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A $50,000 BLAZE ON ADELAIDE STREET

The Old Empire Building Was Badly Wrecked Last Night.

Factory of Dominion Paper Box Co. Completely Gutted — Toronto Electrical Company's Stock Badly Damaged—Three Firemen Hurt—The Fire Started at Six o'Clock and Burned Fiercely.

The fire fiend paid Toronto a New Year's visit last night and caused damage that will amount to about $50,000. The conflagration was in the old Empire Building, 38-40 Adelaide-street west, occupied principally by the Dominion Paper Box Co., and Hy. S. Thornbury & Co., electrical supplies. The building was a handsome five-storey brick structure and was badly gutted. While fighting the fire three firemen were hurt more or less seriously.

The blaze was discovered a few minutes before 6 o'clock by Policeman Robert Beatty and George Hussey, 64 Manning-avenue. They rushed around the corner to Bay-street Fire Hall and gave an alarm. Beatty first saw the fire through a window in the east end of the basement. It cast a bright reflection upon the glass, but seemed to be only a small blaze. When he got back from the fire hall the flames had darted up the hoist, and smoke was issuing from the third storey. Fifty or more employes, many of them girls, were in the burning building just getting ready to quit work at 6 o'clock. The cries of fire from the policeman and others on the street alarmed them in time, and all escaped safely, although many left their street clothing inside. One girl dropped her purse on the stairs, but her companions would not allow her to wait to pick it up.

A General Alarm.

The firemen from Bay-street hall obeyed the call with commendable alacrity, and on their arrival sent in an alarm from Box 31, at Adelaide and Yonge. A bright reflection had been seen from Yonge and Queen-streets, and an alarm was sent in from Box 32, at that corner. Thus the whole central section of the brigade was summoned, and, after working 20 minutes, while the fire was gaining at a terrific rate, a general alarm was sounded from Box 31 at 6.15.

Thousands of people, including the 6 o'clock stream of home-going toilers, had congregated in the vicinity of the fire and crowded the thoroughfares of the block surrounding the burning building. Inspector Stephen summoned additional police assistance from divisions 2, 3 and 4 and they were very successful in keeping the people out of danger.

A Seething Mass of Flames.

Half an hour after the fire started the building was a seething mass of flame. The three engines were all at work on Adelaide-street and the water tower, which was working well, was thrown completely in the shade by the new water tower attachment to the ariel truck, which threw a heavy stream into the top storey and did great service. A quartet of firemen from Lombard-street hall effected the applause of the crowd by mounting the ice-covered steps of the big truck and carrying an additional line of hose to the top, from which the additional stream was played with fine control into the lake of fire. At 7 o'clock a press weighing five tons, which was in the Box Company's premises on the top flat, crashed through the floor and carried everything with it right down to the basement, causing debris to fly across the street and a thorough scare to the firemen, who sensibly ran in all directions. Robert Sergeant of the Richmond-street engine house uncoupled a line of hose when this occurred and it "snaked" in a lively fashion. When trying to regain it a spike near the nozzle struck the fireman on the foot, knocking him down and inflicting a serious gash that necessitated several stitches. He also injured his shoulder. Dr. Garratt attended him at Bay-street hall and Ald. Hubbard sent him home in a cab. The victims of other casualties were Firemen Dunn and Forsyth of Queen-street hall. They were playing a stream from the roof of a shed on Temperance-street and, owing to the ice that had formed, they both slipped and fell to the ground. Dunn sprained his ankle and Forsyth had his back hurt.

It was after 8 o'clock when the fire was completely under control and the crowds who waited to go to the theatres, which were opposite the burning building, were allowed to pass through the police lines. Many people used the theatre excuse to get nearer the fire, but the police attended to the 'fakirs.'

The Loss and Insurance.

Mr. Jephcott of the Dominion Paper Box Company did not care to say anything regarding the blaze when he was spoken to by The World last night. The building was owned by C. H. Hubbard, whose establishment is next door. It was valued at $22,000, and was insured for $15,000. The damage at the lowest estimate will be $8000 and perhaps twice that amount. The Toronto Electrical Supply Company (Thornbury & Co.) claim damage amounting to about $10,000. They are insured for $3000. Damage to places in the vicinity by smoke, broken windows and water will foot up to a tidy amount. The roof of the big building fell in when the fire was about half over, but the walls remained intact and thus hemmed in the flames.

Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The Saturday Night fire brigade got promptly to work, and from the top of their building poured two streams down on the roofs of Nos. 30, 32, 34 and 36, occupied by William Fountain, Fred F. Roy, W. S. Johnston & Co., printers, and S. R. Gibson, confectioner. But for this the flying sparks and embers would have communicated the flames to these buildings.

Worked Till Midnight.

The firemen worked until midnight and before the water tower and aerial truck could be taken down hot water had to be poured into the machinery to thaw out the ice that had congregated. Men from Bay-street Hall were called out several times this morning to extinguish fresh outbreaks.

The insurance is as follows:

On building $15,000, in the following companies: Royal $5000, North British & Mercantile $5000, London & Lancashire $5000.

Dominion Box Co.'s stock $32,500, in the following companies: British America, $2500, Imperial $2500, Aetna $2750, Phenix of Brooklyn $2750, Royal $3000, Sun $2000, Liverpool & London & Globe $3000, Norwich Union $2000, Western $3000, Hartford $2000, Mercantile $2500, Wellington Mutual $2000, Waterloo Mutual $2500.

On Thornbury & Co., stock, electric supplies: Scottish Union Co. $1500, Lancashire Co. $1500.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. It is supposed to have started in the engine room near the hoist, and its quick spread is accounted for by the fact that a back door in the basement was open and provided a strong draught to carry the flames up the elevator.

Smoke in Diamond Hall.

An electric light fuse burned out at Ryrie's jewelry store, Yonge and Adelaide-streets, shortly before noon yesterday and made sufficient smoke to cause an alarm of fire to be sent in. The brigade turned out, but there was no fire.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is soothing.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

$1, $1, $1, $1, $1, $1—Letter books. If it is a good thing we have it. Grand & Toy, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

JURY'S VERDICT WAS MURDERED.

Death Caused by Blows From Some Person or Persons Unknown.

Suspicion Points to George Andrews, Who Pawned a Vest With Bloodstains on It—He Has Since Stolen Money and a Gold Watch and Pawned the Latter—The Royce Avenue Gang.

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The postponed inquiry into the cause of Joseph Curley's death was resumed at the Police Court at Toronto Junction last night, and after hearing additional witnesses to those called on previous occasions, the jury returned the following verdict: "That the said Joseph Curley came to his death on or about the thirtieth day of December, 1897, in Keele-street, Toronto Junction, from the effect of injuries to the skull caused by a murderous blow or blows from some blunt instrument in the hands of some person or persons unknown to the jury."

A rider was added recommending that a light be kept burning at nights under the Keele-street subway.

Very little new evidence was elicited, and what has come to light is of a fragmentary character. A coat and vest, secured in a city pawnbroker's, pawned on Jan. 3 by a man who gave his name as George Andrews, was produced and shown to the jury by Chief of Police Royce. On the inside lining of the vest were streaks of blood. The coat and vest were of very good material and comparatively new. The clothes which George Andrews wore when he visited the hotels with Curley the night before his death were old and very much worn.

Andrews is a Bad One.

The evidence of the liveryman who drove George Andrews to a farm in Etobicoke that night and left him there about 10 o'clock is not corroborated by Miss Jane Burgess, at whose house he was supposed to have stayed for the night. Chief Royce testified that in making enquiries of her in relation to the stealing of a watch she had stated he did not come there that night. Miss Burgess is reluctant and timid and afraid of George Andrews, who, she says, asked her for money and on not receiving it threatened to take her life, even producing a razor, with which he inflicted a slight gash in her neck. It was a few days after this, as she came from the barn, she saw Andrews leaving the house and missed $16.25 in cash and the gold watch which has since been recovered in the city, where it was pawned for $9. The watch originally cost $90 and the face is studded with precious stones. The gold dollar attached to the chain was recovered also.

Andrews has been wanted as a witness in this case, but so far the authorities have been unable to locate him.

Only two of the jury expressed any different opinion to the verdict above.

The Royce-avenue Gang.

Three men entered the store of Mrs. H. J. Thompson, 169 Royce-avenue, last night in her absence carried away the till, containing about $5 in loose cash. When they first entered they asked for 10 cents' worth of cakes. Then they returned later and asked for 3 cents' worth and whilst she was out of the store the till was taken.

