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SIR CHARLES TUPPER

The Canadian High Commissioner Reaches New York

AND IS PROMPTLY INTERVIEWED.

Sir Charles and Lady Tupper Both in Good Health.

The High Commissioner's Visit Will be a Short One—Anxious to Learn News of Canada—Not Much Interest in the School Question—Opinions of Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A special to The Star from New York, says: "I am going to Canada," said Sir Charles Tupper, "to consult with the Premier in accordance with his request regarding the Fast Atlantic Steamship and Pacific Cable schemes."

Sir Charles stood on the upper deck of the Campania as he greeted the reporter, with Lady Tupper leaning on his arm. Both of these distinguished personages looked to be, and declared themselves to be, in perfect health. Sir Charles declared that his present voyage had been the most pleasant in his long series of trans-Atlantic trips. He bore not a trace of the serious attack of influenza which had almost prostrated him during last summer, and in consequence of which his health required a systematic course of nursing amid the heather clad hills of Scotland at that time.

It is just as well to dismiss reports of Sir Charles' ill-health as totally untrue, for he appears to be in "fighting shape." While he has aged considerably since his last trip to Canada, his altogether robust appearance, his brisk manner and sprightly step indicate that there is yet plenty of that quality in him which gained for him the title of the "Cumberland War-horse."

Only a Short Visit.

"I don't know that I have very much to say," said Sir Charles as he led the way to his stateroom. Then he gave expression to the object of his mission to Canada.

"And how long do you expect to remain in Canada?" I asked him.

"My stay in Canada," said he "will be a short one," and again he reiterated, "Very brief, indeed. I do not even intend to visit Nova Scotia, much to my regret, for I have many friends there I would like to see."

Having thus stated his mission and the probable duration of his visit, Sir Charles in turn began to ask for news from Canada. Many interesting events had transpired since he had left Liverpool, of which he was in ignorance. Chief among these was the resignation of Hon. N. Clarke Wallace from the Position of Controller of Customs. If this was a surprise to Sir Charles, it would be hard to glean that fact from the manner in which he received it; but when I added that the Government candidate, Mr. McGillivray had been elected in North Ontario, there was a gleam, a transitory gleam, of surprise expressed in his countenance. Concerning this latter event, there was no possible doubt whatever that it was a source of pleasure to the High Commissioner. Sir Charles evidently attached a great deal of importance to the announcement.

"And when does the election in Montreal Centre take place?" Sir Charles queried.

He was informed of the day. In this connection, the reporter informed him that there was a good deal of talk about him being made the central figure at the banquet which might be held shortly at Quebec.

Sir Charles evidently did not wish to take cognizance of all the reports that were being circulated so industriously about him. He simply remarked: "As I said before coming to Canada, my visit is at the request of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and for the purpose stated."

The Manitoba Question

Then the conversation passed on Manitoba. Sir Charles expressed more surprise when he was told that Premier Greenway had recently issued what was regarded as a final statement, that Manitoba would take no steps, as requested by the Federal authorities, towards the re-establishment of Separate schools and the restoration of the alleged rights of the Roman Catholic minority."

"Well, I suppose that is final," was the High Commissioner's brief comment. Sir Charles betrayed a seeming lack of interest upon the question.

Opinion of Mr. Chamberlain.

With reference to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the High Commissioner said: "I consider the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain one of the ablest men in public life in England. He was selected for the Colonial Office because of his fitness for work in the field of expansion of the Empire. Mr. Chamberlain has already shown that everything practicable is being done to foster closer relations between the mother country and the colonies. He has eagerly seized upon such plans as are of recognized utility in rendering the bonds of closer unity indissoluble."

"How do the great mass of the English people regard Mr. Chamberlain's activity in this respect?"

"The means that have already been taken have inspired a strong feeling towards closer unity with the colonies. So far as opinions are concerned a most hearty response has met Mr. Chamberlain's efforts in this direction. This also applies to the press of Great Britain, in which I have failed to find a discordant note. The greatest importance may be attached to Mr. Chamberlain's recent note to the Governors of all the British colonies, asking them for trade returns for certain periods, and their suggestions as to the best means of developing trade between and diverting trade to the Empire. This, I consider, indisputable evidence as to Mr. Chamberlain's sincerity on the subject of Imperial trade.

