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THE REFORM PARTY WILL NOT BRING OUT A CANDIDATE.

Sir John Macdonald Goes Back to Ottawa —An Old Time Member Repudiated— To Discuss the N. P.—Late Pointers About the Campaign.

The Reformers of West Toronto held a convention in St. Andrew's Hall last night to consider whether they would bring out a straight Grit or support Labor Candidate Sheppard for parliamentary honors in West Toronto. It was finally decided not to make any nomination, but to give a tacit support to Edmund E. Sheppard.

Mr. Robert Jaffray was called to the chair, and those invited to the platform were: D. W. Ogden, Ald. Ritchie, Ald. Carlyle, Messrs. John Mallon, A. F. Jones, Robt. Simpson, J. Gowanlock, J. E. Verral, James J. Dickey and George Evans.

Mr. Joseph Wright opened the meeting by moving a resolution which was in effect:

Inasmuch as the Trades and Labor Assembly representing the labor interest of West Toronto, have thought it wise to bring out a candidate to advance the interests of the artisans in the riding, we deem it advisable not to nominate a candidate.

The claims of Mr. Sheppard on the support of the Reform party were successively advocated by Messrs. Joseph Wright, J. B. Hay, Robt. Simpson, T. C. Robinette, Dr. Ogden, A. J. Cattanach, Joseph Campton, Ald. Carlyle, Alex. Macnabb, George Evans, J. A. Proctor and J. Gordon Mowat. Some of the speakers, however, qualified their endorsation with the remark that they supported Mr. Sheppard as a last resort.

Mr. John Scully spoke strongly against giving the slightest support to Mr. Sheppard, who had always shown himself a bitter opponent of their honored leader, Edward Blake.

Dr. Ogden moved in amendment to the original motion that, "it is inexpedient to put a man in the field." The first motion being withdrawn in favor of Dr. Ogden's, Mr. A. J. Cattanach moved in amendment to leave the nomination open until nomination day. After discussion, Dr. Ogden's motion not to put a man in the field was carried.

The Old Man Leaves for Ottawa.

Sir John Macdonald spent a busy day at the Queen's yesterday, and departed on the 8 o'clock train for Ottawa. In the morning he received numerous deputations and friends; at 1 o'clock he paid a visit to the Massey Manufacturing Company's establishment, and the afternoon was spent with his private secretary, answering a heaped-up correspondence. Hon. Thos. White left in the afternoon for Ottawa. Hon. John Carling returned to London.

To Discuss the N.P.

On Saturday night, Feb. 12, a meeting will be held at the Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens, to discuss the National Policy. Hon. Thomas White, Edward Gurney, Thomas Cowan and others will address the meeting. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Industrial League.

Conservative Meeting at Guelph.

GUELPH, Feb. 2.—A meeting in the interest of the Conservative candidate for South Wellington, Mr. James Goldie, was held in the City Hall to-night. There was a large attendance of electors.

Hon. Thos. White, Mr. Nicholas Murphy and Mr. Goldie addressed the meeting.

Mr. White was loudly cheered when he arose to speak, and was repeatedly interrupted by applause during his speech, which was in defence of the N. P. and the Government.

Mr. Nicholas Murphy was well received and frequently applauded.

The meeting closed with the usual cheers.

A Candidate Repudiated.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—At a convention of Liberals and National Conservatives of the County of Jacques Cartier, held at Lachine, it was resolved that as Mr. Girouard, the former member, only condemned the Government on one point, namely, the hanging of Riel, they repudiated his candidature. Mr. N. Charbonneau, advocate of this city, has been nominated as the Liberal candidate.

A Campaign Libel.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—W. C. Edwards, the Liberal candidate for Russell County, is announced to be about to take action against the Evening Journal, of this city, for $25,000 damages for publishing a story to the effect that he illegally paid his employes in scrip only payable at his own stores.

Campaign Notes.

Mr. Blondeau is the Government candidate in Kamouraska.

In Chateauguay Mr. Holton will have Mr. M. J. F. Quinn for an antagonist.

Mr. L. O. Pepin is the choice of the Ministerialists in Drummond and Arthabaska.

It is said that the Reformers of East Toronto have raised a campaign fund of $2500.

Mr. Dupont has been chosen by the Conservative electors of Bagot as their candidate in the coming elections.

Mr. Charles Darveau, advocate, has accepted the Conservative candidature in Levis in opposition to Dr. Guay.

Hon Mr. Chapleau will be at St. Jerome on Feb. 8. At a later date he will hold meetings at Ste. Therese and Terrebonne.

In Soulanges the Conservatives continue to repose confidence in Mr. Bain. Dr. Mousseau of St. Polycarpe is the National-Conservative candidate, while Mr. Lalonde runs as a Blake-National.

