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ROUGH ON FREE TRADE.

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grievance. This industry, in point of size, was fourth in importance in the Dominion. The capital invested amounted to $8,500,000, and wages paid to $1,813,050 annually; the number of men employed between 5000 and 6000, the annual output was valued at $8,000,000. There was no combine, there being 211 manufacturing establishments in Canada. The trade was natural to the country and there had never been any demand for protection. The duty derived from imported farm implements amounted to $60,000 a year, and this, divided amongst the 700,000 farmers, only meant 10c a head.

MR. NOXON'S ARGUMENTS.

Mr. Noxon then took up the parable, pointing out the different classes of articles entering into the construction of farm implements referring to bar iron, pig iron, nuts, bolts, tin, and other things. He said on all of these the duty was much higher than on the finished products. His own firm purchased coal at 50c a ton in Buffalo, paid 60c duty upon it, freight $1.20 per ton from the mine to the Suspension Bridge, and 90c per ton from the Bridge to Ingersoll. A ten-inch wrench was a portion of the completed machine and when imported from the American manufacturer only 20 per cent. duty was paid on the whole, but if the Canadian manufacturer imported these wrenches separately to add to his machines, he would have to pay a duty of 35 per cent. Another thing which militated against the successful competition of the American manufacturer was the question of freights, the charge being as great for shipping agricultural implements from Ingersoll to Napanee, as from Chicago to Napanee. The implements of Canada were classed as double first-class, and in the United States simply as first class.

Mr. Fielding: Of the articles you have mentioned do you use the imported goods?

Mr. Noxon: Yes, chiefly imported from the United States.

Mr. Fielding: Why don't you buy them in England?

Mr. Noxon: The prices are somewhat lower in the United States. Besides I was in England last year and found they were so busy there that I could not get my orders filled.

Mr. Fielding: Why don't you use the Canadian manufactured article? I understand many of these you have mentioned are produced in Canada.

Mr. Noxon: Because the prices are a little higher and the quality is not quite as good. I can buy them in the United States and I lay them down in Canada cheaper after paying the duty than I can buy them here.

The sitting was suspended for the lunch hour.

THE BICYCLE MAKERS.

The bicycle manufacturers had their innings at the afternoon session. Their interests were represented by Mr. Elliot of Toronto, who, in an elaborate and carefully-prepared statement, set forth the grievances under which the trade labors. He pointed out, for instance, that the duty on raw materials reduced the 30 per cent. protection upon the finished article in Canada to a net protection of only 20 per cent., and calculated that it would require a protection of 45 per cent. to place the Canadian manufacturer upon a footing of equality with the bicycle manufacturer in the United States. He proved that in the matter of wheels Canada was certainly being made a slaughter market for low grade machine, and it was against this class of wheel that protection was asked. For example, wheels, parts of which were principally the product of Yankee prison labor, were imported into Canada at a valuation of $18 each. Adding the duty these wheels cost the Toronto wholesaler $24 each, and he sold them retail at $60 apiece. This he was enabled to do by changing the name plate, because it was impossible for any but an expert to detect the difference between a high-grade and a low-grade machine.

ASSEMBLING OF PARTS.

Another injustice to the Canadian manufacturer of first-class wheels was the facility which the customs afforded to the assembling of machines in this country from parts imported into Canada. He calculated that of 37,000 bicycles sold in Canada last year 20,000 were imported ready-made and about 17,000 imported in parts and put together in this country. This latter process involved but a trifling outlay for labor, so that on the whole not less than $1,400,000 was sent out of the country for work that should be performed here.

HIGH-GRADE WHEELS.

Against the high-grade machine the present protection was all right; Canadians could compete with the world in that class. He therefore asked that the duty remain as at present on wheels costing $50 and upwards, but that on low-grade wheels costing under $50 each the duty be $10 each and 10 per cent. ad valorem. Further, that the duty on parts be the same proportionately as upon a finished wheel, and the present duty be in no way reduced.

Mr. Fielding suggested that according to the proposed low-grade schedule the duty upon an $18 American wheel, namely, $13 at present, would be a pretty steep protection.

FARM IMPLEMENTS AGAIN.

The agricultural implement manufacturers then took another turn with the commissioners. Mr. Walter Massey, president of the Massey-Harris Company, complained that a great injustice had been done to implement makers by the late Government. There was an excessive duty on the raw material, and the duty on the finished product could certainly not be made less than at present, namely, 20 per cent.

