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A SHOCKING ACCUSATION,

A LETTER ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY MR. PARNELL.

It is Intended to Show That the Irish Leader Approved of the Phœnix Park Murders—Mr. Parnell Denounces it as a Vile Forgery.

LONDON, April 18.—The Times, as a proof of its assertion at the conclusion of its articles on "Parnellism and Crime" that it had further documentary evidence, prints a fac simile of a letter signed by Mr. Parnell, and supposed to have been addressed to Mr. Egan to pacify his subordinates when Mr. Parnell publicly denounced the Phœnix Park murders. The letter fills one side of an ordinary sheet of note paper, and is in a strange handwriting. "Yours very truly, Chas. S. Parnell," in Mr. Parnell's writing, is at the top of the other leaf. The Times suggests that the signature was thus written so that it could be torn off if necessary. The letter which is dated simply 15, 5, 82, without an address, is as follows:

DEAR SIR: I am not surprised at your friend's anger, but he and you should know that to denounce the murders was the only course open to us. To do that promptly was plainly our best policy. But you can tell him and all others concerned that though I regret the accident of Lord F. Cavendish's death I cannot refuse to admit that Burke got no more then his deserts. You are at liberty to show him this and others whom you can trust also, but let not my address be known. He can write to the House of Commons.

The Times says: "Mr. Parnell cannot expect that a simple repudiation of the letter will have any weight with public opinion. He must bring more solid proofs to annul the effect of the disclosure."

Parnell Interviewed.

LONDON, April 18.—In an interview to-day Mr. Parnell pointed out that although at first sight some of the letters in the Times facsimile, printed this morning, appeared to resemble his autograph a close comparison shows a decided and striking difference in many important points. The letters slope upwards, the genuine handwriting downwards. Mr. Parnell always places a full point after the initial "S." in his name, which the forgery omits. The "r" in Parnell, and the "n" in Chas. are quite different from anything he has ever written. The letters "Ch" in "Chas" are abnormally long and "s" and "r" are the only letters in his signature resembling his genuine autograph. The pen at the beginning of "n" in the forged "Chas" was evidently taken off the paper, whereas in his signature the nib is always written without a break. The forgery, Mr. Parnell says, is the work of a person accustomed to penmanship and writing a flowing hand, whereas his own writing is always in a cramped style. Mr. Parnell further said that the letter and signature were impudent forgeries, and that he strongly suspected the identity of the forger. He was undecided whether to prosecute the Times or not.

Said to be a Concoction.

LONDON, April 18.—The Parnellites all declare the letter an infamous concoction and deliberate invention to publicly slander the leader of the Home Rule party. They say that even on the low ground of expediency, Parnell would be the last man in the world to write a letter containing such damaging admissions. They contend, therefore, that all the reason in the case proves the letter to be a forgery on the face of it, pointing for proof to the contents of the document, especially to the writer's warning the person not to disclose the address, while no address is given. From the fact that the signature is the only part of the letter in Parnell's writing, and that it is by itself, the Home Rulers argue that the whole thing is a fraud, or, according to them, while it would be difficult to obtain enough specimens of Parnell's handwriting to enable a forger to imitate to the extent necessary to successfully palm off a whole letter as his it is not at all difficult to obtain his signature. Mr. Parnell, the agent of the Associated Press is authorized to state, will categorically deny that he wrote the letter. Mr. Parnell will make this denial in the House of Commons. The editor of the Times will be summoned to the bar of the House to explain the authorship of the letter.

Parnell's Disclaimer.

LONDON, April 18.—Speaking from his place in the House of Commons to-night Mr. Parnell referred to the "vile, barefaced forgery" [cheers from the Irish members]—printed in the Times obviously for no other purpose than to influence the divisions. He thought he was entitled to have an opportunity to expose this deliberate attempt to blacken his character in time to reach the outside world. There was no chance now. In addition to passing this coercion bill the dice had to be loaded. Great organs of public opinion were to be persuaded to pay miserable creatures to produce these calumnies. Who would be safe under such circumstances? When he heard of the concoction in the Times he supposed that some autograph of his had fallen into the hands of a person for whom it was not intended, but when he saw the letter he saw plainly that the signature to the letter he saw plainly that the signature was an audacious unblushing fabrication. He could not understand how the conductors of a paper used to be a respectable journal could have been hoaxed and hurried into publishing the letter boozled into publishing the letter as his. [Cheers.] Members who compared the forgery with his signature would say that only two letters of the forged signature bore any resemblance to his autograph, and the Times could have seen the same. He never heard of nor saw any such letter until it appeared in the Times. [Parnellite cheers.] Its phraseology was absurd and its purport preposterous and every part of it bore evidence of an absolute and irrefragable want of genuineness. He did not know anything of the conspiracy of the Invincibles, and nobody was more surprised than himself when the blow fell upon their victims. If he had been in Phœnix Park that day he would gladly have stood between Lord Cavendish and the dagger of the assassin, or between the dagger of the assassin and Mr. Burke. [Irish cheers.] He had suffered more than any other man from that terrible deed, and Ireland had suffered more than any other nation. It was absolutely untrue that the National League had any communication whatever, direct or indirect, with the Fenian organization in America. He never had any dealings with anybody in America in respect to the proceedings or doings of any societies. All his sayings and doings in connection with Irish public life had been open and above board. [Cheers].

