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THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING A REDUCTION IN THE RATE.

Hon. Thomas McGreevy's Enemy Will Not Spring His Sensation Until Monday—The Government Majority a Clear Couple of Dozen—The Canada & Michigan Tunnel Co.'s Charter.

OTTAWA, May 6.—Penny postage is in the air. Men who are now old will live to see imperial penny postage, and as for Canada the two-cent rate may be considered to have knocked at the door when we hear the Postmaster-General declare that the Government are considering a reduction in the present rate. That was the answer that Hon. John Haggart returned to an enquiry of Mr. Somerville whether it was the intention of the Government to reduce letter postage to two cents.

Col. Denison also had a question whether it was the intention of the Government to approach the imperial authorities with a view to establish a uniform two-cent postage rate between all parts of the empire. Mr. Haggart said this also was under consideration.

Mr. Tarte's Bombshell.

Early to-day it was understood that Mr. Tarte would place the McGreevy matter before the House for action. The impetuous French-Canadian editor was ill for a few days, but he was about to-day and occupied his place in the House. He carried under his arm a neatly-wrapped-up parcel which was said to contain his arraignment of the Hon. Thomas McGreevy and of the Minister of Public Works. He did not unwrap it, however, and it is now said he will not make his statement until Monday. He will read his story from a type-written copy which he has prepared, and the mere reading of which will occupy an hour and a half.

The Election Returns.

A debate of the pleasantest character occurred on motion of Dr. Landerkin, requiring a whole portfolio of information regarding the recent general election and the methods adopted in making the returns to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Mr. Mills had something to say about it. The returning-officers, the philosopher said, under the statute could be proceeded against, but what was the use when the official was out, as in his constituency, worth anything and not a cent could be collected from him?

The Premier arose and in a mollifying speech assured the House that the Government would assist in rectifying any feature of the Franchise Act that worked unfairly. This was greeted with Opposition "Hears, hears," and the doctor thanked the leader of the House for his promises.

Messrs. McMullen and Mulock testified to the rectitude of the returning officers in their constituencies, and it was then the Ministerialist's turn to say "Hear, hear."

Altogether it was a pleasant interlude in the harsh notes of acrimonious debate.

Apportioning the Seats.

The striking committee, composed of members of the two parties, met to-day and concluded the work of forming the committees. It is whispered about to-night that the Opposition were conceded 94 seats. Substracting from the total number of members the Speaker's seat, one of the new constituencies represented by Sir Hector Langevin and Algoma, this would leave the Government at present with 118 seats, or a majority of 24.

The Duty on Confectionery.

R. Watson, Toronto; McLaughlin, Owen Sound; J. E. Ganong, St. Stephen, N.B., and Carruthers, Kingston, a deputation representing wholesale confectioners, will have an interview with the Minister of Finance and Customs to-morrow to urge that the duty on confectionery be increased or duty on raw sugar taken.

Want the Excise Duty Reduced.

A deputation representing Canadian importers, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in tobacco, waited upon Messrs. Foster, Bowell and Costigan, Ministers of Customs and Inland Revenue, at the office of the Finance Minister this morning. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Tuckett, Bristol and Stuart of Hamilton; Percheron of Montreal and Benetteau of London. They were introduced by Messrs. McKay and Ryckman of Hamilton and Denison of Toronto. They asked that the excise duty on tobacco be reduced from 20 cents to 10 cents or 11 cents per pound, and argued that this course would increase the consumption of tobacco and would not reduce the revenue derived from it. The ministers promised to lay the views of the deputation before the government.

Gossip from the Capital.

The position awarded to Mr. Chipman, Tupper's private secretary, as Hudson Bay commissioner in Winnipeg is worth $6000. Chipman is a relative of Tupper.

Viscount Kilcournie, Grenadier Guards, arrived at Government House to-day to assume his duties as aide-de-camp on the staff of His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston.

A delegation of sugar refiners are here asking that the duty on raw sugar be taken off and a corresponding duty added to the duty on the refined article.

Rev. Mr. Dougall, Methodist missionary in the Northwest, is here to-day, and waited on Mr. Dewdney, Minister of the Interior, to ask for a money grant to the Industrial School at Morley.

At the caucus of members of Parliament in favor of prohibition Mr. Jamieson suggested rushing the prohibition resolution on the House as soon as possible so as not to have it so far down on the order paper that it could not be finally disposed of this session.