Mr. J. N. Greenshields, advocate, of Montreal, has accepted the Liberal nomination for the joint counties of Richmond and Wolfe.

The Laval electors held a meeting, Sunday, at St. Martin, Que., when J. A. Ouimet, the present member, met his opponent, Mr. A. Ouimet, who presented himself as the National Conservative candidate on the National Policy. He spoke against the Government in the strongest terms and proposed to assist in turning it out on account of its position in the Riel matter.

In Rouville Mr. Gigault's election by acclamation would seem probable.

Deputy Speaker Daly, who represented Halifax, has been hustled aside.

In Westmoreland County, Mr. R. H. Elmer-son is running in opposition to Mr. Albert Wood, ex-M.P.

Mr. Remillard has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council to make room for Hon. Mr. Carmean.

It is yet possible that Mayor Beaugrand will be one of the Liberal candidates for Montreal.

Mr. D. B. Woodworth, M.P., has been renominated for the Commons by the Conservatives of King's County, N.S.

At a Prescott convention Mr. Walter Shanly was chosen as the standard-bearer of the Conservatives of South Grenville.

At a convention of Conservatives of West Lambton, W. H. McMahon, ex-Reeve of Plympton, was chosen to contest the riding.

Mr. A. C. Bell will be a third Conservative candidate in Pictou, N.S., supported by those who are dissatisfied with the nomination of Mr. Chas. H. Tupper and Mr. John McDougald.

The Liberals in Prince Edward Island are meeting with a series of ovations. The candidates are everywhere accorded rousing receptions, and everything points to a triumph in the Island.

Sir John Macdonald's election card, issued in Kingston, says: "If on this, possibly the last occasion on which I may ask for the support of my constituency, you can conscientiously give me your support, I shall be deeply grateful."

Hon. Mr. H. Pope is to be opposed in Compton by Mr. Munro, an ardent prohibitionist.

Mr. P. A. Landry, the leading Acadian, is out again in Kent, N.B., in the Conservative interest. He is opposed by Mr. McInerney.

Mr. Hughes, who was mentioned as an Independent candidate for Saskatchewan, has declined to run, and will support Mr. McDowell, the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Hector McLean has definitely decided not to be a candidate in the Grit interest at the approaching election in Pontiac County, and Mr. McQuaig will therefore likely be the standard bearer of the party. Mr. John Bryson is the Conservative nominee.

Mr. Alexander Rogers, who carried Albert, N.B., in 1878, in a contest in which he and two Conservatives were running, has been nominated by the Albert Grits. Mr. Wallace, the Conservative representative of the county, a Conservative, is not the Conservative candidate this time. Dr. Weldon has been chosen in his place.

Mr. Kenny, the second Conservative candidate in Halifax, is the son of Sir Edward Kenny, the receiver-general in the first Dominion government, and a brother-in-law of Mr. Daly, the retiring member. He is President of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, a member of the Railway Commission, and largely interested in shipping and manufacturing, and a leading Irish Catholic.

A Conservative meeting was held at Quebec Monday night to organize for the Federal elections. Sir Hector Langevin and Sir A. P. Caron were present and received a flattering reception. Both spoke at some length, reviewing the policy of the Government, and appealing for further support, urging specially the completion by the Government of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the prosperity resulting from the National Policy. A strong Central Committee was appointed, with Mr. Bosse, ex-M.P., as president.

A DIABOLICAL DEED.

Attempt to Destroy an Ocean Steamer With Dynamite.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Old Dominion steamship Guyandotte sailed from the foot of Beach-street at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, after having been delayed somewhat by the troubles of the line with the strikers. She was loaded by non-union longshoremen. She came back that night with two great holes in her decks, caused by a dynamite explosion off Long Branch. She had five cabin passengers and ten or fifteen in the steerage. She sailed for Norfolk. The run down the bay and out by the Hook was uneventful and pleasant, and the passengers and ship's people were in excellent spirits. The vessel was off Long Branch at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when the explosion occurred, and a frightful explosion it was. The explosive was in a closet on the starboard quarter, about 100 feet aft of the boilers. Capt. John A. Kelly was in the pilot house at the time when, with a loud report and a crash, a hole fifteen feet square was torn up through the hurricane deck. The downward force of the explosive tore a similar opening through the heavy planks of the main deck into the hold. A young man passenger was reading in the cabin at the time, and a bit of flying timber struck him on the leg, lacerating the flesh over the shin bone, but not seriously injuring him. The joiner work of the cabin was torn away and the after part of the cabin was badly wrecked. The steady motion of the ship soon showed that no serious injury was done to the hull, and the panic and excitement that had momentarily seized all hands was soon calmed.