MINING EXCHANGE FORMED.

Officers of the Toronto Mining and Industrial Exchange.

Membership Limited to Fifteen, and There is to Be a "Call" at Least Once a Day the First on Monday Next—The Governing Board and Committee on Bylaws.

For some time past an agitation has been on foot for the formation of a Toronto Mining Stock Exchange, and at last the movement has come to a head. Yesterday the Toronto Mining & Industrial Exchange was formed, with a close board consisting of the following: J. A. Currie, C. B. Murray, S. Bassett, F. McPhillips, F. A. Hall, W. C. Fox, J. B. Coulthard, R. Dixon, J. H. Ross, E. S. Cox and S. J. Sharp.

The membership is limited to 15 and there is to be a "call" at least once a day, the first on Monday next.

The officers of the Exchange are: President, J. A. Currie; 1st vice-president, F. McPhillips; 2nd vice-president, W. C. Fox; secretary, C. B. Murray; treasurer, S. Bassett.

The Governing Board consists of Messrs. McPhillips, Hall and Dixon and the Listing Committee of Messrs. Cox, Fox, Coulthard, Sharp, Currie, Bassett and McPhillips.

Messrs. Currie, McPhillips and Hall form a committee on bylaws and constitution.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

Carp, Ont., Jan. 13.—This forenoon James Hamilton of Fitz Roy, while felling a tree in the woods on his farm, was accidentally caught by a limb of a falling tree. Dr. G. H. Groves of Carp was sent for, but found on arrival that the unfortunate man had been killed instantly.

Pember's Vapor, Russian and Turkish Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge.

Forty-Three Lives Lost.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 13.—The latest official death list shows a total of 43 lives lost in the tornado which swept through Fort Smith Tuesday night. Not less than 70 others are injured, a large number of whom are seriously hurt, and several are expected to die.

Stopped in Transit.

Messrs. C. J. Townsend & Co. will sell on Friday morning at 11 o'clock a consignment of ladies' jackets, cloaks, etc., stopped in transit, which are being sold on account of the manufacturers in Germany.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W Open all night. Bath and bed $1.

Matches may be said to be of two kinds—"The E. B. Eddy kind" and the other kind. Nine-tenths of the people of Canada use "Eddy's matches," and grocers always find it profitable to supply the demand with "Eddy's."

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is healthful.

A Pertinent Question.

Editor World: Apropos of the tone of the people of the United States toward Canada, I rise to ask, Are they really our kindred or only our "foreign relations"?

A. F. L., Toronto-street.

Something new—Lucky Strike Chewing Tobacco. High grade, popular price. Try it.

LORD CHAS. BERESFORD ELECTED IN YORK.

The Old City Cuts Loose From the Radicals in a Close Fight.

There Was a "Hot Time in the Old Town" When the Result Was Made Known—First Gain for the Government Since the Last General Elections—A Recount Was Necessary.

London, Jan. 13.—A parliamentary bye-election was held in York City today to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Liberal member, Sir Frank Lockwood, who had represented the constituency since 1885. It resulted in the election of Lord Charles Beresford, the Conservative and Liberal-Unionist candidate, by a majority of 11 votes over his Liberal and Radical opponent, Sir Christopher Furness. The voting was as follows:

Lord Charles Beresford, Unionist, 5659; Sir Christopher Furness, Liberal and Radical, 5648; Unionist majority 11.

Lord Charles Beresford's victory marks the first gain of a seat by the Government since the last general election. There was much excitement during the whole afternoon, and it culminated in a remarkable scene. A tremendous crowd awaited the result from 7 o'clock this evening outside the Mansion House until the result of the poll was known.

Lord Charles Beresford remarked: "It has been a deuced hard fight, and both sides were equally confident of victory."

At 11 o'clock great cheers greeted the rumor that Lord Charles had been elected by a small majority, but a recount was necessary. The final result was not known till midnight, when a scene of wild excitement ensued.

ENGLISH ARE NO FOOLS

When It Comes to Business Matters—Bismarck's Saying Recalled.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The press is greatly excited in the discussion of the Chinese loan, over the idea of a joint Anglo-German loan. The suggestion is eagerly welcomed; and since it was mooted a distinctly friendly tone towards England has been adopted approaching open flattery.

