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SUPERANNUATION AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE AT 98 IN THE SHADE

Amendment to the Superannuation Bill Introduced—Charlton's Sunday Bill Discussed in Committee—Davin's Woman's Suffrage Resolution—Dr. Landerkin told to Study Todd on Government—Many Questions Answered.

Ottawa, May 30.—There was an air of lassitude about the Commoners to-day as a result of the late sitting of yesterday, and the abnormally high temperature. The heat has been simply killing, the thermometer reaching 98 in the shade this afternoon. It was a miscellaneous sort of day for business in the House, superannuation and Sabbath observance being the principal topics of discussion. The Superannuation Bill if passed will make quite a difference to civil servants, as it will practically double the percentage contribution which they will have to make to the fund.

Superannuation Act Amendment.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to amend the Superannuation Act. He explained that it was proposed by the bill to decrease the classes of civil servants, who should be entitled to superannuation, and also to fix the minimum length of service at which superannuation would take place at 15 years, instead of 10 years as at present. The Governor-in-Council would have the power to refuse superannuation to certain classes.

Mr. Laurier said the proposition to take the power to the Governor-in-Council to refuse superannuation was a departure from the existing law, and should be regarded with suspicion. The principle of the bill was unsound, and unless satisfactory reasons were assigned for the provision on the second reading it would be strenuously opposed. The bill was read a first time.

Landerkin Advised to Study Todd.

Dr. Landerkin asked whether the Governor-in-Council made any recommendations to the Imperial Government with respect to the conferring of Imperial honors on Canadians, and if not, did such recommendations emanate from His Excellency personally?

Mr. Foster replied that some years ago Parliament anticipated a question of this kind, and every member of the House was supplied with a copy of Dr. Todd's "Parliamentary Government in the Colonies." In that work would be found Lord Elgin's despatch to the Colonial Secretary, which would give Dr. Landerkin the full explanation he wanted. He hoped it would be helpful to him. (Laughter.)

Mr. Laurier: Lord Elgin laid down many rules which have been discarded by this Government.

Questions Galore

Mr. Davies asked the Speaker whether it was impossible to ask a supplementary question.

The Speaker read the rules of the House governing questions, and said the Government having given its answer that should end the matter.

Mr. Wallace, answering Mr. Casey, said the Government had not yet come to a decision on the question of the appointment of a Board of Expert Appraisers.

Sir Richard Cartwright called attention to the unsatisfactory ventilation of the Chamber, and suggested that revolving fans should be put in.

Mr. Ouimet stated that all sorts of experiments have been tried, but with not very satisfactory results. He would be glad to accede to the suggestion of the member for South Oxford.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell) moved the adjournment of the House to call attention to the neglect of the Government in not bringing down a return on the census, moved for two years ago. He thought it was a disgrace that information should be withheld. It was trifling with the House and with the country.

Mr. Daly asked the Speaker's ruling whether it was in order to move the adjournment of the House, but in this opinion it was an abuse to utilize the rule, except in urgent cases.

Dr. Montague, replying to Mr. Mills, said that the Government used all possible speed in facilitating the presentation of the returns. Often returns were asked for and members never took the trouble to look at them. Mr. Mulock had asked for a return which it appears was presented to the House yesterday.

Sir Richard Cartwright regarded it as a disgrace to the Department, and the Ministry, and an insult to the House, that these returns should be delayed. In the course of further discussion it developed that members were in the habit of asking for returns which involved labor and research of which they had no conception.

The Sunday Bill.

The House finally got into committee on Mr. Charlton's Sunday Bill, and the members melted away from the Chamber in perspiring groups. Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Ouimet adjourned to the corridor to talk electric fans, and the mover of the bill began his monotonous talk in explaining for the twentieth time the principles of his measure. He complained of the disposition of hon. members to attack his bill in committee where the vote is not recorded.

The first clause, prohibiting the publication and sale of Sunday newspapers, elicited vigorous objection from Messrs. Langelier and Amyot, the latter attacking the principle of the bill as an uncalled for restriction of personal liberty, and interference with affairs of private judgment in matters religious, and as an infringement on provincial powers.

Mr. Mara pointed out that in British Columbia papers were published Sunday morning, and not on Monday, thus giving writers and compositors the Sunday rest they could not obtain if a paper was published Monday morning. He moved an amendment restricting the prohibitory clause to the sale as distinguished from the publication.

The amendment was being discussed by the Solicitor-General when the House rose at 6 o'clock.