A Queer Fishing Party.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 18.—One hundred sports came here from New York last night to witness a dog fight between Tip and Crib. They were equipped with fishing lines and baskets in order to throw the police off the track. The stakes were for $1000 a side. Tip won in 31 minutes. Over $3000 changed hands. Crib was weak from his confinement with Henry Bergh since March 26, on which day the fight was to have come off in New York.

A Million Dollar Donation.

MONTREAL, April 18.—At a meeting of the City Council to-day a letter was read from Sir George Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith, M.P., offering to donate one million dollars to establish a jubilee hospital for the sick and suffering poor. They only ask the city to grant a site on the mountain side known as the Taylor property.

Larry, the Bridge Jumper.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Larry Donovan was arrested this afternoon as he was going on the Brooklyn Bridge for the purpose of jumping therefrom. He was held in $1000 bail to be of good behavior for three months.

Chicago Carpenters Resume Work.

CHICAGO, April 18.—About 3000 carpenters returned to work this morning on the basis of eight hours' work and thirty-five cents an hour.

CABLE NOTES.

There will be published shortly a letter from the Pope to the Archbishop of Cologne, enjoining Centrists to vote for the Prussian Ecclesiastical Bill.

Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia is about to visit Rome to thank the Pope for sending Emperor William's birthday.

The cable repairing steamer Volta has found grave off the island of Mycannis, in the Grecian archipelago.

Mr. Joyce, formerly agent for the Clanricarde estates in Galway, has begun action against the Marquis for $50,000 damages for libel.

The London Skinners Company is evicting the tenants on its estate at Draperstown, near Londonderry. The tenants are resisting with all their resources.

ERNEST MEILING'S DEATH.

Despondent From Drinking He Shoots Himself at the Humber.

Ernest Julius Meiling came to his death yesterday morning at the Humber from a rifle or revolver shot in the left breast, and the circumstances surrounding the case point to suicide. About 10 o'clock some men who were repairing the Lake Shore-road noticed Meiling going along the railway track towards the Humber. One of the men states that he was in good humor, was whistling to himself, and offered to treat from a bottle of brandy which he had in his possession. He was last seen standing at the east end of the Lake Shore-road bridge, across the Humber River.

About 11 o'clock a man and woman were going east along the road when they saw the body of a man lying at the edge of the water, up against a big log, over which the waves were dashing on to the body. They called the attention of the workmen to it and the man, who was still alive, was carried to Nurse's Hotel. It was thought at first to be a case of drowning and Mrs. Nurse proceeded to apply the usual remedies. On taking off the man's jacket and waistcoat, the blood gushed out, and it was only then that the real trouble was discovered. In the centre of the left breast two inches above the heart was a large hole—so large indeed, as to convey the idea that it was done with a rifle. Mrs. Nurse questioned the wounded man as to his name and he struggled hard to utter the sound "Kla," as in Clarke. A few moments after he expired. He afterwards proved to be Meiling.

On searching the body the only writing found was a post card addressed to "Julius Klamm, 48 Tremaley-street." On the back of the card was "I thank you all," written in German. There was no money, no watch, nor anything of any value, but a large flask containing a little brandy was found. No gun or revolver was found on the dead man, nor near where he was discovered. A search was made in the vicinity and the water around the shore was dragged, but without result.

A message was sent to Mayor Lynd of Parkdale and to High Constable Jones, and they went out in the afternoon and inquired into the case. The Mayor's idea was that the man came to his death through a stray shot from a sportsman's gun up the river, the large wound being the chief ground for this argument, but he is travelling belief, and the one most strongly borne out by the facts, is that the man committed suicide.

The World viewed the body of the dead man as it lay in Nurse's Hotel last night. His age was apparently about 40; medium height, delicate frame, fair skin, fine black hair, rather long and heavy moustache. The overcoat was a dark brown, woollen jacket, and light tweed pants. The shot went through the under jacket, but not through the overcoat.

Mr. Nurse intends making a thorough search to-day for the weapon. Mayor Lynd will hold an inquest this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Julius Kamm of 48 Tremaley-street stated last night that Meiling came to Canada a couple of years ago and boarded with him for about a year, when he went to Brantford to work at his trade, that of a furrier. He returned to Toronto after eight months, but Mr. Kamm would not take him into his house because he was an habitual drinker. He then went to live with a family named Breddin on Elizabeth-street.