Prince Bismarck's saying is recalled that it would be foolishness to regard the English as fools in business matters. The papers are beginning to recognize that financial influence is far better than the occupation of a Chinese bay. While there is no more probability than hitherto that the Government will be willing to guarantee a loan, the papers certainly encourage German houses to negotiate with English firms for a joint issue loan.

About the Loan.

The East Asiatic Correspondence, a journal credited with intimate relations to the Chinese Embassy, announces that after the failure of Li Hung Chang China placed the loan negotiations in the hands of Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, whose efforts to place a loan in London, secured by the salt monopoly, offer every promise of being successful. The paper adds that fresh taxation is being planned in China, where the taxation rate is now only two shillings per head as against three shillings in India, plenty of revenue thus being available.

With respect to the Anglo-Russian agreement as to Corea, The East Asiatic Correspondence says: "An agreement is probable on the basis of Russia controlling the customs and Mr. McLeavy Brown, for some time superintendent of customs at Seoul, succeeding Sir Robert Hart."

THE LATEST OUTBREAK IN INDIA.

Twelve Stragglers From the British Survey Camp Have Reached Ormara.

London, Jan. 13.—A despatch from Calcutta says that 12 stragglers from the camp of Captain Burn, of the British survey party, recently attacked by the tribesmen in Lafayette-square, last week and was cordially received. The next afternoon the Vice-President returned the call.

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Quality is the only thing a man pays for when he buys a new hat at Dineens', 140 Yonge-street, cor. Temperance. But, with the hat quality at Dineens', a man also gets a hat finish and a hat style which no other house in Canada can supply at Dineens' price. During the past 34 years Dineens' have been advertising that they sell better looking, better fitting and better wearing hats than any other house, for $2, $2.50 and $3, and the immense hat trade of the firm proves that they have succeeded in making most men believe it. Tomorrow the new store remains open until 10 at night.

Natural Wool Underwear from 34 to 46 inch, $1.50 each at Varcoe's, Rossin Block

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

A Quebec despatch says Hon. F. Langelier will be gazetted as a judge this week and that no time will be lost in bringing on the election for his successor in Quebec Centre.

MAIL SERVICE TO NEW ZEALAND.

Canadian-Australian and Oceanic Companies Said to Have Made a Pooling Arrangement.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—The fortnightly mail service between Auckland, Vancouver and San Francisco has at length been arranged and will be inaugurated on April 1, according to advices received by the steamship Alameda today. An understanding was reached between the Oceanic and Canadian-Australian lines whereby the steamers of the respective lines will leave every 14 days alternately.

Mail Agent Isbister of the Alameda confirmed the news to-day. He says that the New Zealand Legislature before the Christmas adjournment voted a minimum annual subsidy of £7500 to establish the service. According to the terms of the agreement the steamship companies are to receive 10s 6d per pound for letters, 8d for book packets and 6d for newspapers.

Under the old arrangements the steamship companies received 12s for letters, while all the other mail matter went free, and the steamship people had to take what they could make. Now the New Zealand Government guarantees a minimum of £7500 per annum and allows the steamship people to make all over that sum they can.

TROUBLE AHEAD OF HIM.

YOUNG 1898: Put up your hands, Mr. Hardy, because I'm going to knock you out.

A GREAT QUESTION SETTLED

Secretary Olney Has Triumphed Over Sir Julian Pauncefote.

Vice-President Stevenson Placed the British Ambassador Ahead of Himself at Social Functions, But Mr. Olney's Acute Legal Mind Discovered That This Was All Wrong— The Vice-Presidentis the Biggest Oyster in the Skillet When the President is Away.

New York, Jan. 13.—A Washington despatch to The Tribune to-day says:

"The controversy between the Vice-President of the United States and the British Ambassador over the question of precedence has been decided against the latter by his own Government. Sir Julian Pauncefote called at the home of the Vice-President, in Lafayette-square, last week and was cordially received. The next afternoon the Vice-President returned the call.

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"HELP THE WATER TO RUN OFF."

Editor World: I am a subscriber to your doctrine of "help the water to run off." It is, as you say, the basis of clean streets, good roads, successful farming. The City Engineer and the Street Commissioner ought to make every man under them work that doctrine into their daily life and practice. They ought to have it printed in their hats: "Help the water to run off."