After recess the committee amended the first two sections. Then the suggestion was made by the Minister of Justice that, inasmuch as penalties were provided by the bill, it be reconsidered as an amendment to the criminal code. While this was under consideration the Secretary of State expressed surprise that the mover of the bill had not provided against the introduction of sensational Sunday newspapers from the United States. Eventually the committee rose and reported progress.

Woman's Suffrage.

Mr. Davin's woman's suffrage bill was then taken up, with Mr. Laurier's amendment, favoring the provincial franchise.

Hon. Mr. Foster expressed for himself appreciation of the resolution and his determination to vote for it, but for the Government a determination to oppose the resolution. The first was not a Government matter.

Mr. Davin replied in a most entertaining speech to Mr. Craig's criticisms of the resolution, made the first day of the debate. He deprecated Mr. Laurier's amendment as unfair, and altogether aside from the principles of the bill. The discussion was continued for over half an hour, when Mr. Dupont moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 10 p.m.

Mr. Gibson gives notice of a series of questions relating to General Herbert, whether he has resigned, etc., whether it is contemplated to change the law so that a Canadian can be appointed to the command of the Canadian militia.

Mr. Costigan says that from information which he has received the recent changes in the fishery regulations, applicable to the Detroit River, give the greatest satisfaction to the Canadian fishermen. In narow waters contiguous to both countries, the Minister thinks our fishermen should have a fair show with their rivals. On the great lakes, however, the regulations are to be enforced, and the Canadian fisheries will be thoroughly protected against Yankee poachers.

Sir C. H. Tupper gives notice of several amendments to the Criminal Code of 1892.

Last Year's Work in Toronto Harbor.

The report of the Public Works Department for the past year was presented to Parliament to-day. Speaking of the works at Toronto harbor, it says that during the fiscal years 1893-94, eight cribs were sunk on the west side of the channel, making a total of 54 cribs in position. 105 lineal feet of superstructure were constructed, making a total of 3760 lineal feet completed. 13,812 cubic yards of stone were deposited in cribs and 270 cubic yards of large stone delivered for a talus around the counterforts of the east pier. 905 lineal feet of superstructure were planked, making a total of 3560 lineal feet of work covered. Six cribs were partially formed at the close of the year. 144,355 cubic yards of sand were removed, making a total of 652,523 cubic yards.

Bankers' Life Association.

Mr. Coatswoarth had a hard fight before the Banking and Commerce Committee with the bill to incoarporate the Bankers' Life Association of Canada. The proposed incorporators are: James G. Howorth, Emerson Coatsworth, jr., Harry Sutton Pell, Wm. B. Hurdon, Albert H. Howorth, and Edward Allan, all of Toronto, and they seek power to do a general life insurance business, etc. Several members took exception at the very outset to the title of the proposed company, as calculated to mislead the public, but eventually it was allowed to pass. The question then arose with regard to the limit of insurance which the company might take risks for. Some members thought the amount should be placed at $5000, but others advocated $10,000. The Superintendent of Insurance, Mr. Fitzgerald, thought the latter amount was not too high. Then the question arose as to the amount of the guarantee fund which ought to be paid up before commencing to do business, $60,000 being mentioned, and a conclusion had not been reached when the hour for adjournment arrived. The bill will be considered again by the committee at its next sitting.

EXPELLED FOR MARRYING.

The Minister's Offence Was Marrying Without Permission.

Hamilton, May 30.—The Rev. Amos F. Parsons of Cathcart, in the Woodstock district of the Hamilton Conference was expelled by an almost unanimous vote of the Hamilton Conference now in session. The formal charge against him was that of marrying without permission of the Conference.

It is alleged that the excuse he gave for marrying without consent was to save the girl's honor. This statement could not be verified, however, as the session was held behind closed doors, and the delegates refused to talk about the case outside.

MANSLAUGHTER BY FRIGHT.

An Ottawa Man Sent For Trial For Killing His Mother.

Ottawa, May 30.—Alexander LaFontaine of Gatineau Point was committed by Recorder Champagne yesterday on the charge of manslaughter. LaFontaine fought frequently with his father while under the influence of liquor, and so frightened his mother that she became unconscious, and after one of these rows she expired. LaFontaine was convicted on the charge of assaulting his father, and was fined $10, or in default three months in the common jail.

A TERRIBLE CRASH.

The Shoe Trade Has the Bottom Knocked Out of It.

Nearly five thousand samples of all classes, colors, qualities and sizes, made by Ritchie & Co., Polley & Co., Marsh & Co., Quebec, and Harvey and Van Norman, Toronto, to be sold from 5c to $1.50 per pair, worth from 50c to $5 per pair. Sale commences at 10 a.m. to-day at Howell's big cut-rate shoe store, 246 Yonge-street. The greatest bargains in the history of the shoe trade. Cash only. Remember only 5c to $1.50. First come first served.

