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ON THEIR JOURNEY HOME:

THE VOYAGEURS TO BE HERE THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH.

A Difference of Opinion Regarding the Canadian Volunteers for the Soudan —Gen. Gordon's Diary and What it is Said to Contain.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Marquis of Hartington advises the acceptance of the offers from Canada and New South Wales to send troops to the Soudan. The Duke of Cambridge and the war office authorities oppose the proposition. The question will be referred to the cabinet for decision. The Canadian Nile voyageurs left Alexandria to-day in the steamer Poonah for Queenstown, where they will embark in the steamer Hanoverian for home and reach Quebec the first week of March. Despatches from Wolseley compliment the voyageurs for their service.

Why Col Stewart Left Khartoum.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The conservative papers charge the government with suppressing Gen Gordon's diary and letters in which that officer stated that he sent Col. Stewart away from Khartoum in order to save his (Stewart's) life, intending himself to meet death at Khartoum, as he knew no help could reach there in time to rescue him. When parliament assembles the production of all despatches to the government in regard to the Soudan campaign will be demanded.

How the Stores Were Transported.

Messrs. Cook & Son, the excursion firm, were entrusted with the transportation of Wolseley's stores. The instructions received from the government were to prepare for about 6000 men, with 6000 to 8000 tons of stores, which they were to carry from Assiout to Wady Halfa. They were also to take up about 400 special rowboats. The admiralty calculated that 12,000 tons of coal would be required. As a matter of fact, they had actually conveyed about 11,000 English and 7000 Egyptian troops, and 40 000 tons of stores, and had consumed nearly 24,000 tons of coal. Instead of 400 rowboats they had double the number to convey. For the river work from Assiout they had twenty-seven steamers employed almost day and night, and no fewer than 650 sailing boats—of from seventy to 200 tons capacity—voyaging. To do all this the firm had a little army of its own of nearly 5000 men and boys, consisting entirely of the fellaheen of lower Egypt.

A Third Italian Expedition.

ROME, Feb. 13.—The Fanfulla states that a third expedition from Italy to the Red Sea, which leaves Naples at the end of February, will consist of two battalions of infantry, a section of artillery and a company of engineers. The paper says the government is considering a project to establish a regular packet service between Naples and Suakim, Assab, Aden and Massowah.

Soudan Scraps.

As the rebels are taking no aggressive steps it is probable an attack will be made on Metemneh to-day.

The reserves will not be called out in England until after parliament meets next Thursday.

Gen. Stewart is slowly recovering, and the others are doing well. Twenty-nine have rejoined their regiments.

Gen. Gordon's Khartoum diary, with entries up to December 10, 1884, is reported to be in possession of the British government.

Col. McNeil, equerry to the queen, has been appointed to command the second brigade of the Suakim expedition.

A London syndicate offers to construct a railway from Suakim to Berber, building block houses at intervals to guard the line, if guaranteed 4½ per cent. income on the capital invested.

An Arab newspaper says the mahdi intends to proclaim himself king of Nubia when he captures Sendy.

It is estimated Osman Digna has 12,000 men at Tamai.

The memoirs of Zebehr Pasha, written by General Gordon, have been translated into Arabic for circulation among the Soudanese.

It is reported numbers of the mahdi's troops have left Khartoum for Kassala for the supposed purpose of meeting the Italian advance.

Wolseley on American Generals.

In December last an accomplished lady of the south received from Lord Wolseley, now commanding the British army in Egypt, the following letter, in which he expresses his opinion of General Grant and General Robert E Lee:

"*War Office, London,* Dec. 8, 1884 — MY DEAR MISS S——: I am very grateful for your kind letter and for the valuable autographs which it contains. I have long been collecting the letters of eminent people, but have had much difficulty in obtaining those of the great men on your side of the Atlantic. I have only known two heroes in my life, and General R. E. Lee is one of them, so you can know how I value one of his letters. I believe that when time has calmed the angry passions in the North, General Lee will be accepted in the United States as the greatest general you have ever had, and as a patriot, second only to Washington himself. Stonewall Jackson I only knew slightly. His name will live forever, also, in American history when that of U. S. Grant shall long have been forgotten. Such, at least, is my humble opinion of the men when viewed by an outside student of military, who has no local prejudice. I enclose you a photograph with great pleasure. I shall indeed be proud that it finds a place in your collection. I am also sending one direct to General Beauregard, with my best thanks for his kindness in letting me have the autograph letters that you have sent me. That of Beauregard is one that I shall always prize. I am indeed grateful to you for telling me to keep it.

