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THE LETTER IN THE TIMES

IT IS A MATTER OF MIGHTY CONCERN IN ENGLAND JUST NOW.

While the Newspaper is Securing Examples of His Signature to Verify Its Charge. Mr. Parnell Goes to Ireland to Sift the Matter.

LONDON, April 19.—The Times says: "We pay no attention whatever to Mr. Parnell's big words. If he proceeds to apply the only test by which the truth can be brought plainly before the world, we are quite prepared to meet him." Commenting on the letter printed yesterday the Times says: "It is remarkable that Mr. Parnell appeared doubtful on what grounds to impeach the authenticity of the letter. He first seemed disposed to assume that it might be an autograph which he admits he has sometimes given to enquirers, written on the top of a sheet of note paper, or possibly a signature for the use of his private secretary, which fell into unscrupulous hands. Now, however, he asserts that the signature is forged. Such discrepancies as he points out to prove this are extremely little. We possess several undoubted examples of his signature, and in our deliberate judgment there can be no doubt the letter is genuine."

A Writing Expert Called In.

LONDON, April 19.—Mr. Netherclift, an eminent chirographic expert, has compared the signature attached to the Times' Parnell letter with two of Mr. Parnell's signatures, but declines to express an opinion in the absence of further examples. He says there are disparities between the signature to the Times' letter and the two others and that there are also disparities between the latter two. He thinks the fairest comparison would be with signatures of the same date as that of the Times, not with signatures recently written for a test. He says the signature given by the Times, if false, is a very good imitation, but that it would be unfair to give an opinion based upon two signatures written for purposes of comparison.

Churchill's Opinion on the Matter.

LONDON, April 19.—Lord Randolph Churchill, speaking in Nottingham this evening, said that if the Parnellites chose to bring an action against the London Times they need not trust an English jury, because they can take proceedings against the paper in Ireland or Scotland. He would not make himself a party to the accusation, but it might be necessary for the House of Commons, independently of the Parnellites, to take action to clear itself as a body of the grave charges made against a section of its members. Continuing, he said that for forty-five years Mr. Gladstone had not wavered in his resistance to the Irish revolutionary party. It would be difficult to calculate how many persons had been executed or imprisoned during that time. He did not envy the failings of Mr. Gladstone when the latter remembered the number of persons who use lives he had contributed to sacrifice because they advocated the same principle he himself was now advocating. From the time the Crimes Bill became law crime would diminish, and outrage, terrorism and intimidation cease. Even now the introduction of the bill and its reception by Parliament had produced in Ireland a most beneficial effect. Irishmen would soon tire of paying double taxes to the National League and the Queen. The moment they saw the Government had the power and intention to suppress the league, all Irishmen would acquiesce in its suppression. In conclusion, he referred to the Liberal-Unionists, denying that he had ever intended to speak lightly of them. He dwelt strongly upon the necessity of keeping them up to the scratch and of combating their natural vacillating tendency.

A Select Committee Asked For.

LONDON, April 19.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Caldwell, Liberal-Unionist, gave notice that he would move for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by the Times against Mr. Parnell and other Irish leaders in connection with crime in Ireland.

Gladstone at the Eighty Club.

LONDON, April 19.—Mr. Gladstone spoke at the dinner given by the Eighty Club this evening. He said the time had arrived when it was necessary to measure his own position and the position of the Unionists. He never entertained a suspicion that the Parnellites associated themselves with crime, and his official knowledge was at least as great as that of Lord Hartington. The burden of proof lay upon the accusers, not upon the accused. Unless the accusers showed a rational probability of the truth of their charges they were worthless calumniators and should be shunned as pests of society. Continuing, Mr. Gladstone said he hoped the Liberal-Unionists who had abstained from voting on the second reading of the Crimes Bill would ultimately rally against coercion. Nothing has occurred to make the prospect of Home Rule more hopeless than it was twelve or even six months ago. It was utterly untrue that he had tried to induce the Unionists to work with the Home Rule Liberals for party purposes outside of the Irish Question, but had failed in his endeavors. But bitterest of all was the sight of Liberals supporting the Coercion Bill. He had hoped that a considerable number of the Liberals who had voted in favor of the Crimes Bill would eventually refuse to accept the measure unless they were assured that there would be combined with it a bill for the relief of Ireland. For that reason he had asked in the House of Commons yesterday the question, would the Government stand or fall by its Relief Bill as by its Coercion Bill? The evasive answer he received showed that the Government meant to force through the Coercion Bill and let the Relief Bill take its chances. He briefly criticised the purposes and alleged necessity of the bill and said that the question should be referred to the judgment of the nation. He did not wish an early dissolution of Parliament, but they must arouse reflection on the part of the electors, and he believed a dissolution would produce that effect. Mr. Gladstone spoke for an hour.

King-Harman's Explanation.

