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SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED LAND PURCHASE BILL.

Another Plot Against Prince Ferdinand's Life—Bismarck Making Preparations in View of His Retirement—A German Socialist Leader Declares for the Restoration of the Reichsland.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The new Land Purchase Bill will not be limited to $100,000,000. It will provide for combining the Landed Estates Court and the Land Commission into a single great tribunal for the settlement of all land disputes and will simplify and cheapen the transfer of land.

The Parnell party propose to give a great public funeral to the late Mr. Biggar.

Preparing for War.

[Dunlap's Cable News Service.]

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg has been appealed to by the citizens of Schwerin, the capital of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, to use his influence to prevent the transfer of the Schwerin rifle battalion to Colmar in Alsace. The Grand Duke replied that while he regretted the necessity of the step it was true that the Emperor, wishing to fortify the western frontier of the Empire, desired to give all the German races an opportunity to shed their blood in repelling the first attack on the fatherland.

"Moral Insanity" Not a Crime.

[Dunlap's Cable News Service.]

VIENNA, Feb. 19.—The Countess Sorotta was released to-day from prison and as she left the door she was greeted by the girl whom she had courted and wedded while disguised as a man. The two girls appear devoted to each other. They live together and will not consent to be separated. The legal authorities have decided that the charge of moral insanity upon which the Countess was arrested and imprisoned cannot stand, as moral insanity is not now recognized.

Better He Look Oudt.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—At a meeting in the interest of Herr Doerr, a workman who is a candidate for the Reichstag, at Bingen today Herr Joest, a Socialist leader, declared the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France was necessary. He also said the personal qualities of the French were incomparably superior to those of the Germans. French workmen, he declared, were the brothers of the German workmen, while the German bourgeoisie were their enemies.

It Depends Upon England.

PARIS, Feb. 19—The Temps says: The attitude of France towards the Labor Conference proposed by the Emperor of Germany depends upon England. If England refuses to take part in the conference the project will collapse. If, however, England decides to participate it is evident the conference will become a possibility and equally clear that it will be devoid of danger for us or others.

Sunk in a Collision.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The steamer Highgate collided with the ship Sovereign in a fog off Lunday Island to-day and sank. Thirteen persons from the steamer have landed at Milford Haven. A boat containing six others is missing.

The Electoral Campaign in Germany.

[Dunlap's Cable News Service.]

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Excitement is running high in the electoral campaign, especially as regards the Socialists, who have apparently concerted riotous demonstrations all over the empire to such an extent as to call for the intervention of the military power. In Saxony, Alsace, Silesia and the entire city of Konigsberg Socialist addresses have been posted on the walls and torn down by the police. At Schneidemuchl a man caught in the act of posting Liberal literature was arrested in a stable and conveyed fettered in an open wagon to the court. In Konigsberg the police confiscated all Liberal pamphlets and placards. Count Saldern in an electoral speech at Templin said that war with France and Russia threatened in the near future. The Tagblatt accuses the police and gensd'armes in the province of Posen with distributing Conservative pamphlets.

Rioting Feared.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—An extra force of police is on duty in all the principal thoroughfares to-night in consequence of the apprehension of disorders due to the elections.

Bismarck's Proposed Retirement.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The Freissinger Zeitung says Prince Bismarck has ordered an inventory to be made of his pesonal effects in the palace or ministerial residence in the Wilhelmstrasse, in view of his resignation and retirement. The semi-official papers indicate Herr Bottischer as the Prince's successor and refer to him in terms of high commendation. The Hamburger Nachrichten admits there was a difference of opinion between the Emperor and Bismarck before the imperial edicts were issued, but says a compromise was reached later.

Labor's Moses.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—It is said the Emperor has studied the labor question for eighteen months. When he was convinced European peace was assured he began to consult experts in every class in order to select data. It is unlikely that Russia or America will be invited to the conference.

The Kaiser's Popularity.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The socialists here had a public meeting to-night and passed a vote of thanks to the Emperor of Germany for the Imperial rescripts.

Ferdinand in Peril.

SOFIA, Feb. 19.—Another plot against the life of Prince Ferdinand is believed to be on foot.

A New French Loan Rumored.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The Bourse is depressed in consequence of a rumor that M. Rouvier, Finance Minister, proposes to invite a new loan of 500,000,000 francs.

20,000 Rifles Ordered.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Argentine Republic has ordered 20,000 rifles from the St. Cyr factory.

Cable Flashes.

The influenza has been very severe among the British troops in Egypt.

At Buckaw, near Magdeburg, all the employes of the great machine shop are on strike.

Luxembourg has appointed delegates to the Labor Conference to be held at Berne, Switzerland.