The Grens at the Point.

The following excellent program will be given by the Grenadiers' Band at Hanlan's Point, Saturday, June 1, under the direction of Mr. Waldron:

Afternoon—March, The Honeymoon, Rosey; Spanish valse, Salvadora, Gomez; gavot, Immer Wieder, Vandervell; Dance of the Shadows, Newman; fantasia, Festivalia, Williams; march, The Directorate, Sousa; barn dance, Go Bang, Carl Kiefert; valse, Whisper and I Shall Hear, Clothilde; polka, Oh, Honey! My Honey! Ivan Caryll.

Evening—March in C, Marlborough, Felix Burns; valse, Fond and True, Fabian Rose; Japanese Mazurka, La Mousine, Ganne; selection, The Gaiety Girl, Sidney Jones; two step, Encore, Nordheimer; descriptive piece, The Blacksmith, Jungmann; barn dance, Happy darkies, Godfrey; schottische, Little Alabama Coon, Hattie Starr; march, Au Secours, Vandervell.

Ask for delicious "Salada" tea.

Suicide of an Artist's Wife.

New York, May 30.—Malvine de Grim, 47 years old, wife of Baron C. de Grim, the well-known artist, committed suicide this afternoon at her home. Among her hallucinations was one that detectives were watching the house and making notes of all her movements.

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SUICIDE WITH STRYCHNINE.

THOMAS JOHNSON ENDS HIS LIFE AT THE NEALON HOUSE.

Took the Poison in Whisky, Then Asked For Laudanum—The Man Apparently Not a Stranger in Toronto, But His Friends Unknown—An Inquest To-Day.

Thomas Johnson, an Englishman apparently of about 35 years of age, committed suicide at the Nealon House, King-street east, at 1 o'clock this morning, by taking strychnine.

Johnson, who is a stranger in the city, became a guest at the Nealon House on Monday last, but failed to register. He was introduced to Mr. O'Connor, the proprietor, by one of his boarders, Henry C. Callahan, a clothing salesman.

Last evening Mr. O'Connor was called to Johnson's room, when the latter complained of severe pains, and stated that he was in the habit of taking laudanum when suffering from such attacks. A small quantity of the opiate was procured, and a reqquest for more was refused. Mr. O'Connor becoming alarmed, summoned Dr. Wallace, who sent for Dr. Nesbitt in consultation.

Johnson confessed to the doctors that he had taken half a teaspoonful of strychnine in whisky, andd the phial which had contained the poison, together with the flask of liquor, was found in his room. Johnson died in severe agony at 1 o'clock this morning.

Coroner Aikin was summoned and after hearing the circumstances, decided to lay the case before Crown Attorney Dewart this morning, as to the advisability of holding an inquest.

From numerous letters in the dead man's clothing, among which was a receipt for $3 from the News Company, it is presumed that Johnston belonged to Toronto.

Johnson, as seen lying on his bed at the hotel, appeared fully six feet in height, was well built, probably weighing about 170 pounds. He had sandy hair, wore a heavy mustache of the same color. He was slightly bald. He was respectably clothed in a dark suit.

Johnson claimed to have been a reporter on The World, but is unknown at this office.

POISONING WAS SUSPECTED.

Rev. Wm. Torrance's Sudden Death at Paisley—An Inquest Held, but No Post-mortem—A Verdict of Apoplexy.

Paisley, Ont., May 31.—Coroner Patterson of Port Elgin opened an inquest here to-night on Rev. William Torrance, whose sudden death Wednesday has aroused suspicions that he was poisoned.

Evidence was given that deceased had formerly taken morphia to ease sciatic pains, but latterly had taken atropine for the same purpose. The reverend gentleman officiated at a funeral the afternoon of his death, and on returning called at the drug store of Mr. D. Bain and partook of a draught of effervescent citrate of magnesia flavored with pineapple. Eight hours later he died in great agony, with symptoms of poisoning, such as vomiting, purging and paralysis.

Drs. Black and Kalbfleisch attended him. The former swore he first thought Mr. Torrance's illness was due to a mistake in the draught given, and the patient made a remark to the same effect. The Doctor said the symptoms would indicate poisoning, but it was possible that same may have been caused by a drink of ice-water when the body was overheated. His impression was that death was due to belladonna or its alkaloids.

Dr. Kalbfleisch swore he thought death was due to apoplexy, together with rupture of a blood vessel in the head. He saw no symptoms of poisoning.

