

GOVERNMENT UNDER FIRE ALL DAY YESTERDAY

Mr. Labillois and Mr. Tweeddale Led the
Attack in the Continued Debate on the
Address—No Government Speakers.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 21.—In the Legislature to-day the debate on the address was continued by Mr. Labillois and Mr. Tweeddale.
The House met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Hazen asked leave of absence for the session for Dr. McInerney on account of illness.
Mr. Hazen asked leave of absence for Mr. Baker until Monday next on account of urgent private business.
Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend Act relating to ascending contested on a debtors which he explained was to avoid loss of time by making it possible for a trustee appointed under the Act to be sworn in before a justice of the peace instead of having to go before a county court judge.

HON. MR. LABILLOIS.
Hon. Mr. Labillois, continuing debate on this speech from the throne, said he felt it his duty to offer some remarks on the paragraph in the speech and on matters which were not there. As an old member of the House as he had rarely enjoyed the opening proceedings as much as this year. There was something that cheered one up, the brilliancy of the opening, the successful speeches of the mover and second of the address and the introduction of the new member from St. John county all added to the pleasure of the occasion. He was especially pleased by the able address of the hon. gentleman who seconded the address, and was proud to hear him say that the Acadia members of the House were ready to take their share of responsibility of the public business of the country. He wished to pay a compliment to the Commissioner for Agriculture for the speech he had delivered at the winter fair at Amherst when in the presence of representatives of the King he had said that the Acadia people were happy to assist in the building up of this country and of the empire. All might not worship at the same altar nor speak the same language, but when the cry for battle came all would be ready to stand together in defence of the empire.
He was disappointed that the bill of fare presented in the speech from the throne did not contain something acceptable to farmers, and which would begin for some of the prestige it had gained since it came into office. He regretted the absence of any reference to colonization and charged the government with neglect on this point. Opportunities along the intercolonial and international had been ignored. The land in Restigouche set aside for colonization was worthless. He accused the government of ignoring applications for land from young men in the provinces.
Mr. Labillois thought automobiles on country roads should be restricted to four days a week. He blamed the government for delay in fighting tuberculosis and declared the Highway Act complicated and unpopular. The government could take its nominalness off the Highway Board.

MR. TWEEDDALE.

Mr. Tweeddale followed in strong criticism of the government horse importation policy. He had expected to see something in the speech regarding the development of the Grand Falls power. Sir Wm. VanHorne had held the franchise for that great water power some years ago, but he had allowed his charter to lapse and a new company had taken it up. They had been granted a charter by the late government which required the new company to put down a deposit of fifty thousand dollars that they would carry out the development work. The cost of development was estimated at four million dollars. When the company put up fifty thousand dollars they must have known that they were able to finance the scheme to a finish. Col. Loggie had estimated that sixty thousand dollars was sufficient to secure the people in case of expropriation.

At an enquiry at Grand Falls held by Commissioner Winslow, Sir Wm. VanHorne said the franchise was about to lapse. He had held it for nine years and did absolutely nothing. He also said that his holdings were worth six hundred thousand dollars, but nobody could find out where the value was. Commissioner Winslow placed the amount for which the development company must give bonds at three hundred thousand dollars. He thought the present government was "retarding anything that might be done to develop this great water power by placing impossible conditions."

Mr. Tweeddale condemned the government's crown land and school policy. In Gloucester the Drummonds, he said, had been given too great a concession for too long a period. Under the Highway Act much of the road money was wasted. Discussing the Valley Railway Mr. Tweeddale proceeded to give an account of what the old government had done and gave great praise to Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell for their efforts. He adjourned the debate and will continue tomorrow.

ROMANCE BEGINS HERE, ENDS SADLY IN BOSTON

Somerville Man Seeks Divorce From St.
John Wife He Married After a
Courtship by Mail

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—A matrimonial romance which entered the wedding bells stage at St. John was aired in the superior court, East Cambridge, today, when Frank R. Osborne of Somerville asked to be freed from his wife, Annie of Moncton, whom he told the judge he married on the day he met her following a courtship of four weeks by mail. Osborne said, "I saw an advertisement from a woman in St. John, N. B. I liked the way she

ad. read so I wrote to her. I liked the tone of her letters and I was greatly impressed with her pictures. I went to St. John at her invitation and we married a few hours after we met. Four months later my wife said she wanted to go home to visit some relatives. She went. I have not seen her since." "If you get a divorce are you going to get another wife in the same way?" asked Judge Hardy. "No sir," replied Osborne. Court took the case under advisement.