LONDON, April 19.—Col. King-Harman, in a speech at Ramsgate this evening, said it was true he was a Home Ruler in 1870, but the meaning of Home Rule then was absolutely different from its meaning now. Then the Loyalist party had been greatly outraged by certain legislation introduced by Mr. Gladstone, and many Loyalists said that if Ireland was to be thus treated it was better to see what her own people could do, but they never hinted at separation.

Sullivan Interviewed.

CHICAGO, April 19.—In speaking of the debate in Parliament last night in which his name was mentioned, Alexander Sullivan said to-day: "While Major Saunderson is a coward-ly bully and a brutal calumniator, who has been justly scorned by the Parnellites, Lord Hartington has become a monomaniac, and is evidently prepared to believe any falsehood, however preposterous, on account of the death of his brother, Lord Frederick Cavendish. I knew just as much and just as little about the Phœnix Park affair as Lord Hartington himself, and in that respect am in precisely the same position as Mr. Parnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Brennan and others of the National League whose names have been untruthfully connected with it. So far as Lord Cavendish was concerned Mr. Parnell perfectly expressed my views, and I believe those of Mr. Egan, Mr. Brennan and their associates, when he says that he would have stood, if he could, between the unfortunate man and the knives of his assailants."

Mr. Parnell Goes to Ireland.

LONDON, April 19.—Mr. Parnell has gone to Dublin to endeavor to sift the matter of the letter published by the Times.

The Signatures Paralleled.

LONDON, April 20.—The Times this morning says: "We possess several specimens of Mr. Parnell's signature, written about the date of the disputed document, from which we are able to parallel the peculiarities of the signature."

Saunderson Says it Again.

LONDON, April 19.—Major Saunderson, speaking at Tunbridge this evening, reiterated his charges against the Parnellites and challenged them to adopt the means of vindication at their disposal.

A VIGOROUS COMPETITOR.

How the C. P. R. Will Take Advantage of the Inter-State Commerce Bill.

CHICAGO, April 19.—It is stated that in the event of the Inter-state Commission refusing to suspend the long and short haul clause for the benefit of the trans-continental lines, the Canadian Pacific has decided to put on an independent steamboat line between Chicago and Port Arthur, for the purpose of competing for the carriage of Pacific Coast freight both east and west bound. Their tariff rates on through freight will be from forty to fifty per cent. less than the rates established by the American roads.

CANADIAN ART EXHIBITION.

A Meritorious Display by the Royal Canadian Academy.

MONTREAL, April 19.—The exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts will open at the Art Association Galleries, Phillips-square, to-morrow. The evening assembly took place at 8 o'clock to-night, when the members and honorary members of the Academy met. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne, and a private exhibition was given. The rooms will be opened to the public to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, and a large attendance of spectators is expected. Over 200 excellent works of art are on exhibition. About 100 of these are oils and 100 water colors. A few architectural designs are shown, and three busts represent the work of the sculptor.

EDITOR PANTON'S CONTEMPT.

The Milton Champion Man Again Committed to Jail.

MILTON, Ont., April 19.—At the Scott Act trial held here to-day on a charge against David Dewar, before Police Magistrate Young, Mr. Panton, a witness, was asked the following question: "Did you drink any intoxicating liquor at Dewar's hotel in the month of January last that was paid for?" Panton answered: "I did not drink any intoxicating liquor in Dewar's hotel in January last, without first making sure that it was not paid for, and that there was no violation of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 by receiving it." The magistrate did not consider this an answer to his question, and committed Panton to jail for six days for contempt.

The New Mahdi Friendly.

CAIRO, April 19.—The delegates of the new Mahdi had an audience yesterday with the Khedive, to whom they presented letters from the Mahdi to the Khedive, the Queen of England and the Sultan of Turkey. In the letter the Mahdi says: "If you will recognize me as the true Mahdi you will be saved and we will be friends; otherwise I will march forward, and the same fate will befall you as overtook your general." The Mahdi addresses Queen Victoria as the favorite of her people.

A Polish Poet's Funeral.

CRACOW, April 19.—Six thousand persons from all parts of Europe attended the funeral to-day of Kroszewski, the Polish poet, who died at Geneva on March 20. Eight hundred wreaths were laid on the catafalque. At the cathedral of St. Mary a requiem mass was celebrated. Black flags are displayed throughout the city, lamps are swathed in crape, and dense crowds throng the streets.

The Afghan Rebellion.

BOMBAY, April 19.—Parwana Khan, the Afghan commander, who was sent by the Ameer with 5000 men to avenge the recent massacre of Gholam-Haider Khan, the Governor of Maraf, by the Ghilzais, was met on the route south of Ghuzni by the rebels. The Khan of Dhir has rebelled against the Ameer. He has attacked and defeated the Khan of Bodshira and captured two of the latter's villages and a quantity of breech-loading rifles.