WOLSELEY.

CABLE NOTES.

The police report that two thousand anarchists chiefly of foreign birth reside in Switzerland. Foreign police are also very numerous.

Two anarchists have been arrested at Reichtenberg in Bohemia. A printing press, revolutionary documents, and dynamite were seized.

Stringent rules have been enacted for the government of visitors to the British houses of parliament. Detectives will also be constantly on duty.

The porte has directed the Turkish minister in London to formally enquire into the position the English government takes in regard to Italy's action in the Red sea.

CAPTAIN OF THE FINEST.

Serious Charges Against Club-Swinger Williams.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—At the trial of Police Captain Williams this afternoon for permitting a gambling house in his district, Frank Walling, 21 years old, son of the superintendent of police, testified that he learned to gamble in India last fall, and on his return to New York indulged the passion to a remarkable extent. He named a dozen places in the ninth precinct where he played roulette, faro and other games. In January last he found he owed $500. He went to his father and made a clean breast of the matter. His father gave the young fellow the money he needed and required that he should tell the district attorney what he knew of the evidence of gambling places. The defence was surprised at the evidence.

UNLIKE SOUTHERN CHIVALRY.

A Young Wife Heartlessly Deserted by a Cornell Student.

ITHACA, N.Y., Feb. 13.—Victor Lee Gilmore, a student of Cornell university, married Isabella Burton, the 17-year-old adopted daughter of a man named Reed living at New York. Gilmore left her here among strangers utterly destitute. His father is the editor of two papers, the Sugar Bowl and the Cotton Bale, published in New Orleans. Mrs. Gilmore alleges her desertion is due to the influence of her husband's parents, who bitterly opposed the marriage and had other matrimonial plans in view for their son. Much indignation has been aroused among the students and inhabitants of Ithaca.

The Largest Asylum Horror.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Eleven bodies were found to-day in the ruins of the burned insane asylum, Blockley almshouse. These were removed to the dead house and placed side by side with the bodies of the seven removed from the building last night. The burned bodies were horribly disfigured, some being burned to a crisp. After a day's thorough search the almshouse authorities are convinced these eighteen, all of whom occupied cells on the third floor, are all that perished, and that the remaining 666 inmates were rescued and are now in custody in other departments of the building.

An Encouraging Outlook.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—The executive committee of the American Iron and Steel association have issued an address to the iron and steel manufacturers of the United States, congratulating them and the country generally upon the encouraging business outlook. The prolonged continuance of the present depression is considered impossible. The address counsels confidence in the incoming administration of the government and in the stability of the protective and financial system.

A Too Clever Conductor.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 13.—Some time ago, Mrs. Mary Tuttle of Ann Arbor, Mich., boarded a Lake Shore limited train at Toledo for Cleveland without purchasing a ticket. The conductor refused her money. At Sandusky Mrs. Tuttle purchased a ticket from Sandusky to Cleveland, which the conductor refused and put her off the train. The jury awarded her $2500 to-day.

Determined to do it and Did it.

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 13.—James Sullivan became enamored of Mrs. Wesley, with whom he was boarding, and was driven away by the woman's husband. Last night Sullivan attended a party where Mrs. Wesley was a guest, and attempted to cut her throat. She was rescued. He then attempted suicide but was prevented. He went to a barber shop and severed his windpipe with a razor.

A Servant's Careless Act.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A lamp exploded early this morning in the room of Louis Griennier, chief usher of the lyceum theatre. Griennier tried to get out of the room but found the door had been locked. The fire spread rapidly and in endeavoring to extinguish it the imprisoned man was fatally burned. It is supposed the servant carelessly locked the door.

Trouble in a French-Canadian Church.

FALL RIVER, Feb. 13.—The church of Notre Dame, in which trouble has existed between the Irish priest and the French-Canadian parishioners for some time, has been interdicted by Bishop Hendricks. The blessed sacrament has been removed, the altars stripped, the sanctuary lamp extinguished and the doors bolted and nailed up.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Two hundred and thirty-nine failures were reported in the United States last week, a large decrease from previous weeks.

On Monday last such a dense fog prevailed in Louisville, Ky., that all the lamps were lit. It rained heavily when the curtain lifted and a shower of fish fell.

A bar of silver weighing 85 lbs., stolen from the Philadelphia mint, was offered for sale by auction at New York yesterday. It had not been missed at the mint.