"The prompt manner in which he has committed himself in promoting the means of inter-Imperial communication between Australia and Great Britain via Canada and the equally vigorous manner in which he has taken hold of the Pacific cable scheme also speak eloquently in this connection. This fast steamship line," Sir Charles continued, "is also designed for providing protection to the outlying portions of the Empire. The speed of these steamships and their equipment in other respects will meet the requirements laid down by the Lords of the Admiralty. Such ships, therefore, will also be classed as available in the naval reserve. They will be capable of being turned into armoured cruisers in case of war. "Now," said Sir Charles, "this fast Atlantic line will materially affect the Canadian trade. With our ships crossing the Atlantic in something over five days, (Sir Charles beat the Campania's record in anticipation)—these ships being fitted out with cold storage will enable our beef and mutton to be put on the English market in really better shape than if the cattle and sheep were slaughtered at the port of entry. This is quite evident to any person who has studied the question as it is well known that live stock carried across the Atlantic deteriorates in value because of such a trip. With the fast steamship the meat when [illegible] English market will be ripe [illegible] to Canada will accrue all the [illegible] which it to be obtained from the [illegible] now lost to the Dominion.

The Exclusion of Canadian.

Sir Charles said he was not [illegible] that the Imperial authorities had excluded Canadian sheep or cargoes of sheep arriving from Canada. It would never do to let these animals affected with scab be landed among the English flocks.

He was prepared to say the action was justifiable, and when it was pointed out that Canada had virtually acquiesced in the arrangement by declining to keep out American sheep, he remarked that the Dominion would have to bear the consequences.

"But," added he, "that is a matter that concerns the Ottawa Government alone."

Lady Tupper's Kindly Words

Sir Charles goes direct to Ottawa in a private car placed at his disposal, accompanied by Lady Tupper and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. His movements after that have not been decided upon. Lady Tupper expressed herself to The Star reporter as being highly pleased at returning to Canada. She said that while she had many warm friends in England, she nevertheless regarded Canada as her home. The Minister of Justice was on hand when the Campania was docked, and together with his father and mother drove to the Brunswick Hotel, where they will remain until the train leaves this morning.

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THE ACTING CONTROLLER.

The Resignation of Hon. Clarke Wallace Accepted and Hon. J. F. Wood Acting in His Stead.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—At to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, the resignation of Clarke Wallace, as Controller of Customs, was definitely accepted, and Hon. J. F. Wood was appointed acting controller in addition to his duties as Controller of Inland Revenue.

A Fairy Tale From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Journal tonight says: The name of W. F. Maclean, M.P. for East York, has been connected with the vacant Controllership of Customs. It is said that Mr. Maclean who has been carefully attending to the Voters' Lists in his riding, as well as looking after the political interests of his constituents generally, could be easily returned at the present time in East York.

STEER SPOILED THE SHAVE.

A Frenzied Animal Wrecks a Western Barber Shop.

From the San Francisco Examiner.

The proximity of the Butchertown cattle corrals to the barber-shop of Marvel M. Ovellar induced an incident that could scarcely have occurred under less incongruous conditions, even in the neighborhood as wild and woolly as the slaughter house vicinity of the Potrero. It was the ocasion of Samuel Quinn's Thanksgiving shave. Mr. Quinn had seated himself in Monsieur Ovellar's only chair. The lather was on his face and the razor was at his throat. The barber discoursed on topics timely tand cheering—the latest forecast of the weather; the raffle at Casey's Corner; the twins that came to the home of O'Rourke in the night—current gossip of the reservation that required no counter comment, save in the intervals of stropping and sponging.

The front door was open. The odor of bilge freighted the chill breezes. Kentucky-street was deserted. A brooding calm lay upon the scene, and the sould of Samuel Quinn was at peace. The drone of the barber, murmuring in at his ears as the waves laps the shores of sewered Islais, encouraged sleep, and Quinn verged upon sleep. The right side of the Quinn face had been shaved. The hand of Ovellar was raised to lift the head of Quinn to another posture, when a terrific shadow darkened the door of the shop.

No time for explanation, no thought of useless warning, no effort at senseless heroism—the barber could only gasp his terror, fling down his razor and drop to the floor.