And, as you say, the time to "help" is when a rain or thaw is on—whether it be at night or early in the morning, and there ought to be a sufficient number of men that the Commissioner could call on at any hour to do the work. One man with a tool at the right time can in an hour or two "help" hundreds of tons to get away that in 24 hours thereafter will be only moveable with a pick and cart.

A. "Helper."

LOTS OF BIDS FOR A BIG STORE.

There was a lot of talk yesterday as to the sale of the Robert Simpson departmental store. No sale has taken place. The executors are carrying on the business just as before, the buyers are all abroad making extensive purchases, and it is the intention to keep the concern up to a first-class pitch. It is nevertheless true that a number of handsome offers have been made for the establishment by capitalists in Canada, from the States and one from England. In fact the number of inquiries made as to the possibility of purchasing the store is an excellent proof of its standing and the reputation of Toronto as a business centre.

MORE GOVERNMENT FROM WASHINGTON.

Postal cards have been issued by the Washington Sunday Alliance to pastors of churches in Ontario, asking them to see influential citizens in their neighborhood and get them to telegraph Mr. Hardy that the Sunday bill must go through this session.

THE FIRST ROBIN.

The first robin of the season was seen on Portland-street on Wednesday morning last. Its appearance is not only vouched for by several residents on that street, but they allege that it was heard piping spring melodies in profusion.

FOUND DEAD ON THE TRACK.

An Unfortunate Farmer Meets an Untimely End.

Schaw Station, Jan. 14.—Yesterday the section foreman of the C.P.R. found on the track one mile west of Schaw Station the dead body of a man who had evidently been struck and killed by some train during the night.

It was subsequently ascertained, from papers on his person, that he belonged to Tara or neighborhood. He left Guelph on the 4.43 p.m. train day before yesterday, bound for Schaw Station, from which place he intended to walk to Leslie's. He was rather under the influence of liquor. The conductor saw him safely on board a westbound C.P.R. train. He got off at Schaw evidently, and was making his way along the track in the misty weather when he was struck. His money was still in his pocket, so there is no suspicion of foul play. An inquest will be held.

Cook's Turkish Baths 204 King West. Ladies 75c; gents day 75c, evening 50c.

The Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association convention closed at Lindsay yesterday, and was a great success.

THE PARTY GOING TO PIECES

Internal Dissensions Apparently Increasing in Montreal.

Mr. Tarte's Paper Taking a Vigorous Part in the Mayoralty Election Against Mr. Prefontaine—Telegraphers of the C.P.R. Have Reached an Agreement With the Company and All is Harmony.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—It will be simply impossible for the Liberal party to exist very long in this district if the internal squabbles are not ended instanter. La Patrie, Hon. Mr. Tarte's paper, is out this evening in opposition to Mr. Prefontain for the Mayoralty, and, of course, the Minister of Public Works is endeavoring to get square in this manner with one of the leading kickers in this part of the province. In the East Ward Mr. Tarte is butterly opposing Ald. Beausoleil, M.P., and the end of the family quarrel is not yet. If these civic elections were carried on in a friendly spirit the party at Ottawa would not suffer, but the bitterness is so intense that breezy times may be expected when the Quebec members reach Ottawa on the 5th of next month. There is also trouble in the Letellier Club, where Hon. Mr. Tarte's son is second vice-president, and, as he does not care about putting in an appearance where the family has so many enemies, the anti-Tarte faction are pressing for the young gentleman's expulsion.

All is Settled Harmoniously

Mr. Powell's business is about over, and the Grand Chief of the Railway Telegraphers will leave for home either this evening or to-morrow.

"What has been accomplished?" was asked a representative of the Telegraphers to-day.

"Well," was the reply, "the greatest general object obtained was a complete understanding with the high officials of the company. They, I believe, no longer look upon the telegraphers as employes clamoring for vain things. On our part, we have had an insight into the vast interests which the company represent, and perhaps this has had a sobering effect upon us, in so far that, not without the gravest consideration, would we raise a question which would in future imperil the interests of the road. In the negotiations just concluded there never was any question of a strike. Certain matters upon which agreement could not readily be reached were laid aside for arbitration. But eventually they were arranged without even going so far as that."

"Mr. Shaughnessy," continued the speaker, "has by his conduct of affairs, made many friends among the telegraphers. His actions have been considerate and courteous. When we parted with the committee he had nothing but good to say, and on our part we can re-echo that sentiment.

