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NEWFOUNDLAND CRISIS

The Colony in a State of Financial Demoralization.

MINISTRY'S DISMISSAL DEMANDED.

Banks Fail and Every Business House Practically Ruined.

The Union Bank Follows the Commercial and Suspends—Whitewaylites Refuse to Take the Reins of Government Though Asking the Dismissal of the Goodridge Cabinet—Business Methods That Have Caused the Catastrophe—All Business at a Standstill and Thousands in Distress.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11.— Excitement over the bank failures continues intense, but owing to the influence of Sir William Whiteway all extreme manifestations are kept under. Whiteway is using all his personal influence with depositors and stockholders to allay excitement. He and his party have risen to the occasion and he is the man of the hour.

Last night the directors of the Commercial Bank asked him to confer with them, which he did to-day. As a result the Goodridge Marine executive sent a letter offering to resign immediately.

No reply was vouchsafed but the Whiteway party waited on Governor O'Brien and demanded their immediate dismissal on the grounds of their defeat at the polls, and that the Premier and other members of the executive are defaulting bank directors. The Governor will reply this evening.

The Crisis Long Expected.

The financial crisis has long been expected, and its very suddenness prevents a full realization of its calamitous effects. Two banks, five of the largest fish dealing houses, and a shoal of smaller concerns have failed, and the indications now are that every business house of importance will be involved in the general ruin. Consternation reigns in the city, and we owe it to the inability of the masses to understand the situation that there is not chaos in St. John's to-day. The causes which led to this disaster are many and difficult to explain, but the chief is the rotten banking conditions which prevail in this country and which have been the cause of incessant anxiety during the past seven years. Newfoundland's fish trade is run on what is termed the supplying system.

The merchant or dealer in fish supplies the fishermen with provisions for the winter and a schooner and fishing requisites in the spring all on credit. The fisherman turns over to him his catch of cod and herring in the fall, and the merchant, to cover incidental losses and bad debts, charges him for his credit supplies from 25 to 50 per cent. above the cash figures. In bad years this does not nearly meet his losses, and the depletion of the fisheries, increase in taxes, diversion of hundreds of men from fishing to railway building through the island at higher wages, and lastly, the destruction of St. John's by fire two years ago, combined to financially embarrass every firm dealing in the fisheries.

Little Money in Circulation.

The necessarily small volume of money in circulation here and the scontracted scope of the banking business compelled merchats to resort to the pernicious practice of overdrawing accounts and endorsing and floating paper which they were the more easily able to accomplish as they were nearly every one of them directors in the banking concerns doing business here. The necessary consequences resulted. In the endeavor to rescue what they had sunk, they plunged further into the financial morass, till their whole system of business became a gigantic fabric of promissory notes.

The crash might have been postponed another year, but, about two weeks ago, Mr. Hall of the firm of Prows, Hall & Morris, London, England, died suddenly. This firm is the financial agent of nearly all the merchants here who export fish to Europe, and he had charge of this branch of the business. When he died his family and trustees demurred at continuing so hazardous a business, and certain exchanges becoming due on Friday were protested in London. The Commercial Bank drew these exchanges, and, not having funds in London to honor them, it fell back upon its mercantile clients. These were similarly situated, and on Saturday the firm of Edwin Duder made an assignment. This precipitated the crash.

Run on the Bank.

The rumor spread through the city, and yesterday it was known that several other concerns would follow suit. However, a worse blow struck the community when the Commercial Bank posted a notice on its door that it would suspend payment for the present, owing to the failure of several of its mercantile customers to respond to their liabilities to it. The effect of this on the community it is impossible to describe. The bank was besieged in a few moments with hundreds of men anxious to exchange notes for gold. Foiled there, those who had notes of the Union Bank rushed to its banking house, and for about an hour it paid out gold in a steady stream. Then, as its stock would be clearly inadequate to the demand, it suspended temporarily until it could replemish its gold reserve from the United States.

Only Two Banks.

There were two chartered banks only doing business in Newfoundland, the Union and Commercial Banks. There is also the Savings Bank, a Government provident institution, the deposits and interest guaranteed by the colony. The deposits in the Savings Bank amounted to $3,000,000. Half of this was in Government bonds, stocks, etc. The other half was loaned at interest to the Union and Commercial banks to use in their ordinary business. Of this amount the Union Bank had about $1,000,000, but the Government owed it on overdrawn current Colonial account $650,000, leaving the Union Bank's indebtedness about $350,000. The Commercial Bank had about $500,000 from the Savings Bank, also without any commensurate offset, and this was its heaviest blow, the charter of both banks providing that the Savings Bank shall be a preferential creditor in the event of their failure. This morning the Government enforced this provisb, and the Commercial placed its specie at its service. The Commercial also was severely hampered by its unwieldy note circulation, which was far out of proportion to its collateral.

The one bright prospect in the situation is that there are about $2,000,000 worth of fish oil and other products in this city, and if this can be shipped to market and realized upon, it will turn in at least 75 per cent. of its value.

Will Lose Everything.

One firm which has assigned has property worth more than its liabilities, and hopes to realize 90 per cent. If the estimate of 75 per cent. of the products is realized, then it is very probable the depositors in the Commercial Bank may get their money paid ultimately by the sacrifice of the capital stock and the property of the shareholders. These will lose everything, and as there are among them widows, orphans and charitable institutions, it will mean absolute beggary to hundreds least able to cope with their troubles.

Commercial Bank notes are selling for one-tenth their value, and will not be handled at all by business people. The bank, as an institution, is unquestionably wrecked. The condition of the Union Bank is similar, but not so intensified. There is a feeling of genuine confidence in its solvency superinduced by its successes in the past and the knowledge that it has substantial resources at home and abroad. Its future is, however, threatened by the fact that two at least of the largest firms doing business with it must suspend within 48 hours. They are merely keeping open now in the hope that some settlement may be effected before then, which will give stability to the bank, and if such fails then everything will come down with a smash that will destroy trade into fragments. The result will depend largely on the realization of the fishery product.

Outside Aid Necessary.

The whole situation now depends on securing outside aid. One of the members of the Government starts to-night for Canada to arrange, if possible, for one of the Canadian banks to establish a branch there, and has good prospects of success. The Government also telegraphed to the British Ministry requesting a loan of $1,000,000, or that they will guarantee the loan of $1,500,000, which we are now trying to float in London. The Colonial Secretary may start for London to-morrow with this object in view, and every nerve is being strained to secure the much-needed assistance.

The Situation Frightful.

The situation in this city is frightful. About 700 men are directly dependent on the firms which have suspended, and are now without any means of support, with the rigors of a winter in these latitudes facing them. Then thousands of people have commercial notes of greater or less value, which are absolutely valueless at present, and the whole circulating medium consists of about $200,000 in gold, silver and copper. This amount has got not only to do for St. John's, but the whole island, as outside this city there are no banks or exchanges. The people do their whole business in bank notes, and these will really be the worst sufferers, as they cannot get their notes to St. John's or effect any arrangements. Business is at a standstill. Everyone loses more or less, and it is impossible to overestimate the gravity of the situation. The Union Bank failure means absolute ruin for thousands. The colony's credit gone, its railway half built fails of completion, the people have no means of carrying on the fisheries, and their sufferings this winter will be dreadful.

The Union's Last Statement.

The following abstract from the last annual statement of the Union Bank will illustrate the prevailing financial methods here. Its liabilities were $4,455,745, including an amount of $3,015,305 due by it, deposits, bills, notes, etc., its capital reserve, bank note circulation, and dividends making up the remainder. In May, when this statement appeared, it had as assets a gold reserve of $136,974, bills discounted, loans, balances due by other banks and funds available in 15 days something over $4,000,000.

The commercial Bank statement could not be obtained, but it is less satisfactory, and some of the papers are clamoring for the indictment of the directors for breach of trust.

Newspaper Opinions.

The new Government organ says: "Extravagance in public works, a fictitious prosperity caused by the fire, combined with the war waged against the credit of our commercial men, have done their work, and brought about the present position."