Mr. Quinn opened his eyes, opened them wide, and stared straight into the blazing wrath of a maddened steer, the wildest of the herd. Erect, furious, pawing the threshold of that fated shop, the beast surveyed the situation—gazed in rage at Quinn as he leaped from the chair and fell beneath it, lowered its horned crest to lunge at the creeping, cringing barber, and proceeded to business.

With a leap that would have won applause at a hurdle-race, the steer involved himself in the goods and chattels of that Kentucky-street barbershop. His horns caught the chandelier and it was ripped out by the roots; one blow from the massive front smashed the mirror and scattered the pomade pots; another sent chair, cuspidors and shaving-mugs flying in every direction; a flank movement overturned the chair beneath which Quinn lay in wait for a sudden death, and finally, with a mighty effort and a snort like the bursting of a sewer-pipe, the steer planted his forefeet upon a marble-topped table, and, throwing his head backward, tore great gashes with his horns in the ceiling.

By this time the animal had made one circuit of the little shop and was facing the door through which he had so unceremoniously entered. He looked out over the unpicturesque landscape across which the terror-stricken barber was footing it fleetly. The lashing of his tail was a constant reminder of Quinn beneath the chair of a peril that environed and would not be removed. But the steer thought only of escape, and with a hoarse sigh that sounded to Quinn like the last breath of a hot simoom, the beast spurned the table and plunged out into the big, wide world, to be lariated and harried and corraled by the pursuing vaqueros.

Then Quinn crawled out of the wreck of matter and went home half-shaved. The barber has not yet returned to the ruins of his shop, and nobody knows his whereabouts.

New Comander for Cuba.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A despatch from Madrid to The Figaro says that Gen. Martinez Campos has resigned his command of the Spanish army in Cuba and will be succeeded by Gen. Weyler, at present commanding the fourth corps of the Spanish army with headquarters at Barcelona.

Proposes to Make Short Work of It.

London, Dec. 14.—A despatch from Cape Coast Castle, says that it is true that it is the intention of Col. Sir Francis Scott, commanding the British Ashantee expedition, that the campaign shall be finished and the expedition returned to the coast within 60 days.

Wines for the Holidays.

Sherries, Manzanilla, at $9 and $10 per dozen; Amontillodo, dry, old and nutty, $11 per dozen; Oloroso, superior, mellow and nutty, $11 per dozen; Pasto, dry and delicate, $13 per dozen. In Ports, Two Crown, $11 per dozen; Three Crown, $13 per dozen; Four Crown $16 per dozen. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

ANOTHER ROYAL INFANT.

A SECOND SON BORN TO THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

Mother and Child Doing Well—Belfast and Clyde Engineers Refuse to Accept the Settlement Arranged by the Arbitrators—Sir Francis Scott Proposes to Make Short Work of the Ashantee War—Other Cable News.

London, Dec. 14.—The Duchess of York was delivered of a son at Sandringham Hall this morning. Mother and child are doing well.

(It may be remarked as a coincidence that 34 years ago this day the Prince Consort died, and 17 years ago to-day the death of the Princess Alice took place.)

REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT.

Belfast and Clyde Engineers Reject the Terms of Settlement Offered.

Glasgow, Dec. 14.—The delegates representing the striking engineers of Belfast and the locked out engineers of the Clyde have rejected by ballot the terms of settlement proposed by the conference of employers and employes presided over by Lord James. The terms were that the Clyde engineers should get an advance of a shilling a week to go into effect immediately, and receive another shilling increase the beginning of February. The Belfast men were to receive a shilling a week advance beginning in February, with the understanding that there should be no change in the rate of compensation for six months thereafter.

Italian Affairs.

Rome, Dec. 14.—King Humbert has signed a decree calling into active service the soldiers of the 1873 class.

Premier Crispi has refused to accept the resignation of Signor Callenda, Minister of Justice, who desired to withdraw in consequence of the decision of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday in the matter of sending ex-Premier Giolitti before the High Court of Justice to answer the charges made against him in connection with the Banco Romana scandal, the decision being adverse to the Ministry of Justice.

HIS LUCKY ESCAPE.

John Jessiman's Lively Experience With a Belt Line Trolley Car Saturday Evening.

