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MR. SIFTON'S LITTLE AX

A Call-Down For the New Minister of Interior

BY AN OTTAWA NEWSPAPER

An Intimation That "Young Mr. Sifton" is a Trifle Previous.

Farmers Will Have a Show On the Tariff Talk—Major McGillivray Will Resign His Seat and Stick to Forestry—A Falling Off in the Revenue—Bothwell Oil Boom Makes Work for the Geologists—Mr. Tarte's Intentions—General News From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Newspapers are beginning to get the correct gauge of the new Minister of the Interior. The Ottawa Tribune, a well written weekly of Liberal leanings, has this to say in yesterday's issue:

"Young Mr. Sifton of the Northwest Territories appears to be bringing his little ax with him, judging from the report of a recent speech made by him at Moosomin. There is room for a difference of opinion as to the advisability of a Minister announcing his intention of making radical changes in his department before he has assumed control of that department, and presumably before he has had any opportunity of acquainting himself with its workings. It will, perhaps, be borne in upon Mr. Sifton before he has held office very long that he is a subordinate member of the Cabinet, and not Prime Minister."

WILL GIVE FARMERS A SHOW.

It is announced that immediately the new year is ushered in the Tariff Committee of the Cabinet will make arrangements to hear deputations from farmers' organizations, for the purpose of obtaining their views on the suggested tariff revision. Hitherto nearly all the evidence submitted has been in favor of the maintenance of the present tariff, or increased protection, but it has been decided that the manufacturers are not to do all the talking.

M'GILLIVRAY WILL QUIT.

John A. McGillivray, M. P. for North Ontario, was in town to-day. To-morrow he will be an ex-M. P. He informed your correspondent to-night that he had definitely made up his mind to resign his seat in the House and will so inform Mr. Speaker Edgar to-morrow. He will not offer himself for re-election, but devote all his energy to his Forestry work. Mr. McGillivray returned to Toronto to-night.

A DROP IN REVENUE.

Owing to the existing uncertainty regarding tariff changes, it is but natural to expect a falling off in revenue. Merchants are evidently reducing importations, as last month the revenue from customs alone fell away by $267,291. The net decrease in revenue for five months is $230,000, while the expenditure has increased $434,000.

BOTHWELL OIL BOOM.

The oil boom in Bothwell has led to many enquiries being sent to the Geological Survey Department for information regarding the experimental borings for oil in that district many years ago. In 1865-67 there was quite a boom in Bothwell, and many wells were sunk, but unfortunately accurate "logs" of the operations were not kept. Dr. Dawson, Director of the Geological Survey, points out that it would be a great advantage to the survey and would enable information to be readily given to applicants if a careful record were kept of boring work as it proceeds. In this way there would soon be obtained a clear knowledge of the of the underground structure of the whole of the Ontario Peninsula. The greatest depth to which boring for oil or natural gas has been carried in Ontario is 2400 feet. The wells in the Petrolea oil field average from 350 to 400 feet. As the Bothwell district promises to be a very prolific one, it would be well for prospectors to act upon Dr. Dawson's suggestion.

MR. BOYD'S THOROUGHBREDS.

Mr. Nat Boyd, M. P., arived here today from the south. During the past two or three weeks he has been buying stock in Kentucky, and has shipped a carload of yearling thoroughbreds from the famous blue grass region to his ranch at Carberry. Mr. Boyd is doing good work for the improvement of Manitoba stock.

MARRIED A FRENCH BRIDE.

Dr. W. T. Bradley, son of Mr. A. P. Bradley of Ottawa, was married in France, on Nov. 24, at Dinard, Brittany, to Mlle. Antoinette, youngest daughter of the late M. Paul Robberechts of Dinard. Recently Dr. Bradley, who is a B. A. of Toronto University, and M. D. of McGill, passed his qualifying examinations for membership in the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and for licentiateship of the Royal College of Physicians. Dr. Bradley intends returning to Ottawa shortly.

MR. TARTE'S INTENTIONS.

Speaking of his intentions in regard to Canadian public works, Mr. Tarte said yesterday that not a single undertaking of importance will be commenced without a personal knowledge of the situation. He has covered the western country now, he says, and will visit the Maritime Provinces and Ontario in due time.

A BATCH OF NOTES,

Hon. L. H. Davies leaves for Ottawa next week.

