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ELEVENTH YEAR. TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 1890. ONE CENT.

THE ESSEX LIBERALS SPLIT.

A WALK-OVER FOR THE CONSERVATIVES PROBABLE.

Whisky at the Bottom of the Trouble—The Ottawa City Vacancy in the Commons—Martin's Play for the Manitoba Premiership — Politics and Politicians.

WINDSOR, April 14.—There is a very pronounced split in the Reform camp of the riding of North Essex, and so grave is it in its proportions that there is little doubt that the Conservatives will have a walk-over. As in many cases whisky is at the bottom of the trouble, but in this instance it is not the liquor in its soluble form, but as represented in the person of a hard-headed license commissioner. Since Mr. Gaspard Pacaud, M.L.A., represented the riding in the Local House the Board of License Commissioners was composed of one French Catholic, one Irish Catholic, with a Protestant as the balance. Last year, however, Mr. Pacaud put a second French Catholic on the Board, firing the Irish Catholic representative. This was an insult never to be forgiven and the result is disruption and rebellion.

Some few weeks ago there was started in Windsor a daily paper, and in this daily paper about its second issue was inserted an advertisement calling on the Windsor Reformers to meet on an early date to elect delegates to send to the nominating convention which was held on Friday last. The paper being a new venture quite a number of Reformers in the town did not see the notice, but among those who assembled the anti-Pacaud feeling was very strong. As a result 51 delegates were named for Friday's convention, and of these 49 were pledged to drop him if possible. In fact the Irish Catholic wing, remembering the little matter of the license commissionership, were ready with their knife for Mr. Pacaud.

At the convention there were present 124 delegates, the Windsor contingent being solid for Cleary. The French Canadian element, backed by the president, who is also of that nationality, were enthusiastic for Pacaud, but when the ballots were counted the vote stood 68 for Cleary, Pacaud 54, with the difference in spoilt ballots. When the result was made known the anger of the French Canadians was most pronounced. After nominations and counter charges they left the hall in a body, accompanied by the president, who has cast in his lot with them.

The French Canadian element are determined to give up Pacaud without a struggle, and to that end an indignation meeting has been called for to-day. The whole of the machinery at the nominating convention was in the hands of the Irish wing, and cleverly was it manipulated that the victory was complete. Charges of ballot box stuffing and substitution are made by the French wing.

While all this turmoil is agitating the Reform camp the Conservatives are playing a waiting game, and expect to sweep the riding. Sol. White is spoken of as their standard bearer, but it is probable that his friends will keep him for the Commons, where they think he could do better work.

THE OTTAWA CITY VACANCY.

Mr. Mackintosh a Candidate for the Commons—The Liberals' Choice.

OTTAWA, April 14.—A meeting of the supporters of Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, ex-M.P., was held in the Opera House to-night. Mr. Mackintosh was presented with a largely signed requisition asking him to be the Conservative candidate for this city in the coming election for the Commons. He consented and gave an account of his former stewardship. Mr. John Davis, amidst frequent interruptions, attempted to show that Mr. Mackintosh had not kept his promises in relation to printers' grievances, but the audience would not hear him speak. Mr. Mackintosh obtained a warm reception.

Mr. McCarthy intends to have a conference with the local executive of the Equal Rights party in Ottawa in respect to bringing out a candidate for the city.

Leading Liberals of Ottawa have wired Mr. Pattee, the late Mr. Perley's partner, to California, where he has been for some time past, to be a candidate for the city vacancy in the Commons.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

What Is Happening Among Men of Public Affairs.

The Manitoba Free Press, a not altogether unprejudiced source, regards the Martin resignation and return as a flaunt to the head of the Government in that province. It says: So far it is a complete victory for Mr. Martin, who has carefully studied the chances. The question now is, "Can he carry the game through?" There is little doubt he is playing for the premiership, and just at little doubt that he is doing it quite regardless of his colleagues and of their supporters in the House.

Mr. J. L. Hughes, having accepted the nomination in Peel County, writes that he finds he can prosecute his canvass without losing an hour of school time.

The Dundas Banner asks: "Does Mr. Potts of South Wentworth belong to that interesting family known as the jack-pots?" We don't know, but if he is of "age" he will "pass."

Mr. Cleary, who takes Mr. Pacaud's place as the Reform candidate in North Essex, has been a prominent public man for twenty years past. His name was brought before the Reform Convention in 1883 along with that of Mr. Plant. Mr. Plant was the choice of the convention and Mr. Cleary gave him a hearty loyal support. Again in the year 1886 his name was brought before the Reform Convention, called to select a candidate for the House of Commons. On this occasion he was the choice of the convention and contested, unsuccessfully, the riding against Mr. Patterson, M.P.

