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THE MERCIER DISMISSAL.

THE COUNT IS WROTH WITH THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

He Indulges in Considerable Epistolatory Expostulation, for His Ejectment Doth Work Like Madness on His Soul—The New Ministry Not Officially Named as Yet—Mercier's Organ Indulges in Prophecy.

QUEBEC, Dec. 17.—Hon. Mr. Mercier sent a memo to His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Angers this morning asking His Honor to give him the letter or a copy of the letter addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor by Judge Jette. The Lieutenant-Governor refused to give either, as he considered Hon. Judge Jette's letter personal.

Mr. Mercier forwarded this afternoon his reply to His Honor Governor Angers. The document, it is thought, is a manifesto by which Mr. Mercier energetically protests against the action of His Honor. It is possible that to-morrow the new ministry will be known.

What Mercier Has To Say.

QUEBEC, Dec. 17.—L'Electeur, Mr. Mercier's organ, breaks the news of Mr. Mercier's downfall in an editorial entitled "Coup d'Etat," and says: The Federal officer we call Lieutenant-Governor has just consummated his scheme. Tramping under foot the constitution, obeying an order from his master at Ottawa, pursuing a vengeance 12 years, he dismissed from office yestetday the advisers of the province who had been given him by a majority of 25 in the Legislature. The electorate will shortly be called upon to judge of this unqualified action.

As Viewed in Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The following opinions were gleaned to-day on the Mercier incident.

Sir John Thompson did not think the alleged unconstitutionality of the dismissal worthy of serious notice and added: "The reason of the Lieutenant-Governor for dismissing his ministers are effective whether they are good or bad."

Dr. Bourinot: The Lieutenant-Governor like the Governor-General has full constitutional power to dismiss the body of men who act as his constitutional advisers on all matters of state. It is for him alone as head of the executive to consider whether the public reasons are sufficient to justify the extreme step open to him under the constitutional system of England and Canada of dismissing his advisers. But he must at the same time call to his control immediately a new set of advisers who will be prepared to accept full responsibility for his acts and justify them to the Legislature and the country.

Sir Adolphe Caron was not surprised at the result.

THE SCHOOL PARLIAMENT.

Final Meeting of the Present Board—Resignations and Promotions.

The final meeting of the Public School Board for this year was held last night with Trustee Whitesides in the chair. The members at times behaved with an abandon born of the future uncertainty of their present position. All were in good humor, and "election bursts" were noticably absent.

The finance report fixed the salary of male principals at $750 for their first year in the service of the board.

The report of the joint committee of Finance and School Management caused a great deal of talk. The clause, "That the duties of the principals of Ryerson, Wellesley, Dufferin and Jesse Ketchum schools, as supervising principals, be extended to the other schools, including the work of the special teachers in their respective districts," without additional salary, was hotly discussed. Dr. Ogden, Dr. Fisher and Trustee Hagerman wished to have the clause struck out, but the majority ruled, and the report was adopted.

Resignations and Transfers.

The consideration of the school management report was the next business before the board. After the transfer and promotion list had been changed a little, it was adopted. The following resignations were accepted: Mr. E. H. Carpenter, assistant master in Wellesley School; Miss A. Hewitt, Niagara; Miss J. E. Glassford, kindergarten directress, Rose-avenue.

The following transfers were made: Mr. A. Millar from Phoebe to Ryerson, Mr. J. T. Slater from Bolton to Wellesley, Mr. E. Byfield from Church to Dufferin, Mr A. Hendry from Givins to Jesse Ketchum, Mr. W. E. Groves from Niagara to Church, Mr. M. Parkinson from Dewson to Givins, Mr. W. H. Hairston from Parliament to Phoebe, Mr. W. A. Deacon from Clinton to Bolton, Mr. J. Bennett from Grace to Niagara, Miss Aggie M. Lind from Parkdale to Niagara, Miss F. Dawkins from Bolton to Rose kindergarten.

Go Up Higher.

The teachers promoted are as follows:

Mr. J. Spence, assistant master in Dufferin School, to the principalship of Clinton-street School.

Mr. J. W. Rogers, assistant master in Wellesley, to the principalship of Grace-street.

Mr. A. Odell, assistant master in Ryerson, to the principalship of Dewson-street.

Miss I. Williams, assistant Kindergartner in Bolton-avenue to the position of directress.

Mr. W. E. Cobban was appointed to the position of principal of the Louisa-street School, provided he obtains his certificate before Jan. 3. It was further resolved that if Mr. Cobban did not receive his certificate before that time that E. W. Hind be appointed to the position.