Some months ago Meiling went away from Kamm's house suddenly and left a note saying that he would go out to the Humber and throw himself before a train. He is said to have a wife in Germany.

There is little doubt that Meiling shot himself and threw the weapon into the lake.

Hamilton News.

HAMILTON, April 18.—About thirty of our German citizens have been granted a charter to organize a Knights of Pythias lodge. On Thursday evening Will S. Vale, the Grand Chancellor, assisted by B. J. Leubsdorf of St. Catharines and other P. Ch. of this city, will initiate them. Bismarck Lodge No. 31 will be its name and number.

The Wentworth Assizes opened to-day before Sir Matthew Cameron. Mr. Robert Ptolemy is foreman of the Grand Jury. In His Lordship's charge he referred specially to the smallness of the calendar and to the toll-gate trouble.

At the Police Court this morning Sheppard was fined $2 for cruelty to a rooster.

The second annual banquet of the Young Men's Liberal Club to be given at the Arcade Hall on Tuesday promises to be a grand affair. The Archbishop of Toronto will consecrate Bishop-elect Dowling at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, May 1. Several other church dignitaries from abroad will participate.

The German Evangelical Conference adjourned sine die, after collecting $750 for missionary duties. The subject of union with the Methodist Church was discussed at length but no action taken.

The Railway Commission, composed of Messrs. Burpee, Moberly and Lonergan, began to take evidence this morning.

Opening of the Italian Parliament.

ROME, April 18.—The Italian Parliament opened to-day. Prime Minister Depretis, addressing the Chamber of Deputies, said Italy would follow a policy in consistency with her mission to maintain peace. As every government was increasing its armaments, however, the cabinet would ask the Chambers for credits with which to strengthen the kingdom's defences. In reference to African affairs he promised that the Government were resolved to avenge the massacre of Italian troops at Dogali. They would not, however, allow themselves to be carried away by events, but would act with deliberation and at the proper moment. The Chamber of Deputies refused to accept the proffered resignation of Signor Biancher, the President of the Chamber.

An Explosion Destroys a Schooner.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The steamer Benefactor, which arrived to-day from Washington, reports that on April 16 off Cape Hatteras she picked up a yawl containing Capt. Henderson and four men of the three masted schooner, George Charles Marls, from Baltimore for Charleston, with a general cargo. The schooner, from some unknown cause, blew up and took fire at 3 o'clock that morning, killing the first mate and one seaman. Those rescued lost everything, and one of the men was badly burned about the face and hands.

The Milton Martyr.

MILTON, April 18.—Editor Panton of the Milton Champion did not serve the four days' imprisonment to which the magistrate sentenced him, the magistrate ordering his release when half the time was up. Milton is greatly excited about the affair, and a gigantic demonstration was being proposed for Mr. Panton upon his release at the end of his four days' imprisonment. Feeling in Milton is worked up to a high pitch, and when the magistrates' court resumes to-morrow the town will be full of people to hear the proceedings.

Wholesale Executions in Tonga.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The latest advices from Tonga Island state that the converted Wesleyan natives are being mercilessly plundered and maltreated by the King's soldiers. Premier Baker has construed the attack upon him as an attempt to overthrow the Government, and by his instructions many have been put to death. Already forty men have been executed.

Dr. Parker's Visit to America.

LONDON, April 18.—Dr. Parker will deliver his eulogy of the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn on June 24. After that he will preach a number of times in Brooklyn and will subsequently deliver several lectures in the United States.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Uxbridge is going to have three newspapers shortly.

Mrs. Armstrong of St. Thomas died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday.

Kingston has organized a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

The Young Men's Liberal Club of Hamilton will hold their second annual banquet tonight.

Mr. D. J. Campbell is appointed Sheriff of Southern Alberta, and Mr. C. N. Campbell clerk of the same judicial district.

Since May 1 of last year thirty-seven convictions for violation of the Scott Act have been obtained in the county of Oxford.

A 6-year-old son of Thomas Kelly of Elmvale fell into the machinery of the grist mill at that place on Friday and was instantly killed.

The propellor Myles is afloat in Kingston Harbor. She will be taken to Port Dalhousie dry dock for the purpose of having her hull repaired.

Two mounted policemen, for being drunk and creating a disturbance at Fort Macleod, N.W.T., have been dismissed from the force and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

An illicit still was seized on the farm of J. H. McLean, Brock township. The notorious Dan McCaskill and his accomplice Davidson were arrested, the former being sent to Whitby jail and the latter to Windsor, where he is wanted on a charge of counterfeiting.

FACTS FROM THE RETURNS

A LOT OF PLAIN BUT INTERESTING FIGURES.