A Prosperous Season Promised.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The daily Stockholder says it is confidently claimed that the great activity in the iron ore trade in the Lake Superior region and the operation of interstate commerce will have such a favorable effect upon the lake carrying trade that a degree of prosperity to that trade unknown, at least in recent years, is assured for the coming season. The new tonnage to be added this season will not fall short of 100,000 tons.

They Will Accede to the Pope's Wish.

ROME, April 19.—The Vatican has been informed by the Centre party in the Lower House of the Prussian Diet that they will accede to the Pope's wish and vote for the Ecclesiastical Bill in the form in which it passed the Upper House, but that they disclaim all responsibility for abandoning the amendments they intended to offer.

The Governor-General's Visit.

OTTAWA, April 19.—Lord Lansdowne, the Marchioness of Lansdowne and suite expect to reach Toronto on May 2 and to remain in that city until after the Queen's Birthday. They will occupy Government House during their visit. Among other things, His Excellency has engaged to attend the Woodbine races on the day the Queen's Plate is run.

A Fatal Fall.

OTTAWA, April 19.—Ivano Tache, a clerk in the journals office in the Senate side, was seized with a fit of apoplexy about 6 o'clock this evening and in falling struck his head on the stone floor so severely as to produce concussion of the brain. He is not expected to live until morning.

Primrose Day.

LONDON, April 19.—Primrose Day, the anniversary of the death of Lord Beaconsfield, was generally observed by the Conservatives. The statue of Lord Beaconsfield was handsomely decorated.

Sudden Death of a Millionaire.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Alexander Mitchell, the Milwaukee millionaire, died here suddenly this morning. Mr. Mitchell was President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company. The cause of death was pneumonia.

—Steel wire Mats are now in use in all our principal churches, schools, banks and public buildings. Offices and factory, 6 Wellington west. 136

He Met a Woman in China.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Capt. H. T. Evans, commander of the American ship Grandee, has fled, taking with him $7000 of her owners money and a woman whose acquaintance he made in China.

The Canadian Mail Route.

LONDON, April 19.—The Colonial Conference to-day took up the consideration of Canada's proposal for the establishment of an alternative mail route from China to Australia via the Canadian Pacific Railway. The discussion was adjourned till to-morrow.

C.P.R. Traffic Returns.

MONTREAL, April 19.—The traffic returns of the Canadian Pacific Railway for last week were $188,000, against $187,000 for the corresponding week last year, showing an increase of $1000 for this year.

CABLE NOTES.

The remains of Vicar-General Quinn have been sent from Paris to Havre, en route to New York.

A despatch from Mandalay says the Dacoit leader, Hlaoo, has been killed by one of his own tribesmen and that the villagers are rejoicing at his death.

A Russian war ship engaged in practice firing off Varna on Sunday and caused great alarm among the people of the town. The Bulgarian authorities have protested against a repetition of such firing.

A DAY OF BRIEF SITTINGS.

BOTH HOUSES ARE EXPEDITIOUS IN ADJOURNING.

Some Interesting Figures From the Report of the Department of Railways—Deputations About to Make a Descent Upon the Capital.

OTTAWA, April 19.—The Senate met, said prayers, gave notice that on Friday it would adjourn until May 10, and quit. The House did a little better, but it was emphatically a day of small things. Sir John and Sir Charles wore beautiful yellow roses. Sir Caron had a red one. John Henry Pope had his hair combed in his usual style of elegant negligee. Peter White will imitate Mr. Pope's style when he is appointed Deputy-Speaker.

The ministers replied to questions that the present railway liabilities assumed by entering upon contracts is $3,268,000, subsidies $250,000, and canals now under contract about $2,000,000. That the questions of Mounted Police pensions and experimental farms in the Northwest are under consideration, and that the wharves at Longueil will be started as soon as the ice clears away.

In moving for a return of those who have received scrip for services of whatever kind in the late rebellion, Mr. Davin delivered a considerable speech. The trouble appears to be that the Birtle Home Guards got scrip and medals, while the Regina Home Guards did not. The Birtle Home Guards never moved outside of Birtle. The Regina Home Guards never moved out of Regina. Therefore the band from the flower clad prairies cannot understand why Birtle should be exalted among the hamlets of the plain while Regina should be debased.

Sir Adolphe Caron replied that the strict letter of the law had been complied with in every instance, and the return in a modified form was allowed to pass.

A couple of other unimportant returns were ordered and the House adjourned after laying on the table the reports of railways and canals and amending and adopting the list of standing committees.

Of the Toronto members Mr. Cockburn is on the Railways and Canals and Banking and Commerce Committees. Mr. Denison is on the Private Bills and Standing Orders, and Mr. Small is on the Railways and Canals and Private Bills. Clark Wallace is on the Public Accounts and Standing Orders.