A leather manufacturers' deputation arrived here to-lay and urged the Government to place on the free list desgras and oleomastarine materials required in the manufacture of leather, Hon. Mr. Foster promised to lay the matter before his colleagues. The deputation included Messrs. Beard more and Wickett, Toronto; C. J. Millard, Orillia; George Lang and Mr. Breithaupt, Berlin.

Dr. Montague presented a petition to-day of the Canada & Michigan Tunnel Co. for an act to extend the time of commencing and completing their work. The petitioners are: James Ross, Andrew Onderdonk, J. D. Hawke, George Bliss, D. O. Mills, H. B. Laidlaw and Nicol Kingsmill. The petition recited that after a charter was obtained for a tunnel under the Detroit River, from Windsor or Sandwich to Detroit, the promoters of a rival scheme, the Detroit Winter Railway Bridge Co., obtained a charter, and this disconcerted the promoters of the first scheme. The railway companies have not, however, decided that the tunnel is the most feasible; the company therefore ask for an extension of their time so that the work may be commenced. The River St. Clair Railway Bridge & Tunnel Co., which also purposes to pass over or under the river between the township of Moore and the town of St. Clair, also wants an extension of time.

A Toronto Man at Seattle.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer announces that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pellatt of Toronto have been spending several days at the Rainer House in that city. Mr. Pellatt is senior member of the firm of Pellatt & Pellatt, and The Intelligencer says he would be picked out from a crowd as a type of the keen, energetic and prosperous Anglo-American. In an interview he said that he favored "closer trade relations between Canada and the United States, but that we have a number of industries which I believe we ought to foster by protection, just as you have fostered yours. It is possible that some fine day in the remote future we may see political union between Canada and the United States—but that will not be in my time, nor in yours. That is a golden dream for a millennium."

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DELEGATED TO KILL GOULD.

A Crank Who Said He Was One of Christ's Followers.

NEW YORK, May 6.—A dangerous lunatic named Charles J. Dixon, who says he comes from Pueblo, Col., was arrested here last night at the residence of Dr. Munn. Jay Gould's physician. Dixon told the Doctor that he belonged to an organization known as "Christ's Followers." This organization was strong throughout the country and he had been delegated at a secret meeting to come to New York and kill Jay Gould. He said he was known as vice-president, No. 71 of the order and told a sensational story as to how the organization was formed. Dixon was locked up as insane.

Dixon said that if Mr. Gould would give himself $500,000 in cash and $200,000 for some charitable institution he felt as though he could save Mr. Gould's life by arranging matters with his people. If Mr. Gould refused to accept both propositions and he (Dixon) failed to kill him the organization would certainly kill Dixon.

In a room where Dixon had been stopping detectives found a trunk full of clothing, a revolver and a slungshot, but the lunatic was unarmed when arrested. He had $260 in his pocket. Dixon said, among other things, that he killed four men who tried to rob his offices at Pueblo. He declared he had been a land agent and formerly owned a newspaper called The Jacksonian in Colorado. To-morrow he will be examined as to his sanity.

JOHN FLETT FOR ST. GEORGE'S.

The Election Yesterday Not Nearly So Close as Expected.

No great excitement thrilled St. George's Ward yesterday, the occasion of the election to fill the vacancy in the City Council caused by the demise of Alderman Gillespie. Still, there was a becoming interest shown, and the property-holders and business men turned out and voted early, and when the shades of evening fell John Flett was an alderman of Toronto with a majority that did his heart good to contemplate.

While he was receiving congratulations galore, he found time to remark to The World that his majority was larger than that polled by the late Alderman Gillespie, who headed the poll in the January elections. "The business men of the ward stood by me," he said. "I will not disappoint them by my official conduct." Here is the result of the poll:

Flett. Maughan.

Polling sub-division No. 1	69	17
" " " 2	84	10
" " " 3	109	22
" " " 4	77	22
" " " 5	121	19
" " " 6	92	49
" " " 7	43	56
Total	596	201

Majority for Flett, 395.

Foreign Personal.

William Tell may be a myth, as the Swiss Government now maintains; but the people of that republic keep on putting up statutes of him. A fine one in bronze has been offered to the city of Lausanne by a Portuguese Jew now living in Paris. M. Osiris Iffla; but the citizens are uncertain whether they ought to accept it or not, as the would-be donor does not enjoy the highest reputation. The city of Nancy, in France, however, took without hesitation last year his gift of a statue of Joan of Arc.

