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JUDGE MILLER ON TRIAL.

MR. EAGER'S CHARGES AGAINST HALTON'S JUSTICE.

The Evidence That Deputy Attorney General Johnston Heard at Milton Yesterday—Something About Surrogate Fees—No Decision Given as Yet.

MILTON, Dec. 20.—As an outcome of certain charges made on the nomination day before the last election at Milton by Mr. W. L. P. Eager against Thomas Miller, Esq., Judge of Halton County, an investigation into these charges at the latter's request was held here to-day before Deputy Attorney-General Johnston.

The case of course possesses great interest for Halton folk, and the court-room was crowded with Milton residents and a sprinkling of outsiders.

Mr. Eager has been a resident of Milton for thirty-five years and has held the position of Registrar and County Court Clerk since 1855. The charge he has made against Judge Miller is a grave one, and if sustained would affect his judicial position very seriously. It is that of partiality in judgments which he has given in cases in which Mr. Eager has been interested. The latter states that this alleged partiality has arisen from his refusal to collect fees for the granting of probates of will and of letters of administration, on the ground that such fees were unwarrantably high.

Mr. Johnston gave no decision to-day, but will place a mass of evidence before the Ontario Government for consideration.

There were eminent counsel present in the person of Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., who appeared for Mr. Eager, and Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., for Judge Miller.

The first witness called was George W. Blaxell, a clerk in Mr. Eager's office.

He said he had reported Mr. Eager's speech in Milton Town Hall on Aug. 15—when the charges are said to have been made—and gave a summary of it to The Globe. It was a correct report published in The Globe of Aug. 16. Cross-examined he said he was The Globe's local correspondent, and would have reported the proceedings whether there had been any understanding between Mr. Eager and himself or not.

Mr. Eager called stated that Judge Miller had made a tariff about 1873 to fix the surrogate fees to be received by him and purporting to be under the statute. He said the judge had given verbal instructions to this (Eager's) clerk to collect certain surrogate fees which Mr. Eager refused to allow unless written instructions were furnished. The difference in tariff under the statute and the judge's tariff on probate grants was in the fees ranging from $4000 to $8000. The judge, witness alleged, made a charge of $5 in place of $3. Witness then mentioned a number of cases in which the $3 had been collected. Mr. Eager was about to cite a case of Campbell v Burrer when Mr. Osler objected, as he claimed Mr. Eager had nothing to do with this, and if this case was permitted to be brought up it would open every case tried by Judge Miller.

Mr. Blake contended that the Commissioner should investigate all the charges, and after both counsel had adduced their arguments the Commissioner decided to hear the evidence subject to Mr. Osler's objections.

The witness, continuing, said he had stopped making excessive charges in the Surrogate Court. His clerk told the judge of this refusal to collect the extra fees, "and when I saw Judge Millar," said the witness, "he told me I should obey his orders. Judge Miller seemed annoyed at me, and his feelings were so displayed towards me that I felt I could not get justice in any case tried before him. The first case brought before him was in December, 1876. It was Eager v. Dolby. I only got $13.78 in this case and it was a county court case. When Mr. McGibbon, my solicitor, applied for a certificate for county court costs the judge refused it unless Mr. McGibbon could show authority for so doing. I got advice from a Toronto lawyer showing that he had authority for granting such a certificate; but the judge refused. The case was then tried before a judge and a jury. My complaint in the Hawthorn v. Eager suit is that Judge Miller never presented my side of the case to the jury; only referred to my circumstances as rich and Hawthorn's as poor." Mr. Eager cited a number of other cases in which he alleged justice had not been done him.

As the Court of Revision in Milton in 1880, with Mr. John White as chairman, witness said, "Judge Miller was present and insisted on my assessment being raised." Mr. Eager entered into the details of this charge.

A host of other witnesses was then examined until the name of Judge Miller was called. The crowd of Miltonites packed up their ears to hear what the judge would have to say in refutation of the charges made against him. He had been a judge in Halton since 1867. He said: "I gave no decision as to collection of surrogate fees until at a meeting of county court judges, when a line in the statute was discussed and all the judges, I believe, arrived at the conclusion that all judges were entitled to collect a fee on amounts between $4000 and $8000, and when I returned home I believe I handed Mr. Eager's clerk a tariff of what fees he should collect. The fees were collected until Mr. Eager refused and I said he could do as he pleased. I gave a decision on the Dolby case to the best of my judgment. I never had any feeling against Mr. Eager."

Mr. S. J. Jones of Brant, senior County Court Judge of Ontario, said he believed that at the last meeting of the County Court Judges it was decided that a line had been omitted in the Consolidated Statutes as to surrogate fees, and it was now shown that this was the case, as it has been remedied in the new Revised Statutes.

