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COL. KEARNS AGAIN CHOSEN

HALTON CONSERVATIVES UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATE HIM.

A Big Convention at Milton Yesterday—The Separate School Question Dealt With—A Review of the Mowat Policy and a Vote of Confidence in Mr. Meredith.

MILTON, Ont., April 22.—At the convention of the Halton Liberal-Conservative Association held here to-day for the purpose of nominating a candidate to the Ontario Assembly Col. Kearns was for the third time the unanimous choice of the Conservatives of Halton.

The convention was one of the most successful and largely-attended ever held here, every polling sub-division in the constituency being represented.

Milton rather leans to Reform politically, but the county as a whole votes Conservative in Dominion politics the county is Reform. The young blood seems to be for the most part with the Liberal-Conservative party and they have therefore received quite an acquisition to their ranks since the passage of the Manhood Suffrage Act. Of course there are a great many live issues to be discussed by both these young and the older supporters of the Conservative side in this old constituency of Halton.

Not the least to engage their attention is the administration of the liquor license laws by the Ontario Government, and the chosen candidate did not neglect to point this out yesterday. The saloon-keepers themselves won't say anything against the administration by the Government in Brampton and Peel, and presumably they would not in Milton and Halton counties. The reason is obvious—they wish to retain their licenses. It is suggestive that the license inspector and the three commissioners in Halton County are all good Reformers and faithful followers of Mr. Mowat.

The convention which was held in Orange Hall here was presided over by Henry Watson, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association, and among those who in their speeches endorsed the principles laid down by Col. Kearns were:

David Henderson, ex-M.P., J. W. Elliott, barrisier, Milton; Capt. Felan, ex-county warden; P. D. Scott, warden; Capt. Johnson, Esquesing, Dr. Richardson.

The unopposed nomination of Col. Kearns was moved by Dr. Roe, Georgetown, seconded by Dr. Urquhart, Oakville.

The principal questions discussed at the Local House last session were dealt with by the Colonel after thanking the delegates for their unanimous nomination. Especially was he gratified at the large turn-out in view of the fact that it is now the farmers' busy time. This was the third time he had received the unanimous nomination of the party. He had on those occasions been returned triumphantly, and he hoped, from the general feeling exhibited and the evident determination of the delegates, he would be sent back for a third term.

The Colonel claimed that we have not now a secret ballot, but although the Government had been asked by Mr. Meredith to make it secret they had refused. He also spoke in favor of appointing registrars by county council, the finding of fees and the employment of a proper and competent person to discharge the duties of registrar, paying him a fitting salary. This would be decidedly preferable to the appointment of registrars for purely partisan purposes and for the services he rendered his party in political contests. The appointment of Col. Campbell as registrar in Milton, when one of the reasons given had been that he had done good service to his party, was mentioned.

The cost of the Parliament buildings was another question dealt with by the nominee. The original grant asked for was $300,000; afterwards $750,000. In all probability the final cost would equal two millions. The expenditure might have been proper, but the Government was not justified in making contracts of this kind without consulting the people's representatives, and the cost was going to be more than the people had understood at the last general election.

Separate schools, while guaranteed to Roman Catholics by the act of confederation, were not approved of. The Colonel regretted that they had ever been established, not on the ground that they are not as efficient and the instruction not as complete as that received in public schools, and it was unwise that Roman Catholic and Protestant children should be educated under a separate system of education. He did not think that Catholics ask a rule asked for these schools. They were not in the interests of the Catholic laity but of the Catholic clergy. Nor did he approve of separate school representation on high school boards. The text books supplied to public schools were too dear and it was to the credit of the Ontario Opposition that they had been reduced at all. These and many other principles Col. Kearns laid down to the delegates. He was frequently applauded throughout.

This resolution, moved by Dr. Roe, was carried with much enthusiasm:

That the officers and delegates of the Liberal Conservative Association desire to express their entire satisfaction, confidence and support of the grand ability and statesmanship of Mr. Meredith, the leader of the loyal Opposition of this, our noble Province of Ontario, and trust that his useful and patriotic measures, which he has so persistently advocated in the true interests of the people, will triumphantly return him to power with an excellent and efficient working majority as Premier of Ontario.

The president was then called upon. He condemned the management of the Crown Lands and especially of the Education Department, where the machinery was being used to establish a state church, and that a corrupt state church. Messrs. Hardy and Fraser, he said, had been mere buffoons in the House, treating with levity questions of vital importance.

A cordial vote of thanks was moved to the chairman by Mr. Bradbury of Oakville and unanimously carried.

Three cheers for the Queen and the nominee closed the convention.

GLENGARRY REFORMERS.

A Well-Attended Convention at Alexandria—Mr. Rayside Their Choice.