Apropos of the story that he was to undertake a trip across the Pacific to China and meet Li Hung Chang, the Grand Old Man of the Celestial Empire, Mr. Tarte says that there is nothing which would afford him greater pleasure if he had the time.

Montreal parties will apply to Parliament next session for an act to incorporate The Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company.

The Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway will apply for an act to amend the several acts relating to the said company, authorizing the issue of debenture stock, and empowering the company to issue debenture stock and preferred stock, to change the head office of the company from Toronto to Hamilton, and to confirm the several agreements made between the company and the Canadian Pacific.

Withdrawals exceeded deposits in the Government banks last month by $20,000.

New postoffices were opened in Ontario Dec. 1 as follows: Ansonia, Algoma; Burridge, Addington; Folger Station, North Lanark.

The appointment of Senator McClelan as Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick was gazetted yesterday.

Col. Hamilton of the Q. O. R., Toronto, left for home last night.

Hon. William Paterson returned from Cornwall last evening.

Hugh O'Leary of Lindsay is appointed a commissioner to investigate certain charges preferred against D. J. ... Indian agent on the Rama ...

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Dr. Bor... ...f for Nova Scotia yesterday for a ... days.

Major James Sutherland, chief Government whip, came up from Cornwall to-night. He is satisfied with the Liberal outlook there.

It is definitely settled that W. D. Lovitt of Yarmouth is to succeed the late Senator Kaulbach in the Upper House. The order-in-council is only awaiting the Governor's signature.

IT IS SIMPLY AMAZING.

How Some Ontario Mines are Interesting New York Capitalists—A Talk With Mr. Sill.

Mr. John T. Sill, the New York capitalist, who owns the Belmont Bessemer Iron Mine in Hastings County, and the Ontario, Belmont & Northern Railway, which taps it, spends a good deal of time in Canada these days.

He is at present at the Queen's, after having just completed a tour of the Lake of the Woods and Seine River mining district. Mr. Sill is a conservative man of much experience, and is not inclined to be enthusiastic over anything, but he is convinced that the northwestern mining regions of this province have a splendid future before them. The Foley claim he thinks is a wonder, and he is of the opinion that many other rich properties have been located in the district.

Mr. Sill says that New York and other American capital is looking for outside investment as it never did before. A lot of money has gone into Mexico, and now those who control it have an eye on Canada.

"New York capitalists are at present in a waiting attitude," observed Mr. Sill. "They are closely watching the development of the mines in this country. You will be surprised when I say that the Saw Bill is better known in the American metropolis than even here in Toronto, and this notwithstanding the fact that no New Yorkers are at all interested in it. They are simply keeping track of it, and other properties, simply with a view to sizing up the value of the region.

"A number of New York capitalists have told me personally that they were waiting to put money into Ontario gold mines, and I know that in the course of a few days a million dollars could be raised in any one of several quarters over there for investment in any bona fide proposition.

"And those men would rather put up $1,000,000 for a property that has been proven to be first-class than pay out $5000 for a mere claim."

Mr. Sill states that the New Yorkers interested in the Hammond-Folger property on Saw Bill Lake sent a special expert to look over it, and that he has pronounced it a wonder. In fact, they expect the mine to turn out to be the most wonderful in the world. Its huge dykes of auriferous ore are considered simply amazing. Ex-Governor Flower of New York is one of those interested in the claim, and others of unlimited financial backing are associated with him.

Mr. Sill says, by the way, that very shortly a big force of men will be started to work on the Belmont Iron Mine, which is to be developed on a large scale.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CANON PETTIT

The End Came Yesterday Whilst the Late Rector of Cornwall Was Visiting in Toronto.

Rev. Canon Pettit, late rector of Cornwall, died suddenly yesterday noon at 37 St. Vincent-street, where he had been staying for the past two months. For the past six years Canon Pettit has been a sufferer, but the end came unexpectedly. He was attended by Dr. Ogden, who will make a post-mortem examination to ascertain the cause of death. Deceased was one of the best-known clergymen in Canada, and had hosts of friends.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY.

