TO RECTIFY FAULTY LAWS.

THE LEGISLATORS STRENUOUSLY WORKED YESTERDAY.

Bills Receive Second Reading—Look Well After the Boilers—Who Shall Be Arbitrator?—Those Here Sinned Against Than Sinning—Cradle, Altar, Tomb.

The greater part of yesterday afternoon at the Local House was taken up in discussing Mr. Whitney's bill respecting the action of seduction.

A bill introduced by Mr. Graham yesterday has for its object the revival amendment of the Act of Incorporation of the Sarnia and Lambton Southern Railway Company, which act would lapse if not revived this session.

Mr. Bronson (Ottawa) introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Act. This bill gives power to cities to open, widen or extend streets and to provide for their cost. The bill contains other provisions.

Mr. O'Connor, on behalf of Mr. Leys, introduced a bill respecting the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, and also one respecting St. James' Church.

Mr. Connee introduced a bill respecting the Port Arthur Water, Light and Power Company.

The considerable portion of the afternoon was occupied in passing public bills through their second reading. Among these was Mr. McMahon's Bill to facilitate the purchase of Toll Roads by Municipalities. It provides that the county council of any county or city council may appoint a board of commissioners to select such toll roads within their county or city as they may deem desirable to be purchased by the council they represent, for their management or control or for removing the tolls therefrom.

The Inspection of Boilers.

A lively discussion followed Mr. Garson's motion that his bill respecting the Examination of Engineers and Inspection of Boilers should be read a second time. This bill provides for the appointment of a chairman and board of inspectors for the Provinces to inspect all boilers or other devices under pressure and examine all persons who may apply for examination and issue graded certificates to all qualified applicants. It would practically do away with engineers throughout the country who are not holders of licenses.

Mr. Phelps was of opinion that this bill should be allowed to remain over for a time. It involved a matter of very great interest to the public throughout the Province and to manufacturers. He suggested that it go before a committee. Otherwise he would move that the bill should not go to the House at the present time. There were thousands of boilers in the Province used for manufacturing purposes, carrying a small head of steam and run by men as competent as those possessing licenses. The rights of persons owning these boilers should not be infringed upon.

The Opposition Leader soon got on his feet. In view of its very great importance this bill should not be hurriedly passed, he said. "I should be very sorry," he continued, "to see this bill followed by the creation of a number of office holders throughout the country, who would grant these licenses." He did not think the manufacturers and farming community using steam power should be so hampered. Mr. Meredith wanted to hear the views of the Government before the measure was referred to committee.

Mr. Fraser said there was no good reason to be urged that the bill should not go to a Select Committee. It had been done before and might be done again. All the responsibility the Government had was to see that the bill was referred to the proper committee.

The bill was finally passed through its second reading and referred to a special committee.

To Amend the Municipal Act.

When Mr. Ferguson's bill to amend the Municipal Act was reached a good deal of opposition was raised to its second reading. Should this bill become law in all cases where arbitration is directed or permitted, the judge or senior acting judge of a county shall, unless the parties interested otherwise agree, be the arbitrator.

Mr. Meredith thought the bill was one of great importance and that it should receive the consideration of the House and Government.

Mr. Hardy said he would certainly endorse any measure which would aid in the simplification of the proceedings and reduction of the expense in these matters of arbitration. The public, when a bill did not come before the House, were the losers to a large extent, and he believed that all bills of this nature should be discussed on the floor. Otherwise, the public learned nothing of the reasons which were adduced in favor of the passage of the bill until it had become law. The bill was finally passed through its second stage.

The Right to Bring Actions.

The discussion to which attached the greatest interest was that on Mr. Whitney's Bill respecting the Action of Seduction when it came up for its second reading. The bill provides:

Any person authorized so to do in writing by any unmarried female who has neither father nor mother living, or who has neither father nor mother capable of bringing an action for her seduction under this Act, may bring and maintain an action as the master of such unmarried female, for her seduction; and upon the trial of such action it shall not be necessary to give proof of any act of such service performed by the person seduced, but the same shall in all cases be presumed, and no proof shall be received to the contrary.

The Commissioner of Public Works "sat on" the proposed amendment at once and vigorously. There were too many actions for seduction already, he said, which were quite unwarranted. He concluded by saying emphatically: "I don't think this bill ought to pass its second reading." For a moment there was almost complete silence. Then one of the commissioners, in a low voice, called across the floor of the House to Mr. Whitney: "Withdraw it; withdraw it."