John Jessiman, 86 Palmerston-avenue, had a remarkably narrow escape from death about 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

Jessiman had attempted to board the front platform of the trailer on a north bound Belt Line car on Spadina-avenue, just south of Queen, and, missing his footing, was thrown on the rails just in front of the trucks. Fortunately the train was moving slowly, otherwise the victim's name would almost certainly have been numbered among Toronto's trolley fatalities. As it was Jessiman escaped with a bad scalp wound and a few bruises and was removed to his home by the ambulance under P. C. Geddes, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Strathy. The injured man will be around again in a day or so.

At the time of the accident the cars were crowded and a great excitement arose among the passengers over the belief that Jessiman had been crushed to death under the wheels of the trailer. A passenger informed The World reporter that the men in charge of the train were entirely blameless and that the accident was entirely due to Jessiman's carelessness.

IS IT VERY WRONG

To Think About Presents for Christmas Upon Sunday?

Worldly reflections will creep into the mind of the busy man or woman upon the day we dedicate to physical rest and recreation as well as religious observance. Surely it is not wrong to think of the ways by which we may gladden the hearts of those around us upon the anniversary of the day when the angels proclaimed to the shepherds of the east: "Peace on earth, good will to men." Those of us who have not yet selected all our Christmas presents will have to face the question pretty soon. Is there not some one of your acquaintances to whom you could with appropriateness make a present of furs."

Santa Claus' headquarters would be an appropriate name for Dineens' store nowadays. During the first week of their Christmas sale, just passed, many a beautiful present has been selected, and as the store is sure to be crowded next week by the same class of customers, you had better come early if you wish the best selection. At the top of the list of articles supremely suitable for presents stands the seal jacket. If you make your wife or daughter such a present you may be sure that she will be happy upon the greatest anniversary of the year. You can get the best value in seal, Persian lamb, grey lamb, Alaska sable, Greenland seal, beaver, otter, marten, mink, electric seal, nutria or Hudson Bay sable jackets, capes, fur caps, gauntlets, neck ruffs and children's sets as well as novelties in children's sets, muffs, purses and so on at Dineens'. Selling a great quantity of goods and buying for cash, this firm offer exceedingly low prices, together with the best workmanship in the latest styles. Men's fur-lined coats and gauntlets are proving a great line at Dineens'. King and Yonge.

His Love of Whiskey.

Thomas Boylan, 19 years old, 3 Sherbourne-street, went into Brazil's liquor store, 162 King-street east, on Saturday evening, and atempted to steal a bottle of whisky. Mr. Brazil caught him in the act and endeavored to retain the thief until a constable could be called. Boylan made a desperate break for liberty, leaving part of his overcoat in Mr. Brazil's hands. P.C. Van Winkle caught the thief and took him to headquarters, where Detective Black laid a charge against him of having, on the night of Dec. 11, enticed Edward Judge, a stranger from Brantford, who had been drinking, to the Ssplanade, where he robbed him of $9.80. Boylan will answer to both charges on Monday.

John S. Johnson in Texas.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 14.—Bicyclist J. S. Johnson arrived here from New Orleans and had a special trial this morning on the El Paso track, making one half mile in 1.01 2-5 seconds. He made one third of a mile in 39 seconds flat, against a strong wind. The time is very good considering the change in the altitude and the new surroundings.