Canon Pettit was born at Grimsby, Ont., in 1827. His father, Andrew Pettit, was a successful farmer, a leading churchman and a Tory of the old school. His grandfather was a United Empire Loyalist and one of the first settlers in Grimsby. Deceased was educated at King's College, Toronto, graduated at McGill College, Montreal, and was ordained from the Diocesan Theological Institution, Cobourg, by the first Bishop of Toronto. His first mission was the vast field lying between Guelph and the northern shores of Lake Huron, then almost a dense wilderness. In 1852 he was admitted to priest's orders and appointed to Burford, in the County of Brant. In 1855 he was appointed to the rectory of Richmond, in the County of Carleton, where he ministered 22 years, and where he took an active part in the educational work of the county. For these services an address was presented to him in 1877 by the leading men of Ottawa and the county, in that year he was presented to the rectory of Cornwall and also to a canonry in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, and shortly after appointed Rural Dean of Stormont. During his parochial charge at Cornwall, the Bishop Strachan Memorial Church was consecrated. This partook of a state ceremony, being attended by His Honor the late John Beverley Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor, who read the mandate; by Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the House of Commons; by the clergy of the town, by the judges, the Sheriff, the Mayor and members of the Town Council.

In 1852 he married Helen Clara, only daughter of the late Col. Thomas Parker of Belleville, by whom he had a numerous family.

Every person is invited to the Christmas opening of Fine Toys and Parisian Novelties at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W

Saturday's Storm.

We were unable to meet the demand for puffs flowing end and Valkyrie knot ties on Saturday. Our tie makers are working night and day in order to keep up our stock of these goods. Now is the time to buy your holiday neckwear, when our range of patterns is complete. Saturday specials in gowns, jackets, gloves, underwear, etc., will be repeated for this week. Only a few dozen Dresden shirts left at the knock-down price, 79c. Sword, 55 King-street east. Phone 282.

Have you tasted "Salada" Ceylon Tea?

A Crazy Colored Man.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 13.—Edward Brooks, a colored bootblack, aged 17, ran amuck last night with a revolver in his hand, and shot five persons, one fatally. Brooks was captured by the police just as he was in the act of shooting another man. It is thought Brooks is crazy.

Pember's Turkish baths, evening, 50c, 129 Yonge.

The Bishop of Buffalo.

Rome, Dec. 13.—The Pope has approved of the selection of Rev. James E. Quigley, D.D., to be Bishop of Buffalo, N.Y.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Fine llama underwear, best quality, going at 20 per cent. discount. F. S. S. 36-inch shirts and drawers $11 suit, sale price $8.80, best goods made. Treble's, 53 King-street west.

"Salada" Tea is not nerve disturbing.

Diabetes Killed Him.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 13.—Dr. James McLean, a widely-known eye, ear and throat specialist, died suddenly at Amherst yesterday, aged 48. He was found ill in his office and was removed to an hotel, where he expired. Diabetes was the cause.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is easily applied and affords instant relief. Price 10c.

Warm lined gloves, 1 spring button, $1, $1.25 and $1.50, selling to-day 75c. This is a bargain. Treble's, 53 King-street west, expiration of lease sale.

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Two Ex-Ministers Who Would Not Give Aid

TO THE PARTY IN CORNWALL

Hon. Mr. Foster Came to Toronto Last Week on a Double Mission.

He Had Been Sent to Appeal to His Two Fellow-Bolters and Stop the Scandal of Two Former Tory Leaders on a Strike—It is Reported That Montague Gave in and Agreed to Do a Little Work—The New Montreal Bridge—Purchase of the Baie Des Chaleurs Road.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The absence of Hon. Messrs. Haggart and Montague from the scene of battle in Cornwall is still commented on and further details have been given out. It appears that Hon. George E. Foster was appealed to by Mr. George Taylor, M. P., and others, who desired the two ex-Ministers to take off their coats, so the ex-Minister of Finance had a double mission to perform when he went up to the Queen City a few days ago. Hon. Mr. Foster attended a meeting of shareholders of the British-Canadian Gold Fields Company; yet his most important duty while in Toronto was to appeal to his two fellow-bolters to come out of their shells and give a hand in Cornwall and stop the scandal of two Tory leaders on a strike. The Toronto mission may be said to have been partially successful, as it was announced yesterday that Hon. William Montague, ex-Minister of Agriculture, would address a few meetings in Cornwall and Stormont before polling day.

It looks now as if a big Catholic vote was assured to Mr. Leitch and that it would have been a fine thing for the Liberal party had Hon. Mr. Tarte started ten days ago upon his proposed visit to China, thus preventing the unfortunate attack upon the popular Father Corbett. The other day while a meeting was in progress in the riding Mr. Laurendeau, a Montreal advocate, arose and asked Mr. Leitch, the Conservative candidate, if he would solemnly engage himself by voice and vote to support a measure giving perfect and complete justice to the Catholics of Manitoba, and the reply was as follows: "I will support it until death."