Alex. Kalbfleisch, drug clerk, told of giving the citrate draught. No poisons were kept near the pineapple flavoring used.

Jesse Monkman, another drug clerk, was present when Mr. Torrance died, and heard him say, "I am ruined, this is my last. I am afraid the dose I got at the drug store was poison, or poison in it." Deceased frequently remarked that drugs would finish him some day.

The jury returned a verdict of death from apoplexy. Considerable comment is made upon the coroner holding an inquest without a post mortem examination having been made.

Mrs. La Framboise, the Accused Murderess.

Ottawa, May 30.—Fatigued and distressed, Mrs. John LaFramboise, the accused in the Baskatong murder case, arrived in Hull last evening, and with an infant in her arms was placed in jail to await her trial at the Assizes in July. She bears traces on her face, and head of the drunken bawl in which she and her husband were on the day Miss Jones was murdered. Her eyes are both blackened by blows she received from her husband.

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Local Jottings.

Henry Allison, a well-known Junction resident, died yesterday, aged 62 years.

The National History Society (biological section of the Canadian Institute) will hold its first field-day to Hogg's Hollow on Saturday.

A respite has been granted by the Junction Magistrate in the case of William Osborne, convicted of conducting a pool room.

Why "L. & S." brand of hams, bacon and lard is acknowledged the best is because it is made on hygienic principles from selected clean dairy-fed pigs.

Summer residents at the Island, Kew Beach, Victoria Park, Balmy Beach and other adjacent resorts have The World delivered in time for breakfast for 25 cents a month. Sunday edition delivered before 12 o'clock Saturday night for 20 cents a month.

Representatives of the London City Council will be in the city to-day to inspect the aerial ladder at Lombard-street fire station with a view of purchasing a similar one. A squad of firemen have been detailed to give an exhibition to show the merits of the ladder.

At the annual meeting of the Central Ontario School of Art and Design the following officers and directors were elected: President, Hon. G. W. Allan; vice-president, R. Y. Ellis; secretary, George C. Downes; directors, W. S. Laugton, W. B. Rogers, S. M. Jones, W. Rivell, B. McEvoy, James Smith, M. Matthews.

THE ELECTRA OF SOPHOCLES.

Another Performance of Greek Tragedy Meets With Success—The Picturesque Dances and Pretty Music.

The interest in Greek drama, which last year's performance of the "Antigone" of Sophocles in the original aroused, proved sufficient to induce Mr. H. N. Shaw, B.A., to this year try a similar experiment, and last night the "Electra" of the noblest of Greek dramatists was produced. This latter performance was in English, and drew a good and fashionable audience at the Grand.

"Electra" is perhaps without the dramatic movement of "Antigone," but there were special reasons why it should have been chosen. The latter work, requiring the efforts of men throughout, was well adapted for performance by University students, but, as this year's performance was under the auspices of the Conservatory School of Elocution, most of the pupils of which are ladies, a work which would give them opportunities was necessary. "Electra," with its choruses of Argive maidens and priestesses and Artemis, filled the bill. Then, as it is the most lyrical of Greek tragedies, it also afforded special opportunities to the institution.

The story of "Electra" has been made known in these columns. It is that of the daughter of the murdered King of Argos, who went about like Hamlet in the sable garb, and finally, like the Danish Prince, encompassed the death of her father's murderers. The death was brought about through the agency of her brother Orestes, for the Greek tradition allowed women no aspiration to important action. There are no Joels and Judiths in Greek legend.

The Greek drama is something which no one nowadays can wholly grasp—that is in the sense sharing the enthusiasm of the playgoers for whom it was written. It was bound up with the religious rites of the people in a peculiar way. And all their faith was a mere metaphysical conception, which began and ended with a variety of poetical observances and symbolic forms. It was inevitable, therefore, that the drama in which these symbols play so large a part should be thoroughly conventional. Conventional and formal "Electra" is, but in a thoroughly picturesque manner.

Both in its formalism and in its picturesqueness last night's production was notable. All the modern resources of the stage director had been used to develop it on both lines. Costuming and scenery were rich; the incidental music, composed by Signor D'Auria proved to be pretty and suggestive and treated according to the ancient oriental modes of composition. The dances, designed to suggest the action of the play, were properly symbolic and properly picturesque. The modern system of Delsartean expression was used to the utmost degree. At every important juncture there were the sinuous movements of sixteen Argive maidens to express physically the train of action. Miss Kate Langdon Root was an exquisitely graceful leader of the dances.