The report of the Railway Department deals with the Canadian Pacific Railway in extenso, with the Intercolonial Railway and with subsidized lines. Respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway a succinct history of the transactions of the company with the Government is given, winding up with the order in council of November last authorizing the closing up of all matters outstanding between the Government and the company, and the final agreement signed comprising the acceptance by the Government of the work executed by the company as fulfilling the conditions of their contract; the transfer to and acceptance by the company of the portions of the road constructed by the Government; the payment to the company of the balance of the subsidy; the release of the seventy held for operation and the deposit by the company with the Government of $1,600,000 of land grant bonds as security that the company will, whenever required by the Government, improve that portion of the line passing Mount Stephen in the Rockies.

Regarding the Government Railway the report shows that 1190 miles are in operation; the total loss on operation last year was $190,637; the total cost to June last was $49,195,000; the gross tonnage of freight carried was 38,500 tons in excess of the previous year. A comparison of traffic returns for ten years shows that the gross earnings have doubled. The amount of freight increased one and a half times and passengers one-third.

Respecting subsidized lines, the report shows that ninety-five lines have secured parliamentary authority for money subsidies and seven for land subsidies. Nine of the first set have been cancelled. The amount for which the other roads have been subsidized is as follows: General subsidies, $14,000,000; special subsidies, $8,750,000. The general subsidies are, as a rule, at the rate of $3200 per mile. Special subsidies are of a twofold character: one to the Short Line Railway of $3,000,000 a million a year for three years, and the other to the Chignecto Marine Railway of $3,250,000 in yearly payments of $150,000. No portion of the special subsidies has been paid. Of the other subsidies $725,000, or more than half the whole amount, has been paid. All these lines under the several acts empowering the Government to subsidize have been begun in two years from the passing of the acts. Under the subsidizing acts 35 railways have been begun and have advanced various stages, 22 of them having been paid either in whole or in part according to the progress made. The land subsidies amount to 8,416,000 acres, 6,880,000 to the Hudson Bay Railway and the balance to the Wood Mountain.

The report of the Department of Justice gives details of the crime of the country and the number of convicts in the different penitentiaries. The convict population of Canada on June 30, 1886, was 1200 as against 1112 the previous year, an increase of 88.

GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITAL.

Toronto Well Represented—Around the Lobbies—Political Chit-Chat.

OTTAWA, April 19.—Quite a number of Torontonians are in the city to-day. Mr. A. B. Lee, President of the Harbor Board, and Morgan Baldwin, Harbor Master, accompanied by the three Toronto members had an interview with Sir Hector Langevin regarding the title to a water lot back of the Queen's Wharf. The ownership is claimed by the Harbor Board, but the deeds are lost and a clear title cannot be shown by anybody. It is probable that the matter will be arranged satisfactorily to the deputation.

Then there are here Fred Barwick, Nicol Kingsmill, F. S. Spence, Sam Beatty, Mayor Howland, Alf. Smith and others. This is what they say they are here for: Messrs. Howland and Spence to attend the Dominion Alliance, and about twenty other Torontonians will be here to-morrow. Sam Beatty says he is going through to Montreal on business in connection with the Stephen-Smith hospital donation. Alf. Smith is on his way back from Montreal and dropped off merely to shake hands with Sir John. Mr. Barwick is down here to attend the assizes now in progress; and Mr. Kingsmill, when spoken to, smiled a knowing smile, but spoke not. All these latter had interviews with Mr. John Small, and occupied seats in the gallery.

Mr. Chisholm, M.P., British Columbia, states that the salmon packing industry, in which he is largely interested, promises to be very brisk during the coming season. The pack last year amounted to 965,404 cases. Each case represents an average of ten fish. Last year the distribution was 463,071 cases to the Eastern Provinces and the United States, 369,600 to Great Britain and 70,743 to Australia and New Zealand. The fishing season begins this month on the Columbia and in July on the Fraser River.

All the Knights of St. Michael and St. George here, including Sir John, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Adolphe Caron and Sir Fred Middleton, received invitations to attend the annual dinner of the order in London on St. George's Day.

So far the Senate leadership is not settled. Senator Botsford of New Brunswick is assisting Hon. Frank Smith for the present, but it is likely that the new leader will be selected before the close of the Senatorial vacation.

Sir Leonard Tilley is expected to visit the Capital next week.

Mr. J. B. Carlyle of Toronto, manager of the proposed new Manufacturers' Life Association, is here to look after the act of incorporation, which will be before the House this session. The company's headquarters will be in Toronto and Mr. Carlyle says he has the greatest man in Canada as president.