THE NEW MONTREAL BRIDGE.

The Montreal bridge between this city and Longueuil, it appears, will be begun early the coming spring, as Messrs. Henry Hogan of the St. Lawrence Hall, president of the company; Hon. Senator Thibeaudeau, Hon. T. Berthiaume and Mr. Charles N. Armstrong, who arrived to-day from Quebec, where they had been interviewing the Quebec Government, are confident as to the success of their mission. The bridge in question will cost $6,000,000, and the terminals, comprising a fine depot in Craig-street, opposite The Gazette office, will cost up $2,000,000 more. The promoters ask of the Dominion Government, the Quebec Government and the Montreal City Council each 15 per cent. of the cost of the bridge, or, in other words, $900,000 from the Dominion, $900,000 from the province and $900,000 from the city of Montreal, payable in twenty annual instalments, and only to be commenced at the completion of the bridge two years hence. The New York capitalists who have the matter in hand furnish not only the six millions for the bridge, but the additional two millions for the Montreal terminals, and the amount of subsidies asked for is to be set aside as a guarantee for the payment of the company's bonds.

THE BAIE DES CHALEURS ROAD.

The Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Company having as good as sold the Baie des Chaleurs section to the Dominion Government are now asking the Quebec Government to subsidize what is called the southeastern section, between Sorel and Pt. Levis, at the rate of $3200 per mile, and also to guarantee the interest on the company's bonds to the extent of £770,000 sterling. It is claimed that if this is done the issue can be made at once in London and the road begun in the early spring and completed by the end of 1897. There can be no doubt that if the railway is built the I. C. R. trains will run over its tracks rather than by the longer route via Richmond, Que.

MR. JOHN BLACK DEAD.

Mr. John Black, a well-known citizen of St. Johns, Que., and an unsuccessful Conservative candidate for the Commons, is dead.

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Gen. Sir Henry Norman.

The Marquise de Fontenoy writes in The Chicago Record: Gen. Sir Henry Norman, who has just been appointed official agent in London for the Australian colony of Queensland, has until recently been Governor of that colony, and it is extremely unusual for an officer who has held so high a rank to accept so subordinate an office. Sir Henry, it may be remembered, was appointed by Mr. Gladstone to the office of Viceroy of India, but after having accepted it was compelled to decline it a few days later on attention being called to the fact that, owing to Lady Norman being a Eurasian—that is to say, the child of an Indian and a European—her position at Calcutta would not only be intolerable, but absolutely impossible. It was in consequence thereof that the Earl of Elgin was appointed Viceroy, while the gallant old general was appointed to the Governorship of Queensland, where people are less particular, and where the many charming qualities of Lady Norman were appreciated at their true worth.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

Montreal Herald an Evening Paper.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 13.—The Montreal Herald will announce to-morrow morning that it will hereafter be published as an evening paper, the morning edition being discontinued after today.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache instantly. Price 10c.

Hog Cholera Still Flourishes.

Windsor, Dec. 12.—Hog cholera does not appear to be abating in Essex county, and three more townships, Sandwich East, West and South, have been quarantined. In these townships no hogs may be slaughtered unless the owner makes a declaration that there has been no disease on his farm for three months. A person making a false declaration is liable to a heavy fine.

Special.

1000 Leaf Letter Copying Books, half bound leather: $1 each. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S NEW GOVERNOR

Hon. A. R. McClelan Took the Oath on Saturday at Fredericton—Sketch of His Life.

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 12.—The Hon. A. R. McClelan was to-day sworn in Governor of New Brunswick by Mr. McGee, Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Hon. A. R. McClelan was born at Hopewell, N.B., in 1831, and finished his education at Mount Allison Academy, and more recently was one of the governors of Mount Allison College. He was elected to the Legislature of New Brunswick in 1854, when only 23 years of age, and sat for Albert County until the union with Canada. He was a member of the Mitchell-Tilley Government, which carried Confederation, and was called to the Senate by royal proclamation in 1867. In the first Parliament of Canada he gave a general support to the Government of Sir John Macdonald, following rather the Liberals who were in that Administration than the Conservative leader. Upon the development of the Pacific scandal he took decided ground with the Liberal party of Canada under Mr. Mackenzie, and has ever been a staunch Liberal.