The counsel then addressed the Commissioner on behalf of their respective clients. The investigation closed at 6.30 this evening.

Dinners at the National Club.

Capt. J. E. Sears, adjutant of "C" Company, Royal School of Infantry, is about to join his regiment in England. The officers of the garrison took this opportunity of showing their appreciation of Capt. Sears' interest in militia matters during his stay in Toronto by tendering him a complimentary banquet last night at the National Club. About 40 officers gathered round the well-laid tables, and under the chairmanship of Capt. Harry Brock a most enjoyable night was spent in toasts, music and song.

The examinations in connection with the Ontario Veterinary College closed yesterday, and as usual the examiners were entertained at dinner in the evening by Prof. Andrew Smith, principal of the college. The spread was at the National Club and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Separate Schools and Incorporated Companies.

The following formed clause 3 of the Finance committee report submitted to the Public School Board last night:

Your Committee in compliance with the resolution adopted by the Board at its last meeting beg to report the following information: (1) That they procured in August last, from the Assessment Commissioner of the City of Toronto, a full list of the names entered as supporters of Separate Schools for 1888; which has been in the Secretary's office since that time for the inspection of the members. (2.) That they ascertained from the Assessment Commissioner that there are but two Incorporated Companies which support Separate Schools, viz.: The Toronto Street Railway Company and the Home Savings & Loan Co.

There was no discussion.

Two Society Events.

The annual supper of the guests of M. E. Betts, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Front-street east, took place last night. There was singing and speaking, and a good time was enjoyed all around.

Yesterday afternoon a number of friends of Mr. W. Cook, one of the gentlemanly wine clerks at The Hub, presented that well-known artist with a gold breastpin and a complimentary address. There was a feast of partridge and a flow of bowl after the event.

It Will Hold Another Meeting.

The Local Board of Health has been called for this afternoon, and it is understood that some important matters in connection with the Health Department will be considered.

THE LIQUIDATORS' PAY.

The Master's Provisional Judgment Will Stand.

A week ago the Master-in-Ordinary expressed himself very strongly against the inflated bill which Messrs. Howland, Gooderham and Lye, the Central Bank liquidators, had presented. He gave a provisional decision reducing the amount very considerably—fully one-third. This amended percentage will in future be adopted, and as no further evidence for or against the Master's proposition has been received it will be issued as a definitive judgment.

FOR IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

D'Alton McCarthy Talks About His Favorite Hobby—Other Speeches.

The Imperial Federationists had quite a time of it last night, when they met in Association Hall and talked about their pet scheme. There was a fair attendance and Ex-Lieutenant Governor J. B. Robinson was elected chairman, and Commander Law, R.N., was made secretary. Among the audience were Mr. C. J. Campbell, Rev. Dr. Potts, both of the Denison colonels, Principal MacMurchy, Hugh Scott, J. A. Worrell, J. A. Clarke.

The speech of the evening was that of Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P., who said that the interests of Canada and Britain are one and that in the interest of trade we need federation. He predicted that there would soon be in every township a branch of the league. He did not believe in Independence and said: "Fancy our independence with a population of 5,000,000 and our aggressive neighbors, what chance would our codfish have? Our only hope is to stay by England. Still we don't propose to part with one iota of our liberty as Canadians." The speaker said he disliked being regarded as a mere colonist when he goes to London and he wanted to be on equal terms with the real Britisher. He favored the idea of a great senate in London.

Mr. C. Dixon and Mr. Castell Hopkins also spoke and the meeting expressed itself unanimously in favor of Imperial Federation.

Buy your Xmas numbers to-day. Xmas Graphic 50c., London News 50c., Holly Leaves 50c., Figaro $1.50, Yule Tide 50c., Pictorial World 50c., Chatterbox 50c., at Winmifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-Street.

STRUCK FROM THE LIST.

Public School Trustee Hamilton of St. Thomas' Ward Loses His Seat.

At last night's meeting of the Public School Board on motion of Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Bell, the name of Trustee R. B. Hamilton, representing St. Thomas' Ward, was struck from the list of members on account of his continuous absence from the meetings of the Board.

Attention was also caused to the absence of another Trustee (A. R. Denison of St. Stephen's), and it was stated that should he not be on hand at the next meeting a similar course would be adopted with him.

Half price—no humbug—we will sell full plated new Base Burner Stoves from $34 to $326, regular prices from $52 to $40. Wheeler & Bain, King-street East.

Prof. W. Osler's Lectures.

