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HAMILTON NEWS

DR. BEAVIS AND THE GOSSIPS

Congregational Minister Demanded an Investigation by a Church Court.

HIS CHARACTER WAS ASSAILED

And He Resigned, Pending an Inquiry—Preparations for Queen's Birthday—General News.

Hamilton, May 15.—(Special.)—Some months ago a little coterie of gossiping women set a story going which reflected on the moral character of Rev. Dr. Beavis, pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city. Dr. Beavis is some 50 years of age, and much sought after for his warmth of heart and his broad-minded theology. The story, once started, grew to such proportions that the minister could stand his position no longer and resigned, the resignation to take effect in June. He was not satisfied, however, to let the matter rest there, and, at his request, a church council was called to investigate into the charges against his character. The council, which sat all day to-day, conducted its proceedings behind closed doors. It was composed of Rev. J. W. Pedley, Toronto; Rev. W. J. Hindley, Guelph; Rev. Dr. Schofield, Brantford; Rev. J. H. Unsworth, Scotland; Rev. H. E. Mason, Georgetown; Rev. George Extence, Hamilton; Rev. J. Morton, Hamilton, and Rev. A. F. Mc Gregor, Toronto.

Charles Duff represented the church, and J. V. Teetzel, Q.C., appeared for Dr. Beavis. This evening, while the council weighed the evidence fraught with momentous issues for the pastor, Dr. Beavis appeared at the Boys' Brigade social, held in the adjoining lecture room, his dejected appearance of the past few weeks quite gone under the excitement of waiting for a verdict. The council, however, sat until very nearly 10 p.m., and then decided to continue its sitting to-morrow morning.

Emmanuel Church Concert.

Emmanuel Congregational Church held its first annual concert to-night, with much enthusiasm. Such artists as the Misses Edgar, J. T. Hull, T. McCabe, the Tilsonburg tenor, and the church quartet, contributed to the enjoyable program.

Queen's Birthday Arrangements.

The arrangements for the Queen's Birthday celebration are being rapidly completed. This afternoon the Program Committee met the Special Committee of the Board of Education and arranged for the concert to be given in Dundurn Park in the afternoon. This evening the members met at the Mayor's office and got together the details of the big procession. It was stated that 1500 persons would come to Hamilton from Buffalo.

The Band Concert.

The 13th Band concert in the Armory this evening was attended by about 1200 persons. Harry Rich of Toronto amused the audience with his comic songs, and was recalled several times.

Canadian Wild Flowers.

James Dickson read a very interesting paper on "Canadian Wild Flowers," before the Hamilton Horticultural Society to-day. There was a large attendance of members.

Orange Lodge at Stony Creek.

A lodge of the Orange Order will be instituted in Stony Creek on Friday night by the county officers.

Charged With Betrayal.

To-night Special Officer Nichol arrested Theodore Tremor, a young farmer in Glanford, on a charge of betraying, under promise of marriage, Miss Lydia Patton, Catharine-street south.

He Left Behind $80,768.

The will of the late George H. Gillespie was entered for probate to-day by the executors, George H. Gillespie of London, Alexander Gillespie of Toronto and John Cowan Gillespie of Winnipeg, sons of the deceased. The estate is valued at $80,768.-95, made up as follows: Household goods, $1000; book debts and notes, $300; money secured by mortgage, $26,400; money secured by life assurance, $30,222; cash in bank, $2,786.95; Duke-street real estate, $3400; Emerald-street house, $5000; property at Port Colborne, $1000. The estate is bequeathed to the deceased's eight children in equal shares.

May Go Back to Fight.

Joseph Sutton, 24 Cannon-street West, father of Pte. J. H. Sutton, who went to South Africa with C Company of the Canadians, says he believes that his son is now on the way back to South Africa to join the company. Sutton was injured, and sent to Woolwich Hospital, England. He was discharged from the hospital about a week ago, and the despatches said that he intended to return home at once. Mr. Sutton says that he has had no word to this effect.

A Fourth Term.

The Quarterly Board of Centenary Church has invited the pastor, Rev. George F. Salton, to remain for a fourth year. He has been given a three months' vacation, and, with Ald. W. J. Morden, will visit Europe and Palestine.

In the Courts.

At the Police Court this morning Mrs. Hannah Dawson was committed to prison for three months for keeping a disorderly house at 75 Hunter-street east.

Judge Snider this morning found William Lackie guilty of assaulting Thomas Higham, and fined him $20 and costs.

