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THE EXPULSION BILL.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The Soir anticipates a majority of fifteen in the Senate against the Expulsion Bill.

The Senate has elected the committee on the Expulsion Bill. Eight members oppose the whole bill. They include Saint-Hilaire, Waddington, Leon Say and Saint-Valliers, and represent forty-five votes. One hundred and ten Senators will probably support the bill.

St. Hilaire has been elected chairman of the Senate Committee on the expulsion bill. He is prepared to vote a law against attacks on the public by a prince or anybody else. The Count de Montebello has resigned the Brussels embassy on account of the recent action taken on the expulsion bill.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Public uneasiness is increasing. The impression prevails that the army does not like the expulsion bill. Intimation to this effect is said to have been conveyed to President Grevy.

PROTESTANTISM.

A trip by L. E. Myers to England this spring to meet George again is almost a certainty. In a letter to E. E. Merrill, the amateur champion walker, Myers calls his last two races with George "gruelling races," as he was obliged, on account of sickness, to prepare for them on a diet of gruel.

The United States Supreme Court has decided the New York emigrant tax of \$1 a head as unconstitutional.

Dr. Wiggins will issue an almanac in a few days. It will contain the dates of the great storms of 1883. The doctor says there will be a blizzard on Friday next.

Mr. Gladstone has received a threatening letter. The writer says the Minister is to be murdered. The police are closely guarding Sir Vernon Harcourt, who is visiting in Yorkshire.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

MORNINGTON, Ont., Jan. 31.—The annual meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the County of Dundas was held at Winchester Springs to-day. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance of the leading men from all parts of the county. The County President, Mr. David Boe, occupied the chair, and was with the rest of the county officers, re-elected. A considerable amount of discussion took place as to the manner of bringing out the candidate, whether by a convention of delegates or a mass meeting. It was finally decided to call a mass meeting at the Springs on the 7th February at 2 p.m., to select a candidate.

CHATHAM, Ont., Jan. 31.—At the Liberal Convention held here to-day, H. F. Cummins, of Chatham, received the nomination.

CAWCEA, Ont., Jan. 31.—At the Reform Convention, held at the Court House here to-day, Dr. Harrison, of Belkirk, was called to the chair. Dr. Baxter, M.P.P., addressed the meeting, and nominations were then called for, which resulted in Dr. Baxter being chosen.

HAMILTON, Jan. 31.—This evening, at a workmen's mass meeting, Edward Williams was nominated as a workman's candidate for the local House.

CAWCEA, Ont., Jan. 31.—The Liberal-Conservative Association of the County of Hamilton met in the Court House to-day, for the purpose of choosing a candidate to contest the county in the Conservative interest. The meeting was largely attended, and was perhaps the most thorough and satisfactory convention ever held in the county. Mr. A. W. Thompson was unanimously chosen. Mr. Thompson then gave an eloquent address upon the question of organization and the main features of provincial politics. Mr. Boultbee, ex-M.P., followed.

MIRAMICHI, Ont., Feb. 1.—The annual meeting of the Conservative Convention of South Fife was held here to-day. Mr. Cull was elected president. A vote of confidence in Mr. Meredith was carried, and the convention closed with cheers for the candidate, Mr. Meredith, and the Queen.

ROSSIGNOL, Ont., Feb. 1.—A meeting of representative men of the district, to nominate a candidate in the Reform interest to contest the electoral district of Muskoka and Perry Sound, was held here to-day. Mr. J. W. Bettes, the present member of the Legislature, was nominated.

WHITBY, Ont., Feb. 1.—At the South Ontario Liberal Convention to-day, Mr. John Dryden was unanimously re-nominated for the local Legislature.

SHREVEBURG, Ont., Feb. 1.—At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative held here to-day, Mr. Robert McGhee, of Melancthon, was unanimously nominated as the standard-bearer of the party at the forthcoming election in the county of Grey.

CORNWALL, Feb. 3.—Mr. A. P. Ross was chosen at the Conservative Convention this afternoon as their standard-bearer in the coming elections for the Legislature.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Feb. 3.—At the Conservative Convention held here to-day, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—Dr. Harris, President; Thos. Elliott, Vice-President; Hugh McK Wilson, Treasurer, and David Curtis, Secretary. Dr. Harris received the unanimous nomination as candidate to contest the Riding of South Brant with Hon. A. S. Hardy.