Prof. W. Osler, M.D., M.R.C.P., London, of the New Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, delivered the first of a series of lectures in the Toronto Medical College last night. Vice-Chancellor Mulock occupied the chair. The Professor showed the importance of localization in the brain, especially with reference to certain diseases in medicine, and certain injuries in surgery, citing instances of cases where surgeons were able from certain symptoms in various parts of the body, to locate the seat of the disease and exterminate the same by an operation, i. e. cutting into the brain.

The subject was ably discussed by the Professor and was listened to with marked interest by a large attendance. Among those present were Drs. W. T. Aikins (president), Richardson, McFarlane, Mullen of Hamilton, Gullen, McDonough, Tyrrell, Todd, Adam Wright, Atherton, Carson, H. B. Aikins, Robertson, Bryce, Clawson, Oldright, Reeve, Ryerson, Burnham, Smith, McKenzie, Wagner, Grassett, Burns, Burritt, Nattress, Carveth, Nesbitt and Rev. Dr. Caven.

Professor Osler will lecture again this morning at 11 and this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the same place.

School Board Notices of Motion.

Among the notices of motion at last night's meeting of the Public School Board were the following:

By Trustee Baird: That the reports of all standing committees shall contain a list of the names of members of all standing committees present at the meetings at which said reports were adopted.

By Trustee Downard: That the Sites and Buildings Committee be requested to rent the buildings used by the Board during the past year in school section No. 25 until July 1, 1889.

By Trustee Somers: That Trustees H. A. E. Kent, McMurrich, Hastings and the mover be a special committee to confer with the solicitor and take such action as may be necessary to have the law amended respecting building restrictions on school property.

"Sandy" is Dead.

Nearly everyone who has attended the Grand or the Toronto opera houses for the last few seasons, or those who have gone much about the down town streets, has noticed a handsome boy with long curly hair and a face most delicately featured. He was remarked as being a most unusually good-looking youth and was always a favorite. He was a fine shot with a rifle and his ambition was to go on the stage. His name was "Sandy" Haslett, his age was 14, and he died last Saturday at the house of his mother, 37 Spruce-street, of diphtheria. He has an elder brother also afflicted with the same disease. An excellent picture of the dead lad is to be seen in Dixon's window, Yonge-street.

Brass fenders and fire irons at wholesale prices. Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 156

To Teach the Italian.

Trustee Vair is taking a great interest in the Italian Colony of Toronto. At last night's meeting of the Public School Board he got through a motion appointing himself and Trustees John Kent, Rodeo, Hastings and Downard a committee to enquire into the number of Italian Protestants in the city with a view to establishing a night school for their benefit.

Cases in the County Court.

In the County Court yesterday the most important case was that of James McMillan, a horse dealer of Clarke township, Durham county, against William Burke, a Weston hotelkeeper, for $200 damages for illegal detention of a horse which the plaintiff had boarded with the defendant. The plaintiff was awarded $190 with costs.

The Common Sense Knife Polisher.

The World was shown a letter by Mr. Riley, the patentee, from one of the leading hotels in London, Eng., where his knife polisher is giving entire satisfaction. The polisher is for sale at Harry Collins', Gurney's, Rice Lewis & Son's and all principal house furnishing stores in town.

Mr. McKee Solid at Bathurst-street.

The Quarterly Board of the Bathurst-street Methodist Church has passed this resolution: "That we invite Rev. Mr. McKee as our pastor for the ensuing conference year." All the members voted for the resolution with the exception of one.

For the Good of the Diocese.

The Roman Catholic clergy of the archdiocese of Toronto held their quarterly conference in St. Michael's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, Very Rev. Administrator Rooney presiding.

Hello Boys, Whisper.

A Christmas box for nothing. They are giving away handsleighs and drums to every purchaser of a boy's overcoat or boy's suit. Boys' overcoats or suits from $2.50 up. The British Arms Clothing store, 221 Yonge-street, corner Shuter-street. R. Baker & Co.

THE LAW FACULTY NAMED

THE COMBINATION THAT WILL LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Hon. Justice Proudfoot and Hon. David Mills Professors in Roman Law and Constitutional and International Law—The New Demonstrator of Anatomy.

The World is enabled this morning by the kindness of the Minister of Education to give the names of the new faculty of law in the University of Toronto. The appointments were approved by the governor-in-council yesterday.