Mr. Fielding: That is, if the duty on raw materials is left as it is.

Mr. Massey: No, but if they are reduced.

Mr. Fielding: If the duty on your raw material is reduced couldn't you do as well with less duty on the finished product?

Mr. Massey: No, sir. We are laboring under peculiarly disadvantageous conditions, which increase as time goes on.

Mr. Fielding remarked that the consensus of opinion among the Manitoba farmers at any rate was quite the other way, although in that perhaps they were little selfish, just like the rest of humanity.

MR. HAMILTON'S VIEW.

Mr. Hamilton of Peterboro, who said he had been in the business for 40 years, declared that they were better off under the Mackenzie tariff of 17 1-2 per cent. The late Government, just to please the farmers, dropped the protective duty on harvesting machinery from 25 to 20 per cent. For himself he did not wish to be unjust to the iron manufacturers, and he thought the Government ought to be bold and brave enough just to increase the implement makers' protection to 25 per cent.

MANITOBA FARMERS' PREJUDICE.

Mr. Richard Sylvester of Lindsay announced himself as a protectionist, who believed in Canada for the Canadians and in meeting the Americans with reciprocity. He feared Manitoba farmers were largely governed by prejudice in favor of American machines, when they asked a further reduction of the duty. They were now getting the Canadian machine as cheap as the Dakota farmer gets his United States made machine. There was no money in the industry now; in fact, from twenty-five ten years ago, the number of manufacturers of harvesting machinery had been reduced to 6.

Mr. Wallace of Terrebonne spoke in a similar strain on behalf of the industry.

Mr. Foulkes of the Wilkinson Plow Company, Toronto, asked for cheaper crude oil for tempering and complained of cut-throat tactics of American manufacturers.

MR. LYMAN JONES SPEAKS UP.

Mr. Lyman Jones of the Massey-Harris Company had a list of duties paid on raw material, such as cotton duck, nails, malleable iron, chains, etc., to show that they far exceeded the rate of duty on the completed machine. He trusted than any change the Government might make would be introduced with the view to permanency in the tariff, to which all the delegates cried "Hear, hear." In the case of iron manufacturers, he showed that by being protected from step to step there was a net protection of $16 per ton on the quality known as angle steel, a ton of which could be bought in the United States for $20. After alluding to the excessive freight rates, he went on to say that the reason why so many of the agricultural implement makers voted against the late Government was because the latter had singled them out a sacrifice to the farmers. Being large exporters of machines, his firm asked for the retention of the drawback upon raw materials. In five years the Massey-Harris Co. had sent abroad two and a half million dollars' worth of agricultural implements, representing a large amount paid out in wages in this country.

THE IRON INTERESTS.

Mr. W. W. Near, representing the Pillow Hersey Company of Montreal, spoke on behalf of the iron manufacturers. He urged a specific duty on certain manufacturers of iron to prevent fraud and protect the revenue. He, too, favored more equitable duties as between raw materials and the finished product. The iron manufacturers estimated their protection at an average of 35 per cent. Their export trade to Australia and the West Indies had been killed off by American competition. He suggested a bonus on exports instead of the present drawback of 99 per cent. of the duty paid on all raw materials entering into the manufacture of the articles exported.

CARRIAGE HARDWARE.

Mr. Lillies of Gananoque complained that manufacturers of carriage hardware had to pay 35 to 40 per cent on their raw material, while the protection on the finished article was only 32 1-2 per cent.

DUTY ON GLUCOSE.

Messrs. J. B. Reid, M.P., G. F. Benson and J. C. Magie appeared as representatives of the Edwardsburg Starch Company. What they desired to discuss was the duty on glucose. The duty of 7 1-2 cents a bushel on corn, it was pointed out, represented a tax of 22 1-2 cents per hundred pounds of glucose and 7 cents a bushel for freight represented another 21 cents. Thus they were paying a tax of 43 1-2 cents for their raw material, which quite wiped out the advantage of the protective duty on glucose. Owing to the comparatively small quantity produced the Canadian manufacturers were making less than one-eighth of a cent per pound profit. They wanted free corn and increased protection on confectioners' glucose.

THEY WANT PROTECTION.