The House Collecting the Information Which Will Furnish Material for Animated Discussion in the Near Future.

OTTAWA, April 18.—The opening services of to-day's session gave Toronto's new members their first chance to make their voices heard. It was in the matter of presenting petitions.

Mr. Denison presented the petitions of the Trades and Labor Council, Toronto, and the Iron Moulder's Union, Toronto. He did what most new members and what some old members do not, read his petition in a clear voice that could be heard all over the chamber, and for the same was applauded when he concluded. The petitions ask for manhood suffrage, the prohibition of Chinese immigration, the passage of an employer's liability act and the squelching of iron clad documents.

Mr. Cockburn presented the petition of the Western Assurance Company praying for amendment to their act of incorporation.

Mr. Clarke Wallace presented the petition of the Primitive Methodist Colonization Company asking for an amendment to their charter. They wish power to give their shareholders land instead of stock.

The Striking Committee met this morning and their report was laid upon the table this afternoon where it will be left until to-morrow for such amendments as may be found desirable. At the meeting of this committee the Government members claimed Aymot and Cimon as their own, placing them on the committees among the faithful. All the others of last year's bolters were placed by the Government as though no bolt had taken place. There was no blacklisting, as on a former occasion. By an oversight Noah Shakespeare, the British Columbian, was not placed at all. His case will be attended to before the lists are printed.

Right here it may be stated that a little more has leaked out regarding the Nationalists. They have held another caucus at which it was claimed that sixteen were present. Of the whole sixteen only Aymot of the former Conservatives decided to hand in his name to Mr. Blake to be placed on the committees. Four of the sixteen are recognized Liberals. Aymot makes five. Giving Mr. Blake these five the Government have a majority of forty. If the eleven remaining Nationalists went over on some question in a body the Government would still have a majority of eighteen. The Nationalists cannot hold the balance of power in this House, and most of them are Conservatives at heart, anyhow.

To get back to the House, the first business after the receiving of petitions was the introduction of bills. Amid impressive silence, Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin rose to move the first reading of his Northwest bill. He said he wanted to change the title from "an act to establish full representative government in the Northwest Territories," to "an act respecting local government in the Northwest Territories." The House shouted, "Explain!" "Explain!" and Nicholas rose and said: "I do not know that there is anything to explain. [Laughter.] I merely want complete local government, not 'full' local government." The laugh this raised wakened not less than five senators on the senatorial side of the block.

Questions of Ministers produced the following results: The gross debt on March 31 was $270,188,448, and the net debt $225,865,831. The amount estimated to complete public works, outside of canals, $594,000. The sums received for the sale of lands in Manitoba and the Northwest in 1886 was $509,341, and for leases $136,618. To April 1 of this year it was $93,873, and for leases $26,179. The actual white resident population of Manitoba is 95,450.

Mr. Landerkin was referred to the Auditors' report for information regarding the cost of the Franchise Act, with the promise that what he could not find there would be prepared specially for him.

Mr. Cartwright got an order for a return of receipts and expenditures in detail chargeable to the consolidated fund from July 1, 1886, to April 1, 1887, for a return of imports and exports and a return of grain and animal products exported from the Dominion between the same dates.

The Public Works and Interior reports were laid upon the table, together with two returns, and the House adjourned, having sat for less than an hour.

The first of the returns, both of which were ordered a year ago, was from the Department of the Interior. It was about timber limits, and is as big as the side of a house. Sir John presented the other, something about the Lake Superior that the Indians, 400 pages of stuff nobody will ever read, though it has taken a year to prepare them. The whole thing goes to show what foolish returns members will sometimes ask for.

The Senate met promptly on time. Senator McCallum moved the address in a short, neat speech, and Senator Cagrain seconded it. Senator Scott spoke in a complimentary strain. Senator Poupore objected to the Sault Ste. Marie Canal and the creation of a new department. Senator Kaulbach defended the Government, and spoke of prosperity in the Maritime Provinces. Senator Bellerose was glad a French Senator had been appointed from Ontario. The address carried and the honorables adjourned.

The Auditor-General's report is a bulky volume of 800 pages containing an exhaustive analysis of all detail of public expenditure, departmental and parliamentary included. It also includes expenditures under the Franchise Act brought down to April 11, 1887. The total cost under the act to the date given was $353,741, of which the expenses of the revision of the lists amounted to $124,874. The cost of printing the first lists was $109,482, of the second $53,408, and of the third $17,033, making a total cost of $179,924 for printing.