ALEXANDRIA, April 22.—The Reform convention of Glengarry met at Alexandria today. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Mr. James Rayside, M.L.A., was chosen as the party's standard-bearer in the coming provincial elections and the nomination was accepted. Speeches were made by Messrs. Rayside, McDougald, McPherson and others.

Nova Scotia Elections May 21.

HALIFAX, April 22.—The writs have been issued for the general elections for the Provincial Assembly. Nominations take place on Wednesday, May 14, polling on Wednesday, May 21.

The Ottawa City Campaign.

OTTAWA, April 22.—An enthusiastic meeting of Equal Righters was held in the Grand Opera House to-night. The house was well filled. The speakers were Aldermen Henderson (chairman), Maclean, F. D. Ross, Taylor McVeity, Candidate George Hay and D'Alton McCarthy.

Mr. Hughes' Platform.

1. I believe in Canada and intend to try to help to make it the freest, happiest country in the world.
2. I believe the first loyalty of Canadians should be to the Queen, and not to the Pope.
3. I believe that the public schools of Ontario should be taught in the English language.
4. I do not believe in separate schools.
5. I believe in the ballot as the best means of securing an independent expression of opinion, and the only means for giving freedom to the Roman Catholic laity.
6. I believe we have the worst possible system of dealing with the text books used in our schools.
7. I believe in "Equal Rights" as the only safe constitutional basis for our country.
8. I believe the people of every section should have the right to use the Bible in school, but that no section should be forced to use it against the will of the people.
9. I believe these principles deal with the most important issues now before the country. If you think so, I urge you to vote for principle and not merely for party.

The Quebec Elections.

Quebec Chronicle: In the light of recent developments in provincial politics, the silence of the local ministers is amusing. They decline to talk, but their following is not so guarded. Much has leaked out lately, and the public is pretty well informed now as to what took place at the recent Cabinet councils, the last one of which was held last Saturday morning. Straws tell how the wind blows, and the speedy departure for River Ouelle of Mr. Gagnon and the likewise hasty exit of Mr. Duhamel for Montreal, tell a significant story. Mr. Mercier left town Saturday night for St. Hyacinthe, and the next Cabinet Council will be held at Montreal. It will be fifteen days at least before we see the Premier again in Quebec. Meanwhile, The Electeur tells its friends to be on the alert for the general elections, though it pretends not to know the precise date of them. Then we will let our enterprising contemporary into a little secret. Nomination day has been fixed for June 7, and election day will fall on Saturday, June 14.

Political Pointers.

The Centre Bruce Conservatives hold their convention at Glammis to-day.

To-morrow three conventions will be held—two Conservative and one Reform. The former are South Leeds and North Renfrew at Delta and Pembroke respectively, and the latter North Perth at Milverton.

The Wellington Conservatives hold a convention at Arthur on Friday.

There are no less than six conventions announced for next Saturday, equally divided between the parties. They are: Reformers, (East Kent) Thamesville, (West Victoria) Lindsay, (Haldimand) Cayuga; Conservatives, (West Northumberland) Cobourg, (Glengarry) Alexandria, (North Waterloo) Berlin.

The North Norfolk Conservatives and the South Norfolk Reformers both hold their conventions on the 29th.

Dundas will be the place of holding the North Wentworth Reform convention on the 30th.

North Norfolk Reformers' convention at Simcoe on May 3.

The Conservatives of South Huron will select their candidate at Hensall on May 6.

May 8 is the date and Listowel the place selected by the North Perth Conservatives for their convention.

Gaspard Pacaud has announced his intention of ignoring the work of the late convention in North Essex and will offer himself a candidate for the Ontario Legislature in the Reform interests.

Mr. Marter spoke in Bracebridge last night. Mr. Creighton accompanied him. Mr. Marter to-night will beard the Police Magistrate in his own schoolhouse. He sent him word that he could have an hour.

Athletes all over the world chew Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum to allay thirst.

THE FRENCH REPULSED.

Driven Back to Porto Novo with a Loss of 50 Men—The Dahomian Loss Heavy.

PARIS, April 22.—A French force of 350 men made a reconnaissance of the position held by the Dahomians, seven kilometres from Porto Novo, and subsequently attacked the stronghold. The French were compelled to retreat to Porto Novo after 30 French soldiers and 20 of their native allies were killed or wounded. The loss of the Dahomians was heavy.

The Queen Leaves Aix-les-Bains.

LONDON, April 22.—Queen Victoria has left Aix-les-Bains for Darmstadt.

Bismarck Talks Freely.

BERLIN, April 22.—The Fressinnige Zeitung publishes an account of alleged remarks made by Prince Bismarck to a deputation from the Manufacturers' Association on April 1. Bismarck, it is said, declared he would gladly have remained in office if the Emperor had so desired. He attributed his removal to the intrigues of opponents, especially of the minister who owed his position to him. He admitted he differed with the Emperor on the labor question. The Government's present policy, he said, must entail harsh dealings with the Socialists.

