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THE FAWCETT FAILURE.

THE OPERATIONS AND LOSSES OF A PRIVATE BANK.

The Kind of Business Done—Mr. Fawcett's Statement—The Banks Interested.

The failure of Thomas Fawcett, private banker of London, has had a depressing effect not only in western Ontario, but in Toronto and Montreal. A great portion of the banking business of western Ontario has been in the hands of so called private banks. They take money on deposit and they discount the paper of farmers, cattle-buyers and small traders who do not keep an account in the chartered banks. They re-discount this paper in blocks with the banks. The bank agencies throughout the west carried some very large accounts of this nature. The Federal had a lot of them, but the new management wisely curtailed them. London for years has been the headquarters of some very queer financial proceedings. The rate of interest charged by these private banks is never less than 1 per cent a month and anything up to 2 per cent a month. But somehow they have many of them failed, and more of them are distrusted by the chartered banks. The men who manage them think more of the interest they can make than of the repayment of the principal. Renewals at the same high rates is the order of proceedings.

That of Thomas Fawcett was one of the largest of these private banks. Besides the office in London he was interested in branch establishments in Wasford, Wyoming, Arkona, Alvinston, Millbrook, Thornbury, Dresden, Mitchell, Thamesville and other places.

Mr. Fawcett's Statement.

In an interview with a reporter of the London Free Press Mr. Fawcett said the liabilities at a rough guess cannot be far short of $300,000 or $900 000. That estimate includes the liabilities of the eight agencies in which he is largely interested and a number of smaler ones scattered throughout the west. He felt satisfied that the assets are far in advance of the amounts named; although of course if the estate be forced into liquidation or placed in the hands of an assignee some of the securities held would not realize their face value. He was confident the estate, if properly handled, would pay dollar for dollar.

When asked about the deposits in his agencies he said he had not had an opportunity of ascertaining even an approximate estimate of the deposits, but since the Federal difficulty the shrinkage in nearly all the agencies has been very large. In addition to this, many farmers have been forced to withdraw their money.

The failure he thought was due, principally to the dullness of the cattle trade, in which the different agencies were very largely interested. Many of the dealers have been unable to dispose of their stock at remunerative prices. Others have kept their cattle over from the spring, thinking that better figures would be obtained this fall for them; but the shipments to England have not proved as successful as had been anticipated, and the consequence is that the Fawcett agencies were unable to make the collections expected from these sources. In fact collections have been extremely dull all over. The same dullness has been felt by wholesale and retail merchants in this particular. Then, again, although the season's crops are on the whole good, farmers have not as yet realized upon their produce, and many other matters of a like nature have conspired to bring things to this crisis.

As to the estate he was almost sure that the assets will be largely in excess of the debts owing by the different agencies, and if a compromise is not effected it will pay dollar for dollar.

The Feeling in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—The failure of Mr. Fawcett had the effect of depressing the local stock market, bank of Montreal having fallen five and a-half points since yesterday. The reports are exaggerated as to probable losses. Mr. Smithers of the bank of Montreal, states the amount of liabilities according to the latest information he had received would only amount to half the sum mentioned, namely, about $400,000, or at the outside $500,000. So far as the bank of Montreal was concerned their liabilities were all covered by ordinary business paper and their loss would be very slight. Indeed, Mr. Hague, general manager of the Merchants' bank, confirmed the statement made by Mr. Smithers, and said that he was in a position to know that the amount held on deposit by Fawcett would not exceed $30,000. By a balance sheet, furnished a year ago, the deposits at that time were represented at $40,000, and since then they have been reduced. He believed the direct liabilities would be less than $50,000, and the paper rediscounted by the Merchants' and bank of Montreal was more than covered by excellent collateral. On the street, however, it is said that both banks are in for over $200,000, and that the failure will extend to several other concerns in the west.

Mr. Demerolla's Debts

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Demerolla, the Italian consul at Baltimore, is said to have victimized several persons prominent in diplomatic circles in this city. The debts he left behind him in Washington are said to aggregate $75,000. One of the creditors says Demerolla seems to have lived on loans from his friends for a long time past.

A One-Legged Tramp's Sudden Death.

EBENSBURG, Pa., Sept. 23.—Michael Murray was hanged this afternoon for the murder of John Handcuff, who, he fancied, had insulted him. Murray was a one-legged tramp.

This is Getting Monotonous.

RUTLAND, Vt., Sept. 23.—John B. Page, ex-president, and J. M. Haven, ex-treasurer of the Rutland railroad company, have been indicted for embezzling $45,000.