The report of the Department of the Interior is divided into four parts, the first relating to the geological survey, the second to technical surveys, the third to the Northwest Territories, the doings of the Northwest Council, education, whisky permits and such like public affairs, and the fourth to Dominion lands. Considerable attention is paid to Banff Springs, Mr. Whitcher contributing an interesting account of that district as a sportsman's paradise. The Commissioner of Dominion Lands devotes considerable space to agriculture in Manitoba and the Northwest and to municipal institutions in Manitoba. There is a report on the forty-mile belt in British Columbia of interest as showing the capabilities of that region as a mining and grazing country. Superintendent Perce states that on the grazing grounds of the Northwest there are now 110,000 cattle, 10,000 horses and 25,000 sheep, an increase of 75 per cent. over the previous year. The Deputy-Minister reports that the Department has disposed of the greater part of the halfbreed claims under the old Manitoba act and that only a few of these nuisances are left. Homestead settlement increased 50 per cent. over the preceding year and there has been a great shrinkage in cancellation, indicating a substantial increase in bona fide settlers. In 1874 the cancellations were over 62 per cent. of all the homestead entries, last year there were only one half of one per cent. The number of patents issued last year was 600 more than in any previous year. The decrease in cost of lumber and coal is mentioned as of vital interest to settlement. An outline given of the explorations and surveys of Messrs. Bowman & McConnell is of great interest, the one as bearing upon the extent of the still undeveloped wealth of the Cariboo gold region, the other as dealing with the probable mineral wealth of the mountains immediately east and west of the summit of the Rockies.

The report of the Department of Public Works refers to the large number of handsome public buildings constructed at Government expense during the past four years; the great improvements made in harbors and rivers and the extension of the telegraph system on the north shore of the St. Lawrence 296½ miles to Cape Fontenau. The expenditures as compared with last year are:

	1885.	1886.
Public buildings	$ 1,269,460	$ 1,544,904
Harbors and rivers	314,165	364,563
Dredges and dredging	161,703	121,936
Slides and booms	109,635	129,470
Roads and bridges	20,143	38,292
Telegraph lines	132,273	119,411
Miscellaneous	45,242	39,945
Total	$ 2,052,621	$ 2,367,981

In the Striking Committee this morning the Opposition were represented by Messrs. Cartwright, Mills and Laurier. They conceded the Government representation on all the committees on the basis of five to three.

It is positively stated to-day in official circles that though a new department is to be created, there will not be an increase in the number of ministers.

Mr. Edgar has invited four of the Nationalists, Dupont, Gigault, Desjardines and Coursol, to his dinner on Thursday. This may be taken to indicate almost anything until we find whether they will accept the invitation or not. Two of them, Coursol and Dupont, will certainly not be there.

The Minister of Agriculture has decided to re-open the Bell Telephone's case on April 26, and call on the company to enter a defence. The importance of this case need not be referred to.

This will be Senator Hawthorne's last session. As its conclusion he intends retiring from public life. He is already disposing of his real estate preparatory to removing to New Zealand, where his two sons now reside.

It is rumored to-day that Dr. Orton will be called to the Senate for one of the Northwest senatorial constituencies about to be created. The report is not generally credited.

Messrs. Dawson and Ogilvey will proceed to-morrow on the Yukon expedition. They will proceed first to Vancouver, where the parties will be made up. Mr. Dawson will go up the Stickeen River and explore the Cassair gold fields. He will then proceed via Decasses Lake and down the Laird River to the Mackenzie, thoroughly exploring the country as he goes. If the season be then not too far advanced, he will take a run down the river, otherwise he will cross over to the Pelly and go down that stream to the main branch of the Yukon, and thence down until he meets Mr. Ogilvey. The latter will go up the coast and Chillicoot Inlet and Portage across to the head waters of the Yukon. He will make an instrumental traverse of that river to long. 141, which is supposed to be about the boundary of Alaska. He will winter there in order to take observations to determine the meridians and approximately the international boundary. Mr. Dawson, however, will return in the fall.

When the senatorial fathers meet to-morrow they will adjourn for ten days to recuperate after the exertions of to-day.

Down here Mr. Mulock poses as the farmers' friend. In support of this contention he wears, while in the house, a suit of coarse homespun. The support all through was gray and a most dejected-looking suit that. In this garb Mr. Mulock is celebrated for conspicuousness, as it were.

Six of the cruisers of the fisheries protection fleet will be put in commission within the next ten days.

The white population of Manitoba is 95,450; halfbreed, 7494; Indian, 5691; total 108,640, an increase of 60 per cent. since 1881.

Hon. Senator Ross, late Premier of Quebec, was introduced to-day.

It has been fixed that the Home Rule resolutions will come up on Thursday. The plan of campaign has not yet been definitely settled upon, but a desperate struggle is expected by both sides.

Mr. Charlton intends proposing an amendment to his seduction bill, fixing the responsibility of men at 18 instead of 21 years.

At the Northwest caucus to-day it became evident that a compromise was the only possibility and Mr. Dowell of Saskatchewan was unanimously elected leader. Mr. McDowell, who is absent, has still a few supporters left. Meanwhile Mr. Davin gives notice of a bill to amend the Dominion Lands Act.