The Evening Telegram, Opposition organ, says: "The great misfortune appears to have been that the directorate of the Commercial Bank has consisted of merchants alone, and they have availed themselves of their position to obtain heavy advances, which they are unable to respond to. They have made use of the money of the widow and the orphan to carry on their speculation, and should have punishment meted out to them, temper it as you may, with mercy."

The Demoralization Complete.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 11.—Private telegrams received to-day from St. John's, Nfld., by several Halifax bank managers indicate that complete demoralization prevails there.

Unless confidence is restored in some measure and business put on a stable footing very soon there is likely to be great suffering among the working classes, whose savings are locked up in Savings Bank deposits and loaned by the Government to the banks.

The Union Bank Suspends

The Union Bank paid out gold for an hour yesterday and then suspended to protect its creditors and shareholders. The prospects are considered good for reopening.

Intercolonial Railway authorities have been wired to from firms in Toronto, Montreal and other places, requesting them to hold all goods now at the depot awaiting shipment to Newfoundland. The goods stopped would half fill a steamer.

The Books of Prowse, Hall & Morris to Be Examined.

London, Dec. 11.—Concerning the suspension of the mercantile firm of Prowse, Hall & Morris, and its connection with the financial crisis in Newfoundland, Mr. Morris, junior member of the firm, said: "The suspension was ordered owing to the death of our partner, Mr. Henry Hall, and the consequent necessity of carefully ascertaining the exact position of the firm. Our books have been handed over to an accountant for examination. I am unable to say to what extent our failure is due to the Newfoundland crisis until I can obtain further information."

A Liverpool Firm Suspends.

London, Dec. 11.—The Daily News announces that Job Bros., merchants and shipowners of Liverpool, have suspended in connection with the crisis in Newfoundland.

A Winter Poet's Effusion.

It's now we're all reminded, by the evenings, oh, so chill,
An' the chucklin' of the chickens roostin' on the winder sill,
That winter snows will soon surround us,
An' cold, cold blasts blow all around us,
Toying roughly with our whiskers with an overwhelming will.

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The seedin's all bin done, an' the medders are all tilled,
But there's lots of empty coal bins a waitin' to be filled.
So let's hustle round, with the dollars sweetly clinkin',
An' order from this firm, is what everybody's thinkin'.

People's Coal Company. Tel. 2246 and 4048.

It is a thing of beauty. *Saturday Night's Christmas Number.* **with three lovely pictorial supplements. The issue of the season. If mailed on the 13th inst. will reach England in time for Christmas.**

Presents for Smokers.

The best thing is to give a nice box of cigars, very fine, done up; 10 and 25 cents, or else meerschaum or briar pipes at low prices. Alive Bollard.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEET AND SELECT OFFICERS.

Ward Committees Also Chosen to Name Good Candidates for Aldermen for 1895—A Meeting to Select Candidates for the Several Wards to Be Held Next Tuesday Evening.

For three hours last night the Citizens' Committee, appointed at the mass meeting on Friday last to aid in electing good and suitable aldermen, were in session in the Council Chamber at the City Hall. Unfortunately, no definite line of procedure was laid down at the commencement, consequently much time was wasted in useless discussion.

W. R. Brock was elected temporary chairman and G. C. Campbell secretary.

Among those present were:

Prof. Goldwin Smith, ex-Ald. Boustead, G. H. Bertram, Alf Jury, D. J. O'Donoghue, J. Finch, William McCabe, S. Reynolds, S. James, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Thomas, ex-Ald. Saunders, ex-Ald. Davies, Dr. Barrick, Ald. Dunn, ex-Ald. Steiner, E. P. Pearson, Dr. James Beaty, Rev. J. E. Starr, ex-Ald. Defoe, Dr. Thompson, Capt. Perry, Walter Burnill, ex-Mayor Clarke, ex-Ald. Carlyle, R. W. Steele, G. F. Cockburn, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. McDonell, Samuel Crane, George Bertram, Sturgeon Stewart, James Stewart, R. Reynolds, S. C. Biggs, John Kane, James Boddy, G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P.

Permanent Officers Elected.