Mr. McClelan is a merchant, but retired from active business some years ago. He occupies a very beautiful residence at Riverside. His wife was Miss Annie Reid of Port Harvey. They have no children.

Mr. George Gerald King, who succeeds the Hon. A. R. McClelan in the Senate, is a son of the late Malcolm King of Flintry, Scotland. He was born at Springfield, King's County, N.B. Mr. King is a merchant. He sat in the House of Commons for Queen's, N.B., from 1878 to the general election in 1887, when he was a candidate, and received a majority of 61 votes, but was deprived of his seat by the returning officer declaring his opponent, Mr. Baird, elected. Mr. Baird resigned in the following year, when Mr. King was again a candidate, but was defeated. At the general election of 1891 Mr. King was once more successful, but the seat again fell to Mr. Baird. At the last general election Mr. King was again elected, but resigned to give a seat to the Hon. A G. Blair, Minister of Railways.

RAIDED AN OPIUM JOINT.

Inspector Archabold Broke in on the Fan-Tan Players on Queen-Street West Yesterday.

Staff Inspector Archabold is after the "dope" fiends and the fan-tan players. Sunday is visiting day amongst the Chinese in Toronto and the Staff Inspector evidently knew it.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon five of his staff called on Wah Lung, 39½ Queen-street west, and found about two dozen of Li Hung Chang's countrymen playing fan-tan, their favorite gambling game. A few of them were "hitting the pipe."

When the officers entered there was a general scramble to get away. As the place was imperfectly surrounded, about half the inmates escaped by jumping through a window into the back yard and getting into Bay-street. A heap of money that was on the table was grabbed by some of those who got away, when the alarm was given. The names of those who were caught were taken. They will be summoned to the Police Court, where John Utz will act as interpreter. The police confiscated the gambling tools.

After the raid two of the Chinamen had a row over the division of the money snatched from the table.

LORD ABERDEEN AT WINNIPEG.

Inspected the Boys' Brigade and Took a Hand at the Roarin' Game—Conservatives to Convene.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Lord and Lady Aberdeen arrived here Saturday at noon. His Excellency in the afternoon inspected the Boys' Brigade and later engaged in a curling match with Winnipeg curlers. In the evening at Government House Their Excellencies met a large number of prominent citizens. Sunday they spent quietly, attending service at the Presbyterian church. Monday evening a ball will be given in their honor at Government House. Early Tuesday morning they go east, Lord Aberdeen having declined an invitation to the Sifton banquet on Tuesday night.

Manitoba Conservative leaders have called a general provincial convention for Jan. 20. If the protests result in any bye-elections in Manitoba the Conservatives will be found quite ready for the battle.

Premier Laurier, having resigned the seat for Saskatchewan, nominations took place on Saturday to fill the vacancy. Thomas Davis was selected as the Government candidate and John R. McPhail, independent.

ALBANI AT OTTTWA.

The Canadian Prima Donna Visits Scenes of Her Early Days With a Distinguished Company.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mme. Albani and her husband, Mr. Gye, arrived here last evening, and are registered at the Russell. This afternoon, on invitation of the directors of the Hull-Aylmer Electric Railway, they visited the village of Aylmer, where Mme. Albani spent a portion of her girlhood days. The piano on which she used to practice as a child is treasured by Mr. Beaudry, one of the inhabitants of Aylmer. A large and fashionable party had been invited to accompany Mme. Albani. Among those on board the car were the Premier and Mme. Laurier, Hon. R. W. and Mrs. Scott, Sir Henri and Lady Joly, Mr. and Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Blair and others. At Aylmer President Conroy did the honors at his residence. To-night the Premier and Mme. Laurier gave a dinner party in honor of the great diva. To-morrow Mme. Albani sings in Brockville, returning here on Tuesday.

LEPROSY AT THREE RIVERS.

A Chinese Laundryman Said to be Afflicted With the Disease.

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 12.—A suspected case of leprosy is in this city, and the Chinese laundry is guarded by a policeman, who does not permit any communication with the inmates.

Two doctors visited the patient for the second or third time, and fear that it is a genuine case of the awful disease.

One of the doctors in attendance being the City Health Officer, he made the affair known to Mayor Cook, who sent a police officer to quarantine the laundry until the Provincial Board of Health be communicated with.

FEDERATION ABANDONED.

The Queensland Government Abandons the Measure Owing to Opposition.