Tschaikowsky, the Russian composer, who is at work on a new opera which he hardly expects to complete inside of two years, says: "The labor of composing is slow and I never attempt to do anything in a short time. I sometimes spend a month doing what most modern composers accomplish in ten minutes. I cannot work rapidly, nor at any time except when in the mood."

Antoine Chapu, the French sculptor who recently died from influenza, executed a bust of President Carnot last year, making his model in Bonnat's studio, where the painter was at work simultaneously on a portrait. He was a bright, vigorous gentleman of 58 years, and was often seen at receptions and fetes with a lovely daughter, who completely tyrannized over him.

The death of Archbishop Magee of York will be a most serious loss to the Church of England, for he was the most brilliant and able man on the bench of bishops. He only took his seat as Archbishop on York on March 17 last, desiring to emphasize his Irish nationality by assuming that high office on the anniversary of Ireland's patron saint. There was a fitness in the circumstance, for he was the only conspicuous living link between the old established Church of Ireland and the English Church. As Bishop of Peterborough he became famous as a great preacher and for his independence and racy wit, which he was particularly fond of exercising on solemn bores. He was one of the few prelates who ever said anything worth listening to in the House of Lords; and his speech against Irish disestablishment in that House at once placed him in the front rank of English-speaking orators. The freedom with which he expressed his views on delicate questions frequently provoked criticism, as when he took ground against those who denounced betting as a sin in itself, and when he declared that he would rather see England free than England sober. But taken in all he was a man of whom the English Church might well be proud, and it will be difficult to find one as worthy to succeed him. Within a short time a number of brilliant Anglican clergymen have passed away, including Archbishop Thompson, Dr. Magee's predecessor, Bishop Lightfoot, Canon Liddon, Dean Church and Dean Plumptre.

The "Chiltern Hundreds."

[From The Toledo Blade.]

We have received this morning by postal card an inquiry as to the meaning of the phrase used in the dispatches from London, in which the statement is made that Mr. Parnell accepted the "Chiltern Hundreds," and will stand for re-election to Parliament in the Cork District. The writer wants to know what the "Chiltern Hundreds" are. The word "hundred" is used in England to designate a division or part of a county supposed to have originally contained 100 families. There are three of these divisions called the "Chiltern Hundreds," because they are located in the region of the Chiltern hills; their names are Stoke, Desborough and Burnham. The Chiltern hills lie between Bedford and Hertford. A long time ago they were covered with a thick beech forest, and were a favorite shelter for robbers. So a steward was appointed by the King to put down these marauders. The necessity for such an officer has long since ceased, for the beech forests have been cut down and the country is absolutely peaceful but the office still remains.

A member of Parliament does not directly resign his seat in that body, but he cannot hold his seat in Parliament and an office under the Crown. Accepting such an office of necessity vacates his seat. Hence the custom arose, when a member from any party desired to leave Parliament, that he applied to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. This being granted, his seat in Parliament at once becomes vacant. Immediately after he has effected his object, he resigns his office as steward. So Mr. Parnell gets out of Parliament by this means and immediately stands forre-election.

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AFTER MAY-DAY DYNAMITE.

FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS ATTRIBUTED TO AGITATORS.

Capt. Verney Sentenced to a Year's Imprisonment—Another Gladstonian Victory—An Heir to Millions Commits Suicide—The Great Strike in Belgium is Said to Have Reached Namur.

ROME, May 6.—Startling rumors are circulating in this city and are causing much alarm at the Vatican and in Government circles. The rumors originated after a fire which, yesterday evening, was discovered in the barracks occupied in this city by the carbineria, a picked body of armed and mounted policemen or gendarmerie. The flames, in spite of the carbineria, assisted by the troops and the firemen who were summoned to the scene, soon spread to the barns or storehouses adjoining the carbineria barracks, where the stock of forage intended for the horses of the carbineria were stored. The stables were soon attacked by the flames, and the terrified horses, liberated with difficulty by the stable guard, rushed frantically down to the banks of the Tiber, where they were afterward recaptured. In the meanwhile the news of the fire had spread throughout Rome, and naturally had reached the Vatican, and so alarmed them that the entire Swiss Guard was immediately ordered under arms and was kept under arms throughout the night. It is now currently reported that the fire which so alarmed the Vatican was undoubtedly of an incendiary origin, and that it was the work of the Socialistic element in this city, which has been bubbling up here and elsewhere before May-day, on May-day and since that date in various forms and under different disguises.