Patrick Harte's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Patrick Harte, who died in Toronto, took place this morning. The remains were taken to St. Mary's Cathedral, where mass was said by Rev. Father Mahoney. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre. Rev. Father Donovan officiated at the grave. The pallbearers were: John Ronan, Patrick Holleran, W. Mitchell, John Wynn, P. Nelson and P. Arland.

The Man With a Pull.

To be an alderman in the City of Hamilton appears to confer special privileges not enjoyed by ordinary men. Some of the city officials who have been relentlessly chasing poor citizens for back taxes are now likely to be on the lookout for showing clemency to a man "with the pull." Ex-Alderman Board, tobacconist, who was defeated at the polls last January, assigned last month to W. A. Reid & Co. of Toronto. Mr. Board, it is claimed, owed over $40 back water rates, and over $50 for licenses for pool tables. The money for the licenses was due six months ago. Where the injustice comes in is that other pool rooms in the city have been compelled to settle their accounts as soon as they became due. Reid & Co. now refuse to pay the city's account for Board, and the city is out just so much.

Minor Matters.

The funeral of the late C. M. Counsell will take place to-morrow afternoon. It will be private.

Alive Bollard, noted tobacconist, has opened at 4 King-street West, Hamilton. Prices same as Toronto.

Judge Snider this morning granted an order to close an alleyway on the Stuart survey, facing on Wentworth-street North, to enable the T. H. & B. Railway Company to pass thru for its crosstown line.

John F. Wood is seeking to attach $443 from the T. H. & B. Reserve Fund, held by the city. It is the costs allowed in the action of Teetzel v. the Dominion Construction Co. Mr. Teetzel assigned the amount to Mr. Wood.

John Homewood, a whip peddler on the market, fell into an opening in front of Hughes' Hotel this morning, and was painfully hurt.

LAURIER GOVERNMENT IS AFRAID OF BROCKVILLE AND WEST HURON FRAUDS

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in Detroit and told him that the commission re West Elgin would sit in St. Thomas in March. Lewis wanted him to go to the commission. Pritchett said he did not want to go, but if he did he would tell everything.

The Government Challenged.

With these affidavits before the House, Mr. Powell challenged the Government to refuse an investigation. These affidavits, and the evidence already adduced, proved beyond a doubt that McLean, not Holmes, was M.P. for West Huron, and White, not Comstock, had been elected in Brockville. These things were food for thought, and required action on the part of the Government.

Closed Their Eyes to Felony.

The leaders of the Government and the party organizers knew what O'Gorman and others were doing, and, if not actively engaged with them, at least closed their eyes conveniently to felony. Surely the members of the Government could not sustain their self-respect till the Government were cleansed of the aspersions cast upon them.

Mulock Was There.

The Hon. Mr. Mulock was in West Huron and in Brockville. He must have seen these men there. Could a man of intelligence, a man not morally obtuse, believe they were not footpads sent there to steal the inalienable right of representation? The inference was perfectly unanswerable.

Attitude of the Ministers.

He reverted to the attitude of the Ministers before the committee last year. When Cummings had been convicted out of his own mouth of stealing ballots, Mr. Blair withdrew from the committee, declaring he needed no further evidence of fraud. But to-day it was left to Sir Louis Davies to stand as godfather to this clique, composed of Farr, et al. To-day Sir Louis tried in vain to hoodwink people in order to protect the villainous gang, because, forsooth, he may have shared in the spoils. He called upon the members of the House to uphold the purity of elections, and asked if it was possible that Sir Wilfrid, who held the honor and integrity of the State in his hand, had not courage to grapple with the members of his own Cabinet who desired to shield the gang from condign investigation.

Comstock Laughed Heartily.

W. H. Comstock, M.P., Brockville, was an interested member of the House to-night. He laughed long and heartily when Pritchett's affidavits were read.

Mr. Britton followed Mr. Powell, and, after pointing out what he considered irregularities in the procedure of the committee, followed the lead of Sir Louis Davies and read a written summary of his remarks, to the effect that an enquiry would amount to nothing. He was interrupted by Mr. Quinn, who said that Mr. Powell had not condemned Mr. Mulock as a member of the gang, but found fault with him because he associated with the members of the gang.

The Bold P. M. G. Enters.

Mr. Mulock, who had just come in, seemed surprised, and wanted to know what it was all about. Mr. Quinn said he had said nothing. "Then," said Mr. Mulock, "I will know who made the statement before the debate closes." He was destined to do so.