PROFESSORS.	SUBJECTS.
Hon. Justice Proudfoot.	Roman Law.
Hon. D. Mills.	Constitutional and International Law.
Honorary Lecturers.	
Hon. Justice MacMahon.	Wrongs and Their Remedies.
Hon. Edward Blake, Q.C.	Constitutional Law.
S. H. Blake, Q.C.	On the Ethics of Law
Dalton McCarthy, Q.C.	Civil Rights.
W. R. Meredith, LL.B., Q.C.	Municipal Institutions.
B. B. Osler, LB., Q.C.	Criminal Jurisprudence.
Zebulon A. Lash, Q.C.	Commercial and Maritime Law
Chas. Moss, Q.C.	Equity Jurisprudence
J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.B.	The Comparative Jurisprudence of Ontario and Que.

Mr. Justice Proudfoot's department is in the fourth year, but as there are no fourth year students yet his lectures will not be delivered till next year.

Hon. David Mills commenced his lectures on Monday and continues after the new year. The honorary lecturers will begin work with the new year, according to the calendar which has just been prepared.

Mr. Justice MacMahon, on account of his recent appointment, and Mr. Meredith, on account of other engagements, desire to defer their lectures till next year.

In an interview with Hon. Mr. Ross he referred to the generosity of the leading men of the bar (the honorary lecturers) placing so much of their time at the disposal of the University without charge. As the appointments are limited to five years such changes can be made without inconvenience, either by omission or addition as may be considered necessary.

The Minister and the University are to be congratulated on the individual abilities of each of the professors and lecturers and their combined strength. A better man for each subject and a better whole could not be selected.

Hon. David Mills will be welcomed to Toronto as a citizen. He is a Canadian but trained at Ann Arbor, the seat of the University of Michigan.

Judge Proudfoot is one of the best read lawyers in Canada, and especially well up in Roman law.

Of the lecturers the Messrs. Blake are graduates in arts of the University and Mr. Osler and Mr. Meredith in law.

Mr. Maclaren is a graduate of Victoria, and his practice in Montreal before coming to Toronto especially fits him for his subject, the comparative jurisprudence of the two provinces.

The "big firms," as the students call them, have monopolized the list.

Students in the faculty of law devote their first two years to subjects that are common with the arts department, such as political science, history, logic, etc., and the last two years with the new faculty.

The University is now completely equipped in law, medicine, arts, engineering, and science.

The Medical Faculty.

Gregory Arthur Fere, M.B., has been appointed demonstrator of anatomy in the medical faculty of Toronto University.

Christmas numbers: Globe 25c., Canada's Christmas 30c., Saturday Night 25c., Judge 35c., London Truth 40c., London World 25c., London Society 25c., Belgravia's Annual 35c., Canadian Illustrated News Christmas Almanac 10c. &c. &c. at Winmifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-Street.

Ross & Co. Assign.

The Stormont Cotton Company, who hold a judgment of some $3000 against Ross & Co., would not agree to join the other creditors in a compromise, and yesterday the firm assigned to Mr. Anderson of Blaikie & Anderson. The sheriff will take possession of the premises at once on behalf of the Stormont Company, who hold a speedy judgment.

At Dewart & Lawson's office on Wednesday, a meeting of the creditors of Messrs Elliott & Nixon, woolen manufacturers, was held. The firm offered to assign for their benefit, but it was resolved to give them a chance to sell out, provided an advantageous offer can be obtained. The liabilities are $8000, with assets about equal.

A Barley Dispute.

This season is prolific of arbitrations at the Board of Trade. There was another yesterday. On Oct. 15 Stark Bros. bought five cars of barley by sample from Hull & Old of Caledonia at 65 cents a bushel. When the barley arrived Messrs. Stark Bros. refused to take it, claiming that it was under sample. George A. Chapman, John Sproule and P. T. Dunn yesterday afternoon considered the matter and decided that Messrs. Stark must take the barley and that Hull & Old must allow 1½ a bushel.

Dineen Has a Few Special Bargains for Christmas.

First on the list: Fifteen very choice Sealskin Mantles and Ulsters, from 44 to 50 inches long, which will be sold decidedly cheap for cash: seven very handsome short Seal Walking Jackets, the best quality and the latest style, just finished, will be sold very low; a lot of extra quality Sealskin Gloves and Gauntlets. For gentlemen we have Cloth Coats lined with fur and Fur Coats of every description from $20 up. There is no more acceptable gift at this season than furs and Dineen has them in abundance.

Mr. Boustead to Run Again.

Ald. Boustead, a veritable city father, wishes to retire from the aldermanic board at which he has been a more than useful member for many years. He is thoroughly *au fait*, as Ald. Baxter would say, with the Water works Department and the Board of Works. The electors of St. James are not therefore willing to lose James B., and pressure sufficient is being brought to bear on him to continue in the work. The city wants to keep all its good old members and to welcome fresh blood when it is promising.

Postal Improvements.