A Vermont Smash-up.

BRATTLEBORO, Sept. 23.—While a train on the Brattleboro and Whitehall railway was approaching West Dummerston, a freight car left the track dragging with it four of the other cars, including a passenger coach which was precipitated down a twenty foot embankment. George F. Richmond of Jamaica, was fatally injured. His wife and daughter were seriously burnt. Mrs. George Hastings and Miss Donnelly of Dummerston, were badly bruised and received internal injuries. About fifteen other passengers received slight injuries.

THE CORNER IN CORN.

Prices Unlikely to Fall for Some Time—The Excitement on 'Change Continues.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.—There has been a high state of excitement on 'change again this morning, which centres in the corn pit. October corn advanced to 59⅝ cents cash, September was held stiffly at 80 cents. These figures have evidently caused a great portion of all the corn in the country to tend towards this market. The arrivals to-day were nearly 900 cars, with a vast number of loaded cars reported on side tracks near the city. The first sales of cash corn were made at 80 cents, but a break suddenly occurred and the price fell to 72 cents, nearly causing a panic. It is believed on 'change that the corner will be maintained to the close of the present month, and that the squeeze will extend into October. No failures are reported, although the shorts are compelled to margin their deals at top figures. Wheat was weak all morning, owing to reports of increase in the visible supply.

CHICAGO, 4 p m.—Corn wild and panicky again to-day, but the excitement did not reach the pitch shown in Monday's trading. The bulls succeeded in maintaining prices very close to the top range. A drop of 6 cents in the price of cash corn during the middle of the session caused the impression for a short time that the bottom had fallen out, but prices rose quickly again to nearly the highest figures yet known. While September delivery showed a decline of 4 cents as compared with the latest figures yesterday, October and November kept closed at the highest prices yet paid. Receipts of corn are now beginning to arrive in great volumes, but very few venture to assert that the present prices will not be sustained to the close of the present month at least.

A LEGACY OF FIVE TODDLERS.

Unique Warfare Between a Buffalo Husband and Wife.

BUFFALO, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Dora Schlenker is suing her husband in the superior court for a separation and alimony from her husband, John Schlenker, a prominent German citizen. Of the cruelty and inhuman treatment which Dora alleges one count is that after having had some words he put her out of the house and chased her around the block. He carried a pailful of water and ran panting and shouting after her, trying to get near enough to wet her down. She ran for all she was worth and succeeded in eluding him. She claims her darling hubby promised to pound her to death at times, and on other occasions made life pleasant for her by threatening to end her life by slow poison.

Mr. Schlenker says that Dora left him because she could not get along with a quintette of children, left as a legacy by his dear departed first wife. John says his wife has got a tongue in her head, and while he don't care much about her he thinks she could get along all right. He claims, as is understood, that she "dared him" to chase her around the block with the pail of water.

HER HUSBAND WOULD FLIRT.

Brakeman Brown Said to Have Eloped With a Syracuse Lady.

UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 22.—It is reported that Sandford H. Brown of Schenectady, a brakeman on the New York Central road, has eloped with Anna Purdy Bliss of Syracuse and New York. Mrs. Brown does not believe the story, although she admits that her husband is a great flirt. She denies the rumor afloat that she has applied for a divorce.

Miss Bliss has friends residing in Utica, and a sharp outlook has been kept here for the suspected parties during the past few days. Brown was seen to-night and upon being questioned denied all knowledge of the affair.

A Congressman and His Deadhead Seat.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The case of Congressman Morse of Massachusetts against Emeline Cheney, widow of Arthur Cheney, came up in court to-day. The action is to recover his seat in the Globe theatre in Boston which was given plaintiff during life by the deceased, Mr. Cheney, who died during the existence of lease. The theatre went into other hands and the congressman lost his seat. He also asks $1000 damages. It is a test case. There are ninety others in the same position as Morse.

Unitarians in Council.

TROY, Sept. 23.—Rev. Dr. Collier of New York conducted devotional exercises in the unitarian conference at Saratoga Springs this morning. Judge Hoar was unable to be present and Dorman B. Eaton presided. The annual report showed an increase in the number of members, and that the unitarian denomination was extending its field of usefulness. Rev. Grindell Reynolds read the report of the American unitarian association, showing progress for the last two years. Foreign delegates were presented to the conference.

Fifty-five and Seventeen.