It is said that in the event of the Hon. Mr. Fraser retiring from the Mowat Government, owing to ill-health, which it is feared he will have to do, Mr. Cleary's name has been mentioned as one of two men in the province who would be the most likely to succeed him as the representative in the cabinet of the Roman Catholics of the province.

Mr. Pacaud, the sitting member for North Essex in the Local House, is just recovering from an attack of inflammation of the lungs.

The East Kent Conservatives hold a convention at Ridgetown next Friday.

The South Oxford Reform Association meet the same day at Mount Elgin.

The Conservative Association of East Elgin will meet to-morrow at Aylmer.

The Reformers of the South Riding of Wellington have passed a resolution endorsing the policy of Hon. Mr. Mowat and have also nominated Mr. David Guthrie as their candidate.

John McPherson has resigned his position as secretary of the East Middlesex Reform Association and Allan Scatcherd takes his place.

A Conservative convention will be held at Bruce Mines on May 1 to nominate a candidate for Eastern Algoma. Prominent members of the party will be present.

The bottom has dropped out of the Blair investigation at Fredericton.

Toronto's Young Conservatives.

At Shaftesbury Hall last evening the Young Conservative Club in mock parliament resumed the adjourned debate on J. Castell Hopkins' motion:

That in the opinion of this meeting closer commercial and political union between the different countries under British rule would prove advantageous to Canada.

This amendment was moved by O. M. Arnold, seconded by Mr. McGee:

That this House views with suspicion the introduction of any resolution that tends to disturb the tranquility of a nation's political autonomy and is of opinion that the interests of the people will be best conserved by retaining our present constitutional relations with Great Britain.

The original motion was carried by a large majority.

The Young Liberals.

A. F. Chamberlain moved and F. Smith seconded this resolution at the adjourned debate of the Young Liberal Club in Richmond Hall last evening:

That this club strongly condemns the members of the Mowat Government for their vote on the separate school question.

The mover and seconder were the only speakers favorable to the motion, while T. Wallace, D. P. Cahill, J. M. Statton, R. Lynch, W. D. Gregory, S. T. Wood, A. Forester and S. Jones supported an amendment moved by Messrs. Gregory and Cahill referring to the great benefits resultant from the administration of affairs by Mr. Mowat and expressing their renewed confidence in his Government and the hope that he would be returned at next election.

The amendment carried by a vote of 32 to 13.

A BIG BOOM ON THE BOARD.

Excited Speculators in Chicago and New York—The Wheat-Buying Fever—Enormous Deals.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Business at the Board of Trade to-day was on an enormous scale The popular interest centred in wheat. Margins were called freely and enormous sums were made and lost. The board forbade smaller fluctuations than ¼c to be sent out, but the ups and downs were so frequent and liberal that this was sufficient for most speculators. "Turns" were made by the frequenters of the offices of brokers and it was quite a common thing for a man to rake in a profit of $1000 on his trade in the course of an hour. The recent expansion in business on the Board is remarkable and the members say it is chiefly the result of the policy adopted by the president and directory. Wheat appears to be getting pretty high but everybody has the buying fever.

There was a wild time this morning, the May future, which closed at 88⅜c Saturday, opening at 90c, immediately bounding to 92¼c and then falling to 89c. There was talk of a corner but the principal cause of these strange fluctuations appeared to be the over-sold market. The shorts were frightened and rushed into the market to buy but found very little for sale. A panic resulted and after a little was sold the longs offered so much that prices fell quicker than they advanced. July fluctuated only 1⅝c, sales being at 87c to 88½c. There was an almost universal disposition to settle up trades in May owing to the manipulated condition of that option and to trade in the July future. Hutchinson and others were heavy sellers. During the last hour Hutchinson became a buyer and this helped along the rise. There was some excitement in pork at the opening but it subsided a little later.

Sharp Fluctuations.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The business to-day in wheat options was the largest ever known here. There were sharp changes in prices. After change there was a spurt upward with May selling at 93⅞c to 94⅞c, closing at 94c to 94⅛c; June 93⅝c to 94⅝c, closing 93⅞c; July 92⅝c to 93⅜c, closing 93c. Margins were extensively called for but everything moved along easily. The variations in prices were so frequent that it was impossible to keep protected. All parties were alike buyers and sellers almost at the same moments. No new influences were at work.

A Ruined Exchange.

NASHVILLE, April 14.—The Merchants' and Traders' Produce Exchange (B. Lauler, Hugh McCree, A. R. Duncan and Isaac Reese) assigned to-day. Liabilities $100,000. The exchange hopes to pay in full. The failure was caused by the recent rise in wheat and pork and fall in Tennessee coal and Louisville & Nashville Railway stocks.