Miss Mary E. Mathews, as Electra, carried the burden of the drama itself on her shoulders, and acted in an earnest magnetic fashion and in the great scene of the piece was the most effective. From our modern point of view this episode, in which Electra listens without to the cries of the queen as she is being murdered, is the one striking scene of the drama. Mr. Shaw as Orestes was passionate and expressive. Mr. William Thorold, as Salthybus, was strong and sincere and distinguished himself in his account of the chariot race. The other roles were in competent hands. Miss Ethel Tyner, Miss Bertha Sargent, Madame D'Auria and Miss H. Ethel Shepherd were among those who added to the strength of the ensemble. The performance was preceded by a pretty rendering of the last act of "The Merchant of Venice."

GRADUATES AT GRACE.

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas Last Evening.

A pleasant gathering assembled last night at Grace Hospital on the occasion of the annual graduating exercises. His Honor Judge McDougall presided and the diplomas and medals were presented by Sir Casimir Gzowski.

The following are the successful candidates: Miss Emily Gausby, Miss Anna Marsh, Miss J. Develin, Miss Lillie Hardy, Miss Isabel Clark, Miss Maud Roger, Miss Minnie Forbes, Miss Annie Reid and Miss Annie Coughlin.

The Vandersmissen medal, which is awarded by a vote of the nurses and is donated as a prize for general proficiency, went to Miss Anna Marsh.

Dr. Emery and Dr. Evans addressed the meeting and congratulated the fair graduates on their success.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs by Miss Coughlin, Mr. W. Rundall and others, and piano solos by Miss Bertram.

All present spent a most enjoyable evening.

WILL BE WOUND UP.

A Liquidator May Find Out Where the Lost Capital is Gone.

Mr. Justice Ferguson did not take long to come to a decision on the application to wind up The Empire Newspaper Company. He yesterday announced that if the company could not come to an arrangement with the petitioner (Senator McLaren) within a week a winding-up order would be made and a provisional liquidator appointed. If the order goes it will be the duty of the liquidator to find out where all the lost capital of The Empire has gone.

Hottest for Years.

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Appeal to the English Privy Council.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Pedlars' Association in Richmond Hall last evening, Mr. Joseph Pocock in the chair. Some liberal subscriptions were announced towards the appeal of the pedlars to the Privy Council in England against the local bylaw prohibiting them carrying on their trade in the downtown streets as heretofore. Mr. Du Vernet goes to England in the interest of the association. The English counsel will be A. C. Avery who won a similar case for the London costermongers. The association adjourned for a week.

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Yesterday's Fires.

At 1.30 p.m. yesterday fire damaged sheds in rear of 39 and 41 Amelia-street to the extent of $40. James Lumbers is the owner and Thomas Baitt the occupant. Hot ashes caused the blaze.

A still alarm to Lombard-street section at 4.30 p.m. called the firemen to 87 Jarvis-street, where a small fire had been started from a burning chimney. Damage small.

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TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF GAS

BIG SUIT AGAINST THE CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY.

The Plant, Etc., of the Company Exceeds the Paid-Up Capital By Nearly a Million Dollars, and Consumers Claim That the Company is Not Living Up To Its Charter.

After a great deal of preliminary skirmishing, the long-pending action against the Consumers' Gas Company has come to a hearing, raising the question how the surplus profits of the company are to be dealt with and what rights gas consumers in the city have to a reduction in the price of gas. The plaintiffs are the Toronto Type Foundry Co., Ltd., and J. T. Johnston, who is their general manager and their largest stockholder. Two principal questions are raised, one being whether the plaintiffs, or any citizens, can have the questions against the gas company, either for themselves or on behalf of gas consumers generally, and the other whether premiums obtained by the company on the sale of new stock can be appropriated by the company in providing new plant, buildings, etc., or must be added to the "rest or reserve fund." All the facts being admitted, the parties started them in a special case after the action had once been partly heard. Mr. John Macgregor is the plaintiffs' solicitor, and in the same interest the City Council first instructed Mr. W. R. Meredith, Q.C., to look after the rights of the citizens, and on his accession to the bench Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., has been retained to aid the plaintiffs, while Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., and Mr. Miller, Q.C., appear for the gas company.

To Reduce the Price of Gas.

Mr Macgregor read the special case, and in answer to Mr. Justice Ferguson stated the real object of the suit is to compel the gas company to reduce the price of gas, and that if their funds were dealt with in the way required by the statutes the price of gas would be reduced from $1.05 to 75 cents per 1000 The gas company was incorporated in 1849, and is prohibited from paying dividends of more than 10 per cent. The quality of the gas to be supplied is not fixed in any of the acts. The original capital was $125,000. Prior to 1886 the capital had been increased to $1,000,000, and in that year the capital was doubled.