BUFFALO, Sept. 22.—A man named Macfarlane, aged 55, was recently married at Wells street church to a girl of 17, named Alice Curtis. Alice lived at Westfield, and while here obtained work on Lloyd street. Macfarlane is a gardener and boards on the terrace. People wouldn't believe they were married, and refused to allow them to enter the house together. Alice became disgusted, hired out on a canal-boat, and sailed away from her disconsolate spouse.

He Will Fight for Peace.

LIMA, Sept. 23.—General Caceres declares his intention to continue the struggle until he secures for Peru a peaceful future. He expresses a hope of being able to reopen the campaign from Arequipa, and will strive to put an end to the horrors of civil war, which the action of the present government has rendered inevitable.

The Biggest Gusher Yet.

TITUSVILLE, Sept. 23.—It is said that the Phillip oil well attained its highest production yesterday, the well being the largest ever opened. It is estimated that it will produce nearly 100,000 barrels before another well in the neighborhood reaches sand.

A Canadian Clerk Drowned.

BUFFALO, Sept. 23.—The body of a man found in the Richmond elevator slip turns out to be that of Joseph Cartier, clerk on the propeller James Fish, Jr. He was 29 years of age, and a native of Cote St. Paul, Canada.

THE SPORTING SURVEY.

TORONTO WHEELSMEN LEAVE FOR THE OTTAWA RACES.

Amateur Athletics in Canada—The Races at Guelph—Fall Meetings in the United States—General Notes.

Eighteen members of the Toronto bicycle club have left for Ottawa to attend the races specially assigned by the bicycle club there for them. Messrs. Campbell, Johnston and the other fast men of the organization are with them. On Thursday morning the club leave for Toronto, wheeling the entire distance, expecting to make the journey in six days.

Amateur Athletics in Canada.

The physique of Canada's young men stands high as compared with that of their cousins the Americans. Canadians cultivate their muscle as well as their brains, and while they seldom get left in the race of life that brains win in, they are pre-eminent in all matters requiring muscle and skill. The Minneapolis Canadian-American compliments Canadians in this way: No wonder champion oarsmen, bicyclists, lacrossiats, skaters, curlers, football-ballists, quoiters and amateur baseball players are found across the border. Their great delight over in the dominion is not to pay at some gate or other to see professionals disport themselves. What they believe in is the encouragement of amateur sports, such as build up sturdy and muscular young fellows, and this is why a recreation ground is found in every town and village. The pool-table does not absorb all the interest of young Canadians—not while a field can be had in which to indulge in healthy out-door sport. Proportionate to its population, Canada has more amateur athletes than any other country in the world.

The Toronto Hunt Club.

Notwithstanding the rain about twenty members turned out yesterday at Harris' hotel on Dundas street. The run was north up the side line and then west in the direction of Lambton and then round in a circle to the "Barns." Mr. Sharp got the brush and Mr. W. T. Murray the pate. The only casuality was Mr. Loudon's horse, Ben Butler, falling at the last jump. The accident was caused by Dr. Campbell's horse refusing the fence and then cannoning against Butler, whose rider was well shaken. Butler carried all the fence with him. Charley Wise was on Scalper, who seems to be a good cross country horse. There will be a big meet at Thornhill next Saturday. Members who wish to go by the drag should notify Capt. Andros, care Robt. Bond, before Friday.

Guelph Turf Club Races.

GUELPH, Sept. 23.—Considering the late heavy rains, the track was in fair condition. The attendance was much larger than was expected. The first trotting race, three-minute class, in mile heats, was won by J. K. Leslie in three straight heats, Billy McCann 2d, Keenan 3d; time 2.42½, 2.44, 2.44¾. In the running race for Dominion bred horses, handicap, mile heats, Minnie Meteor won handily. Nettie won the 2.37 class trotting race, in mile heats; time 2.42.

The Louisville Meeting.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 23—Lady of the Lake won the three-quarter mile race for 2-year-old fillies. The second race of a mile and an eighth was won by Salara. The third race, a quarter of a mile, fell to Revoke. The five-eights of a mile race for 2-year-olds was won by Lady Wayward; in the mile race Gilmore was victorious.

Brighton Beach Racing.

BRIGHTON BEACH, Sept. 23.—Eldorado won the first race of five furlongs; Dan the mile and a quarter; Wave o' Light the mile and furlong; Frank Runyon the three-quarters of a mile for 2-year-olds, and Irish King the last race, of one mile.

Ten Eyck Outrows Riley.

PEEKSKILL, N.Y., Sept. 23.—The single scull race this afternoon between Riley of Saratoga and Ten Eyck of Peekskill, of three miles with turn, was won by Ten Eyck in 20.52½ and by a length and a half.

