

DAMAGING DOCUMENTS.

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ent of \$1300, for a garnishing order upon the \$1000 now in the hands of Mr. Speaker Clarke. The master granted an order attaching the sum in the hands of Mr. Clarke, and a summons for payment over, which will return in a day or two.

The order and summons were at once sent down to the parliament buildings, where they were served on the speaker.

Kirkland was visited by several persons yesterday at the jail, some of his callers being members.

An ex-proprietor of a Guelph newspaper, resident near the river of the unassigned letter from that city.

It is understood that "the party" mentioned in the unassigned letter from Guelph is Mr. Laidlaw.

This shall make us all the more active against the reform party during the recess, said one conservative member yesterday.

As a set-off to this might be placed the statement of a reformer that the great value of the Pulpotter plot is the use that can be made of it on the stump for ten years to come.

In the interview between Bunting and Dowling, the latter asked whether the catholic representative in the cabinet was to be Peter Ryan. "No," said the editor, "he is the wrong kind of whole."

But from the description given "a lifelong" reformer, a lawyer and an applicant for a judgeship, Hugh McMahon is understood to be the likely gentleman indicated by Mr. Bunting.

Mr. McKim will probably be examined to-day. His statement, it is said, promises to be interesting, and will contain some other things with an interview he had with Mr. Bunting, wherein the latter spoke very freely on the different men who would be likely to form a cabinet.

Mr. Bunting get ready another "statement" to answer McKim's story.

Options of the Press.

Montreal Star (ind.): The action of Mr. McKim and Mr. Balfour in forwarding to the speaker of the Ontario legislature the corrupt propositions made to him is highly commendable.

St. Catharines Journal (con.): But let the facts come out at once and let summary punishment be meted out to those who are in this disgraceful and humiliating affair.

Ottawa Free Press (ref.): Driven into the last ditch Macdonald defies all honor, all honesty, and sends his villainous agents into the halls of the legislature with money to bribe and corrupt.

Buffalo Express: The Macdonald government has given the people too much reason to believe that it does not intend to carry an end. It is to be hoped that our neighbors will get back to honest ways as speedily as possible.

London Advertiser (ref.): It is the Pacific scandal over again, and it is impossible to see how Mr. Meredith can escape the odium of a crime of this nature.

Hamilton Spectator (con.): Large sums of money have been paid to members of the legislature as the price of their votes.

Hamilton Times (ref.): There are conservatives in Hamilton we are glad to know, who are not quibbling about the statements of the press.

Sarnia Canadian (con.): The first thing that strikes us about the foregoing is the extreme improbability of the thing.

Toronto Canadian (con.): We hope for the honor of the conservative party Mr. Bunting will be able to clear himself of the foul odium at present attaching to his name in connection with this dreadful business.

Ottawa Citizen (con.): It looks as if certain gits, entertaining the possibility of the overthrow of the government, were prepared to entertain offers to desert their leaders, and that they should have had to be laid before them to induce them to remain silent.

Hard on the Mail.

These things have been going on and the innocent Mail knew nothing of it! How could it be expected to know anything? It had undertaken to purify Montreal—not Toronto. All its energies were expended far away from home.

Creel Parades.

Pembroke, March 19.—The man Kreiter or Doman, who so cruelly ill-used the little German girl some three weeks ago, has been committed to stand his trial at the county court.

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Meeting of Holstein Breeders.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 19.—There was a largely attended meeting here to-day of the Holstein breeders' association of America.

Metropolitan Office.

BIG PUSH'S FAT OFFICE.

WILKINSON AS A LAND VALUATOR AT \$10 PER DAY.

Employed Whenever the Government Wanted Him—Senator McPherson Makes a Disclaimers—What the House Did.

OTTAWA, March 19.—In the senate to-day Senator McPherson gave an unqualified denial to the statements made by Mr. Mowat in the Ontario legislature concerning his alleged connection with the Bunting-Wilkinson conspiracy.

In the common sirs Hector Langevin introduced a bill transferring all the fortifications and military buildings to the control of the militia department.

In answer to Mr. Cameron (Middlesex) Sir Charles Tupper said that J. A. Wilkinson had been appointed on October 8, 1882, as valuator of lands taken for the Trent canal at Buckhorn and Fenelon Falls at a salary of \$10 a day and expenses.

He had drawn \$2300 for salary and \$1350 as expenses. He was now employed whenever the government had occasion for his services. (Opposition cheers and laughter.)

Mr. Dawson moved for all reports not hitherto published relating to the character and probable success in agricultural lands, minerals and otherwise of the country through which the Canadian Pacific railway is being constructed to the north of Lakes Huron and Superior.

After speeches by Messrs. White (Renfrew), Trow, Sprule and Cockburn on the question, the motion passed.

Mr. Shakespear moved a resolution proposing that the landing of Chinese immigrants in British Columbia be prohibited. He argued that the Chinese were a criminal and dangerous class whose presence in the west would be a detriment to the best interests of that province.

After remarks by Mr. Gordon the debate was adjourned.

After recess several private bills were passed.

Mr. Fisher resumed discussion on Mr. Foster's prohibitory resolution, speaking until eleven o'clock, when the house adjourned.

THE ANCESTER WHISKY TRAFFIC.

Another Arrest Made in Toronto—One of the Old Fines and Imprisoned.

Another arrest was made last night in connection with the Ancestor crooked whisky still.

In the evening an information was laid against the Toronto inland revenue department, which was placed in the hands of Detective Robson and Detective Reid went to the house of a cooper named Sep Campbell, who lives in Hamilton street, Riverside, and arrested him.

Campbell is charged with making the still and with the manufacture of the crooked whisky, and he was looked upon as the end point of the still.

Campbell had just returned for the statements of the police, and he was taken to the police court at Hamilton yesterday.

Failure of a Window Firm.

Windsor, March 19.—Odette & Wherry, coal merchants, made an assignment yesterday. They offered 20 cents on the dollar to their creditors.

Tannery Burned.

PITCOCK, Ont., March 19.—Sykes' tannery at Bloomfield was burned about 3 o'clock this morning. Loss about \$3000; insured in the Queens \$1400, British America \$2000, and Phoenix \$300.

Burglar at Schomberg.

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New York Sports.

NEW YORK, March 19.—A glove fight for \$250 a side was fought between Patrick Sullivan of New York and Al Powers of Brooklyn to-night. Four rounds were fought, but Powers was knocked out in the third round.

A Premium for Principle.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—The Presbyterian hospital here, which refused a check for \$2500, being its share of the fund raised for a charity ball, has received a check for \$3000 from a resident of Back county who explains that \$2500 is in lieu of the money which the hospital did not receive.

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A BAD UNCLE.

He seduces his young Niece Under Promise of Marriage.

MONTREAL, March 19.—James Minto, alias Dorchester, has been arrested here for inducing his niece, Christina Cuthbertson, only 15 years of age, to leave her parents in Alva, Scotland, and come here with him as his wife.

Before he was arrested the man told the police that the girl was 17 years of age, and that he had been married by a minister named Dickey before they left Scotland. The girl gave her age as 15 years, and said her father was a weaver in Alva; that she was not married, but that the man years ago had left her home and come with him to America, and that while on the passage out he had seduced her under promise of marriage.

The child appeared nearly heart-broken, and could hardly speak from weeping. She said that her uncle is 40 years of age and was married about a month ago, by great promises, to her father's house. She has two brothers and a sister younger than herself, and they often went to visit their uncle.

She said she was induced to go with him to all he would give her and the eight she would see, she was induced to leave her home early one morning and enter a wagon he had engaged, and they then drove to Stirling, and from thence they were by train to Glasgow, where he engaged a passage for them on board the Furnessia, and from the first night they were on board the ship they lived as man and wife.

On reaching New York they only remained there a few days, and then came to Montreal. She further stated that her parents did not know where she was, but her uncle had told her that he had written home and also sent them some money.

HAMILTON NEWS.

M. E. Mission Board—Cock-Fight—Festival of St. Joseph.

HAMILTON, March 19.—The festival of St. Joseph was celebrated at the convent of that name to-day. Five young ladies took the veil.

Michael Connors and John Butler have been committed for trial for larceny. James Reed and his wife Mary were fined for drunkenness. It came out that the pair escaped from the Brantford jail two years ago, and are wanted there.

The Ontario missionary board of the Methodist Episcopal church is in session here. The report forwarded by the superintendent of missions, Manilola, on the whole presents an encouraging representation of the condition of the missions under his charge in the province of Ontario.

On Monday night there was a cock-fight in the city which attracted a great crowd of spectators. Several battles were fought, and every one of them was won by birds owned in the lake region. A large amount of money changed hands.

Contract For Coal.

MONTREAL, March 19.—Owing to the general manager of the Grand Trunk being detained at Ottawa, there has been great delay in giving out the contracts for coal to the million tons of coal.

The Erie railway company having recently advanced their rates for freight, the government is furnishing stamps and stamped paper to be used to withdraw them. One contract for 100,000 tons was given to-day to Bell, Hays & Co. of Toronto.

Lost an Eye.

ST. THOMAS, March 19.—Joseph Bishop was drawing water from a well with a chain pump when the chain broke and the handle of the crank flew around with terrific force, striking him in the left eye, cutting the eye and totally destroying the sight of the optic. It will be impossible to save the man's sight.