Count Herbert Bismarck said he was glad to leave the treadmill of office, out he was sorry for his father, who wanted to remain. The paper says Prince Bismarck said he had searched out a Cabinet order which placed the intercourse of ministers with the crown under control of the president of the council, the object being to frustrate intrigues. He believed Windthorst's begging an interview at which he made impossible demands was also a trap for him. The journal asserts that Prince Bismarck had eaten and drunk he avily previous to his speech.

In Honor of Stanley.

BRUSSELS, April 22.—The Society of Engineers made a grand fete on the bourse today in honor of Mr. Stanley. The latter and King Leopold made speeches. The King said the founding of the Congo State had been a benefit to Belgium.

Cable Flashes.

Anti-Jewish riots have occurred at Kischeneff, Bessarabia.

It is expected Bismarck will attend the debates in the Landtag next week.

The carrying trade at Cork is paralysed, owing to a strike of shipping and railway men.

From several places in Austria labor riots are reported. The soldiers' hospital at Troppana was attacked.

The London papers devote a good deal of space to comments on Parnell's proposed amendment to the Land Purchase Bill. The opinions vary as do the politics of the papers.

Always with You.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Before the Congressional Committee investigating immigration matters here to-day, John R. Washburn of Watertown, superintendent of the poor of Jefferson County, said that among the people he had to care for were many foreigners, some of whom were from Canada. There was no inspection of immigrants in Canada and anyone could come into the United States at will. Mr. Washburn said he could not send indigent Canadians back under the law and his only course was to treat them so badly that they returned. Some of this class of people had been in the poorhouse over 20 years.

Carroll Beats Smith.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Jimmy Carroll of Brooklyn and Billy Smith of Australia fought before the Athletic Club to-night for a purse of $1500. Carroll was favorite in the betting until to-day, when reports that he had been dissipating caused the odds to shift in favor of Smith. Carroll won the fight in the fourteenth round.

The California Club to-night almost unanimously approved the recommendation of the directors that a purse of $2,000 be subscribed for a fight to a finish between Sullivan and Jackson. It is understood the fight will not take place before September.

$3.00—We sell a hardwood pedestal extension table for $3.00. This is the best value in the Dominion. C. F. Adams' Home Furnishing House, 177 Yonge-street.

The Dead.

Capt. W. L. Couch, the noted Oklahoma boomer, is dead, aged 40.

Mr. E. Larsau, M.L.A. for Rouville, is dead, aged 42. He was a Liberal and was at one time editor of Le Pays de Le National.

The death is announced of General Spencer Westmacott of the Royal Engineers, at Bournemouth, Eng. He was the son of the sculptor, Sir Richard Westmacott, and was on service in the engineer department in Canada many years since.

THE TARIFF RESOLUTIONS

CONCURRED IN AFTER SEVERAL DIVISIONS.

Further Modifications Announced—The Anti-Combines Bill Passed—How Mr. Charlton Proposes to Bring Up an Old Question—Gas Men at the Capital—General Notes.

OTTAWA, April 22.—Mr. Blake having at Mr. Foster's request deferred his motion advising a reference to a judicial tribunal of vexed questions relating to disallowance, the House this afternoon went immediately into Committee of Ways and Means. Further modifications of the new tariff were announced by the Finance Minister, discussed and agreed to. The changes were as follows:

All manufacturers, and not merely those of woolen and cotton goods, are allowed the privilege of free importation of blood, albumen, tannic acid, antimony, salts, tartar emetic and gray tartar.

The item providing a duty of 30 per cent. on building stone is made to read dressed building stone.

Ginger wine is to pay 75 cents in place of $2 per gallon.

Repairs made to snips are no longer to be dutiable.

The Skelp iron duty, now $13 a ton or about 35 per cent., is to read thus: Skelp iron, sheared or rolled in grooves not wider than eight inches nor finer than 20 gauge, until such time as it is manufactured in Canada, 30 per cent.

Buttons of hoof, rubber, vulcanite or composition are to be five cents per gross and 20 p.c. ad val., in place of 10 cents per gross and 25 p.c.

Wire for the manufacture of toilet pins is no longer to be free.

A discussion arising on the pork duties, Mr. Foster reiterated his statement that under the terms of the General Inspection Act clear cut pork may be entered as mess pork at 1½ cents per pound, but said that in view of a difference of opinion on this subject the Government would consider the advisability of further defining the term mess pork.

Mr. Weldon (St. J.) urged the abolition of the duty on lime for fear that a larger duty might be put on by the States in the McKinley Bill.