Sam E. Lichtenstein of the Montreal Cotton and Wool Waste Company, a firm which uses all the waste cotton produced in Canada, and supplies about one-fourth of the demand for cotton waste, asked for protection. At present cotton waste comes in free from the United States, where it can be manufactured cheaper than anywhere in the world. The importation last year amounted to $323,000 worth. A duty of one cent a pound would double the company's output and give $20,000 a year to the Government as revenue from duty upon the balance imported. He also asked a duty of three cents per pound on wool waste. On a capital of $90,000 last year his firm only cleared $3000.

STILL MORE PROTECTION.

Messrs. Belding & Paul of Montreal said they began business as manufacturers of silk thread with a 17 1-2 per cent. tariff, and had not increased prices with increased production. Mr. Wiman then came into competition with them, and the firm went into ribbons, building up a trade of $100,000 a year. They had done well and paid good salaries, but lately the Swiss manufacturers were running them closely. More protection was needed on ribbons, Mr. Paul said. He believed they made the prettiest goods in the world, paid $75,000 yearly in wages and employed $100,000 worth of machinery. Mr. Wiman's establishment was about half as large as theirs. What they wanted was no change in the duty on silk thread, but higher duty on ribbons; also that they be upon the same footing as woolen manufacturers, who were allowed to import spun silk free.

This concluded the business of the sitting and the commission adjourned until to-morrow.

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COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Hockey Team for Richmond Hill—Sickness Prevalent Among Children—North Toronto's Water Supply.

Toronto Junction, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The quarterly board of the Annette-street Methodist Church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. P. Rice of the London conference, who for some time has been engaged in soliciting aid for Alma College. Mr. Rice has accepted the call subject to the approval of the stationing committee and the necessary transfer being made.

Two of the Montreal bondholders, Jacob Viqoud and Arthur W. Park, have entered suit against the town in the Division Court to recover $144 interest on their bonds.

The Gentlemen's Aid of the Dufferin Methodist Church held a successful concert last night, at which the Euclid-avenue Methodist Church choir, Toronto, assisted. Miss Clara Carey gave the song "Dreaming." Miss Anderson "Hosanna in Excelsis," and R. G. Kirby "O Happy Day." Several choruses were very well rendered.

C. C. Neff, assignee of J. F. Wesley & Co., woodenware manufacturers, has issued a writ against Dunn & Oliver of Toronto to recover about $15,000 worth of goods alleged transferred to them by Wesley & Co. before the assignment. The plaintiff claims the transfer was unfair to the other creditors.

The Fire, Light and Property Committee of the Town Council met to-night and authorized Chief Robinson of the Fire Brigade to purchase, in accordance with the recommendations of the Fire Underwriters, a further supply of hose for the use of the Fire Department.

North Toronto.

The Board of Health is incensed at the action of a city doctor allowing a child from the second concession to attend the Eglinton school, where there was a case of scarlatina in the house. The matter will likely be taken up at a meeting during the week.

The schools at Deer Park and in the town are sadly depleted at the present time, owing principally to a mild epidemic of the grippe.

The Don Musical and Literary Society will give an entertainment at the Leaside Mission on Tuesday, March 2.

The gas supply in the town gave out last night owing to water in the cemetery hollow. Householders wishing the benefit of light in the house and dependent on the gas were kept busy borrowing lamps. The meeting at the hall had to be conducted with the aid of a couple of lamps.

The members of the Water, Fire and Light Committee met Monday evening, with Deputy Reve Stibbard in the chair. An account of Messrs. Perkins & Co. for $59 was referred to Councillor Dignam to ascertain if some reduction could not be made, the committee thinking the charge too high. The water supply was again taken up and discussed for some time. Councillors Anderson and Armstrong still held to the test before proceeding to work, but were outvoted by the other members, and it was decided to advertise for a well circular 31 feet, and 33 feet deep, bricked in cement. Councillor Anderson's proposition to place an arc lamp in the Town Hall was on the advice of the Mayor referred to the engineer to report whether the dynamo would stand the addition.

Owing to a breakdown in the cars, the service in the town yesterday was very recent. The regular trips, however, to Richmond Hill were run on schedule time.

Thomas De Tran was again brought before Magistrate Ellis at the Town Hall last evening, charged with collecting money for milk and not handing it over to his employer, Mr. A. Bryce. The case was somewhat complicated, and the magistrate reserved judgment until this night week.

The Board of Works met last evening, with Deputy Reeve Lawrence in the chair. Several accounts for stone and breaking were passed. A recommendation for painting the watering cart and one for the removal of a shed at the back of the Town Hall, were forwarded to council.