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A Mournful Exhortation of Despotism—Speeches in the U. S. Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In the house to-day on the second Laaker resolution, Ochslires delivered an eulogy on the high abilities and noble character of Laaker. He said the present incident showed of what base metal Bismarck was moulded.

He had ever been a fastidious and hypocrite to royalty who had never upheld the rights of the people and never lost an opportunity to denounce popular sovereignty. Well might this proud and haughty instrument of despotism seek to shut out American principles from the hearts of the German people.

The committee further reported resolutions cordially reciprocating the wishes of the liberal union of the German parliament recognizing its graceful appreciation, its sympathy with those who mourn the death of Laaker, and directing the resolution to be spread on the Journals.

Guenter contended that the citizens of the United States were not in favor of submitting to affronts on national dignity without resenting them in a most decided manner. He was opposed to the apologetic tone of the resolutions adopted, but heartily favored those under consideration.

St. Joseph thought his motion to table the whole matter should have been carried. Here was the house discussing how to offend Germany as it was here.

Brum said the house was placed in a humiliating position of first adopting a resolution endorsing the contemptible and mean acts of the chancellor of Germany, and then attempting to place itself right by patting on the back those who were induced by that very endorsement.

Phelps closed the debate by complimenting the state department and committee on foreign relations in preserving the dignity of the nation, and thought the members had a right in mutual felicitations to ring down the curtain on this international episode.

The resolutions were adopted without division.

Postal Telegraph Scheme.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Representatives of the postal telegraph company admitted to-day to the senate committee on post offices a proposition for a contract with the government, stipulating on the part of the company to transmit messages on its line now completed, agreeing in seven years to complete its line to cover the whole territory of the United States and giving sureties for such performance, the United States to furnish offices, employees, instruments and other appliances, and provide the company with the necessary rights and facilities for connecting its lines.

The cost of messages of twenty words to be 25 cents and 10 cents for each additional ten words, with night messages at 15 cents for twenty words, the government to furnish stamps and stamped paper to be used as now are sold postage stamps.

A Pool.

BENTONVILLE, Ind., March 19.—W. M. Dane, school teacher here, aged 20, became enamored of Ada Swift, 13 years old, the parents of the girl objected to a continuation of the affair, and she was taken to her father's home on Saturday night.

Yester day the father of the girl had Dane arrested for giving his daughter poison. Last night Dane shot himself, dying in a short time. The girl is seriously ill.

Herr Most Wants More Blood.

NEW HAVEN, March 19.—Herr Most, the socialist agitator, in a speech last night in reference to the commune of 1871, said it was a great mistake to have spared so many lives and to have left so many million dollars worth of property undestroyed.

He counselled the audience to be ready to give no quarter, and the world would be in dollar money worth of property undestroyed.

Liquor Free of Taxation.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The house committee on agriculture to-day authorized a favorable report to be made on the bill allowing a person to manufacture wine or brandy from apples, peaches, grapes or other perishable fruits raised by himself or his tenants free from any internal revenue tax or restrictions.

A Friend in the Family.

CAPE MAY, March 19.—George Grace, aged 18, is charged with having poisoned his father, mother, two sisters and two brothers with Roush on Rats, which he put in the coffee. All the sufferers have been relieved except the youngest child, which is in a critical condition.

Complaint Against Canadians.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Complaint is made to congress that the alien law of 1874 is grossly abused by foreigners, to the detriment of American pilots and engineers. Canadians are the principal offenders.

Spiritualists Exposed.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Henry C. Gordon and Hugh Kerr, the spiritualists exposed by newspaper reporters at the seance last night, were this afternoon held for conspiring to cheat and defraud and obtaining money under false pretences.

A Lady Cremated.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 19.—The remains of a lady from Wilmington, Del., were incinerated this afternoon at the crematory. The lady gave explicit directions that her body be burned.

Great Destruction of Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The breaking of the levee on Roberts' island, near Stockton, Cal., last night, destroyed 27,000 thousand acres of wheat, valued at half a million dollars.

A Fatal Mistake.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 19.—By mistake four children of G. D. Alsop, living near the city, were given opium for powder each to-day by their mother. Two died and the others are not expected to live.

A Burial Mistake.

SHANEY, Pa., March 19.—This afternoon the coal mine of B. F. Rafferty & Co. caught fire. At a late hour it was still burning.

WAR ON TWO CONTINENTS.

THE EGYPTIAN AFFAIR AND THE TONGKIN INVASION.

Anxiety for the Safety of General Gordon—France Demands Indemnity from China.

LONDON, March 19.—Telegraphic communication between Berber is still cut off. The Belomins are missing at points on the Nile and have already occupied the region about the Salooka cataract and blocked the river at that point. The Balakher tribe are preparing to attack Shendi.

The trial rising in Egypt is universal from Kassala to Berber. The Arabs between Koroko and Assou