Notes.

Ten miles have been made in 36 minutes on roller skates.

The Boston bicycle club is to have a hundred mile road race Oct. 4.

Mr. Sate of Hempstead, L.I., is in town anxious to buy several good hunters.

The great foal stakes at Newmarket, England, was won by Cambusmore, Limelight 2d, Damietta 3d.

A battle between a small terrier and a game cock in Kingston was won by the rooster in five minutes. The dog was killed.

The league games yesterday between Buffalo and New York, Detroit and Boston, Cleveland and Philadelphia were called on account of the rain.

The second annual cricket match between All New York and All Philadelphia will be played at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, next Friday and Saturday.

In the single-hand fly casting contest at the New York state sportsmen's tournament W. S. Barnum of Syracuse cast the line 70 feet, winning the first prize.

Disturbance, Minnie Meteor and Mr. Forbes' new purchase Zamora have arrived in the city from Sheepshead bay. Rose and Charlemagne are expected soon.

The Ontarios of this city will meet the Brantfords on Saturday on the Jarvis street grounds in a match for the intermediate championship flag. A good game may be counted on as the contest promises to be a close one.

There was a glove fight Monday night at St. Louis between John King of Pittsburg and Patsey Cardiff of Peoria. In the third round the police interfered. The fight was given to Cardiff. King was badly used up.

"Ever had a cyclone here?" asked a Kansas man who was visiting a country aunt in the east. "A cyclone? Oh, yes," said his aunt. "Deacon Brown's son brought one from Boston a spell ago, but law! he couldn't ride it. Tumbled off every time he tried."

There was an exciting glove contest at New York Monday night between Tommy Barnes and Wm. Skipper, the feather-weight English prize-fighter. In the sixth round the fight was declared a draw. The spectators wanted to take a hand in the fight, and there was a narrow escape from a row.

ELEVATORS FOR MONTREAL.

The G. T. R. Company's Proposition to the Harbor Commissioners.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Mr. Van Horne, on behalf of the Canadian Pacific railway company, addressed a long and important communication to the harbor commissioners. He begins by stating the extent of the railway company west of Montreal and passing through agricultural districts, adding that in a year the line will be completed as far as the Pacific coast, which will be directly tributary to this city. Nearly the whole of the traffic of this new system will be wheat, largely to be consumed in eastern Canada or shipped abroad. More than 6,000,000 bushels are expected from the Northwest this year, most of which should pass through Montreal. Next year's crops should afford 10,000,000 bushels. The facilities of Montreal for this trade, he points out, are entirely inadequate. He therefore proposes that a series of elevators, of say 400,000 bushels capacity each, should be constructed below the Bonsecours market. This will form part of the harbor facilities of Montreal, and the first two can be reached by the Grand Trunk as well as the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Van Horne, on these considerations, asks that the use of certain sites, which he designates, should be granted the Canadian Pacific railway at a nominal rent, for not less than 50 years.

The Canadian Pacific company, he adds, has not at this time any available funds for the construction of these elevators, its present resources being pledged to the fulfilment of its obligations to the dominion government. It is proposed, therefore, that the first two or more elevators shall be constructed by an elevator company and leased to the railway company, the latter operating them and guaranteeing interest on their cost until such time as it may be convenient to acquire them by purchase. For this reason a lease of the ground if granted by the harbor board should run to the elevator company.

A MINISTER ON HIS MUSCLE.

An Anglican Clergyman Ordered to Pay $25 and Costs for Beating his Parishioner.

PICTON, Sept. 23.—The case of Welsh v. Loucks drew a crowded audience to the court room to-day. The defendant is the rector of the church of England here. The plaintiff, who is a mason by trade, is one of his parishoners. The action was one for damages received for excessive beating inflicted upon the plaintiff. On May 26, the parties disputed on the street about an account which the defendant thought excessive. High words sprang up and the defendant knocked the plaintiff down. The plaintiff struck the defendant, and in the course of the struggle was very severely cut about the body, arms and head, in consequence of which he was confined to the house for some time. The jury brought in a verdict assessing the reverend gentleman $25 and costs.

Examinations at Old Vic.

COBOURG, Sept. 23.—The examinations in connection with Victoria college began yesterday. Quite a number of the would-be "freshies" came on Saturday and painted the town red. There will not be so much of this when the exams are over. College opens two weeks from to-day. Adjunct professor in classics, Bell and wife, have returned after an extended western trip. Professor Badgley, late of the now defunct Albert college of Belleville, has taken the chair in metaphysics in Vic.