Mr. John Savage of Petrolea will address the members of the Water, Fire and Light Committee to-night in reference to the prospect of securing a full and efficient water supply for the town.

Richmond Hill.

The village boys are enthused by the hockey teams who were at the rink on Saturday, and have decided to establish a hockey team of their own.

The entertainment given by the Junior Epworth League at the lecture room of the Methodist Church was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The cantata, "For Jesus' Sake," was performed by the members, and to Miss Mary Trench is attributed much of the deserved success.

The carnival to be held on Thursday evening promises to be fully as successful as its predecessors. Representations will be given of living chess, the Maypole and a grand march.

After all the meetings and arduous work by the members of the Board of Entertainment, it looks very much as if the High School will be replaced on the old site.

Reeve Savage is after the fire insurance companies and complains that the village is being charged considerably higher rates than the circumstances warrant. The protection offered by the local Brigade is first-class, and fully equal to any village of its size. The Reeve thinks that fully $1000 is paid annually by the property-owners and merchants, and unless some relief is afforded an attempt to form a mutual fire insurance company will be made. The matter will be brought to the notice of the council, and an attempt made to have a committee interview the Board of Underwriters.

About 20 of the elite of Richmond Hill were down to the city last evening to take in the Albani concert.

Thornhill.

A bonspiel will be commenced at the rink to-day, the following taking part: Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Stouffville, Maple Leafs, Scarboro' Club, Marvern and Aberdeens (Little York). The Richmond Hill and Maple Leafs will play this morning, and the two Scarboro' clubs during the afternoon. Mr. John Clark of Agincourt will be referee.

Quarantine has been declared throughout Markham Township, owing to the prevalence of sheep scab.

Mr. John Dean is preparing to make considerable additions to his dwelling house.

Miss Effie Houghton has inaugurated the Thornhill Amateur Orchestra. The first rehearsal was held on Monday evening at the Queen's Hotel.

Mr. John Langstaff has decided to rent the residence and mineral spring, so long conducted by him.

The Calvert-Currier Specialty Company will give an entertainment at the Victoria Hall to-night.

The band of the Grenadiers performed at the carnival last evening. A gay company assembled and spent a splendid evening.

Fairbank.

The Fairbank Episcopal mission will give a concert at Macfarlane's Hall on Friday evening next.

Mr. George Carruthers is the proud possessor of a rifle that was used during the Mackenzie rebellion, and bearing the name plate of William Lyon Mackenzie himself. The weapon is of rather ungainly proportions, but Mr. Carruthers still holds it ready for an emergency, and says there is no knowing what might happen with the change of Government.

Mr. Isaac Dollery, who has been confined to the house with rheumatism for some time, is now able to get around, and took advantage of the electric cars yesterday to look over the farm purchased by him last fall at Richmond Hill.

East of the City Limits.

A special meeting of the East Toronto Village Council was held last night. All the members were present. The auditors' report was brought down by Messrs. Allan and Over. The report was referred to the Finance Committee. Many suggestions were offered on the method of keeping the books.

The dog bylaw was introduced and discussed at some length.

Concerning the gas supply, a report was brought down by Mr. Carnahan and Dr. Walters. Mr. Laxton, superintendent of the Toronto Gas Company, investigated the points of lighting. He says no difficulty will be experienced in making an arrangement.

A deputation on behalf of the Industrial School interviewed Councillor Carnahan concerning the laying of a sidewalk in the east end of the town. The councillor evidently believes in a policy of conciliation. As he cannot see his way clear to give the desired sidewalk, he is willing to give lighting to the people down there.

While coasting on Lee-avenue yesterday afternoon, Chester Johnston, a lad of 14, was thrown from his sleigh and very severely injured. He received several cuts in the face, his nose was split and his lips were cut open.

Mrs. Fogg of Norway gave a social to her friends last evening. Several select persons were present from the city, and a very pleasant time was spent.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church of East Toronto has appointed a committee with the view to getting up a concert in April. This congregation has a good record of giving first-class concerts, and a treat may be expected. The best orchestra and the best musical and literary talent will be brought from the city.

A sleighing party of 50 persons came to Boston's Hall last night, and spent a number of hours in a social way. The gathering was brought together by Messrs. Dunning and Hearten. Owing to the want of snow, a special car had to be taken on the Scarboro' line.

Badly Scalded.