A shocking case of burial alive is reported from Springfield, W. Va. Mary Cox, a belle of the place, was given morphine for neuralgia. She was thought to be dead and was buried. Two dogs howling at the grave caused the body to be exhumed. Evidences of a fearful struggle were found.

If Unsatisfactory—What Then?

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Explanations from Germany, satisfactory to England, are expected regarding the reported annexation of Samoa by Germany. It is believed if done it was unauthorized.

Cattle in the Northwest.

From the Macleod Gazette, Jan. 31.

This winter has been many times more severe than last winter, in fact it would be difficult to imagine a more severe one in this country. Far from any very serious results, we gather from all quarters that cattle are about in as good fix as they usually are at this season of the year, and in some cases better. Among pilgrim cattle and cows with big calves, the loss will be most marked, as it is every winter, but not enough so to distinguish it from any other. If cattle will live through such a winter as we have been experiencing without the cow business being paralyzed, cattlemen can feel pretty secure in their investments, for the stock will stand any winter that is likely to come. This winter points a moral. Plenty of hay should be put up, so that poor and weak stock can be cared for through such weather.

THE REFORM BETE NOIR.

CONTINUED ASSAULTS ON THE C. P. R.

Mr. Edgar in Force—An Objectionable Amendment—Loans Contracted by the Government—The Warrior Member.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The time of the house was occupied to-day in concluding the debate upon the motion proposed by Mr. Edgar for a statement showing the total number of temporary, timber, trestle and wooden bridges constructed, or under contract, for construction upon the Canadian Pacific railway between Sudbury Junction and the Nepigon river.

Hon. Mr. McLelan moved an amendment striking out "temporary" and making the return cover the trestle work and bridges on the entire line.

Mr. Edgar objected, and made a strong speech condemning the government for seeking to hide from the people information about the road. He believed a large amount of the work was only temporary and the country would have to pay for work believed to be permanent, but which was merely superficial. He refused to accept the amendment and said the responsibility would rest solely on the government when it became known to the country how the work had been done.

Mr. Pope rose, shook himself, glanced furtively at Mr. Blake and then braced up and made by no means a bad speech. He tried to work up enthusiasm and to break himself in for the fights he is likely to have in Sir Charles' shoes. He said the government would not give the information. It would be giving the Americans a handle to let them know every little particular about the road. He denounced the opposition for the course it was taking.

Tom White spoke, defending the road and saying the government was not afraid of its action towards the C. P. R. and was not going to be afraid.

Mr. McLelan made a vigorous speech for a man of his reserved qualities.

Mr. Casey who, by the way, must have his say on every question that comes up in the house, Messrs. M. C. Cameron, Mulock and Heaton all had something to say on the question.

Mr. Mackenzie made some remarks criticising Tom White's assertions and a division was reached at six o'clock, when 101 voted for the amendment and fifty-four against.

Echoes From the Lobby.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—Mr. Blake has about seventeen notices on the order paper for returns in connection with the C. P. R.

A return laid on the table by the secretary of state shows loans contracted by the dominion government in England from March, 1884, to Feb. 1, 1885, as follows: From London and Westminster bank $8,760,000 and from Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co. $815,166; total $9,575,166. The loans contracted in Canada were as follows: From the City and District savings bank $500,000, from the Imperial bank $250,000 and from the Merchants' bank $500,000; total in Canada $1,250,000.

The press gallery of the house of commons propose to entertain Mark Twain and Geo. Cable during their visit here next Tuesday.

The total amount paid by the government in 1883 84 as subsidies to steamship companies for carrying the mails was $191,554, of which the Allan company received $126,553.

Col. Williams, M.P., is desirous of contradicting the Toronto Mail when it says that the offer of a Canadian regiment to go on active service to the Soudan was refused, but that they would be accepted for garrison duty in England. This, he thinks, is an aspersion on Canadians, and especially on the active militia of the dominion, which ought not to go unchallenged. He has not yet received any word from the home authorities. Applications however are being received daily by himself and the militia department to go to Egypt.

JOTTINGS FROM HAMILTON.

The Freight Agents' Meeting—Proceedings of the Wentworth Game Society.

HAMILTON, Feb. 13.—R. Thos. Steple, manager of the Hamilton Amateur Opera company, proposes to continue that organization under the title of the Hamilton Musical union. The treasurer at the first performance of the Pirates of Penzance says he made a mistake in returning the receipts as $452 75, they having been in reality $19 less.