How the Capital Was Increased.

The following extract from the company's 39th annual report explains the circumstances under which the capital was increased and the position which was then assumed by the City Council on behalf of the citizens at large.

6. Application was made to the Legislature, at its last session, for power to increase the capital stock of the company to $2,000,000, the new stock to be allotted to the stockholders as has been usual, pro rata at par. This last provision was most strenuously opposed by the City of Toronto, represented by the Mayor and by other members of the Legislative Committee of the City Council, principally on the ground that it would be a bonus to the stockholders, which, it was claimed, was not contemplated when the company obtained its charter. After many protracted discussions, at which the representatives of the Company strongly advocated and supported the right of the company to such an allotment, it was finally considered prudent, rather than to withdraw the bill, to consent to a compromise, and at the same time settle for ever the vexed question of the company's right to accumulate a reserve fund, and by so doing pursue a conciliatory course with the city, between whom and the company the directors consider the most harmonious relationships should always exist. A bill, drawn out in accordance with the terms agreed upon, was ultimately passed by the Legislature, a copy whereof has been mailed to all the stockholders.

At a special meeting of the stockholders, held on May 26 last, the action of the directors in consenting to this amendment was unanimously approved of as the best arrangement which, under the circumstances, could possibly have been made.

The Reserve Fund.

The company has by the statutes to create a reserve fund, and when this fund amounts to one-half of the company's capital the price of gas is to be reduced. Gas consumers generally are therefore interested in seeing this fund grow and that proper additions to it are made. The company is interested in keeping down the reserve fund. In 1886 the value of gas stock was $180, equal to a premium of 80 per cent. Of the million of new stock then authorized $700,000 has since been sold and premiums received of $538,524.71. The company applied this amount in the purchase of land, new plant, the erection of buildings, etc., claiming that, as things were then booming in the city, they were entitled to make provision for prospective new business. The plaintiffs contend the premiums should have gone to the reserve fund. On Oct. 1, 1893, "the reserve fund" stood in the company's books at $742,758.13. From September, 1887, to October, 1893, a period of six years, the value of the company's plant had been increased from $1,145,543.30 to $2,292,465.18, and there was a further $94,500 of other plant not in use.

Plant vs. Capital.

In 1893 the paid-up capital of the company was $1,600,000, and the value of its works, plant and trade material was $2,576,360.71, so that the value of the plant, etc., exceeded the paid-up capital by no less than $976,360.71.

Yesterday the plaintiffs' case was presented by Mr. Christopher Robinson and Mr. Macgregor, and at the adjournment Mr. McCarthy was addressing the court on the part of the company.

PICKED THE DELEGATES' POCKETS

Several Cases of Pilfering at the Baptis Convention—An Arrest.

Several ladies reported to the police that they had their purses stolen while attending the Baptist convention now being held in Bloor-street Baptist Church. Detective Harrison yesterday noticed William Harper, a young man known to the police, among the attendants at the convention, and arrested him. He was held on a charge of vagrancy.

Turkish baths, open all night, phone 1280

Died From the Effects of Burns.

Orillia, Ont., May 30.—Florence Marcen, the three-year-old daughter of Rev. W. R. Barker, accidentally set fire to her clothing on Friday last. She died from the effects this afternoon.

Ask for delicious "Salada" tea.

First Case of Sunstroke.

While watching the laying of the corner-stone of the Foresters' Temple at Bay and Richmond-streets yesterday, William Brown, 157 DeGrassi-street, was overcome by the intense heat, and rendered unconscious. He was removed to his home in the ambulance.

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HONEST INDIGNATION.

HERR VON MONTAGUE, as he gives another blow at the frothi By chim, dose fellers dot gif you a glass like dot, mit a quart of froth unda shpoonfuls of beer, ought to haf an exposure und no license.

ASSAULTED A SEPTUAGENARIAN.

An Old Woman Horribly Maltreated By a Pair of Ruffians.

Mary Atkins, over 70 years of age, told a shocking story to the Police Magistrate yesterday. She said she met Frank Smith and William Broom in Chestnut-street on Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock, and that they told her to go with them to the police station, where they would get her a lodging for the balance of the night. Instead of that, the old woman declared the two took her up through the Queen's Park to near Bloor-street, where Smith assaulted her in a most brutal manner.

She said she screamed and cried for help for a long time, and at last one of the men cried out that a policeman was coming, and they ran away.

P.C. Umbach said he heard screams and cries for at least 20 minutes before he located the parties, and when he found them Broom ran away and could not be recognized. Smith was caught on the spot.