Mr. Foster, in reply, said there was a standing offer by this Government to the States to abolish or reduce the lime duty in accordance with whatever action may be taken by the States.

The Resolutions Concurred In.

The committee having risen and reported the resolutions, Mr. Foster moved that they be read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. McMullen moved in amendment that the resolutions be referred back for the purpose of reducing the duty on binding twine and cordage.

The House divided and the amendment was lost, 44 to 85.

Amendments by Mr. Charlton that nursery stock be free and by Mr. Platt that refined coal oil be free were lost on the same division.

An amendment by Mr. Taylor that cheese imported from the United States for export be branded when in bond was declared out of order, but Mr. Foster said the Government would give attention to the matter.

The resolutions were then read a second time and agreed to and a bill founded thereon was introduced and read a first time.

The House then went into Committee of Supply and, taking up several items of the main estimates left over on previous occasions.

After the committee rose Clarke Wallace's bill amending the combines bill was read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at 12.50.

The Jesuits' Estates Again.

Mr. Charlton to-night gives notice of this resolution, to be moved as an amendment to motion to go into supply:

"Resolved, That regard being had to the fact that the competency of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec to pass the act entitled an act respecting the settlement of the Jesuits estates was called in question, and that a belief in the unconstitutionality of the said act was widely entertained, and in view of the deep feeling of dissatisfaction in large sections of the community thus indicated thereby, and generally the disturbed state of the public and on the subject thereof, and further having regard to the fact that His Excellency was advised to obtain the opinion of the law officers of the crown in England as to the course which His Excellency should pursue regarding the said act:

"This House is of the opinion that the question of the constitutionality of the said act should have been submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, when the question after submission of evidence and full argument of counsel on both sides could have been definitely determined by such court, and that the reference upon the ex-parte and incomplete statement of the case submitted to the law officers of the crown in England, who were not called upon to hear the question argued but were merely to express an opinion founded upon the incomplete statement made, thus ignoring the Supreme Court of Canada especially empowered to determine such a matter, was unwise and calculated to increase instead of allaying the distrust which the course of His Excellency with respect to the said act has excited among large numbers of the people of Canada."

Mr. Ellis has given notice of an amendment to the Banking Bill, providing that the Government shall have no preferential claim in case of failure of any bank.

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

The Clapp Divorce Case Thrown Out by the Senate.

OTTAWA, April 22.—The Clapp divorce case was thrown out by the Senate to-day, 35 to 8. The co-respondent was a music-dealer named Pingle. The parties reside near Guelph. In evidence it came out that Mrs. Clapp spent several weeks with Pingle in Detroit.

A meeting of the Committee on Privileges and Elections was held this forenoon to consider the Rykert case. A. M. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior, was the first witness examined. He gave evidence in regard to the area which the limits of Mr. Adams covered. The overlapping of one limit over the other was agreed by both parties to be decided by readjustment, so as to save putting them up again for competition. Shortreed & Laidlaw withdrew their application so far as the limit covered Mr. Adams', the latter being the first applicant. The arrangement between Shortreed & Laidlaw and Adams was that the only part of the former limit to be interfered with was the part which overlapped Adams' limit. This arrangement did not appear to be carried out, since Shortreed & Laidlaw got part of Adams' limit, the prairie part, which did not encroach on his limit in the first instance. It was impossible to carry out the arrangement as entered into between Messrs. Shortreed and Laidlaw on the one hand and Adams on the other. Some other officers of the department were examined, but nothing very important elicited. Mr. Rykert commenced about 1 o'clock to make a statement on his own behalf, but the committee decided to adjourn until to-morrow morning.

News has been received here that Secretary Blaine has taken steps to stop the sale of liquor to Canadian Indians who may be in the States. The Canadian Government last year called the attention of the Washington authorities to this evil and asked that it be prohibited; now it is announced that the Secretary of the Interior has reported in favor of an amendment to the law which will cover all cases of furnishing liquor to Indians within the United States, irrespective of the relations of the Indians to the Government.

A banquet was given to Alonzo Wright, M.P., to-night in the House of Commons restaurant by his fellow-members. The occasion was the 27th anniversary of his representation of Ottawa County in the Dominion Parliament. Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Speaker of the House, occupied the chair. The vice-chairmen were Hon. Peter Mitchell and Mr. Cargain.