INTERESTING BUDGET FROM THE TOWN ACROSS THE BAY

DIGBY, Feb. 21.—A cablegram received by Miss E. Collins, who conducts a millinery shop here, brought the sad news of her mother's death at Castle Bar, County Mayo, Ireland. Mrs. Collins, who was the wife of James P. Collins of Montreal, was in Ireland looking after some property left by her late father and was accompanied by her youngest daughter, Laura. His wife's illness caused Mr. Collins to make a hurried trip across the Atlantic, but when he arrived at Castle Bar all was over. Mrs. Collins had passed away and buried beside her parents in the Roman Catholic cemetery of her native village in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Collins came to Canada twenty-five years ago and have been residing in Montreal ever since. Besides the husband and two daughters, one son, James J. Collins, the son-in-law, and a daughter, Mrs. Collins was fifty-one years of age and intended spending the summer in Digby with her daughter. Mr. Collins and daughter Laura are expected to return from Ireland in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Mary Bain, wife of James Bain, Colclough, passed away Friday, aged seventy-six years. Besides her husband two married daughters living in the States survive.

SOCIETY SKATING AT WASHINGTON, D. C.



MR. MATHESON TELLS THE STORY OF HIS PICTURESQUE CAREER

Unique Theatre Thronged Monday in Spite of Inclement
Weather to Hear the Former Pugilist and Saloon Keeper

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, large audiences greeted the speakers at both the Nickel and Unique theatres yesterday. The terrible waiting and the driving rain did not dampen the ardor of the people. Long before the time announced the Unique was crowded with men to hear Evangelist Matheson.

Dr. Winchester, of Toronto, who is about to leave the city, spoke at the Nickel for the last time during this campaign.

The cheer service at the Nickel was led by Dr. Smith, Rev. Mr. Greenwood of the Fairview group, leading the singing. Mr. Greenwood, by a system of responsive singing, soon had all singing with a will. A solo was sung very feelingly by Miss Conrad. "Who Could It Be But Jesus?" Dr. Smith read the lesson from Mark Twain. He said that it would be impossible to have a cheer meeting unless all those present took part. He asked all those who had received any benefit from the "Pigs' Tale" to stand up. Some seven or eight responded. Rev. Mr. Hutchinson said that last week he had asked for prayer, and he had been answered by a number and taken a stand during the last week.

Mr. Greenwood stated that after a meeting in Fairville the other night he was told by a young man who came up to him and shook his hand and said he had given his heart to God, and never felt better in his life. A little while after a lady came up and said she had taken a stand the other night and her husband had been mad at her and left the church. I had made an impression upon him, however, and he had also become a Christian. The young man was the lady's husband. Another person told of a little boy in the Victoria school in North End who asked his father to come to the church. The father replied, "I cannot be bothered," whereupon the child said: "Why papa, you cannot have any heart." It made an impression on the father and he is attending the meetings.

Dr. Winchester in rising, said: "What Shall My Last Word Be? I have much to praise God for since I came to St. John. He has done me good to see the Catholicity of spirit among the ministers and I am thankful for the things I have seen and heard in connection with this campaign. I spoke from the 22nd chapter of Job. 'For then shalt thou have delight in the Almighty and lift up thy face towards God.' I have seen people whom I have had reason to doubt, yet when I became acquainted with them I have found them to be lovely people. The reason that today people don't serve God is because they don't know Him. First acquaint yourself with Him. To know Him you must think, and that means meditation. Meditation leads to expression. What is in the well will come up in the bucket. The question was put to me, 'I do for God? Take the Bible and what it has done out of St. John and the Dominion of Canada, and what will have left my last word to you?' I think on God, and God's goodness will find expression in your lives."

The meeting at the Unique was crowded. The singing was led by Mr. H. H. Hare, Mr. Peters sang a solo. Rev. Mr. Matheson, who has charge of the Salvation Army group, announced, gave a sketch of his life. The speaker spoke in a forceful manner and kept the attention of his audience throughout. Said he—

I was born of Celtic parents at River Dennis, Centre C-B. My parents were devout people and thoroughly believed in the Bible, and they taught me to reverence the Scriptures and the doctrine of the old Covenanters. In my boyhood I was inclined to recklessness in conduct and seemed to care nothing of the things pertaining to godliness. While yet in my teens I left home for the lumber woods of Pennsylvania. Careless and rough though I was, yet the profanity and general wickedness of the lumbermen was shocking to me, and at first I wondered that God did not send sudden destruction upon those wicked men. It seemed to me that God took no interest in the people of the lumber districts since he permitted to go unpunished the awful depravity prevailing, especially on the Sabbath. At last I saw that the influence of my surroundings and soon excelled in profanity and the other evil characteristics of the lumbermen. "My pugilistic ability won for me the reputation of a fighter and a bruiser," the bully of Potter County, I became worse and worse, until finally one Sunday night I got into a bad fight with

a friend of mine who was a Cape Bretoner. I was out of a part of my ear. The fight took place at 6 o'clock Sunday evening and it was 5 o'clock the next evening before I reached a doctor. This filled me with dark thoughts and I thirsted for revenge. On this I let to another until I finally became the worst man in the camp. I had seen many killed, taken off in the midst of their sins, and had often wondered where they had gone. Often weary of life I had prayed God to take me out of it. I sometimes thought of suicide but was afraid of the future. I became a saloon keeper and used to sell whiskey on Sundays, as well as every other day. All the saloons in the camp were habitual lawbreakers, made a practice of illegally selling liquor, and were called "Pigs' Tails." On account of my reputation as a fighter men would come for miles around to fight with me to prove who was the better man, and not under the Marquis of Queensbury rules either.