Plummer's Bad Failure.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Ex-Judge Donohue filed the schedules of John F. Plummer & Co., the drygoods merchants, in court to-day. Liabilities are $887,650, nominal assets $1,041,548, actual assets $75,803. John F. Plummer's individual liabilities are $70,359, nominal assets $591,901, actual assets $128,586.

Failure of a Watch Company.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 14.—Judgments aggregating $60,000 were confessed this afternoon by the Keystone Standard Watch Company in favor of creditors.

Other Failures.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Aarons & Feder, wholesale dealers in clothing, are financially embarrassed. Their liabilities are said to be $50,000.

LOUISVILLE, April 14.—The W. H. Metz Company, dealers in staves, barrels, lumber, etc., failed to-day. Liabilities $55,000, assets nominally the same.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 14.—S. H. Phelan & Co., dealers in cotton and produce, failed to-day. Liabilities $50,000; no assets.

A Sudden Death in Church.

OAKVILLE, April 14.—During the delivery in the English Church yesterday morning of a sermon specially for the Masonic fraternity of Oakville, Mrs. William Austion, whose husband is a respected farmer living near Bronte, became faint, and in fifteen minutes after being assisted out of church she died. Her death was caused by strangulation, produced by her artificial teeth, which lodged in her throat during a fit of vomiting. A young family of six and her husband remain to mourn her sudden death.

The Captain Drowned.

ST. PIERRE, Nfld., April 14.—The French brigantine Joseph, Capt. Nichol, from Cadiz with salt, went ashore on Saturday night on Dog Island at the entrance to this harbor. The night being very foggy, the pilot mistook the light in a dwelling house for a beacon light. The crew, eight in number, got ashore by means of a basket swung by a rope. The captain, who was the last man to leave the ship, was lost by the basket upsetting. A heavy sea was on.

Fell Under the Train.

PARIS, Ont., April 14.—John Cahill, a 14-year-old Woodstock boy who had abandoned printing for tramping, tried to board a Grand Trunk freight that was passing the station here yesterday morning, missed his footing and was terribly mangled, his head being severed from the body. Coroner Webster held an inquest, the jury bringing in a verdict in accordance with the above facts and exonerating the railway company.

The Niagara Falls Mystery.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 14.—A thorough examination of the clothing on the skeleton found at the foot of the precipice Saturday, discloses the fact that the body was not that of Robert Thompson as at first supposed. The victim appears to have been a tramp. No inquest will be held but the coroner will keep the skeleton and clothing for identification.

To Rival the Welland Canal.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Representative Payne, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, to-day reported to the House the bill providing for the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls in the State of New York by the United States Government.

Trowern, Jewelry Manufacturer, has removed from Yonge-street to 113 King-street west, south side, four doors east of Rossin House. 246

A Medal for Life-Saving.

HESPELER, April 14.—Adam Brown, M.P., to-night presented the Royal Humane Society's medal to Albert Ebenbeck of this place, who last summer rescued Rebecca Heath of Woodstock from drowning.

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DAVID LAWRIE OF TORONTO

THE DUNNVILLE FLOATER AT LAST IDENTIFIED.

Newspaper Descriptions of the Murdered Man Lead to the Solution of the Mystery — Plunder Undoubtedly the Motive for the Crime—The Victim's Family.

DUNNVILLE, April 14.—Detective Murray of Toronto was in town again to-day in connection with the murder of the man found in the canal here on Nov. 9, 1888. He was accompanied by Mr. John Lawrie of Toronto, who identified the body as that of his father, Mr. David Lawrie of Toronto, a harness-maker, formerly of Montreal, where he at one time carried on an extensive business and gave it up on account of ill-health. Mr. Lawrie says his father had considerable money with him at the time, about $800 or more, and was looking about among the small country towns with the object of starting in business. The murdered man last wrote to his family from Cayuga on Oct. 28, since which time no trace of him could be found.

Mr. Murray says he is indebted to the public press of Toronto for being able to have the body identified, as it was the description there given some weeks ago that was noticed by the unfortunate man's family.

Mr. Murray is making the connecting links in the chain of evidence very close to Clemo, who will be tried at Cayuga on April 28. The detective says there are others connected with the crime who are not yet in custody.

The Detective Agency of the Press.

For nearly 18 months the authorities have been endeavoring to identify the murdered man. On March 28 last Government Detective Murray furnished the Toronto papers with a description of the man and the clothing he wore, and this it was that led to his identification. In The World of April 5 it was stated that the body was thought to be that of a harness-maker from Toronto. The late date of despatch confirms the report. Mr. John Lawrie, boarding at 58 Richmond-street west, a mailing clerk on the staff of The Empire, after reading the description of the Dunnville floater came to the conclusion that the body might be that of his father, David Lawrie. The latter, who was about 54 years of age, was a harness-maker by trade and left for Haldimand County, intending to start a shop in one of the villages there. He had about $800 in his possession. A letter was received from the old gentleman, dated Cayuga, a few days before his disappearance, announcing his intention to locate in that neighborhood.

Mr. Lawrie communicated his fears to Detective Murray and yesterday accompanied that officer to Dunnville, and after inspecting the clothing identically identified it as that worn by his father when he left Toronto. Deceased, besides the son mentioned above, left another son and two married daughters in Toronto.

LUST LED TO MURDER.

The Crown's Case in the Emory Murder Trial at Belleville.

BELLEVILLE, April 14.—The trial of Peter Davis for the murder of William Emory in the Township of Marmora on Sept. 19 last, and of Mary Emory, wife of the murdered man, as an accessory, was begun at the Assizes before Chief Justice Armour this morning.

Emory, who was a farmer and lived in Marmora township, left his home on Thursday, Sept. 19, and went to a marsh about three miles distant to cut hay, taking with him a rifle and a scythe. He did not return that night and on the following day he was found dead where he had been working—shot through the heart. His rifle was standing upright about six feet from his body, the muzzle having been forced into the soil to a depth of five or six inches.

An inquest was held when the medical testimony showed that it could not have been a case of suicide. The evidence developing the fact that an improper intimacy had existed between the murdered man's wife and Davis and that there had been bad blood between the men and an exchange of threats of violence, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Davis, who was committed to jail here. The woman, who afterwards came to town with the object of being near her paramour, went to her father's house in Marmora a few days ago and was there arrested as an accessory last week. This arrest was caused by Provincial Detective Greer, who had been working on the case for about ten days.

The grand jury returned true bills against the prisoners on Saturday. Messrs. S. B. Burdette, Q.C., M.P., and R. C. Clute, Q.C., are counsel for the prisoners, and T. R. Riddell is conducting the prosecution. There are forty-one witnesses for the crown.

The most damaging testimony so far was that of Mary Jane McGarvey, a sister of the female prisoner, who testified that Davis said to her there was but one woman in the world that he wanted and that was Mrs. Emory, and that he would have her within a year in spite of her husband, whose blood he would shed like a dog's if there was occasion to do so. She also said that she had seen Davis and her sister acting like lovers infatuated with each other.

Two brothers of the woman testified as to the conduct of the prisoners and threats by Davis. One of the brothers had carried letters between Davis and Mrs. Emory before the murder, and afterwards she said she thought Davis had shot her husband.

The feeling of the woman toward her fellow prisoner was evidenced by William Bonter, a local constable who arrested Davis. She said to him that if Davis was hanged her heart would be broken and that she would as lief be hanged herself. At the inquest she gave Bonter this letter:

"MR. BONTER: I want you to let me have a chance to talk to Peter for a few minutes, for God's sake if you won't for mine. Oh! Mr. Bonter, I hope you won't forget me so soon. I cannot stand it much longer. Oh! do let me see him for a little while and I will be so much obliged to you. Oh! my heart is broken. I beg of you to let me see him for God's sake. MARY."

She said she was willing to die in Davis' place. On Jan. 15 she voluntarily stated to Bonter that she told Davis that her husband was abusing her on his account and said he would shoot him if he ever caught him around. Davis said if he ever saw Emory in the woods with his gun he would shoot him if he could and then he would in time make her his wife. She said: "Peter, don't for your own sake, for I am afraid that you will be found out." He said he did not think so, and if so he would be content to suffer for it.

The case will be finished to-morrow.

Quarreled About Their Wives.

SPRINGFIELD, Ky., April 14.—Abraham Kelly to-day shot and killed Samuel Logan. Both the men were young and had been recently married. They were working together on a farm and quarreled about their wives.

Niagara Falls Line.

The popular steamer Empress of India will resume her route between Toronto and Port Dalhousie in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway Company May 1, connecting at Port Dalhousie with fast solid express trains for Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, Boston and all points east. During the winter a large amount of work has been done to the Empress and many alterations and improvements made. Family tickets for ladies and gentlemen will be issued at very low rates. The Empress will run single trips during May and will begin double trips early in June. Captain H. Soames will again be in command, with R. McCaul as chief engineer and W. H. Smith as purser. We bespeak for this favorite steamer a good season's trade.

FOUND IN A CASK.

The Copenhagen Murderer's Story Turns Out to Be True.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The body of a man was found in a barrel of lime at the Custom House to-day. It is believed to be the body of one Meyer, a clerk for a soap manufacturer of Copenhagen named Phillipsen who was arrested for insurance frauds and who confessed to strangling Meyer and sending the body in a packing case to this country.

The cask was shipped from Copenhagen Jan. 13 and the charges were paid by a Mr. Smith. It was consigned to Beresford Brothers, Racine, Wis., U.S.A. The cask arrived here Feb. 4 and was sent to the appraiser's stores. It was there examined by taking out the head of the cask, scraping off a pound or so of the contents, which looked like plaster of paris, and then re-headed and set aside until it should be called for. Duty was fixed at $2.50, which an express company paid. The express company wrote to the Racine firm and learned the name was fictitious. The case was cleared up when it was learned from a cable despatch that a man named Phillipsen was arrested in Hamburg and made a confession that he had murdered Meyer, the messenger of a factory in Copenhagen, and had shipped the body of his victim to New York in a cask. The body is still in a good state of preservation. The body is that of a large-sized man.

A COLD DAY FOR N.F.D.

Mr. Dewdney Hits the Regina Bard Some Hard Raps—Several Private Bills Advanced.

OTTAWA, April 14.—Mr. Davin took up the time of the House all afternoon to-day, but of his five attempts at legislation four were snuffed out at the request of Hon. Edgar Dewdney, to whom, no doubt in pique, Mr. Davin was particularly rude. The first of these four motions related to irrigation and the water supply of the territories, which the minister stated was now receiving the attention of the Geological Survey.

The second urged a settlement of half-breed claims, and Mr. Dewdney and Sir John both said the Government were as anxious as could be to settle these claims and were making the best progress possible with a difficult job.

The third, condemned as premature, asked that land be set apart for a university, and the fourth asked a further extension of the second homestead privileges.

A fifth resolution moved by Mr. Davin related to the prevention of prairie fires being started from locomotives. This was withdrawn in consequence of a discussion by Mr. Dewdney that legislation on this subject is to be introduced bye-and-bye.

In the evening several private bills were advanced. That relating to the extension of George Smith's patent got its third reading, a motion by Dr. Hickey for the six months' hoist being defeated, 37 to 93.

Two Northwest railway bills—to incorporate the Saskatchewan and Colonization Railway Company and to incorporate the Portage la Prairie & Duck Mountain Railway Company—were referred back to the Railway Committee at the suggestion of Sir John Macdonald, who intimated that there were too many railways being incorporated to cover the same ground and they would kill one another if all passed. He had information respecting them which he wished to lay before the committee.

The bill to incorporate the Bankers' Safe Deposit Company was passed and the title changed to the Dominion Safe Deposit Company.

Senator McCallum's bill respecting draining past railway tracks received the six months' hoist, 85 to 47, on the motion of Sir John Macdonald, in accordance with the report of the Railway Committee.

Mr. Davin's motion for a commission of enquiry into the conduct of Commissioner Herchimer of the Northwest Mounted Police was then again taken up, Mr. Davin speaking on Mr. Watson's amendment.

Mr. Dewdney warmly defended Commissioner Herchmer, speaking from many years' acquaintance. In the course of his address he said while Mr. Davin accused Herchmer of unbecoming conduct on the day the Governor-General interviewed the chiefs at Regina, on that very day Mr. Davin and his outfit of buckboard and cayuse had to be led off the parade by a couple of sergeants, who would have had him locked in the guard room but for the friendly intervention of the commissioner. He did not believe in Davin's charge that Herchmer charged the Government railway fare when he travelled on passes, but he would not be surprised to learn that Mr. Davin himself used a pass between Regina and Ottawa and yet drew his mileage allowance from the country. (Applause.)

Sir John Macdonald also defended the commissioner, but declared that in consequence of a request from Herchmer he had decided to institute a departmental enquiry.

After further discussion and an exchange of hard words between Davin and Dewdney and Davin and Daly, the House divided on Watson's amendment for investigation of Herchmer, which was lost by 76 to 52. Davin's motion was declared lost, also, and the House adjourned at 12.55 a.m.

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

A Favorable Report on the Clapp and Walker Divorce Petitions.

OTTAWA, April 14.—The Senate committee on divorce agreed to-day to report in favor of granting relief in the Clapp and Walker divorce cases. In the first application was made by the husband on the ground of the wife's alleged adultery, of which there was evidence before the committee. She appeared and denied her guilt. In the Walker case the application is on an act of declaring null and void a marriage celebrated between the parties, who were minors and had married without the consent of their parents. The marriage was never consummated by cohabitation, the parties being separated immediately after its solemnisation.

D'Alton McCarthy says the last shot has not yet been fired by the Equal Rights party. They will again be heard from during the discussion on the Northwest bill when it reaches the House of Commons. Not only will the dual language question be revived, but that in regard to separate schools will be brought up.

The first transfer of the season's fish was made from the fish hatchery here to-day, when Messrs. Veale & Waters forwarded 1,000,000 young whitefish to Brockville for location. At present there are about 3,000,000 whitefish hatched out, and these with all the British Columbia salmon are doing splendidly. Large transfer cans to contain the fish during transit are being made and will soon be used. The Restigouche salmon are rapidly approaching the completion of the process of incubation. The speckled trout are hatching fast, and in about a fortnight the salmon trout will commence hatching.

William Howe is the successful tenderer for three years' supply of heavy British polished plate glass required by the Marine and Fisheries Department for lighthouse purposes in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

The R., W. & O. International Ferries.

ALBANY, April 14.—The bill authorising the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railway to run ferries between any of their termini on Lake Ontario across the St. Lawrence to any point in Canada, subject to the approval of the local authorities, has become a law.

The "Model" for Spring overcoats. The "Model" for men's fine suits. The "Model" for children's suits.

Canadian Military Institute.

General Sir F. Middleton will deliver the first and opening lecture at the rooms of the institute (9½ King-street west) on Saturday evening next at 8 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for the giving of lectures on every Saturday evening.

Land Values.

The property sales at The Mart Saturday consisted of a 300 foot lot, Avenue-road and Kensington-avenue, to J. W. Alexander at $12.50 per foot, and vacant lot, Yonge-street and Merton-avenue, $50 per foot

THE CURTAIN RUNG DOWN.

Lawrence Barrett Not Likely to Appear Again on the Stage.

CINCINNATI, April 14.—While in this city last week Edwin Booth received a letter from Lawrence Barrett, who is in Europe, which makes it appear improbable that the latter will ever again appear on the stage. The letter says the operation to which Mr. Barrett submitted last summer would not finally relieve him of the affection of the neck for which it was undertaken as a last resort; that the complaint has again manifested itself in enlargements on other parts of the body. One of his legs, Mr. Barrett states, is especially distorted with the tumors. However, he is not without hope of a cure.

THE STRUGGLE FOR AFRICAN SOIL

Engaging the Attention of Europe—The Land Purchase Bill—The Portuguese Elections.

LONDON, April 14.—Sir James Fergusson stated in the House of Commons this evening that some points in the negotiations with Portugal remained unsettled, including the questions of the Delagoa Bay Railway and with reference to Mashonaland. He said he would not doubt the loyalty of the Portuguese Government in adhering to its engagements. Rumors of a fresh expedition appeared unfounded. The Portuguese Minister of Marine had telegraphed orders to withdraw any proposed expedition, while the Portuguese Government had declared it would sanction no fresh action pending the negotiations. As to the new expedition under Emin Pasha, the German Government had sent assurance that Emin intended to operate only within the German sphere. It was not sought to prejudice British interests.

Mr. Parnell will make a motion in the House of Commons for the rejection of the Irish Land Purchase Bill.

The Jewish tailors and pressers and the machinists at Manchester have struck for shorter hours and higher wages.

The elections for the 50 elective members of the Portuguese House of Peers have been held and have resulted in the return of the Conservative and Progressist candidates. Not a Republican was returned.

The Berlin National Zeitung states that the Socialist conference, which was projected to be held at Dresden yesterday, was suddenly transferred to another place. The deliberations will be secret.

Henry M. Stanley visited Don Pedro at Cannes to-day.

The members of the Industrial Conference at Madrid have agreed on a draft of a scheme for the approval of their respective governments.

The Austrian Cabinet at a meeting to-day decided that the men employed in the Government workshops shall be prohibited from taking a holiday May 1, under penalty of dismissal. The Ministry will not interfere with men employed by private concerns except to prevent intimidation or disorder.

The Jewish fears regarding the May Day demonstrations at Vienna are affecting tradesmen generally. A large number intend to close their shops and many will leave the capital. It is probable that theatres and other places of public resort will be closed. The police authorities have forbidden street processions and will take extensive precautionary measures. The police will have military assistance.

The Telegraph of Jassy states Grand Duke Constantinovitch has been arrested at St. Petersburg for being connected with revolutionary propaganda.

Losses Caused by Flames.

RIDGETOWN, April 14.—The residence of Mr. Truax, sr., near the Michigan Central depot, was burned this morning owing to a defective chimney. Loss $500, no insurance.

PICTON, April 14.—The explosion last night of a coal oil lamp in the dental rooms of Dr. D. H. Platt's residence, Main-street, was the cause of damage from fire, water and smoke to the extent of $500. Insured in the Imperial for $3000 on building and furniture and $800 in the British-American on contents of dental rooms.

MADRID, April 14.—Fire broke out in the Madrid Gas Works this evening and at the present hour is blazing fiercely. Immense crowds have been attracted to the scene and great consternation prevails. The consequences will probably be disastrous.

OMAHA, April 14.—The clothing store of Browning, King & Co. was burned this morning and the stocks of N. B. Falconer, drygoods, and Mrs. Benson, milliner, were damaged. Loss $105,000.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 14.—The Northern Pacific machine shops and the roundhouse here were burned this morning with several locomotives, including a 114 ton engine. Loss $100,000.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 14.—The Gilbert Starch Works were burned to-day. Loss $300,000.

THE DAY OF DOOM.

'Frisco, Oakland, Chicago and Milwaukee Escape Destruction.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—According to the prophecy of Mrs. Woodworth, George Erickson and several other revivalists who created considerable excitement in Oakland some time ago, this was the day on which San Francisco and Oakland were to be destroyed by earthquake and tidal wave, and Chicago and Milwaukee were to suffer the same calamity. There has been no indication of any convulsions of nature here but the "doom-sealers" have evidently held their faith in the prophecy to the last moment. Several hundred persons who believed Mrs. Woodworth's prediction have been leaving Oakland for high ground during the past week or two and to-day they were encamped on the hills near Santa Rosa, St. Helena and Vacaville, holding religious services and waiting for news of the destruction.

Employing Printer's Association.

At a meeting of the Employing Printer's Association these officers were elected:

President—W. A. Shepard.
Vice-President—C. Blacket Robinson.
Secretary—Bruce Brough.
Treasurer—Daniel Rose.
Executive Committee—James Murray (chairman), A. F. Rutter, R. G. McLean, W. F. McLean, D. A. Rose, Thomas Moore, John Imrie, Thomas Todd and James Dudley.

The association enters upon the third year of its existence stronger than ever, having a membership of over 30, comprising the largest as well as smaller printing houses and principal newspaper establishments.

The Penalty for Marrying in Lent.

PLAINFIELD, N.J., April 14.—At the mass in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church yesterday morning Rev. Father Smyth, the pastor, publicly announced that John Day and Mary Newman had been excommunicated because they were married by a Brooklyn clergyman during the lenten season. He said the couple would not be entitled to receive the sacraments until they made the public reparation. The matter has created a stir in Catholic circles.

The Pan-Americans.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Pan-American Conference to-day adopted the report of the Committee on Banking and the supplementary report of the Committee on Customs Regulations recommending the establishment of a central bureau of information and statistics concerning customs.

She Gets a Slice of the U. S. Surplus.

HAMILTON, April 14.—Mrs. Mottashed of East-avenue has secured arrears of pension from the United States Government to the extent of $3900, with a monthly allowance of $12 from this time forward. Her husband carried union arms during the rebellion.

The Peruvian Elections.

LIMA, Peru, April 14.—The results of the presidential and federal election in Peru yesterday seem to favor Morales Bermudez and to give the present constitutional government a strong majority. The election was orderly.

A LIVELY TIME IN COUNCIL.

SOME BURNING QUESTIONS WARMLY DISCUSSED.

Fighting the Viaduct and Don Agreement Over Again—Passages Between Aldermen and the Citizens' Committee—That Malfeasance Resolution—Earnest Albert Quietly Retires.

Those present at last night's meeting of the City Council were: Mayor Clarke, Ald. Carlyle (St. Thos.), Maughan, Carlyle (St. And.), Ritchie, E. A. Macdonald, Vokes, Moses, Booth, Dodds, Irwin, Shaw, Boustead, Bell, Lindsey, Small, McMullen, Swait, Saunders, Lennox, G. S. Macdonald, Lucas, Bailey, Brandon, Hewitt, Gillespie, Leslie, Gowanlock, Peter Macdonald, Graham, Hill, George Verral, Allen and Hallam.

Ald. Boustead, as soon as the Mayor took his seat, rose to congratulate His Worship on his being once more in harness at the head of the council.

Contractor A. W. Godson sent in a letter to council protesting against alleged insinuations made against him by Ald. Gillespie.

The Citizens' Committee requested the Mayor and council to attend a viaduct meeting to be held in Poulton's Hall, east of the Don, on April 19.

On behalf of the property owners along the proposed continuation of the Garrison Creek sewer R. A. Dickson wrote threatening damages unless the work was proceeded with at once.

The Toronto Lacrosse Club offered to dedicate its grounds as a public park under conditions identical with those made a year ago.

City Solicitor Biggar, in view of the complaints arising out of bylaw 2292 referring to underground wires and the action of the Bell Telephone Company in the matter of quashing it, recommended that the council consider whether it would not be advisable to extend the time within which telephone and telegraph wires shall be placed underground, and perhaps by limiting the number of poles in the city within which this shall be done, rather than run the risk of having their bylaw quashed on the ground that the existing legislation will not support it.