The fuse of the infernal machine was found in the cabin of the steamer. It is suspected that the machine was brought aboard by a young man who was seen on the dock before the steamer sailed.

THE NEW YORK STRIKE.

The "No Rent" Plan Will be Adopted by the Strikers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—District Assembly No. 49 of the Knights of Labor failed yesterday to stop business on the Pennsylvania and Jersey Central Railways. The switchmen, mechanics and machinists did not come out, and probably will not.

The Board held a stormy session last night. Delegates from two local assemblies reported that they had decided to refuse to pay rent. They said that pretty nearly all of the local assemblies which take in the longshoremen and freight handlers, would resolve to take this course. A member of the Executive Board said that probably 15,000 men would refuse to pay rent.

Negotiations Declined.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—President Austin Corbin, of the Philadelphia and Reading Company, to-day conferred with the coal presidents individually in accordance with the request made to him by the Knights of Labor. The following statement is authorised by him. Mr. Corbin came on from Philadelphia at the request of the Knights of Labor to see if any compromise could be effected between the coal companies and the men on strike. The presidents declined to open any negotiations, saying they had now nearly as many men as they needed, and would be, within the next day or two, working at their full capacity.

The managers of the various steamship lines claim to be experiencing little difficulty except from the slowness of the new men.

THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

The Speech From the Throne Will be Delivered March 16.

QUEBEC, Feb. 2.—Owing to an understanding that the speech from the throne would not be read, and that the House would only meet to adjourn, there was a light attendance of members and the public at to-day's session of the Legislative Assembly. At 3 o'clock His Honor, Lieut-Governor Masson ascended the throne, acknowledged the formation of the Mercier Government, and announced that the speech from the throne would be delivered on the reassembling of the House on the 16th of March. The adjournment till that date was then moved and carried.

A Steamship in Distress.

SANDY HOOK, N.J., Feb. 2.—At 8 o'clock to-night a patrolman from Monmouth Beach Life-Saving Station, No. 4, discovered a large steamer which had come ashore half a mile south of the station. The passengers on board were screaming for assistance. The life-saving crew hastened to the spot. When the crew got to the place the steamer had gone about half a mile off shore, and is thought to be fast on the bar and leaking. The weather is very thick and a heavy sea is running. No further particulars are obtainable.

Killed on Shipboard.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The steamer Arizona reached her pier early to-day with her ensign floating at half mast astern, out of respect to two of the seamen, William Hazen and Wm. Roberts, who died from the effects of injuries sustained on January 25. The men were killed by being swept along the deck by a heavy sea which washed on board during a severe gale.

An Ex-Detective Sent up.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Francis McPherson, who figured as a private detective for some months before Jan. 10, when he was caught in the act of burglarizing the Canada Atlantic Railway Ticket Office, was this afternoon sentenced to two years and a half in the penitentiary.

Vice-Chancellor of Laval.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—A special decree received from Rome appoints Archbishop Fabre Vice-Chancellor of Laval University. The official announcement of this appointment will shortly be more known from the pulpits of several churches of the archdiocese.

The Pope's Allocution.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—A despatch from Rome says a consistory will be held there on March 7 next, and that the Pope's allocution will affirm with increased emphasis the principle of the temporal power of the church.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Eighteen hundred laborers are on strike at Pensacola.

Turpie has been elected United States Senator for Indiana.

A fire at Helena, Mont., yesterday, damaged property valued at $55,000.

A general strike of boot and shoe operatives at Worcester, Mass., is expected.

The Michigan Legislature has voted to make prohibition a constitutional amendment.

Officers Smith and Johnson were killed by desperadoes near Little Rock, Ark., on Monday.

An attempt was made Monday night to assassinate Judge James Fitzgerald of Cincinnati.

An unsuccessful attempt was made on Monday night on the safe of the Jersey City Bank by burglars.

William G. Lee of Upper Alton, Ill., was struck by lightning while eating his dinner on Monday and killed.

Dr. Ford of New Orleans, who shot and killed J. C. Kirkpatrick last November, has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

The House Committee on Territories at Washington yesterday favorably considered the bill for the organization of the territory of Alaska.

Dr. J. A. Wilcox and John Baker, prominent politicians, fought a duel at Creston, N.C., on Monday night. Baker was wounded in the head.

Charles Ogden Ferris, who claims to be Sir Roger Tichborne, has been convicted at New York of defrauding the Government of $3530 pension money.

THE WAR SCARE IN EUROPE

THE GERMAN PRESS STILL DISCUSS ITS PROBABILITY.