Madeline Holdenby, the 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. G. W. Holdenby of Islington, fell into a boiler of hot water that her mother had left for a moment uncovered on the kitchen floor. She was badly scalded on the hands and knees, but the doctor feels hopeful of bringing her around without losing the use of her hands.

Mimico Gun Club Ball.

The annual ball of the Mimico Gun Club will be held in the Mimico Public schoolhouse on Thursday night.

Etobicoke Conservatives.

The Conservatives of No. 4 Division, Etobicoke, have organized a local Conservative Club, with the following officers: G. W. Holdenby, president; Oliver Cowper, secretary, and Vernon Ide treasurer. These delegates were appointed to the convention at Weston: George Fearman, James Tilson, Harry Wood, Oliver Coulter and G. W. Holdenby; sub-delegates, J. Ide, R. Evans and Charles Hicks.

CHARLTON DENOUNCED

By Another Liberal Member—His Washington Mission Was a Fizzle.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., the millionaire member of Parliament for Yale and Cariboo, B.C., is one of Canada's many prominent Liberals who have become disgusted to be ashamed of John Charlton, and insight sufficient to see the futility of sending delegations to Washington. Following are two extracts from an interview accorded The Nelson, B.C., Miner by Mr. Bostock:

He denounced the recent utterances of John Charlton, a Canadian M.P., who recently spoke in New York of Canada's annexation to the United States as unpatriotic and demagogic. Of the Corliss amendment to the U.S. Immigration Bill, he declared that, should a bill containing these objectionable features be passed by Congress, he is certain that Premier Laurier and his fellow-ministers will retaliate to the fullest possible extent.

When questioned concerning the tariff and trade relations between this country and other British territories and the proposed reciprocity with the United States, Mr. Bostock said he could state authoritatively that there would be little results from the efforts of Sir Richard Cartwright, who is now at Washington conferring with the American Government on closer business relations between the two countries. He does not believe that the people south of the international boundary line will accept any reasonable conditions.

George Ratcliffe, grocer, 862 Yonge-street, fell and broke his leg yesterday in Scollard-street.

Merit Talks

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HAMILTON NEWS

DEADLOCK ON CURFEW BELL.

Elevating Agencies Existing in the City.

RELIGION AND EDUCATION

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Hamilton and Lowville Stage Man Thrown Out of His Mail Contract—A Tollgate Dispute—Pupils' Concert at the Ladies' College—Board of Trade Delegation to See the Railway Chiefs—A Large Amount of General News From the Sister City.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—(Special from our Staff Correspondent.)—The aldermanic vote at last night's Council meeting on the question of giving Hamilton the curfew bell resulted in a tie. Either Ald. Watkins and Montague and the others in favor of it are mistaken as to the need of this bell, or else the city agencies working directly for the elevation of the youth of Hamilton are not producing results commensurate with the money entrusted to them.

The World submits the following directory:

Elevating agencies in the city:

1. Religious—
Number of churches and missions, 50, which hold exempted property amounting to $944,090.
Salaries of Protestant clergy, $50,000.
Number of Sunday School teachers, 500.
2. Educational—
Number of Public Schools, 23.
Assessment of same, $460,980.
Teaching staff, 170.
Salaries of teachers, $70,000.
Municipal grant in 1897, $124,000.
Number of Separate Schools and convents, 8.
Assessment of same, $130,000.
Collegiate Institute, assessment, $39,000.
Number of teachers, 30.
Salaries of same, $16,800.
Municipal grant, $21,700.
New Collegiate (in building), to cost $120,000.
Public Library, assessed at $35,000.
Grant this year, $12,600.
Y.M.C.A., assessed at $10,000.
Y.W.C.A., assessed at $8800.
Charity grants this year, $7000.

MAIL CONTRACT CANCELLED.

The proprietor of the Hamilton and Lowville stage has been notified by Post-office Inspector Barker that, in accordance with instructions received from the master-General, his contract for carrying the mails between this city and Lowville will cease after June 30 next. The contract has been held eight years, and was renewed last April for a period of two years. The alleged reason for its cancellation by the Government is that the late Government had no right to renew the contract without calling for tenders. The Hamilton and Lowville stage leaves the city daily at 2.30, and drops mail bags at Flamboro', Clappison, Carlisle, Kilbride and Lowville, reaching the terminus at 6.50, and leaving there again at 6.30 in the morning. There is no electric railway service along this route, and the mails will still have to be delivered in the present way.

