

Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in this Section of the Province.

St. Clair River is fitted with running ice. The population of Aylmer has increased 22 during the year. The figures being now 2,176. The assessment is \$736,864.

Judge Warner, of Port Huron, has dismissed Rev. M. McMillan's charge of assault against McLaren, of Sarnia, as the Canadian courts have assumed jurisdiction.

The funeral of G. W. Lawrence, city treasurer of Stratford, took place on Saturday, and was largely attended. The city council, at the bar of the city, and the collegiate institute board attended in a body.

Mr. W. B. Freeborn, of Mornington, the McCarthyite candidate for the Commons for North Perth, was in Stratford on Saturday, and in reply to the rumors which have circulated to the effect that he intended retiring from the contest, stated that he had no intention of dropping out. "You can depend upon it," he added, "I am in the field to stay."

Hugh Leonard, one of Dresden's oldest and most respected citizens, dropped dead at his home, as a result of heart failure, about a year ago. Mr. Leonard had one of his legs amputated in Detroit, and since that time he has never regained his wonted strength, and had been unable to get about since.

There was talk of Detective Murray paying another visit to Norwich, but owing to the great wave of crime which seems to be sweeping over our province, his services are required elsewhere. It is not definitely known whether there will be any further proceedings in connection with our Norwich fires or not—Norwich Gazette.

Crown Attorney Dale, of Woodstock, says there is some very damaging evidence in hand. A mistake which nearly terminated fatally was made Thursday by a Dutton druggist. Mr. C. St. C. Letich called at the drug store and asked for a dose of Rochelle salts, when he was given by mistake tartrized antimony.

On taking the dose Mr. Letich became quite sick, and Drs. Ruthven and McKillop were hastily summoned. When they discovered the poison had been taken, antidotes were at once administered, and now Mr. Letich is out of danger.

The Rev. J. A. Macdonald, who has been pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, since the fall of 1871, has accepted the editorship of the Westminster, a new religious paper to be published monthly, the first number of which is expected to make its appearance at Toronto in May. In consequence, Mr. Macdonald will resign his pastorate, to take effect six months hence, and go to reside in Toronto. He has also been offered the editorship of the Canada Presbyterian, and may accept this, on though he will not do so at present.

Mr. Macdonald is an able preacher and writer, and very popular with his congregation, who will regret to lose his services.

GOT \$3,000. An Important Alisa Craig Case Settled—Killed on the G. T. R. Track. Anderson vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Company was a very interesting case heard before Armour, C. J., at Cambridge, J. Street, J., at Osooske Hall, Toronto, Saturday. It was a judgment on motion by plaintiff to set aside non-suit and to enter judgment for plaintiff for \$3,000 in action by personal representative of deceased person for damages.

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Still Another Physical Contest at Ottawa.

Commons Chamber Turned Into a Lunch and Sleeping Parlor.

Confessed Ignorance of Ministers on Their Own Bill.

Conservative M. P.s Determined Not to Let the Measure Pass.

Sir Richard Cartwright's Trenchant Exposure of the Nightly Oracles.

Ottawa, April 7.—Hon. Mr. Laurier and the Liberal members generally are much gratified to receive information that M. E. Keefe, a leading citizen of Halifax, has formally accepted the Liberal nomination for Halifax, recently tendered him by Mr. Keefe and Dr. Russell, the two Liberal candidates for Halifax, are exceptionally strong men.

News has also been received that the Conservatives of Victoria, N. S., have nominated Dr. J. L. Esthume for the seat in Parliament now held by Mr. John A. McDonald, who has signified his intention of retiring.

The House went into committee on the Remedial Bill, and discussion was resumed on Mr. McCarthy's amendment to the fourth clause, purposing to strike out the first line and substitute for it the "Board of Education" the present advisory board of the Province.

Mr. Dickey replied that the wording of the section was exactly the same as in the old act, which was repealed in a constitutional manner by the Legislature in 1870.

Mr. Mills (Northwell) presented the view as to the power of Parliament to endeavor to impose upon Manitoba a system of administration of the separate schools.

Mr. Dickey argued that the bill would not controvert that position. He appealed to the Government to instruct the committee to the effect of which the Manitoba minority had been deprived as confined to giving religious instruction in their schools and the right to have text-books upon matters in harmony with their conscientious convictions.

Mr. Dickey said, to legislating to give them these rights, and then to leave their restoration to the Manitoba Legislature through its administrative organization. If the Manitoba executive did not execute the law, then this House might provide machinery for doing so.

Mr. Dickey and Sir Charles Tupper contended that Parliament was vested with full power under the Privy Council judgment to enact this legislation, that this power was plenary in view of Manitoba's refusal to take action at the dictation of the Ottawa Government.

Mr. McCarthy, at great length, repeated his views on the unconstitutionality of the case, contending that Parliament had not pious power to legislate.

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Mr. McMillan (Huron) followed, asking that the committee rise and go to bed for today.

Mr. Bain (Wentworth) spoke in a similar strain. He objected to legislation by physical force. Not content with physical force, Sir Charles Tupper must needs read out of his party men who had been working in his interests, while he was enjoying the sweets of the High Commissioner's Tupper was sowing seeds of discord and trying to arouse race and religious passions for base purposes.

W. F. McLean, another Conservative, joined in the protest against the bill. He said that it was impossible to give any proper discussion to the bill when the members ought to be in their beds.

Mr. Daly, who woke up, said that he was representing the Government, and did not refuse to answer questions.

Mr. Wallace retorted that was inaccurate, to put it mildly.

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