It is Believed in France that the Talk of Hostilities is Due to a Desire on Bismarck's Part to Effect the Result of the Elections.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The Cologne Gazette, in an article headed "Are War Apprehensions Justified?" points out that France is preparing to form in the shortest time possible, in the event of war in the spring, the strategical line which she delayed forming in 1870. Germany must, therefore, either take needful counter measures or summon France to reduce her frontier garrisons. The Gazette further announces that the Government will take the necessary steps to prevent Alsace-Lorraine from being overrun by French troops immediately after the declaration of war.

It is an Electoral Game.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The Temps refuses to regard as serious the attacks of the German papers upon France. It says they are due to an electoral game, the issue of which will be the triumph of imperialism or of parliamentarism.

A Useless Endeavor.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The National Gazette states that the French Ambassador in a recent interview with Prince Bismarck, tried to reassure the chancellor regarding Boulanger's position and intention.

Alsace-Loraine.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Minister Von Hoffman, Secretary of State for Alsace-Loraine, in an address to the Alsace National Committee, contends that a vast majority of the population of Alsace-Loraine do not desire that France should go to war for the reconquest of those provinces. He urges the people of Alsace-Loraine to elect members of Reichstag who will show that these are their sentiments, and says such an expression of their feelings will make a profound impression on France.

The Tension Extreme.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A dispatch from Berlin to the Standard says: "The tension between Germany and France is extreme, and a solution must come very shortly."

Comment on the Post's Article.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—All the newspapers here, except the North German Gazette, are discussing the Berlin Post's recent article on the situation in France.

The Vossissche Zeitung condemns the article as offering wanton provocation to France.

The Tagblatt reminds the public that a sensational war article in the Post in 1875, headed "War in Sight," was disavowed by Prince Bismarck in the Reichstag.

The Freisinnige declares that the article was especially designed to play upon the fears of the German electors.

The National reproduces it without criticism beyond affirming that Germany continues a solid rampart for European peace and that in rightly judging the situation it is necessary to recall the words of Bismarck, that Germany would not take the responsibility of attacking France.

Belgium Wants a War Grant.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 2.—It is reported that the Government has decided to ask of Parliament a credit of 50,000,000 francs for war armaments and fortifying Antwerp and the country between the Sambre and Meuse rivers.

The Queen Attends a Play.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Queen attended a dramatic performance at Osborne to-day. This is the first time she has been at a play since the death of Prince Albert. The performance took place in the Council Chamber of the palace. The play was Gilbert's "Sweethearts," with Mr. and Mrs. Kendall in the leading roles. The audience included Princess Beatrice, Prince Henry of Battenberg, Princess Frederick of Hanover and thirty court attendants.

The Italian Campaign in the Soudan.

ROME, Feb. 2.—It transpires that the fighting at Saati, near Massowah, on January 25 and 26, was not between Arabs and Italians, but between the Italians and Abyssinians. The newspapers this morning, in commenting upon the situation, urge calmness in dealing with the matter. They say there is no question of war with the Abyssinians, but only a question of the defence of Massowah. The Opposition press denounce Count Di Robilant, Foreign Minister, and Signor Ricollo, Minister of War.

London Stock Market Firm.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The stock market steady, after large fluctuations; closed firm, with a moderate rise. English buyers continued to take advantage of the low level of foreign stocks. On the Paris bourse there was a marked recovery, and the settlement was effected with less difficulty than was feared. Three per cent. rentes rose 1f. 50c.

Burmese Urged to Accept British Rule.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Despatches from Mandalay state that the Buddhist Archbishop has issued a proclamation urging the Burmese to pursue a peaceable life and accept British rule. The proclamation was issued under British approval. Amnesty has been offered to all belligerents who surrender before February 19.

A Novel Law Suit.

From the Chicago Times.

A novel suit was on trial before Justice Phillips at Belleville on Saturday, which perplexed the lawyers on both sides. Jacob Ulrich entered suit against Mrs. Mary Wasson, claiming that in 1883 he gave her a lease of fifteen acres of land belonging to the Phillips estate, situated a few miles east of Belleville, agreeing to let the renter have the whole crop the first year, but after that one-third should be paid him as rental. At the expiration of two years he sold the land to Thomas Lewis, who had previously married Mrs. Wasson. It is alleged that Lewis agreed to pay Ulrich 250 bushels of corn in two years for back interest. Lewis' wife procured a divorce from him, and plaintiff claims that she agreed to see him paid. A portion of the corn was turned over, and defense insists that they paid all that the law allows, presenting a counter bill for damages to fences, which they claimed were torn down and carted off by plaintiff. The Justice asked time to render a decision on the question, which has thoroughly mixed up judge, lawyers and spectators.