MUST POTTRUFF PAY?

Philip Pottruff refused to pay a Bartonville tollgate-keeper for toll, on the ground that he lived within half a mile of the gate. The Stoney Creek Road Company sued in the matter, but Magistrate Jelfs wants time to consider the question.

A DISPUTE SETTLED.

The dispute in the Police Athletic Association has been settled, and P.C. Clarke got his 15 per cent. for his collection of moneys.

IT'LL COST ABOUT $6.

The chief case before Magistrate Jelfs this morning was the ventilation of the quarrel between Bailiff G. Hunter and Lawyer T. Hobson of the firm of Scott, Lees and Hobson. Hunter came up to the lawyer on the street and asked him for some fees in connection with a collection he had made. A dispute arose, and the bailiff shook his fist in Hobson's face, and threatened to wipe the floor with him. Hunter was fined for this $3 and costs.

TO SEE THE RAILWAY CHIEFS.

The Railway Committee of the Board of Trade will send a deputation to wait upon the G.T.R. and Canadian Pacific officials, with regard to the raised rates and changed time-tables between the northern division and Cardwell Junction, on the Grand Trunk line.

LADY PUPILS' CONCERT.

The pretty concert room of the Hamilton Ladies' College was the scene of a delightful vocal recital this evening, given by the pupils of Mrs. Martin Murphy and Prof. W. E. Fairclough. Miss Vivian Burns' "The Angels' Serenade," with violin obligato, was much enjoyed, and so was the rendering of Donizetti's "O Mio Fernando," by Miss Edith Spring. Miss Lillian Wolff and Miss Alice Craney are charming singers. The Misses Adele Snyder, Grace Awrey, Ella Torrance and J. Woods brought credit to their alma mater.

GENERAL NOTES.

Some grease in Thouret's restaurant took fire at 2 o'clock this morning, and the fire brigade was called out. The damage was trifling.

John Holleran lies at the City Hospital suffering from a broken leg. He fell on Mary-street last night, and dragged himself into an empty shed, where he was found the next morning.

The Bell Telephone Company are erecting poles on James-street south, Bold and Macnab-streets.

A live-bird match, $100 a side, with two barrels, has been arranged between Wm. Stroud and an unknown. The date will be fixed this week.

Rev. C. H. Short of Toronto will be in this city early next month to initiate the Christ Church Company into the Church Boys' Brigade of Canada. Christ Church has a flourishing company, numbering of 40 privates, 3 commissioned officers and 3 non-coms. W. G. Davis is the clever captain.

The resolution of the new Barbers' Union of this city calling for early closing finds little observance among the union shops now, which the 6-cent shops ply their trade. Three of these cut-rate shops are still in existence, and do a business late into the night, and for sheer self-defence the standard-rate men are compelled to follow suit.

The non-coms. of the 13th drilled this evening with the new rifle, under command of Sergt.-Major Hughes.

A Co. rehearsed to-night for the minstrel show, which will bring all Burlington to it next Tuesday evening.

Geo. Ryan, advance agent for the Whitney Opera Company of New York, which comes here on March 8, is a guest at the Royal.

T. F. Best, Mayor of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and a large number of the backers of the hockey team of that town are at the St. Nicholas.

The obliging bell-boys of the St. Nicholas Hotel are laughing over the "dressing down" which one of the corps received from an insurance man from a tiny village somewhere near Labrador. The insurance man, after being shown up to his room, wanted some hot water, and, stepping up to the bell-rope, pressed vigorously upon the metal plate which adorned the bearing the room's number. No bell-boy answering the repeated pushes upon this plate, the hasty arrival rushed downstairs and rattled the roof. It is only fair to say, however, that when the electric bell on the wall was pointed out to him he apologized.

Lewis Burnette, a cook at the Royal Hotel, is suing Proprietor Hunt for $13 alleged arrears of wages.

A summons was issued this afternoon at the instance of a young colored girl, against E. Gallagher, a white man, charging him with assault. The two were talking on the street, when Gallagher got angry and the girl alleges struck her in the face with his fist.

"Billy" Carroll's excursion to Toronto was a success, carrying over by some 400 Hamiltonians, who are now urging its originator to hold another.

Lewis Burnette, carpenter, 56 Strachan-avenue, died at the hospital yesterday from typhoid fever, was conveyed to the hospital this afternoon.