Mr. Whitney got on his feet. He could not, he said, after so decided a condemnation of his measure by a Government member, do otherwise than withdraw the bill. But he did not fall back one jot from his original position. It was a very imperfect law that extended protection to one class of women, yet failed to give to that small but unfortunate class the justice which his bill provided. Mr. French also favored the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Meredith was a strong supporter of the measure. If a wrong had been committed the wrongdoer should be punished. "There is," he continued, "unfortunately a class of men in the community who need such a stringent measure. I say this bill ought to go to a committee, in order to see if this particular grievance cannot be met." An effort, he concluded, should be made to meet this palpable wrong and injustice.

By this time the importance of the measure under discussion was so evident that the Attorney-General deemed it advisable to express an opinion.

He thought that a new bill should be framed. The present one was too general in its character. "I do not think," Mr. Mowat continued, "that a bill so general as this should go to a special committee when a new one might be introduced confined to the particular class we have to consider." He thought, however, that remedy through civil proceedings had gone quite far enough.

Mr. Whitney intimated that he would consent to the withdrawal of the bill, and the discussion closed.

The passing through their second stage of a number of public and private bills occupied the House up to the hour of 6 p.m.

The Cradle, the Altar, the Tomb

Mr. Gibson presented the return on registration of births, deaths and marriages in Ontario. These are the total registrations:

Births	45,904
Marriages	14,460
Deaths	23,414

The above table shows a decrease in births of 554, an increase in marriages of 615, and an increase in deaths of 230, the total registration showing an increase over 1887.

The ratios to population were:

Births	21.7 per thousand.
Marriages	6.8 " "
Deaths	11.4 " "

These are the ratios to population of births in cities, towns and rural districts:

Cities	27.5 per thousand.
Towns	21.8 " "
Rural Districts	20.6 " "

MARRIAGES.

Cities	11.1 per thousand.
Towns	18.7 "

This is the death rate per 1000 in 11 Ontario cities: Toronto, 21.3; Hamilton, 16.5; Ottawa, 22.3; London, 15.6; Kingston, 17.7; Brantford, 15.2; St. Thomas, 15; Guelph, 17.8; St. Catharines, 17; Belleville, 17.3; Stratford, 11.2.

Miss Dupont and Mrs. Grassett interviewed Hon. A. M. Ross in the afternoon in the interests of the Humane Society.

They asked the Treasurer to place the society's book setting forth its objects in the libraries of reformatories and schools of a similar nature. The request will be granted.

TOO MUCH VENEERING,

In Popular Education—So Mr. Blake Told the Teachers.

The third annual meeting of the South York Teachers' Institute was held in the assembly rooms of the county model school, Lansdowne-avenue, Parkdale, yesterday. An interesting program was prepared for the occasion. Owing to the illness of the president, Inspector David Fotheringham, the vice-president, James Hand of Stouffville, occupied the chair. The treasurer submitted the annual report, which showed a balance to the credit of the association of $103. The next item on the program was a paper by Mr. R. H. Leighton on "Whither are we drifting?" His remarks were directed particularly to the overcrowding of the profession by third-class teachers. Mr. W. J. Thompson of Ellesmere instructed a sample class in geography, and Mr. J. D. McKay of Markham expounded a lesson in interest to a class of pupils for the benefit of those present. Mr. B. W. Wood, Parkdale, read a paper on "Light."

It had been announced that R. Harcourt, M.L.A., would lecture on "Popular Education," but he was too ill to be present. Mr. S. H. Blake generously and efficiently filled the gap. Mr. William C. Johnston, chairman of the School Board, occupied the chair. A piano duet by the Misses Hattie and Gertie Dixon opened the entertainment. Then followed calisthenic exercises and an exhibition of club-swinging by the girls. A song by Miss Jessie Mitchell was ably rendered.

Mr. Blake said: "I am not a bit satisfied with our school system, and I propose just to say a word or two in defence of the position that I take." He then referred to the veneering in the education given to the children at the present day. He thought there was an absence of refinement and a tendency to slang that ought not to be. What was wanted in a boy's or girl's character was fibre, and that "there is nothing that makes fibre like our old Saxon Bible."

Practical Methods of Teaching.