A deputation of gas men waited upon the Government to-day in connection with the bill relating to the inspection of gas, now before the House. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Jesse Joseph, L. W. Smith of Montreal, W. H. Pearson of Toronto, F. W. Gates, T. Littlehales of Hamilton, N. H. Geggie of Quebec, Robert Baxter of Halifax, William Duffield of London, J. Stevenson, M.P., of Peterboro and Smith of Quebec. The deputation were accompanied by several members of the House, including Messrs. Brown, Small, Cockburn, Wilson (Len.), Innes and Bain (Went.). The deputation complained of the proposed more frequent inspection of meters, which they held would produce inconvenience more than offset by the possible benefit. They also objected to the proposed fine of $10 per day for supplying inferior or impure gas. Complaint was made that the competition of electric light companies had very largely diminished the profits of the gas companies and therefore it was urged that no higher fees should be exacted by the Government. After hearing the representations of the deputation Hon. John Costigan said the matter would receive his attention. He intimated that probably the suggestion made, that instead of making the inspection more frequent the fees should be raised, might be acted upon. The Government desired to make the revenue more nearly equal to the expenditure, and thus there had to be an increase in some shape.

A SCARCITY OF PRIESTS.

His Grace May Have to Go to Ireland to Get New Material.

Never before in the history of the Toronto Archdiocese has there been such a scarcity of priests. Every available priest is busy in parish work, and in some instances they have to do double duty. There is no particular cause assigned for this state of affairs, but the fact remains that it has become so alarming of late that active measures will have to be taken to place matters on a better basis. So close are things being run that even the father professors attached to St. Michael's College faculty are compelled to serve outlying parishes on Sundays.

It is whispered in select Roman Catholic circles that His Grace Archbishop Walsh will go to Ireland this summer and there secure the services of more priests. He will seek to get eloquent men, good speakers and pulpit orators, in order to fill the present want in this direction in Toronto. Whether his Grace goes or not the present state of affairs cannot last, and something will have to go.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

Bayou Sara Overwhelmed by the Storm—Sufferings of the People.

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—Governor Nichols has received the following:

BAYOU SARA, April 22.—We have been overwhelmed by the storm and rain. Crevasses numerous along the front. Old Morganzea levee broken. Send a boat at once to save the people or there may be great loss of life. MARTIN GLYNN, president of police jury.

The Governor arranged to have a steamer and several barges proceed at once from Baton Rouge to Point Coupee. Other boats will be sent up to-night. Thousands of men worked in vain for many days to strengthen and save the Morganzea levee. Governor Nichols has telegraphed to United States Senator Gibson asking him to secure Government aid.

A Bayou Sara special says: The Point Coupee front has crevasses at Preston, St. Maurice, and to-day one just above Morganzea which will before many hours take away this grand levee. We have had two days heavy rain and the situation is beyond description. People are resorting to trees for safety. Skiff-loads of people are passing through our inundated streets seeking safety on the hills. They make a sad and gloomy procession. All tell the same tale of woe and destruction. The situation in Bayon Sara is frightful; not a house in town is above the flood. The break at Morganzea is now 400 feet wide.

THE STORY REAFFIRMED.

Grand Trunk and Northern Pacific to Parallel Canadian Pacific.

WINNIPEG, April 22.—Despite Sir Joseph Hickson's lack of knowledge on the subject it is pretty generally understood that the Grand Trunk has an understanding with the Northern Pacific Railway to build in conjunction a new line clear through to the Pacific coast, paralleling the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is known that the Northern Pacific has had expert engineers in the Rocky Mountains hunting for an eligible pass. The scheme was to run the line north of the Canadian Pacific Railway over the route first projected by that road through Yellow Head Pass, but it is hinted now that the intention is to run the line south of the Canadian Pacific through Crow's Nest Pass. Both routes penetrate excellent country.

INTERRUPTED AT THE ALTAR.

Sensational Scene at a Wedding in a Maryland Church.

SALISBURY, Md., April 22.—Henry Lercallette and Victoria Wright were being married in a country church near here and the clergyman was about to declare them man and wife when an aunt of the young woman appeared with a letter from the wife of Lercallette. The woman asked the minister to read the letter aloud. When the minister finished reading the letter the would-be bride fainted and Lercallette in the excitement disappeared.

The Tea Lottery Fake in Halifax.

HALIFAX, April 22.—The Merchants' Tea Company have opened business here by extensively advertising the sale of cans of tea at $1 each with gold watches, diamond rings, etc., thrown in. The attention of the police authorities has been called to this method of doing business and they will be immediately proceeded against for running a lottery. The parties who purchased tea will be summoned as witnesses.

Hanlan to Row Plaisted.

ATLANTA, April 22.—Edward Hanlan and Fred. A. Plaisted have been matched to row three races on the Tennessee River at Bridgeport, Ala., May 6, 7 and 8, for the one-mile championship of the United States and a purse of $2000. Each race will be one mile straightaway.

A Blaze at Hagersville.

HAGERSVILLE, April 23.—Beattie's storehouse full of grain owned by Lynch, Beattie & Co. was burned to-night. Fully insured in Northern Caledonia and City of London. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Halifax Civic Nominations.