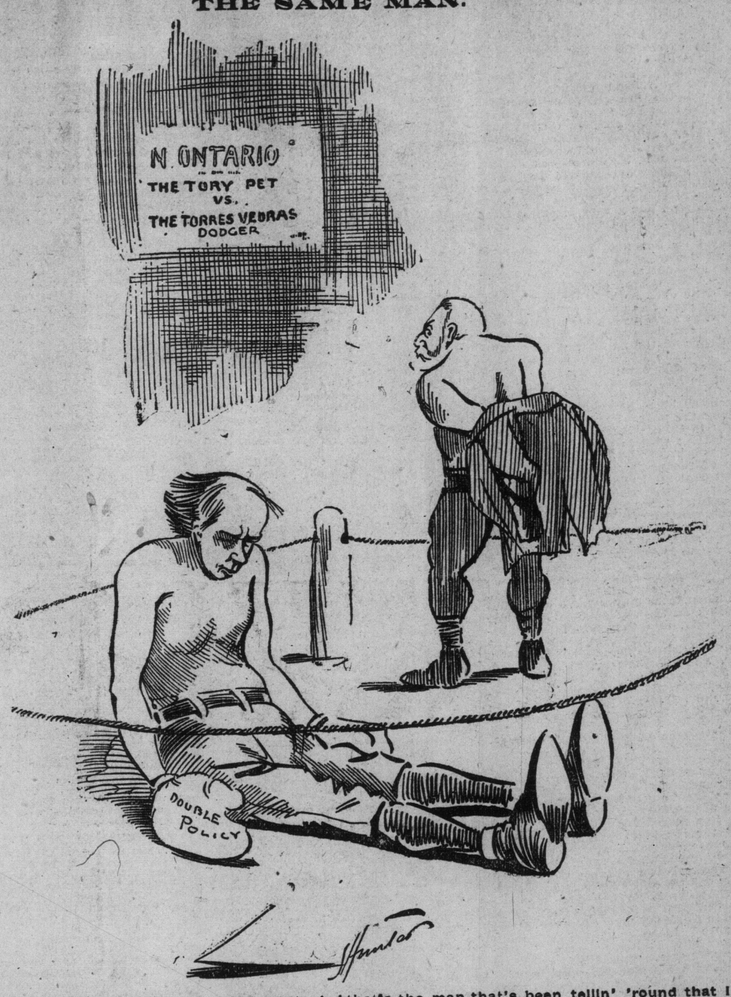
Sentenced to be Hanged.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Angus D. Gilbert, the convicted murderer of little Alice W. Sterling, was to-day sentenced to be hanged on Friday, Feb. 21 next.

Every Man for Himself in Politics.

New York, Dec. 14.—The American Federation of Labor has put itself on record as having no political platform.

THE SAME MAN.



Champion Bowell (as he puts on his coat): An' that's the man that's been tellin' 'round that I was scared of 'im.

THEY ARE BOTH GUILTY.

SMITH AND BROOME WILL HAVE TO GO DOWN FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

His Lordship Gives the Jury Reasonable Latitude and an Hour and Ten Minutes Sufficed to Bring About the Verdict—Sentence Withheld Until a Reserved Case Can be Considered.

At the Criminal Court on Saturday Frank Smith and Wm. Broome were convicted of manslaughter. They were originally indicted for the murder of Mrs. Mary Atkins, but on Saturday morning, Judge Rose told the jury that the elements of murder were wanting, but the evidence was such as to warrant a charge of manslaughter, and as such the jury was directed to regard it.

The evidence for the defence was that of Drs. Scott, Nattress and Jones, all of whom supported the opinion that the deceased Mrs. Atkins did not die of shock.

Mr. Robinette again asked that the prisoner Broome be discharged on the ground that he was not implicated in the actual assault, and that he did not run away from the policeman on his arrival, but presented himself voluntarily at the Police Court next day to give evidence. His Lordship refused to withdraw either case, but told the jury that it might, if it deemed it advisable, separate them

The jury, after being out an hour and ten minutes, brought in a verdict of guilty against both.

His Lordship said that he would withhold sentence till next week, so that he might have an opportunity of hearing what there was to be said as to the previous history of the prisoners. Before giving sentence His Lordship will also consider the question of a reserved case, based on the objection of Mr. Robinette to the admission of the ante-mortem statement of Mrs. Atkins. The ground of this objection is that the statement was made at the Police Court when the charge against the prisoners was rape, not murder, or manslaughter. His Lordship remarked that he didn't think there was much in it.

The Merryweather Protest

Mr. J. S. Donaldson, local agent of Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, London, manufacturers of the Merryweather engine, is in receipt of a communication from that firm, through the Canadian agents, Messrs. Walter R. Wonham & Sons, Montreal, complaining bitterly of the treatment they have received at the hands of Chief Graham and the members of the Fire and Light Committee in the rejection of their engine, as well as that accorded to their representative, Mr. Jakeman, who had come from England purposely to arrange matters amicably between his company and the City Council. The letter continues: "If Toronto thinks such treatment is in the spirit of fair play, English manufacturers like Merryweather & Sons, who have a world-wide reputation for honest, fair dealing and high-grade work, have been much mistaken in their ideas of what to expect in Toronto," and points out that in all respects, save that alone of weight, the rejected Merryweather engine far more than fulfilled all the requirements contained in the chief's advertised specifications, while the engine ordered in its stead is equally as heavy, if not more so, and will have a pumping capacity of some 400 to 500 gallons less per minute, according to the condition of the manufacturers' tender.

