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MICHAEL DAVITT'S VIEWS

HE APPROVES OF THE LIBERAL HOME RULE SCHEME.

Landlordism Impossible Under an Irish Parliament — Another Repudiation from Mr. Gladstone.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Michael Davitt in an interview to-day said: "The alleged proposals of Mr. Gladstone recently published are a good basis for a settlement of the Irish question. I advocate Daniel O'Connell's plan for minority representation in the Irish parliament. I would give 75 seats to the loyalists and 225 to the Parnellites. The police should be disarmed. Irish landlords would be impossible under an Irish parliament."

Another Repudiation.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Sir F. D. Acland, M.P., who has just returned from a visit to Mr. Gladstone, addressed the electors of Somerset to-day. In the course of his speech he referred to the various statements in the newspapers concerning Mr. Gladstone's intentions in regard to home rule for Ireland, and advised his hearers not to put any faith in these published reports, which, he affirmed, were utterly unreliable. He further declared that Mr. Gladstone does not desire to resume office, but is ready to do his duty, whatever that duty may be.

BOUND TO WIN.

Patrick Egan on the Present Situation of the Irish Question.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23.—Patrick Egan, president of the Irish National league of America, said yesterday: "I consider the principles of home rule as virtually settled, both English parties admitting the necessity for such a change. I am of opinion it will be accomplished by a junction of Mr. Parnell's forces with those of Mr. Gladstone when the critical time comes, and not an alliance. Power to protect and foster Irish industries must also be conceded to an Irish parliament. Some of the ablest men in England expect to see a deadly struggle between Russia and England for the possession of India within the next two years, and it is therefore the policy of England to settle the Irish difficulty before that time comes. The movement of the last six years has taught England that in the words of Mr. Gladstone only an Irish parliament will meet the case. I believe that nothing short of the full concession of the possesses should be, or will be, accepted by the Irish people. The control of the police and courts by the Irish parliament is absolutely indispensable if a settlement is to be permanent. The police in Ireland at present are armed and drilled as a military force and regard themselves forsaken servants of the people who pay them, but as their masters. As to the loyal minority, about which England is so solicitous, they will be exactly as safe and have their rights just as much respected in Ireland as a similar minority in Illinois. In the last parliament, with almost twenty workers, Parnell broke up the Gladstone government with its majority of 120, and now with 86 followers he can simply make government in England impossible unless whatever party may be in power comes to his terms. Then the event of failure on the part of Parnell and his party to obtain through constitutional methods a recognition of Ireland's legitimate rights. England would have to deal with an Irish revolutionary element embracing the most daring, most intrepid and most devoted of our race in Ireland, in England and here in America. This section of our countrymen want to see the national question peacefully and constitutionally settled if possible; but if constitutional methods should fail, I believe there are no lengths to which they will not go to accomplish their purpose."

Mr. Egan says the league in America has forwarded to Mr. Parnell during the last two months about $80,000.

1000 ladies' and children's Mantles at from "one dollar" to twenty-five dollars, all sizes in stock at Petley's. 461

MINERS IN ARMS.

Desperate Affray Near Monongahela City —Strikers in Possession.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Seventy-five masked strikers attacked the working miners at Old Eagle mines near Monongahela City this morning about daylight and compelled them to return to their homes. As the working miners approached the pits they were halted and compelled to retreat under a heavy fire. The strikers seemed more desperate than upon any previous occasion. The strikers had evidently laid in wait the greater part of the night in the woods near the mines, as they were not observed until they rushed down the hillside firing. The workmen ran for their lives. None were killed, but a number were injured. In their eagerness to escape two jumped over a precipice and were quite seriously hurt. After all the miners had been driven off, Superintendent Jones took charge, but he was also compelled to retreat under threats of bodily harm. At 11 o'clock all was reported quiet. A later despatch says the strikers were still in possession of the mine. An attack with stones was also made on the homes of the miners and windows were broken in twenty-five houses.

THEY SMOTHER FIGHTERS.

But One of the Smotherers Gets Badly Left by Jack Dempsey.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Jack Dempsey, champion lightweight pugilist of America, arrived in Chicago Monday morning from California. He left for New York last evening, but while he was in Chicago he had a lively time. Early in the evening he was accosted by a burly local "slugger" named Patsy Duffy, who weighs nearly 180 pounds. "So you are the notorious Jack Dempsey, are you?" said Duffy. Dempsey acknowledged that he was the man, but said he laid no claim to notoriety. "Well, you're a fighter, and we smother fighters in this country," said Duffy, at the same time aiming a swinging blow at Dempsey's face. The little fellow was ready, however, and stopping the blow, replied by hitting the big bruiser in the face with such force that he sprawled on the floor. Friends of both men rushed in and stopped the fight. Ten minutes afterwards Duffy renewed hostilities by hitting Dempsey in the face. No one interfered this time, and Dempsey gave the big man a terrible pummelling. For the remainder of his stay in Chicago the champion lightweight was as peaceful as a lamb, and no one tried to wake him up.