Brisbane, Queensland, Dec. 12.—The Government has abandoned the Federation bill owing to the opposition shown to the measure.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

Favors the Canadian Pacific.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The joint traffic managers have ordered that on the first of the year the same rates shall apply on import business from Carleton, N.B., the eastern terminus of the Canadian Pacific system, as from Portland, Me., where the Grand Trunk ends. This is another instance where the managers have seemingly overstepped themselves in their desire to favor the Canadian Pacific to the disadvantage of the Grand Trunk Company.

Strength of body and mind accompanies good digestion and Adams' Tutti Frutti insures perfect digestion. Allow no imitations to be palmed off on you.

DANGEROUS.

SIR ADOLPH: I WONDER IS THERE ANYTHING IN IT?

THAT ALARM MEANT DEATH

Haw a Toronto Fireman Was Killed Instantly.

DRIVER OF RONALD ENGINE

Thrown From His Seat Yesterday Owing to a Rut in the Road.

The Wheels of the Massive Machine Ran Over His Leg and Scraped Off His Kar—A Very Sad Affair for Which the City Engineer's Staff May Be Called to Account—John Bertram, the Dead Fireman, Had Only Been Married on Thursday Last.

A pool of blood on Richmond-street, about 75 yards west of the fire hall, marks the spot where John Bertram, driver of the Ronald fire engine, was picked up dead at a few minutes after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

At 5 o'clock an alarm was given from box 37, calling the brigade to Yonge and Magill-streets. The steamer was soon in the street, with John Bertram, driver, and Engineer E. W. Brown in charge. The horses had just fairly well started when the front wheel of the steamer's truck went into a rut in the roadway. The driver was thrown off, the front wheel passing over his left leg, almost cutting it off at the ankle and the knee, the hind wheel of the 7500-pound engine grazing the side of his head, taking off the ear and badly lacerating the face and neck. Death was almost instantaneous.

Engineer Brown, who was on the steamer, says that when the wheel went into the hole the shock was so great that he bounced about two feet from the footboard, and had he not had a firm hold on the handrail he too would have been thrown. When he recovered from the shock he looked at the driver, and saw him trying to regain his balance on his seat. A moment later he saw him fall to the ground. Bertram tried to stand up or pull himself to one side. He got partly erect and seemed to swerve, partly turn round and fall between the front and hind wheels. Brown ran ahead and stopped the horses, which were only going at a trot. The body was dragged about 25 feet. Fireman Hart, who had assisted in getting the steamer out of the hall, was standing at the door and saw something was wrong. He ran as quickly as possible, and lifted Bertram up just as he breathed his last. He and Brown carried the dead man into the hall.

The hole which caused the fatality is about three feet square, and nearly a foot deep.

Bertram was 24 years of age and had only been on the brigade 13 months. He lived at Morse and Eastern-avenue and supported his widowed mother, who has been an invalid for years, and a young wife to whom he was married on Thursday last. The widow was a Miss Stewart, who formerly resided in Carlow-avenue. The relatives will receive $1000 from the firemen's benefit fund.

The fire to which the engine was going was at 24 Magill-street. The damage was $10, caused by a curtain blowing against a gas jet.

Coroner Greig will hold an inquest Tuesday afternoon.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., evening 50c.

Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, cor. Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Proprietor. 135

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Found Dead in Her Room.

Mrs. Maria Skinner was found dead in her room at 142 George-street, early Sunday morning. She was a middle-aged woman, and somewhat addicted to drink. Coroner Greig has issued a warrant for an inquest.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IS BRISK.

Suitable Presents for Ladies and Gentlemen are Fashionable Furs From Dineens'.

There is now a big boom on in Christmas shopping, and all lines suitable for presents are in great demand. In furs particularly business is very brisk. Furs are a suitable present from a gentleman to a lady, and also from a lady to a gentleman, and judging from the sales made by Dineens on Saturday and on the previous days of last week fur novelties are to be a very fashionable style of Christmas gift. When making your purchase it certainly is wise to go to a first-class store where you can get what you want at a price just as low and even lower than charged by stores that do not make a specialty of furs and have not the assortment to be found in the larger establishment.