Last year's Bolters are undoubtedly coming back into the fold. I do not know who is bearing the olive branch, but it is waving all the same. It is now known definitely that Mr. Bergeron and others sent in their names to the Conservative leaders to be put on the committees and were given good places accordingly. Last night, too, Speaker Ouimet entertained at dinner among others Messrs. Montplaisir, Dupont and Bergeron, together with Mr. Chapleau. It is even whispered to-night that Messrs. Duchesney and Godbout, hitherto classed as straight Liberals, have signified their intention, in accordance with the wishes of their constituents, to support the Government. If this be so it probably heralds a general break to the Government side and will leave the Opposition in a hopeless minority. I give the rumor for what it is worth, but to a dead certainty the hen is on the nest whatever the hatching may be.

If the session closes in time, Speaker Ouimet will command this year's Wimbledon team. He has several times been pressed to accept the command and will now comply, if possible. The adjutant has not yet been chosen. The names of Capt. Manley and Major Allan of Toronto, and Capt. Barthilli and Capt. Hart of St. John, are mentioned, with the chances in favor of Capt. Hart being selected. He is a crack shot, an ardent officer and a regular attendant at the Dominion matches.

The Governor-General will entertain large dinner parties of members both on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Hon. Mr. Foster has not yet returned from South Victoria. The report here is to-night that the contest will be close with the chances in favor of the Conservatives holding the seat.

The fisheries returns being prepared for Parliament are nearly complete. Part of them will probably be laid on the table to-morrow. There are hundreds of pages that will certainly prove most interesting reading.

The iron and steel men are here in force to-night, with others interested in tariff questions. To-morrow will be a day of deputation. Besides the iron men, the Toronto and Montreal paper makers, the coopers and the electric machinery manufacturers will all have deputations on deck. To-day Mr. Wood introduced a deputation of Gananoque carriage manufacturers to the Finance Minister.

This morning Messrs. Perley and Davis had an interview with the Minister of the Interior in relation to the Northwest land bill, and Messrs. Rose, Royal, Snetsinger and Daly interviewed the Minister of Militia with regard to the question of a new building at Fort Osborne. Owing to the cutting down of the estimates, it is probable that the work will not go on this year. They also interviewed Mr. Carling regarding the erection of new immigrant sheds at Winnipeg. A handsome brick structure was promised them.

The late customs regulation regarding the examination of passengers' personal effects when crossing the line having been found to work unsatisfactorily, were to-day rescinded by order of the Department.

Hon. Mr. Carling will visit the Northwest, accompanied by Prof. Saunders, immediately after the close of the session. They will select the sites for the experimental farms in Manitoba and the Territories. Hon. Mr. Thompson will go as far west as British Columbia, visiting the penitentiaries.

The Manitoba and Northwest contingents have had an interview with Sir John on the disallowance question. The matter was discussed at length and another day named for a second conference, when the Minister of Justice will be present and the legal aspect of the case taken up.

Things are beginning to take shape on the Home Rule question. Those members who have protests entered against them are in a quandary, while those who are safe and who are opposed to Home Rule loudly assert that they will determinedly oppose Mr. Curran's resolution. There will be amendments. I was shown the draft of one to-day which will be moved by Mr. McNeil of North Bruce, unless other counsels prevail in the meantime. It is to the effect that while the House regrets that the Imperial Government has not seen fit to grant a measure of Home Rule to Ireland, yet it has every confidence in the wisdom and motives that influence the House of Parliament in the legislation now proposed in that House, and that resolution then takes their nothing will.

By an oversight the resident American Consul was not invited to participate in the opening ceremonies. This last outrage of the bloody Sassenach, it is thought, destroys all hope of peace between Canada and the United States, and we may as well all take to the woods at once. It is expected that Emery of Chicago, Pryce of Maine, and Riddelberger of Virginia will have the British lion by the scruff of the neck before morning and Hon. Wm. McDougall having gone "agin" the Government what hope is there to save the town. There is a general desire to hang Black Rod as a peace offering before withdrawing our diplomatic representatives. The situation is very grave, as we appear to be losing our grip on the status quo ante.

The Opposition held another caucus to-day. It was not as largely attended as the former ones. The question of who gave away Mr. Blake's letter was discussed, and a ferocious desire to wrestle with him whoever he may be) was manifested. However, the miscreant escaped. The policy to be adopted by the party was discussed, but beyond a general determination to fight at every reasonable opportunity no conclusion was arrived at. As a prominent Ontario man expressed it, "We will find out what the Tories are going to do and then take the opposite tack."

The Ministerialists have not called a caucus yet and many of the members, especially the new ones, are kicking like three-year-olds. Some of the older ones are no better. Some of the administration will certainly get into trouble if a caucus is not called.

There were over thirty notices placed on the order paper to-night. One by Mr. Charlton looks to having the blue books distributed at the end of the fiscal year whether Parliament is in session or not. Mr. Cargrain wants to know who is now acting as High Commissioner for Canada at London and whether Sir Charles Tupper is still acting as such. Edward wants to know whether the examining warehouse at Ottawa is to be proceeded with at once. Finally Watson gives notice of Blake's big Canadian Pacific resolution of last session, which was not reached then, but will be now and will create a fine debate.