The good people of Cobourg are delighted with the action The World has taken in the expose of the St. Marys lottery swindle. Continue your good work and you will receive the hearty support of all right-minded men.

The major part of the Americans stopping at the Arlington have sought a warmer clime, and will be heard of no more till old Sol drives them north next year.

Three Hamilton Items.

HAMILTON, Sept. 23.—This morning Mayor Mason telegraphed to Manager Hickson of the Grand Trunk railway, to ask if he intended to rebuild the car works at London, or if he would consider proposals for their re-establishment here. Mr. Hickson replied that the report of the losses at London had been greatly exaggerated. He added that the question of a building was under consideration, but he thought the directors would probably not be disposed to enlarge the establishment at Hamilton.

J. M. Gibson, M. P. P., N. Awrey, M. P. P., and others, to-day inspected the new addition to the asylum. It is a cottage designed for the accommodation of acute patients.

Shamrock branch, No. 16, is the title of a new branch of the E. B. A., established here this week.

Guelph Notes.

GUELPH, Sept. 23.—One of the features of the Central exhibition will be a display of the stock recently imported for the experimental farm.

Nine clergymen were present at the Scott act meeting last night. The attendance was large. The speakers were Rev. W. S. Griffin, Messrs. Munns and F. S. Spence.

There have been a number of deaths from apoplexy in Guelph lately. John Brown, a well-known citizen, is the latest victim.

The Battle Begun.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—The argument respecting the constitutionality of the dominion license act opened to-day before the supreme court. Counsel for the dominion were Messrs. James Bethune, Q.C., and Mr. Burbridge; for Ontario, S. H. Blake, Q. C., A. Æmilius Irving, Q. C., and Wm. Johnston. Quebec, British Columbia and Nova Scotia were also represented. Mr. Irving opened the argument for Ontario.

In Favor of the Scott Act.

NORWICH, Ont., Sept. 23.—The financial district meeting of the methodist church, held at Norwich yesterday, which embraces members from the counties of Brant, Norfolk and Elgin, where the Scott act is shortly to be submitted, pledged itself by resolution to give every possible moral support towards the adoption of the act in the above mentioned counties.

Paying for His Fun.

BELLEVILLE, Sept. 23.—Alex. Brant, who was yesterday found guilty of placing obstructions on the track of the Grand Trunk railway, was to-day sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the reformatory.

AN HONOR TO THEIR ORDER

THE GRAND LODGE OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN.

Hearty Welcome at Shaftesbury Hall to the Delegates—A Benevolent Brotherhood—Railway Statistics.

Welcome the firemen one and all.
Who doesn't respect the fireman's name?
The man with steady nerve who fills
The iron horse with roaring flame;
Who stands so near to the engineer,
Always true to his terrible trust;
He's worthy a splendid welcome for
He'd stick to his post till the biler bust.

Through the tunnels like bombs on wheels,
Over the hills they hiss and whirl;
Along the crags the engine steals,
The fireman whistles and thinks of his girl.
Over the bridge with a rush and roar;
Down the line thro' the dark and dust;
If death was only a mile ahead
He'd stick to his post till the biler bust.

Welcome them in from the north and south,
Welcome them in from the east and west;
They raise the heat that warms the world,
They always are doing their level best.
They never were known to shrink at fear,
They're always there thro' glare and gust,
They know their duty a dead sure thing,
An' they'd stick to their posts till the biler's bust.

The large gathering that assembled in Shaftesbury hall at 9.30 yesterday forenoon was highly creditable to the brotherhood of locomotive firemen. In the body of the hall were seated over 350 delegates and visitors to this, the eleventh annual convention of the grand lodge, which holds jurisdiction over 240 subordinate lodges spread throughout the North American continent. This is the first time the grand lodge has met outside of the United States, and Canadian brethren in general and the Toronto brethren in particular put forward their best efforts to make the visit a pleasant and memorable one, which so far they have been eminently successful in doing. The spacious hall is handsomely decorated with bunting and mottoes festooned with evergreens, while here and there the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes are drooped side by side, a fitting indication of the international character of the gathering. As one gentleman remarked, the brotherhood knows no boundary line in prosecuting its work of benevolence and protection. The platform was occupied by the leading officers of the order, and by a number of prominent citizens invited to take part in the proceedings by the local lodge, under whose auspices this welcoming demonstration took place. The gallery was filled with ladies, who looked as if they would like to have been delegates themselves. Looking at the body of delegates, one could not but be struck with their intelligent, respectable and strong physical appearance. By far the great majority are young men, between 23 and 30 years of age.