"Two points were carried to Mr. Shaughnessy for his decision after the superintendent and manager failed to settle them. They were those concerning the promotion of telegraphers, whereby we sought to fill vacancies of station agents by operators in the line of promotion, and with respect to the minimum rate of salaries."

"And what was his decision?"

"His decision was satisfactory to the telegraphers."

Chapleau Left for Quebec.

Sir Adolphe Chapleau left for Quebec today and it is expected that the Legislature will be prorogued to-morrow.

You can Buy Monsoon at Any Grocer's.

DEATHS.

HARRISON—At York Mills, 3rd con. east, on the 13th inst., William Harrison, in his 78th year.

Funeral Saturday at 2 p.m

CHICKENS COMING HOME TO ROOST.

Free Binder Twine Is Making Trouble for the Government.

A Delegation Representing the Brantford Factory, and Composed of Good Liberals, Demand Protection to Save Them From Ruin—A Cut in the Estimates for Next Year—Mr. Tarte Has Been Economical and Has a Million on Hand—Ottawa News.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Liberal chickens are coming home to roost. One of the main planks in the Liberal platform at the last general election was free binder twine. The Government took the clap-trap utterances of some of its followers as gospel and proceeded to give effect to them, binder twine going on the free list on the 1st inst., and now what is the result? Last week an influential deputation, headed by prominent Liberals, interviewed the Government to point out that ruination stared the twine manufacturers in the face, unless some protection was afforded them. To-day the Government had a similar dose, and once more from its friends. But there is this difference between the Consumers' Cordage Co. and the Brantford concern, which was represented to-day. The Consumers' Co. makes all classes of twine and cordage, on some lines of which there is moderate protection. But the Brantford establishment makes binder twine solely, having been formed to break the combine. This it has done successfully up to the present. There is $80,000 of capital invested in the concern, this capital having been subscribed by people of moderate means. To-day's deputation was headed by two of the most influential Liberals in Western Ontario, C. B. Heyd, M.P., and Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, ex-Speaker of the Legislature, and President of the company. There were also with them J. Stratford, manager, and S. Hariod. In brief, the deputation contended that unless the industry got a protection of at least 12 1-2 per cent. their business would be ruined. As it is, they will have to close down until the Government's intentions are known.

Cut in the Estimates Foreshadowed.

It is semi-officially announced that there will be a big cut in the estimates for next year. This will be advisable, as Mr. Tarte last session secured too great a vote from Parliament. The Free Press admits that Mr. Tarte had over a million dollars still unexpended.

The Sawdust Nuisance.

It is understood the Government will not permit mill men along the Ottawa an extension of time for converting their mills in order to prevent sawdust from entering the river. Some of the mill men are already making preparations to consume the refuse. The time limit is up on May 1 next.

Sir Van Horne and Mr. Blair.

Sir William Van Horne was in the city to-day, and had an interview with Mr. Blair in reference to the proposed C. P. R. branch from Robson to Rossland. It is stated that Mr. Blair still refuses to approve the plans which will enable the C. P. R. to commence expropriating right of way.

Frenchmen After Mr. Hardy Now.

The French-Canadians of this section have a grievance against the Ontario Government. They claim they are not getting their fair share of pap from Mr. Hardy, and they are going to see that justice is done them. They have been making things so lively that next Tuesday Hon. G. W. Ross is to come here to confer with the executive of Le Club Liberal, one of the French-Canadian Liberal organizations of the city. This was announced at last night's meeting of Le Club Liberal in the Reform Club rooms. Some of the members say that if the meeting with Hon. G. W. Ross turns out unsatisfactory there will be a caucus of all the French-speaking Liberal Clubs of Ontario and Quebec, and some course of action will be decided upon whereby the French-Canadian Liberals of Ontario will secure the just amount of patronage to which they claim they are entitled.

Of Interest to Grain Men.

A case of great interest to the grain

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Steady Winter Weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 38—46; Kamloops, 24—28; Medicine Hat, 14—28; Qu'Appelle, 2—12; Winnipeg, 4—12; Port Arthur, 6 below—18; Parry Sound, 8—20; Toronto, 30—32; Ottawa, 18—18; Montreal, 24—26; Quebec, 22—24; Chatham, 20—22; Halifax, 40—40.

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