Inventor of Lubricants Dead.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 14.—Ezra A. Kelly died to-day aged 97. He has an international reputation as the discoverer and inventor of lubricant oil for watches and clocks.

Personal.

Mrs. George Wishart sails Saturday per SS. Etruria for Europe.

Sergt.-Major Hooper of the Mounted Police, along with Mrs. Hooper and child, is paying a visit to Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Eddis of Rosedale.

Ninety patients were admitted to the General Hospital during the past week.

Large numbers of citizens are signing the petitions circulating on behalf of W. M. MacMillan, declaring the signers' belief in his innocence and praying for a new trial.

The family of the late W. W. Webb, M.P.P., are residing at 86 Charles-street, for which locality Thursday is the "day." Miss Proctor of Brighton, Ont., is staying with Miss Webb.

RIVERSIDES ARE CHAMPIONS.

The Scots Defeated in the Senior League on a Field of Snow.

The association football season was brought to a close yesterday, when the Riversides defeated the Scots in the Senior League championship series by 4 goals to 2. The match was played on the Baseball grounds, which was a mass of snow, and on which, especially in the goal lines, more or less ice had formed. This prevented good football, as the players were unable to do much dribbling, and were considerably handicapped, being unable to keep their feet at critical times. The teams lined up shortly before 4 o'clock, the Scots being short several of their best players, noticeably Little, Bowman, Bradley and Cramer, whose places were filled by outsiders. The Riversides kicked on the eastern goal with the sun and a southeast wind at their backs, the latter being responsible for the swiney odor which pervaded the field at all times. The Scots carried the ball up the field the first thing, but were unable to keep their advantage. The Riversides, with a combination born of long playing together, speedily had the sphere in the enemy's home field, and Gentle put it through.

On the kick-off the Scots got the ball, and after some fine passing Rutherford scored.

Play was now constantly in the Scots' territory, despite the tremendous efforts of Jackson and Grant, and Evans' fine kicking to put the ball up the field, and in a brief period Gentle put it between the Scots' posts a second time. The lack of their own players seemed to put a decided check on the efforts of the Scots, for Brown and Secker each scored before half-time.

Score 4—1.

The second half was distinguished by better play than the first. The Scots, with an eye to make the most of their advantage, put on a big spurt, which resulted in a goal off Westman's kick. Their success was short-lived, however, as the Riversides, with their fine team play, made the play more than even, and the second half-hour elapsed without any further scoring. The teams:

Scots (2).	Position.	Riversides (4).
McGlinnis	Goal	Hatt
Mott	Back	Miller
Sanderson	"	Dean
Evans	Half-back	Robinson
Arnott	"	Reid
Jackson	"	Brooks
Rutherford	Forwards	Small
Grant	"	Secker
Harvey	"	Gentle
Westcott	"	Brown
Doll	"	Murray
McCallum	Umpires	Cal

Referee: Fred Barkey of the Riversides.

THE ONTARIO RUGBY UNION.

The Annual Meeting on Saturday—Changes in the Rules.

There was a large gathering of the footballers of the Province at the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union held on Saturday afternoon at the Rosin House. President W. J. Moran was in the chair and every club in the union was represented by delegates. There were old timers who have been at nigh every meeting of the union since its formation, over a decade ago, although the absence of the past presidents like Hume Blake, Archie Campbell, Alex. Boyd, was noticeable. Still there were deans in the meeting, such as Drummond McKay, Edward Bayley, W. Logie, Hugh Hartshorne, D'Arcy Martin and Edmund Senkler. The younger element was on hand in large numbers.

There was quitiet a lot of amendments before the meeting and the most desirable ones were passed. It was decided that players on a college or university team must be confined to bona fide undergraduates in attendance on lectures or graduates of at least one year's standing, while players on a town must reside in the town or city or within seven miles of the locality. There will be more strictness in the future as to junior teams, and only those registered with the secretary of the union as bona fide juniors will be allowed to play on a junior team. The proposal that the birth certificate or a copy must be produced was, however, shelved, especially as it was believed that such certificates were sometimes not obtainable for all junior players. The rules of play remain much as before, but an effort will be made to bring the rules, both of the Quebec and Ontario unions, into conformity with each other.

The energetic secretary, Mr. J. M. Mowat was tendered a vote of thanks accompanied by the customary material tribute, which the satisfactory finances of the union warrant that a faithful steward should receive.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mr. W. A. Logie (Hamilton).