The Cabinet sat for four hours to-day putting the last touches to the estimates.

No Deaths at the Girls' Home.

A gentleman called at The World office last evening and said that diphtheria was prevalent to an alarming extent in the Girls' Home and had carried off four children. The World paraded the statement before Mrs. Bright, matron, and she at once stamped it as untrue. "How these rumors go about, do they not?" she said in a quiet way. "We did have diphtheria in the Home two weeks ago, but it is all over now, and we have not had any deaths. The doctor (J. F. W. Ross) allowed those who were sick to get up to-day. I think it came from the public schools, as some of the older children were allowed to attend Georgestreet school, because our room was too small. We are thankful to be able to say that no children have died for over a year."

The Montreal Teamsters' Strike.

MONTREAL, April 19.—The striking teamsters of the Shedden Company are now resuming work. Arrangements have been come to which are satisfactory to the men. One man for throwing stones at the new men who were turned out this morning was arrested and sentenced to six months in jail. He did not belong to the company. There was for a time some anxiety about the doings of the strikers. About the time for starting work the police were present and acted as guards.

Joe Racine Coming Home.

MONTREAL, April 19.—It is understood from private advices that Joe Racine, who passed the counterfeiters' bills here, is on his way home from Paris, France, and that he will be arrested on arrival, but will be leniently dealt with, as he is to turn Queen's evidence.

Salvationists' Barracks Burned.

LISTOWEL, Ont., April 19.—The Salvation Army barracks here, known as the old Methodist church, was burned to the ground yesterday. Loss, $500; no insurance. The fire was without doubt the work of an incendiary.

THAT UNENDORSED WARRANT.

Col. Denison's Refusal to Back it Called up in the House of Commons.

OTTAWA, April 19.—On Thursday Mr. Prefontaine will enquire whether the Government or the Minister of Justice has been informed that Mr. George T. Denison, Police Magistrate for the city of Toronto, has refused, contrary to the act, chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, chap. 49, to endorse a warrant signed and issued by one of the judges of the Sessions of the Peace for the Province of Quebec, Mr. C. Desnoyers, one of the police magistrates for the city of Montreal, for the arrest of one Edmund E. Sheppard, the said warrant bearing upon its face a criminal charge against the said E. E. Sheppard for having libelled certain officers of the 65th Battalion of Montreal in relation to the expedition to the Northwest in 1885, and if so, was it by the instructions of the Department of Justice such endorsement was refused, and if not, what position do the Government intend to assume in the matter?

IN THE SISTER CITY.

A Budget of Newsy Briefs From Hamilton-on-the-Bay.

Mrs. Wigmore's annual concert was given at the Gore-street Church last evening. The excellent church choir and about twelve soloists participated. A large audience was in attendance.

The long looked for annual banquet of the Young Liberal Club took place at the Arcade Hall last night. About 200 occupied seats at the board. Mr. Thomas Davidson presided. Prominent among the visitors were Messrs. Jewett and Patching, of the Toronto Liberal Club; W. A. Weir of Montreal and J. O'Hagan of Renfrew, all of whom responded to the toasts assigned to them. Rev. Dr. Burns and Fred. Walters spoke on the Dominion Parliament. It was after midnight when they dispersed.

A little girl, 11 years old, daughter of C. Wilson, left home yesterday evening and has been missing since.

"Creation" and "Sampson" are the two oratorios to be given by the Philharmonic Society on June 21 and 22.

At the Ministerial Association, which met yesterday, the following was adopted: That the annual exchange of pulpits take place on Sunday, May 22; that the Moral Reform Association hold a public meeting on May 10, at which Mayor Howland of Toronto and others are to speak; and that a committee consisting of Revs. Hunter, Lyle, McFaddin and Morton wait upon the City Council and urge that the cemetery and Dundurn Park be closed on Sunday.

The Railway Commission are still taking evidence. Business men all seem to be of the opinion that a permanent commission should be appointed to put an end to the many inconveniences now experienced in the matter of discrimination.

It is rumored that Alex. McKenzie of the Arcade Saloon has skipped, as the bartender was the only one found in charge of the place when the bailiff seized it.

The Bank of Montreal has made the following changes: Mr. Rankin goes to Toronto and Mr. Frazer comes to Hamilton, both as assistant accountants.

The City License Commissioners in Session.

The License Commissioners were seated in their board room, Union Block at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon waiting for deputations in regard to the granting of licenses, having announced themselves "at home" at that hour. But no deputations appeared, nor had any petitions for or against been received. This is quite different from a year ago, when the Commissioners were besieged by deputations armed with long petitions. The temperance people are evidently satisfied that the Board will do what is right.