CABLE NOTES.

The garrison at Metz is to be reinforced by four regiments of infantry.

Fire in the store buildings at Woolwich Arsenal yesterday caused a damage of $10,000.

Two Polish Socialists have been sent to prison at Posen for circulating Socialist pamphlets.

It is semi-officially stated that a complete entente has been reached between Prussia and the Vatican.

A crowd of people hooted the Italian Ministers and Deputies at Rome when they left the chamber last night.

Stanley's expedition, leaving Zanzibar for the relief of Emin Bey, numbered 1200 men. He does not expect any opposition.

The Egyptian Government has raised the blockade of the Soudan and commerce with that region has been reopened.

The Elysee at Paris, and the Royal Palace at Brussels were yesterday connected by telephone. President Grevy and King Leopold conversed over the wire.

Eight hundred troops embarked yesterday at Naples for Massowah to reinforce the Italian army there. A second detachment of reinforcements will be sent on Monday.

The Simla Bank, Calcutta, has suspended payment, and arrangements for a voluntary liquidation have been made. It is expected that the depositors will be paid in full.

The Sultan of Morocco refuses to sign the commercial treaties with England, France and Germany until the abuses arising from foreign protection of natives shall have been removed.

DRUG CLERKS' GRIEVANCES.

Presented to the Ontario College of Pharmacy—The New Building.

The semi-annual meeting of the Council Board of the Ontario College of Pharmacy was held yesterday afternoon in the new College building, Gerrard-street east. There were in attendance: President E. Harvey, Guelph; Vice-President R. W. Elliot, Toronto; and Messrs. Hugh Miller, N. C. Love, Toronto; J. E. Kennedy, Cobourg; N. C. Polson, Kingston; R. Wightman, Owen Sound; W. B. Sanders, Stayner; R. Brierly, Hamilton; L. W. Yeomans, Belleville; E. Gregory, Lindsay; A. E. D'Avignon, Windsor; Registrar Hodgetts and Dean Shuttleworth.

The Board of Examiners' report was submitted. Mr. R. W. Elliot remarked that the examination papers on chemistry seemed to have been regarded by the students as particularly difficult. Other members held that the papers should be of such character as to bring out the practical and not the theoretical knowledge of the students. Mr. Yeomans replied that the same complaints were made at every examination by students. At all events ample time was given the students to answer all questions included in the examination papers.

A petition from the students was read, reciting several grievances which they would like to have redressed. The chief complaint was that even-handed justice was not meted out to all in certain portions of the examinations. This allegation, Mr. Yeomans observed, was unfounded, as it was difficult to understand how any unfairness could arise in the examinations. He held that the "hardships" complained of were trifling, but some of the clauses in the petition might be investigated, as desired by the students. The petition was referred to the Education Committee.

The Registrar's report was submitted and adopted. The cost of the new building was shown to be over $20,000, of which all had been paid but $1400. Several wholesale drug houses, including William Elliot, Millburn & Company and Northrop & Lyman, had generously borne the expense of fitting up the various rooms in the college. The report was adopted and the council adjourned till this morning at 10 o'clock.

A box of Vellum Envelopes for 35c., square or oblong, worth 60c. McAinsh & Ellis, opposite the Postoffice.

A PRISONER'S GREAT LUCK.

Discharged From the Penitentiary in Mistake for Another Man.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—A young man named Eugene Herbert was undergoing a four years term in St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary for forgery. His friends and relatives believing that he had been led into crime by others, petitioned Chief Justice Sir A. A. Dorion to intervene in his behalf with the Government authorities. He did so and with success, and a few days ago orders were received at the penitentiary to set young Herbert free. He had served two years of his allotted term in an exemplary manner, and accordingly he was liberated. A few days after his liberation it was discovered that the wrong man had been let out. There were two Herberts in prison, and the Herbert who had been pardoned was still imprisoned. The orders from Ottawa had to be obeyed and accordingly the second Herbert was set free. The other Herbert, who had not finished his term, has not yet been retaken.

A Brave Rescue.

FORREST, Jan. 29.—While the east-bound express train was waiting here to-day for the west-bound express, Messenger Sparling (of the Canadian Express Company) noticed two children standing on the switch a few yards from his car. He yelled to them, but the noise of the escaping steam from the standing engine drowned out his voice. The engineer of the incoming train at the same time noticed their danger and whistled, putting on the brakes and reversing his engine. Messenger Sparling, seeing that the children did not notice his yelling or the whistling, jumped out of the car door and ran and threw them under the standing train as the engine swept past, just grazing them. Had the messenger's foot slipped in jumping down on the icy ground, nothing could have saved him from being killed, as well as the children. The excitement of the lookers-on (who were too far away to render any assistance) was intense, and when it was seen that all were safe they clustered around the express car to shake hands with the messenger and congratulate him on his escape and on his brave act.