Chief Inspector Dewe of the Post Office Department has been in town for some days past arranging with the Postmaster and his staff the details of a new system whereby the delivery of letters in the outskirts of Toronto will be greatly expedited, and the collections from the several boxes doubled in number. Mr. Fateson leaves to-day for Boston and Philadelphia with a view of ascertaining the merits of the much-praised system in force in those cities.

An Event at Listowel.

Mr. H. H. O'Reilly has been the popular manager of the Listowel branch of the Bank of Hamilton for eight years and he has now been transferred to the Owen Sound branch. Wednesday evening the citizens of Listowel presented Mr. O'Reilly with an elegant gold watch and a batch of well-wishes. He is a brother of Dr. Charles O'Reilly, Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital.

Attractions for the Ball-room.

Three of the most appropriate accompaniments to dancing are beauty, diamonds and fashionable apparel. The very latest innovation in men's ball-room attire in London and New York society is the full dress silk vest made of white watered, black watered and white corded silk. Full lines of these desirable goods will be shown by quinn, the shirtmaker, to-day.

Sloyd.

This is a word we would like to see in everyone's mouth; to know its reason and to have it put in practice. There would be less cause for calling out hard times with the next generation, and we should at the same time like to see every man in Toronto with a pair of our gloves on—A. White, 65 King-street W. Shirts to order.

THE CITY, AND THE C. P. R.

A Meeting in the Mayor's Office to Discuss the Don Difficulty.

An important private meeting was held in the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon. It lasted from 2.30 until 5.30, and was held to discuss the points at issue between the city and the Canadian Pacific Railway, in regard to the eastern entrance of the railroad along the bank of the Don. There were present besides His Worship, Ald. Shaw, Galbraith, Verral and Fleming, City Solicitor Biggar, City Engineer Sproatt, President Van Horne and Mr. R. M. Wells (Wells & McMurchy), for the C. P. R., and President W. D. Matheson of the Board of Trade.

The chief matter debated was the proposed deviation of Winchester-street to suit the convenience of the company. The representatives of the city formulated the following propositions on which the required privileges will be granted the railroad:

1. The C. P. R. to pay all costs of carrying the grade up to the level.

2. The C. P. R. to pay for the deviation and all damages arising therefrom.

3. The C. P. R. to pay all damages resulting from the laying of its tracks along the line of the Don improvement before the completion of the work.

Of course the propositions have not yet been accepted, but it is generally believed that the company will find a way to meet the views of the city.

Mr. Van Horne, accompanied by his private secretary, George G. Bury, R. B. Angus and D. McNicol, general passenger agent, arrived in the city from Chicago yesterday morning and left at 8.45 last evening for Montreal.

Silverware, graniteware and agateware, Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 156

TWO CLAUSES OBJECTED TO.

The Industrial Association and the Exhibition Committee.

The Exhibition Committee was to have met yesterday, but as there happened to be no quorum no business was done, the only members on hand being Chairman Barton and Ald. Gibbs and Pells. The matter to be discussed was the Exhibition Park lease. As a meeting held some time ago the committee had recommended the renewal of the lease to the Industrial Association on certain conditions. The most important among them was that any buildings erected on the grounds passed into the possession of the city immediately on its completion and that the association could not mortgage them without the consent of the committee. There was a second change, which limited the possession of the park to the association to one month only.

These conditions when considered by President Withrow and his colleagues did not meet with their approval, and it was at their request that yesterday's meeting had been called. Mr. Withrow and Secretary Hill were on hand to voice the feelings of the Association. There will be another attempt at a meeting before the end of the year.

All this week. The latest New York Toy Books free with one pound of our celebrated Ten. The Liquor Tea Company, 295 Yonge-street.

THE DRUMMERS HOME-COMING.

What Some of the Travelers Said About Business Prospects.

All the incoming trains yesterday, and especially the night ones, were crowded with commercial travelers coming in for the holidays. They will not take the road again till after the new year. The dry goods men who have been working with spring goods have met with fair success, owing to the extreme low prices that are ruling in staple lines. The retail men feel that the present low prices cannot last and expect a sharp advance in the spring. Boot and shoe men have also done fairly well, but grocery men who are selling for present delivery have found it rather tough work. Stocks are reported light, and everything promises for a good spring trade.

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DAN AND CHARLIE.

They Come to Terms and are Friends Once More.

Mr. Dan Kelly and Mr. Charlie Burns of the East End are friends once more. Several years ago they quarreled because of a remark made by Mr. Burns at a meeting of the Separate School Board, and since then the song they sang was, "We Never Speak as we Pass By." This is ancient history. But on Wednesday the score was healed and the gulf was bridged. The two had come to the conclusion that two kings cannot sit upon the same throne, and so they agreed to divide the honors. Each would like to be an alderman or a separate school trustee. It has been arranged that Mr. Burns will nominate Mr. Kelly as alderman for St. David's Ward, and that Mr. Kelly will nominate Mr. Burns as separate school trustee for the same district.