ANSONIA, Ont., Feb. 3.—A large and representative gathering of Liberal-Conservative was held at Newmarket to-day, to discuss the approaching election in North York. After the election of officers, it was decided to contest the county for the Legislature. A meeting to nominate the candidate will be held at Newmarket on Saturday next.

KINROSS, Ont., Feb. 3.—The Conservative Convention of the County of Frontenac to-day nominated Mr. Henry Wilmont, of the Township of Pittsburg, as their candidate for the Legislature.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—At the Liberal-Conservative Convention at Dunceville this evening, Henry Robillard, brother of the Liberal standard-bearer, was nominated, beating Baker by one vote.

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The stock market this morning was quiet, but much stronger. Even Gas, which has been "beaten" enough to bring any other stock down 25 per cent, was better and closed higher at noon at 18 1/2 to 18 3/4. Bank of Montreal rose about one per cent, being at 207 1/2 bid at noon. Ontario at noon was at 112 bid; Merchants' at 123 1/2; Toronto at 128; Commerce at 123 1/2; 123 1/2; Toronto at 128; Commerce at 123 1/2; Telegraph at 124; Richardson at 65, and Passenger at 142. Other stocks were inactive.

Stock Sales.—175 Montreal 207; 85 do 207; 95 Ontario 112; 120 Jacques Cardier 110 1/2; 30 Merchants' 128; 150 North-West 81 1/2; 250 Gas 187; 50 do 186 1/2; 25 do 186 1/2; 50 do 186; 200 do 186 1/2; 75 do 186 1/2; 25 do 187.

Iron and Steel.—125 Bank of Montreal at 207, 50 do at 206 1/2; 40 People's Bank at 88; 25 Ontario Bank at 112, 25 do at 111 1/2; 25 do at 111 1/2; 25 do at 111 1/2; 75 Toronto Bank at 123 1/2; 25 Merchants' Bank at 126, 50 do at 123 1/2; 45 Commerce Bank at 123 1/2; 40 do 123 1/2; 25 do at 124; 75 Montreal Gas Co at 186 1/2; 25 Loan & Mortgage Co at 106 1/2.

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WEEKLY REVIEW—WHOLESALE MARKETS.

An unusually large number of failures have occurred during the week, and a feeling of uncertainty has prevailed financial circles. Settlements on the fourth and fifth were reported satisfactory by the banks, but it is a well known fact that our wholesale houses have had to come to the relief of many smaller concerns depending upon them, and the very weak ones, to the number of fully a dozen, had to succumb. The notes falling due were chiefly dry goods paper, with a good supply of boot and shoe factory bills. As far as dry goods are concerned business is not so satisfactory as it might be, great complaints being made of the keen competition which Montreal firms have to contend against in the West, a letter from a traveler of a house in this city, stating that in Chatham there were no less than twenty-eight dry goods travellers at one and the same time. Never in the history of the trade, it is said, has competition so great as at present. Certain lines of cotton goods are being offered by Toronto houses at prices which it is stated leave no margin of profit. The volume of business, however, for the leading spring trip will compare favorably with that of last season.