Dineens' at King and Yonge-streets have the finest and most valuable stock of furs in the country, and the garments are mostly made up in Toronto by the firm who have an established reputation of over a quarter of a century's standing, and it is safe to buy from them. These are a few of the articles they sell suitable for useful Christmas presents:

Seal jackets, gents' fur coats, caperlines, muffs, gauntlets, ladies' and gents' caps, collarettes, baby rugs, Persian lamb jackets, fashionable capes, fur-lined cloaks, collars, ruffs, children's caps, fur neck scarfs, fur-lined coats.

Dineens have everything in the way of furs. The skins are the finest that can be procured and the prices are most reasonable. An invitation is extended to everyone to call and see Dineens' stock at the big store, King and Yonge-streets.

Assessment System. Mutual Principle.

Prompt Payment.

Collingwood, Dec. 7th, 1896.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association,
Corner Broadway and Duane,
New York, N. Y.:

Re Provincial Provident Policy No. 2141.

Dear Sirs,—On the occasion of the death of my husband, which occurred recently, you were good enough to advance me, without waiting for proofs, the sum of $200 to meet funeral and other expenses, and now I have received the balance of $1800 in full long before the claim is due. It is only right that I should convey to you my sincere gratitude, and my appreciation of the prompt and courteous treatment I have received in the settlement of this claim. With best wishes for the success of your company, I am,

Yours truly,
(S), Clarissa C. Gelston,
Beneficiary.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 7th, 1896.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association,
New York, N. Y.:

Dear Sirs,—I have just received from you payment in full of my claim under Provincial Provident Policy No. 4911, for $2000, on the life of my late husband, Mr. Charles Cox. This claim will not be due for nearly two months yet, and it is scarcely necessary to say that I fully appreciate your courteous treatment and prompt settlement of claim. I shall always have a good word to say for the Mutual Reserve. Yours truly.

(S), Mrs. Agnes Sophia Cox,
Beneficiary.

Funeral furnishings. Gormally & Somerville, 172 Queen St. West. Tel. 5355

Leap Year Privileges.

As leap year is now in its departing month, it may not be amiss to remind those of the better and dearer sex who have been too modest to exercise their bissextile privilege that the bestowment of Quinn's satin or silk protectors for evening dress might possibly bring about the desired result.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

OUR ROSSLAND SPECIAL.

Mr. Blair Talks Straight About Government Control of Railway Freight Rates—New Postoffice.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 13.—(Special to The World, via Spokane, Wash.)—An address was presented to Mr. Blair last night. The needs of the district were brought forward and Mr. Blair promised to give them attention. Referring to the railway rates, he said: "No railway company shall be allowed to control the freight rates of this country without being subject to tariff rates by the Government. In the past the Government has had no policy with reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway and will not have until I confer with my colleagues."

There has been a washout on the Spokane and Northern Railway and there has been no eastern mail yesterday or to-day.

Postoffice Superintendent B. M. Armstrong of Toronto has arranged for a new postoffice, one of the most complete in the province, and the citizens are gratified.

Nice looking ore has been brought in from Julia.

John Dwyer died this morning, the result of injuries received in a drunken row.

A. R. M.

Athletes recommend Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum while exercising. Some dealers try to palm off imitations on which they make more profit.

WILL ACT ONLY ON DEFENSIVE.

President Kruger Speaks of Relations With Great Britain.

Pretoria, South Africa, Dec. 12.—President Kruger, in proroguing the Volksraad to-day, said that the burghers desired peaceful progress, would act only on the defensive, never on the offensive, and wished to preserve friendly relations with Great Britain.

Audacious Smuggling Conspiracy.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 13.—An audacious smuggling conspiracy has been discovered through the recent seizures of contraband tobacco at Fortune Bay. The tobacco was brought from the United States packed in special boxes, two of which were intended to be concealed in lobster cases and exported to England, where the duties on tobacco are very heavy. Immense quantities of canned lobsters are exported from Newfoundland to England yearly, which has enabled this practice to be pursued with slight risk of detection.

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DEATHS.

PLASKETT—On Sunday, Dec. 13, at Lambton, John S. Plaskett, in his 60th year.

Funeral from 384½ Yonge-street, on Tuesday, the 15th. Service at 2, funeral at 2.30. Friends will please accept this intimation.

HOWARD—On Sunday, Dec. 13, at 5 Peckett-street, York, England, in his 81st year, Mr. George Howard, late auctioneer and sharebroker, father of Henry T. Howard of The World. [By cable.]

M'CLYMENT—At his late residence, 42 Knox-avenue, William McClyment, aged 57 years.

Funeral Monday at 2.30 p.m.