"One night there was to be a big dance, and all the saloon-keepers expected to do a rushing business. They were in the habit of furnishing the officers of the law with all the liquor they wanted themselves, and also paying them without a license, but had recently had a quarrel with the police over the amount of hush money. On the night of the dance an officer told me to close my saloon. I defied him, but the police secured help, surrounded my saloon and succeeded in arresting me. I was tried and sentenced to prison for three months, to pay \$500 and the cost of prosecution. I found plenty of bad company in jail and had literature, and nothing to help a man do better, but just like feverishness, there were six churches in the town where the jail was, but nobody came to visit me. I have often thought what a great field that was for gospel work."

"When I came out of jail my business was gone, and I was down and out. I hadn't enough money to get a drink of whiskey. An evangelist was holding meetings in the place, I heard Evangelist Osborn tell the story of his own life, how he had been a drunkard, spent all, and his family were starving and utterly destitute. He told of his little girl sleeping in the woodbox and saying, 'Papa, it is cold without any covers, and I can't stretch out because the box is too short.' He would go out on the street and beg ten cents to get whiskey. Now he had a good home, with carpets on the floor, piano and a happy family. After hearing him I couldn't stay away from the meetings. I went night after night. One night I arose for prayers, thinking it wouldn't hurt me anyway."

"I was in the back seat among the rest of the men, and people told me the Evangelist that those rowdies only came to break up the meeting, that they merely rose for fun when the invitation was given. On this account I do for God? Take the Bible and what it has done out of St. John and the Dominion of Canada, and what will have left my last word to you?" I think on God, and God's goodness will find expression in your lives."

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Mr. Matheson said the worst episode in his life and which nearly cost him his liberty happened shortly before he became converted. Tom Kennedy, who was his friend and a native of Nova Scotia, a powerfully big fellow, no stood 6 feet 4 inches, was arrested for keeping a "Pigs' Tail," and for kicking and nearly killing a man. Kennedy drifted the police but the officers said they would show the Down East fish eaters whether they could arrest them or not. The officers surrounded his house and succeeded in shackling him. Miss Plover to whom Kennedy was paying attention, supplied Matheson with a revolver and he put it in Kennedy's pocket. "The officers were some miles from the county seat and were compelled to stay at a farm house. We got the landlord to kick the officers out for a \$5 bill, which he did. The next place they got into was old Plover's ranch. He also ran a 'pigs' ear' and pool room. We coaxed the officers to take the shackles off Kennedy and allow him to change his clothes. When his hands were loosened Kennedy suddenly and he struck the officer in the face. The officer got up and fired. Plover was standing behind the kit-

chen stove holding a baby. The shot passed through the baby's legs hitting Plover in the stomach and he died next day. One shot struck Kennedy's watch, smashing it. The shot glanced and struck the wall. We rescued Kennedy. We were sworn out for the worst of all concerned and at one time a reward was offered of \$400 for our arrest. Miss Plover turned state evidence and told that I had put the revolver in Kennedy's pocket.

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MR. AND MRS. RAFFERTY MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sunday

IN GOOD HEALTH

Mr. and Mrs. William Rafferty of the Marsh Road celebrated their golden anniversary, Sunday, having attained their fifth year of wedded life. The day was marked by a family reunion at the home of the aged couple. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty are in good health and were the most interesting persons at the family gathering. Mr. Rafferty will be 82 years old in May, and his wife is in her 79th year.

Several of the children and immediate friends of the family were present throughout the day. In the afternoon presentations of gold were made to Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty and happy remarks were made by several of those present. Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty responded, making a few remarks of appreciation. Messages of congratulations were received from many quarters, and those of the members of the family who were unable to attend sent their best wishes to the happy couple. That Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty will attain their diamond anniversary is the wish of their many friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty have resided in this city the larger part of their lives. Mrs. Rafferty was formerly Miss Margaret McGuire, a daughter of James McGuire of Golden Grove. She has two brothers, Frank of West St. John and John McGuire of this city. The marriage was performed on February 20, 1862. Of late the couple have resided on the Marsh Road, considerably beyond the One Mile House. Their children are James Rafferty of Calais, Mrs. Frank Peterson of this city, William of 221, Union street, and Frank at home. The grandchildren are Augusta Rafferty, Isabella Rafferty, Hazel and Sylvia Rafferty of Calais; Edna Doherty, Edwin, Irene Peterson and William and Walter Peterson of this city.