The freight agents in council here suggested several changes in the classification of live stock, but took no action on the question of long or short cars. The declaration of weights by shippers was discussed, and a committee was appointed to look into the matter and report at the next meeting. The question regarding the transportation of circusses was laid over for consideration at a special meeting to be held in Toronto on March 11, until which date the meeting adjourned.

The annual meeting of the Wentworth Fish and Game association was held here last evening. Dr. Malloch related his experience in importing quail from Tennessee. He had several braces brought here, but the birds died soon after their arrival. Another importation had been more successful, and he favored the idea of having a certain sum set apart for the propagation of quail. It was decided to appropriate $40 to this end. It was also decided to remit the $40 fine paid by John Davis for selling prairie chickens out of season. The president and vice president were re-elected, and F. Hooper made secretary-treasurer. The committee consists of John Hall, J. C. McKeand, W. G. Read, E. B. Spencer, James Pett, F. W. Hore and M. Overend. C. H. Bethell, formerly secretary-treasurer, has removed to Toronto.

A SCARE AT QUEBEC.

Dynamiters Said to be Lurking Around the Public Buildings.

QUEBEC, Feb. 13.—It is reported that some men said to be dynamitards are at present in the city. There is a general feeling of uneasiness as this report gains ground and the police authorities have in consequence taken the alarm and are shadowing the supposed "infernals." A double guard has been placed around the provincial buildings at the citadel and all other places where there may have been a chance to perform. At 5 o'clock this morning three of the suspects were seen in the vicinity of the citadel, but the police refused to arrest them without a warrant.

THE PRIDE OF PARKDALE.

Dedication of the New Masonic Hall—A Brilliant Conversazione.

The spacious hall erected by Alpha lodge, A. F. & A. M., Parkdale, was formally opened yesterday. Although the building is not yet completed, the different rooms presented a pleasing appearance, decorated as they were with flags and flowers. At 6 30 the service of consecration was performed by Grand Master Hugh Murray of Hamilton, P. G. M. Seymour of St. Catharines, Bros. Robertson, Blackwell, Roaf, Pearcy, Todd, Tait and Sparling, there being present a large number of the brethren.

In the evening the conversazione was attended by a numerous and brilliant assembly. An address was presented to the grand master by W. M. T. W. Booth, and in reply Mr. Murray congratulated the members of Alpha lodge on the erection of so fine a building. An excellent program of vocal and instrumental music was then given by Mesdames Morris, Thompson and Morris, Miss Delaney and Messrs. Doward, Bohner, Whelan, Richards and Hurst. Dancing was afterwards indulged in heartily, and the enjoyment was enhanced by the delightful music of Seager's band. The Criterion restaurateur, Mr. Hughes, provided an elaborate menu. The success of the evening was beyond the anticipations of those who had the entertainments in hand, and they are to be congratulated.

A MELANCHOLY DANE.

Who Got Relieved of His Money in the City Yesterday.

A railway laborer named Peter Bunebunn, a Dane, who arrived in the city with a well-filled pocketbook Tuesday last, regrets to-day that he did not take better care of his hard earnings. The Dane is melancholy at the loss of his pocketbook. When he came to the city he got quarters at the Union house on Simcoe street. He left there perfectly sober yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock he was carried into the hotel in an unconscious condition, and apparently suffering from the effects of some powerful drug. The parties who brought him back claimed to be hackmen, and demanded a dollar for their services, which was paid them out of a $5 bill which they said had been handed them by the stranger to drive him home. The remaining $4 was all that was left to the Dane out of his earnings of a couple of years at railway work. He has no idea who got his money.

IN CUSTODY AGAIN.

How Two Escaped Jail Birds were Recaptured Last Night.

A few days ago Edward Watson and Thomas Keys were being conveyed from police headquarters to the jail in the Yellow Maria, when they made good their escape in some mysterious manner. They were under arrest on a charge of larceny. Last night Policeman Wallace (74) saw Keys walking in Bolton street. The officer gave chase and soon ran down his man, whom he locked up. About 11 o'clock Detective Cuddy got on the trail of Watson. He found him safely stowed away between two ticks in a bedroom in Tobin's eating-house in York street. Watson's hiding-place was made more secure by a fellow-lodger, who was very unconcernedly occupying the bed when the officer entered, and he seemed greatly surprised when Cuddy dragged Watson from between the ticks.

Words for Mission Work.

Crowds of ladies and gentlemen, the ladies largely predominating, flocked to St. James' schoolhouse last night. The occasion was a missionary meeting, and the attraction was Rev. W. S. Rainsford. The reception which the reverend gentleman received from his former parishioners showed that they still retain a warm spot in their congregational heart for him. Bishop Sweatman presided. Mr. Rainsford's remarks were characteristic. He spoke with all his old-time fervor and power of illustration, telling parsons and people their plain duty in the matter of prosecuting missionary work. Bishop Sullivan was the other speaker, and it goes without saying that he made a forcible and pointed address. Missionary hymns were sung. A large collection was taken up.

An Important Communication.

Editor World: I am in receipt of a letter from the worthy secretary of the Great Southwest company (unlimited). The W. S. writes that his company has been under the weather a good deal of late through bear operations conducted by a syndicate of the opposing concern—the Northwest company—with headquarters at Cape Farewell, in Greenland, and agencies at Regina and Medicine Hat.

The W. S. says that his company's turn has come, sure. He announces that they have already commenced operations, and that a general thaw is at hand. Which is much to be expected. FAR BELOW ZERO.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.

November 18, 1883.

Editor World: Would you be so kind as to inform me when the "universal" time came into operation in Canada.

Toronto, Feb. 12. ENQUIRER.

DOMINION DASHES.

Fur hunting has been good in the Northwest this winter.

J. Bousfield, a young Englishman, living with a Mr. Pickerell on the frrm of R. H. Burton, just east of Woodstock, took a large dose of arsenic the other day, from the effects of which he died the same evening.

On Tuesday evening John Gotsel, a fisherman 19 years old, employed to take care of herring nets on the ice near Belle river, was walking on the edge of a hole in the ice carrying a section of a net, when he slipped into the water and was drowned.

No mistaking the character of the wind yesterday. The streets were soon filled with puddles of water, and are now bare. Although it froze last night, and there is no Chinook to-day, the wind of yesterday must have brought to the light of day considerable more feed for cattle on the prairie. — Macleod, N. W. T., Gazette, Jan. 31.

The Grand Trunk railway has decided on a change in the names of two of their stations. One of these is on the Georgian Bay & Lake Erie division, and has heretofore been known as Canada Southern junction and will hereafter be called Port Dover division, 106 miles from Toronto and 22 miles from Midland, and will be called Tait instead of Alma, as heretofore.

THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET.

TREASURER ROSS MAKES HIS ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The Yearly Expenditures Exceeding the Receipts—Better Terms to be Looked for—Transfer of Lands Bill.

Premier Mowat yesterday introduced his promised measure respecting the transfer of lands, which falls far short of the anticipations of the friends of the measure. It is merely an experimental bill limited in its operations to Toronto and the county of York, and optional instead of compulsory. He prefaced it with a few remarks on the necessity of simplifying the transfer of real estate, which he thought should be made as easy as the transfer of bank stock. Mr. Young regretted that the measure should be so limited in its scope and hoped that the attorney general would see his way clear to extend it to the whole province.

Hon. Treasurer Ross then made his financial statement. He stated the total receipts at $2,820,555, or a falling off of $81,038 from the estimated amount. This he accounted for largely on the ground of the prevailing financial stringency and the dullness in the lumber trade. The sale of annuities, a new source of revenue, had realized $250,643. He thought it far preferable that any loans contracted by the government should be contracted here rather than in the English market, as the latter course would involve many charges for commissions, exchange, etc. He claimed credit for securing from the dominion government the acknowledgment of a debt of $2,800,000 under the act for the readjustment of the surplus. Passing on to expenditure he drew attention to the increased expenditure under the head "legislation," the expenditure being $141,440 and the estimate $112,350. This was largely due to the increased number of sessional papers, returns, etc., a much greater amount of printed matter being called for and distributed than in former years. The expenses of justice had largely increased. The Northwest boundary dispute was responsible for an expenditure of of $29,000, only some $10,000 having been put in the estimates. Necessary repairs to the Parliament buildings had also caused an overexpenditure. As regards the accommodation and maintenance of the deaf, dumb and blind, he thught that they had arrived at the normal annual expenditure. It was otherwise in connection with lunatics and idiots, and the government would require additional appropriations under this head. Large over-expenditures were at times a necessity, especially in times of depression. The estimated receipts for the current year were $2,585,143, of which $1,196,872 was the dominion subsidy. The financial situation of the province on Dec. 31, 1884, was as follows: Assets $7,322,645, liabilities at present payable $362,979 leaving a surplus of $6,359,666. This statement was greeted with incredulous laughter from the opposition benches. He explained that the amount of $5,754,877 debts due from the dominion government, entered as assets was bearing 5 per cent. interest, and he regarded it as a first class investment. He contended that the annuities were not liabilities because they were not now payable. If they were to charge the annuities against themselves as liabilities, they would also be entitled to capitalize the dominion subsidies payable in the future as assets, or to place to their credit the value of the public buildings, as a commercial corporation in making a statement of its affairs would certainly do. The treasurer deprecated comparisons between the expenditure of the province now and in the days of Sandfield Macdonald as useless and misleading. They did not hold it the special function of a government to accumulate a large surplus, but thought that the provincial revenues should be expended for the public benefit. He reviewed the financial policy of the Mowat administration, and urged that in relieving local burdens and aiding railroad construction it had done better than in hoarding up the money so as to boast of a big surplus. Then the treasurer maundered on into a flatulent disquisition on things in general, including the various special funds, Indian claims, inland fisheries, the reimbursement of aid given to local railways, until 6 o'clock. The latter portion of the speech was tedious and abounded in reiterations, and every one felt relieved when the hour of recess arrived.

After recess the treasurer went on to say that the time had now arrived when the conclusion must be faced that the ordinary expenses of the province regularly exceeded the receipts and urged that they must look to the dominion for equally favorable terms to those extended to other provinces.

Mr. Creighton, in a speech of about an hour's duration, criticised the financial statement and assailed the policy of the government.

The debate was adjourned on motion of Mr. McLaughlin, and the house rose.

Capt. Harston's New Rifle.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—Capt. C. G. Harston of the Royal Grenadiers was introduced to the minister of militia and Gen. Middleton by Col. Grasett yesterday and exhibited a rifle of his invention, which he claims will shoot as well as the Martini and last longer, never get out of order and cost $2 less than the Martini. The minister was much pleased with it and ordered a board of officers to test its merits and report to him with a view to adopting it for the militia.

Arrest of a Young Thief.

George Stone, aged 15, has a bad record as a sneak thief. He was arrested last evening by Detective Cuddy on the charge of being connected with the larceny of pocket-knives from James Brimston's store at 360 Yonge street. This is the second arrest in connection with this robbery and some of the stolen goods have been recovered.

Incendiary Fires and Frostbites.

A stable on Parliament street and two or three sheds on Queen street east were burned early yesterday morning, the fire in each case being attributed to incendiarism. Several of the firemen were more or less frostbitten. Charles Dickens, driver of the Court street truck, had his hands frozen.

Church of the Ascension.

The work of printing and decorating the interior of this church is to be commenced next week, under the direction and according to the designs of Frank Darling, the well-known ecclesiastical architect. About two months will be required to complete the work, during which time the regular services will be held in the school house.

CELEBRITIES AT OTTAWA.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT.

Sir Richard Cartwright, the only knight on the opposition benches, is now 50 years old. Between himself and Sir John there seems to be an actual hatred. When Sir Richard stretches his neck towards the treasury benches to speak, Sir John never hears him, he is so busy reading or transcribing. When he stands up to say anything against the ministry it would actually seem as if he had a sting in his head and that he was darting it out. It is often said that his own party have as much dread of his tongue as their opponents have; at least Mr. Blake, usually Mr. Mills, and often Mr. Mackenzie, take the cold, cutting sarcasms which he seems to shoot through his nose, much as they would a passage in a funeral oration. It would do him a grave injustice to suppose that he did not consider it his chief duty to regard and to watch the government as he would a band of common thieves. On Friday, when the first minister explained relating to proposed legislation in the Northwest, Sir Richard imagined that numbers would be manipulated according to party advantage; so, standing up and craning over toward a minister, he asked in a tone in which there were ice, edge and acid, "Which method do you propose; the jury or the packed jury?" Mr. Blake did not smile and Sir John seemed as dead and as expressionless as a post. All the rest of the ministers added dignity and length to their features. I verily believe that he has contempt for his own late colleagues, for on Friday while showing that the opposition had only four rooms he amplified his statement as many as three times by saying with a backward wave of his hand toward the leader and ex-leader of the opposition, "and these two gentlemen here occupy two of these." Sir Richard, as I have said, is just now about 50. He has no hair on his head, save a fringe of iron-grey which extends around the back, low down. His nose indicates a capacity at once for keen, quick discrimination and astonishing bitterness; and it is strikingly distinguished looking. His face, on the whole, so far as mere outline is concerned, has a remarkable resemblance to that of Don Quixote; at least to that picture which represents the errant knight doing penance and cutting capers in his shirt on the top of Sable mountain. Sir Richard wears gold-rimmed spectacles that have a most astonishing shape, their gold handles gripping his head in straight and parallel lines. He has discarded his slouch hat from under the rim of which he seemed as if he were at war with all his kind, and now wears a little lambskin. He has small and well-shapen ears resembling those little clam shells, except for their color, which you find down at the salt water. He is about five feet eight or nine inches high, and he has a sort of parti-colored eye between a grey and a violet, which, when he is moved to hatred of his opponents and distrust of his species, resembles a little half globe of frosty steel. His hands have a well-bred shape, and his person and his movements are graceful; but he is growing stouter and has become somewhat stooped. His feet are small and he wears trouser straps under them. He is prompt and effective in debate, and sees a point at once, though you would imagine from his frigid reserve that he did not; but so bitter is he in his convictions that he is often blind to reason and to logic and only awake to prejudice. Sir Leonard Tilley makes the more plausible, the more calm, the more reasonable statement, but Sir Richard, who is more pointed and often times more brilliant, loses the verdict, for he drives home argument, that would otherwise convince, with a whip of scorpions. But for all this his is one of the very first brains in the house, and on the floor he is a most useful and distinguished member. —*Jek.*

A Female Beat from Boating.

One of Boston's smart female citizens has just succeeded in defrauding several city merchants out of a large amount of their good goods. Two weeks ago she rented the large residence at 217 Jarvis street, which she gave out would be converted into a fashionable boarding house. To her victims she was known as "Mrs. J. T. Mitchell," and her former place of residence Boston, Mass. Her age was about 30, and for looks she would pass muster among a collection of boarding house madams. She bought a $350 piano at Nordheimer's, $150 worth of carpets at Graham's, $650 worth of furniture at J. H. Samo's, $106 worth of dry goods at John Rowland's and smaller amounts from other merchants. On all her purchases she paid small advances. On Wednesday she sold all the effects to C. C. Harris & Co., auctioneers, for $627, and left the city. Before the firm could dispose of the goods the victimized merchants pounced on them and most of them were given up by the auctioneers, who lose all the money paid the sharp female. The piano, however, has not been recovered, and a diligent search is being made for it.

Q. O. R Sergeants' Mess.

The annual mess of the Queen's Own sergeants was held in their rooms in the Ontario chambers, at Front and Church streets, last evening, and was as usual a successful gathering. Sergt.-Major Cunningham was in the chair, and the party, including invited guests, numbered about fifty. Among the guests were Col. Miller, Col. Otter, Sergt Major Quinn of the Royal Grenadiers, Sergt. Major Woodman of the Toronto Field Battery, and Sergt.-Major Gibson of the Garrison Artillery. The boys did not forget their old colonel, and they gave the commandant of the school of infantry a rousing reception, to which Col. Otter made a fitting reply. Toasts, songs and friendly talks on military matters made up a pleasant evening's enjoyment. Pte. Wilson, company G, made a hit with his characteristic speech. Mr. Popham served one of his best spreads.

At Montford's Museum.

Last two performances of Uncle Tom's Cabin this afternoon and to night.

The Hollywood juvenile opera company in the spectacular extravaganza of Cinderella will be the attraction next week at the Museum. The baby artists comprising the company, in addition to enacting their various roles in the burlesque, appear in their favorite specialties of singing, dancing, laughable sketches, etc. A number of local children have been engaged to appear in the fairy scene.

Sold; It Was Stolen.

Editor World: Was that poem in the Toronto Globe the other day entitled "Love's Offering" original? INQUIRER.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING

ANNUAL CONVERSAZIONE OF UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

An Immense Throng of Elegantly-Dressed Ladies and Gentlemen—A Splendid Concert and Other Interesting Features.

The university building in the park was last night the scene of the annual conversazione given under the auspices of the literary society of University college, of which the Rev. Father Teefy, M. A., is the worthy and popular president for 1884-5. His reverence was there among all his old college friends and acquaintances, and made an excellent host for the evening. He was assisted by a large committee and by the professors and staff of the college, including Dr. Wilson. As a consequence everything ran pleasantly, and despite the large attendance the arrangements were excellently devised and executed. An immense throng of elegantly dressed ladies and their escorts circulated through the corridors, the stairways, library, museums and laboratics, either listening to the music of the band of the Queen's Own stationed in the vestibule, or chatting with friends, or admiring microscopic specimens that were displayed in profusion, or the wonderful colors that the spectroscope discovered, or turning over the treasures of the library, or scanning the collections in the various museums. All these and many other things were at the disposal of the guests. In convocation hall the main item in the program, the concert, was given. It was under the direction of Mr. Torrington and included solos by several eminent artists as well as selections rendered by a large orchestra. The concert was said to be one of the best ever given in the city. Altogether the conversazione was among the most brilliant of any yet given, and the president and society are to be congratulated on its success.

A Good Appointment.

Dr. Frank Krauss of 35 Elm street has been appointed one of the physicians to the hospital for sick children.

PERSONAL.

Archbishop Lynch attended the university conversazione last night.

Mr. Buckle, editor of the London Times, lately married a daughter of Mr. Payn, the novelist.

Lieut. McKeand of Winnipeg is attached to Lord Chas. Beresford's command in the Soudan. He went out with the voyageurs.

Dr. McCraney, M.P.P. for East Kent, is seriously ill at his home in Rothwell, suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Percy Doolittle, the well-known bicyclist, has been appointed house surgeon in the general hospital here. He will now have an opportunity of doing much.

The Junior Carlton club is being extended, and will be the largest club in London. It has not a very high social standing, being full of young tory provincial attorneys and commercial men.

Since the birth of the first Prince of Wales in 128, more than six centuries ago, the title has been borne by seventeen persons, but the present possessor of it is the only one who has lived to see a son attain his majority.

John Kelly, Tammany's chief, is dangerously ill, believing in the curative powers of the seaside, he was taken to Rockaway, but the severity of the weather was too strong and he has been taken back to New York.

Lord Charles Beresford has justified, in the rescue of the Wilson party, the prediction that if any hot work in the shape of break fighting was to be done in the Soudan, he would be a conspicuous figure. This nobleman, a brother of the Marquis of Waterford, has gained a notoriety as a dare-devil, and is determined to maintain it.

A French writer ascribes to Sarah Bernhardt much of the demoralization now existing in French social life. He charges her with having inaugurated the passion for strange abnormal characters, thrilling stories about the private lives of actresses, and the craving for sensation of every kind. It is fair to add that France was by no means dear to all of this sort of thing before the famous Sarah tried the stage.

Many Happy Returns of the Day.

To George Ralph Richardson Cockburn, ex-principal Upper Canada college, born at Edinburgh, Scotland, February 15, 1834.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

Of course we have all known since the days of our weaning that the 14th of February is a red-letter day in the life of every young, and many a more than young, person.

How many of us in the days that have passed, happily, happily passed, have in the seclusion of our innermost chamber with labored effort produced some heartfelt verse in honor of the object of our very youthful affections; or, it may be, have ventured on an acrostic—with the initial letters brilliantly observable in red ink?

What hits us all so hard is to trip in some unthought of fashion over these earlier effusions after we have been buffeting for years with fortune with good, bad or indifferent success. And yet, bless the day, we will smile this very morning as we see bright eyes and anxious faces looking for the postman, or notice fleet feet tripping quietly and carefully to the nearest letter-box or general post-office.

Let us say to some young husband that the sweet wife at home who so eagerly perused his scented valentine a few years ago would be more than pleased and thankful for a valentine to-day.

That's the one we sent ours to last night.

THE QUESTION AT 12.

Do you love me
Very much?
For you thrill me
With a touch.

Will you wait, dear,
Till I do
Grow up big, near
Twenty-two?

THE ANSWER.

Well, I like you—
Quite a bit,
But am not so
Hardly hit

As to say that
I will wait,
'Cause I'd then be
Thirty-eight. —*Carl.*

Fair and Warmer.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Feb. 14, 1 a.m.—*Since last night the pressure has decreased considerably in the Northwest territories, but remained about stationary elsewhere. The weather has been fine and cold the whole day, some of the lowest temperatures reported being 34 below zero. In Manitoba it is 40 below, and 23 below in southwestern Ontario.*

Probabilities—Lakes—Moderate winds, generally fair weather, higher temperature.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: St. Laurent from Havre; Rhontia from Hamburg; Belgenland from Antwerp; British Queen from Liverpool.

At Queenstown: Nevada and Scythia from New York.

At Dover: Denmark from New York.

At St. Johns, Nfld.: Newfoundland from Liverpool for Halifax.

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