HALIFAX, April 22.—Civic nominations were made to-day. Mayor McPherson is re elected by acclamation and George E. Boak, W. F. Pickering and William McFatridge are elected aldermen without opposition.

Look out for lecture. Rev. Charles O'Reilly, treasurer Irish National League of America, Grand Opera House, April 28. 136

The Trunk Line Meeting.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The Executive Committee of the Trunk Line Association to-day discussed the proposition to reduce rates via lake and rail from the seaboard to the Northwest, but took no action.

Killed by a Train.

ORANGEVILLE, April 22.—Mr. Island of this place was struck by a train this morning, receiving injuries from which he died to-night.

Bank of Montreal's Dividend.

MONTREAL, April 22.—The directors of the Bank of Montreal to-day declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. The annual statement will be issued in June.

Opium Smugglers Arrested.

BUFFALO, April 22.—A gang of opium smugglers was arrested here late to-night. The police captured a large quantity of the drug.

THE STAGNATING STRIKES.

Workmen Leaving Toronto—Many Others Idle—Some Still Working.

Five bricklayers, 12 stonemasons and 10 laborers are reported to have resumed work at increased pay yesterday. Three more union laborers from Orillia, two stonemasons and five stonecutters who arrived yesterday from England joined the unions. The departures include 2 stonecutters for Belleville, 2 stonemasons for Guelph, 5 bricklayers and 20 laborers for the United States.

It has been suggested that a committee be appointed by the unions and the master builders to sit as a Board of Arbitration between the building trades and employers, this committee to settle the present difficulty and decide what should be the standard of wages for 1890-91. The same committee to remain organised for two years and readjust the scale of wages for 1892-3, reporting its decision of same to the Trades Unions and Master Builders' Association on or before Jan. 1, 1892, the same course to be pursued biennally thereafter. The membership of the board should be one delegate from each branch of the Master Builders' Association, one from each branch of the Building Trades and one from the Builders' Laborers' Union and an equal number of architects to be named by the Ontario Association, the vote of the majority to decide any question under consideration. Such a body, those favoring the scheme claim, would not only be successful as a wage regulator, but would also be a sort of court of appeal for the settlement of any differences now usually terminating in a strike.

The following circular is being distributed on incoming trains:

Notice!—All branches of the building trades are on strike in the city of Toronto, Canada. We therefore appeal to all men of principle to refrain from coming to this place to look for work in any branch of the building trades. Issued on behalf of the Bricklayers' Union, Stonemasons' Union, Stonecutters' Union, Laborers' Union of Toronto. Union is strength.

The Salaries Will Be Cut.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Vice-President and General Manager C. H. Crosby of the United States Express Company states the company will not recede from its position on the cutting down of salaries. A strike that will extend throughout the entire express system in all the cities of the United States will therefore probably result.

The Hoosier Strike Settled.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 22.—The carpenters strike here has been settled on the basis of an 8-hour day and 30 cents an hour. This is an advance of 5 to 10 cents an hour. About 500 men will resume to-morrow.

Brickmakers Strike at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 22.—All the brickmakers in the northern and northwestern parts of the city, numbering 1200, struck to-day to enforce the demand that 7000 brick shall constitute a day's work instead of 6000.

The Austrian Miners' Strike.

OSTRAN, April 22.—Work has been resumed in most of the pits on the Northern Railway. The Witkkowitz iron furnaces are in full blast. There have been serious disorders at Fulnek. The cavalry had to be called out to restore order and 118 arrests were made.

Riotous Carpenters Arrested.

CHICAGO, April 22.—One hundred striking carpenters assaulted a number of non-union men in Wallace-street to-day. Police Sergeant Begley interfered and was severely beaten. Fifty rioters were arrested. The non-union men fled.

CRONIN SUSPECTS DISCHARGED.

The Charge of Murder Against Kunze and Woodruff Dropped—Suspicious Deaths.

CHICAGO, April 22.—State's Attorney Longnecker has had the case against John H. Kunze stricken from Judge Hawes' docket. Kunze has been out on bail ever since Judge McConnell granted the young Cronin suspect a new trial. The State's Attorney believed that it would be useless to prosecute the German.

Frank J. Black, alias Frank Woodruff, the lone Cronin suspect, who has occupied a cell in the county jail almost a year, was discharged on the charge of murder by Judge Hawes. Attorneys Browne and Porter for Woodruff claimed that their client had been under indictment for murder more than nine months and had not been given a trial. According to the law, they said, he should be given a trial or discharged.

"The fact is," the State's prosecutor admitted, "I cannot try him for murder, but he ought to be kept in jail as long as possible on general principles. Such a liar as Woodruff is better off in the cage than out. As to the murder charge, I can't do anything with him, but he'll go up for something else."