A fierce riot broke out at Breslau Wednesday. Many people were wounded and arrested by the police.

The Swiss Government has issued the program which is to form the basis of the inquiries of the Labor Conference.

Miss Vincent, paramour of L. H. Isaacs, M.P. for Newington Wallworth, has been committed for trial on the charge of shooting her betrayer.

President Carnot has invited the principal American residents of Paris to a great reception at the Elysee in honor of President Harrison.

An attempt to throw the Paris & Cologne express train off the track was made Wednesday near Charleroi. Two heavy boards were tied to the rails by some villain who escaped detection.

Crowds of people in Muelheim, a province of Saxony, provoked a tumult during a speech of Weddel Friesdorf, the Imperial House Minister. The corps of Uhlans was called out and many people were wounded; one young girl was dangerously crushed.

The steamship Teutonic took out from Liverpool Wednesday 1100 passengers, of whom 200 were in the saloon. Among the latter was Lord Morfeth, eldest son of the Earl of Carlisle, who is going to make a tour of the United States. Howard Potter and family and Duncan McIntyre of Montreal.

The English missionaries in South Africa are growing emulous of the Americans, who vastly outnumber them and are much better organized. Fifty curates of small parishes in Scotland and Wales have been ordered to sail from Southampton next week for the dark continent. The Irish Roman Catholic Church also intends to send a contingent to Nyassaland.

WHOLESALE INCENDIARISM.

Resulting from the Race Troubles in North Carolina.

[C.P.R. Press Despatch.]

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 19.—News reaches here to-day of serious negro incendiary troubles at Rocky Mount. It seems that the negroes have become incensed at the opposition of the whites to the negro exodus movement and determined to avenge themselves by burning the town. On Sunday night the buildings of the Wilmington Oil Company were burned to the ground. On Monday night the carriage works and machine shops of Hackney Bros., including three large buildings, were burned, entailing a loss of $15,000. Again last night incendiaries fired the buildings of the Rocky Mount fair grounds in a suburb of the town, which were burned to the ground. The object of the incendiaries is to decoy people from the town so that the work of destruction might be completed. The town is thoroughly aroused and is under patrol of a strong posse of citizens. Rocky Mount Light Infantry have been ordered out. A number of suspected parties are under surveillance and will be promptly arrested if there is further trouble.

MANITOBA'S FINANCES.

The Estimated Expenditure $670,000, Revenue $970,000—The Bill to Abolish Separate Schools.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19.—In the Legislative Assembly this afternoon the bill abolishing Separate Schools was introduced.

Col. McMillan, Provincial Treasurer, delivered his Budget Speech. He dwelt on the saving effected by the Greenway Government since it came into power. He alleged that the entrance of the Northern Pacific into the country had caused a great saving to farmers and he also said that the branches constructed by the Canadian Pacific throughout the country had increased the acreage and greatly benefitted the farmers.

Bringing down the estimates he showed that the estimated expenditure for the year would be nearly $670,000 against $514,000 for last year. For the Attorney-General's Department $127,000 was asked against $72,383 last year. The increase was caused by the amount required for establishing the new system of land title offices. For agriculture and immigration nearly $90,000 was asked against $45,000 last year. The increase is to promote immigration work more vigorously. For legislation $43,000 is wanted against $38,000 last year. For the Railway Commissioners' Department $36,000 is wanted and for public works $320,000. For the Department of Education $120,000 is required. Provision is made in the estimates for granting aid to the Hudson Bay Railway which subject received considerable attention from the Treasurer.

The total estimated revenue is $622,000 which with interest on outstanding loans to municipalities etc., will swell it to nearly $970,000. From land titles $60,000 is expected, liquor licenses $39,000, and from interest $46,000. The subsidy is $435,000.

At the evening session there was a vigorous debate on the estimates which lasted until midnight. Attorney-General Martin was attacked by the Opposition. Several lively scrimmages took place.

ONTARIO'S PRISONERS.

The Jailers Meet and Talk on Needed Prison Reforms—Interview with the Premier.

A meeting of the Ontario Jailers' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Rossin House. The only members present were: President John Cameron (Woodstock), Warden Massie, P. Kelly (London), and J. Dawson, Algoma. The President explained that the chief object for which the meeting was called was to interview the Government in regard to the improvement of the prison system. He thought it would be well to ask that commissioners be appointed to investigate the present system and report on its evils. In this way he thought the Government would see the necessity for sweeping changes.

He was followed by Warden Massie and Mr. Dawson, who both spoke in the same strain. On invitation of the association Rev. Le Roy Hooker, H. B. Taylor, J. E. Pell and Dr. Roseburgh were present, and the latter two spoke briefly on prison reform.