A large audience was present at St. John's church Sunday School anniversary to-night, and were entertained by recitations and songs by the children, after which some excellent limelight views were given.

The Gaelic Society "Oilidh" was held to-night in St. Andrew's Hall, King-street west. Piper McGregor and Anderson's Orchestra supplied the music. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the society during the evening.

DRAMA AND MUSIC

SONG AND PIANO RECITAL TO-NIGHT.

Miss Hillary and Miss Hart will render the following program at their recital in the public hall of the Normal School building this (Wednesday) evening:

1—1st Movement, Sonata, D Major..Schytt
2—Song, Vintique, Madrigal....Chaminade
3—Prelude, Nocturne, Prelude, opus. 35 .....Edward Schutt
4—Songs, (a) "I'm Wearing Awa', Jean," Foote; (b) "A Bonnie Curl," Chadwick; (c) "The Merry, Merry Lark," Nevin; (d) Nocturne .....Nevin
5—Melodie, G flat, "Caprici a la Scarlatti .....Liszt
6—Song, "Kuist Die Das Land" ....Liszt
7—Chant, Polonais .....Chopin-Liszt

"A FOOL OF FORTUNE."

The most successful American play of the year is said to be "A Fool of Fortune," which was written for William H. Crane by Martha Morton, a young woman who has rapidly come to the front rank as a dramatist. The play shows the demoralizing influence of speculation and furnishes the author with dramatic episodes that the actor uses to the greatest advantage. The play has been immensely successful. It is to be seen at the Grand, March 8, 9 and 10.

"BRIAN BORU."

"Brian Boru," which is to be presented at the Grand the last half of next week, is said to be the greatest operatic success of the season. It is a romantic opera in three acts, with one of Ireland's ancient kings as the hero. The scenes are laid between Wicklow Hills and Dublin Castle. The company, which numbers over 70, includes Amanda Fabris, Amelia Summerville, Grace Golden, Max Eugene and J. C. Slavin. The sale of seats will begin next Monday.

DAVIES—MILLS.

The subscribers' list for this concert opened yesterday at Nordheimer's, and the large list of subscriptions already received on the list is an indication that the financial success of the concert is assured, and must be an encouragement to those who have undertaken to bring to Toronto such a high-priced artist as Mr. Ben Davies. As subscribers will have first choice of seats it will be well for those who desire to attend the concert to put their names down early. The list already contains the names of many well-known people, including several from outside the city.

THE BIG BLACK BOOM.

Among those who will take part in the Young Liberals' minstrel entertainment at the Princess Theatre next Monday night are two of Toronto's most popular tenors, Mr. Laurie Boyd, who will sing a typical minstrel ballad entitled, "I Will Not Say Good Bye," and Mr. A. E. Ecclestone will contribute Denza's beautiful song, "Star of My Heart." A newcomer to a Toronto audience will be Mr. G. Hyphen Johnson, who is the possessor of a voice of remarkable beauty, which has been cultivated in the principal capitals of Europe. He will sing Wallbridge's "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep."

SPECIAL MATINEE FRIDAY.

The performances of Black Patti's Troubadours are meeting with extraordinary favor at the Toronto Opera House. The attendance at yesterday's "bargain matinee" was the largest in the history of the theatre. Long before 2 o'clock every seat and every inch of standing room was occupied, and many hundreds were turned away unable to gain even admission. In response to many urgent requests the management have decided to give a special matinee on Friday, in addition to the regular matinees announced for Thursday and Saturday. The unprecedented demand for seats for the regular performances made this special Friday matinee almost imperative. The great interest manifested in Black Patti is well deserved, for the performance is unquestionably one of the best ever given at the Toronto.

M'KEE RANKIN.

McKee Rankin, the distinguished Canadian author-actor, will be seen at the Toronto Opera House next week, in his highly recommended play, "True to Life." Mr. Rankin will appear in a role which is said to be altogether different from anything in which he has been previously seen, and comes direct from a successful engagement at A. M. Palmer's Park Theatre, Brooklyn, where "True to Life" is being presented this week at prices ranging from 25 cents to $1.50. The sale of seats is now in progress at regular popular prices and "bargain matinees" will be given as usual.

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If you are contemplating a trip to the gold country, please consider the merits of the Wabash Railroad, the short and true route, via Detroit and St. Paul, to all points in the Kootenay country. Passengers leaving from principal points in Ontario by early morning trains reach St. Paul next day at noon, where direct connection is made to all points in the gold district. Tickets and time tables of this great railroad from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

Changes in Licenses.