THE SITE OF VICTORIA.

The New Building to be Erected at the Head of the East Drive.

Dr. Burwash, J. N. Lake, Dr. Potts and J. J. Withrow yesterday located the site of the new Victoria College in Queen's Park. The main door will be immediately at the head of the East Drive and on a line with St. Mary's-street.

Pen, pocket and table cutlery. Milne & Co., the Housefurnishers, 169 Yonge-street. 156

Mr. J. K. Cranston's Correct Answer.

Mr. James K. Cranston, one of the members of Knox Church, Galt, suspended by the session for holding to the holiness doctrine, writes this explanation to The Galt Reformer: Kindly permit me to give my correct answer to the question on the inbeing of sin. My answer and meaning was: It depends on what is meant by the inbeing of sin. If you call infirmity, or natural bodily weakness, lack of knowledge and such like, inbeing sin, as many do, I am not delivered from inbeing sin, but I am delivered from actual transgression while I abide in Christ. Believers are liable to natural lusts of the flesh and these become sin if yielded to.

Polished brass library and hall lamps Milne & Co., the Housefurnishers, 169 Yonge-street. 156

What Was Done in the Sessions.

Judge Morgan presided in the Court of General Sessions yesterday. Daniel Farrell was acquitted on the charge of having received a fur cap stolen from Woods' hotel, King-street west. On another charge of receiving stolen goods Farrell was found guilty. James Jordan, similarly charged, was acquitted. Peter Green was fined $50 and costs for having obstructed Police Inspector Stephen in the discharge of his duty, and the fine was promptly paid.

Capt. McMahon's Busy Day.

Capt. McMahon, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor-General, was in town yesterday.

He interviewed Col. Gzowski and Col. Dawson respecting arrangements for Lord Stanley's visit early next month, called at the New Fort, bought a pair of carriage horses, and kept himself busy all day. In the evening he was at the Grand Opera House. Capt. McMahon returns to Ottawa this morning.

The Parnell Defence Fund.

The Toronto branch of the Irish National League has so far contributed $2200 to the Parnell defence fund. The latest receipts are: Newmarket, through Rev. Father Bergin, $85; Lindsay, $107; Chesterville, $57.

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Books at Cost.

At Wood's bookstore, 54 King-street west, will be found a fine assortment of books, just the thing for Xmas presents—to be sold at cost. Full sets of all the leading authors.

'RAS THE BRIGAND

Of the Telegraph World—His Circular to the Montreal Company.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—In his circular of Dec. 18 to the President, directors and shareholders of the Montreal Telegraph Company Mr. Erastus Wiman, President of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company of Canada, says: "It is a matter of great regret to be compelled to announce to you that the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company is no longer earning an income sufficient to pay you dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. From various causes, which will be enumerated to you, the receipts of telegraph lines in the control of this company have steadily declined, and it has only been by anticipating the revenues from your property, and the pledge of personal credit, that you have received the quarterly dividends recently paid to you." Mr. Wiman states that the net revenue for the year ended Sept. 1 was $186,362 and the amount of annual payments to the Montreal and Dominion companies $242,500, showing a deficiency of $56,138 for the twelve months.

The circular requests a reduction of the yearly rental from 8 to 6 per cent., which "would enable your contractors to maintain your property in the best possible condition, to effectually serve the public, and meet with promptitude the quarterly payments of rental, which for some time have been with the utmost difficulty provided, and then only after the thirty days' grace permitted in the original agreement."

The causes of the alleged declining receipts are claimed to be the competition of the Canadian Pacific Railway's lines, the growth of the telephone service, the want of good crops, the changed character of agricultural products now dealt in and a reduction in the volume of speculative business.

The prayer for a reduction is backed up, as is Mr. Wiman's custom, by threats of unpleasant consequences in case of a refusal. Should the company take back their lines, he says, they would lose the friendship of the Western Union, than which no calamity could be greater, and on the other hand "nothing but disaster can be contemplated from again establishing a ruinous competition between the Montreal company and the Dominion company, for a business now largely cut into by the Canadian Pacific company and the telephone company."

The circular complains that the Montreal company has partially failed to maintain the lessees in exclusive and peaceable possession of certain lines, and offers in case of the reduction being granted to deposit with a bank at Montreal as additional collateral security a majority of the shares of the Great North-western Telegraph Company.