About eighty teachers were present at the second day's session yesterday. Vice-President Hand presided. The program in the morning consisted of papers on "Physical Culture," by Miss L. Cook, Parkdale; "Drawing," by J. W. Milne, Dawn; "The Teaching Ladder and How to Climb It," by J. A. Wismer, B.A.; "Literature to Fourth Book Class," by L. E. Embree, B.A. Miss L. Cook's address on "Physical Culture" was illustrated in class, and showed briefly that exercise to be beneficial should be regular, systematical and varied. Mr. J. A. Wismer's address was fraught with considerable useful advice to teachers, and dealt with the essentials to success in a teacher—good health and good character. In Mr. Wismer's opinion the minimum age for a teacher to take charge of a school or class should be raised to 21 years. It was moved by Mr. Wismer and seconded by Mr. Seele, that the Minister of Education be memorialized to raise the minimum age for teachers to 21 years. The motion was carried.

At the afternoon session, the first business was the election of officers, with the following results: President, David Fotheringham; vice-president, H. Sampson; sec.-treas., J. A. Wismer; recording-secretary, R. W. Hicks; executive committee, William Braithwaite; J. Letter, H. Boyes, J. C. Rutherford, W. Wilson, S. Jewitt; auditors, Messrs. Sampson and Latter.

Mr. William Houston, M.A., delivered an interesting address on "English Composition," at the afternoon session. He dealt with the best ways of teaching it. Language is conventional, said he, and he followed by advocating the teaching of composition by spoken language rather than by written selections. After the exercise had been discussed before the class and the errors shown, the composition should be re-written as many times as necessary. Give plenty of exercises and never correct an error without giving the reason for it, constituted the sum of the speaker's concluding remarks.

The following motions were put and carried: Moved by Mr. Carling, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the association pay expenses of two delegates to Provincial Association at Niagara next August.

Moved by Mr. Balls, seconded by Mr. Walls, that Messrs. Fotheringham and Wismer be the delegates.

A pleasing program of music and dialog was given during the day by a number of the pupils.

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MASONS AT HOME.

Stevenson Lodge A. F. & A. M. En Fete Last Night.

Joyous and bright gathered the fair ones, surrounded by equally happy and joyous lovers and husbands last night, in the Masonic Temple in Toronto-street. It was the occasion of the annual "at home" of Stevenson Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and certainly if good music, good dancing and perfect arrangements go to make up the success of an entertainment, the "at home" of last evening was very successful in the highest degree. The committee marshalled by W. Master Bro. John Nicholson, with Bro. W. R. Cuthbert as chairman; Bro. H. Kerrison, secretary; Bro. J. Sawle, treasurer; and Bro. George Howell, secretary of committee, spared no effort to make the event a pleasant one, and must feel satisfaction in knowing that their efforts were successful.

Hooper & Co., druggists, new branch store, 358 Spadina-avenue, is now open, fully stocked and equipped with all the latest additions in pharmacy, and under their own personal supervision. 246

Talks from Trinity.

At the regular meeting of the Theological and Missionary Society on Monday evening last Rev. Rural Dean Swallow of Caledon read a paper on "Country Missions and Their Difficulties." At the next regular meeting Prof. Clark will read a paper on "Extem pore Preaching." This is a favorite subject with the Professor and certainly ought to be very interesting.

"Episcopon," the college "Punch," has begun to show signs of recovery from the dormancy he has been enjoying for the last two years. As everyone connected with Trinity knows, the above is a manuscript paper read periodically before the students by the scribe who is the only visible functionary of the sage. The contents consist mainly of jokes, witticisms and caricatures at the expense of the students; the Freshmen, as usual, coming in for a large share of notice. Many a merry evening has been spent in bygone days by the students assembled to hear the words of Father Episcopon, and as each successive hit was made the room would re-echo with the laughter which some unfortunate had excited, who would vainly endeavor to conceal his confusion and hide his diminished head. In all the quips and cranks, however, the utmost good humor prevailed. For some reason or other the sage has not appeared since the spring of 1887. It may be that other college institutions took up the interest of the students more completely, and that the review gained all their surplus literary vigor, or perhaps the real reason was that they preferred to get off their jokes with each other viva voce and that their expansiveness did not wait to consign their merry thoughts to the pages of Episcopon. The old volumes of the paper offer a most interesting picture of student life in former days and contain many little gems of satire or poesy.

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A Pleasant Time at the Collegiate.

The regular weekly meeting of the Collegiate Institute Literary Society was held yesterday in the mathematical room. The chair was taken by Mr. Huston. The occasion was one of more than usual interest. After the routine business, the floor was taken by Mr. J. W. Bengough of "Grip," and for an hour he kept the crowded audience in grand humor with his usual witty sayings, illustrated by his facile pencil. The lecture was thoroughly appreciated and a cordial vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Manley, was heartily voted Mr. Bengough.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.

THE WOODBINE DRIVING CLUB'S MEETING YESTERDAY.