The License Commissioners yesterday decided to recommend the transfer of Purse & Wilson's license to Mrs. Lysaght, and the license of the Arlington Hotel to Edgar F. White. Purse & Wilson give up possession on Saturday night.

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POLITICAL POT IN QUEBEC.

Did Mr. Tarte Try to Oust Liberal Candidates to Make Sure of Conservatives He Thought Would Back Him?

Montreal, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—While the Ontario Conservative members of the House of Commons are looking to the party organization in that province, that of Quebec is not altogether neglected. There is a feeling, however, that it is about time the rank and file knew exactly who their leaders were in Federal matters, and who is to take the lead when vacancies occur and when bye or general elections take place. It is quite natural that Sir Adolphe Caron should be looked up to since the ex-Postmaster-General proved himself so much superior in election management previous to the 23rd of June than the trio of Ministers who went down before the storm. There are, however, three men whose names are constantly to the front, and it is generally conceded that they will be very near the throne when the tide takes a turn and the old party comes back to power. Messrs. J. G. H. Bergeron, who defeated Mr. Tarte in Beauharnois; Thomas Chase Casgrain, who downed Mr. Langelier in Montmorency, and F. D. Monk, who carried Jacques Cartier by such a good majority, are the gentlemen in question. It was pure and simply personal popularity that enabled this splendid trio to weather the storm, and all three will be heard from in the near future. It is claimed that they represent a new and a better generation than that which followed Chapleau, Langevin and Ouimet, and with these men in the saddle all those unreasonable appeals to national and religious prejudices will no longer be "a la mode." They will, as their friends declare, represent Quebec as a great province rather than the home of a particular race or people, and the French race will be better for it in the end. They are all sufficiently French to champion the honor of the race if an occasion ever should demand, and at the same time the whole three speak both the official languages with equal ease, so young Quebec is watching with a great deal of interest the political fortunes of the members for Beauharnois, Jacques Cartier and Montmorency.

WAS IT A DOUBLE DEAL?

A rumor has been afloat for some time to the effect that Hon. Mr. Tarte attempted to get rid of one or two of the Liberal candidates previous to the general election and replace them by Conservatives pledged to give an independent support to the new Government if one should be formed. The World is informed on excellent authority that Mr. Tarte brought pressure to bear upon Mr. Rudolph Lemieux, after the latter gentleman had been unanimously selected by the Liberals of Gaspe county as their standard-bearer, and persuaded young Liberal lawyer to give way and allow Mr. Joncas, ex-M.P., to be returned by acclamation. It appears that Hon. Mr. Tarte intimated that there would be no doubt as to Mr. Joncas' allegiance if the Liberals once secured a majority of the new House of Commons, although the lieutenant might possibly have overestimated the good disposition of the ex-member for Gaspe towards the gentleman whom he had previously opposed. This is a detail, however, which Mr. Tarte and Mr. Joncas will no doubt settle between themselves, but there can be no doubt that the present Minister of Public Works wanted to oust Mr. Lemieux and that he met with a point blank refusal. The Liberal who related this incident to The World exclaimed indignantly: "Is it at all surprising that the Liberal members for Montreal district have little love for Mr. Tarte?"

GENERAL NOTES.

The Protestant School Commissioners have entered an action against one Joseph Bremner, accusing the defendant of having sent his little son to the Mount Royal school, knowing him to have the measles. The outcome will be watched with interest.

Hon. A. W. Morris, who has taken a great interest in Rossland mines, will leave for the coast the first of the month.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.—C.W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N.Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmalee's Pills than any other pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Charles A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmalee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her." ed

Ontario's Artillerymen.

Major J. S. Hendrie of Hamilton presided yesterday at the twelfth annual meeting of the Ontario Artillery Association, which was held in the Canadian Military Institute. Amongst those present were: Lieut.-Col. F. King, St. Catharines; Lieut.-Col. W. Nicol, Guelph; Lieut.-Col. H. P. Van Wagner, Hamilton; Major J. H. Mead, Toronto; Capt. Neil F. Machachton, Cobourg; Capt. Armstrong, St. Catharines; Capt. S. A. McKenzie, Gananoque; Capt. Robert Myles, Toronto, and L. H. Irving, Toronto. The business transacted was of a routine character. Lieut.-Col. Nicol was elected president for the year.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery,