board the remains of Col. Williams. Contrary to expectation the remains were not brought to Toronto last night. A large deputation from Port Hope and adjacent towns met the steamer, and ample preparations were made to begin the sorrowful ride home by rail. A baggage car was heavily draped, and suitably inscribed. The car and its sorrowing followers will arrive at Union station in this city at 10.45 this morning. A large number of additional mourners from the east will be on hand to escort the remains to Port Hope.

PERSONAL.

A. H. Dymond is registered at the Walker house.

Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison paid a visit to Hamilton yesterday.

Fred. Worts has returned to town from a sojourn in New York and the east.

Mr. Justice Strong of the supreme court of Canada, accompanied by Mrs. Strong, is at the Queen's hotel.

Sir Arthur Sullivan is a good organist, and having a little time at his disposal during his visit to Boston he went to the church of the Advent and played an hour on the fine instrument there.

N. Clark Wallace, M.P., received yesterday a letter from Col. Williams, written but a short time before that gallant soldier's death. The missive enclosed an orange lily picked on the prairie by the late colonel.

Robert Franz, the greatest living song composer, celebrated his seventieth birthday on June 28 at his native city, Halle. In personal appearance Franz resembles a clergyman or teacher, and the lines of genius may be traced in his face.

J. M. McFarlane, the popular auctioneer, who for several months has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, and recently had a relapse through venturing out too soon, is once more himself and is able to personally attend sales.

Louis J. Jennings, formerly editor of the New York Times, has consented to contest the parliamentary district of Stockport in the tory interest. In his address accepting the candidacy Mr. Jennings advocates local self-government for Ireland and an import tax on finished manufactured goods.

One of the most brilliant affairs of the season took place at St. George's church, London, last evening, the event being the marriage of Lord Vernon, of Sudbury Park, Derbyshire, to Miss Fanny Lawrence, daughter of Francis Lawrence of New York. The church was crowded with the nobility and other prominent persons, including Minister and Mrs. Phelps, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Earls Hardwicke, Granville, Wemyss, Cork, Litchfield, Kingston and Stanhope, with their ladies. Sir Wm. V. Harcourt and Marquis of Hartington were present at the ceremonies.

The Rev. W. H. H. Murray, of Adirondack and buckboard wagon celebrity, and long the petted pastor of the fashionable Park Street church in Boston, is keeping a little oyster house in Montreal. It is a neat little box, and the waiters are pretty women. Murray stands near the door, and to every customer who enters he bows and says, "Your servant, sir." As a special favor to friends or distinguished visitors, he sometimes presides at the open coal fire place, cooking oysters in batter and butter, or broiling a bird or fish. His experience in camping out in the woods and his fondness for cooking make his culinary productions much sought after.

Give the Children a Show.

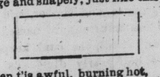
Hon. D. Mills in London Advertiser.

More than 500,000 children in this province are now enjoying the luxuries of summer holidays. Give the school children all the pleasure you can; give them plenty of excursions and picnics, and outdoor parties. Let them play ball and fish and row, and get their faces tanned and their clothes torn. Make life happy for them and their holidays a pleasant memory. The old folks will be all the better for anything that blesses and benefits the young.

Signs of the Season.

By Henry Edwin Smallpiece.

When winds are cold and chill and wet,
The iceman ne'er your house will miss;
The piece of ice you always get
Is large and shapely, just like this:



But when t'is awful, burning hot,
And sultry winds the parched earth kiss
In case you are not clean forgot,
You get a little chunk like this:

Was it George Tate Blackstock?

Correspondence New York Post.

On our way through Canada we made up a euchre party. My opponents were a politician from Toronto and a tradesman of Montreal; my partner a "well-to-do" farmer