Mr. Rafferty has one brother, Richard of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Quilty and Mrs. Frank McGuire of the West Side. Among the other relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty are James Quilty, Chicago; Richard Quilty, Boston; William Quilty, West St. John; John Gillis, Halifax; Mrs. Ervin, Carleton; Mrs. M. Quinlan and Miss McCormick of West St. John, and Mrs. Hurley of this city.

KING AND QUEEN AT "ELEKTRA" PREMIERE

Many Members of Royalty in
London Audience at
Strauss's Opera

HONORS TO AMERICANS

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Before a brilliant audience, including the King and Queen of England and Prince Henry of Prussia, Richard Strauss' much-talked-of opera, "Elektra," had its English premiere at Covent Garden tonight, gaining an enthusiastic success. From the rise of the curtain, which was unaccompanied by an overture, there was simply a crash of chords until the finish. The large assembly was held spellbound by the weird musical notes and beautiful singing.

During the progress of the performance the auditorium was in complete darkness, a novelty for opera-goers. The performance, which was over shortly after 10, lasted an hour and forty minutes. The singing of the evening went to two American singers, Edith Walker as Elektra and Francis Rose as Chrysothemis. The former sang and acted superbly, receiving many ovations. Besides the royalty mentioned, others present were the Princess Victoria, Lord and Lady Londesborough, Alfred de Rothschild, Lady Glyn, Lady Glyn, Lord and Lady Ripon, Mr. and Mrs. Hasoon, Mrs. George Cornwallis-West, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin.

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FRENCH SUFFRAGETTES FAVOR BUYING VOTES

Would Gain Men's Support
By Means of Corruption
System

QUOTATIONS ARE LOW

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The date for the general election has not yet been fixed owing to the great amount of parliamentary work in hand. The earliest date mentioned is April 21. Meantime the suffragettes are working hard. They hold meetings daily. The plan of campaign is raising much controversy among them.

Madame Audiere suggested that they should endeavor to buy votes at from 40 cents to \$1 each, as she says, the men do. Madame Lipman indignantly opposed the idea of purchasing consciences, but a great majority seem to favor the corruption system.

Riltherto Madame Durand, who originated the suffragette idea here, has taken little part in the battle.

BIG RECEIPTS OF HOGS CAUSE DROP IN PRICES

Chicago Market Falls to
\$9.37 1/2 at Stockyards
Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Prices for live hogs fell off from 5 cents to 10 cents at the stockyards today, the top being \$9.37 1/2 a hundredweight, still exceeding any figures paid in the open market for hogs since 1870, when the \$10 hog was recorded.

The receipts of the animals at the stockyards today were about 3,000 more than a year ago, which contributed to the decline from the record price of yesterday.

CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH GRAVE OFFENCE

HARTLAND, N. B., Feb. 21.—Justice Everett of this place has issued a warrant, which is now in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Armstrong, for the arrest of Gordon W. Green, charged with attempted seduction of Elizabeth, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Geo. Palmer of Chatham. The information was sworn out by the girl's mother, who stated that the accused had asked the girl to accompany him to a secluded place about a half mile from the house, with intention toward the commission of a crime. Green is a constable and for some time past has been acting as a Scott Act spotter, and in other respects he has a rather unenviable reputation, having been accused of a number of petty crimes. The hearing will be early next week.

AMERICAN GIRL TO MARRY A VISCOUNT

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The engagement is announced of Miss Mildred Carter, daughter of John Ridgely-Carter, formerly first secretary of the American embassy here and now minister to Roumania, to Viscount Acheson, late lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, and a veteran of the South African war.

Miss Carter is one of the most beautiful and most popular Americans in London society. She remained in London after the departure of her father for Bucharest.

Viscount Acheson is the eldest son of the fourth Earl of Gosford. He was born in 1877.

ALD. DROUIN IS QUEBEC'S MAYOR

MONTREAL, Feb. 21.—Ald. Drouin was elected mayor of Quebec today by a majority of a thousand votes over Senator Choquette. Mr. Drouin was supported by Hon. Mr. Parent of the National Transcontinental commission, who interpreted Senator Choquette's candidacy as an attack upon his administration of Quebec's affairs during his mayoralty term.

PILES CURED AT HOME by New Absorption Me tho

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new method of absorption. It will also absorb all of this home treatment free of trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P. 715, Windsor, Ont.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 21.—The government bill providing for the construction of 350 miles of railway was passed by the legislative council today without division. The new line will be branches of the present Newfoundland railway system.