State's Attorney Longnecker said he knew who took Cronin's body away from the Carlson cottage, and it was learned to-night that this man was none other than the J. B. Simonds who has been so eagerly wanted. It is said Simonds died suddenly and suspiciously not long ago in an eastern city, while it is also said Patrick Cooney died suddenly and unnaturally in a Wisconsin village.

These facts have come out in consequence, it is claimed, of the misdirection of funds raised for the defence of the Cronin murderers. The relatives of Sullivan, the iceman, and Dan Coughlin, have been compelled to mortgage their property to raise the necessary funds to pay legal and other expenses, and they now threaten to tell what they know. Should they do this it is confidently anticipated those of the conspirators now out of jail may soon find themselves in a bad box.

AS IN MALACHI'S DAYS.

They Spoke Often One to Another—For More and Better Work—The Mission Conference Closed.

The second day's conference of Toronto Christian Workers was as profitable and successful as that of Monday. The attendance was large, the spirituality marked, the interest general. Ministers of various denominations were present, some of whom took part in the proceedings. Mr. A. Sampson, president of the union, was happy in his position as chairman. Rev. George J. Bishop, pastor of Parliament-street Methodist Church, spoke on a subject with which he is au fait, "How to Conduct an After-Meeting." His treatment was practical and valuable in suggestions and met with general approval by several who took part in the discussion, including Rev. Dr. Parsons of Knox Church, Col. Hadley of New York, who has had great experience in the conducting of the Jerry McCauley mission in that city, spoke on the same subject and also on the training necessary for successful mission work. Thorough consecration, speaking from the heart, and love for souls, were the chief desiderata he enforced. Thrilling was a chapter of autobiography he narrated as one snatched from the thraldom of the drink fiend and now sanctified for the Master's use. The Executive Committee are abundantly satisfied with the novel experiment which has signalised their half-year's existence.

More Writs for Libel.

Messrs. Watson, Thorne & Smoke, acting for Mr. John Laxton of St. Alban's Ward, have issued a writ against William Munns and Jonas Coxhead, charging them with having criminally libeled their client. It is alleged that Laxton's name was maliciously published among a list of petitioners to grant one Doyle a liquor license. Messrs. Macdonald, MacIntosh & McCrimmon have issued a similar writ against the same parties on instructions from Mr. Thomas Edwards.

Incendiary Fire at Essex Center.

ESSEX CENTER, April 22.—The dwelling of George Thornton, jr., was totally destroyed by fire last night. None of the contents were saved, the family escaping only with their lives. Loss $1000, no insurance. Cause of fire supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

CANNOT BE YOUR CANDIDATE

THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER TO RETIRE FROM POLITICS.

Hon. A. M. Ross Announces His Intention to His Constituents—A Reform Convention Called for May 5 to Select His Successor—How Will Mr. Mowat Reorganise?

GODERICH, April 22.—Hon. A. M. Ross arrived in town Saturday evening by the 7 o'clock train and at once communicated the fact to his friends that he would not be a candidate at the forthcoming elections.

A Reform convention has been called for May 5 to nominate his successor in the representation of the riding.

The names of J. T. Farrow, D. McGillicuddy of Goderich, M. G. Cameron of Toronto, A. H. Wanning and A. McMurchy of Clinton, are freely used.

Not a Born Politician.

Mr. Ross has never felt at ease in the Treasurer's chair. He was not cut out for an active politician. He was not a fighter, he was not rich in counsel and he did not originate any particular legislation. He has long desired to retire into a good office and escape the turmoil of politics. In the Cabinet he was supposed to be the check on the wicked partners—Hardy, Fraser and the other Ross—and to furnish Mr. Mowat with moral timber when posing as a Christian politician.

Mr. Ross will in all likelihood become registrar of Huron.

How Will Mr. Mowat Reorganise?

Make G. W. Ross Treasurer?

And Gibson Minister of Education?

And give some of the waiting brethren like Awrey, or Harcourt, Dryden promotion?

Or is there a dark horse to be brought in from the outside?

In all events the Cabinet is somewhat troubled, especially since advices have been received that Mr. Drury's chances in Simcoe are daily growing worse and worse.

Sherbourne-street Bridge.

The Sherbourne-street extension improvement is being forwarded without delay. The City Engineer has reported in favor of tenders being called for, and the assessment commissioner has reported his valuation of the properties to be expropriated at $36,180. With expeditions of this kind it is time the owners of property in Rosedale were up and doing. The matter of improved streets, sidewalks and sewers, for with all its natural beauty it is the worst suburb in our city in muddy weather.

The Young People Organise.

The young people of Clinton-street Methodist Church have recently formed a "Young People's Christian Work Association." The society starts out with a membership of 40. The following officers have been elected:

Honorary President—The Pastor.
President—Mr. Simon Lark.
First Vice-President—Miss Gertie McBride.
Second Vice-President—Mr. James McNair.

The society will meet every Monday evening.

$5000 for Slander.

A writ was issued yesterday at Osgoode Hall by the solicitors for Mr. Robert Abbs, formerly of Abbs & Laughton, coal and wood merchants, 1198 Queen-street west, against Mr. Abbs' former partner, Mr. Frederick Laughton, for $5000 damages for slander. The alleged slander consists of certain statements made by Mr. Laughton to certain creditors of the firm at the time of its dissolution, which statements cast reflections on the business character of Mr. Abbs.

The Architectural Sketch Club.

Last evening the members assembled to listen to Mr. Edmund Burke's lecture on "House Planning." The subject, an interesting one to all classes, was specially attractive to the young architects and many useful suggestions were made which will prove of service in their regular work. The lecture was illustrated by large charts showing examples of both good and bad planning.

A Pleasant Evening at Old St. Andrew's.

Under the auspices of the Young People's Association a musical entertainment was given last night in the schoolroom of Old St. Andrew's Church. Miss Jessie Alexander gave several recitations. Mr. W. G. Grant, the Scottish vocalist, was heard to advantage in the song "Memories Dear," and Mr. Irwin Clark gave a number of cornet solos. Mr. A. Depew presided at the piano.

When Will the Seat Be Filled?

Rev. Father Gibbons, representative for St. James' Ward on the Separate School Board, was removed two months ago to Penetanguishene Reformatory as chaplain. Up to date no effort has been made to fill the vacancy caused by his absence from the city, and the people of the ward are wondering when the trustees propose moving in the matter.

The Belt Line Under Way.

Mr. Manning of the firm of Manning, McDonald & Co., contractors, said to The World yesterday that his firm had commenced work in the construction of the Belt Line Railway. Preliminary work had been done, he said, and grading would be commenced to-day.

The Toronto Dry Dock.

The Toronto dry dock at the mouth of the Don will be completed in less than two weeks, and the first vessel put in for repairs immediately thereafter. The dock will take the largest vessel on Lake Ontario. Alexander Manning is president and A. R. Boswell secretary of the company.

After Very Many Days.

William Johnston was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of having on the night of Dec. 10, 1887, stolen $90 from Mary Ellis, now Mrs. Herbert, who then kept a liquor store at the corner of Sydenham and Ontario-streets.

Suffering from Cancer in the Head.

Mr. W. H. Stone, one of the veteran undertakers of Toronto, is seriously ill, and grave fears are entertained that he may not recover. He is suffering from cancer in the head, and the best medical skill available has so far been of no avail.

Action for Alimony.

The wife of Henry Beckett, market gardener, Dovercourt, who left her to go to Ireland and who returned with a younger wife as far as New York, whence he was sent back as a pauper, has instituted an action for separation and alimony.

Grand's Horse Sale.

The sale of horses at Grand's Repository was continued yesterday morning, and about 20 fine working animals were auctioned off before one o'clock. The bidding was active and the prices averaged very fair. The sale will be continued on Friday.

Seven Letters on the Esplanade.

The World yesterday received not less than seven communications for publication on the Esplanade. Some for, some against. The discussion has got too long-winded for our limited space and we must respectfully decline.

Judge Proudfoot Back.

Mr. Justice Proudfoot has returned from Italy, where he was on six months' leave of absence. The honorable gentleman is looking much improved for his trip.

Art in Dress.

More artistic garments than those we get up were never worn. The materials of which they are made is also very handsome and the general effect is that of appropriateness happily combined with elegance. Taylor & Co., art tailors, 89 Yonge-street. 136

THE GLOBE MUST GIT.

Ald. Bell's Method of Helping Himself and the Strikers.

"With regard to the Victoria-street extension," queried Ald. Bell yesterday at the Board of Works meeting, "why is the work not being pushed forward?"

The Chairman: "Well, I suppose it is because The Globe is not ready to get out."

Ald. Bell: "That is not it. It is because the contractor won't pay the wages demanded by the men. We ought to protect these men in the prosecution of their rights."

Ald. Carlyle: "I do not see why we should interfere between employer and employe. Let them settle the dispute themselves."

Ald. Bell: "I don't believe that. The city should help the men. I move that The Globe be desired to vacate the street line forthwith. That will settle it."

The board carried the motion, Ald. Bell left his seat and had a whispered consultation with his faithful friend Ald. Bailey, and peace once more reigned supreme.

THE BELT LINE.

**Graveyard Trustees Not Satisfied with Its Route—They Rent Farms and Pay No Taxes—Interview with Mr. J. D