First Vice-President—Mr. Walter Dick (Toronto).

Second Vice-President—Mr. A. B. Ford (Queen's).

Secretary-Treasurer—J. M. Mowat (Osgoode Hall and Queen's).

Committee—Messrs. D'Arcy Martin (Hamilton), D. W. Campbell (Trinity), Percy Eby (Lornes), Ross (Queen's), Barr (Varsity).

THE GOVERNOR AND THE BALL.

Another Social Sensation at Ottawa Because the Patronage of Vice-Royalty is Withheld.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A sensation has been created in town by the announcement that Their Excellencies have declined to grant their patronage to the ball to be held on New Year's Eve in aid of the Children's Hospital. A few days ago the honorary secretary of the ball comittee—who, by the way, was also sceretary of the committee under whose management the "Mascot" was produced more than a year ago, which production was also declined vice regal patronage—communicated with Lord Aberdeen, asking the attendance of the vice regal party at the ball if the date did not interfere with any engagement so had previously made at Government House or elsewhere. A reply was received a couple of days ago, in which Lord Aberdeen stated that he had no engagements for the evening, and further ibplied that it was contrary to the principles of himself and Lady Aberdeen to take part in festivities of any kind on New Year's Eve, adding that on such an evening he thought it improper to allow the pleasures of the ballroom to intrude upon time that could be more profitably spent on that particular evening.

The secretary of the ball committee declined to give the letter for publication, as he considered it a private communication. He also declined to speak about the matter, but others interested in the ball said the Governor-General's refusal to patronize it on that evening would only qadvertise and ensure the success of the entertainment, as in the case of the "Mascot." The ball will certainly take place.

RELEASED AND LECTURED.

James Hooper Acquitted of Larceny in Judge McDougall's Court.

James Hooper was charged at the Sessions yesterday with the larceny of $50 from Mary Gregory of Massey-street. Hooper was doing a job of painting for the complainant at the time the money is alleged to have been stolen and Mrs. Gregory fell asleep with the money in her bosom and when she awoke it was gone.

At the police tsation, according to Inspector Johnston, Hooper's daughter said that she ran the house with her father. She denied this at the trial on Saturday.

The case was given to the jury and after considerable deliberation a verdict of "not guilty" was returned. In discharging the prisoner Judge McDougall said that the jury had taken a very merciful view of the case and hoped it would be a lesson to him to refrain in future from intoxicating drinks.

The Hunt Entertainment.

The final performance of "Hildegard" was given with great success at the Princess Theatre yesterday afternoon before a crowded house. The beauty and attractiveness of the spectacle were charming to the eye and the dances were as novel as they were picturesque. After the opening night the play ran remarkably well and it is a tribute to the genius and talent of the lady who devised and carried the performance to so successful an issue. The dances formed most picturesque elements and for these Professor Early, who instructed the participants deserves every commendation. A distinguishing feature of the production was the charming singing, Miss Beverley Robinson added in her own country to the fame which her success in London have made for her. The only regret was that the production should conclude just as the public were awakening to the fact that it was the prettiest entertainment ever given by home forces in Toronto.

Gen. Baratieri Recalled.

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Central News in Rome says that General Baratieri, commanding the Italian forces in Abyssinia, has been re-called.

EDUCATION MATTERS

Stirring up the Political Circles of Britain.

THE IRISH PARTY WITH THE TORIES

That is if They Follow the Lead of Justin McCarthy.

Liberals Will Get Quit of the Home Rule Question—Italy and the Next Pope—Why Russia Employs English Engineers—Black Sea Fleet Rotting for Want of Paint, and Officers Steal the Money Appropriated to Buy Paint—Other Cable News.