Mr. Bennett's Turn.

A bright, fighting speech was contributed by W. H. Bennett. He enlarged upon the carnival of political corruption rife in Canada. The question to-day was, Were the sacred rights of the ballot to be trampled under foot by agents in the employ of the Government? So grave had the matter become that even religious bodies were reproaching the Government for its apathy.

The Blackest in Canada.

Political corruption was committed by a gang of headstrong Ministers of the Crown, performing the foulest and blackest crime in the political annals of Canada. He traced the trail of the gang. It began in the summer of 1896, when Hon. William Paterson ran for North Grey. Into that riding there went a gang of men headed by the Postmaster-General, the gang composed of Cap. Sullivan, O'Gorman and others. Next the same gang operated in Cornwall, then in North Ontario and East Simcoe. In East Simcoe the returning officer was Miller. He showed Mr. Bennett the names of the deputies. Mr. Bennett told him that if those men acted he (Bennett) would proceed against Miller if any corruption ensued. Mr. Miller got new deputies. There were many worthies in that riding.

Mulock and Railway Spotter.

There was one Hanna, a railway spotter. He was closeted in a hotel with a certain Minister of the Crown. That Minister was the Postmaster-General.

Mr. Mulock: That statement is absolutely without foundation.

Mr. Bennett defied the Postmaster-General to bring him into court, and he would prove his statement.

Mr. Mulock: An absolute falsehood.

Mr. Bennett was not perturbed, but he declared the people in East Simcoe believed it was true. Further than that, a Minister of the Crown had told Mr. Bennett that if he did not keep quiet the Government would turn the machine into the riding of East Simcoe.

Ready for the Gang.

Mr. Bennett was ready for the same old gang. He challenged the Government to prosecute Pritchett. They dared not. Pritchett knew too much about Smith, Vaace, Sullivan and others. There were Ministers of the Crown who feared to face Pritchett. He wanted Comstock to ask the Government to confront his bookkeeper, King, with Pritchett in order to remove the stain from King's reputation. He devoted a few minutes to the farcical commission that tried Ontario election cases, and showed how useless it would be to refer West Huron and Brockville to such a tribunal.

He called upon the Government to come out and resolve to rid the country from the bane of organized mob rule.

Dr. Russell moved the adjournment of the debate.

The House rose at 11.35.

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LETTER FROM GEN. HUTTON.

It Was Written to Lieut.-Governor Patterson of Manitoba in Reference to Major Arnold.

Winnipeg, May 15.—(Special.)—The Lieutenant-Governor has received the following letter from Major-General Hutton. It was among the delayed mail received from the wreck of the steamer Mexican:

Kimberley Club, Kimberley, South Africa, March 26, 1900.

My Dear Mr. Patterson,—If you have opportunity, I should esteem it a favor if you would convey my deep sympathy with the relatives of the gallant Major Arnold, your late A.D.C. I was deeply grieved to see that he had succumbed to his wound. It is, alas! the bravest and best who, as a rule, are the first to fall. Poor Arnold's relatives have the consolation of feeling that his loss was in a great cause, and that his name is never likely to be forgotten, but will remain always associated with the gallantry of the Royal Canadians, when in the eyes of the whole British army they established their reputation as second to none in bravery and steadfast courage. Everyone is full of praise for the Canadian infantry, and in passing through London I had to explain both to Mr. Balfour and to Mr. Chamberlain how it was that a militia regiment from Canada could more than hold its own with the flower of the British army. The war is by no means over, but three months should end the fighting. With kind remembrances, yours sincerely.

(Signed) Edward G. P. Hutton, Major-General.

P.S.—I have been here for the last two days organizing a brigade for the new advance.

"Skeets" Martin Suspended.

London, May 15.—The stewards of the Jockey Club to-day investigated the charges of foul riding made against "Skeets" Martin, the American jockey, May 11, and have decided to suspend him until June 9.

G. G. B. G. on Parade.

The Governor-General's Body Guard paraded 156 strong at the Armouries last night for their weekly drill, under command of Lieut.-Col. C. A. Denison. Squad drill was practised, after which a march out was taken. The Toronto Field Battery also turned out 28 strong. Lieut. Greer was in command.

Novelist Crane is Better.

London, May 15.—Stephen Crane, the American novelist, who has been in the north for some time past at Brede Place, Sussex, is now better. He was removed to Dover to-day in order to derive benefit from the change of air.

TWO NEW YORKERS.

One Gives the Other a Handy Lift.

Mr. E. C. Hazard, one of the oldest and best-known wholesale grocers in New York, has for many years given his attention to the preparation of fine food delicacies. He has a farm and experiment station down on Staten Island, where the famous Shrewsbury Ketchup, Burnt Onion Sauce, Shrewsbury Mushrooms and other delicacies are prepared in a most skilful manner.

One evening, last autumn, while on his way home, Mr. H. sat with one of the officials of the N.J.C. Railroad, who seemed to be living with one foot in the grave—stomach so badly disordered that nothing would digest. It seemed only a question of a few weeks, at most, when death would come.

"Mr. Hazard insisted upon taking the gentleman to his house and giving him a package of Grape-Nuts breakfast food, which is manufactured by the Postum Cereal Co., at the pure food factories at Battle Creek, Mich., a food which Mr. Hazard had been using at his own table for a long time, greatly to his benefit.

"He told the gentleman that he could get well in a few weeks by the use of perfectly prepared food of this sort, and would never forget the day when he first tried Grape-Nuts. The prediction came true; the official is not only alive to-day, but is in better health than he has experienced for many years, all of which he attributes to the use of Grape-Nuts, and from the advice of Mr. Hazard."

There are two reasons for this; in the first place, Grape-Nuts are made from certain selected portions of wheat and barley that contain phosphate of potash and albumen, which Nature uses in the human system to make up the grey matter in the brain and nerve centres throughout the body.

The nervous system directly controls the digestive machinery and the brain controls the working and money-making power. Mr. Hazard knows this, from his own knowledge of foods, and from his own experience with Grape-Nuts. Therefore, when he took the railway official in charge he knew exactly what he was doing, and the result prouved the correctness of his knowledge.

A SURPRISED WOMAN.

Corporal Wheeler Gray's Wife Got a Message Telling of Her Husband Being Wounded.

Kingston, Ont., May 15.—Mrs. Gray, Frontenac street, wife of Corporal Wheeler Gray of "C" Field Battery, second Canadian contingent, has received a cable from The Daily Mail, London, Eng., stating that her husband has arrived safely at Southampton to Netley Hospital. Mrs. Gray was surprised to hear of her husband's arrival in England, as she was not aware that he had either been sick or wounded. The probabilities are that the corporal has been a sufferer from enteric fever and has been invalided home.

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EARLY MORNING BLAZE AND A GENERAL ALARM WAS SOUNDED

R. & T. Cross' Coal and Wood Yard on Edward Street Destroyed—Thomas Cross Badly Burned—Excitement in the Locality.

Fire in the coal and wood yard of R. & T. Cross, at 64 Edward-street, early this morning wrought havoc to the extent of $1500. Adjoining the yard was the home of Mr. Thomas Cross, No. 62; Mr. William Eatherly, No. 66; Peter Bennett, No. 68, and Mrs. Rose Robertson, No. 70. On Terauley-street and abutting Cross' property, is a boarding stable, owned and occupied by James Cochrane. These premises were more or less damaged. The fire is supposed to have originated from the engine in the woodyard. It was discovered by Mr. Thomas Cross about 1 o'clock, who was awakened by the sound of cracking glass. On seeing the flames, Mr. Cross' first impulse was to save his horses, which were in a stable across the yard at the side of his home. At the same time he called to some pedestrians to ring the alarm, which was done. Police Constables Dickson and Dawson, who were on Yonge-street when a general alarm was sounded, hurried to the scene.

On their arrival they found Mr. Cross vainly attempting to make his escape by way of the office door, the building then being in possession of the flames. The officers forced the door, and rescued Mr. Cross, who was almost overcome by the heat and smoke. In the meantime the firemen had arrived and started their work of extinguishing the flames. The fire raged fiercely, and had every appearance of spreading to the buildings adjoining. The occupants of the latter had also awakened, and were kept busy removing their effects. Water from a dozen lines of hose was played on the burning building and houses in close proximity, until the fire was gotten under control, which was nearly an hour afterwards. Despite the efforts of the firemen and Mr. Cross, three horses perished in the flames. The buildings and contents in the wood yard are almost a total loss.

Mr. Thomas Cross places the damage at $1500, with insurance for $2000 in the North American Co. Mr. Cross was alone in the house when the fire broke out. Yesterday his parents, with whom he lived, moved part of their effects to 13 Bleecker-street, and he remained to keep watch over the remainder. Mr. Cross was badly burned about the head, face, arms and legs. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital in the ambulance. Mr. Cross is also suffering greatly from shock, and the physician in attendance says his condition is critical. Robert Cross, a brother and partner in the business, lives at 150 West Adelaide-street.