MINING CALAMITY IN WALES.

Twelve Bodies Taken Out and Thirty Miners More or Less Injured.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A despatch from Pontypridd, Wales, reports that a terrible colliery explosion occurred at Femandale, near there this morning, and that 400 miners are entombed. Twelve bodies have been taken out and thirty miners have been rescued more or less injured. The remainder are believed to be safe.

The explosion occurred in the upper of the two seams. There were 750 men in the mine at the time of the explosion. The majority were in the lower seam, otherwise the death list would have been much larger. At least fifty men were killed in the upper seam, and scores were terribly burned. The injured were carried to places of safety by their more fortunate companions who had not been hurt.

The France-Madagascar Treaty.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Pall Mall Gazette says by the treaty of peace between France and Madagascar, the former virtually abandons her pretensions in Madagascar, and the ruler of the Hovas is recognized as sovereign of the whole island. The statements about a French protectorate and a war indemnity are nonsense. The draft of the treaty does not mention a protectorate, while the so-called indemnity is intended to reimburse Europeans whose property had been damaged by the war, and not a penny of it will ever enter the French treasury.

The V. C.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—It is stated that Lieut. Freer of the Imperial army, now serving in B company, Canadian infantry, who during the Northwest campaign was upon the staff of General Middleton, is to be recommended for the Victoria cross for carrying a man off the field at Batoche. Similar acts of bravery were performed by the volunteers at Cutknife and Fish Creek, while at Frenchman's Butte, Gen. Strange carried a wounded man off the field under heavy fire.

Splendid stock of Piano and Table Covers, very suitable Holiday presents. Petley & Petley.

A VICTORY FOR THE NATIONALISTS.

The Cork Steam Packet Company Agree to the Boycotters' Terms.

CORK, Dec. 23.—The Cork steam packet company, which has been boycotted by the nationalist cattle dealers for several weeks, has at last made concessions to the cattle men. The company agrees not to carry cattle that have been seized for non payment of rent, or that have been raised upon farms from which the tenants have been evicted. The company also agrees to take the unexpired charters of steamers hired by the cattle men's association, and to pay the dealers for losses sustained by them, amounting to several thousand pounds, since the commencement of the boycott. The nationalists are greatly elated over their victory.

A full dress length of heavy costume Tweed only $1 50, all the leading colors in stock at Petleys. 461

ANOTHER TRIPLE TIE.

The Balk-Line Billiard Championship Yet Undecided.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec 23.—Schaefer and Slosson played in the billiard tournament to night before less than 400 spectators. There was little or no betting as the Slosson men asked odds and Schaefer's friends would not bet more than even money. Following is the score:

Schaefer—0, 54, 5, 0, 0, 0, 21, 0, 17, 41, 2, 56, 78, 3, 1, 53, 14, 3, 122, 0, 0, 31, 0, 5, 9, 4, 16, 14, 1, 0, 55, 8, 36, 49, 13—300; average 23 4-17; highest run 122.

Slosson—71, 2, 8, 8, 0, 0, 55, 18, 22, 9, 4, 9, 15, 26, 1, 108, 69, 59, 0, 5, 51, 0, 12, 4, 1, 25, 13, 19, 4, 2, 14, 21, 3—668; average 20 8-33; highest run, 108.

Time—3 hours 35 minutes.

This again leaves the tournament a triple tie, Slosson having beaten Vignaux, Vignaux Schaefer, and Schaefer Slosson.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

At New Bedford, Mass., R. T. Lawton, egg dealer, was waylaid, robbed and murdered last night.

The mad-dog epidemic in New Jersey continues. Upwards of a hundred people all told have been bitten. In many parts of the state skins have found unmuzzled are shot.

James Gunter and his son quarrelled while drinking together at Charlotte, N. C. The father assailed the son with an axe. The latter shot him dead. Gunter was a large planter.

At Greenville, Ga., "Chunk" McLenden shot and killed his father-in-law, Judge Johnson, while the latter was endeavoring to collect a rent account. Johnson mortally wounded McLenden.

Mrs. Goslin left her husband at Asheville, N. C., and went to live with a man named Norton. Goslin and Norton met. Mrs. Goslin rushed between them, was shot and instantly killed.

Wolves have appeared in the vicinity of Hillsboro, Ill., in large numbers, playing havoc with sheep. One farmer lost 25 in one night this week. The woods seem to be full of wolves, and the farmers are organizing hunting parties.