How the Scott Act Should be Enforced.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—At the meeting of the Waterloo County Council it was moved by Mr. Walter, Reeve of Wellesley, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, Reeve of Galt, and carried by a vote of 25 to 3 that the county memorialize the Ontario Legislature that it is being made inexpedient that any provincial money should be expended to aid in the enforcement of the Scott Act which, being of the nature of a local improvement measure, should be enforced entirely at the expense of the counties adopting it and not at all at the expense of counties under the License Act. The resolution meets with warm approval here, especially from the Germans.

Fire at Port Ryerse.

PORT RYERSE, Ont., Feb. 2.—The brick residence of W. H. Ryerse, postmaster and merchant of this place, took fire about 4 o'clock this afternoon. When discovered the fire had got beyond control and the fine building and wood sheds were soon destroyed. The barn adjoining was saved by the heroic efforts of the neighbors. Loss about $2000; partly insured.

Suicide Near Guelph.

GUELPH, Feb. 2.—Jos. Atkinson, a farmer, living near Marden, four miles from Guelph, committed suicide on Tuesday by shooting himself in the breast with a shotgun. He leaves a wife, four sons and three daughters. The deceased was well and favorably known throughout South Wellington.

Fire in Karn's Organ Factory.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 2.—The up-town department of D. W. Karn & Co.'s organ factory was totally destroyed by fire this evening about 9 o'clock. John Weeks' cabinet shop was also burned; loss very heavy.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Efforts are being made to raise the propeller Myles, sunk near Kingston.

President Cleveland has refused an invitation to the carnival at Montreal.

A Jew named Goldstein has been arrested at Winnipeg on a charge of bigamy.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. of Ontario is being held at Kingston.

John Herschberg, proprietor of the Leland House, Vancouver, committed suicide on Sunday.

The next meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association will be held in Chatham on February 9 and 10.

By the death of Mrs. John Carruthers, which occurred on Monday, Kingston lost one of its most estimable ladies.

Sergeant McRae has been appointed Chief of Police of Winnipeg, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Murray.

Mrs. Henry Widdifield of Talbotville, who is nearly 80 years of age, while descending a flight of stairs on Monday slipped and fell to the bottom, fracturing her right hip and sustaining other injuries of a serious nature.

It is understood that Professor Robertson, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is to sever his connection with the college on March 1. He is to go back to his old business of exporting dairy produce, and will commence business in Montreal.

Mr. Thomas B. Bunting died at his father's residence, Pickering, yesterday. He was a graduate of the Toronto University and passed as a barrister in 1884. He completed his studies in the office of Messrs. Blake & Co. He opened an office at Dresden, where he was highly esteemed. A severe cold obliged him to return home, where he died. Deceased was a member of Stevenson Masonic Lodge, Toronto, and will be buried at Pickering on Saturday with Masonic honors.

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HARCOURT'S SUBTLE PLAN

HE INVITES GLADSTONE TO MEET HARTINGTON AND CHURCHILL.

Hartington Excuses Himself—The Liberals Pleased With Parnell's Amendment—Disorderly Proceedings in Ireland.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Liberals are pleased with the Parnell amendment to the address, considering it moderate in tone and skilfully worded. The Chamberlain group will hold aloof from the division on the amendments.

Harcourt's Dinner Party.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt has invited Mr. Gladstone to meet Lord Hartington and Lord Randolph Churchill at dinner at his house on Saturday. Lord Hartington sends his excuses, and the presence of Mr. Gladstone is doubtful. The invitations have caused a sensation. It is rumored that Harcourt is trying to effect a temporary coalition in order to attack the Government's war expenditures. The dinner is to be purely social in character and without political import.

Lord Hartington at Newcastle.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Lord Hartington spoke at Newcastle last evening. He said it was unlikely that they would see the Government's Irish proposals this session if the present waste of the time of Parliament continues. He explained that though he continued to support the Government, he believed an official coalition would have diminished the Unionist-Liberal following, and he could better help the Unionist cause by remaining independent. With Mr. Goschen the case was different. He had no sympathy with those who reproached the Government for its efforts to bring the Irish landlords and tenants to an agreement. He believed it was impossible to dispense with evictions. Certainly no legislative measure of any kind could dispense with them. He urged that the agitators who, he said, were in many cases the originators of Ireland's troubles, be firmly dealt with and that a steady endeavor be made to remove the economic causes of those troubles.

The Irish Disorder.