A number of hotel-keepers who expect to be out off wanted to be heard in defence of themselves, but the Commissioners would not receive them.

The Industrial Room Sale.

The ladies conducting the Industrial Room opened their annual sale yesterday at 48 King-street west, in the Canada Life building. The Industrial Room, as many may not be aware, is a charitable institution where women in poor circumstances may get employment at knitting or sewing. The management request the public to visit the place and assist in the good work by purchasing some of the large stock of useful and fancy articles. The sale will continue to-day and to-morrow.

—Steel wire door mats will not wear out. They require no shaking as they cleanse themselves. They do not fill with dirt and dust; all dust falls through and can be readily swept up. 136

A Convention of Milkmaids.

The young ladies of Bond-street Congregational Church gave a unique entertainment last night in the shape of a milkmaid's convention. About twenty of them were dressed in the orthodox milkmaid fashion, with snowy white aprons, bare arms, "cow-breakfast" hats, and each was supplied with a tin pail and a three-legged stool. They gave a musical program and also served out refreshments on the European plan. The church members and friends turned out in force and made the entertainment a success.

Mud on Brock-street Wharf.

Complaints are being made about the condition of Brock-street wharf, upon which is piled tons of mud and other stuff taken from the hull of the burned schooner Annie Mulvey, which lies alongside. Besides being blocked up it is partly broken down by the great weight of the stuff. Capt. Hall owns the Mulvey and the depositing of the obstruction on the wharf was by his orders. The schooner British Queen is sunk at the west side of the wharf and interferes with the approach of ferry boats.

South Victoria.

The election takes place to-day. The riding has been thoroughly stumped by speakers of both sides. Among the Reformers were Peter Ryan, James Conmee, M.P.P., Jos. Tait, D. E. Cameron (Lucknow) and Mr. Preston, the organizer of the party. The Conservative speakers have been Charles Mackintosh, R. Cowan, J. McGillivray, Mr. Campbell of the Brampton Conservator, Hon. Mr. Foster and Hon. Mr. Thompson. Both sides are confident of victory. Sam Hughes is doing great work for his party.

Endorsed by the Body Guard.

At a meeting of the Band Committee of the Governor-General's Body Guard yesterday this resolution was unanimously passed:

Moved by Lieutenant Browning and Quartermaster Sloan, that in the opinion of the committee it is in the best interest of the city and garrison of Toronto to have attached to the city corps large and efficient bands, that the committee views with pleasure the active steps now being taken by the Queen's Own Rifles to improve and enlarge their band and to provide the citizens with a first-class organization of that kind, wishes them all success in their endeavors, and believes that the accomplishment of their desired end will have a most beneficial effect upon the other military bands of the city.

Off to Texas.

Mr. William MacNabb, a well-known Toronto boy, and son of Mr. Alex. MacNabb, who has been ranching for some time near San Angelo, Texas, being about to return to the land of his adoption, was last evening surprised by a few of his old comrades and presented with a well-lined wallet. His many friends heartily wish "Texas Bill" a continuance of his past success, and hope that he may soon pay Toronto another visit. Mr. MacNabb leaves by the 12.20 Grand Trunk train to-day.

A Royal Visit.

The Queen of Denmark will visit her daughter, the Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House in June. She may take old Denmark along to recite "Hamlet" for the Wales family. The Prince of Wales will likely present the old man with some of quinn the shirtmaker's necklties, which are now considered the correct somersaults in royal circles.

Never Wear a Sad Hat.

—If you do your credit goes away down at your banker's. Your wife will snub you and even the 'ousemaid will turn up her dainty little nose at your last season's tile. C. H. Tonkin, 78 Yonge-street, North Toronto, can fit you with a new hat to perfection.

DIVIDING UP A FAT OFFICE.

SHERIFFS TO BE APPOINTED IN THE COUNTY AND CITY.

Canvassing the Probable Appointees—The Post is Worth $15,000 Per Annum—No Member of the House Likely to Get There—Legislative Proceedings.

The statement in The World yesterday that it was probable the sheriff's office, vacant on account of the death of Mr. Jarvis, would be split up and divided between two good Grits was borne out by subsequent events. In the Legislature yesterday afternoon the Attorney-General moved the House into committee on Bill 127, introduced by himself, for "further improving the law." The Attorney-General offered several amendments to the bill as it formerly stood. The first and most important was:

The lieutenant-governor-in-council may, in manner aforesaid, at any time hereafter, and from time to time, appoint one fit and proper person to be sheriff of the county of York, and another fit and proper person to be sheriff of the city of Toronto, every such sheriff to hold office during pleasure.

In such case the lieutenant-governor-in-council may define what duties with reference to courts held jointly for the city and county, including any duties to be performed under the Jurors' Act, shall be performed by the sheriffs of the city and county respectively.