NOTHING IS DEFINITE AS TO MAFEKING'S FALL

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that he had driven the rear guard on to the main body of the enemy, near Buraldin, where they occupied in force a strong position with three powerful guns. Major Gough, with the composite regiment, manoeuvred to the right round their left flank, and they retired. Dundonald then halted. He was 25 miles, as the crow flies, from his previous night's bivouac, and had covered nearly 40 miles during the day in a waterless country, most of the time riding thru smoke. I think his pursuit a very fine performance. From prisoners I learn that the enemy numbered over 2000 at Helpmakaar, and being now joined by those who left Van Jonder's Pass they must total nearly 3000 men. We move on Dundee to-day.

Hildyard is Also Working.

"Hildyard reports the occupation of Wessel's Nek and is repairing the line."

Boer Readiness to Run.

Judging from the above despatches, the British advance is little more than an onerous march. The Boers who were active at first appear later to have shown the same readiness to retreat which is now marking the movements of the Federals in the Free State. Apparently the burghers are about to evacuate Natal and concentrate for the defence of Laing's Nek, northwards, and Van Reenen's Pass, westward.

The re-occupation of Dundee by the British places the coal supplies there again in their hands.

Interest Centres in Mafeking.

From elsewhere there is little news of a definite character. Interest for the moment is almost entirely centred in Mafeking, whence the wife of the mayor to-day received a cablegram setting forth that all was well on May 5.

CONCENTRATING ON THE VAAL.

The Boers Said to Be Withdrawing From the Biggarsberg and Southwestern Borders.

Kroonstadt, Manday, May 14.—It is reported that the whole of the Boer forces are concentrating on the Vaal and withdrawing from Biggarsburg and the southwestern borders. It is computed that not more than 2000 Free Staters will fight on the Vaal.

Railway communication with this place is expected to be open on Thursday. The transport is working smoothly, the troops and horses are receiving full rations, water is plentiful and the health of the troops is excellent.

BRABANT TAKES LADYBRAND.

One Portion of His Force There, Another Pushing on to Clocolan After the Boers.

Maseru, Basutoland, May 15.—A portion of Brabant's Horse occupied Ladybrand today and another portion is pushing on to Clocolan.

Business With Free State.

London, May 15.—The Queen to-day issued a proclamation permitting trading between the South African colonies and the portions of the Orange Free State now occupied by the British.

THE BURGHERS' ONLY CHANCE.

Threats to Destroy Johannesburg Mines as a Means of Securing European Intervention.

London, May 16.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of The Times says:

"Among the prominent burghers in Pretoria there is a feeling that their only chance is to make the most of threats to destroy the Johannesburg mines, in the hope of securing intervention.

"The United States Consul is interesting himself in the detention by the Portuguese Government of a consignment of cannon off at Delagoa Bay, but the reports that he has protested are incorrect. He is awaiting the receipt of a promised protest by the interested parties, before taking action.

"For some time, however, he has openly boasted that he would show what he could do."

Kruger After the Portuguese.

Lisbon, May 15.—It is rumored here today that President Kruger has ordered the Portuguese Consul to leave the Transvaal Republic.

Checkmated by Rundle.

Brand's Drift, May 13.—Gen. Rundle has completely checkmated the attempt of the Boers to come south again, and the enemy are retiring before the persistent advance of the British. Many have been captured or are surrendering. There were 150 of these yesterday and to-day, among them President Steyn's brother.

The Ladybrand district is clear of Boers. They have evacuated Mequating's Nek and are now near Lindley.

Winnipeg Man Dangerously Ill.

London, May 15.—Pte. C. C. Thompson of "A" Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, is dangerously ill in the hospital at Wynberg. Before enlisting he belonged to the 5th regiment Canadian artillery at Winnipeg.

THOSE BOER COMMISSIONERS.

There Will Be No Open Request to the U. S. to Assist the Burghers in Asking for Peace.

William E. Curtis, the well-known Washington correspondent of The Chicago Record, writes: Influential Boer sympathizers in this city will recommend to the commission now on its way to this country not to make a formal appeal for the intervention or the mediation of the United States, because it is certain to be denied; but privately and unofficially to ask the President to intercede with Great Britain in their behalf outside of the regular diplomatic channels and to urge in an unofficial manner that the terms of peace be arranged by the arbitration of a friendly power. Their experience in Europe with the continental governments must have convinced the Boer Commission that all formal negotiations in their behalf must certainly fail, and that their only hope of securing a modification of the demands of Great Britain is by the use of indirect private pressure upon Queen Victoria and Lord Salisbury.

It has also been explained to them that the adoption by our Congress of a resolution of sympathy with the Boers would disqualify the United States from acting as a mediator in the manner proposed, because we must remain strictly neutral if we expect to exercise any influence with Great Britain. A resolution of sympathy would be very offensive to the British Government.

Hon. Mr. Stratton at Home.

Hon. Mr. Stratton will probably address the Liberal convention at Peterboro this afternoon.

J. J. DOYLE WAS NOT HANGED

As the Police Were Told, But He is Now in the Toils Charged With Burglary.

Detectives Cuddy and Black last night captured an alleged burglar whom they believed was convicted and hanged about two months ago in British Columbia for murder. The prisoner is John Joseph Doyle, with no particular place of abode. He has been wanted by the local police for about four years to answer a charge of entering the home of Joseph Hughes, who, at that time, lived at 282 East Front-street. The house was entered in the early hours of the morning, the thief gaining admission by forcing a rear window. The burglar, while ransacking the place, made considerable noise, and awakened the aged mother of Mr. Hughes. The woman aroused her son, and a desperate struggle ensued between the thief and Mr. Hughes. The former managed to get away, and the detectives who investigated the robbery, from the description furnished them, believed that Doyle was the person who entered the house. The morning after the robbery it was learned that an attempt had been made to enter Charles Hickley's liquor store, which is situated next door to the home of Mr. Hughes. The detectives searched the city for Doyle, but he could not be found. Nothing more was heard of the man until about three weeks ago, when his brother, Lawrence Doyle, called on Detective Forrest and asked that he be given a photograph of John Joseph Doyle, in order that he might verify a story of his supposed death by hanging in the Western Province. Lawrence Doyle was told to make a personal application to Inspector Stark, but he never turned up again. While in search of an alleged sneak thief down by the waterfront early last evening, the detectives were surprised to come across John Doyle, lying asleep in a vacant lot. They aroused him and locked him up at the Court-street Station. When taken into custody, Doyle was wearing a suit of clothes similar to those given to a convict when he is discharged from prison. The prisoner claims that he has been living in Chicago since his departure from Toronto. When told by Detective Cuddy of his supposed hanging, Doyle laughed heartily, and said that this was the first thing he had heard of it. He has been in trouble before. He was sentenced some years ago to Kingston Penitentiary for assaulting and robbing an old lady on Jarvis-street.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

First Batch Brought Down—To Pay the Cost of Printing Debates in the Commons.

Ottawa, May 15.—(Special.)—The first batch of supplementary estimates were brought down by Mr. Fielding this afternoon. They amount to $96,618, and are on account of legislation. The items include $8600 for reporting and printing of debates, $15,000 for publishing debates, $10,500 for sessional clerks, and $18,278 for the sessional staff of the sergeant-at-arms and $23,000 for printing and paper, etc.

Mr. Fielding promised that the rest of the supplementary estimates would be brought down in a few days.

SENATE ADJOURNS AGAIN

Because the Government Has Nothing for Them to Do—Senator Perley's Kick.

Ottawa, May 15.—(Special.)—In the Senate to-day Hon. Mr. Casgrain gave notice that he would move on Thursday next that the Senate adjourn till June 4. The Senators have run out of work again.

Hon. Mr. Perley drew attention to the fact that a large number of people from the Northwest, who came down for a military ball, were under the provisions of the Electoral Act disfranchised. He wanted the Act amended to enable these people to vote without having to take the oath that they had been a resident of the electoral district for three weeks previous to election. Hon Mr. Mills promised to look into the matter.

Several bills were advanced a stage as the result of the afternoon's work.

MINSTREL COMPANY MOBBED.

The Proprietor Threatens Action for Damages Against the City of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 15.—(Special.)—The proprietor of the Duncan Clark Minstrel show has stated that he intends to take action against the city for the treatment which was given his company last night, when the car windows were smashed. He claims that proper police protection was not given him and his company. The motley crowd was mad because the show was not so lewd as they anticipated.

Fares Down to Three Cents.

All of the employes of the M. and N.W. Railway were to-day made employes of the C.P.R. Fares on the M. and N.W. system from to-day have been reduced to three cents per mile.

Another Case of Smallpox.

Another smallpox case has developed.