The question of disallowance will be a burning one this session. Deputations are coming from Winnipeg and other parts on the subject and the Opposition will probably make it a strong point of attack.

Notice is given of three Government measures to-night, all for Wednesday. They are bills to establish the Department of Trade and Commerce, to amend the law in relation to the procedure in criminal cases, and to amend the act respecting public offices.

Mr. T. G. Blackstock had an interview today with the Minister of Inland Revenue, on business affecting Gooderham & Worts' distillery.

Mr. Joseph Hoak, contractor for the erection of the new Military School at London, was in the city to-day and had a lengthy interview with Hon. John Carling.

Senators Sullivan and Turner arrived to-day to attend to their sessional duties.

A very successful conversazione, under the auspices of the staff of the geological survey, was given in the Museum Building this evening. The Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne were present.

Mr. G. R. Pugsley, President of the Regina and Long Lake Railway Company, is dangerously ill in this city with inflammation of the lungs. His wife has been telegraphed for to Regina. Mr. Pugsley is well known in Toronto.

Toronto Vocal Society's concert to-night. Mdlle. Artari in operatic selections from her own repertoire. Reserved seats 50 cents and $1. Admission 25 cents.

Mr. Fraser's Pictures Excluded.

MONTREAL, April 18.—Mr. John A. Fraser, R.C.A., of Boston, formerly of Montreal and Toronto, arrived here yesterday and is staying at the St. Lawrence Hall. Mr. Fraser last summer visited British Columbia and spent some time in the Rocky Mountains at the suggestion of Sir George Stephen, and there produced a number of works which he has had on exhibition in Boston and New York. He had kept these paintings for exhibition at the annual show of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art, which opens next week, but is debarred from so doing owing to official neglect to notify him of the time and place of holding the exhibition. Mr. Fraser is of opinion that he was not notified because his pictures might detract from the work of others on the same subjects who intended exhibiting.

An Old Time Fireplace.

One of the most congenial open fireplaces in the City of Toronto is in the members' smoking-room down at the Parliament Buildings. Great logs of wood crackle on its iron dogs all through the session. A picture worthy of an artist would be to transcribe to canvas Mr. Ballantyne of Perth, Mr. Blezard of Peterboro, or good-natured looking Mr. Rayside of Glengarry, as they sit before the old fireplace discussing the weather and crops with Moses Oates and puffing continually at a big-bowled pipe, the ruddy glare from the burning logs throwing a legislative halo of wisdom around their ample persons.

More Election Petitions.

At Osgoode Hall yesterday a petition was filed in the Common Pleas Division by John White against the return of S. B. Burdette, the Reform member for East Hastings in the House of Commons. The charges are corrupt practices and undue influences. A petition signed by Col. B. Tisdale of Simcoe was filed in the Court of Appeal against the return of Joseph Jackson in North Norfolk, and a cross petition against the one filed, opposing Col. Tisdale, a few days ago.

Admitted that He Forged a Pay-Order.

Arthur Moffatt, formerly a brakeman on the Grand Trunk, admitted in the Police Court yesterday that he forged the name of John Sinclair to a pay-order on March 18 last, and drew $36.96 from Paymaster W. S. Champ. George Leslie, who was held as an accomplice, was discharged. Moffatt was sent to the Assizes for trial.

A Female Fortune-Teller in Court.

Gertrude Woolfield of No. 9 Givens-street was charged in the Police Court with telling fortunes. Mrs. A. Cubbidge and a number of young girls are the complainants. No evidence was taken, and the case was remanded till to-morrow.

The Toronto Vocal Society's concert to-night at the Pavilion. Reserved seats 50 cents and $1. Admission 25 cents.

Seizing Illegal Sporting Tackle.

Early yesterday morning Island Constable Ward seized fourteen decoy ducks which were being used by a sportsman at Ashbridges Bay. The owner managed to escape before the constable came up with him. Saturday morning Mr. Ward seized 500 yards of pike net in the same waters.

TORONTO GETS THE GRANT.

Government Will Give $10,000 for the Dominion Exhibition.

The following despatch was received yesterday by Mr. Fred Nicholls, Secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association:

OTTAWA, April 18.—Government have decided to give Dominion exhibition grant to Toronto this year. JOHN CARLING.

THE TORONTO ATHLETIC CLUB.

A Committee Settles Several Matters of Detail—General Spots of Sport.

At a committee meeting held last evening sub committees were appointed on grounds, colors, uniform, membership, etc. Mr. H. J. P. Good was elected a member of committee vice E. H. Walsh resigned. It was decided to give the West End a recording officer by replacing Mr. Wyatt by Mr. H. W. Church as Assistant Secretary. Mr. Wyatt was delegated to the committee, and with Pres. Pearson was appointed Hon. Handicapper. A. C. McDonell reported Alld. C. E. Denison had placed the Western Driving Park at the disposal of the club for the practice of the West End members, and a vote of thanks to the alderman was heartily put and passed. The "tramps" to Lambton Mills were so well pleased with their treatment last Saturday afternoon that it was decided to arrange another tramp there for next Saturday at 3.30 p.m. sharp, the meet to be at the guns, Queen's Park.

Bubear Arrives at New York.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Bubear, champion oarsman of England, arrived to-day.

No Baseball Scores.

Owing to some mishap at Buffalo, The World did not receive its record of baseball games played yesterday.

Spots of Sport.

The Syracuse club is especially strong in base running.

It is stated on pretty good authority that the Hamiltons have secured as first base McQuerry, late first for Kansas City.

A baseball league is to be formed to include Listowel, Palmerston, Wroxeter, Mount Forest, Durham and Arthur.

AMUSEMENTS.

Keene in "Hamlet" at the Grand, and "Clio" at the Toronto.

A fair audience greeted Mr. Thos. W. Keene at the Grand Opera House last night when he commenced a short engagement, presenting "Hamlet." Mr. Keene as the melancholy Dane was highly appreciated by the audience, and the support throughout was worthy of the most difficult of the tragedies of Shakespeare. Miss Arden as "Ophelia" showed considerable dramatic talent and especially acted the mad scene with much pathos. Mr. Keene did more justice to Polonius than the most of those who assume that part, having kept the ridiculous subordinate to what he really is in the play, viz., the counsellor and loyal subject. The support all through was good. "Richelieu" will be played to-night, "Lady of Lyons" at to-morrow's matinee, and "The Merchant of Venice" to-morrow night.

Bartley Campbell's spectacular drama "Clio" was presented at the Toronto Opera House last night, opening a week's engagement. The play was elegantly mounted, well dressed and presented by a good company. It is well known in Toronto, having been played here last season, and needs no lengthy notice. Miss Jean Duthie in the part of Fabian in good style and was well supported. The ballet, led by Mlle. Adele Cornalba, was a most attractive feature. Matinee to-day and to-morrow.

"Under the Gaslight" will be the attraction at the Grand the latter part of this week.

All the theatre-loving public of Toronto will probably see Wilson Barrett at the Grand next Tuesday and Wednesday evening, when he will appear in a triple bill of tragedy, drama and comedy: "Chatterton," "The Color Sergeant" and "A Clerical Error."

The sixth concert of the Chamber Music Association was held in Shaftesbury Hall last night before a fair-sized audience. Messrs. Jacobsen, Bayley, Fisher and Correll played a Beethoven quartet for two violins, viola and 'cello, and, with Miss Elwell, a quintet for the same instruments and piano. These numbers, as well as a piano and 'cello duet by Miss Elwell and Mr. Correll were quite pleasing. The vocalists were Mrs. MacKelcan of Hamilton, and Miss Gertrude Lewis, the popular Toronto, and Miss L. Gertrude Lewis, the possessor of a soprano voice of great strength and clearness; both were encored.

A concert under the auspices of the Band of Hope was given in the Church of the Ascension school house last night. A chief feature was the playing of the Toronto Banjo Club.

The concert of the Toronto Vocal Society is on for this evening. A satisfactory rehearsal took place last night. The president, Mr. J. K. Kerr, presented each of the members with a silver monogram, and, in his great surprise, he in turn was given a copy of the same monogram in black and enamel.

Young Conservatives in Session.

The regular meeting of the Toronto Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association was held this evening in room "T" Yonge-street Arcade, the President, Mr. J. A. Worrell, in the chair. Some members expressed their surprise at the fact that no communication had been received from the Young Liberal Club in regard to a joint debate.

In Parliamentary Division took place on a motion by R. O. McCulloch, (Waterloo), seconded by W. D. McPherson, (West Middlesex), providing for the use of the English language only in debates, records and journals of the Houses of Parliament. Dr. Strangway, leader of the Opposition, opposed the motion and was followed by H. V. Knight, (Bonaventure), H. Baldwin, (West York), and W. G. Nelson, (Peel), in support of the motion, and by W. Morton (Three Rivers) and J. Featherstonhaugh (Compton). T. A. Morris (Ottawa) moved the adjournment of the House.

An Example for Volunteers.

James McAllister was convicted yesterday of neglecting to return his rifle into store when called upon by his commanding officer in the Royal Grenadiers. He was fined $20 and costs or 10 days. The officers of both city regiments complain of men getting rifles and uniforms and failing to turn out to drill. Even when called upon they neglect to return their arms. It is hoped that this case will prove a warning.

Church Womans' Mission Aid of Toronto Division.

The eighth annual meeting of the above society will take place in the Synod room, Wellington-street, to-morrow at 3 p.m. The Bishop of Toronto will preside and it is hoped that the Bishop of Algoma and the Rev. Dr. Mockridge will be present and deliver addresses on mission work. All members of the society, the clergy and all others interested in mission work are cordially invited to attend.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Young Liberal's Club met last night and adjourned to attend the anti-coercion mass meeting.

Miss B. Livingston, 175 Elizabeth-street, ran a crochet needle into her hand yesterday and Dr. Schofield, Elm-street, cut it out.

Hon. Charles S. May, ex-Lieutenant-Governor, lectured in Richmond-street Methodist Church last night on "The Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic."

Edward Tinsley, a boy residing at 121 Elizabeth-street, lost three fingers yesterday in an explosion caused by his foolishly placing a quantity of powder in a stove.

Messrs. H. H. Dewart and R. Patching of the Young Men's Liberal Club will be Toronto delegates at dinner of the Hamilton Young Men's Liberal Club to-night.

The remains of ex-Ald. Robert Janes, who represented St. James' Ward in the City Council for several years, were laid at rest yesterday. Deceased was 81 years of age.

Edward Tinsley, aged 13, is lying, painfully injured, at his home at 132 Elizabeth-street, by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge with which he was playing yesterday morning.

Daniel Farragher was once more charged in the Police Court yesterday with robbing Wm Henry, a St. Marys blacksmith, of $250 on the Esplanade a week ago. The case was enlarged till April 25, bail being refused.

At a meeting of a sub-committee of the Board of Works, to whom the matter was referred, it was decided to call for tenders for Section 3, Don River improvements, which Manning and Macdonald asked to be given them.

Mr. William Johnson, who is well known in Toronto, has opened a registry office for all kinds of labor at 109 York-street. He has deposited a $1000 bond with the Mayor as a guarantee to both those looking for help and those looking for work.

Saturday evening James Ward and Henry Dougherty brutally assaulted Oliver Dorban at Queen and Claremont-streets. Dougherty was the more brutal of the two, and yesterday Magistrate Denison sent him to the Central Prison for six months. Ward was fined $20 and costs.

If you go to New York you will find the Grand Union Hotel, opposite the Grand Central Depot, a good place to stop. You can get an excellent room for $1.00 a day. The restaurant is first-class and moderate in price. The fact that it is always full is the best argument in its favor.

THE CRIMES ACT DEBATE,

THE SECOND READING OF THE MEASURE AGREED TO.

Mr. Sexton Endeavors to Persuade the House to Reinstate His Friend Mr. Healy, Suspended for Calling Major Saunderson a Liar.

LONDON, April 18.—In the House of Commons Col. King-Harman, the new Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Ireland, for the first time since his appointment answered interrogations respecting Irish affairs. Upon rising he was greeted with cheers by the Government supporters and with groans and derisive cheers by the Parnellites. He stated in response to a question that since March 1 only two tenants have been evicted from the Marquis of Lansdowne's estates. These two evictions, however, had involved the eviction of sixteen sub-tenants.

Mr. Sexton asked whether the Government would consent to rescind the suspension of Mr. Healy.

Mr. W. H. Smith replied for the Government that the duty they had to discharge on Friday night was most disagreeable. The Government were sorry they were forced to ask that Mr. Healy be named for transgressing the orders of the House. It would be utterly out of the question, however, when no apology had been given for the breach of the decencies of debate, to rescind the suspension. No motion that might be made to that effect could be entertained without the general concurrence of the House.

Mr. Sexton inquired if it was competent for him to move the rescinding of Mr. Healy's suspension.

Speaker Peel replied that no motion would be competent unless it appeared on the papers of the House.

Mr. Sexton continuing, said that in the absence of Mr. Healy he was authorized for him to say that if Major Saunderson withdrew the offensive charges to which Mr. Healy's language was in reply, Mr. Healy would withdraw the expressions deemed by the House offensive.

Mr. Jacob Bright asked why it was when two members of the House committed the same offence one of them was suspended while the other was not.

The Speaker said that, in ordinary circumstances, he would decline to answer that question or any question implying that his action was not impartial, but in the present circumstances he would explain that in the second instance in which the breach of the rules of the House had been committed (that of the "Times") an apology had followed the withdrawal of the expression causing the breach.

Mr. Sexton moved that Mr. Healy be heard at the bar of the House.

The Speaker declared that that could not be done.

Mr. Sexton thereupon asked Major Saunderson to withdraw his assertions regarding Mr. Healy, which had exasperated him into making the responses for which he was suspended.

Major Saunderson remained silent.

Mr. Gladstone put to him direct the question whether he was prepared to render the House any assistance by the withdrawal of his offensive expressions.

The Conservatives cried out: "No," "no!" "Don't," "don't!"

Major Saunderson arose and said he had never alluded to Mr. Healy directly or indirectly,