The Naming of Horses—Trotting at Peterboro—Blackbird Shoot at McDowall's—Prospect Park Defeated by the Colts—Other Sporting Matters.

Mr. D. D. Withers has accepted for his promising brown 3-year-old colt by Sensation, imp. Faverdale, the name "Silvertail," conferred on him by Mr. Patteson of this city. The colt inherits the peculiarity which has earned him his name from Sir Hercules, a nearly black horse with a silver crest to his tail. Irish Birdcatcher got the white ticks that run through the coats of nearly all his descendants from his sire Sir Hercules. Sensation is by Leamington, and he by Faugh-a-ballagh, son of Sir Hercules and own brother to Birdcatcher. Nothing could more strongly illustrate the prepotency of the Sir Hercules blood than this cropping out of a singular feature in the fifth generation.

TROTTING AT WOODBINE.

Billy Owens and Little Hero Carry Off the Honors.

Notwithstanding the cold weather yesterday afternoon a large crowd journeyed to Woodbine Park to witness the local flyers' struggle for honors. The assemblage was even greater than at the Woodbine Driving Club's big meeting in August last, which goes to show that this popular organization is securing a strong foothold in Toronto. Though the program included but two events for local horses with small fields in each, yet they were well contested and afforded good sport. In the 2.50 class Billy Owens had the call in the betting and upheld the public's opinion by winning the first, second and sixth heats. He possibly would have captured three straight heats had he not lost a shoe in the third heat. For the 2.40 class it was an excellent contest throughout, Little Hero, who was the favorite, winning the first, second and fourth heats. The track was very heavy, which accounts for such slow time. As the races were such a success the Woodbine Driving Club will no doubt give another day's sport in the near future if the weather holds out. Following are the summaries:

2.50 class—A sweepstake of $10, with $25 added, of which 50 per cent. to first horse, 25 per cent. to second and 15 per cent. to third. Mile heats, 3 in 5.

J Fleming's b g Billy Owens	1	1	2	2	3	1
E Harper's grg John Doddridge	2	2	1	1	2	2
J E Clark's b m Bridge Bird	3	3	3	3	1	3
M O'Halloran's br g Little Mike	4	4	4	4	4	dr.

Time—3.13, 3.06, 3.05, 3.04, 3.03, 3.07.

2.40 class—A sweepstake of $10 each, with $25 added, of which 50 per cent. to first horse, 25 per cent. to second and 15 per cent. to third. Mile heats, 3 in 5.

John Dixon's blk g Little Hero	1	1	2	1		
James Dixon's grg Jimmy D	2	2	1	2		
T O'Connell's b m Clara W	3	3	3	3		

Time—3.06, 3.02, 3.01, 3.03.

Peterboro Ice Races.

PETERBORO, Feb. 22.—The trotting races here to-day were well attended and the sport a success. Following are the results:

2.50 class:

J. Beatty's (Cobourg) Sergeant	5	2	1	1	1
D. Lake's (Belleville) Johnny B	2	1	2	2	2
W. Clancey's (Peterboro) Royal Jim	1	3	3	3	3
R. Nesbitt's (Peterboro) Toboggan	3	4	4	4	4
J. Newhall's (Peterboro) Gladstone	4	dr.			

Time—2.33, 2.33, 2.31, 2.33, 2.32.

Free for all:

J Dwyer's (Peterboro) Little Jim	1	1	2	1	
J K Smith's (Cannington) Maud S	2	2	1	4	
J Howard's (Cannington) F.O.P.	3	3	4	2	
W Morgan's (——) Mayflower	3	4	4	3	
J Daly's (——) Willie W	5	5	5	5	

Time—2.25, 2.25, 2.23, 2.23.

Gossip of the Turf.

Walter Gratz has lost the bay gelding Warsaw, 2 by Warwick-Isabel, who died at Saratoga a few days ago.

During 1888 the aged bay gelding Jim Nave ran more races than any other horse, 65, and Persimmons won more than any other, 21.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature requiring jockeys and drivers of trotting horses to pay an annual license fee of $250.

Good Bye, chestnut colt by Hyder Ali-Jessie Rowena, is the youngster to which Mr. Scoggan intends trying to duplicate the great performance of Proctor Knott in the Futurity.

Mr. W. J. Gordon of Cleveland has authorized Secretary Fasig of the Driving Club to announce that owing to poor health Mr. Gordon may sell Guy, Clingstone, Manbrino, Sparkle, Nobby, Leontine, Hartford, and other well-known trotters at Mr. Fasig's sale in May.

English buyers have purchased of Truman Sweet of Hoosick Falls his famous trotting gelding, T.T.S., for $9000. He is by Melrose, dam Ajax, and is 16 hands and 3 inches high. He has a record of 2.19¼. T.T.S. was started at Cleveland in July last, and won every race in his class to Hartford. He is considered one of the best horses in 2.20 class.

The Copland Challenge Cup, which was presented to the Toronto Hunt Club in 1878 by the late master, Mr. Wm. Copland, has graced the window of a Queen-street pawn shop for some time until yesterday, when a prominent member of the club redeemed the trophy through respect to the late master. The cup was won in 1878 and 1879 by Skylark, 1880 by Colonel, 1881 by Fiat and 1882 by Alarm. It was valued at $300.

Paris Wins the Ben Wyvis Trophy.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—A curling match was played here to-day between Brantford and Paris for the Ben Wyvis trophy and resulted in a victory for Paris by seven shots. The score:

Brantford.		*Paris.*	
RINK NO. 1.			
T Westbrooke,		J no Adams,	
G Watt,		J O'Neil,	
J Steele,		Jas Adams,	
D Jolly, skip	20	J Brookbank, skip	21
RINK NO. 2.			
G Brown,		J Maxwell,	
S Scott,		J Craigie, sr,	
J Duncan,		J Craigie, jr,	
J Watt, skip	19	M Cavan, skip	25
Total	39	Total	46

Paris have now held the Ben Wyvis trophy two successive years, and this being the last contest for it this season it will be held by them another year.

Galt Defeats Hamilton.

GALT, Feb. 22.—A curling match was played here this afternoon between the Hamilton Thistles and Galt club, resulting in favor of Galt by 17 shots. The score:

Hamilton.		*Galt.*	
RINK NO. 1.			
C Kerner,		A Gourlay,	
H McKinnon,		T Bryan,	
J Milne,		J McTague,	
J Kerner, skip	14	R Webster, skip	27
RINK NO. 2.			
T Hood,		A Crozier,	
T Hazlett,		R Minto,	
W Vallance,		T McDougall,	
J Simpson, skip	16	R Veitch, skip	28
RINK NO. 3.			
J Jeffrey,		C Blake,	
Geo Elmslie,		J Patterson,	
W Southam,		J McA sland,	
G H Gillespie, skip	24	T Allison, skip	16
Total	54	Total	71

The Colts Defeat Prospect Park.

A match was played at Prospect Park rink last night between the Colts, of the Caledonians, and the Prospect Park club and resulted in a grand majority for the Colts of 27 shots.

Caledonians.		*Prospect Park.*	
P T Dunn,		A Haywod,	
D Gorman,		D McCullough,	
Thos Rennie,		J G Gibson,	
Wm Prentice, skip	21	H Rosser, skip	14
D Kimmings,		J Willington,	
John Watson,		A McLean,	
Thos McIntosh,		J Grand,	
J C Moore, skip	18	J Lugsdin, skip	20
Dr Jas Ross,		W L Patterson,	
W Walton,		F Gours,	
D Prentice,		D Carlyle,	
J Rennie, skip	22	Wm Forbes, skip	8
J Pringle,		L Scott,	
W J McCormack,		M Hall,	
Wm Davison,		E Galley,	
Fred Foster, skip	15	J Wright, skip	11
Total	80	Total	53

Ross Defeats Daly.

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—The wrestling match today between J. C. Daly and Duncan C. Ross, mixed styles, for $250 a side was won by Ross. Daly won two bouts and Ross three.

Umpire Decker's Case in Court.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 22.—The case of Umpire Decker against the National League for $2300 alleged back salary was argued to-day before Judge Stowe. The Court reserved its decision.

Shooting at Blackbirds.

Several blackbird shoots were held yesterday afternoon at McDowall & Co.'s grounds, with the following results:

Shoot No. 1—at 25 birds each:

Glover	21	McDowall	17
Heatherington	20	Felstead	17
Wayper	20	Emond	14
Winchell	19	Morley	14

Shoot No. 2—at 15 birds each:

McDowall	14	Winchell	8
Glover	13	Phillips	rot
Wayper	13	Felstead	rot
Heatherington	12	Bell	rot

Shoot No. 3—at 12 birds each:

Wayper	12	Winchell	8
Heatherington	11	Emond	8
Glover	8	McDowall	7
Phillips	8		

Footballers at the Festive Board.

The first annual dinner of the Toronto Rugby Football Association was held last night at Keachie's. In the absence of Col. Sweney, hon. president, Mr. A. H. S. Vankoughnet presided, while Mr. R. G. Muntz was in the vice-chair. After loyal toasts came a series of sporting: "Sister Sports," "Association Football," "Cricket," "Lacrosse," "Rowing," "Yachting." Mr. A. N. Garrett responded for Association football, Mr. K. Cameron for cricket, Percy Schofield for lacrosse, A. R. G. Muntz for rowing and Frank Wade for yachting. The Toronto club was responded to by Capt. H. Smith and A. D. McKay. "Jim" Macdonald was happy in responding for the ladies—fair patrons of all sports.

"IN SPITE OF ALL."

Minnie Maddern at the Grand—Cora Tanner in Fascination.

The Grand Opera House was well filled last night when that catching little lady, Minnie Maddern, appeared in Steele MacKaye's play, "In Spite of All." Miss Maddern was as charming as ever and delighted the audience with her sweet mixture of fun and pathos, while her company kept up the support in grand style. "Caprice" will be played this afternoon and "In Spite of All" to-night.

Cora Tanner Beats the Record.

The New York club men a few weeks ago were excited over the feat performed by a young Englishman, a full account of which went the rounds of the press, who changed his attire throughout, from a business suit to full dress, in six minutes and a half. The time is beaten every night by Cora Tanner in her change of habiliments in the play "Fascination," which opens at the Grand on Monday night. Miss Tanner retires from the stage in a splendid female costume and reappears in four minutes disguised as Charles Marlow in full masculine rig. It is rough on the dudes to be beaten by a lady in their own special line. It is well to bear in mind that the reserved seat sale for the Cora Tanner "Fascination" engagement will open this morning at the Grand Opera House. There will probably be a rush, and the early birds will get the best seats. This play, new to Toronto, will be put on with original scenic effects.

Amusement Notes.

"Over the Garden Wall" at the Toronto this afternoon and to-night.

Ada Gray in her old and favorite play, "East Lynne," will be at the Toronto all next week.

The Levy concert in the Pavilion on March 4 will be a great event. Signora Stella Costa, la prima donna soprano who accompanies the great Levy, is a French lady, and was educated in the German and Italian schools. She made her American debut in 1887 and has grown in public favor ever since, having received most flattering criticisms from the American press. The plan for the Levy concert opens at Nordheimer's this morning at 10 o'clock.

The grand military band concert by the bands of the 13th Battalion and the Queen's Own Rifles in the Pavilion on Monday, March 4, will be a notable event. Miss Clara Barnes of Buffalo will assist. The plan opens at Nordheimer's on Monday morning.

The New York Dramatic Times has this: The entire Canadian public has become attached to Q. B. Sheppard of the Toronto Grand Opera House for bringing Mme. Albani to Canada. Her tour has been a success and Mr. Sheppard has cause for congratulation.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A slight delay was caused on the G.T.R. yesterday by a freight train getting stuck in a snowbank at Napanee.

J. L. Hughes and J. W. Manning are to speak at the Gospel Temperance meetings at the Gardens to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon.

An alarm was rung from box 34 yesterday at 12.50 p.m. A chimney had caught fire at 19 Shuter-street, occupied by Mr. Usher.

The sergeants of the Q. O. R. had a most enjoyable entertainment in their messroom last night. Singing and music filled in the program.

Judge McDougall yesterday heard the last of the evidence in the case of the Central Bank against the Herr Piano Co., and reserved judgment.

A writ for $200 has been issued against Rev. T. W. Jeffery by Mr. W. J. Gage. Mr. Gage claims that the minister borrowed that amount from him about a year and a-half ago.

The new real estate dealers Maclean & Grundy have now fitted up new offices at 10 Victoria-street, and are now in a position to advance money to builders and others.

E. W. Johnston, the athlete, is still held in jail under two writs of capias, but efforts are being made to secure his release.

Attention is directed to the special sale of finely bound and illustrated books at the store 203 Yonge-street, this afternoon and evening at 2.30 and 7.30.

Personal Mention.

John Cassels, Montreal, is at the Queen's.

T. B. Robb, Nova Scotia, is at the Queen's.

Maynard Miller, Chicago, is at the Queen's.

W. Burns, Cleveland, O., is at the Queen's.

Edward Martin, Q.C., Hamilton, is at the Queen's.

Richard Y. Cook, Philadelphia, is at the Queen's.

E. S. Wheeler, Boston, is at the Queen's.

Joseph Winfield, Quebec, is at the Queen's.

Hon. Geo. H. Lappam, New York, is at the Queen's.

A. Koenig, London, Eng., is at the Queen's.

A. O. Beatty, Welland, is at the Walker.

Rev. G. C. Patterson, Kingston, is at the Walker.

Thomas Muir, London, is at the Walker.

J. E. Woodworth, Manitoba, is at the Walker.

Julius Schmitz, Carl Leiteur, Elberfield, Germany, are at the Rossin.

H. S. Scheyer, New York, is at the Rossin.

E. Viger, St. Catearines, is at the Rossin.

Thos. A Gorham, mayor of Port Arthur, is at the Rossin.

Dr. R. Kincaid, Peterboro, is at the Rossin.

Jas. Lockie, Montreal, is at the Rossin.

D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, is at the Rossin.

C. W. Taylor, Gananoque; T. J. Arnold, Blenheim; Wm. Watt, Brantford; J. A. Clarke, Ottawa; J. A. Ford, Petrolia; R. J. Waller, Campbellford; C. P. Blanda, Brantford; W. F. Main, Chicago; J. Beckley, Berlin; W. C. Heggie, Brampton; J. Strong, Conescon, are at the Palmer.

Mr. J. M. Graham, general manager and Mr. H. J. Dexter, solicitor of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway passed through the city yesterday en route for Ottawa. There mission is to obtain a Dominion Charter for their road and other matters connected therewith. They expect to meet the Minister of Railways and his committee to-day. Mr. Dexter is well-known in this city as the son of Mr. Thos. Dexter, chief inspector of licenses.

"We Can Only Look On and Grieve."

Editor World: Will you kindly permit me to make, through your columns, the painful announcement that to-day we have received the last boy we can accommodate at the Mimico Industrial School. We have crowded the lads together as much as a regard for their health will permit, but this afternoon, with 70 applications on hand and more coming in every day from the city and the country, we have been compelled to close our doors. We have done all we can and have undertaken heavy financial responsibilities in erecting the buildings and providing for the proper maintenance of over one hundred boys.

The crying need of the school is evidenced by the number of applications pouring in. Its efficiency has been shown by the improvement of the boys under our control; but we cannot under present circumstances proceed with the erection of another cottage, which would, moreover, accommodate only 60 of the 70 present applicants. We can only place the responsibility on the people in general.

The case is serious. We realize the hardship that these boys will undergo and we can do nothing. Scores of boys are drifting, through force of circumstances, into a life of idleness, dishonesty, drunkenness and rapine and maybe murder. We can only look on and grieve.

W. H. HUSTON,
Hon. Sec. Toronto Industrial School Association.

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Diamonds and Jewelry.

Money is saved in buying diamonds, watches and jewelry at D. H. Cunningham's, 77 Yonge-street, 2 doors north of King. 136

THE FIERCEST ON RECORD

WILL BE THIS SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

An Amendment to the Address Promised by Mr. Morley, Which Will Provoke Hot Discussion—The Debate Opened by Mr. Gladstone—Parnellite Caucus.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—It is universally admitted that the session of the House of Commons will be the fiercest on record. The Irish actions of the Government will be vigilantly watched. The program is approved by Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone was enthusiastically cheered by the Opposition on entering the House. The Ministerialists cheered Mr. Balfour, while the Opposition hissed him and shouted "Pigott." Mr. Smith was similarly greeted.

In the House of Commons yesterday John Morley stated he would introduce an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, condemning the administration of the law in Ireland as harsh, unjust and oppressive, and asking that measures be adopted to content the Irish and re-establish a re-union of Great Britain.

Opening the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech Mr. Gladstone said he hoped the Government would enlighten the House regarding affairs in Samoa and Zanzibar at the earliest possible moment. Parliament must be very exacting as regards proof of the necessity of any unusual increase of credits for defence. He said the Government had rendered an elaborate Irish debate inevitable by inserting a sentence in the address implying approval of their Irish policy, which was totally at variance with the views of the Opposition.

Sir James Fergusson, Under Foreign Secretary, said the Government hoped the Samoan conference would be attended with the happiest results. In defending the results of the Chamberlain mission to the United States he denied that it had been a failure, as the temporary arrangement had worked so well that no English or American vessels had been seized. He denied that friendly relations between England and America had been interrupted by the Sackville incident. Those ties, he said, were too close and strong to be easily broken.

W. H. Smith, Government leader, said regarding the Samoan question, that papers were being prepared, but that pending the conference the Government was unable to express any decided opinion upon the subject, although Germany had strongly declared that she would not recede from any of her engagements as to the rights of Englishmen and Americans in Samoa. The Government had no intention to impute unworthy or aggressive motives to foreign nations, nor did it doubt their assurances of friendship, but the country must be in a position to defend her trade and her food supply. (Cheers.) He hoped the House would leave the subject of Ireland for a separate debate.

At a meeting of the Parnellites it was decided that a bill dealing with the treatment of political prisoners should have precedence.

Atchinoff's Expedition Prisoners.

LONDON, Feb 22.—The report that a French cruiser had bombarded Sagillo where the Cossack expedition under Atchinoff had settled temporarily, killing and wounding five of the expedition and capturing the remainder, is confirmed. The bombardment was the result of the refusal of Atchinoff to lower the Russian flag which he had hoisted at Sagillo.

What Does It All Mean?

Considerable surprise is evinced by everyone you meet as to the large number of young ladies parading the different business streets. They are from all parts visiting the millinery openings and looking through the spacious show case emporium of Millichamp, Sons & Co., 31 Adelaide east. Headquarters for counter, upright and side cases. Largest stock in Canada. Lowest prices. Telephone 585.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

A Neche (Dak.) despatch says that Gabriel Dumont is there en route to Winnipeg.

Two children were attacked and devoured by wolves while returning from school near Aitken, Minn., a few days ago.

The President has approved the bill to admit as States of the Union, Washington, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Mrs. Snyder, daughter of ex-Governor Oglesby of Illinois, was robbed of $12,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry at Delmar, Cal., yesterday by a hotel clerk.

Chas. S Church and Ida Jones of Petersburg, N.Y., were committed to jail yesterday, charged with causing the death of Church's wife early in January.

The excitement over the threatened outbreak of the reds on the Montana border is increasing daily. The troops at St. Paul and Fort Assiniboine are under orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice.

Rollin C. Carr, advertising agent at Cleveland of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, has eloped with the wife of J. J. Means, assistant labor statistician and manager of The Industrial News.

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CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

The Paris press receive the new cabinet coldly.

Mr. Spurgeon has returned to London in excellent health.

Additional protection has been afforded Prime Minister Salisbury during the last few days.

One hundred Galician miners employed in the Silesian coal pits have been ordered to quit the country.

A Berlin correspondent says Klein fled from Samoa to escape punishment for selling articles belonging to the State.

Hen. Komaroff has been ordered to attack the Ameer of Afghanistan if the latter's troops approach the Russian frontier.

It is stated that Princess Victoria, sister of the German Emperor, will shortly be betrothed to Prince Charles of Sweden.

Boulanger says if President Carnot could not obtain a better cabinet he should have resigned to prevent his being overthrown.

The London News understands that in the witness box Pigott, when asked to write the words "hesitancy" and "likelihood," spelled them "hesitency" and "likelehood." Both misspellings occurred in the alleged Parnell letters.

Two thousand Prussian Poles at Posen yesterday adopted a resolution declaring the prohibition of Polish elementary schools a violation of the national rights guaranteed by international treaties and by the promises of Prussian kings.

AMONG THE SOCIETIES.

The expressmen of Toronto held a meeting last night in Caledonia Hall. They discussed the recent action, Expressmen v Verral. They also organized themselves into "The Expressmen's Union." Mr. Mills acted as chairman.

The employes of Kilgour Bros. held their annual ball last night in Shaftesbury Hall.

Boyne L.O.L. No. 173 held its regular meeting last night in Victoria Hall. Two initiations were made and several propositions received. Bro. E. Major, W.M., occupied the chair.

Knights of Sherwood Forest A.O.F., in Shaftesbury Hall last night initiated one member. Knight Young presided.

Derry "No Surrender" Fife and Drum Band held their first annual concert in Victoria Hall last evening. E. Knox acted as chairman.

Harmony Lodge, I.O.G.T. No. 640, held a musical and literary entertainment in Wolesley Hall last evening. The following talent assisted: Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Boeck, Miss Dale and Messrs. Rundell, Tyner, Johnston, Lovett, Topney, Rolston, Young, Cole, Deals and Rigney. Bro. J. Coghill presided.

Duchess-street Y.P.C. and M.A. held their annual concert last evening. The following ladies and gentlemen rendered a well-selected program: Miss Mowat, the Misses Livingstone, the Misses Wilson, Mr. Kleiser, Mr. McDougal, Mr. Major, and Miss Sinclair, accompanist. Knox College glee club also assisted. President Sheppard occupied the chair.

The members of Loyal Excel