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MR. FOSTER'S BANKING BILL.

THE PRESENT SYSTEM FOLLOWED AND IMPROVED.

All Canadian Bank Notes to be Taken at Par Everywhere in the Dominion—Circulation Redemption Fund Established—New Banks Must Have a Bona Fide Paid up Capital of $250,000.

OTTAWA, March 20.—The Banking Bill was introduced to-day and read a first time. Hon. G. E. Foster, after reviewing the bank legislation since Confederation and stating the various propositions made to the Government respecting the present bill, said it had been decided to follow the present system and with certain improvements to extend its provisions for the usual further period of ten years. The more important of these improvements were explained by the minister.

The notes of all banks are for the future to be taken at par in all parts of the Dominion. Heretofore the notes of certain of the smaller banks have been accepted only at a discount in places remote from the head office and persons who happened to go travelling with such notes in their possession have been seriously inconvenienced.

Provision is made for the prompt redemption at par of notes of suspended banks. These are to be redeemed by the Government out of a circulation redemption fund of 5 per cent. of the average circulation, to be paid 2½ per cent. on July 1, 1891, and 2½ per cent. on July 1, 1892. The fund is to be permanently maintained at 5 per cent. of the average circulation. On the money so deposited by the banks the Government will allow interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.

As there might be an indisposition to accept the notes of suspended banks between the time of suspension and liquidation it is provided that interest at the rate 6 per cent. shall be paid upon them for that time and it will thus become to the interest of the banks to freely accept such notes. This interest is to be charged against the assets of the suspended bank.

Paid-up Capital of New Banks.

Heretofore new banks have been required to have a subscribed capital of $500,000 and a paid-up capital of $200,000. It is proposed to increase this paid-up capital to $250,000 and this will have to be bona fide paid in and deposited in the hands of the Finance Minister and Receiver-General. Sometimes in the past so-called paid-up capital has only been nominally paid in, the banks giving discounts to their shareholders almost to the amount of their paid-up stock, but such transactions are to be provided against for the future.

For the further protection of the shareholders it is provided that at the annual meeting they shall appoint two or more auditors to examine the affairs of the bank and a copy of their report is to be forwarded to the Government.

In the brief discussion which followed the proposed legislation was spoken of in terms of approval.

Sir Richard Cartwright said that in this connection further legislation should be had respecting directors and cashiers who abuse their trust.

Mr. Blake said the House ought to consider whether it would not be better to discourage the establishment of banks with as small capital as the present minimum.

Sir Donald Smith alone expressed dissatisfaction with the measure, his speech being in the interests of the powerful banks. He thought it unfair that they should be called upon, as they were, to contribute strength to the weaker institutions in the shape of the circulation security fund, and he thought that the Government should take full security from the banks for every dollar of the circulation. If Canada could not adopt the American system we might at all events do something in that direction, and he thought each bank should deposit with the Government at least one-third of the amount of its circulation.

The Atlantic Mail Service.

Mr. Kenny called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the Atlantic mail service and read a despatch he had received from Halifax to show that passengers who had left Liverpool on the City of Paris on March 5 arrived in Halifax on March 16, after spending a day in New York and another in Boston en route, while those who left on the mail steamer Peruvian for Halifax on March 6 had not yet arrived there, being now 14 days out though the trip was only 6 days' steaming at 17 knots per hour. He hoped the Postmaster-General would be able to give some explanation when the mail subsidies were discussed.

In reply Mr. Haggart said we were paying now only $35,000 net per annum for this service but, as was well known, the Government were endeavoring to arrange for a service which would bring to Halifax vessels just as swift as any now running to New York.

The Gas Well Canard.

Mr. Patterson of Essex exploded the alleged scandal raised by Mr. Wilson of Elgin, and The Globe concerning himself and Postmaster-General Haggart and their connection with the Essex gas wells. It was alleged that Eugene Coste, formerly a government surveyor, had improperly divulged to these gentlemen official information which induced them to go into the venture. This Mr. Patterson indignantly denied and said that so far from giving information to his company, Mr. Coste was promoting a rival organization. He did not believe that gentleman had made any improper use of his information to any parties. Mr. Patterson said he was willing to resign his seat at 10 minutes' notice if any honorable member of the House—"honorable in the restricted sense of the word"—would say that he had been guilty of any improper transaction.

At 1 o'clock the committee rose and Mr. Trow moved that when the House adjourns Friday night it stand adjourned until Wednesday next. Tuesday is a holiday and he said the members wished to have a few days at home.

Sir John Macdonald had no objection to the motion but Mr. Davies and others strongly protested that the maritime members do not wish to be kept in Ottawa idle. Mr. Davies demanded a division, which being taken Mr. Trow's motion was carried, 59 to 24. The House then adjourned.

HON. JOHN CARLING'S REPORT.

The Business of the Department Exhibits a Steady Increase.

OTTAWA, March 20.—The annual report for 1889 of the Minister of Agriculture was presented to Parliament to-day. The business of the department continues to show a steady increase. The total immigration reported is 176,462, this being the largest since 1883. The actual settlers were 91,600.

The live stock export trade continues to develop, those via the St. Lawrence route being 85,058 cattle—the greatest number ever recorded—and 58,983 sheep, the sheep export being the largest since 1886.

The patent office fees were $78,046, the largest on record, and the fees in the copyright and trade marks branch were $9111, which amount has only once been exceeded.

A particularly interesting report on the system of immigration adopted by the United States and the operations at Castle Garden is furnished by Mr. J. L. Payne of the Department of Agriculture, the United States system as compared with the Canadian, affording several facts of considerable moment bearing on the superiority of the system adopted in Canada, and in his conclusion he points to the probability that a considerable portion of what has been in the past immigration to the United States will be deviated to the Dominion from the fact that the great restriction placed by the United States Government on immigration will have a tendency to check the hitherto large influx into that country.

A very interesting report on the leprosy lazaretto at Tracadie, N.B., is given by Dr. A. C. Smith, the visiting physician of that institution. He reports 20 persons suffering from that disease now in the lazaretto, 5 new cases having been admitted since his last report and 3 deaths as having occurred during the year. Leprosy, he states, is dying out in Tracadie, but as cases were reported appearing in the neighboring districts Dr. Smith made a special tour of inspection which resulted in his finding a focus of the disease between Caroquet and Shippegan, and he traced from this centre several cases to other settlements. He strongly urges permanent measures of segregation as the only means of stamping out this loathsome disease. It would appear from the tenor of his report that there is some reluctance on the part of persons in suspected houses to allow the inspecting physician to enter them for the purpose of examination, and he strongly urges legislative action to assist segregation of the disease, not only in the interests of those living in afflicted districts, but to prevent the spread of leprosy, a subject now forcing itself on the attention of the world at large.

WORSE THAN IRELAND.

Immigration Agent Webster's Experiences in Dakota.

OTTAWA, March 20.—W. A. Webster, immigration agent for Ontario, appeared before the Agricultural and Colonization Committee this morning and gave a long account of a tour made by him in Dakota last fall. He found that everywhere outside of the Red River Valley the greatest distress was imminent. In the most flourishing districts only a half crop prevailed, and in Dakota that meant five bushels to the acre. He met many Canadians, all of whom said it was not possible to farm there. He had when a boy seen suffering in Ireland, but nothing like that witnessed by him in Dakota.

Some discussion ensued as to whether Mr Webster's evidence should be toned down in the report, but the chairman decided that could not be done. The facts must appear as the witness had stated them.

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

The Northwest Territories Bill — Deputations from East and West.

OTTAWA, March 20.—The bill to amend the Northwest Territories Act was introduced to-day in the Senate. It bestows greatly increased powers on the Legislative Assembly and makes provision for a new distribution of constituencies for the 22 members of which it is to be composed in addition to the three legal experts. The members are to be elected for three years. It is provided that for the present English and French may both be used, but the Thompson amendment to the McCarthy bill is added, providing that the Assembly itself shall decide the language question after the next general election.

This evening a deputation of Manitoba representatives waited on Sir John Macdonald to request a Government guarantee of the bonds of the Hudson Bay Railway. They presented a petition to that effect signed by 32 senators and members of Parliament. The company offer to surrender their land grant as security for the guarantee asked. Sir John Macdonald promised the usual consideration.

The representatives of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick this evening waited in a body upon the Ministers of Finance and Customs to ask for a reduction or abolition of the duty on cornmeal, corn and molasses, as well as other merchandise mentioned.

AMONG THE PUBLIC PARKS.

A Variety of Matters Before the Committee—A Commission Asked for by Ald. E. A. Macdonald.

The Parks and Gardens Committee held its regular meeting yesterday. Chairman Swait presided, and there were present Ald. E. A. Macdonald, Hallam, Hill, McMullen, G. S. Macdonald, Gillespie, and Commissioner Chambers. In the matter of Contractor R. T. Sutton, who claims a monopoly of the Island dredging, the City Solicitor reported that he had no rights, legal or otherwise. Tenders are to be called for the privilege of supplying refreshments at Centre Island. A deputation from the Toronto Electoral Division Society, composed of J. J. Withrow, George Vair, P. G. Close, J. P. Edwards and ex-Ald. Crocker, asked for the use of the Pavilion and Horticultural Gardens for the annual flower show. Some objection was made to the closing of the grounds for the show but it was finally decided to consent to the prayer of the petitioners.

A list of all the documents touching on the rights of the city in the matter of Upper Canada College grounds were submitted by Mr. Blevins, but they will not be printed until another important paper still missing is found.

The chairman and city engineer will report on the most satisfactory tender for the work of constructing the island wharves. Ald. E. A. Macdonald moved for the establishment of a parks commission and that the city solicitor be asked to draft a bylaw to that effect. After a great deal of talk it was determined to defer consideration for a future meeting. The committee will visit Rosedale Park to see how much it will cost to build the roadway to it. The commissioner placed it at about $5600.

FRESH FROM THE ISLAND.

What is Heard About the Citizens' Popular Resort—The Boats, Boatmen and Restaurateurs Getting Ready.

Captain Andy Tyman will commence the season's ferry business to Island Park to-morrow. On Sunday the Doty Ferry Company will run a steamer to Hanlan's Point.

The old Hanlan homestead, known in later days as John Hanlan's hotel, is being torn down and the site will be converted into a public park planted with trees and sodded.

The Doty Company are building a new dock at Hanlan's Point.

The ice is not only out of the bay, but there is not a vestige of it in the Island pond. In the old days the ice scarcely ever got away from the Island until May.

Island Constable Godwin has been running his steam launch City of Stratford over the bay all week.

Before the ice sailed out of the bay last week it tore away the greater part of the platforms in John Hanlan's boat houses at the Point, doing some $400 damage.

John Hanlan has leased his brother Ned's hotel for the season and will make several improvements. Mrs. Durnan is also contemplating big improvements.

A new hotel and restaurant is to be erected north of Hanlan's hotel on a line with the bridge across the lagoon.

$12.50 is our price for a full size hardwood bedroom set and we will give you credit. Adams', 177 Yonge-street. ed

FELL INTO A CATTLE GUARD.

Hamilton Market Fees Sold for $6050—A Hotel-keeper Fined.

HAMILTON, March 20.—William Sedgeley, aged 50 years, was walking on the railroad track coming in from Toronto early this morning and when getting out of the way of a train he fell into a cattle guard. He was discovered by a passing conductor on a train some hours later and was brought to the hospital here. He suffers from a broken leg and thigh and badly crushed hand as well as other injuries which may yet prove serious.

Archibald McDonald, proprietor of the Rob Roy hotel, was to-day fined $50 for selling liquor without a license.

The market fees were sold by auction today, James G. Davis securing them by a bid of $6050, $1940 less than last year.

There is every probability that the assessment this year will reach the top notch in the history of the city. Last year 19 mills was considered high, but this year the city treasurer says it will require 23 mills.

Watch out for the biggest sensation of the season—the opening of the Model Clothing Store, 219 and 221 Yonge-street.

Citizens' Mass Meeting, Shaftesbury Hall to-night.

THE THIRD PARTY IN LINE.

REV. DR. A. SUTHERLAND AND HIS FOLLOWERS MEET.

Some Sledge Hammer Attacks on the Methods and Practices of the Existing Dynasties—Alma College's Principal Particularly Severe on the Prohibition Pretentions of Both Sides.

The second annual meeting of what is termed "Canada's Third Party" was held yesterday in Association Hall. The walls were decorated with mottoes which are the watchwords of the party, the most prominent being "Righteousness and Truth in Public Affairs." The attendance, including delegates from cities and towns near and remote, was not large.

Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, father of the new party, presided. William Munns was appointed secretary. A striking committee having been appointed, the president gave a short address on the progress of "The Party of Righteousness." At the first convention not more than 50 adopted its platform. Last year it had more than 1000 adherents; now it numbered more than 4000 supporters. The party received 800 votes in the West Lambton election.

Short speeches in the nature of reports, all of which were in the optimistic strain, were made by Messrs. P. Slatt (London), Fallis (East Lambton), D. V. Lucas (Toronto), George Greenway (Northumberland), F. A. Chapman (Baltimore), Peter Welsh (Springbrook), P. H. Orme (South Oxford), W. H. Wiley (Carlton Place), William Ward (Dresden).

The chief business at the afternoon session was the presentation, discussion and adoption of the reports of the various committees. Dr. Sutherland presided.

The mass meeting in the evening was largely attended. Dr. Sutherland again presided and in his opening remarks referred to the rapid growth of the party which a year ago had only 1000 members enrolled. Now the books contain 4000 names, with scores enlisting every day.

Rev. Principal Austin of Alma College, St. Thomas, was enthusiastically received and listened to with close attention. Like every patriotic Canadian he considered that Canada is an ideal home for a new nation. Under happy auspices she started beneath the flag of England, a nation whose name is associated with all that is good and glorious. True men are wanted to build up Canada, men who will not make sectarian grants, men whose principles are steadfast. He referred to the various planks of the party's platform, dwelling especially upon the prohibition question.

The Reform and Conservative parties are not in a position to support prohibition and would not if they could. Party lines are too strong to allow politicians to forsake their camp to vote for prohibition. Thus to-day there is not a cloud on the horizon to give the temperance people any hope of securing prohibition from the ruling parties. Scores of petitions had been sent to the Government. They "asked for total prohibition, but got a sorry substitute, the Scott Act." The Conservatives he condemned because being in power they do not attempt to give prohibitory laws. While women are being beaten to death and children are growing up in ignorance in shame—all through drink—the great statesmen discuss secondary issues and neglect to sweep out of existence that which is sapping the life-blood of Canada.

Principal Austin waded into the Reform party with an amount of energy that tickled the audience immensely. He compared it to Canada's new party. The former, he said, is waiting for something to turn up, while the latter rolls up its sleeves and proceeds to turn something up, and more, it is to be hoped that it will turn something out.

The only other speaker of the evening was Mr. J. W. Bengough, who in one of his admirable chalk talks discussed the temperance question from almost every conceivable standpoint to the edification and delight of his hearers.

During the evening Mrs. Murray Dickson and Mr. J. M. Depew gave well-rendered solos.

Shot at His Wife's Betrayer.

BELLEVILLE, March 20.—Peter Moon was this morning charged in the Police Court with firing a gun at Edward Moxley. The parties reside across the bay at Rossmore. Moon states that Moxley was too intimate with his wife and that yesterday he caught them in a compromising situation. Moxley ran out of the house, and Moon snatching up a gun pursued and shot at but did not hit Moxley. The case will be tried to-morrow.

Burglary at Paisley.

PAISLEY, March 20.—Last night the dry-goods store of W. H. McFarlane was entered by burglars. A quantity of silk, gloves, neckties and silk handkerchiefs were taken, amounting to about $200. The thieves bored holes in two doors to enable them to push back the bolts. A fire took place in this store some time ago and it was then supposed it had been robbed before it was set on fire.

Esplanade Mass Meeting to-night, Shaftesbury Hall.

Grand Trunk Earnings.

MONTREAL, March 20.—The Grand Trunk traffic receipts for the week ending March 15 were:

	1890.	1889.
Passenger train earnings	$100,178	$106,599
Freight " "	261,348	252,475
Total	$361,426	$359,074
Increase 1890		2,352

Merchants can warehouse goods in bond or free with Mitchell, Miller & Co. Negotiable warehouse receipts issued; rate of insurance low.

The Blair Bill Defeated.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—In the Senate this afternoon the third reading of the Blair educational bill was defeated by a vote of 37 to 31.

[The Blair bill proposed to divide a portion of the surplus among the different States for educational purposes.]

Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum Strengthens the Voice and Throat and Cleans the Teeth.

A Swindler Lynched.

CYNTHIANA, Ky., March 20.—Ben Grewell was lynched at Robinson Station last night by 20 men. Two years ago Grewell defrauded the farmers in that locality by buying stock and paying for it with bogus checks. He fled to the mountains but ventured back, vainly thinking his evil deeds had been forgotten.

Advances made on merchandise warehoused with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

Assailed the Turnkey.

KINGSTON, March 20.—James Burns, Joseph Little and T. Powers, in jail awaiting trial on several charges of burglary, last night attacked Turnkey Blair with a heavy mop handle and a piece of brick, inflicting six serious wounds in the head. The prisoners were overpowered before they effected their escape. Blair will recover.

Don't miss the big event—the Model Clothing Store, 219 and 221 Yonge-street, will open Saturday.

To Abolish Separate Schools.

WINNIPEG, March 20.—The School Bill has passed its third reading in the House and now only wants the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor to become law.

Losses Caused by Flames.

ESSEX CENTRE, March 20.—The Gardner block in this town was burned at 2 o'clock this morning. Loss about $30,000; insurance $20,000.

Manufacturers, by warehousing their surplus stock with Mitchell, Miller & Co., receive negotiable warehouse receipts.

The George F. Blake Manufacturing Company of Boston shipped their engines from that city to Toronto on Saturday last and they will be at the high level pumping station in the course of the week.

THE NEW REGISTRY OFFICE.

A Site in Osgoode Hall Square to be Asked from the Law Society.

The sub-committee of the Property re the proposed new registry office met yesterday. Ald. Saunders presided, there being present Ald. Moses, Carlyle (St. Thos.), McDougall, Vokes, Leslie. In the matter of Ald. Leslie's motion asking for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the clause in the Registration Act permitting the depositing of the originals of deeds instead of copies might not cut down the revenue of the office, Mr. Biggar wrote to the effect that the clause was put in for the sake of arranging a safe place of deposit for valuable documents, but could not possibly interfere with the general rules governing the office.

The northwest corner of the Osgoode Hall square was suggested as a site for the new building, but Ald. McDougall objected that to him it seemed a trifle out of the way. The report recommended the northwest corner and that the Ontario Government be asked to deed it to the city. Failing this it was further suggested that a lot 150x150 be expropriated.

In full committee the report was adopted.

MRS. BURCHELL TALKS WITH REX.

A Brief and Formal Interview in Woodstock Jail.

NEITHER EXHIBITS ANY EMOTION.

Proceedings Before Judge Finkle—Released on Her Own Recognizance—Mr. Hellmuth Returns to Niagara with His Client.

WOODSTOCK, March 20.—Mrs. Burchell arrived from Niagara at 10.32 this morning. She was accompanied by Barrister Hellmuth of London. A small group of spectators were waiting at the station, but most of those who expected a view of Mrs. Burchell were disappointed. She took a cab in company with Mr. Hellmuth and was driven to the office of County Attorney Ball. Here a delay of half an hour occurred as there was no magistrate awaiting them. Mrs. Burchell spent the interval in a private conversation with her solicitor and Mr. Ball.

When Judge Finkle arrived the charge against her was read, namely, that of being an accessory after the fact in the murder of F. C. Benwell by her husband, J. R. Burchell, and, as anticipated, she was liberated on her own recognizance to appear before the court when called upon. The order for her liberation was signed by Judge Finkle with the consent of Crown Attorney Ball and the recognizances in $1000 were granted by William Grey and H. P. Brown, J.P.s.

Mrs. Burchell was then driven to the jail. The meeting between husband and wife was very formal. There was scarcely a trace of emotion on the part of either one. Burchell held out his hand with a mere "How do you do?" Mrs. Burchell took it and submitted to a kiss. Mrs. Burchell remained with her husband for about a quarter of an hour, when she went out to leave to catch the train. Dr. O'Reilly, inspector of prisons, who is here on official business, was present during the interview.

She drove from the jail to the Grand Trunk Railway Station and took the 12.22 train for Niagara Falls. She said that she had some kind friends there, among whom she would wish to be for a time at least.

Mr. Hellmuth accompanied her to Niagara Falls and will probably go on to New York to meet Mr. Stephenson and his daughter on their arrival on Friday by the Germanic. Mrs. Burchell stated she would doubtless accompany her father to Woodstock again after his arrival.

Benwell's trunks arrived here to-day and were placed in charge of the jail authorities, where they will remain till after the trial.

WHEN CANADA DESIRES

The United States May Be Ready to Talk About Better Trade Relations.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day by a unanimous vote instructed its chairman, Mr. Hitt, to report to the House this joint resolution:

That whenever it shall be duly certified to the President of the United States that the Government of the Dominion of Canada has declared a desire to enter into such commercial arrangements with the United States as would result in the complete removal of all duties on trade between Canada and the United States, he shall appoint three commissioners to meet those who may be designated to represent the Government of Canada to consider the best method of extending the trade relations between Canada and the United States, and to ascertain upon what terms greater freedom of intercourse between the countries can best be secured, and said commissioners shall report to the President, who shall lay the report before Congress.

[The members of the Foreign Affairs Committee are, the names of Republicans being printed in Roman, Democrats in *Italics*: Hitt (Ill.) chairman, Ketcham (N.Y.), Rockwell (Mass.), Morrow (Cal.), Dunnell (Minn.), Thompson (O.), Scranton (Pa.), Coleman (La.), *McCreary* (Ky.), *Hooker* (Miss.), *Chipman* (Mich.), *Fitch* (N.Y.), *Andrew* (Mass.).]

In Arms Against the Tariff Changes.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee are beset on all sides to change details of the new tariff bill. Items that were agreed upon after mature deliberation are attacked, business interests affected by the proposed changes are clamoring for a reconsideration and members acting upon requests from their constituents are seeking to secure protection for their interests to a degree beyond that fixed in the bill. The completion of the measure is thus delayed and it is now stated that it cannot be reported to the full committee to-morrow as it was intended.

The Winnipeg Resolution Passed.

WINNIPEG, March 20.—The Legislature has unanimously passed the resolution asking the Dominion Parliament to seek unrestricted reciprocity with the United States.

Remember the Mass Meeting of Citizens to-night at Shaftesbury Hall.

The Crush Tourist or Evening Sun—The New Hat for Gentlemen.

Soft, easy fitting, dressy and far ahead of any stiff hat we have seen is the new hat just introduced by Dineen. The firm predict a very large sale on this hat as it is very popular across the ocean as well as the States. They are made in several colors and principally in fine qualities, and the prices are very moderate, being sold at $2.50 and $3. Ask to see them at Dineen's hat store, corner King and Yonge-streets.

Families leaving the city or giving up housekeeping can have their furniture carefully stored at moderate cost with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

A Tale of Two Cities.

It was midnight in Hamilton, also in Dundas, but that made no difference. A denizen of the former place had just returned from Toronto, where he had purchased a pair of silk striped flannel shirts and a pajama suit from quinn. When his wife saw the lovely goods her arms were about his neck and tears of joy fell softly upon the carpet.

Opening day next Saturday. Low prices the motto. Model Clothing Store, 219 and 221 Yonge-street.

Notice of Removal.

Finding my present location too small I have removed to No. 25 Leader-lane, a few steps from King-street. High grade and complicated watch adjusting my forte. E. Beeton, high grade watch specialist.

Baby carriages, furniture, carpets, curtains, rugs, silverware, clothes wringers, pictures, carpet sweepers, lamps, etc., at very lowest prices, and we will give you credit. Adams', 177 Yonge-street. ed

THANKS, GIFTS AND TITLES

BESTOWED UPON BISMARCK BY EMPEROR WILLIAM.

General Von Caprivi's Appointment as Chancellor Formally Reichsanzeigered—Who the New Leader Is and What He Has Done—Salisbury Lectures the Conservatives—General Cable News.

BERLIN, March 20.—A special edition of The Reichs Anzeiger contains imperial rescripts cordially thanking Bismarck for his services and appointing him Duke of Lunenburg, a colonel-general of cavalry and a field marshal general; also appointing Count Herbert Bismarck ad interim Minister of Foreign Affairs and General Von Caprivi Chancellor and President of the Prussian Ministry.

In the first rescript the Emperor says that according to the request made March 18 he grants Prince Bismarck permission to retire, hoping confidently that the fatherland will profit in the future as it has profited in the past by his counsel, energy and faithful devotion. The Emperor says he had hoped that the necessity would not arise for Bismarck to think of separating during his lifetime. He regards it as the most providential dispensation of his life that on several occasions he has had Bismarck by his side. What the Prince had achieved for Prussia and Germany and what the Prince had been to him and the house of his predecessors he will ever preserved in grateful remembrance. Bismarck's wise and energetic policy of peace, by which His Majesty is resolved to be guided in future, being fully convinced of its correctness, will always be remembered abroad and well deserves recognition. It is not in the Emperor's power to reward Bismarck for his services, but as a sign of his lasting thanks he confers upon him the dignity of Duke of Lunenburg and presents him with a life-size oil painting of himself.

On a second rescript the Emperor thanks Bismarck as military leader for his invaluable services in the army during the time of William I. and to the present day, adding that he knows that he will be at one with the army by retaining Bismarck in the highest rank by appointing him a field marshall general and a colonel-general of cavalry.

Dr. Lecanur, Chief of the Civil Cabinet, accompanied by General Hahnke, formally waited upon Bismarck this afternoon and presented the Emperor's acceptance of his resignation.

Prince Bismarck has made arrangements to vacate the palace of the Chancellor at an early date.

The North German Gazette denies that Bismarck's resignation was in any way connected with differences between the Emperor and himself on labor questions. It was mainly due, the paper says, to constitutional questions, such as the limits of ministerial responsibility and the relations of the president of the Prussian Ministry with his colleagues. The Gazette says Bismarck never opposed the Labor Conference in the Staatsrath, but on the contrary it was at his suggestion that the conference was initiated and the Staatsrath's assistance was asked to consider the labor question.

The National Gazette says the Emperor in a long letter to Bismarck extols his services to the state and expresses profound personal gratitude.

The Kreuz Zeitung says General Von Caprivi has returned to Hanover and he accepted the chancellorship after two weeks' negotiations.

The New Chancellor.

Leo von Caprivi, the new Chancellor, was born 59 years ago, his father being a prominent criminal jurist and judge of the Prussian Supreme Court and his mother the daughter of a college president. He entered the army and after a period of subaltern service served on the staff of various army corps. He saw active service in 1865, but it was in the war with France that he made his great reputation as chief of the staff of the Tenth Army Corps. From this time his promotion was steady, and in 1882 he was appointed to the command of the 30th division at Metz. When General Stosch retired from the Imperial Ministry of Marine in 1883, General Caprivi was selected as his successor, a choice which created a great deal of dissatisfaction among naval officers. General Batsch, who was next in rank to General Stosch, resigned in consequence of the slight put upon him, but consented to remain in office at the request of the old Emperor William. Gen. Caprivi remained at the head of the navy until June, 1888, when he retired, in consequence of some disagreement in relation to matters of organization. The Emperor then conferred upon him the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle and placed him in command of the 10th army corps, which is stationed at Hanover. This position he held at the time of his present appointment.

The Transvaal Trouble.

LONDON, March 20.—Advices from Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal, state that the Boers presented an address to President Kruger declaring they were ready to rise in a bodyand avenge the insult recently offered the flag of the Republic at Johannesberg. President Kruger said the affair was nothing but a disturbance created by drunken rowdies. The bulk of the residents of the Transvaal, he declared, were friendly to the Republican form of government.

CONSERVATIVES IN CAUCUS.

Lord Salisbury Complains of Obstruction—The Idea of Dissolution Scouted.

LONDON, March 20.—A meeting of the Conservative members of Parliament, called by Lord Salisbury, was held at the Carlton Club to-day. Lord Salisbury made an address in which he regretted the slow progress of business in the House of Commons. The Government was compelled to deal with obstructions of the most determined kind. He trusted every supporter of the Government at what ever cost to his personal convenience would give unremitting attention to his parliamentary duties. The tithes bill and the land purchase bill were of paramount importance. The tithes bill must pass its second reading before the Easter recess. He believed the proposals contained in the land purchase bill are such as to secure the unanimous support of the Liberal-Unionists. In regard to assisted education, on which subject there was much misrepresentation, Lord Salisbury begged the members to reserve their opinion until the measure was introduced.

A desultory conversation followed Lord Salisbury's address. Several of the members expressed the hope that the Government would prevent the Boers from acquiring Swaziland. A vote of thanks to Lord Salisbury was adopted.

Lord Salisbury ridiculed the report that Parliament would soon be dissolved. He scolded those Tories whose lukewarmness had contributed to the defeat of the Government in several recent supplementary elections for members in the House of Commons. He declared that the new Irish bill would secure the possession of the landlords to their property. He denied that the Government had any intention whatever of handing Swaziland over to the Boers. Lord Salisbury also expressed the hope that the difficulty with the United States over the Behring Sea question would be settled soon, "but," he said, "with such a susceptible nation as America Great Britain cannot negotiate at the top of her voice." This remark was greeted with loud laughter.

The Miners Win Their Strike.

LONDON, March 20.—The coal miners' strike has ended. A conference of delegates representing the coal mine owners and miners was held to-day, at which it was agreed to make an immediate advance of 5 per cent. in the wages of the miners and a further advance of 5 per cent. July 1. The men will resume work immediately.

Thousands of Idle Looms.

LONDON, March 20.—The Bolton cotton industry is paralysed in consequence of the coal strike and 30,000 looms are idle in Burnley.

Will Deal Fairly with Opponents.

BERLIN, March 20.—Dr. Meyer, the Freisinnige candidate for the Reichstag in the first division of Berlin, in a speech to the electors to-day said General Von Caprivi was a former schoolmate of his. The new Chancellor, he said, was a Free Conservative, but would deal fairly with views opposed to his own and would be willing to discuss matters in an attitude to which the Opposition had hitherto been unaccustomed.

The National Zeitung notes that the contemplated military reforms in connection with the one-year volunteer service, the procedure of military courts and the reductions of the infantry service were all proposed by radicals at the last session of the chamber.

Prince Bismarck's acceptance of a dukedom, the offer of which from Emperor William I. he repeatedly declined, has caused surprise.

It is learned that M. de la Haye tendered his resignation as a delegate to the Labor Conference because of a difference with M. Jules Simon. The dispute has been settled and de la Haye has withdrawn his resignation.

Able and Well-Read.

LONDON, March 21.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says besides comprehensive military and naval knowledge Caprivi is well versed in modern languages, history and political science. While chief of the Admiralty he showed a great aversion to semi-official papers. This leads Liberals to believe that a thorough change of the relations between the Government and the press may be expected.

All the German ambassadors have been summoned to Berlin to make the acquaintance of and consult with the new Chancellor.

Cable Flashes.

Henry M. Stanley will leave Egypt on April 7.

The Czar has ordered the establishment of a separate court for the Czarewitch, with General Tscherenetieff as chamberlain.

The British steamer Bon Accord, bound from Lyrtle for Malta, foundered off Cape Finisterre during a gale. Her crew escaped and have landed at Gibraltar.

An official announcement that Great Britain disavows the occupation of the disputed Shire territory has allayed the excitement of the people of Lisbon.

THE SUMMER CARNIVAL.

Ald. Dodds Getting the Affair Into Line—Mayor Clarke Chosen Treasurer—$20,000 Wanted from the City.

An encouraging meeting of citizens interested in the success of the proposed Summer Carnival was held at the Queen's Hotel yesterday afternoon. Ald. Dodds, the father of the scheme, was in the chair, and he gave an account of what had been accomplished so far. Hon. John Beverley Robinson was appointed chairman of the executive committee of the Citizens' Committee, of which latter Ald. Dodds is chairman. Mayor Clarke was appointed treasurer of the citizens' fund. The citizens will be asked to subscribe $20,000 and the council will not be asked for anything until this has been pledged.

The carnival will last from June 30 to July 4 and will be one continual round of snap and go.

In addition to the cheap rates on the Canadian railways excursions will be run from Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Toledo, Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland. The Canadian Society of Chicago will be invited to send down a strong delegation.

A handsome carnival envelope is being issued, which, it is hoped, the merchants will use as an advertisement. The national and benevolent societies are invited to send representatives to the Citizens' Committee.

A Jacques Cartier representation in one of the national parades will no doubt enlist the attendance of large numbers from the Province of Quebec.

Three ex-mayors of Toronto are on the Citizens' Committee, Hon. J. B. Robinson, W. B. McMurrich, A. R. Boswell.

Whoop it up for the summer carnival!

A BAD TRIO.

The Young Ruffians Who Attempted the Bold West End Robbery.

Charlie Lappin, John Prattis and Richard Rudd were arraigned in the Police Court yesterday as the parties who so viciously assaulted Miss McEachren (not McCarron, as printed yesterday) in Elias Rogers' West End office and attempted to rifle the cash-drawer of $150. Lappin and Prattis were identified by the young woman as the parties who entered the store and attempted the robbery, while Rudd is supposed to have done sentry duty outside.

They were all remanded till Monday next without bail.

Hamilton Spectator, March 20: Charles Lappin alias Cappo has been arrested in Toronto for brutally assaulting a young woman with intent to rob the office which she was in charge of, is a Hamilton crook. It is not many days of since he was arrested here on suspicion of being connected with recent robberies, and was allowed to go on condition that he leave the city.

Rally to the Citizens' Esplanade Mass Meeting, Shaftesbury Hall to-night.

The Flour Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 20.—The Northwestern Miller says: The flour output last week was 137,700 barrels. There has been quite a heavy falling off in the output for the current week. The flour market has failed to show any special improvement though some millers report a trifle more demand. Prices are pretty strong in sympathy with wheat and a few mills ask 10c. advance over a week ago. Export trade is very light. The direct export shipments last week were 38,800 barrels. One hundred and eighty-four mills in 12 states with a capacity of 114,000 barrels produced 1,577,620 barrels of flour during February.

A Sensational Suicide.

JOLIET, Ill., March 20.—Jessie White, the 19-year-old daughter of James S. White, an old resident, committed suicide last evening in a sensational manner. She was out riding in a buggy and drove up and down Chicago street several times bowing and smiling to acquaintances. Finally, when nearly in front of an hotel, she stopped the horse, took a box from the bottom of the carriage, drew out a revolver and shot herself through the heart. Several gentlemen rushed to the carriage just in time to catch her boy as it was falling into the street. It is believed the young lady was demented as a result of a long series of persecutions at the hands of an anonymous letter writer.

A Mysterious Stranger at Waterloo.

WATERLOO, March 20.—Night Policeman Donnocker this morning about 4 o'clock discovered a man wholly unconscious and almost naked in the rear of one of the main stores in town. He immediately summoned help and the stranger was taken to the lock-up. Nothing can be gathered from him in reference to his home and travels and it is surmised that he is either an escaped convict or lunatic. He will be kept under lock and key for a few days until identified.

The Charlottetown Poisoning Case.

CHARLOTTETOWN, March 20.—No trace has yet been found of Lizzie Stewart, the missing witness in the poisoning case, and P. S. Brown, a well-known horse jockey near whose residence the girl disappeared, has been summoned as being implicated in spiriting her away. Richard Brown, who was escorting the girl home on the night of her disappearance, has been arrested as a material witness.

BIRTHS.

WEBSTER—On the 11th inst., at 83½ Chestnut-street, the wife of S. C. Webster, of a son.

DEATHS.

CATTANACH—At his residence, 80 St. George street, Toronto, on the morning of March 20, Alexander John Cattanach, Esq., M.A., Q.C., in the 86th year of his age. Funeral private on Saturday.

THE GRANT GOES THROUGH.

THE ASSEMBLY WILL GIVE THE UNIVERSITY $160,000.

A Detachment of Kickers from the County Constituencies Try to Talk the House into Opposition—An Attack on the Contract System at the Central Prison by Labor Members.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Assembly was occupied for the most part in discussing the proposed grant to Toronto University. An unexpected element of opposition was developed to the third reading of the bill making a grant towards the restoration of the building. The main gist of the opposition and the whole burden of the speeches of those we were opposed to it was that the university is a Toronto institution and as such appeals for its restoration should be made to the municipality and to those who claimed the university as their alma mater rather than to the province at large.

The charge of centralization was met by Mr. French (