Scotland papers please copy.

PETTIT—At his late residence, 37 St. Vincent-street, Rev. Canon Pettit, M.A., late rector of Cornwall, Ont., in his 71st year.

Funeral at Grimsby, Ont., on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m.

DEFOE—At Isolation Hospital, on Saturday, Dec. 12, Elia Blanche Hague, eldest daughter of Edward and Annie Defoe, aged 8 years 2 months and 25 days.

IT WAS ASSASSINATION

General Maceo Was Murdered in Cold Blood

UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCE.

Betrayed by One of the Members of His Own Staff.

Spanish Commander Sent Word That He Was Requested to Confer, With a View to an Armistice, Maceo Was Led Into a Trap and He and His Staff Officers Were Shot Down—The Cubans Are Furious and Say the War Will Go On—A Bad Day for Spain, Says Estrada Palma—Weyler's Side of It.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—The Constitution's Key West special gives the following account of Maceo's death, indicating his betrayal and implicating Dr. Zertucha.

"Your correspondent is now enabled to state, upon the most undoubted authority, that the death of Gen. Maceo was a premeditated assassination, and that the failure to produce his body is because its mutilated condition would shock even Spanish official sensibilities.

"It seems that General Maceo had planned a successful crossing of the trocha, and that taking the sea route with a bodyguard, he was to rejoin his forces east of Mariel. This was accomplished in safety, and, while standing alone, within sight of a line of skirmishers, the General was shot down by men in hiding who were awaiting their victim. His body, so far as Spanish reports go, at once disappeared, but the truth is that it was hacked up by the assassins, who exhausted every indignity of which brutal minds are capable.

A PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

"It has been well-known for a year past that there was a price set upon Maceo's head, and Gen. Weyler's first official act upon reaching the island was to give notice of recognition to the Plataedos, bands of freebooters. These men, following in the wake of both armies, would make any plunder, and when chased down by the indignant Cubans would find protection within the Spanish lines, whilst the latter would officially deny all knowledge of the matter. A few weeks ago a band of these men attacked a convent in the Province of Puerto Principe, which was filled with young girls, who were most shamefully abused. Some of these men were caught by Gen. Lacret, the insurgent leader, and executed, while the greater part of them found protection within the Spanish lines. Although the enormity of the crime was known and their victims were convent school girls, the criminals were protected from molestation and are to-day free.

A BRIBE HUNG UP.

"For three weeks it has been known in Havana that a clever bribe was cut for the surrender of General Maceo. It was to the effect that he held the ticket which called for the grand prize of $50,000 in the Havana lottery. He did not care to call for the cashing of this cleverely arranged bribe; and upon the departure of General Weyler for the hills several days ago, it was bruited about that the man who killed Maceo could have the prize.

"The story of Maceo's death, as told from official sources, sustains fully the story of the assassination. General Maceo, instead of crossing the trocha directly with his men, was, through some covert influence, induced to pass Mariel on a boat, and to reach his forces on the east side of the death line. There everything was in readiness by the conspirators, and the brave leader fell a victim to the trap into which he had walked. It is regarded as very singular that Maceo's physician, Zertucha, was allowed to surrender. Instead of being put in chains and rushed off to a dungeon, he is treated with distinction, is paraded

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BARBER MORRIS SWOONED.

He Went to the Salvation Army Meeting and Became Excited.

George E. Morris, a barber, 35 years of age, who lives at 50 Agnes-street, went to a Salvation Army meeting in the Albert-street Temple yesterday, and while there became very much excited and fell over in his seat in a swooning condition. Medical assistance was procured and Morris was taken to the General Hospital, where he is suffering from violent hysteria.

The Winchester Car Route.

Commencing to-day, Winchester-street car route will be changed, and the cars will go down Yonge-street to the Union Station, returning via York, King and Yonge. Broadview cars will in future run down Yonge to Front, to Church, to King, to Yonge and along Queen east.

Bishop DuMoulin in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Right Rev. J. P. DuMoulin, Bishop of Niagara, and father of the Rev. Frank DuMoulin, assistant pastor of Trinity Church, was the chief speaker at the annual banquet of the Chicago Church Club yesterday evening. This morning the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon in Trinity Church, Michigan-avenue and Twenty-sixth-street.

Mr. Lee Slightly Better.

Mr. Christopher Lee, who is in the General Hospital very low with typhoid, was slightly better at 2 o'clock this morning.

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