Broom has served terms of two and six yeears in Kingston Penitentiary, two terms in the Central Prison and three terms in jail. The prisoner Smith went to Kingston in December, 1878, for five years for burglary, and in October, 1889, went back again for three years more for highway robbery. In November, 1893, he was sent to the Central Prison for five months for theft.

The Magistrate committed both prisoners for trial. The old lady will be examined by a physician, and will be taken care of until the trial.

THE LADIES' CHOICE.

They Know a Good and Attractive Article Sooner Than Their Brothers.

A World reporter asked several tradesmen yesterday if the visit of Their Excellencies and the Women's National Association to Toronto had in any way benefited trade. Here is Dineen's answer to this very pertinent question: "All I can say is that, thanks primarily to the hot spell, and next to the visit of so many ladies to the women's conventions, we never sold so many straw hats in one week before. They all want in for straw hats, and those of the latest shapes and colors. There is very little difference between this season's hats for ladies and gentlemen. Each kind is a little higher in the crown and less wide in the brim. Fancy straws with combination of colors and vari-colored ribbon are the favorites of the ladies, and the rough and notched straws with the men. During the hot spell nothing will be worn save straw hats; and the only way to tell whether they are Dineen's latest importations is to watch the increased height of the crown and the narrowing of the brim. The hats the ladies bought most generally during the convention were at $1.50; good ones for either sex can be had at $1; but only this quality—which is the best as well as the cheapest, at King and Yonge-streets."

THE CANADIAN FLAG.

A Superb Issue of the Week in Red White and Blue.

To-day's issue of The Week is made especially noteworthy by being wrapped in a beautiful colored sketch of the proposed motior flag of the Dominion—the suggestion of Sanford Fleming, LL.D., C.E., who contributes an interesting article on the subject. The way certain witnesses were intimidated by Mr. Lount in the recent Hyams' trial is severely commented on by Fairplay Radical. This number of The Week, which can be procured at McKenna's Bookstore, 80 Yonge-street, Toronto, also contains a second admirable article on the Manitoba school case, by E. Douglas Armour, Q.C., and a striking description of Holy Trinity Church and Rev. Dr. Pearson.

Ramsden & Lloyd Serve the wedding breakfast Right. Phone 657.

Summer Resorts.

Are you looking for a nice place to send your family to this summer? The Peninsular Park Hotel, Big Bay Point, Lake Simcoe, meets all requirements. Full Particulars, 46 Colborne-street. ed

Beaver, "the gentleman's chew," can now be had in thin plugs. d

IS A REBATE A DRAWBACK?

SENATOR BOULTON THINKS SO ON FARM IMPLEMENTS.

Rebates on Imported Raw Materials Exported When Manufactured in This Case Are Unjust to the Farmer—The Premier States the Rebates are a Benefit to Canadian Labor.

Ottawa, May 30.—In the Senate today, Mr. Boulton moved for a return showing the loss to the revenue occasioned by the payment of rebates of customs duties on articles exported. Speaking to his motion, he said that the farmers of the Northwest were forced to pay more than they should for their agricultural implements. The Massey-Harris Company, he said, disposed of agricultural machinery in Prussia, Australia, and the Argentine Republic at a lower price than they charged Canadian farmers, thus contributing to the cheaper production of wheat in these countries, to the detriment of the Canadian farmers.

He then launched out into a speech of an hour and a half in favor of the adoption of a free trade policy, which, he contended, would bring about great prosperity. He blamed the Liberal party for forsaking a policy of absolute free trade for one of unrestricted reciprocity, which, he claimed, was totally incompatible with a free trade policy.

Rebates Condemned.

Senator Power deprecated the growing practice of the Senators making long speeches, covering ground not specified in the motion before the House. He condemned the policy of granting customs rebates, which he said worked detriment to the Canadian farmer.

Necessary to Outside Competition.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell explained that the object of the granting customs rebates on raw materials imported and manufactured for export, was to enable Canadian manufacturers to compete in the markets of the world with United States manufacturers, by allowing them to purchase raw materials at the same price as their American competitors. He failed to see how the Canadian farmer suffered from this arrangement, as in the case of agricultural implements, for instance, the rebate of customs duties barely enabled Canadian manufacturers to compete in foreign markets with manufacturers of the United States. The result in a single instance, that of the Massey-Harris Company during the present year, was that some one thousand agricultural implements were made and exported to Australia and the Argentine Republic, and 125 to Russia, which but for the rebate would have been supplied by American manufacturers. The cost of labor in making the machines and in purchasing a large proportion of the raw materials used was expended in Canada, and benefited Canadian labor.