OUR BUILDING IN PARIS.

Canada's Exhibits Are Scattered All About and Things Are Very Unsatisfactory.

London, May 15.—The Canadian pavilion at Paris is a miserable-looking structure. The Canadian exhibits will not be placed in position for nearly a fortnight.

The British Committee in selecting space to locate the pavilion neglected Canada's interest in not obtaining sufficient space and a more prominent site, and then erecting a proper building. Canada's exhibits are scattered all over the other buildings, some being in the Imperial section and others in Vincennes.

W. D. Scott, J. X. Perrault and J. G. Jardine, commissioners from Canada, are most energetic in their endeavors to put the exhibits in order, but the entire Exhibition is unready.

Queen City Piccolo Band.

The Queen City Piccolo band held their annual election of officers last night, with the following result: Chairman, Alfred Priest; leader, William Noble; assistant leader, William Godfrey; treasurer, John Stanley; secretary, John Ransom, 69 St. David-street.

To Complete Man's Wardrobe.

For the indispensable frock suit Henry A. Taylor, draper, the Rossin Block, has imported an exceptionally fine range of beautiful soft woollens, amongst them a splendid lot of those so fashionable dark greys.

Japs Arrested as Paupers.

New Whatcom, Wash., May 15.—Thirty-seven Japanese were arrested in this city and county who are alleged to be paupers, and who are endeavoring to secure entrance into the United States.

The Clippers have organized for the season, and have elected the following officers: W. Tinsley, manager; W. McConnell, captain; T. Booker, treasurer; W. Deas, secretary. Address challenges to secretary.

CONTROL OF FIRE BRIGADE

Judge McDougall Thinks Should be in the Hands of an Independent Commission.

THOMPSON GETS THE BEST OF IT

He Took No Part in the Elections of 1900—Neither Did Noble—The Judge's Size-Up.

Judge McDougall yesterday handed out his findings in the enquiry into the actions of Fire Chief Thompson. All the firemen are exonerated from blame. The whole cause of the trouble, the Judge says, arose from the fact that the control of the brigade was in the hands of the Fire and Light Committee, and, in his wind-up, Judge McDougall recommends that the brigade be placed in the hands of an independent commission, appointed for a period of from three to six years.

The Judge's Report.

"Naturally, in an investigation of this character," says the judge, "the far largest proportion of the witnesses were what might be properly described as unwilling witnesses, but Chief Thompson and four or five of the firemen, however, were candid witnesses. I have no doubt whatever, and so report, that for many years past, and prior to the elections of 1899, the evidence amply establishes that the majority of the firemen, from the highest to the lowest in rank, took an active part in municipal elections. Some, of course, were more energetic than others, but there was no real attempt at concealment of their activities. It was not considered an improper practice, the bylaw to the contrary notwithstanding. In the last two or three years, owing to the comments of the press, this open conduct had ceased, but the evidence satisfied me that the evil practice continued in a modified form in the elections of 1899, and to perhaps a lesser extent in the elections of 1900.

Blames the System.

"In view of the opinion that I have formed, that the system (under which the fire brigade is at present organized) is more responsible for the alleged intromissions of the firemen in connection with municipal elections than the character and natural tendencies of the men themselves, I do not feel disposed to report any individual fireman in the rank and file as having been guilty of specific acts showing an infraction of the bylaw.

"I consider it my duty to review briefly the evidence adduced against three officers of the brigade relating to the part they are alleged to have taken in the last two elections."

Chief Thompson's Case.

Referring to the evidence concerning Chief Thompson's actions, His Honor says, after reviewing the evidence:

"I find no evidence to show that Thompson canvassed or solicited votes for Mr. Shaw on polling day during the municipal elections of 1899, but I do find, and report, that he took what I consider to be an active part on behalf of Mr. Shaw in the municipal elections of 1899. I beg to report that, so far as the election of 1900 is concerned, there is not the slightest evidence to support the charges against Mr. Thompson for electioneering and taking part in this election. Mr. Thompson not only studiously kept clear from all participation in the said election, but he visited the stations and verbally cautioned the men to avoid all interference with the electors on behalf of any candidate.

Noble Was Straight.

"In reference to the case of John C. Noble, the present Deputy Chief, I do not find any evidence to sustain the suggestion that he took any part in the municipal elections of 1899 or 1900. There was evidence that he and some of his friends were active in canvassing some of the aldermen to secure for him the position of Deputy Chief, but I cannot blame either Mr. Noble or his friends, who only availed themselves of the current methods universally employed under the present system of administration to accomplish their purposes. To obtain a position on the fire brigade or to win promotion therein appears to have depended on gaining aldermanic support upon the Fire and Light Committee."

Joe Davis' Play.

Referring to the actions of District Chief Davis, His Honor says: "Davis is extremely outspoken, and from his own testimony it is not difficult to conclude that he took more than a passing interest in municipal matters. Altho the evidence falls short of showing any canvassing of citizens or electors for they votes by Davis, I find and report that he was unduly active in pressing his views of the merit of certain candidates upon the men under him in his district, and I am strongly impressed with the conviction that the evidence has only touched upon the fringe of that gentleman's activities."

There Was No Deal.

In reference to the so-called Thompson, Noble and Shaw deal, relating to the change in the office of Chief in 1899, His Honor says: "There is no evidence to show any bargain or arrangement between the parties charged. I am reasonably confident that Mr. Thompson would not be a party to a movement to displace his former chief. The suggestion of such a cabal and such a bargain was first started in aldermanic circles, and no doubt was supported also by some of my friends of ex-Chief Graham, who were grieved and annoyed at his enforced retirement.

"Unfortunately, the members of the Fire Brigade had much experience in the tortuous and mysterious by-paths of municipal politics. It is said that several aldermen who had in former years taken any stand in connection with the brigade which did not meet with the approval of the firemen had the opportunity later in private life to ruminate upon the mutability of human affairs and the ingratitude of mankind in general. It is quite certain that some of the aldermen resented, and resisted this sort of pressure, but the very fact that the body who controlled and governed this department are liable to be subjected to such influences, and, in many instances, are likely to yield to them, at once strikes at the root of efficiency and discipline, and tends largely to destroy the probability of meritorious promotion in the force.

No Committees.

"It has long been the experience of students of municipal affairs that it is impossible to hope for or to secure an efficient and reliable police force or fire brigade while such bodies are under the direct control of the municipal councils or their committees. The stream cannot rise higher than its source. In most of the principal cities of the United States the fire brigades have been taken out of the hands of the councils and placed under commissioners. The usual term of office for commissioners is from three to six years. As a rule, the commissioners are not elected by a direct vote of the people. I entirely agree with the opinion expressed by most municipal authorities that the police and the firemen can only attain their greatest efficiency and usefulness when entirely removed from the control of a constantly changing body of municipal representatives.

The Conclusion.

"The plain and, to my mind, irresistible conclusion from the evidence is that the defects so clearly established are due to the present system of direct municipal control of the brigade. The responsibility of making a change rests upon the City Council or the Legislature. Action by either will doubtless only be taken if the conclusions I have arrived at commend themselves to the judgment and approval of the citizens and ratepayers of Toronto."

In conclusion, His Honor expressed his great indebtedness to Mr. DuVernet, the city's counsel; to Messrs. C. H. Ritchie, Q.C.; W. R. Smythe and G. G. S. Lindsey, who represented the interests of the individual firemen, and to Mr. Nield for his satisfactory and conscientious report of the evidence.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The "Nethersole" "Sapho."

Contrary to expectations, Toronto theatre-goers will not be obliged to wait until next season before seeing the Olga Nethersole version of Daudet's celebrated novel, "Sapho." A company has been organized with Miss Nethersole's permission, and will present the Clyde Fitch adaptation of the novel at the Toronto Opera House next week.

Miss Alberta Gallatin, an actress of great beauty and dramatic ability, will appear in the title role. The war that is now being waged over this drama is one of the novel sensations of the season. The book has been recognized as the masterpiece of one of the foremost French novelists, and a large portion of the theatre-going public of this country have put themselves on record as sanctioning its production on the stage by crowding the theatre and applauding Miss Nethersole to the echo. Frank Landor will play Jean Gaussin, and the cast will be of superior excellence. Owing to illness Miss Nethersole will not appear.

A Doukhobor Evening.

A Doukhobor evening will be given under the auspices of the Local Council of Women, in the gallery of the Women's Art Association, Confederation Life Building, to-morrow, commencing at 8 o'clock. The entertainment will include a Russian tea and music and an exhibition of Doukhobor work, as well as a chat by Mrs. Fitzgibbon, with stereopticon views.

The Popular Stove Polish of the day is Tiger Stove Polish. It is put up in tin boxes ready for use. It requires little or no labor in using and makes no dust or dirt. It gives a brilliant black enamel finish to the stove.