To this the President of the Montreal Telegraph Company responded yesterday: "The subject matter having been carefully considered by the board, and the contents of the circular having been found to be misleading and incorrect, the directors are constrained to withhold their consent and countenance to the distribution of matter evidently intended to create uneasiness in the minds of the shareholders, any reason for which the board believe does not exist."

As soon as the circular was made public the stock of the Montreal Company became weaker and sold off ½ to 91 with fairly active dealings.

Press Comments.

The press voice the general indignation of the public. The Gazette says: "Mr Erastus Wiman is the brigand of the telegraph world. His letter to the directors of the Montreal company is at once characteristic and unique. Only Mr. Wiman could have indited it. Reading it one can readily understand how its author so quickly became a millionaire. Given time and opportunity he may be depended upon to rival his friend and brother manipulator, Jay Gould. Pointing his pistol at the shareholders whose property he a few years ago obtained control of, he tells them that he has decided that he will no longer pay them the price bargained for, that he has them at his mercy, and that they may take what he offers or nothing."

The Herald says that it "looks very much like an attempt on the part of people in the confidence of the Western Union and Great Northwestern, to "bear" Montreal Telegraph stock with a view of buying it up and securing absolute control of it independent of the agreement and lease of August, 1881. In other words the partial check on monopoly secured by that agreement is to be broken by the buying up of the stock by the Americans. That secured the agreement will be wiped out and the telegraph monopoly will become absolute. It is worth while for Canadians to consider whether they should not take steps to prevent such a consummation, by retaining control of Montreal Telegraph stock, and to insist upon the Great Northwestern and Western Union implementing the strict letter of the agreement of August, 1881, in default of which they should at once resume possession of the Montreal Telegraph Company's lines and thus break down the partial monopoly now existing."

The Call is Caustic.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The Call reviews the history of the Great Northwestern Company, showing that its absorption of the Montreal and Dominion Companies has been followed by increased rates and depreciated service. It dwells on the slow, irregular and expensive service offered Manitoba by the Great Northwestern till the Canadian Pacific Railway competition was secured. The article closes by saying that the Great Northwestern operations were conceived in iniquity. It has been a grievous burden to the Canadian public and no regrets will be expressed at its decease.

Clearing Sale at 117 Yonge-street, previous to removal. Ladies' Hand Bags, Purses, Card Cases, Glove Boxes, Ink Stands, at much below cost. 351

Jock's Honeymoon.

PORT HURON, Dec. 20.—Wm. Jock, arrested a few days ago for perjury in securing a marriage license to wed a 14-year-old girl, was released to-day by Prosecuting Attorney Farrand, who claims the license is illegal as both Jock and the girl are residents of Canada. The County Clerk claims the right to issue marriage licenses to foreigners. Jock and his girl bride are spending their honeymoon in this city.

They Made It Up.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Daniel P. Otton, confined in jail here on a charge of adultery, was released this afternoon and the case dropped, his wife having filed papers praying for this action. He was a Canadian tailor, captured at Owosso two weeks ago, where he was found living with a young woman who had eloped with him from Watford, Ont.

Tenders Called For.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 20.—The Board of Directors of the Brantford, Waterloo and Lake Erie Railway met to-day and passed a resolution calling for tenders for the construction of the road from Brantford to Waterford on the Michigan Central Road, 17 miles. Tenders are to be opened on Jan. 22.

Elected by Acclamation.

QUEBEC, Dec. 20.—L. L. Pelletier (Nat.) was to-day elected by acclamation to represent Dorchester in the Quebec Legislature.

In Megantic County Col. Rhodes was nominated as the Government candidate, and M. Johnson as the Opposition candidate.

HE DEFENDED THE LADIES.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE BAIRD WANTS BOTH SEXES TREATED ALIKE.

Opposing Pensions to Male Teachers—The Members of the Board Have a Spirited Meeting—Changes, Promotions and Transfers.

The proceedings of last night's meeting of the Public School Board were characterized with an unusual dulness, mainly owing to the fact that Trustee E. P. Roden was absent. However, Trustees Spence and Baird did their best to fill the vacancy and succeeded fairly well with a little assistance from Trustees H. A. E. Kent and Wilcock.

It was the School Management Committee's report which caused the trouble of the night. Trustee Downard was called to the chair in committee of the whole. The report consisted in a great deere of recommended changes and resignations. Clause 1 ran as follows:

That the resignations of M. Gill, principal of Manning-avenue school, and J. Phillips, principal of Leslie-street school, be accepted, to take effect Dec. 31, 1888, and that this board do supplement the amounts due to them from the government Superannuation fund by granting them four months' salary each and a yearly allowance of $250 from Jan. 1, 1889.

Trustee Baird, who by the by, is the great champion of the lady teachers on the board, made a speech against that section of the clause providing for the yearly annuity to the retiring teachers. He compared the treatment accorded lady teachers with that given their male colleagues, and protested that the same rule should be applied to pensions and granted to both sexes. He moved in amendment that the $250 pension be struck out. It was lost by a large majority.

Clause 2 provided for the appointment of Miss E. Foulds to Niagara-street School, Miss L. Bell to Gladstone-avenue School and Miss M. Cooper to Sumach-street School, and that these transfers be made: E. A. Stevens, principal of Niagara-street, to the principalship of Manning-avenue; W. F. Chapman, principal of Dovercourt, to the Niagara-street; J. Bennett, assistant master Ryerson, to the principalship of Dovercourt; Mrs. L. Polly, teacher in Borden-street, to the school recently opened as Boyce and Franklin-streets. There was no opposition to these changes and appointments.

That M. Parkinson, holding a first-class certificate, grade C, be appointed assistant master Ryerson School in the place of Mr. Bennett, promoted.

This was clause four and aroused a rather curious discussion. Trustee Spence was anxious to know if the vacancy had been advertised. On learning that no such course had been followed he launched out in an attack on the chairman of the committee. He drew attention to the fact that Mr. Parkinson only held a grade "C" certificate, while there was one applicant at least who held a grade "A" who evidently had been passed over. He moved that the clause be referred back.

Trustee H. A. E. Kent, as chairman of the committee, replied that the reason why Mr. Parkinson had not a higher certificate was because he was too young yet, but he had lots of ability to climb higher.

Trustee Spence: "Then I am to understand that younger men are preferred."

Trustee H. A. E. Kent waxed wrathy at this insinuation and lapsed into an ornithological speech. "I want the trustee to understand," said he, "that Mr. Parkinson is no chicken. He has his spurs and a good broad comb, and well able to take care of himself."

The other trustees laughed at the gamy talk of their colleague. Trustee Spence insinuated that Trustee H. A. E. Kent was a hard man to get information out of, on which the latter stigmatized him as being "snakey." Trustee Spence rose to a question of privilege and compelled an apology. Finally the clause carried without opposition, the motion in amendment being withdrawn.

Clause 5 provided these changes and promotions in the Kindergarten staff: Miss K. Campbell, directress in College-avenue, to Victoria-street, vice Miss Currie, promoted; Miss L. Bolton, assistant in College-avenue, promoted to directress; Miss E. A. Helger, assistant in Park School, transferred to College-avenue; Miss E. Hunt, appointed assistant Kindergarten in Park School. There was no opposition to the changes, which were adopted without discussion.

The Christmas holidays were fixed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 7, 1889, exclusive.

In regular meeting Trustee Baird again attacked clause 1 of the report, moving, seconded by Trustee Spence, that it be referred to the Finance Committee. Trustee McMurrie moved in amendment that the clause be referred back to the Sites and Buildings Committee. In speaking to the motion he referred to Mr. J. Phillips as an incompetent teacher and one who had been kept in his position only on sufferance. Trustee H. A. E. Kent said he would vote for the clause to be referred back to the Sites and Building Committee in order to give Trustee Baird a chance to utter his words. After an hour's wrangle Mr. McMurrich's amendment was adopted. The report with this amendment was passed.

The Sites and Buildings Committee's report was adopted without opposition. It provided that $150 be offered Messrs. Pickering and Waterworth in settlement of their claim of $250.

Left to Their Heirs.

In the Surrogate Court yesterday George R. Harper and John Rowland petitioned for the administration of the estate of the late William John Harper, formerly of Toronto, who died intestate on Sept. 22 last. Deceased was a bachelor. The estate which deceased leaves was only transferred to him a short time ago by his late father, John Harper. The value of the estate is: Household goods $200, cash $60, property on Simcoe-street $12,700, total $12,960. A search among the papers of the deceased revealed a will, which was probably made when the Simcoe-street property was transferred to him by his father. This testament provided that all the property on Simcoe-street should go to his father in the event of his death. As the father is now dead, this will is invalid. Petition for probate of the will of Richard Henry Lear, merchant, of Toronto, was made by Thomas Clarkson and Elizabeth Lear, wife of deceased. By the will the petitioners are appointed the sole executor and executrix of the estate. To his wife, Elizabeth Lear, the deceased leaves $2000 insurance in the Royal Templars of Temperance and all his estate in Toronto, valued at $15,000. To his seven children he leaves $500 each and an equal division of the remaining portions of his estate, after all the provisions of the will have been complied with. He further leaves a life interest in his business to his wife,