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—The Government has decided to suppress a meeting of tenants announced to be held at Loughrea.

A large crowd of people, accompanied by bands, paraded to-day in Hospital, to town in Limerick, to celebrate the acquittal of Carroll, Chairman of the Killmarnock Board of Guardians, who was charged with rioting. The presiding magistrate notified the police to suppress the demonstration. An attempt to carry out this order resulted in a conflict, during which a woman was wounded by being struck by a truncheon in the hands of a constable.

Numerous priests, jurors and other residents of Sligo have signed protests against the exclusion of Catholics from the jury box.

A POPULAR EX-REEVE.

Mr. Henry Duncan Presented with a Gold Watch and Chain by His Friends.

For sixteen years Mr. Henry Duncan of Eglinton has been a member of York Township Council, and for several years its presiding officer. He recently declared his intention of retiring from public life, and this retirement afforded his friends an opportunity of showing the high esteem in which he was held by them. Last evening a genial company entertained him at dinner at the Albion Hotel. Mr. Bernard Saunders occupied the chair and Mr. Frank Turner, C.E., the vice-chair.

Among others present were: Dr. Bull, G. W. Badgerow, Warden Sanders, ex-Wardens Richardson and Jackson, Reeve Frankland, of York Township, Clerk of the Peace T. H. Bull and Messrs. Thorne, James Robinson, Isaac Dollery, J. W. Clendinnen, T. Humberstone, J. K. Leslie, W. Jackes, Geo. Leslie, Arthur Summers, W. Whitefield, T. Brimer, J. D. Evans, Jonathan Gould, Anthony Foster, Thos. Wallace, Mr. McClure, Mr. Youilland, Mr. Woods.

The feature of the evening was the presentation of a gold watch and chain to Mr. Duncan. Mr. Badgerow made the presentation on behalf of the friends of the worthy ex-Reeve. Reeve Frankland, on behalf of the Council of the Township of York, presented Mr. Duncan with an illuminated address. Mr. Duncan replied, and the remainder of the evening was made pleasant with songs and speech.

Truth About Blowitz.

From the London Truth.

M. Ernest Daudet contributes to the Figaro an entertaining sketch of his friend, the unique Blowitz, which settles several disputed points with regard to the person and career of the Times's correspondent, concerning which he has been the object of a good deal of slander in his adopted country. In the first place, M. Daudet says it is charged that "Blowitz" is an assumed name, and that his friend's patronymic is really Oppert. This, he says, is false, the name being in fact Oppert de Blowitz. Second, it is said that M. de Blowitz is a Jew. On the contrary, he is a good Catholic. Third, he is described as a German, but he was born in Moravia. Consequently he is an Austrian subject by birth, and he became a naturalized Frenchman in the dark days of October, 1870—a naturalise vaincu, as About pathetically said. Moreover, he was decorated by Thiers for services in the National Guard of Marseilles when the Commune broke out there. M. de Blowitz's journalistic exploits are all familiar, and sufficiently retentissants, as M. Daudet says, to explain the many jealousies of which he is the object. The delightful bon mot of Sarah Bernhardt however cannot be repeated too often. In recognition of an article in the Times about her, she sent him her picture, with the inscription, "Au plus fin d'esprit, la plus fine de corps."

The Island of Quelpaert.

From the New York Times.

The announcement of the evacuation of Quelpaert by the British will be to many persons the first news of its real occupation by them. There is no doubt that the island occupies a position of some strategic importance, being so situated as to command easy access both to Japan and Corea, while it is only 150 geographical miles from Shanghai. The Russians were for a time credited with the intention to establish themselves there, perhaps as an offset to the British occupation of Port Hamilton, about a hundred miles to the north. Since then they have been suspected of seeking rather to occupy Port Lazareff on the Corean mainland, as there they would have a fine harbor with a protected anchorage. There can be no comparison between Port Hamilton and Quelpaert in commercial or naval value. The former, a fine harbor, is near the Corean coast, and only a day's steaming from the Yakoshima coal mines of Japan and three days from the Russian post of Vladivostock. Quelpaert, though a large island, has no good harbor, while the Yellow Sea is at seasons the prey of typhoons.

Very Marked Consideration.

From the Omaha World.

Magazine writer: "See here, Mr. Penn, you asked me for an essay on Estheticism, and I furnished it. Why didn't you print it according to the copy?" Indiana Editor: "I did, sir." "You did not. In a dozen places I used the Shakespearean expression 'Go to; go to.' Why didn't you leave it as I wrote it?" "Because it didn't mean anything that way. But you will observe, sir, that I was careful to avoid making the expression much stronger." "Oh! you were?" "Yes; I simply added an h and a blank line and an 1 to each 'to,' instead of writing the word out in full."

A "Bride" Has a Fit.

—Last evening three married couples returned from their wedding tour, and after informing their friends who met them at the depot of their interesting journey, the most prominent among them had a fit, and after further enquiries were made 'twas found to be a "ben-e-fit;" she bought her whole housefurnishings from Strathern the housefurnisher. x

FRIENDLY'S CREDITORS.

Full List of the People Who Have Been "Done up" by the Overall Man.

"If I get two cents on the dollar I'll consider myself lucky," said a creditor of the Friendly estate to The World yesterday. And from all that can be learned the gentleman is about right. A list of the creditors is appended:

European creditors: M. Sheard & Son, Batley; Fecht & Halbot, Firth; Booth & Co., McCaffray, White & Co., A. S. MacLaurin & Co., E. Bassett, Bradford; T. S. Firth & Sons, Heckmondwike; Fisher & Co., Charles Lockwood & Co., Shaw Sons & Co., F. P. Savery, J. Walker & Son, Wilson & Co., Huddersfield; Brook & Brownson, Hulmfirth; Wm. Bains, G. R. Portway & Co., Leeds; Smith & Hantley, Morley; Anderson Sons & Co., Leicester; Hant Bros., Hadgkinson & Arndt, E. Potter, Manchester; Hutchinson & Co., Midland Hosiery Company, Wells & Venn, Nottingham; Coates & May, Harkway & Henry, James Butter & Co., Bryant, Rattray & Bryant, Chas. Oppenheimer, Walsh & Brierly, E. Smith & Son, London, England; John Elliott & Co., J. N. Richardson & Sons, Belfast, Ireland; J. & W. Campbell & Co., Rutherford Bros., W. R. Pritchard, Stewart & McDonald, Wilson Matheson & Son, Glasgow; Lipman & Co., Dundee, Scotland; E. Cruitznach, Jansan & Saalmon, Uhle & Wagner, Uhle & Co., Nix & Soehne, Chemnitz, Kilner & Dehling, Hartmannsdorf; A. Katterman, Frankenburg, Saxony; E. Robert, A. Mooyaart, Warbury & Cie. Paris, France; C. & E. Langenfeed, T. M. Scheidonerback & Schress, Bremen; Schiller, Crause & Co, Rudenburg & Mastbaum, Crefeld; Ludwig & Lehman, R. Horstman, David & Co., Levy Hirschfeld, Berlin; Paul Bredt & Co., Labach Brothers, Gloutz, Blacke & Strumpel, Wolf & Bamburger, Elberfeld; Rakterman & Arndt, Gustave Arndt, Frankenburg, J. Heymann, Lunderscheid, A. H. Koenigsweather, Rodijer and Quanch, Leipzig, Germany.

Canadian creditors: John Fisken & Co., Federal Bank, John Macdonald & Co., James Lockhart & Co., Rankin, Beattie & Co., Walter Wilson & Co., Standard Woollen Co., Chas. Stern & Co., Toronto; Ontario Cotton Co. Hamilton Cotton Co, Jno. Calder & Co., Hamilton; Cantlie, Ewan & Co., S. Levinson, Magog Print Co., Cree, Baker & Co., Skelton Bros., Montreal; S. Leonard & Son, Dundas Cotton Co., Dundas; Grand River Knitting Mills Co., Paris Manufacturing Co., Paris; Simcoe Woollen Co., Simcoe; Galt Knitting Co., Galt; T. A. Code; Perth; Weston Woollen Co., Weston; Hamburg Knitting Co., New Hamburg; W. J. & P. I. Price, St. Catharines; Kingston Cotton Co., Kingston; Stormont Cotton Co., Cornwall; F. A. Clarry, Orangeville; Wm. Parks & Son, St. John, N.B.; Nova Scotia Cotton Co., Halifax, N.S.; Clayton Slater, Brantford; Lantmschlayter & Weaver, Berlin; David Graham, Inglewood.

American creditors: American Rubber Co., Boston, Mass., Lamb & Griesland, New York.

Carnival Number Montreal Star and Witness on sale this morning at McAinsh & Ellis, opposite Postoffice.

ABOUT THIRTY MILLIONS

Is the Assessed Value of Property in the County of York.

The County Council resumed its session at 2.30 yesterday afternoon. The first business was the reference of the differences with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to the Committee on County Property.

The Council went into committee of the whole to consider the report of the Equalization of Assessment Committee. It recommended that it be made the duty of the County Clerk to see to the posting of the proper forms in the assessment rolls with a view to remedying mistakes found in the recapitulation sheets of the rolls.

The report also stated that since the last assessment 300 acres of York Township land, assessed