Ald. E. A. Macdonald, seconded by Ald. Hill, moved:

That Ald. Gillespie, Moses, Brandon, Swait, Hewitt and the mover and seconder be added to the special committee for the purpose of formulating a scheme for taking over the gas franchise and assets of the Toronto Street Railway Company, and that all matters within the city solicitor's jurisdiction shall in future be referred to such committee.

The council unanimously accepted this motion and the Junior Baron of St. James' Ward was made happy once more.

Ald. E. S. Macdonald made an abortive attempt on the recent bylaw reorganising council proceedings by asking that that portion of it relating to the curtailment of enquiries be repealed. Ald. Boustead led the attack and was successfully defeated by the member from St. Matthew's could scarcely drum up a corporal's guard to support him.

Disagreeing About the Don Agreement.

A deputation from the Trades and Labor Council, Board of Trade and Citizens' Committee was permitted to express its views on the question of the Don agreement. D. E. Thomson spoke for the citizens, Hugh Blain for the Board of Trade and John Armstrong for the Trades and Labor Council.

The deputation was then handed over to the tender mercies of Ald. Dodds and Shaw, and vigorously did these gentlemen score their opinions for the abuse heaped upon them and their colleagues at the "viaduct rallies." Ald. Carlyle (St. And.), Ald. Hallam, Ald. Lindsey and several other city fathers followed on the same lines.

Ald. E. A. Macdonald declared he was in favor of not ratifying the Don agreement in order to give ample time for consideration.

Ald. Gillespie explained that "the city was not in such a groveling condition that it was bound to accept the 'best' agreement from the C.P.R."

The discussion dragged on at great length. It was conceded by all except Ald. E. A. Macdonald and Ald. Gillespie that Messrs. Thomson, Blain and Armstrong had given no reason why there should be any further delay in ratifying the agreement.

Ald. Boustead moved that discussion be postponed until such next Monday, the Joint Esplanade Committee to meet meanwhile to formulate any objections it might have to the agreement so that the council might consider them on that date.

This was adopted. The Mayor, closing the debate, said that he desired to reiterate that in his opinion the Don difficulty and the Esplanade difficulty were inextricably mixed up and must be settled together. In the Don agreement he believed the Don portion had been practically settled. In the matter of the viaduct he agreed with Ald. Dodds and others that scheme was the solution of the problem, but he would be derelict in his duty were he to allow the city to bind itself to it without first knowing the cost and where it was to be met. He with many other members of the council had grave doubts whether the city could compel the railroads to pay their proper share of the cost, and until that was settled it was not fit that the Council should commit itself to it.

It was 10½ when the council went into committee of the whole, Ald. Carlyle (St. Thos.) in the chair, on the reports of the standing committees. The first clause related to the printing of the assessment rolls and stated that the executive committee recommended that the Mayor and City Treasurer be authorised to execute the contract and that the publication of the rolls be proceeded with according to the specifications. Ald. E. A. Macdonald moved that the clause be referred back but was defeated.

"Toronto Called Back" got a set-back on an amendment by Ald. Hallam, to the effect that the clause asking for the purchase of 486 copies at $1.50 per copy be struck out, the motion being carried.

The sum of $300 was placed to the credit of the Reception Committee for summer carnival expenses.

Ald. Gowanlock moved that $1425 be paid Mr. T. McIlroy, jr., for the Parkdale fire and ladder truck.

The Mayor agreed that Mr. McIlroy had a moral claim against the city if not a legal one.

The motion was defeated.

The Malfeasance Insinuation.

"Gentlemen, before the council adjourns," said the Mayor, "I wish to call your attention to the following notice of motion:

"Ald. E. A. Macdonald: Motion to have certain charges of malfeasance against one or more members of the council investigated by the County Judge.

"Gentlemen, what do you propose to do with it?"

Ald. Boustead: "As one named in The World as being connected with the charges I demand that action be taken to-night. You, also, Mr. Mayor, are in the same position, and our good names require some action."

Ald. Carlyle (St. And.): "I move that the notice be struck off the order sheet."

Ald. Lindsay: "I asked Ald. Macdonald after he had presented his Street Railway Franchise Committee resolution why he did not press his malfeasance resolution and he replied that that was enough for the present. Instead of us treating him uncourteously it is he that has done so with us."

Ald. Shaw: "I must confess that the conduct of Ald. Macdonald in this connection is cowardly. He makes charges and is then afraid to put them to the test." [Ald. E. A. Macdonald had left the council chamber during this discussion].

Ald. Carlyle's vote was then put and carried, Ald. Gowanlock and Leslie alone voting nay.

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TWO BAD INDIANS.

Bloodthirsty Bannocks Threaten War in Montana.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has received a telegram from Indian Agent Upshaw asking for troops to suppress a threatened u