At the request of the reception committee, W. B. McMurrich presided. Having made some complimentary remarks of an appropriate nature, he called upon Rev. Dr. Wild, who invoked divine guidance upon the deliberations of the convention. A welcome to the province was then extended to the visitors by Lieut.-Gov. Robinson, who remarked that such gatherings as these proved the great and growing feeling of cordiality that existed between the United States and Canada, which statement the audience was pleased to applaud. The Royal Grenadiers' band, stationed in a corner of the gallery, having contributed a selection, Mayor Boswell stepped to the front and welcomed the party to the city, which he did in quite a happy manner.

There was a burst of applause when F. W. Arnold, grand master of the brotherhood, rose to deliver his annual address. Although a young man, Mr. Arnold has sat in seven conventions and appears to have the working and condition of the order at his finger tips. He lives at Terre Haute, Ind. The grand master reviewed with pride the rapid progress of the brotherhood, and spoke of the good work it had done. The following passage from his address demonstrates that the order above all other things is a benevolent one: At our annual convention of 1883, held at Denver, the representatives of the order found that there was in the treasury a surplus of $19,000. There were outstanding death claims to the amount of $13,200, not one dollar of which could be demanded legally or justly. The dead firemen had forfeited their right to the money—they had in some cases been wanting in fidelity to their obligations, and in some cases through the dereliction of duties of the officers of the lodge to which they belonged, but the delegates, realizing the frailties of our common humanity, and the necessities of widows and orphans, forgave all the delinquencies of their departed comrades, and with an exhibition of charity unparalleled in the history of any order, paid every claim, and thus sent sunshine and joy into many a darkened home. It was a glorious finale of the tenth annual convention of our beloved order.

And further on Mr. Arnold said: But the brotherhood of locomotive firemen starts out with fundamental propositions and principles fruitful of perpetuity. If we look out for the dead, we are equally devoted to our comrades while living. We demand that they shall be capable, sober and industrious. We propose that a brotherhood fireman shall be better than a fireman who is not a member of our order. We desire, as we proceed, to dignify virtue, enthrone integrity and impress railroad managers with the grand fact that in seeking to improve our condition as men, we also seek to promote their welfare by furnishing men in whose integrity and fidelity they can place the most implicit reliance, and these facts we are desirous that the railroad managers of Canada shall know.

Speeches were also delivered by Gen. Lefroy, a member of the British association, and by Dr. Wild. The latter's remarks were spirited and characteristic, and he established himself a favorite of the firemen at once.

To all the words of welcome Col. Maynard of Indianapolis, Ind., read an exhaustive and able reply. Having thanked the meeting for its generous reception, he touched upon railway statistics. The latest compilation gives the total extent of the railways of the world as 264,826 miles, of which 117,717 are credited to the United States, and 42,578 to the British empire, Canada contributing 7894 miles thereto. He estimated that for every 100 miles of road 20 locomotives are required, which would give one a basis upon which to calculate how many men are engaged throughout the world in feeding the iron horse. The speaker paid tribute to the memory of George Stephenson as the inventor of the railway engine, and having indulged in a panegyric on the fireman and his perilous calling, resumed his seat amidst hearty manifestations of the pleasure with which his edifying remarks were heard.

Ex-Ald. Ryan was down on the program for a speech, but he was obliged to leave the hall during Col. Maynard's speech to catch a train, and so the visitors were deprived the pleasure of listening to his eloquence. Ald. Harvie, as an old railway man, addressed a few words of welcome to the visitors. Yankee Doodle and God Save the Queen brought the proceedings to a close at 12.30 amidst loud cheering and waving of hats. The band, it might be remarked, performed a choice program at intervals, and many of the delegates remarked on their excellent playing.

A photograph of the gathering having been taken by J. A. Fraser, jr., it dispersed.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the grand lodge assembled for business, and was engaged until 6 at routine work. The credentials of 230 delegates were accepted and about 100 visiting brethren were reported to be present. The standing committees were struck and the time of future sittings was fixed as follows: 7.45 a.m. to 12 noon; 2 p.m. until the pleasure of the convention. The visitors had the evening to themselves.

A SUCCESSFUL MAN HUNT.

A Tennessee Captain Kills a Major After a Long Stern Chase.

GREENVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 23.—Major Edwin Henry was instantly killed at 11 a.m. to-day by Captain E. T. Johnson at Haysville, Greene county. Johnson left Greenville last night armed with a double barrelled shot gun. In company with a negro he rode twelve miles into the country and spent the remainder of the night in a stable. Learning that Henry was in a store near by, Johnson rushed out, took Henry by surprise and shot him twice. The first shot took effect in his body, the second in the temple. Johnson surrendered. He had been in pursuit of Henry several weeks. The latter had been skulking in the mountains. The beginning of the affair was a scandal occurring a year ago. Henry seduced the wife of Johnson at Greenville. When the matter became public Johnson's wife went to Indianapolis, Ind., to her people and Henry followed. Her son threatened to shoot Henry and then informed his father. A correspondence between Johnson and his wife ensued. The wife acknowledged her guilt. Soon after she committed suicide, being at the time insane. Johnson swore to kill Henry on sight, but Henry eluded him till to day. Johnson held the office of United States claims commissioner. He and his wife boarded at the same hotel in Greenville, where Henry boarded. The latter was 50 years old, and had a wife and children in New York.

She Gave Rochester Its First Citizen.

ROCHESTER, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Abeland Reynolds celebrated her one hundredth birthday to-day. She is the widow of one of the earliest pioneers in Rochester. Her son, Mortimer F. Reynolds, was the first white child born in the city. A grand reception was tendered her. Over 1000 invitations were issued.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

John Dobminer of Buffalo was drowned off a catamarin Sunday night.

Chicago dressed beef is to be boycotted by the Central labor union, says the New York Truth.

Gilmore, of Niblo's gardens, says Victoria Schelling will sing twice a night in concerts there.

F. P. Morey, a traveling salesman, was found dead in a Chicago hotel with two chloroform bottles by his side.

About 1500 delegates were present at the eleventh biennial national conference of unitarian churches, which opened at Saratoga Monday.

Mary Neary, who was appointed a school teacher, after a course at one of the New York normal schools, has gone crazy. The cause was too much study.

A crank was after Victoria Schelling's coachman yesterday, wanting his gore. He said President Arthur and the queen of England told him to kill the man.

Judge Allen of Nashville has decided that baseball playing on Sunday is not an offence. From 6000 to 10,000 citizens of that place turn out to witness the games every Sunday.

Elena Del Vasto, who speaks four languages, was arrested by Anthony Comstock in New York yesterday on a charge of abusing the mails. A large quantity of obscene literature was found in her apartments. This is the first time a woman has ever been arrested on such a charge.

DOMINION DASHES.

Victoria Chinamen are going into the pawn-broking business.

A model school for Peterboro county has been established at Norwood.

The city council of Brantford have returned home in high spirits after their jaunt to Cleveland.

Michael Redden jumped off the Pacific express near the London East station Monday night. He lost his scalp.

Lorrin A. Thurston, formerly of the Montreal Witness, is reporting the Sandwick Islands legislature in Hanolulu.

Pierre Poitras, 23 years of age, son of a well-known Montreal contractor, was drowned from the Longueuil wharf Sunday.

Richard Burden has sued the Winnipeg Times for $10,000 damages, that paper having stated that he owned a house of ill-fame.

The loss by the London car works seems to have been exaggerated by the first despatches, which placed it at $500,000. It is now estimated to be about $150,000.

St. Thomas comes to the front with an elopement in black and white. John Henry Jones, colored, skipped the city with Mrs. Michael Barrett, an Irish laborer's wife.

Judge Jette of Montreal has not yet given his decision in the Lynam insanity case. Mrs. Sheriff, who has been pronounced sane by the commissioners, it still held pending the appearance of some one who will provide for her maintenance. It is reported that a charge has been preferred against Dr. Howard, superintendent of Longue Pointe, for signing committals without first seeing the patients concerned.

A warrent has been taken out for the arrest of Thomas S. Judah at Montreal on a charge of obtaining a sum of money, in the neighborhood of $25,000, under false pretences. The private prosecutor, who it is stated, is G. B. Burland, claims that he has been defrauded by the false representations of the party prosecuted, who borrowed the money, giving as security a mortgage on real estate, which he represented as his own.

GORDON AND WOLSELEY.

THE CONQUEROR OF KHARTOUM WILL MEET HIS RESCUER.

The Black Watch on the March—Dynamiters in Austria—What About the France-Chinese War?

CAIRO, Sept 23.—Wolseley starts up the Nile on Saturday without waiting for further reinforcements. A merchant from El Obeid reports that Mahdi has twenty Krupp cannon, and that 10,000 of his 25,000 followers are armed with Remington rifles. Twenty Europeans are still at El Obeid.