CAPT. VERNEY'S SENTENCE.

The Member for Buckinghamshire Sent to Jail for a Year.

LONDON, May 6.—The trial of Capt. Verney, M.P. for Buckinghamshire, charged with procuring a governess, Nellie Beckett, for immoral purposes, took place to-day. Capt. Verney pleaded not guilty of procuring the girl, but he pleaded guilty of conspiring with Mme. Roulier of Paris to procure her. The recorder, Sir Thomas Chambers, accepted this plea and sentenced Capt. Verney to one year's imprisonment without hard labor. During the trial the court was packed with people eager to witness the last scene in this sensational case. Capt. Verney, though downcast in appearance, pleaded in a firm voice to the charge of conspiracy to procure. Counsel for defence, in his plea for the defence, alluded to the prisoner's distinguished services in the Crimea and in Parliament, and undoubtedly won sympathy for the disgraced ex-naval officer. The recorder in sentencing Captain Verney said he had come to the conclusion, through the evidence given, that the case of Miss Nellie Beckett was not the only case of procuring in which the captain had been implicated, and therefore he could not lean towards the side of mercy so much as he could have done had it been an isolated case.

THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

A Swindler Who Claimed That He Had Attained the Unattainable Arrested.

LONDON, May 6.—A man understood to be an American, who described himself as Edward Arnold, was arraigned in the police court yesterday charged with having attempted to swindle a jeweler named Streeton out of £40,000. Prisoner represented to the jeweler that he possessed the philosopher's stone and was thus enabled to convert the baser metals into gold. Pinter was remanded for trial.

Known as Sheeny Al.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Edward Pinter, arrested in London for attempting to swindle a jeweler out of $40,000, is known here as "Sheeny Al." His scheme was to increase the weight of gold by chemical means. He has worked the same game in this country.

Baron Hirsch and Hebrew Emigration.

LONDON, May 6.—The Graphic says it has Baron Hirsch's authority to deny that he has bought land in Pennsylvania for a Hebrew colony. It adds that the scheme to devote £3,000,000 to assisting Hebrew emigration has not been abandoned. The Baron is assisting in sending Hebrews to the Argentine Republic, although he is looking for other available colonies. South America for a large scheme of emigration, which is still undefined.

Suspended the Expulsion.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The authorities have suddenly suspended the expulsion of Jews from Moscow. It is reported that there were disorders at Warsaw Sunday, which were suppressed by troops. The agitation among the Russian Poles is spreading. Official circles here put the blame upon the conciliatory policy adopted by the Czar in Prussian Poland, and believe that Germany's object is to arouse envy and discontent among the Russian Poles.

Three hundred students and 400 other persons have been arrested in Warsaw for taking part in an orderly celebration of a Polish festival.

Gladstonian Victory.

LONDON, May 6.—In the election in the Stowmarket division of Suffolk, Barnstere (Gladstonian) received 4346 votes and Greene (Conservative) 4132. The late member, Edward Greene, was a progressive Conservative and a well-known lessee of St. Edmunds. At the last election he received 3966 votes, 3862 being cast for the Gladstonian Liberal candidate, Edward North Buxton.

The Price of Flour has Decreased.

LONDON, May 5.—The Millers' Association of Leeds has issued a notification that the price of flour has decreased to one shilling and sixpence per bag.

Chat From Over the Sea.

Russia is going busily forward with naval preparations.

Mgr. Jacobini has been appointed Papal Nuncio at Lisbon.

A Rome correspondent says the Pope's encyclical on socialism will be published Whit Sunday.

The Anarchists arrested in Rome have confessed that Landi paid them to create disorder on May-day.

It is reported that a leading house in the china trade in London has failed with liabilities amounting to £300,000.

At Saarbrucken, Rhenish Prussia, an explosion took place yesterday at the Sere pit, in which eight persons were killed.

"I am master in this country and nobody else," said William of Germany at a dinner given in his honor yesterday.

Cecil Langbaw Schwabe, an Oxford student and heir to millions, has committed suicide. His mind was disordered by overwork.