The following teachers, now on the probation list, were appointed to the schools named: Miss Sarah Reid, in Rose-avenue school; Miss J. Ross, in Parkdale; Miss D. Corrigan, in Brant street; Mrs. A. W. Clarke, in Borden-street; Miss E. Bruce, in Bolton-street; Miss E. M. Pomeroy, in Victoria-street; Miss Gray, to Lansdowne.

The following teachers be appointed for the term of six months: Miss M. L. Taylor, Miss Ruckle, Miss M. Garrow.

The following assistant kintergartners were appointed: Miss E. Seccombe, in Bolton-avenue kindergarten; Miss Sophia Hardy, Brant-street kindergarten; Miss Lola M. Rohan, in Church-street kindergarten.

Auction Sale—Tobacconist goods at your own price each evening. Alive Bollard. 34

The Place to Patronize.

Foremost among the many drygoods houses in this city is N. Rooney's establishment, 63 Yonge-street. The floor and all the shelves are filled with specialties and goods of the latest design. The clerks are kept hustling to supply the wants of the many customers, and some of the tired ones are wishing that Rooney would not sell goods so cheaply. Everything is orderly and the goods in all the departments are tastefully arranged. An excellent stock of ladies' coats is fast diminishing. Mantle cloths, black silks, table linens, table cloths and napkins are being sold very cheaply. The firm has a special line of railway rugs and carriage rugs which they are disposing of at cost.

Artistic, unique, beautiful. Something new and novel in Xmas cards, booklets and calendars. A choice assortment at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-street.

The Nationalists Endorse McMillan.

At the meeting of the Nationalist Association last evening the Legislative and Municipal Committee reported that the candidates for the mayoralty had been asked to give pledges to oppose the application for an extension of the street railway contract from 20 to 30 years. Mr. John McMillan had given a definite pledge to that effect. A resolution was adopted endorsing the candidature of Mr. McMillan. The discussion on the paper on "The Root of Social Reform," read by Mr. George A. Howell at the last meeting, was concluded by Messrs Titus Gordon, Armstrong, Watson, Thompson, Howell and others.

Lady Dufferin's new book, "My Canadian Journal," 1872-1878, with illustrations by Lord Dufferin, at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-street.

"For sending to distant friends," "Christmas Numbers, Dominion Illustrated" and "Saturday Night," at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-street.

Initial silk handkerchiefs—all the letters—at 75 cents, sold elsewhere at $1, at White's, 65 King-street west.

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SNOW STOPS THE FIGHTING.

The Tribesmen Around Gilgil Are Safe Until the Spring.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 17.—The question of further operations on the part of the British troops against the Hunza Niger tribesmen in the vicinity of Gilgil and Fort Nilt, near the Pamir frontier, has been settled for the time being by the weather. Snow has fallen at those places and in the surrounding country to such an extent that military operations are impossible. They are still making good progress toward recovery. The troops are well supplied with food, ammunition, etc., in quantities sufficient to last them until the snow disappears.

"I WON'T HAVE IT!"

Judge Denman Strenuously Objects to Being Sketched in Court.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Before Justice Denman and a federal jury in the High Court of Justice to-day was continued the action for slander, brought by a Mrs. Osborn, a lady well known in society, against Mrs. Hargreaves, the wife of Major Hargreaves of the Prince of Wales entourage and well known in yachting circles. While at her residence at Torquay Mrs. Hargreaves lost a considerable amount of jewelry and is said to have charged Mrs. Osborne with appropriating the jewels.

While a witness was being examined Judge Denman angrily sprang to his feet and loudly asserted that some one was sketching him, adding: "I won't have it; I'll have any person turned out of court who takes such liberties with me."

Sir Charles Russell suggested that he did not think anybody was making a sketch of His Lordship. This only seemed to make Justice Denman all the more angry, for he sharply replied: "I won't have it. I know somebody is sketching me and I won't have it. Besides, they are sketching the witnesses and it disturbs them. I won't have it."

PHYSICIANS PUZZLED.

The Epidemic Called Influenza Not Understood—New and Startling Theory.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Physicians are beginning to regard the epidemic called influenza as a mysterious disease which they as yet do not fully understand. In France a new and startling theory is being advanced to the effect that the popular diagnosis of the disease is entirely wrong and that the epidemic is not really influenza, but a malady of a typhoid form. In support of this theory some very strong evidence is adduced. The real influenza of a most malignant form has appeared among the horses in the southeast of London. The disease is much more severe than when the animals were last attacked and is accompanied by congestion of the lungs. Fifty per cent. of the whole number in the district are affected and the epidemic is spreading.

Death His Atonement.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Minister Lincoln some time ago engaged as butler at the American Legation an Englishman named John Thompson. About a month ago Mrs. Bradley Martin, the noted American society leader, was a guest at the Legation of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. A valuable diamond spray was missing during Mrs. Martin's stay. A week later Thompson confessed the theft, but his confession was not credited. However, he was allowed to go. Yesterday his wife heard a noise, which aroused her suspicions that something was wrong. She rushed upstairs. The blood was flowing from a horrible wound in her husband's throat and he was still hacking away, as if determined to make sure of it. As she ran towards him he fell dying in her arms and the blood splashed over her dresses. He tried to kiss her and in a few moments was dead. The theory is that after years of correct living he had allowed himself to be tempted by a gang of burglars engaged in a superior line of robbery, and that after taking Mrs. Martin's jewel and delivering it to them he repented his dishonesty.

China's Viceroy Alarmingly Ill.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent says: "Li Hung Chan has been in bed several days with a severe attack of influenza. His doctors are anxious about him.

It is reported that several mission stations on the Yang-Tse-Kiang are menaced.

Sensational Murder at Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The police yesterday found the dead body of Anna Levarts, a well-known demi-monde, in her house near the bourse. All the woman's jewels had disappeared.

Chat from Over the Sea.

The corporation of London has voted 2500 guineas as a wedding present to Prince Albert Victor.

Dunbar Barton, Unionist, has been elected to Parliament in the middle division of Armagh. He was unopposed.

John Lealey, his wife and grandson were found dead in a lodging house at Bantry, Ireland, yesterday morning. They died from the effects of poison. Opinion is about equally divided as to whether it is a case of suicide or murder.

A ferry boat on the Clyde sprung a leak last evening and a terrible panic resulted among the passengers, among whom were 150 workmen returning to their homes at Renfrew. Fortunately the boat managed to reach a pier and all hands aboard of her scrambled ashore in a hurry. The last man was hardly ashore before she went to the bottom.

The Mikado in Court.

Judge Morson was engaged on an interesting case yesterday afternoon in the shape of a suit brought by J. Ross Robertson against Mrs. Obernier for a part of the receipts of the comic opera "Mikado," which the defendant conducted at the Academy of Music last April, and which it is alleged, has been dishonestly withheld. The whole trouble arises out of a disagreement between the parties during the recent performance of the opera. The plaintiffs held that the expenses of the evening performance only were to be deducted from the proceeds, and in support of this view called Mr. O. B. Sheppard, manager of the Grand Opera House, who testified that such was the invariable custom. As a matter of fact Mr. McLean, solicitor for Mrs. Obernier, had deducted both the afternoon and evening expenses, and in the case of Mrs. Harry Rich had paid her for the entire engagement from the proceeds of the evening. The costumes had been hired from a Boston firm and the funds of the evening performance were used to pay for them. The defence is that such was the original agreement. Judgment was reserved.

Try the Restaurant at the Hub.

Festive Comrades.

"F" Company of the Royal Grenadiers held their annual dinner at the Russell House last night. Sergt. Jeffries held the chair. Captain Elliot took advantage of the occasion to bid his men an affectionate good-bye. He has resigned his command as business calls him from the city. Staff-Sergt. Bewley, president of the Sergeants' Mess, represented the regimental staff. Corporal Wood and Sergt. Jeffries sang martial songs. The Cumberland Cup, which has been won four times by this company, was frequently passed down the tables. A jolly evening was spent by all the comrades.

Silks, Christmas sale. We are showing choice lines of rich silks in various makes. Nothing better imported, which will be sold at exceptionally low prices at Hughes' wholesale drygoods, 65 Yonge-street, opposite Webb's restaurant.

The "Trio."

There is no doubt about it at all. The "Trio," a five-cent cigar, manufactured by Messrs. Payne Bros. and Macfarlane of Granby, P.Q., is the finest cigar at the price in the world. "Le Maya," a ten-cent cigar, is guaranteed pure Havana filling, and is equal to any imported article. Try them and be convinced.

A DISCOUNT ON U. S. MONEY.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CANADIAN BANKERS AT MONTREAL.

It Is Proposed to Ask Parliament To Impose a Tax of 10 Per Cent. Upon United States Currency in Order To Shut Out the Objectionable Coin—It Has Become a Source of Great Loss.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—A private meeting of all the bank managers in Canada was held in Montreal to-day to complete the arrangements for an association for mutual protection. One subject which engaged the attention of the association was that of the circulation of American currency in Canada. Canadians have come to regard the American silver currency, whether represented by coin or paper, as equivalent to their own and without question of intrinsic or exchange value. They accept these tokens at their face value. Yet the American silver currency is in value for commercial purposes far below that of Canada, and those who accept it run the risk of appreciable loss. The bankers fear that unless something is done to check this influx of American currency the evil may become as marked as after the rebellion in the United States and for the second time Government interference may be necessary. The United States has for some years past imposed a tax of 10 per cent. upon Canadian currency and the bankers here propose to urge Parliament to imitate the example, as it is a matter of concern to the bankers to rid the country of this currency, as there is no more profitable branch of their business than circulating their own notes, against which they are compelled by law to hold no stipulated reserve. But this opportunity of profit is counteracted by the circulation of the American coin.

MR. EMORY OF CINCINNATI.

A Man With a History Who is Rusticating at the Walker House.

There is a distinguished exile from the United States quartered at the Walker House, in this city, in the person of J. C. Emory. In January, 1890, Emory was a resident of Cincinnati, and was convicted on a charge of fraudulently using the U. S. mails. He was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of $500 and to serve 15 months in the penitentiary.

On Jan. 18 Emory escaped from the Hamilton county jail and all attempts to locate him failed until a few days ago, when he was discovered by a citizen of Cincinnati at the Walker House in Toronto.

Emory claims that he was unjustly convicted; that he had accumulated sufficient evidence to secure a divorce from his wife on the ground of adultery and that in order to save his daughter, her father-in-law, one Frazier, a man of influence, secured a conviction on a trumped-up charge.

With regard to his escape from jail Emory says that the guards were bribed and he walked out without being molested in the least.

WHERE MEN SHOULD GO.

Dineen's Is the Place For Men's Furs of Every Kind.

What a cold snap this is, and how suddenly it has come upon us. Everyone is cold except those who have been at Dineen's store and came away clothed in furs. Nobody can go into that store without buying. Every way you look you see just the thing you want, and the very reasonable price asked for the different articles surprises one. It would be useless to attempt to describe all this vast stock, and in this article we will deal with men's furs only.

Fur-lined coats are displayed in abundance. To begin at the more costly, Mr. Dineen has the grandest display ever seen in this city. All kinds of mink, beaver, otter and Persian lamb. Fur coats are worth from $175 to $175. This price may seem big; but after the coats have been inspected they are pronounced half as cheap, for at that price the very best fur and the finest cloth are used in the manufacture of these coats, and they are really works of art.

This firm does not cater to the richer classes only, however, and a cheaper line of coats is being cleared out at cost. The fur is very handsome and is Australian bear, American bear or racoon. These range in price from $35 to $40. They are well made, well lined and made to wear. There is nothing like a good fur coat for a person who has any driving to do, and all such men should go to Dineens' and get one of these coats before they are all sold out. The coats will last almost a lifetime, if on account of the wearing of one a man won't live too long. Another line of beautiful coats made of Greenland seal are offered for $50. This fur is unique and is going to be all the rage. Soon the prices will go up, and many men now will be sorry for not having obtained one when they could be had at such a reasonable figure. Now we come to the cap. A person may exist without a fur coat, but he cannot get along without a cap. Hats are all right while the weather is mild, but when the frost comes, as it did yesterday, and as it will continue to do for some days to come, caps are a necessity. What a cold looking creature a man without a cap is. Those of them who were out on the street yesterday, held their hands to their ears, not knowing that on the first floor of Mr. Dineen's store, handsome caps were being offered for a song. Seal caps are shown in many different shapes, and the most beautiful are let go for $15. Other varieties, beaver, otter and mink are sold at a cheaper rate. One of the most handsome caps on exhibition is made of sea otter. This precious fur is very much in fashion, and it is no wonder. The cheaper class of caps in Baltic seal beaverette and astrachan are within the reach of all. No person need have cold ears when one of these goou caps can be had for $3.

Our description of the men's furs could be incomplete if we did not describe the large stock of men's gauntlets, which are shown in many varieties. Any person who has not been to Dineen's to get a pair of gauntlets to match them. The beaver, otter and mink ones are warm, comfortable and beautiful. To one who wears them nothing should be too good for such a pair and anyone who ever goes out of doors will find that it adds to his comfort to have a pair.

"BREAKING-UP" TIME.

How the Normal School Students Spent a Pleasant Evening.

The Normal School was last evening the scene of an interesting gathering on the occasion of its closing exercises. Principal Kirkland presided. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Prof. Maclaren, D.D., and Prof. Hume, M.A., Ph.D.

The musical portion of the program was under the direction of S. H. Preston, music master of the Normal and Model Schools. The soloists were Miss Dunbar, Miss Dingie and Miss Pringle. The latter sang "Afterwards" and "Annie Laurie," in each effort displaying exceptional musical ability. She is the possessor of a remarkably sweet, clear soprano voice. Her accentuation of the last syllable in several of the words tended to mar the otherwise pleasing vocalization.

Two part songs, "The Broken Pitcher" and "Home, Sweet Home," were rendered by Misses Dingie, Dunbar, Nasmith, Lester, Messrs. Urquhart, Campbell, Dumas and Wightman.

Miss Knox, B.E., whose elocutionary powers are well-known and highly appreciated, delivered two readings, with the accustomed encores, in her usually brilliant and able manner.

Orangemen at Dinner.

The Board of Trade Cafe was the scene last night of the dinner given by the members of the Forlong, L.O.L., No. 361. Among the guests were Mayor Clarke, James Beaty, Q.C., ex-Ald. McMillan, Ald. Orr and McMurrich, Trustees Whiteside and Rodem, Mr. James Parrett of North Toronto, Mr. W. W. Hodson of East Toronto, Mr. J. G. Holmes and Harry Piper. The event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. F. R. Whiteside of the Past Master's jewel by Mayor Clarke. The following officers for next year were elected: Master, Mr. A. E. Crate; deputy-master, Mr. Robert Sparks; chaplain, Mr. James Purvis; secretary, Mr. W. E. Davis; financial-secretary, Mr. Thomas Green; treasurer, Mr. Alexander Faulkener; and the following committee: Messrs. A. H. Monkman; Fred. Giles, I. P. Hewitt, W. J. Barchard and Darcy B. Bernhardt.

New Smoking Room Open at the Hub.

Buy your presents this week before the rush. Elegant dressing gowns, lounging jackets, silk mufflers, silk handkerchiefs, etc., all imported expressly for Xmas. Treble's, 38 King-street west.

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An absolute and rapid cure for open sores or ulcers on the legs from varicose veins, etc. Medicine sent prepaid by mail on receipt of one dollar by J. G. Dixon & Co., 345 West King-street, Toronto, Canada.

THE QUESTION OF SUNDAY STREET CARS.

Is One That the People Must Be Allowed to Settle by Their Votes—Sign the Subjoined Petition.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TORONTO:

WHEREAS at a meeting of the City Council held Jan. 19, 1891, it was moved by Ald. Leslie, seconded by Ald. Lindsey, That if at any time during the lease of the streets of this city for street railway purposes, as per tenders to be received on Feb. 2 next, a petition be presented to this council, signed by 5000 ratepayers qualified to vote for members of this council, asking that the question of street cars on Sunday be submitted to the ratepayers, the said question shall be submitted in due course:

WHEREAS Section 40 of the Agreement between the City Council and the Kiely-Everett Syndicate stipulates: No cars shall be run on the Lord's Day until a Sunday Service has been approved by the citizens by a vote taken on the question:

The undersigned ratepayers, qualified to vote for members of the council, respectfully request that the ratepayers be given an opportunity at the forthcoming Municipal Elections of expressing their opinion for or against the running of street cars on Sunday:

NAME.	ADDRESS.

Cut out the petition, sign it, have others do so and hand in to World Office.

THE SUNDAY CAR QUESTION.

Advocates of Popular Decision and the Clerical Opposition Working Hard—Monday Will Be the Eventful Day.

In response to The World's appeal for additional signatures in favor of trusting the people on the Sunday car question, many influential citizens who had not previously signed the requisition did so at The World office yesterday. Above 100 railway employes also sent in their names from the West End.

Let the citizens keep on signing and Monday night at council will show far more bona fide petitioners for the referendum than will the clerical protest. The latter was being carried around to the homes of the people yesterday, and all signatures that could be got were taken irrespective of being voters or not. Women, too, held meetings and will use all their gentle pressure on the side of the counter-petition.

Meantime the verifying of the signatures to The World's petition goes on at the City Hall. No authentic statement will be made until the council meets on Monday night. The World is inundated with letters complimentary and otherwise on the subject.

Submit it in January.

[From Last Night's News.]

The Sunday street car question should be voted upon at the municipal elections; in the first place, to have it settled at once, and in the second place to save the expense which a separate submission of it would entail. There is no use in longing the discussion of the matter, as that would serve only to intensify feeling regarding it. Better by far to have it off at once and settled.

Preachers v. the People.

Editor World: One would think that our city ministers paid all our taxes, in trying to stop the people's voice in the Sunday street car question. I do not think they have any right whatever to interfere. It is the people's right. It is not the cars running on Sunday that troubles the ministers—it is the five cents that will drop into the conductor's satchel instead of being dropped into the coffers of the church. Ministers should put all their energies into the preaching of the gospel. The people can manage the street cars all right. PRO BONO PUBLICO.

AN OTTAWA SENSATION.

Attempted Murder and Robbery of the Rideau Canal Paymaster.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—At 9 o'clock this morning an unknown man entered the office of Frank Abbott, paymaster of the Rideau Canal, and with a piece of rubber hose containing a lump of lead tied firmly in the one end, struck at Abbott's head, but the force of the blow was weakened by touching the shoulder. The man then grabbed a valise containing $5000 with which Abbott was about to start out to pay the employes. Abbott closed with his assailant, who dropped the bag and escaped.

PAPERS ON HISTORY.

From Labrador to the Gibraltar Stronghold—Interesting Descriptions.

The historical section of the Canadian Institute held a meeting in the Canadian Institute building with a small but select attendance. Two able and carefully prepared papers were presented, the first being read by Mr. David Boyle, entitled, "Notes on the discovery of the Great Falls of Labrador." The paper chiefly dealt with the life and experiences of John McLean, a native of Argyleshire who, while in the service of the Hudson Bay Company, was the first man to see and describe the Grand Falls of Ashwanipe River in 1839. Mr. McLean died in 1890 at Elora, Ont., aged 92 years.

Mr. John G. Ridout followed with a paper entitled "Gibraltar with Illustrations." The writer spent four years on the Rock Fortress and so was thoroughly conversant with the subject. In the course of a most entertaining paper embellished by about a dozen large photographic views, he described the natural features of the place, the galleries, caves, ancient castle and surrounding country, and the history of the fortress from its first capture by the Moors through its dozen sieges to the last which ended in 1783. The meeting was a most enjoyable and successful one.

Taps From the Telegraph.

John Greenleaf Whittier, the Quaker poet, celebrated his 84th birthday yesterday.

A freight car on the G.T.R. was broken open near Point Claire and $1000 worth of goods consigned to Toronto merchants stolen.

Consequent upon the attempt of the Government to reduce the number of appeal judges on the island of St. Vincent, Lord Knutsford has been denounced by the populace.

Daniel Hand, the Guilford, Conn., philanthropist, died yesterday, aged 90 years. He leaves $400,000 to the American Missionary Association for the education of the colored race in the south.

Took Strychnine.

DUCK LAKE, N.W.T., Dec. 17.—Word has just come in from Snake Plains that Miss Halpin, sister of Mr. Halpin, the Indian agency clerk, had been poisoned. It is thought she committed suicide by taking strychnine.

For coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., try Watson's Cough Drops. 135

THE COLONEL AT HIS BEST.

ELOQUENT DISSERTATION ON NATIONAL SPIRIT.

True-Hearted Canadians Crowd the Auditorium—Lieut.-Col. Denison Castigates the Professor—Mr. Smith's Traitorous Ideas—He Damns the Country—No Annexation—Rule Britannia.

The Auditorium presented a grand and inspiriting sight last night. It was decorated with flags of Old England and crowded with enthusiastic Canadians. The occasion was a patriotic lecture by Lieut.-Col. George T. Denison, under the auspices of the Sons of England. Supreme Grand President Ivens was in the chair, surrounded by all the chief officers of the association. Amongst others on the platform were the Bishop of Toronto, Mayor Clarke, Candidates Beaty and McMillan, Mr. Cockburn, M.P., Rev. Prof. Symonds, Prof. Ashley, David Creighton and a host of prominent citizens.

Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue.

The proceedings opened with the singing of "Britannia, the Pride of the Ocean," sung with such heartiness as only a couple of thousand Englishmen can sing it. The chairman then gave an admirable address.

Loud cheering greeted the gallant Colonel, and this mark of approbation was repeatedly conferred during the hour he occupied in discussing "National Spirit: Its Influence Upon Nations."

The early part of the lecture referred to ancient nations and the glorious story of European patriotism. The loyal sentiments in the poems of Shakespeare were quoted, loud cheers greeting the lines:

This England never did (nor never shall),
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror,
But when it first did help to wound itself—
Now these her princes have come home again,
Come the three corners of the world in arms,
And we shall shock them—naught will make us rue
If England to itself do rest but true.

The Voices of the Poet.

"The great poets of England," said the Colonel, "have voiced the patriotic feeling of the country in every age. Macaulay's, 'Armada,' Tennyson's 'Revenge' and 'The Light Brigade,' the songs of Campbell and Dibdin are household words in our empire, and I never heard of any objections being made to their being read by children. [Cheers.]

"While the English people are animated by the spirit of Drake and Frobisher, of Havelock and Gordon, of Grenville and Nelson, of the men who fought at Rorke's Drift, and those who died in the valley of death, there need be no fear as to her safety." [Applause.]

Gems in Canada's Diadem.

The Colonel next referred to the many bright pages of Canadian history and said: "The memory of our victories at Queenston Heights and Chateauguay are as dear to the hearts of the Canadian people as Marathon and Salamis were to the Greeks or Morgarten and Sempach are to the Swiss. Why then should we be asked to conceal the knowledge of these victories won on our own soil, by our own people, in defence of our own freedom?" [Cheers.]

The Collapse of Commercial Union.

The lecturer then reviewed the rise and the collapse of the commercial union craze. "No party in Canadian politics would touch it, and the Commercial Union Club in this city is, I believe, defunct. Its chairman, however, has not given up his designs against Canada. His writings and his influence have never been on the side of the continued connection between Canada and the Empire, but it is only within the last year or two that he has thrown off the mask, and taking advantage of the movement in the States to coerce us into annexation, has come out openly in favor of the idea under the name of continental unity."

In his last lecture on Jingoism given a few weeks ago, he made his political farewell. If I ever had the slightest confidence in the statement that he had concluded his attacks on Canada, I would not have troubled to answer this, his latest vindictive effusion. But he has already made so many farewells, longing for the discussions provoked by the performances of antiquated ballet dancers, who usually continue repeating them until they are hissed off the stage. [Loud laughter.] Some three weeks had elapsed before once more appeared before the public with a letter announcing once more his departure from the stage, and arguing at length in favor of annexation for the purpose of introducing Mr. Solomon White's Woodstock meeting. He will write again and lecture again if he sees an opportunity of doing Canada an injury. [Applause.]

Mr. Goldwin Smith's Treasonable Propaganda.

This Oxford professor has been most systematic in his efforts to carry out his treasonable ideas. He sees several obstacles in his way. The prosperity of the country; the national spirit of the people, their loyalty to the sovereign, their love for the Motherland, the idea of imperial unity, the memory of what we owe to England, and have died for Canada's freedom and the martial instinct of our young men which would lead them to fight to maintain the independence of their country; he sees all these obstacles in his way, while the only inducement he can hold out to us in support of his view, is the delusive hope that annexation would make us more prosperous and wealthy."

"He never loses an opportunity to make Canadians dissatisfied with their lot, trying to make us believe that we are in a hopeless state, while in reality we are exceedingly prosperous."

The lecturer then severely criticized Prof. Goldwin Smith's addresses on "Loyalty," "Aristocracy" and "Jingoism." He indignantly repudiated the puny spirited ideas of this discontented lachrymose stranger in our midst in his decrying the erection of monuments to heroes who have died in defence of their country and the instilling of patriotism in the minds of public scholars. Several times the Colonel branded the learned professor as a traitor and a conspirator.

Mr. Mowat Gave the True Ring.

On the question of annexation, he said, Mr. Mowat voiced the sentiments of all true-hearted Canadians. "Thank God," added the Colonel, "this annexation craze has not yet become a party question." The lecturer denied that those who were infusing national spirit among Canadians desired war. "We have nothing to fight for; we don't even require the American market unless we can get it on equal and honorable terms. A war could do us no good, would give us no advantage we do not now possess, save that it would rid us of our traitors. The man who cannot get on here, or who is dissatisfied with Canada or her institutions, is right to go to the country he likes best. It does not cost much to go, and if he wishes, by all means let him go. [Cheers.]

Strength does not consist so much in numbers as in quality. When Hannibal was crossing into Italy he called for volunteers to stay behind to garrison some posts; not that he required them, but because he desired to rid himself of the half-hearted. Some thousands volunteered to remain. He then considered his army much stronger than when it was more numerous because the weak element was gone. Shakespeare, that great master of human nature, puts the same idea in Henry V. mouth on the eve of Agincourt when in the face of fearful danger:

Oh, do not wish one more,
Rather proclaim it, Westmoreland, through my host,
That he who hath no stomach to this fight,
Let him depart; his passport shall be made
And crowns for convoy put into his purse.
We would not die in that man's company
That fears his fellowship to die with us.

The professor says he gave the "Canada First" movement his sympathy and such assistance as he could with his pen. He hoped, as did one or two others who injured us by their support, to turn it into an independence movement and make a sort of political party out of it, and it melted into thin air, but the work of the originators was not all lost, as Mair says in his lines in memory of our friend Foster:

The seed they sowed has sprung at last
And grows and blossoms through the land.

The professor has in the same way been giving his sympathy and support to the Reform party, advocating trade arrangements somewhat as they do, and tacking on annexation which they do not.

He is Blasting the Reform Party.

"The professor's assistance is blasting to the Reform party, and nothing but Mr. Mowat's manly repudiation of his ideas could save the party from the injury and damage that so unwelcome a guest could not fail to bring upon it. For I have no doubt he is as unwelcome in the ranks of the Reform party as his presence in Canada is a source of regret to the whole population."

In conclusion Col. Denison said: "We need not lose hope. The instances I have given from the history of the past, show that the very spirit that has carried great nations through great trials, has manifested itself in all ages, just as the patriotic feeling of the Canadian people has burst out, under the stress of foreign threats and foreign agression, and under the indignation aroused by internal intrigue and treachery. This feeling cannot be quenched, our flag will be hoisted as often as we will, and I am glad to notice that our judges are seeing that what is a general custom, shall be a universal custom, and that where the Queen's courts are held, there her flag shall float overhead [applause.] All parties will unite in encouraging a national spirit, for no party can ever attain power in this country unless it is loyal.

In Mr. Mowat's words "We will stand firm in our allegiance to the sovereign we love, and will not forget the dear old land from which our fathers have come." If all this is "Jingoism" the Canadians will be "jingoes," as that loyal Canadian Dr. Beers said in his magnificent lecture at Windsor. We would rather be loyal jingoes than disloyal politroons.

Let us then do everything to encourage this spirit—let all true Canadians always think of Cnada first, putting the country above all party or personal, or pecuniary considerations ever remembering that no matter what the dangers, or trials, or difficulties, or losses may be, we must never lose faith in Canada.

Generous were the words of praise which a member of Toronto, as a member of the Sons of England B.A., and of Mayor Clarke, as an Irishman, paid to Col. Denison for his eloquent and patriotic lecture. Then with heart and voice the ever-stimulating tones of "God Save the Queen" rang through the hall. This closed one of the most successful demonstrations of Canadian loyalty which has been held within four walls for many a long day.

DOWN AT THE TUNNEL.

Working Like a Charm—C.P.R. After Fort Gratiot Crossing.

SARNIA, Dec. 17.—All Grand Trunk business is now carried on through the tunnel, and the yards at Point Edward and Fort Gratiot, which a few weeks ago were crowded with trains and buzzing with the hum of industry, are now almost as silent and deserted as the Egyptian Pyramids. The local trains run up there, but all through trains, passenger and freight, go the other way.

The opening of the tunnel route and the consequent shortening of the distance between Chicago and Buffalo is said to have already perceptibly increased the business of the Grand Trunk.

The tunnel works like a charm. Two tunnel engines are kept with steam up; one of these takes a train through from the station on this side and then brings a train back; then the other engine takes a train through and brings one back, and they continue to alternate in this way. They handle a train of 24 loaded cars in half an hour. The train has its own conductor, engineer and trainmen, whose duty it is to take the train through from this side and bring one back, the regular conductors, engineers and brakemen going on at the stations on each side. It took the first regular passenger train that went through the tunnel just one minute and 58 seconds to go from portal to portal.

The latest railway rumor is that the Canadian Pacific has made the Grand Trunk an offer for the Fort Gratiot crossing, including yards and right of way on both sides.

JUDGE SINCLAIR DEAD.

A Long and Brilliant Legal Career Ended at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. S. Sinclair, senior judge of the County Court, died this morning at his residence, Herkimer-street. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis with which deceased was stricken on Tuesday last. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

The late judge was considered one of the most able and efficient county court judges in the province. In his leisure hours he turned his attention to authorship, and numerous legal works testify to his erudite knowledge of the subjects which he undertook to treat. Only this year he published a valuable treatise on the License Act of Ontario.

James Shaw Sinclair was born at Ramsay, Lanark county, April 7, 1838. His father was Alexander Sinclair of the township of Ramsay, born in Perthshire, Scotland, and his mother was Elizabeth, daughter of the late John Shaw. Judge Sinclair received his early education at the Perth Grammar School, and afterwards studied with a private tutor. He began his legal studies with his uncle, the late William McNairn Shaw, M.L.A., and was called to the bar during Easter term, 1863. He commenced to practice law in Goderich in partnership with Alexander Shaw, now of Walkerton.

A Prominent Manitoban Dead.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—C. P. Brown, who was for several years connected with the Provincial Government and held portfolios of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Public Works, died to-day of pneumonia after a few days' illness. Mr. Brown was one of the promoters of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway and founded the town of Gladstone. Since leaving the Government in 1887 he followed the profession of civil engineer and land surveyor.

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Martha Washington's Slipper, $90.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A large quantity of Washingtoniana was disposed of at auction here to-day. A dainty black velvet slipper worn by Martha Washington at the inaugural ball brought $90.

A most delightful remedy for a cough or cold, Adams' Wild Cherry and Licorice Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold everywhere; 5 cents.

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