Later in the day Rev. A.F. McGregor, Rev. Le Roy Hooker and Governor Cameron waited on Mr. Mowat with the object of securing certain prison reforms. They ask for the appointment of a commissioner to enquire into the present management of prisons. Their principal grievance is that the jails are now under the direct authority of the sheriff, governor and county councils, making the system complicated and unwieldy, and they want a uniform management under one head.

"I suppose you will take it into your serious consideration," said Mr. Cameron. The Premier smiled.

Tutti Frutti for the Breath.

OPPOSED TO IMP. FED.

Mr. David's Proposed Resolution in the Quebec Assembly.

QUEBEC, Feb. 19.—It is rumored that an attempt is to be made to mar the effect of the loyalty resolution recently passed by the House of Commons and that Mr. L. O. David, M.L.A. for Montreal East, intend introducing a motion in the Assembly deprecating any attempt at Imperial Federation and expressing a desire for closer relations with the United States.

THE BELLEVILLE MURDER.

No Evidence Against Richard Arnott—Discharged from Custody.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 19.—Richard Arnott, brother of the man suspected of the murder of Hannah Cole, was brought before the Police Court this morning. As the prisoner denied any connection with the affair and as there was no testimony against him he was discharged.

IS IT DAVIES?

The Frozen Body of a Man Found on the Island of Orleans.

QUEBEC, Feb. 19.—The body of a man frozen stiff was found on the Island of Orleans this morning and a report is current that it is that of Davies, the missing agent of Bryant, Powers & Bryant. The authorities are very silent on the subject.

He Was a "Fake" Suspect.

[C.P.R. Press Despatch.]

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—J. B. Kelly escorted by four detectives arrived here this evening from St. Louis and was taken to Police Headquarters, where he was examined by parties who had seen "Simonds" and Smith. They failed to recognize him and he will be released

Train Wreckers Sentenced.

WINDSOR, Feb. 19.—Emanuel Wilkes and Charles Wilson, the two colored youths convicted of trying to wreck trains on the Walkerville Railway, were each sentenced to four years in Kingston Penitentiary this morning by Magistrate Bartlett.

Yellow Fever in Brazil.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Yellow fever is playing havoc with the population of Cometa in the Province of Para, Brazil, having within six weeks carried off more than one-third of the population.

Heavy Snowstorm in York State.

SARANAC LAKE, Feb. 19.—The heaviest fall of snow this winter occurred yesterday and during the night throughout the Adirondacks. The lumbermen are in high spirits, as it will enable them to get their logs to water. The mercury here stands 6 degrees above zero to-night.

John S*** has not got the collectorship yet but the public can and do appreciate the value in German collars recently imported by A. White, 65 King-street west. Not dead yet but thoroughly alive to the interest of our patrons.

How the Choir Pleased the Audience.

All Saints' Church choir, assisted by Miss Langstaff and Miss Miller, gave a very successful concert in the school house. The programme consisted of choruses, glees quartets, duets and solos, violin and cornet solos by Messrs. Garratt and Newton. The boys in their song "Johnnie Schmoker" acquitted themselves creditably. Miss Langstaff sang in her usual style and received well-merited encores. Miss Miller's song was also well received. The singing was exceptionally good, especially the choruses and glees by the men and reflect great credit upon Mr. G. H. Fairclough, the organist and choirmaster. The rector, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, presided.

HOW OUR LEGISLATORS TOIL

THEY WORKED HARD FOR THREE HOURS YESTERDAY.

New Measures Brought In—Others Got Second Reading—Settlers' Rights and the Pine Lands—Politics in a Bar-Room—Ballot and School Elections—University Grant To-day.

The Assembly sat until 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and during the three hours' session transacted a lot of solid business. A number of bills passed their second reading and the usual quota of new measures were introduced.

Mr. Marter asked for a return showing what applications have been made for payments out of the consolidated revenue in respect of the dues on pine trees, also the aggregate sum which patentees of lands are entitled to receive out of the dues collected on pine trees cut after the date of their patents.

The rights of the settlers were advocated. Mr. Meredith claiming that great as are the lumbering interests of the country the protection of those who settle the new sections of the province should be the paramount object of the Legislature.

Squire Phelps got to his feet and in speaking referred to the "bogus settlers" of the province.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands finally intimated that there would be some relaxation of the present law.

Mr. Marter then asked for a rerurn as to the appointment of W. H. Spencer, police magistrate for Muskoka and Parry Sound. This appointment the mover claimed was quite unnecessary.

The Hon. Member Complimented.

Mr. Hardy replied, and in the course of his speech ironically complimented Mr. Marter. "The honorable member knows too much," said the Commissioner.

"I do," said Mr. Marter.

Mr. Hardy: "Yes, he is a very knowing member."

The assertion had been made that Mr. Roe cer had often talked Grit politics in a Muskoka bar-room.

"Why," said the Commissioner, "there is no man in Muskoka who won't talk politics in a bar-room—when he can get there. [Laughter.] The honorable member must have been there to have heard him." [Renewed laughter.]

Mr. Meredith: "A nice place for a Scott Act magistrate to be in." The leader of the Opposition protested against the payment of a salary to this officer and contended that while the Government had power to appoint a magistrate of this kind under the Scott Act that power ceased when the act went out of existence.

Attorney-General replied that he knew of no case with the exception of this one in which the Government paid a police magistrate for his service. Here one of his cabinet whispered another instance and the Premier continued, "at least very few." The motion then carried.

The Ballot in School Board Elections.

Mr. Clarke of Wellington asked for a return showing the number and designation of school boards in the cities, towns and incorporated villages in Ontario which have and have not adopted the use of the ballot at annual school elections.

The Minister of Education replied briefly that the number of school boards entitled to use the ballot was 231 and those actually using it 81. Further information would be brought down later.

Mr. French moved for a return of all cases in which fines or penalties imposed by any court have been remitted or proceedings for the recovery of them have been stayed by the action of the Executive Government or any member thereof, and of all cases in which persons liable upon recognizances of bail have been released from liability or the proceedings against them have been stayed by the like action, with the reasons for the action taken in each case.

The motion carried.

Mr. Waters got a second reading of his bill to amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act. It was the first measure to be referred to the Municipal Committee this session. Mr. French's bill to amend the Surrogate Courts Act was also passed through its second reading, as was also Mr. Waters' bill to amend the Municipal Act.

The University Grant.

Before the House adjourned the Minister of Education announced that the matter of the university grant would be brought up to-day. He expected to be able to submit to the Assembly a statement of the financial standing of the university, the income and expenditure for 1889.

Dr. Carscaden, the Reform ex-M.L.A. who, it was alleged, was one of those approached in the noted bribery scandal of March, 1884, had a seat in the gallery yesterday.

Capt. Maisonville of Walkerville had a seat on the floor of the House.

A deputation consisting of Mr. Conmee, M.L.A., Mr. Lyon, M.L.A., T. W. Dobbie and W. Young, representing the municipality of Rat Portage, asked the Government to aid them in the assistance they are giving the Lake of the Woods Milling & Lumber Company located at Rat Portage. They are giving the company $10,000 and they want the Government to further assist the concern.

Call and secure bargains at the clearing sale of furniture, upholstered goods, mixed and woven wire mattrasses. The People's Furniture Warerooms, 161 Yonge. street.

Their Onward Look.

A special meeting of the shareholders in the Niagara Assembly was held yesterday afternoon in Temperance Hall. J. N. Lake presided, and present were William Houston, Dr. Withrow, Dr. Potts, Mr. Tackaberry, R. Brown, John Donough, M. Gibbs, R. W. Warren and W. A. Warren, Niagara.

The program for the coming season was foreshadowed and will be equal to anything that has yet been presented. The hotel arrangements are nearly completed at moderate rates.

Bylaws relating to the issuing of $50,000 of preference stock were unanimously passed. The subscription to the stock amounts already to $7000. The balance will be open to the public.

Families leaving the city or giving up housekeeping can have their furniture carefully stored at moderate cost with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

Men's Fur Coats for Sale at Special Low Figures.

W. & D. Dineen, hatters and furriers on corner of King and Yonge-streets, are offering for sale a number of very valuable Persian lamb, seal, beaver, Bokhara and genuine Astrachan fur coats for gentlemen at very low figures for cash. Also about fifty very serviceable black Corsican dog coats at $18, sold all season at $25. These Corsican dog coats are made from black curly dog skins and are strong as buffalo—are just the coats for drivers or anyone exposed to the weather. See them at Dineen's on corner King and Yonge-streets.

Manufacturers, by warehousing their surplus stock with Mitchell, Miller & Co., receive negotiable warehouse receipts.

Making It Hot for Them.

It is about this time of year that the bartender "makes it hot" for the customer. This atrocious joke is sprung upon a long-suffering and tired community at this season for the purpose of calling the attention of natty flip dispensers to quinn's peerless fifty-cent, extra heavy corded black silk four-in-hands.

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Erie Railway Flyer Always on Time.

Leaving Toronto at 2.50 p.m. is the latest train to New York arriving at 8.20 a.m. Through parlor and sleeping car line.

HER IDENTITY DOUBTFUL.

Died at the Hospital of Pneumonia—Was She Mary Lindsay?

The unknown woman who was brought to the hospital from York Mills, where she had been found lying behind a stone pile in an insensible condition, died at 10 o'clock last night from pneumonia, brought on by exposure. She was unconscious to the last. Before her arrival at the hospital she recovered sufficiently to say that she lived over the Don and that she knew Rev. W. F. Wilson. In the hope that her identity might be discovered the latter was sent for, but though the senseless face seemed familiar he could not recall her personality. An examination by the physicians showed no marks of violence. She was about 40 years of age and wore a long light cloth ulster with a double row of buttons down the front and trimmed with rabbit-skin cuffs and collarette. A visitor at the hospital yesterday volunteered the information that the woman's name was Mary Lindsay and that she was a Roman Catholic of Irish birth. The account as yet lacks corroboration and the police are trying to solve the mystery.

POLITICS IN EAST YORK.

Stormy Conservative Meeting—The Markham Contingent Down the Boys from St. Matthew's—A Convention to Be Held.

Mr. T. Hood is president of the Conservative Association of East York, and peace once more reigns over the constituency. The annual meeting of the association held yesterday afternoon in the Town Hall at Markham was of the stormiest description, and several times it seemed as though blows would be exchanged.

From the first there appeared to be a deadlock between the Toronto (St. Matthew's Ward) and Markham factions, each trying to outwit the other at every possible opportunity. Over one hundred delegates from Toronto were present.

The excitement was intense. The row first started when a motion passed at a former meeting was ordered to be erased from the minutes. This provoked a discussion in every statement made by the Toronto delegates was repulsed by the Markham party. But the real fun began when the question of president came up. T. Hood, C. A. McKinnon, W. Milligan and Mr. Williamson were nominated. Williamson and Milligan dropped out, leaving Mr. Hood and Mr. McKinnon in the field.

Ald. E. A. Macdonald wanted the vote taken at once by ballot, but he was opposed by the Markham faction in a vigorous manner. E. A. held the floor against them all and refused to "come off the perch" as they fiercely requested him to do. With unfaltering courage he faced the angry crowd with a smile and said: Gentlemen, I insist upon having my motion put to the meeting. I did not come here to be quashed and I am bound to win in the end. The scene that followed was disgraceful. Cries of "Come down," "Knock him down," etc., were heard and it was with the greatest difficulty that peace could finally be restored. After the deadlock had been broken Mr. T. Hood was elected president and Mr. J. J. Barker secretary and treasurer.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. Ritchie, Ald. Macdonald, James Robinson, Mr. Gibson and others, including the elected officers. Secretary Barker was voted the sum of $20 for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next convention at York.

The vice-presidents elected are Adam Hood and C. A. McKinnon (York), E. A. Macdonald (St. Matthew's Ward), W. Brown (Richmond Hill), John Cooper (St. Paul's Ward), Mr. Bolton (Chester Village), N. Garland (North Toronto), Mr. Curtis (East Toronto).

The Toronto men feel pretty well satisfied over the results, although they were defeated in their nominee. The fact that Ald. Macdonald "downed" the Markhamites lay his eloquence when he was ordered to stand down, compensates them for the trouble, and they feel that they have more than gained their point.

Among the "big workers" present from the city were Frank Turner, Charles Ritchie, Ald. E. A. Macdonald, C. A. McKinnon, George Malloy, J. C. Allan, S. Beatty, W. J. Smith, William Marshall, W. A. Allen, John McDonald, J. J. Cosgrave, H. Neild, Street Commissioner Jones.

Another West Ender in the Field.

Another name is to be added to the list of aspirants to the position of Catholic nominee on the Board of License Commissioners. A Reformer who claims to be unbiased says that the two "Dans" are out of the running, and there is a general desire to compromise on ex-Ald. John Mallon of Brocktom. He is a fairly strong man in Reform politics and boasts that he has never yet asked his party for a favor.

Woman's Medical College.

The ladies of this city interested in the medical education of women will hold a meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Y.M.C.A. building, Yonge-street., to make arrangements for the opening of the new college and take steps to raise the funds for the furnishing of the building and the liquidation of the debt. Any lady interested in this matter is invited to be present and will be cordially welcome.

Wiman's Great Gift.

There is to be a boom in the Wiman baths at the east point of the Island next summer. Mr. J. J. Withrow, who has been managing the gift up to date, will call a meeting of the other trustees shortly with a view of taking steps to make them more popular than they have been in the past. It is probable that the city will be asked to put its hand in its pocket in connection with the matter.

A Serious Time for the Poor.

"The past four weeks," said Relief Officer Taylor to The World yesterday, "has been a severe time on the poor, and I never saw so many applicants for relief in a similar period before. The unhealthy weather and extreme prevalence of sickness, which was the natural consequence, has kept me busy. However, to-day and yesterday there was a considerable decrease in the number of applicants.

Visiting Jewelers.

The following American jewelry travelers are circulating through the town:

J. Bunn of the Illinois Watch Company.

E. C. Clark of C. W. Cheever & Co., Attleboro, Mass.

D. Smith of Bessey, Swift & Co., Attleboro, Mass.

J. Sallinzer of Luther Bros., Providence.

Actions for Slander.

Mr. Alfred McDougall, for Mr. James A. McMurtry, has issued a writ against Lawyer Joseph Denovan for $5000 damages for slander.

Mr. C. A. Durand, for Mr. E. R. L. Halfhead, has brought an action against Mr. W. L. Cheeseworth for $1500 damages for slander.

Say, have you seen that unbreakable trunk that East is selling for $5; it is his own make and has a double lock.

$500 for His Bay Gelding.

Mr. John Townsend has brought an action against the city for $500 damages, which he alleges he sustained through an accident on Yonge-street owing to the defective condition of that street, by which a bay gelding owned by him was injured.

The Flags on the School Houses.

A deputation will meet Mr. Ross (Minister of Education) at the Legislative building to-day at 2 p.m. to urge the flying of the Canadian flag on every school house in the land.

The St. George's Railway Accident.

The actions against the G.T.R. arising out of the St. George accident were proceeded with yesterday at Osgoode Hall and a number of witnesses for the plaintiffs examined. The cases will be continued to-day.

Stop Watches.

Intricate and complicated watch work my forte. E. Beston, High Grade Watch Specialist, opposite Postoffice.

A LULL IN THE WORDY STORM

GIVES OCCASION TO SURVEY THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA.

Sir John Thompson's Amendment the Dominant Topic at the Capital—Likelihood of Its Adoption—Mr. Chapleau's Position—Mr. Edgar Disinclined to Put Himself on Record.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Sir John Thompson's amendment condemning the preamble of Mr. McCarthy's bill and postponing further action for the present, for that is what it does, is the chief topic of discussion among the politicians to-day and the general opinion seems to be that it will be carried by a majority much larger than that by which Mr. Beausoleil's amendment was defeated.

It seemed a surprising thing that the only French member to vote against that amendment on Tuesday night should have been Hon. J. A. Chapleau, who had been popularly credited to be more ready than anyone to go on strike on the frallest excuse of an infringement upon French privileges. On this occasion, however, the moderate tone of his speech and his manly vote with the English majority showed him to be capable of resisting the blind appeal to French passion made on behalf of the Beausoleil amendment.

He took a leading part in drafting the amendment proposed by Sir John Thompson and of which Mr. Chapleau is the seconder. This amendment, it will be noticed, is built upon the proposition submitted by Hon. Edward Blake, but is more definite, for while he leaves a settlement to some undefined time in the future, Sir John Thompson proposes that the Legislative Assembly may deal with it at any time after the next elections. By passing the Thompson amendment the House will not confer power on the Territorial Assembly to deal with the matter. The proposition to confer such power will come up later on and then perhaps all the debate will be repeated.

Mr. Edgar appears to have shirked the vote on Tuesday. Though in the city he was not in the House and was not paired.

There is a nice quarrel between Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin and Senator Perley on the subject of the proper spelling of the name of a reference of the language question to the Northwest Assembly. Senator Perley wrote a note to Mr. McCarthy expressing his opposition to such a reference, as he said it would cause the Hull riots to be paralleled in certain settlements in the Northwest. Mr. McCarthy read this note in the House and in reply Mr. Davin sneeringly referred to the senator as a "great constitutionality" in a tone which conveyed the idea that the greatness might be in avoirdupois only, and he said to hear Mr. Perley quoted by Mr. McCarthy reminded him of the line "and dunce the second followed dunce the first." Now Senator Perley was at the time an interested listener to the debate from the Senators' gallery and the expression on his countenance bodied forth the pride of Regina. The Senator is no fossil, being one of the younger members of the Upper House. He is upwards of 6 feet high and on a peace footing weighs 225 pounds. It is an open secret that after Mr. Davin's slaughter of Mr. Kimber the other day that official put his black rod in pickle for him, and it is now whispered that, other weapons having gone out of fashion, Senator Perley will seek to use the rod upon the Commoner.

Mr. Chapleau's Position.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Mr. Chapleau's organ, La Presse, in an editorial to-night says: "The McCarthy bill will be defeated by a large majority, and the loss of the Beausoleil amendment changes nothing in the situation since the Government promised to have justice given to the Metis and French settlers in the territories in recognizing the French language for the publication of the statutes and before the courts. The Government proposes to make new electoral divisions in the Northwest so as to dispel the cloud of uneasiness and give satisfaction to the population of French origin. For this reason Hon. Mr. Chapleau did not support the Beausoleil amendment by his vote yesterday, reserving his vote for another amendment which will give the death blow to the McCarthy bill.

Capital Notes.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Major Sutherland, M.P., of the 22nd Oxford Battalion, is going to question the War Minister on the subject of issuing white helmets to the militia in place of the picturesque but insufficient head covering now served out. If protection is to be the rule Major Sutherland does not see why the militia should not be protected.

Sir Adolphe Caron has issued invitations to the parliamentary representatives of the leading newspapers to a dinner to be given on Saturday night.

Lieutenant-General Laurie, M.P., who has been absent in England having his injured leg put in working order, arrived in Ottawa to-day to attend to his sessional duties. He came straight through to the Capital after landing from the steamer at Halifax.

Mr. Dickey also put in his first appearance to-day.

FRESH AIR AND ART.

An Association to Provide Breathing Spaces and Works of Art for the Masses.

A meeting to complete the organization of the Public Places Association was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Humane Society, Bay-street. Mr. O. A. Howland presided, and present were: Sir Daniel Wilson, Rev. Dr. Scadding, W. G. Storm, J. J. Kelso, Beverley Jones, John Earls, J. W. L. Forster, J. S. Thompson, G. George Curry, Hamilton McCarthy, Alan MacDougall, Dr. J. E. White, William Stark. After discussion, it was decided that the name of the organization should be the Ontario Public Places Association, the annual membership fee being $4. The objects of the association are as follows:

1. The preservation and perpetuation by the means and influence of the association of public places, spots of beauty or interest, and recreation grounds in the Capital City and throughout the province.

2. The suitable adornment of such places, particularly by the erection of statues, commemorating illustrious men connected with the history of Canada.

3. The maintenance on a central site of a provincial museum of science, art and history.

4. The joining together of these objects, if possible, ultimately in a suitable building, to serve also the purpose of a great central music hall for the encouragement of the development of musical education in the province.

5. To unite into one composite body all those societies existing in the province whose objects are included in the foregoing.

Arrangements were made for a mass meeting of citizens to be held in the Pavilion on Tuesday, March 4, to discuss these propositions.

C.P.R. Earnings.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending Feb. 15 were

1890	$215,000
1889	204,000
Increase, 1890	$11,000

La Patrie Appeals.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—La Patrie has given notice of appeal from Judge Loranger's judgment condemning it to pay $350 to Hon. L. O. Tallion as damages for the statement made by that paper that the above named gentleman used marked ballots in his election against Mr. L. O. David in Montreal East.

Losses Caused by Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—Levy & Wolfson's crockery store; P. Werlein, pianos; Leopold & Levy, carpets; T. Lilienthal, photographer, and Laroussi Bros., hats, were burned to-day. LOSS $150,000.

A Tobogganing Fatality at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Arthur Sauve, a House of Commons page, was killed to-night at the Capital slide. He was overtaken by another toboggan while descending the shute.

THREE LADS DROWNED

While Skating on Silver Lake at Port Dover—A Narrow Escape.

PORT DOVER, Feb. 19.—About 10 o'clock this morning George Bailey, aged 11, Norman Scofield, 12, and Frank Fairchild were skating on Silver Lake, when one of the boys broke through the ice and the other two in trying to help him out also broke through. All three were drowned, efforts to resuscitate them being unavailing.

This morning a young son of Mr. Ellis of the knitting mills on the way to school attempted to cross the same lake on the ice, but broke through. His cries were heard by Mr. Morgan, a resident near the lake, who responded quickly and succeeded in rescuing the child from drowning.

THE LIBRARY FUND.

A Generous Contribution—Canvassing to be Prosecuted Among 'Varsity Men and the Public.

Prof. Baker, charged with organizing the graduates, senate and friends of the university in raising $100,000 for a new library for the University of Toronto, intend to get his committees at work at once. Yesterday morning he received a letter from Mr. B. E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, subscribing $1000 toward the library fund.

Editor World: I have just read with pleasure the letter of Mr. G. Mercer Adam in this morning's World and your comments thereon, and heartily approve of the idea of a popular dollar subscription to assist the Senate of our university to replace the library destroyed in the late fire and agree with you that every citizen of the province should take a pride in contributing the *price* of at least one book. There is another point, however, which I think only needs to be brought to the notice of the citizens of Toronto and Ontario generally to meet with most ready response, viz.: In the library were many books, more or less valuable, which *money* cannot replace, but they can be found in some of the private libraries in the city and province, and the owners should vie with each other in replacing rare and valuable works. When the university authorities are in a position to accept such contributions I for one glad to tender my mite if deemed worthy of acceptance. In the meantime I enclose my dollar.

J. G. FITZGIBBON.

Norwood, Feb. 17.

Editor World: It struck me that perhaps wealthy men might be encouraged to subscribe to the library fund for the university if it were suggested that they might endow different departments of the library. Men interested in special departments of study might take pride in founding a first-class library in such departments.

J. E. J.

John Leys, M.L.A., said yesterday: If the city gave the university $200,000 in 3 per cent. 40 years' debentures in lieu of the $200,000 a year rent for the park, the thing would be the same in the long run and the university would have $200,000 cash in hand. Some other provision would have to be made for the support of the two chairs at present sustained by the city.

Passed Away in Smoke.

Among the interesting relics destroyed at the university on Friday night was the life-size statue of William of Wykeham, which graced the eastern end of the library. The renowned and scholarly archbishop was represented in full canonicals and was a beautiful piece of work. The statue was presented to the university by the Rev. Nigh Watchman Bell, rector of St. Giles, London, England, and formerly rector of the old Toronto grammar school, on his departure from this city. Old pupils of the "grammar" will remember the statue adorning the hall of the "Doctor's" residence at the back of the school in Mutual-street.

Mr. Dickson's Patterson's splendid oil painting of the Rev. Dr. McCaul, late president of the College, which hung at the head of the convocation hall and directly over the armory door, was completely destroyed. With a little trouble this picture should have been saved.

Liberal Towards Missions.

At a meeting held last night in the schoolroom of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, at which Rev. J. J. Kellog presided, the treasurer presented his report for 1889, which showed the annual contributions to be $8441, being about $500 over the previous year, the largest ever received with the exception of that of 1887. This is 325 per cent. greater than what was given in 1879, the year in which the present edifice was first occupied. The amount contributed for missionary purposes is in excess of the amount contributed for congregational purposes.

Mr. W. D. McPherson Is a Trustee.

The election of a school trustee to take the seat on the Public School Board for St. Stephen's Ward rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. George Downard took place yesterday. It was a quiet affair, very little interest being taken in it. Mr. W. D. McPherson was returned by a vote of 373, or a plurality of 175 over the next highest candidate, Mr. Burns, who scored a vote of 198. Mr. Beard got 11 votes, Mr. Alridge 130 and Mr. Hammon 14.

The First Day of Lent.

Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, was the first day of Lent, and in consequence appropriate services were held both morning and evening in the Anglican and all the Catholic churches of the city. In many of the latter churches missions are being held, the one in St. Mary's, Bathurst-street, being remarkably successful.

A large number of good Catholics "swore off" even tasting or looking upon the intoxicating cup during the solemn season of the Christian year.

An East York Pointer.

One of the most popular hotels in Markham is the Franklin House. Situated in Main-street and lately refurnished throughout. It is a first-class place for travelers. The hotel is heated throughout with steam and hot air. The genial proprietor, Mr. John Kennedy, deals in Clydesdale horses and short-horn cattle and therefore has the best of stable accommodation, including a stallion yard and box stalls.

Another New Boat for Toronto.

The owners of the screw steamer Lakeside, which plied last summer on the Detroit River, intend to bring her down to Toronto this spring to compete with the Empress of India on the Port Dalhousie route. She has a 300 passenger capacity.

The Junction's Reform Home.

The "at home" given by the Junction Reform Club in their new rooms last night was well attended. The decorations were tasteful, the speeches good and the evening more than pleasant.

Merchants can warehouse goods in bond or free with Mitchell, Miller & Co. Negotiable warehouse receipts issued; rate of insurance low.

The Dead.

Joseph Gillis Biggar, the well-known Home Rule M.P., died from heart disease Wednesday at Clapham, a suburb of London, aged 62. He was in the House of Commons Tuesday evening and was one of the tellers on the division on Parnell's amendment to the address.

Personal Mention.

R. S. Dunn, Past M.W. of Avenue Lodge 241, was yesterday chosen as district deputy for Toronto by the Grand Lodge A.O.U.W.

City Missionary Hall on Sunday evening last preached in the Bloor-street Baptist Church to a large congregation. When he left the church he was in a profuse perspiration. This led to a