GRAIN.—During the past few days a better demand has sprung up for refined sugars, more especially for yellows at 7 1/2 to 3 1/2 cts to grade. Granulated has changed hands at 8 1/2; in large quantities from refiners, and at 8 1/2 in jobbing lots. There has also been more doing in syrups and a better enquiry exists for molasses. Barbadoes are quoted at 50c, Antigua at 47c to 47 1/2 and Trinidad at 46c. The fruit market was firm. Valencia raisins quoted at 7 1/2 to 8c, as to quantity, the sale of 300 boxes transpiring at 7 1/2. Currants are steady at 6 1/2 to 7c for Provincials, as to quantity and quality. Malaga raisins are firm at former prices. In tea there has been a better movement, sales amounting to 1,000 half-chests being reported. A lot of 100 pkgs of Japan tea dust was sold at 11c to 11 1/2 and a line at 10c. An invoice of 350 half-chests Japan is mentioned at 13c for common to 2 1/2 cts for over-good medium. In coffee there has been more enquiry for Jamaica, which has changed hands at 10 1/2 for good common up to 15c for fine. Java and Plantation Ceylon are firmer in sympathy with the advance in foreign markets. We quote: Rio at 8 1/2 to 10c; Mocha at 2 1/2 to 3c; Jamaica at 9c to 15c; Plantation Ceylon at 17 1/2 to 20c, and Java ordinary to fair old Government, 16c to 23c. Spices are firm all round, and sales of black pepper are reported at 15 1/2 to 16c. Ginger is steady at 13 1/2 to 20c for Cochin, and at 18c to 20c for Jamaica. Cloves are steady at 18c to 25c, and pimento at 10c to 10 1/2.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Trade in pig iron is limited to the sales of car lots at 28 to 27 for the leading brands, Eglington being quoted at \$23 to 25. There have been a few enquiries for spring delivery, but we do not hear of any business resulting. Freight from Glasgow to Montreal for spring shipment are quoted at 11s. Warrants are called at 47s 10d. In bar iron there is no change, sales being reported at \$2.15 to 2.25 as to quality. Tinplates are quiet and less firm. A c. charcoal being quiet at \$5.50 to 5.75, and 1 c. coke at \$4.50 to 4.75. Lignite 4c, 2 1/2 to 2c, and log cut copper at 18c to 19c. The general hardware trade is steady, and travellers are preparing for their spring trip. Remittances are fair.

Oil.—A lot of 50 barrels Newfoundland "A" Cod has been placed at 65c, and a lot of Half "A" Montreal inspected at 67 1/2. Half "A" inspection being quoted at 63c to 65c. Steam refined and unrefined. In refined petroleum prices have been reduced both here and at points of production. To arrive car lots are reported at 17 1/2 and on spot at 18c. Some dealers quote the price 15c f.o.b. London and others 15 1/2. We quote oils as follows:—Lined, boiled, per imperial gallon, 73c to 74c; do raw, 70c to 72c; olive, 98c to \$1; cod, 65c to 75c; seal pale, 75c to 78c; do refined, 65c to \$1; do straw, 67 1/2 to 72c; lard, extra, 95c to \$1; do No 1, 85c to 95c; palm, per lb, \$1 to 1 10c; cod liver, \$1 70 to 1 75; petroleum, refined, 17 1/2 to 18c; do, in broken lots, 18 1/2 to 19c; do, in single barrels, 19c to 20c.

Raw Furs.—For red fox the market is easier at \$1 20 to 1 25. The local demand is ceasing and foreign buyers are not pressing for supplies. Advice just received from New York, advises caution in the buying of marten, mink and fox. We quote:—Mink, \$1 red fox \$1 00 to 1 25, marten \$1, offer \$8 to 10, bear \$2 to 2 50 per lb, skunk 60c, bear \$8 to 10 for large and \$4 to 5 for small, lynx, \$2 to 2 50.

Wool.—Fair demand for foreign wools and stocks well held. Canada pulled wools are quiet but steady. We quote prices as follows:—Greasy Gays 17c to 19c, Australian 20c to 31c as to quality. Canadian pulled—Supers 30c to 33c.

ROOTS AND SNOWS.—The city houses are making large shipments of spring goods. The articles are now running on full time, the factors having given in and replaced the apprentices. Advice from Toronto report the failure of Wm. Damer of that city, with liabilities of about \$57,000, direct and indirect. Several Montreal leather firms are creditors, but for small amounts. Some of our manufacturers are compelled to work over time. Orders on hand are still large, and it looks as if a much more extensive business in the aggregate would be done this year than last. Remittances are satisfactory. We quote prices firm, as follows:—Men's thick boots, waxed, \$2 25 to 3 25; men's split boots, \$1 50 to 2 30; men's kip boots, \$2 50 to 3 25; men's calf boots, pegged, \$3 to 4 50; men's kip brogans, \$1 35 to 1 40; men's split do 90c to \$1.10; men's buff congress, \$1 50 to 2 00; men's buff and pebbled balmorals, \$1 75 to 2 00; men's split do, \$1 35 to 1 75; shoe packs, \$1.00 to 2 00; women's pebbled and buff

MONTEAL CATTLE MARKET.—Feb. 5.

The approach of Lent is causing the market to present a desolate appearance. There were only 125 head at Viger market, but they were mostly of good quality and prices ranged from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2. Prices of balmorals sold 18 head at 5c to Mr. B. Nicholson, and the other dealers present were J. E. Hopper, Bonell, Tallier, & Escoud, O. Chute, John McLean, B. Wilder, G. Giroux and Michel Dubois. Bonell, Tallier & Co. sold 20 head, and the rest of the stock was distributed in 8 or 10 head lots.

About 10 sheep and lambs sold at former prices. Dressed hogs were steady.

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Dr. George Miller Beard, a distinguished New York practitioner and author, died of pleuro-pneumonia on January 23rd, aged 44.

Mr. E. J. Faircloth, a dry goods merchant doing business on King street East, Toronto, dropped dead in his store on Saturday evening, February 3rd. He had been suffering for some time from disease of the kidneys.

We have much regret in chronicling the demise of one of Montreal's oldest and most respected citizens, Mr. James Murray, whose death occurred yesterday after a lingering illness. He was for thirty-three years a resident of this city, and during that time had made many friends among all classes of our population. He was a native of County Donegal, Ireland. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss.

The friends of Mr. Charles Outmet will be surprised to hear of his demise, at the early age of 38, which took place at Ottawa on Friday last. He was well known in the literary world, and was a lawyer of ability and promise. For some time he held a position in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, having been compelled through ill health to abandon the more arduous duties of his profession. He held for some years the position of District Magistrate of Beauharnois, but returned to the practice of his profession in this city on the abolition of the office some years ago. The remains arrived to-day from Ottawa at the Bonaventure depot, and were met by a large number of the late gentleman's friends.

Ex-Congressman Charles Delano, of Northampton, Mass., is dead.

Alonso Critchden, President of Parker College Institute, died on January 23rd at Brooklyn, N.Y.

Prof. George Greene, a well known historical writer, died at East Greenwich, R.I., on February 2nd, aged 81.

Dr. Edward H. Knight, author of the American Eccelesia Dictionary and other literary works, died at Bellefontaine, Ohio, on the night of January 23rd.

Gustave Dore, the famous French painter and engraver, is dead. Dore died on Friday and inflammation of the throat set in, and despite every effort it was impossible to arrest its progress.

William Gowells Schaeffer died on January 23rd in New York, aged 53. He was a well known missionary worker, and was member of A. L. Langrage, and could speak extemporaneously in six.

The funeral of the late Lieut. Col. G. S. Hart took place on January 23rd at Ottawa. The pall-bearers were Lieut. Col. Ross, Lieut. Col. M. G. Simpson, Major Wicks, Major Grant, Mr. R. Kimber, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wain, Mr. W. R. Wright and Mr. C. J. Jones.

Mr. Cotton L. Almon, son of Senator Almon, died at his father's residence, Northwest Arm, Halifax, on Feb. 5th. He was formerly in the railway office at Ottawa. In 1874 he successfully contested the County of St. Agathe, Manitoba, in the Conservative interest.

Wm. B. Wood, a prominent man, dropped dead in New York, on January 30th, aged 48. When Lincoln was threatened with assassination if he attempted to travel from Springfield to Washington to be inaugurated, Wood was in charge of the travel committee, and over which the President elect had to travel.

Mr. Edmund Heath, J. P. of Claremont, died on Sunday, January 21st. He represented the County of Pontiac in the Legislative Assembly from 1850 to 1857. In 1857 he was elected to represent the county in the House of Commons. After the general election of 1871 he was succeeded by the late Mr. May Wain.

On the morning of February 2nd, as Ellias Barnaby, an old gentleman, father of L. A. Barnaby, of Halifax, N.S., was walking on Burlington street, he suddenly dropped to the ground unconscious. By his limit a physician arrived the old gentleman was breathing his last, and expired without recovering consciousness.

We regret to have to record this week the death of Patrick Mason, J. P. of L'Anse-au-Loup, Quebec. The deceased was an upright and intelligent citizen, a good neighbor, a tender father, an excellent husband, and a devoted friend. He was not only an ardent lover of his native land, and a sincere sympathizer in the efforts made by the people of that unhappy island to restore to their country.

Mason was a