No act done by either of the said sheriffs shall be held unlawful or invalid on the ground that the same should have been done by the other.

This bill happened very opportunely. It contained a couple of amendments to the act respecting the office of sheriff, and the vacancy occurring in York while the bill was yet before the House, the Government seized the opportunity of dividing the office by inserting the above paragraphs in clause 4 of the bill. This obviates the necessity of introducing a special bill to create two offices.

Other amendments made to the Sheriff's Act were: During long vacation, from July 1 to Sept. 1, both days inclusive, the sheriff's office shall be kept open from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. The sheriff's fees for supplying certificates respecting executions against lands for which a title is being investigated or established, shall not exceed $4.

The Attorney-General's announcement, in the words of his amendment, that the office of Sheriff of York was to be divided, did not have a startling effect on the House. It was rather expected. Mr. Mowat and the Provincial Secretary spoke of the responsibilities of the office in the county and city. "The shrievalty of the County of York," said the Provincial Secretary, "is an exception; there is not another such important office of a similar kind in the Dominion. The post will stand dividing."

Mr. Meredith and Mr. Creighton held that as the office was productive of such excessive emoluments (Mr. Meredith said the net profits were $10,000 per year) a proportion of them should go to the Government or be returned to the county treasury.

The amendments were passed and the bill reported to the House.

After it was generally known that there was to be two sheriffs, the three members for the county, Mr. Leys, the Liberal member for Toronto, were the centres of attraction. Dr. Gillmour and Mr. Smith talked earnestly with the Provincial Secretary about the vacancy. It was freely whispered around that Dr. Widdifield would get the county appointment, but The World was positively assured by one who ought to know that such would not be the case.

"It is not probable that the Government would appoint a member of the House to either of the offices," said a Liberal light to The World last night. "As long ago as John Sandfield Macdonald's time, Hon. Ed. Blake offered a resolution in the Assembly depreciating the appointment of members to public positions. The resolution was not carried, but since that time the Reform Government has in a measure adhered to the spirit of that resolution. Besides, this is a new Parliament, and the Government would not, I fancy, take a man who was fresh from a constituency behind him in a fat public position. If the vacancy had occurred before the last Parliament was dissolved, say a few months, it would have been an easy matter to keep the office open till a member had served his full term."

The county members, Dr. Gilmour, Dr. Widdifield and Mr. G. B. Smith will probably confer on the appointment of the county sheriff, and Mr. John Leys that of the city.

Warden Massie, of the Central Prison, was around the lobbies and the library a good portion of last night. One of the rumors that The World heard floating about was that Mr. Massie would be made County Sheriff and Major Bob Hamilton, who was also observed in the immediate vicinity, would succeed Mr. Massie at the prison.

The number of city men who are after the civic shrievalty is large, numbering over a dozen.

It is well known that the office is worth nearer $15,000 than $10,000, the figures published in some of the city papers as representing the emoluments. This sum divided among two will make a very comfortable income for each. The World still believes, as it pointed out yesterday, that where the fees are so robust a large proportion should go to the Government or revert to the people of the city and county.

Speaking of appointments and aspirants a number of well-known leaders of labor organizations in the city were down at the House last night. Mr. Fraser's act to amend the Ontario Factories Act was considered in committee, and clauses were inserted empowering the Government to appoint two or more inspectors in localities where their services would be considered necessary. Among those mentioned as aspirants for the Toronto inspectorships were D. J. O'Donoghue, ex-M.P.P., Samuel McNabb, John Armstrong and Harry Parr, all well-known labor men.

Proceedings in the House.

The House sat from 3.15 in the afternoon until 10.50 last night, with an intermission of two hours for dinner. Nearly the whole of the time was spent in committee, amending and progressing bills. When the House rose the members could justly claim that they "had done a fair day's work" and received a fair day's pay. These bills were read a third time and passed: No. 21, to authorize the City of London to borrow certain monies for separate school purposes. Mr. Meredith; No. 112, respecting the guardianship of minors, Mr. Hardy; No. 12, to incorporate the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, Mr. Morin; No. 54, to amend the act incorporating the Girls' Home, Toronto, Mr. Leys; No. 10, to further extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company, of Toronto, Dr. Widdifield.

Bills No. 73, to amend the act respecting Public Schools; No. 124, to make further provisions respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors; No. 126, respecting the appointment of police magistrates, and No. 148, respecting the taxation of patented lands in Algoma, all of which stood for third readings, were amended in committee and reported back to the House. Bill No. 128 was amended so as to provide that fees collected by magistrates in Scott Act counties shall go to the municipality and not to the magistrate, as formerly proposed by the Attorney-General. The magistrates will be paid a stated salary.

The word "to-morrow" was inserted in Mr. Fraser's resolution moving the House into committee to provide that $1,