The Black Watch regiment have started for the front. A messenger at Ambuko reports that a plentiful supply of provisions have been arriving at Khartoum from the south. Gordon has sent four steamers with troops to relieve the garrison at Sennaar. Upon their return he will despatch a force to Berber to meet Wolseley and his troops.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Forty more transport boats for the Nile expedition have been shipped for Egypt.

THE WASP WRECKED.

Fifty-Two Men Drowned by the Sinking of a Gunboat.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The British gunboat Wasp was wrecked off Tory island, on the northwest coast of Ireland. The Wasp had a registered tonnage of 465 and carried four guns. Only six men were saved, the others aboard were drowned, including all the officers. On the rocky coast, where the disaster occurred, it was impossible to use small boats in an attempt to rescue the crew.

William and the Workingmen.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—The Official Gazette publishes the Emperor William's reply to the address presented him by the Dusseldorf workingmen expressing their warmest thanks for his exertions in promoting their welfare. In response the emperor says it has not always been permitted him to reap any thanks for his efforts on behalf of the people of his country, to whose interests he always devoted especial solicitude. He rejoices that in this respect his efforts have given satisfaction to the workingmen of Dusseldorf.

Hard Times in Paris.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Lord Lyons, British ambassador to France, recently made an appeal to Prime Minister Ferry to open government ship building yards in order to provide work for the starving laborers. Ferry in response informed Lyons that he held no jurisdiction over the matter but would refer the subject to the minister of the interior. It is stated that thousands of workmen are out of employment and serious rioting is feared.

The Cholera Record.

ROME, Sept. 23.—Two hundred and fifty-one cases of cholera and 152 deaths in Naples during the past twenty-four hours. One hundred and eighty four cases and 112 deaths in other parts of Italy. There are four suspected cases in the city of Geneva.

TOULON, Sept. 23.—Two deaths of workmen by cholera are reported to-day.

Pretty Small Business.

DUBLIN, Sept. 23.—The police have seized the cattle of several inhabitants of Loughrea and many other districts for refusing to pay awards under the crimes act to the relatives of persons murdered. The cattle thus seized will be offered for sale at auction Saturday next, when serious trouble and disorders are feared.

Austrian Dynamiters.

VIENNA, Sept. 23.—An explosion of dynamite took place to-day in the town hall, causing considerable damage. The mayor has received menacing letters from the nihilists, stating that reprisals will be levied for the execution of the anarchists Stellmacher and Kammerer.

Must Griffin Go?

Winnipeg Sun, Sept. 19.

Mr. E. Farrar will leave next week to assume the editorship of the Mail, Toronto.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Torrens, of Torrens' land scheme fame, is dead.

Clara Morris, the actress, has purchased for $40,000 the large mansion lately owned at Yonkers by John C. Cornell.

At a meeting in Hamilton yesterday of the Canada life assurance company James Osborne, Sir Alexander Campbell, Andrew Allan and Thomas Swinyard, retiring directors, were re-elected directors. A. G. Ramsay was elected president and R. Hills secretary.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Mr. Mowat get down to his work.
And take decided action in the matter of parliament buildings.
And not merely give it his serious consideration.
And set Mr. Hardy and Mr. Pardee and the commissioner of public works at pulling down the government house fence.
County Crown Attorney Fenton and Chief Draper shake hands.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

All about the new city hall and court house.
If Parkdale really wants to come in.
How much the industrial exhibition cleared.
If the hotels paid well.
If the Scott act is to be tried in Toronto.
Which will be the next private bank to go.
How many of them have "gone" with the past two years.

RE MOROSINI.

I guess it's 'bout as dreadful to be a coach man's wife,
To be a luckless coachmen, to a lady tied for life;
To learn from newly-plighted lips, 'twere better to "shut up,"
Is learning of the gall that lurks beneath the honeyed cup.

I guess a wiser coachman would have sought a wiser bride,
A wiser Morosini would not be so allied;
But since the lady has thought fit to be the coachman's wife,
'Tis clear that he will never need a training-groom through life. —*D. E.*

More Rain To-Day.

Southerly to westerly winds; cloudy, comparatively warm, with rain, followed by finer weather to-morrow.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Boston: Russian, from Glasgow.
At London: Lucerne from Montreal.
At Montreal: Brooklyn, from Liverpool; Circassian, from Liverpool.
At Quebec: Marina, from Glasgow; Abington, from Saigon.