An Italian named Cummino at Southport, England, fatally stabbed and shot a Mr. Sawyer and the latter's wife and daughter.

Austrian ecclesiastics condemn the proposition to erect a church in Pesth in memory of Prince Rudolph, who committed suicide.

An incendiary fire in Rome on Monday night caused the Vatican so much alarm that the guards were kept under arms all night.

Several new ironclads built in the Russian dockyards are to be launched on the occasion of the visit of the Czar and Czarina to the Crimea.

The Newfoundland delegates propose to petition the House of Commons as soon as the bill for the coercion of the colony reaches that House.

A French scientific expedition in Terra del Fuego was recently attacked by Indians and it is reported only two members named Rousson and Willens escaped.

Despatches from Cairo announce that negotiations looking to a settlement of civil war are proceeding between President Balmaceda and the leaders of the insurgent party.

A conflict between Anarchists and police took place in a narrow street in Rome yesterday. Twelve shots were exchanged and several persons were wounded. It is stated Landi has been arrested.

Mr. Morley's report on the London companies, declaring their title in Ireland is merely that of trustees, has been adopted by a Parliamentary committee by a majority of two, as against ministerial reports in favor of ownership.

Sounds of the Hammer.

Workmen have commenced to rebuild Quinn's burned premises on King-street west. An addition is now being built which will be utilized for offices and entry room. There is yet over seven thousand dollars worth of goods left which must be cleared out regardless of cost before the new goods arrive from England. tf

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Preferred Pistol to Imprisonment.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Joseph Katz, a drummer in the employ of Scheyann & Co. of this city, was to-day accused of embezzling goods of the firm. As an officer was about to arrest him Katz whipped out a revolver and shot himself dead. He was 22 years old. His embezzlement was small.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

A Well-known Character in the West Charged With a Serious Crime.

WINDSOR, May 6.—Randall Cline was seen hanging about the Walkerville brickyards yesterday morning before the plant burned down. He was arrested later and said he came from Leamington. This gave rise to suspicion that he fired the church there. He was sent to Sandwich jail for 15 days pending investigation. Cline, it was subsequently learned, is a cattle buyer and owns 400 acres of land in Malahide, Elgin county. Cline has been an inmate of nearly every lock-up in the southern counties and has escaped from half of them. He has paid out fully $1000 in fines resulting from arrest.

WINE SAUCE UPSETS A CHURCH.

It Gets Into a Religious Cook Book in a Prohibition Town.

BIRMINGHAM, Conn., May 6.—There is a row among the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Shelton Methodist Church over recipes for wine sauce printed in a cook book recently compiled in their behalf, and copies of it sold for a total of $300 by two prominent society ladies, who are Prohibitionists—Mrs. Fred Tucker and Mrs. John Wilkinson—in behalf of the organization. Four of the members noticed them, and it was characterized as "horrible" that wine sauce recipes should appear in a book gotten up to aid the church.

IT WILL BE SIXTEEN MILLS.

Pleasant News for the Big Toronto Property-Owner.

The Executive Committee meets to-morrow, when the City Treasurer will take the opportunity of presenting the members with copies of the draft estimates for 1891. If not submitted to a pretty determined pruning the rate will be between 17 and 18 mills, and even if economy is practised to the extent of penuriousness The World has the authority of a well-posted city official for the statement that it cannot possibly go below 16 mills. This big rate is principally caused by the heavy debt charges and the increase in the debt and maintenance charges of the Public School Board, which will require $90,000 more than last year. The rate last year was 14½ mills, but then the pruning knife was applied with an incisiveness seldom practised by the Executive. Had the property-owners carried the bylaw submitted last year the rate instead of 16 would have been 15½ mills.

A HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE.

The East Enders Have Keen Eyes on Their Own Interests—Ashbridge's Bay Matters Considered.

The East End Property Owners' Association met last night in Poulton's Hall and wrestled with sundry questions of interest to East Enders. Mr. James Mitchell, in the absence of President Dingman, was in the chair.

It was pointed out that the income of the association was insufficient to meet current expenses, and it was decided to raise the annual membership fee from $1 to $3.

The reclamation of Ashbridge's Bay again received attention and Ald. Peter Macdonald was on hand to enlighten his constituents on this important question. "The only impediment in the way," he remarked, "of the beginning of the work is the signing of an agreement with the property-owners along the line of the proposed improvement guaranteeing the city immunity from possible damaging and the sanction of the civic syndicate shall place in the hands of the civic authorities. Depend upon it, the City Council will not accept anything below $100,000."

"What about the high level bridge at King-street?" inquired a member.

"Nothing has been done since I was down here before," replied the worthy alderman. "The plans and estimates are at Ottawa. The deputation of the council which goes to Ottawa on Friday on railway business will probably look into the matter. To ensure this being done the secretary was instructed to write the mayor and Ald. Pape, drawing their attention to the question. Ald. Macdonald also promised to do a little buttonholing on the subject.

The dangerous condition of Gerrard-street subway was pointed out and Ald. Macdonald said that the evil could not be removed until the city had secured the necessary funds to make this and other necessary improvements.

Mr. Jas. Grier having pointed out that decayed fish and lobster were being dumped over the banks of the Don at the east end of Gerrard-street bridge by city scavengers, causing illness to citizens and school children, the secretary was instructed to notify the proper authorities.

Told in a Line or Two.

At the meeting of the Y.M.C.A. secretaries in Kansas City yesterday Mr. Geo. Wilkie was elected permanent organizer for Ontario.

Reports have just been received in Panama that a revolutionary movement is in progress in the Cauca and that Colombia has declared of a state of siege and suspended personal guarantees on May 1.

The Hall-street barns of the Street Railway Company at Grand Rapids, Mich., were burned yesterday. Loss $43,000. The fire is believed to have been the work of the strikers. Those who were compelled to return to work for $1.25 a day.

At 10.45 last night a fire broke out in Doncaster's iron foundry, Newtown Creek, L.I., and soon spread to many lumber yards which were destroyed together with the Rock Island depot. Five square blocks were laid in ashes.

Pratt's oil works, one of the largest of the many in Green Point, N.Y., were going up in fire and smoke at 12 o'clock to-night. The blaze could be seen for miles around. Judging by appearances the fire is one of the biggest yet experienced by any of the oil kings.

The Too Teachable Parrot.

[Paris Letter to The Philadelphia Telegraph.]

I heard the other day an absurd story concerning a parrot, which, I think, merits recording in your columns. The Baron de Rothschild of Paris, so runs the tale, was desirous of sending to his kinsman at Frankfort, whose birthday was at hand, some acceptable token of remembrance. I should fancy that a member of the family would be an exceedingly difficult person for whom to choose a gift, and so the Baron found. After much cogitation and many investigations he decided upon a wonderfully trained and talkative parrot, whose capacity for learning any phrase that he had been told a few times was particularly noted. One of the clerks of the Paris house was deputed to convey the precious fowl to Frankfort. Now the weather was cold, the journey long and the parrot, with the usual perversity of his race, screamed and screeched all night, so that none of the occupants of the sleeping-car in which he was was guardian were installed could get any rest. "Shut up, you confounded Jew!" exclaimed his protector in a passion more than once, moved to anti-Semitic feelings by the disagreeable journey and the parrot's bad behavior. At last the bird and its disgusted protector arrived safe in Frankfort, and the parrot was formally presented to its new owner, who at once began trying to teach it to talk. Polly listened to M. de Rothschild's discourse for a few minutes, and then in a reply enunciated with startling distinctness the latest phrase he had learned, "Shut up, you confounded Jew!"

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Result of Law Exams.

The following gentlemen have passed the first intermediate law examination held at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday: James T. Scott, John McCready, Ed. W. Drew, F. A. La Rose, A. Nugent, Hugh Matheson, Charles O'Connor, J. F. Master, James K. McLennan, G. S. Bowie, T. H. Grant, J. M. Farrell, A. E. Garratt, Ward Starunto, F. M. Brown, Allan McLennan without an oral and George T. Thrasher with an oral.

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ALL ACROSS THE CONTINENT

THE WEST IS FULL OF LIFE AND DOING WELL.

Mr. John I. Davidson, After Traveling Over the C.P.R., Tells The World's Young Man Why He Has Faith in Canada—He Thinks Members of Parliament Should be Forced to Make the Trip.

There is no more loyal Canadian or enthusiastic believer in the future of Canada than Mr. John I. Davidson, president of the Toronto Board of Trade. Saturday he returned from a trip through the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. What he saw and heard has served to increase his faith in the destiny of the Dominion.

When seen by The World yesterday he was voluble. "Why," he remarked with emphasis, "one can have no idea of the country until he sees it. Its possibilities are magnificent, and the impressions I received were of the most satisfactory character. The weather is much milder and the vegetation much further advanced than in Ontario. The scenery is inexpressibly grand. The villages growing up along the line of the Canadian Pacific seem to be healthy and progressive. Prospects are decidedly cheerful, the crops being about three weeks ahead of last year. On the coast, where only a few years ago there was not a solitary house, large thriving towns have sprung up.

"One could not help noticing the enthusiastic pride the people out there have, not only in their own towns but in the country as a whole. The newspapers, irrespective of party, seem to be imbued with a laudable conceit in the future of the country. Something," remarked Mr. Davidson, with a nod, "which is necessary for national progress. Some of the newspapers of the older provinces would do well to emulate their confreres in the west."

What the Railway Has Done.

"In making the journey to the coast one cannot help realizing what the country is indebted to the Canadian Pacific for the development of our Northwest heritage. This seems to be thoroughly recognized by the settlers in those provinces, and they are competent to judge. As to the railway, it is without exception the most satisfactory road I have ever traveled over. The roadbed has the appearance of being perfected with age instead of being only the development of a few years. The convenience of the passenger seems to be of primary importance, everything for their comfort evidently being the first consideration of the management. A question which has been pushed to me for some years has been, What has made the Canadian Pacific so successful? I now realize that the secret of the success is the extraordinary ability of the president, who is thoroughly intimate with the minutest details of the entire management, besides being a man of wonderful originality and executive ability.

"The country about Prince Albert and Red Deer district, now accessible by branch railway, is of older settlement than most other parts of the province, and is apparently a magnificent agricultural territory, and gives one the impression, more than any other, of an old Country farming district. Winnipeg was a revelation to me on account of its size and evident healthy financial condition. A large number of buildings are in course of erection, and everyone I talked to there seemed to have great faith in the permanence of its present gradual development.

Finest Country on Earth.

"I think if the advantages of the Northwest were properly advertised that there would be a big number of immigration. This seems to be about the only requirement, and I am of opinion that the Government should do something to assist desirable immigration in order to open up what is one of the finest countries imaginable.

"The trip out was gradual. As we only traveled by day we were given an excellent opportunity of seeing the country. The return journey was made in quick time, the distance of journey was under 3000 miles being accomplished, making allowance for stoppages for meals, etc., in the unprecedented time of something like 92 hours.

"By the way, many forget that the original contract for the completion of the road only expired on May 1. The route is now complete to Vancouver and Japan and we had the pleasure of meeting the Empress of Japan (the Empress of India) at Vancouver. She is a magnificent boat in every respect. Vancouver is an ideal city, and, for a place already been drawn up. The terms of this document, which are at present unknown, will be the principal factor in any arrangement which may be arrived at.

"Some funny things happen at weddings," said a country clergyman. "I was preaching in a village when I heard a knock at the door, and on opening it found a man, who asked me if I married folks there. I said I did, but where are the couple. He said he was one of them, and soon produced the lady that was to become his bride. He persisted on keeping his hat on during the ceremony. If he bought his hats at Dineens he would have known better.

Personal.

Chief Government Detective Murray arrived in town yesterday after a pleasant six weeks' trip to California. He leaves for the north to-day on business connected with the department.

Rev. Dr. Hooper of Kingston General Hospital has accepted a call from Beverley-street Methodist Church. Dr. Hooper was superintendent of the hospital for four years.

DROPPED DEAD WHILE SHOPPING.

Mrs. Palmer Had Just Completed a Purchase of Goods When She Expired.

TILSONBURG, May 6.—This afternoon Mrs. Palmer, aged 55, wife of John Palmer of the tenth concession of Dereham, fell dead while shopping in Northway & Anderson's store. Heart disease was the cause. She leaves a family of nine children, ranging from 3 to 18 years of age.

Found Dead in Bed.

TILSONBURG, May 6.—William Dobbie, tenth concession of Bayham, was found dead in bed. Heart disease was the cause.

MANOTICK, Ont., May 6.—This morning the wife of Mr. John Christy, who resided in Gloucester, near this place, was found dead in her bed. Cause supposed to be heart disease.

SUICIDED WITH OPIUM.

An Aylmer Cooper Makes His Exit from This Vale of Tears.

AYLMER, May 6.—This morning Lester Ryckman, cooper, who resided in Sydenham-street, was found dead on his bed. A piece of opium was found in his pocket partly used, and the condition of the body after death indicated that the opium had been the medium, but whether taken by mistake or intention will probably never be known.

A Toronto Man Cuts His Throat.

ISHPEMING, Mich., May 6.—George Dewick, a farmer about 60 years old, committed suicide near this city this morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been suffering with the grip, and it is believed the malady had unbalanced his mind. He was formerly from Toronto, Ont.

TO BUY UP CANADIAN COMPANIES.

Sir Charles Tupper Chosen President of the New Waterworks and Gasworks Securities' Corporation in London.

LONDON, May 6.—Sir Charles Tupper has been appointed director of the Waterworks and Gasworks Securities' Corporation which has just been organized here with a capital of £2,000,000 sterling. The object of this new corporation is to buy up waterworks, gasworks and other concerns of the kind in Canada and the United States. There is every prospect of an early settlement of the question of the power of the trustees to invest in colonial inscribed stock. A simple bill approved by the colonial representatives in London is being drafted for the Imperial Parliament. Legislation may also be necessary in Canada and the other colonies.

THEY WILL JOIN THE UNION,

Say the Street Car Men—Then Strike for Shorter Hours.

A big street car strike in the near future is pending, and before two weeks are over the crisis will have arrived. A World reporter was informed yesterday by one of the street car conductors that employes were not after an increase in wages—that was what they wanted. But they considered themselves entitled to a decrease in the hours of duty from the present rule to 10 hours per day. "It's a dog's life now," said The World's informant, "and we believe that 10 hours a day is quite long enough for any man to work. On the 17th of this month we join the labor union, and we will then have an influential body at our back."

THE SUICIDE OF LORD DOUGLAS.

The Brother of the Marquis of Queensberry's Census Experience Recalled.

LONDON, May 6.—In conjunction with the suicide of Lord James Douglas it is recalled that April 11, at the West London Police Court, application was made by Mr. Rutherglen, Clerk of the Kensington Board of Guardians, for a summons against Lord James Douglas, described as "of Kensington Court," for a contravention of the Census Act. Mr. Rutherglen made the application at the instance of the Registrar-General, and in so doing handed the Court, Curtis Bennett, a letter and Lord James Douglas' census paper, which purported to be a return of the members of his household. Upon this return appeared the name of Lady James Douglas and her son, the former being described as a "cross sweep" and "lunatic," and the latter as "shoeblack, born "in Darkest Africa." Mr. Rutherglen then said that he relied on the 28th section of the act, which provided that, "If any person refuses to answer, or wilfully gives a false answer to such questions or any of them, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding £50."

The magistrate said that the offence was clear on the face of the return, and granted the summons asked for. Mr. Rutherglen asked if he should call Lady James Douglas as a witness, but Mr. Bennett thought not, as the act did not authorize the wife to be called. The magistrate added that some of the servants who knew Lord James' handwriting might be called, and subpœna summonses were granted for the attendance of some of them.

The summons against Lord James Douglas came up for a hearing on Monday, April 20, when Mr. Rutherglen informed the magistrate for permission to withdraw it, stating that he had seen Lord James, who had expressed regret and shame for the childish and foolish return. The latter told Mr. Rutherglen that he was married, and that he gave his name to his wife to fill up, after writing his own name in pencil. Mr. Rutherglen added that the return was filled up by Lord James' servant and stepson, who thought it a good joke to make the entries as stated. The magistrate said that he had noticed that in the return there was a handwriting different from the signature. Mr. Rutherglen admitted that he had pointed out that Lord James Douglas was responsible, though there was some excuse for him. Lord James, he added, had paid all the costs and had satisfied the Registrar-General, who instructed the speaker to withdraw the summons. The magistrate then allowed the summons to be withdrawn.

The Command of the Grenadiers.

[From The Canadian Militia Gazette, April 30.]

It is rather rough on a commanding officer who has worked hard to build up a regiment, to have it hinted to him that after a very short spell of office he should resign "to give promotion" to his subordinates. Of course the more successful his subordinates. Of course the more successful the C.O. is, the more aspirants there will be for the high positions in his regiment. This subject is brought to our attention at this time by a paragraph appearing in a Toronto paper suggesting that Colon