Frank Barrett, of Norfolk, Va., and John Gillen, of New York city, last night opened oysters for $200. Barrett was to open 2500 oysters while Gillen opened 2300. The closing record was, Gillen 2300 in 2 hours, 18 minutes, and 19 seconds; and Barrett 2500 in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 39½ seconds.

Very stylish Tweed Worsted Cloth and Blanket Coats for boys' and youths', all sizes in stock at Petleys'. 461

Death of the Smallpox Epidemic.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—For the first time since smallpox became epidemic there were no new cases reported in the city to day. It is a remarkable fact that although there have been over 500 persons employed by the health department as sanitary police, isolation police, hospital nurses, etc., during the epidemic, none of them have contracted the disease. Of course they were all vaccinated.

The Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—It is stated on excellent authority that parliament will be called for the despatch of business on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Fishing in Sewer Water.

A formidable array of legal talent appeared before Judge McDougall yesterday afternoon when the Garrison creek sewer investigation was called. City Solicitor McWilliams and C. H. Ritchie, Q.C. appeared for the corporation. R. S. Neville for Contractor Godson, and E. Coatsworth, jr., for the city engineer and the city commissioner. After preliminaries, Mr. Coatsworth objected against further proceedings until his clients had been notified of the charges against them, whereupon his honor dryly observed that "the parties are not on trial; the matter is rather one of enquiry, a thing enquired, so to speak, and myself as chief fisher." "Am to make it worse," added Mr. Neville, "fishing in sewer water." An adjournment was made till Monday, without anything further being done.

A Grave Charge Against Young Edward.

From the Hamilton Times.

Mr. Edward Gurney, jr., said he was a workingman "addressing an audience of workingmen. Every man in that audience who was not a workingman was either a dude or a tramp." If his division of the population into workingmen, dudes and tramps is to stand, there must be a sub-division of the first class into those who are helped [Mr. Gurney] and those who are hurt [his workmen] by the tariff. Henry George's classification fills the bill better than that of Mr. Gurney. He divides the population into workers, beggars and thieves.

Muddy, But Busy.

Yesterday was one of the muddiest days that Toronto has ever seen. The streets were fairly swimming, and in some places to cross over was next thing to fording a river. This is rather discouraging Christmas weather, but the business done yesterday was something immense. All day people crowded into the stores and issued forth with big parcels full of presents to gladden the hearts of children and friends. To-day will be a repetition, only on a larger scale. To-morrow should be a happy day for thousands, even though snow and frost may be wanting.

Police Court Yesterday.

Henry Shiell, for stealing barbers' implements from Charles Field, was sent to jail for a month. Ellen Sheehan was committed as a lunatic. Neil K. Neilson was sentenced to penitentiary for two years and a half for participation in a burglary at Thornhill. Matthew Carr, for stealing two turkeys from H. W. McCullough, got 30 days. George Diette was fined $25 and costs or 30 days for selling liquor illegally. Benjamin McCandel, for assaulting Bailiff James Langton, got four months in the Central.

A Bishop's Christmas Greeting.

In his annual Christmas greeting Bishop Sweatman calls attention to the deplorable insufficiency of the necessary means of support for themselves and families provided generally for the clergy of the diocese, and asks the people to make such an offering Christmas day to the personal comfort of their pastors as shall make some amends for any indifference of which they may be conscious in the past.

Thompson & Son's big Christmas display of Gloves Hosiery, Neckwear is wonderful. They offer goods in this line remarkably cheap: opposite St. Lawrence hall.

A Unique Line of Perfumes.

—Abbott's parlor drug store in the Rossin house block has earned an enviable reputation as the most complete establishment of its kind in the city. The perfumes and toilet articles which adorn its shelves and showcases are of the finest and most exquisite rank. The names of all the well-known Parisian, London and New York makers can be seen on labels, and the best people in the city get their supplies there. Mr. Abbott pays particular attention to the night trade, and prescriptions are carefully compounded at any hour of the day or night.

—The great auction sale of jewelry, diamonds and fancy goods at C. & J. Allen's, 29 King street west, will commence to-day at 10 a.m. and continue without intermission until 11 p.m. in order to give intending purchasers an opportunity to secure their holiday presents. Any article in stock will be put up and sold to the highest bidder when desired, thus avoiding the delay which usually attends auction sales. x

Six men have been convicted in Orkney for assaulting John Pender, late member of parliament. The conviction caused great excitement.

WILLIE AS A TRUSTEE

OF THE GREAT NON-EXISTING LAWRENCE-TOWNLEY FORTUNE.

Mr. Howland on a Still Hunt for Heirs and Assessments—Toronto the Headquarters of a Peculiar Association.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—The alleged Canadian heirs to the vast Lawrence-Townley estate in England will be interested in knowing that United States Minister Phelps has been looking into the matter, with the following result:

1. There is no money in the Bank of England belonging to the "Lawrence Townley" or "Townley" estate, or to any claimants under either.

2. That there is no such estate in England as the "Lawrence-Townley" estate, nor any known family of that designation.

Mr. Phelps says he has had many letters about this alleged estate, and has made diligent enquiries into the matter, with the above result. Credulous people should stop spending money on lawyers and agents to find what a United States official of the highest character says does not exist.

The above was published in the papers yesterday. It is true. It confirms an article in The World of last October based on one from the Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle, which had gone fully into the question, and concluded exactly as Minister Phelps has concluded. There is no such estate or money unclaimed.

So much for one side of the story. The other side centres in Toronto, where, in one of the ground floor offices of the Yonge street arcade there is a window thus emblazoned to the public:

THE CONSOLIDATED LAWRENCE-TOWNLEY ASSOCIATION.

Officers.	*Trustees.*
Wm. Northcote Geare, President.	Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C.
Prof. S. Vernoy, Vice-President.	Erastus Wiman Esq.
Sturgeon Stewart, Secy.	W. H. Howland, Esq.

The office contains a large safe (to hold the money when got from the Bank of England) and a little furniture. But the window in its imposing names and signwriting makes up therefor. The association is not incorporated. Mr. Wm. Northcote Geare (Sir Stafford Northcote's name is occasionally used by the promoters of the association) is a gentleman who has a beautiful head of black hair and a fine beard of the same hue, due to copious use of dye. He impresses you at once with his great knowledge of the genealogical tree of the lawful Lawrence-Townley tribe, his great knowledge of law and legislation, and his unbounded faith in the estate and money which is soon to be divided. The aforesaid Mr. Geare and his colleague, Mr. Sturgeon Stewart—a fishy name that—are flooding the United States and Canada with circulars to all the Townleys and Lawrences, and persons who have had Townleys or Lawrences for grandparents, uncles or aunts, which circulars in effect look for funds to assist in prosecuting the recovery of the money. Furthermore, the deed creating the trust has some sort of assignment of the so called claims of the so-called heirs over the trustees, with certain riders and other provisions.

Mr. Geare—Mr. Northcote Geare, we should have said—is a warm supporter of his third trustee, Mr. Howland, and will not hear of a Manning card going into his window. The World is not surprised that Mr. Howland is a "trustee," nor that Mr. Wiman is on "the board;" but The World is somewhat inclined to believe that there must be something in the estate after all, notwithstanding Mr. Phelps investigation, seeing that Mr. Blake, a most astute lawyer, is on the board. Still it is just possible that the wily Mr. Geare attended the meetings at Shaftesbury hall, and there got on the soft side of the aforesaid astute lawyer and the candidate for mayor and got them to "go in." Willie is in for anything. It would be too bad if he should take it in his head to throw the association out of Geare, so to speak, as he has many others of which he has been a member.

FARTHINGS NOT SOVEREIGNS.

Committal of One of the Blackmailers of the Prince of Wales.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The magisterial examination of the case of John and Sarah Magee, arrested on December 8 at Kensington on the charge of attempting to procure money from the Prince of Wales by writing threatening letters, was held to-day. The letters referred to stated that four men would be appointed to murder the Prince of Wales for £500 each, and the Magees offered to inform on the intended assassin providing they were given £1000 and a free pardon. Detectives who were detailed to work up the case met the Magees by appointment, and gave them packages containing 500 farthings. This was done to lead the prisoners into believing, by the size of the parcel, that their request was being fully complied with, so that the detectives might get the whole story from the Magees and see if there was any truth in it. On John Magee discovering that the package contained farthings instead of pound pieces he upbraided the prince for treachery, demanded $1500, and threatened to shoot the policeman who arrested him. The crown prosecutor believing Mrs. Magee was innocent of the crime, and that she was entirely under the influence of her husband, withdrew the charge against her, and she was discharged. It was proved by drafts of letters found in Magee's pocketbook that the blackmailing letters were in his handwriting. He was committed for trial.

1000 men's and boys' Overcoats at from "one dollar" to twenty dollars, all sizes in stock at Petleys'. 461

Docking For Green Hogs.

Editor World: I was in Toronto Dec. 17 with two hogs for sale. I sold them to D. Dunn & Co., 78 Front street, who docked me five pounds off each hog because they were not frozen as hard as he would like to see them, for he said they would lose that much or more, which I objected to, for the hogs had been killed fifteen hours when he bought them. He told me if they were set he would not dock a pound off. There would be no more about it if I had not gone by his place about four hours afterwards when there was another farmer with a hog on his sleigh at his place, which the company had bought, and this man's hog was frozen as hard as a pig could be frozen, even if it had come from the far Northwest. On his hog, he told him, he would dock him twenty pounds. The man asked him whether that was the way he did with everybody. He said yes. I was passing by at this time and heard what was said. I told Dunn that he told a lie, for he told me he docked me only five pounds, and I told him that was five pounds too much, but he (Dunn) told the other man that he docked me twenty pounds each. I hope that the city of Toronto will look into the matter and not let such men buy hogs. WM. AUSTIN.

Bronte, Dec. 21.

Skating coats made of fine napped cloths with Persian lamb collars and cuffs only $22. 0, all sizes in stock at Petleys'. 461

At Welland yesterday the residence of Geo. Campbell along with its contents was destroyed by fire. Insurance $400 on contents in the Norwich Union and $300 on the building in the Northern.

A WHARF ON FIRE.

Mackay's Warehouse and Contents Destroyed at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—The large sheet iron covered warehouse on Mackay's wharf was discovered to be on fire at 4 o'clock this morning. An alarm brought the entire brigade to the scene, but the fire had such a hold on the building that they could not save it, and with all its contents was destroyed. The warehouse contained several valuable consignments of goods, among which J. A. Skinner & Co. had $10 000 worth of English and German crockery, insured for $4000 in the Western, $3000 in the North British and Mercantile, and $3000 in the Fire Insurance association of Scotland; Wood & Leggatt had 700 boxes of window glass, insured for $5000, which will considerably exceed the loss. Other goods consigned to city merchants destroyed would amount to probably $2000, mostly insured. The old steamer Osprey was also destroyed, but this is not regarded as much of a loss. The damage to the wharf and warehouse will amount to about $10,000, on which there is $5200 insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Seven hackmen were fined at the police court to day for leaving their hacks. Three paid $4, two $3, and two $2.

Walter Findlay, a lad employed by Julian R. F. Boyd, agent of the Toronto Mail, was charged by the latter at the police court to-day with embezzlement. The case was adjourned till Monday.

Harry Hooper, 200 King street east, employed in Joseph Hoodless & Sons' factory, had his hand cut, severing an artery, while working at his machine this morning.

John Snodgrass, a youth, was charged with stealing a cash-box containing nine promissory notes, rare coins and valuable papers from his employer, Archibald Frank of Caledon. He denied the accusation and became insolent when cross-examined, but afterwards acknowledged the theft and told where he hid the box. He is to be held until his statement has been investigated.

Who's to be mayor? Who cares? They are both good men and good citizens; Jan. 4th, 1886, will decide the knotty question; but where to buy Christmas presents for the family can be decided now. Thompson & Son of the Mammoth are offering Neckwear and Underclothing and Tobogganing Blankets and Suits very cheap.

Don't be a clam! but that's old, how will this do. "Don't be a Christmas Klam," get stirred up to the requirements of the festive season. For he's a jolly good fellow!! No! no! we don't mean that exactly, but go down to "The Mammoth" and buy your boy a Christmas suit.

A Branch to the Canada Southern.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 23.—Messrs. W. J. Reid, V. Cronyn, C. Murray and C. Hyman, the deputation chosen to represent the city of London to the railroad authorities in Detroit, returned last evening, their visit being quite successful as expected. The deputation interviewed Mr. Ledyard, general manager of the Michigan Central railway, and the authorities. The plans of the road that were drawn up to intersect the Canada Southern railway at Brownsville or Springfield and enter London, were fully discussed. The delegation not being appointed with power, only a general conclusion could be arrived at. The M. C. R. authorities expressed themselves perfectly willing to run and manage the road on its construction, the scheme meeting their full approbation.

The Hamilton Board of Trade.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the board of trade to-day it was decided to communicate with the boards of Toronto and Montreal relative to having representatives at a meeting of the boards to be held in London, Eng. The railway authorities are to be communicated with to secure for the Hamilton board the same privileges as to baggage and passage rates granted to the Toronto board, and to secure the doing away of double express charges on certain portions of certain lines. Action is to be taken to secure the proper representations of the Hamilton manufacturers at the Indian and Colonial exhibition.

Probably Fatal Fall.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 23.—The scaffold surrounding the rear addition to the Elliott foundry, now in course of construction, gave way at 2 30 this afternoon. Donald McLeod and Jerry Anderson were working on it at the time. As the flooring gave way McLeod was caught between a pole and a heavy plank, and the full weight of the latter, together with a hod of mortar, fell upon him. Anderson clung to one of the falling poles, and his hold slipping he fell on McLeod. McLeod's ribs, clavicle and breast bones were broken. He was removed to the hospital. His recovery is doubtful.

A consignment of fine new and fashionable furs at the lowest prices, to be shown this morning. Bargains, bargains, bargains—as the stock must be cleared in a few days—at the B n Marche, 7 and 9 King street east.

A Mother's Insanity.

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 23.—Stephen Menden, a young farmer, came here from Long Creek township last evening, having in charge his wife, Sarah, aged 30, the mother of two small children. She became dangerously insane in the forenoon and tried to kill the children. She took them by the limbs and dashed them across the room, injuring one fatally. Her husband had a desperate struggle with her. Mrs. Menden was apparently well a week ago, when she began reading the bible daily. She read Jeremiah principally, and imagined that she and her family were lost forever.

A Religious Paper on Ministerial Exemptions.

From the Canadian Baptist.

Judge McDougall has given his judgment upon the vexed question of ministerial exemptions. According to his interpretation of the law, ministers in charge of a congregation, those whose whole time is given to the church, such as missionary superintendents, superannuated ministers, and theological professors may have advantage of exemption from taxation; while managers of denominational book-rooms and editors of religious papers must pay like laymen. We have no quarrel whatever with the judge's interpretation of the law. We do not believe in the law in itself, however; this whole business of ministerial exemption ought to be swept away. As long as the law provides ministers with the privilege of receiving the freedom of the city, they of course cannot be blamed for availing themselves of it. In our opinion, however, ministers are as good as other men and should be treated as others are.

Improvement at St. George's Church.

The chancel of St. George's church, John street, has been decorated. The roof is done in old gold in two shades, which has had the effect of bringing out very clearly the Gothic device. The plaster draper work is of dark red with the crosses gilded, whilst that outside chancel about the north and south doorways is of dark blue relieved by the crosses being tinted a yellow. As a sample of moderately inexpensive church decoration, it is, says the Dominion Churchman, perhaps the best in the city.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

James Hawthorne of Seaton village is held to appear before Squire Hart next week for assaulting James McLellan.

Mr. Wm. Gooderham yesterday presented a book to each of the forty nurses in the training school in connection with the hospital.

Wm. Lambert was taken in charge by the police last night on the strength of a telegram from Orillia, where he is wanted for larceny.

Mr. W. R. O'Neil, formerly of the Grand opera house in this city, has secured the lucrative position of assistant treasurer of the Standard theatre, Chicago.

John Rafferty was a prisoner at No. 3 station last night, having been arrested for stealing carpentering tools from James Cosgrave of 5 Goulding street.

There is no nicer present for your friend than a bottle of perfume. At the "Depot of Perfumes" you find everything to be desired. Robert R. Martin & Co., the perfumers.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Railway Men's Christian association, held in their rooms, 1004 Queen street west, the affairs of the association were shown to be in a flourishing condition.

Messrs. A. & S. Nordheimer have published the following songs: "When the Children Are Asleep" and "The Mountain Haze" by W. M. Hutchinson, and "'Twas a Balmy Night in June by Gledhill," also "L'Invitation Waltzes" by R. G. Staples.

The address of the young man Cork, held on a charge of attempted highway robbery, was wrongly given in The World of the 22nd inst. as 423 King street east. The Mr. Cork who lives there wishes it understood that he is not the party referred to.

The police benefit fund will be controlled by the following officers the ensuing year: Inspector Seymour, Detective Reburn, Policeman Porter, No. 1 division; Policeman Patterson, No. 2; Policeman Vaughan (51), No. 3; Policeman Cross (106), No. 4.

A World Admirer complains that the electric light at the corner of Queen and Sackville streets is frequently extinguished by corner loafers, but how they manage it he cannot say. In the mornings it is out two or three hours before any other light.

About 10 o'clock last night the ornamentations round a gas jet in the window of W. T. Ecclestone, Yonge street, caught fire. Serjt. Stephens and Policeman David happened to be passing and extinguished the blaze without calling the brigade. The loss will be about $10.

James Varcoe recently served thirty days for stealing stamps from W. H. Knowlton, by whom he was employed. Last night he broke into Mr. Knowlton's office on Church street and was stowing away goods in a bag when he was overheard by a neighbor, who called the police, the result being that Varcoe was arrested.

Zion Congregational church, Yonge street avenue, has been tastefully decorated by the young people for Christmas with laurel, boughs of evergreen wreaths and other devices; also appropriate scripture texts in crimson, blue and gold. The choir have rehearsed special music for the occasion. Service at 11 o'clock.

Attend the great auction sale of jewelry at Venn's, 148 Yonge st., comprising one of the largest and best assorted stocks ever offered in Toronto. It is fitty more than "Music Hall," and those who invest may rely on bargains as the stock is bound to be lessened. No matter what you want, you can get it, and at your own price.

Canada in London.

From the Canadian Gazette, Dec. 10.

Sir John A. Macdonald has remained in town since his arrival last week; and we are glad to learn that his health has already in some degree benefited by the comparative freedom from official cares and labor, and the change of air and scene. Sir John, Mr. Geo. Stephen and Mr. Donald A. Smith will sail for Canada on Jan. 9, 1886.

Sir Charles Tupper has promised to preside at a lecture to be given at Exeter hall on Jan. 12 by Mr. J. E. Crechenell, the subject being "our Colonies." The lecture is given at the instigation of the Young Men's Christian association.

We are glad to hear that there is some prospect of the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne revisiting Canada next year.

The Marquis of Lorne and Sir Charles Tupper were among the guests at the house dinner of the Empire club, which was held last week in honor of Sir Arthur Havelock, the new governor of Natal.

A very large mangold, weighing some forty-seven pounds, and raised by Mr. Wm. Rennie of Toronto, is now on view at the London offices of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The casting of the Brantsaltne has, we hear, been postponed sine die, in consequence of an accident to the mould at the foundry. The statue itself is, fortunately, uninjured, and the delay caused will not alter the date of the contract limit for completing the bronze work. Mr. Percy Wood, the artist, is now engaged upon two bas-reliefs showing the "totems" of the Six Nations (the bear and the wolf), which were introduced upon the memorial specially by the desire of the Indians themselves.

A supply of silver coin of sufficiency, such as those used in the bank of England, has been purchased in this country and shipped to the Canadian minister of finance from the high commissioner's office.

Irish National League.

The regular weekly meeting of the Toronto branch of the Irish National league was held last evening in the I.C.B.U., King and Jarvis streets. President C. L. Mahony occupied the chair. The treasurer stated that over $2000 had thus far been collected, that a check for $207 had been received from the Irishmen of Thorold, and that a large number of new members had been added to the roll. The secretary then read a communication from the president of the league of America, stating that he would, as requested, use his influence to have Parnell visit Toronto while in America, and another from Uptergrove, asking for speakers to address a meeting of lessees at Mara. Mr. Mulligan will respond to this call. Mr. Teefy read an essay, showing the capability of the Irish to govern themselves. Mr. Muvey followed in an address on affairs in Toronto as at the time of the struggles of O'Connel. Mr. Lynch addressed the meeting, denouncing the present blusterings of the Orangemen in Ireland. Another $300 will be forwarded to the treasurer of the American league.

Wading Through Furs.

A walk through W. & D. Dineen's fur store impresses the visitor with astonishment at the immense profusion of furs displayed. Seal skins made up in all shapes line the walls. Dolmanettes with ball trimmings, the newest thing, magnificent dolmans, Newmarkets and plain sacques from $125 to $270, with caps, muffs and gloves to match, are shown in great quantity. A large stock of gentlemen's Persian lamb coats from $75 to $150 is kept constantly on hand. Fur lined overcoats are a specialty. Made up in silk, satin, brocade and cashmere, and lined with all kinds of fur, they are one of the most elegant winter garments in the market. Ladies' Astrachan dog skin mantles are also a specialty. Piles of black fur shoulder capes for ladies and of gloves and gauntlets for men are to be seen. In the fur storing room robes and skins of every kind not yet made up are piled to the ceiling. Another fact that is impressed forcibly on the visitors, is the remarkably low prices at which the goods are marked. Everything is sold at wholesale figures.

Fine Melton and Beaver and Napped overcoats with large beaver collars and cuffs only $30, all sizes in stock at Petleys'. 461

Amusement Notes.

W. J. Scanlan makes a success of any character he undertakes. As Larry O'Flynn in the Irish Minstrel yesterday afternoon and last night, he fully sustained his reputation as a clever exponent of Irish comedy, and won the hearts of all present by his singing. Mr. Scanlan has a good supporting company. Same bill at the Grand to-night, with Shanesa-Lawn for the remainder of the week.

The New Year's attraction at the Grand will be Baker and Farron in their old-time favorite piece, Chris and Lena. Manager Weed is here making arrangements.

Muldoon's Picnic attracts large crowds at the People's. Two performances daily.

At the Metropolitan roller rink last night the Toronto polo club beat the Metropolitans after a hard fight. It was a splendidly played game.

The prizes awarded at the Christmas carnival at the Adelaide street roller rink will be presented at the rink Saturday night.

He Had Them.

Dressed only in his pants and shirt, Thos. Henry rushed out of 63 Chestnut street last night and rushed howling down the sidewalk, much to the alarm of the neighborhood. He continued his mad career to York street, where a policeman collared him. Henry was in the delirium teremens.

GIVE HIM A SECOND TERM

GOLDWIN SMITH WILL VOTE FOR MANNING'S RE-ELECTION.

The Mayoralty Budget — Meetings Last Night — An Acrobatic Journal — St. John's Ward for the Mayor—Notes.

The following letter has been received by Mr. W. R. Brock, chairman of Mr. Manning's central committee:

THE GRANGE, TORONTO, Dec. 19, 1885.—*W. R. Brock, Esq*: DEAR SIR,—I am sorry to say that the state of my health will not permit me to attend the meeting of Mr. Manning's supporters, to which you have done me the honor to invite me. I shall, however, have much pleasure in voting for the re-election of Mr. Manning, in whose ability and mastery of city business I have the fullest confidence; though it is with regret that I find myself opposed to Mr. Howland, for whom I have a great personal regard, and whom, if he were running for alderman, I should be most happy to support.

It has always seemed to me most desirable that a mayor, if he has not forfeited public confidence, should have a second year. The shortness of the term for which the holders of municipal offices are elected can hardly fail to be a source of weakness and wastefulness in their administration, by rendering it almost impossible for them to exercise foresight and act on system. A mayor can hardly be expected to do more in his first year than lay the ground for a policy to be carried out in his second year. He is not an autocrat, and any change which he makes must be gradually introduced.

It appears to me also, that in the case of a city so great as ours, thorough acquaintance with the business, and experience in its management are indispensable qualifications for a mayor; and that it would be the extreme of rashness to give the highest office at once to an inexperienced man. Yours very truly,

GOLDWIN SMITH.

THE NOBLE WARD FOR MANNING.

Rousing Meeting in McBride's Hall—The Mayor Squelches His Enemies.

Over 200 ratepayers of the Noble Ward assembled in McBride's hall at Edward and Elizabeth streets. The chairman, Edward Meek, Mayor Manning, ex-Mayor Boswell, Ald. Hunter, Ald. Piper and School Trustee Somers were seated on the platform. The meeting was highly enthusiastic, and, as Mr. Manning said, it reassured him a great deal after the tales he had heard of the rousing majority St. John's ward was going to give Mr. Howland.

Mayor Manning was accorded a grand reception. He said that for professed christians Mr. Howland and one of his friends had conducted themselves towards him in a most unchristianlike manner. The language used against him was of the most intemperate and outrageous character. Mr. Howland's bugleman, Mr. Henry O'Brien, had written to all the city conservatives to come out for this valiant and good man Mr. Willie Howland. Mr. Manning considered that his past record could not fail to commend itself favorably to all right-minded people. He had fulfilled his promises, and his last year's record was clear. Although he did not wish to boast he thought that he had done more for the city than any one who had yet occupied the mayor's chair.

"Notwithstanding," he continued, "Mr. Gurney a friend of mine last year but now I look upon him as an enemy. False charges have been made against me, and another contemptible creature, a scoundrel lawyer, who called himself a Christian, and came to this city from Montreal, an itinerant lawyer, to try to better his position; a man who did not know me personally, but who knew that I was chief magistrate of the city by the election of the whole people. He stated that I had got in by trickery and fraud, but he had from the commencement to the end." Mr. Manning was sorry that Mr. McLaren had been assaulted. However that man had insulted him grossly, and but that he occupied the position of chief magistrate he would have demonstrated that he had enough Irish in him to resent an insult.

It was the duty of every good citizen to endeavor to be always progressive. This he had always tried to be, and he considered that he had done the city much good. Mr. Howland's insinuating that he was the only man who could right existing grievances in the administration of civic business was laughable. "I believe there's something wrong in that man's composition." Mr. Howland proposed to have all the city officials elected yearly. Was this the way large business houses, banks, etc., chose their servants? Such establishments found that they could rely best on tried servants. Mr. Howland, when he advocated such schemes in council, would find out what a good deal smarter than he was.

Mr. Howland had told Mr. Gurney to say that he (Mr. Howland) had resuscitated the General hospital. This was not so. The affairs of the hospital, on account of political interference in its management, had been looked into by the local government and it was to Hon. Oliver Mowat and not to Mr. Willie Howland that the resuscitation of the institution was due. With regard to the presidency of the Home for Incurables Mr. Manning stated that Mr. Howland on his own account had not asked him to be president. Mr. Manning was the choice of the board. The speech was listened to throughout with close attention by all present and at its close Mr. Manning was treated to an ovation.

Ex-Mayor Boswell was not sure that Mr. Manning had supported him when he was running for mayor, but he believed in giving the devil his due, and as Mayor Manning had been held up as a sort of devil lately he was there to put in a good word for him. He liked a man to be out and out one way or the other, and not many-sided like Mr. Howland. He was sorry that a man who could insult Mr. Manning so grossly as J. J. McLaren had done could claim to be a member of the same profession to which he himself belonged.

Speeches for the