London, Dec. 14.—Justin McCarthy, the leader of the anti-Parnellite section of the Irish Parliamentary party, delivered a speech at Walworth last Tuesday, in which he definitely committed that party to support the Tory schemes for sectarian education. Since then the disposition of the Liberals to throw Home Rule for Ireland overboard has become more decided. Mr. McCarthy obviously expects to obtain a pact with the Government under which a Roman Catholic university will be established in Ireland, besides satisfying the Catholic clericals in England by assisting to pass a measure that they have long desired. No policy could more absolutely alienate the sympathies of the Liberals. The Speaker asks if the Irish realize the fact that by thus attacking the English allies in a purely English question they will find it more difficult than ever to heal the breach. Already a distinguished Radical member of the late parliament, who was a most pronounced and ardent Home Ruler, has retired from an important honorary post held by him in the Euglish Home Rule Union, owing to his disgust with the Irish members for going over bodily to the enemy, not on an Irish, but on an English question. The Methodist Times, the recognized organ of the Methodist Liberals, declares that if the Irish members of the House of Commons swell the majority following the Archbishop of Canterbury, Home Rule will pass out of the range of practical politics. These warnings, however true they may be, will not deter the Irish from obeying the orders of their clerical advisers, and all will move entirely in consonance with the general Catholic sentiment. Many Liberals will now get quit of Home Rule with a general feeling of relief, and will aspire to consolidate the party on the old lines that will be acceptable to the Duke of Devonshire, President of the Council; the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary; Lord James, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and other Unionists who are certain to refuse to follow Lord Salisbury if he attempts to gratify the Anglican clericals by an extension of the state grants to sectarian schools.

The Conservative newspapers deny that there is a difference of opinion in the Cabinet on the education question, and the denial is partly true, for the reason that a definite measure is not yet before the Cabinet, but it is an open secret that the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. Chamberlain and Sir John Gorst, Vice-President of the Committee of the Council, are opposed to Lord Salisbury's tentative proposals. Mr. Chamberlain's organ, The Birmingham Post, says he has clearly ranged himself with the Duke of Devonshire against the Prime Minister.

Questions as to the Pope.

Sir T. W. Reid, editor of The Speaker, who has recently had interviews with leading Italian statesmen, gives semi-official importance to a startling declaration in the issue of that paper today regarding the intention of the Italian Ministerialists, in the event of the Pope's death. The sum of his long argument, which, it is stated, represents the views of the Italian Government, is that the conclave which will elect the next Pope must be held outside of Italy. The Government means to provide for what is called "an honorable exodus of the conclave." The practical common sense of the Italian people is beginning to see that a foreign Pope would be practically unable to pose as a pretender to a temporal throne in Italy, while to an Italian Pope residing abroad such an attitude would involve the loss of the spiritual supremacy of the Italian church, and the state protecting him would be bound by the international laws applicable to pretenders disturbing the peace of other states.

The Black Sea Fleet.

The telegrams from Odessa reporting the enlargement of the Russian Black Sea fleet and the making of it ready for any contingency of war lend interest to an interview that is published here with an English engineer who has long been supervising the Russian war ships in the Black Sea.

When asked why Russia was obliged to employ a large number of English engineers, he said that the Russian engineers do not know their work. They spoil weak machinery, are unable to make repairs, and allow the steering gear to get in trouble. He added that if the Russian navy had really to fight, it would go to pieces, the engineers not understanding the machinery of which they have charge. The Black Sea fleet is rotting for want of paint. The officers steal the money that is supposed to be expended for paint, and the bottoms of the ships are badly corrupted. It takes four years to fit out a Russian ship after she is delivered, the Russians are so slow, and such thieves. It is to nobody's interest to hurry. The Black Sea fleet is formidable only on paper, and is not fit to go anywhere.

Riviera Yachting Season.

The Riviera yachting season will open at Marseilles on Feb. 29. In the larger class of yachts that will take part in the regattas are A. Barclay Walker's Alisa, A. D. Clark's Satanita and the Prince of Wales' Britannia. The 30 raters will include Howard Gould's Niagara, the new yacht that is being built for C. D. Rose, and Ogden Goelt's new boat.

It is reported that the Dunraven syndicate intends to sell the Valkyrie.

Prince Henry's Life Insurance.

An English insurance company has received a solid premium for writing a policy on the life of Prince Henry of Battenburg, who volunteered for service in the Ashantee campaign. The amount of the policy is 100,000 pounds. As the Prince was leaving Aldershot to join the steamer that takes him to the Gold Coast, he received a telegram from his mother-in-law, the Queen, expressing her best wishes for a prosperous voyage and a safe return. Princess Beatrice, Prince Henry's wife, and the Duchess of Connaught, wept as they kissed him good-bye, and the Prince was also in tears. Another court favorite, Lieut.-Col., the Hon. T. W. Stopford, some time a page of honor to the Queen, has also gone on the expedition.