Benefit to Canadian Labor.

Senator O'Donoghue of Toronto did not think the rebate injured the Canadian farmer, and it certainly benefited Canadian labor. He contended, however, that the Government, in granting rebates, was departing from its policy of protection.

Hudson Bay Railway.

Senator Boulton asked if the Winnipeg Great Northern Railway, commonly known as the Hudson's Bay Railway, was acting within the law in fixing the point of commencement of its line at Winnipeg, thence northerly.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said the Government did not know whether the company was acting within the law, nor whether it intended building the road at all.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Many Satisfactory Reports Presented at the Meeting Yesterday.

Among the principal features of the Baptist Convention in Bloor-street yesterday morning was the presentation by the secretary, Mr. G. R. Roberts, of the report of the Board of Publication. This report made a very satisfactory showing, The Canadian Baptist playing an important part in it. The report of the Superannuation Committee was presented by Dr. Dempsey, and announced that the capital fund at present amounted to about $21,000, or with Senator McMaster's bequest $31,000. Since 1868 nearly $43,700 has been paid to annuitants, of which $95 has been paid in the last seven months. Rev. P. C. Parker presented the report of the Church Edifice Board, and stated that there was some $7000 on hand, and that more was wanted.

In the afternoon Rev. J. B. Kennedy introduced the half year's report of the Home Mission Board. Rev H. C. Spelles of Sarnia and Mr. D. Bentley spoke in support of it. Before voting its adoption Mr. J. P. McEwen read an admirable address upon the Relative Importance of Home Missions, and a good deal of discussion followed upon home and foreign missions and upon the influence of big and little churches respectively.

Addresses by Mr. W. J. Stewart, Brampton; Rev. L. S. Hughson, Lindsay, and Rev. C. H. Emerson, Onondaga, occupied the latter part of the afternoon.

The financial statement of the Baptist Home Missions for the past convention this year showed a debit balance of a little over $5300.

The evening session was taken up by the reading of the report of the Committee on the Work in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and the subsequent discussion thereof; by an address on work in the Northwest Territories by Rev. G. B. Davis; and by Rev. L. F. Cote's address on the mission work at Grande Ligne.

The very highest medical authorities have recommended Adams' Tutti Frutti for indigestion. See that Tutti Frutti is on each wrapper. Refuse imitations.

Island News.

The efficient arrangements of last season, by which Island residents were regularly supplied with liquors, ale, wine and provisions of all kinds, by Michie & Co., have been renewed, and all orders will be promptly delivered.

Why the Toronto Rowing Club Drink Spruzel.
Because the members of the club believe it to be the most healthful mineral water ever sold in Canada, and it keeps them in the best condition. It is for sale at all first-class hotels and clubs.

Hot Morning, Then Showery.

Lowest and highest temperatures yesterday: Edmonton, 56—60; Calgary, 56 — 66; Prince Albert, 32—74; Winnipeg, 54— 70; Parry Sound, 56—82; Toronto, 54—94; Montreal, 60—86; Quebec, 50—82; Chatham, N.B., 46—78; Halifax, 46—50.

PROBS.—Fair and very warm at first, followed by local showers and thunder storms.

Ask your shoe dealer for Carol Russia Dressing. Price 15 cents.

NEWFOUNDLAND LOAN A SUCCESS.

A Portion of the Issue Subscribed For in Canada—French-Canadian Catholics and Imperial Honors.

Montreal, May 30.—Cables to-day confirm the despatch sent last evening relative to the success of the Newfoundland loan, which is now an accomplished fact. Your correspondent is authorized to state that the total amount has been underwritten, and consequently Glyn, Mills, Curry & Co. now feel justified in pincing the issue on the market. The stock, as before stated, is for £550,000, bearing interest at four per cent. for forty years, but the issue price, according to latest cable advices, has not yet been fixed. The firms of Morton, Rose & Co. and Coutts & Co. have been associated with Glyn, Mills, Curry & Co. to place the issue, notwithstanding the cable to The Star of this evening. It is also said that, in spite of rumors to the contrary, a block of £75,000 has been taken in Canada.

Saturday's Official Gazette will contain notice of application for incorporation of the Dominion Cold Storage Co. (limited), capital stock being $300,000. The head office of the concern will be in Montreal.

There is a good deal of talk in French Conservative circles over an article in Le Courrier du Canada, edited by Hon. Thomas Chapais, son-in-law of Sir Hector Langevin. The paper strongly criticises the recent Imperial honors, and says ex-Premier DeBoucherville had far