On the motion of William McCabe a committee was appointed to name permanent officers. The gentlemen nominated retired, and after a few minutes' absence returned and reported their report. After adding several names the report was adopted. These were the officers elected:

President—Col. John I. Davidson.

Vice-Presidents—E. Rogers, E. F. Clarke, Hon. G. W. Allan, George H. Bertram, Hugh Blain, W. R. Brock, Edward Gurney, Robert Jaffray, Hon. J. C. Aikins and Alexander Manning.

Executive Committee—Dr. E. J. Barrick, Alfred McDougall, John Armstrong, ex-Ald. Defoe, Hon. T. W. Anglin, George A. Cox, R. Glockling, John Tweed, A. W. Holmes, Walter Burnill, T. W. Banton, ex-Ald. Walker, ex-Ald. Saunders, I. C. Steele, William McCabe, Rev. Dr. Potts, J. M. Wright, E. T. Pearson, James Beaty, Principal Caven, G. R. R. Cockburn, J. Herbert Mason, Hon. S. C. Wood, R. H. Tomlinson, W. T. Mackenzie, Stapleton Caldecott, ex-Ald. Boustead, J. B. Perry, George Fanikner, Dr. Sloane, Dr. Burgess, John Green, John M. Lee, Sturgeon Stewart, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Macpherson.

Ward Committees.

Ward committees were then appointed to select desirable candidates for the forthcoming election, with power to add to their numbers. These were the officers of the several committees:

Ward 1: John Greer chairman, Thomas Mitchell secretary.

Ward 2: George A. Cox chairman, E. P. Pearson secretary.

Ward 3: Ex-Ald. Boustead chairman, Charles Pearson secretary.

Ward 4: George H. Bertram chairman, Dr. Ferguson secretary.

Ward 5: Rev. J. E. Starr, chairman, G. C. Campbell secretary.

Ward 6: Hon. S. C. Biggs, chairman, J. D. Spence secretary.

To Select Candidates.

Each of these committees will hold meetings during the present week and report to the Executive Committee at the City Hall on Tuesday next.

D. J. O'Donoghue and Alfred Jury objected to the idea of the Ward Committees having to report to the Executive Committee. They were of opinion that the reports should go direct to the full committee. William McCabe said Messrs. O'Donoghue and Jury had been endeavoring to obstruct the meeting all evening, and explained the desirability of the executive supervising the nominations, owing to the fact that the ward meetings might be "packed."

Mr. O'Donoghue retaliated that he had as much right to take part in the discussion as Mr. McCabe, and argued that the Executive Committee might just as reasonably be packed as the Ward Committees. He had made his proposal in order to save time.

The question was put to the vote and the committee decided that the reports shall go first to the Executive and then to the Full Committee. Both the Executive and Parent Committee will meet on Tuesday night.

The Mayor will be requested to allow the use of the halls under the control of the corporation for the holding of meetings during the election campaign.

Saturday Night's Christmas Number **stands at the head as a work of art. Your distant friends will appreciate it. Nicely put up in tubes ready for mail. Order before the supply is exhausted.**

Old Boys Want Assistance.

A deputation from the Old Boys' Association of Upper Canada College, composed of Judge Kingsmill, Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison, W. R. Creelman and Mr. Boyd, interviewed Sir Oliver Mowat yesterday to secure further assistance in reorganizing that institution.

Solving a Difficult Problem

There is apt to be in the coming holidays a great deal of worry among femininity in choosing suitable presents for Christmas offerings to masculine friends. If any lady has upon her mind that some gift must be selected for a man, be he husband or lover, father or brother, a visit to Quinn's, 116 King-street west, will certainly help her out. The artistic shapes and fascinating patterns in neckwear are suggestive of Yule-tide.

The entire collection of Wm. Smith's water color paintings, now on exhibition at Roberts' Art Gallery, will be sold at public auction Saturday, 15th inst., at 2 30 p.m.

1884 Vintage Champagne.

We have a few cases of Gold Lac Sec Brut, 1884, Vintage Champagne. Every cork is stamped '84. The above wine is acknowledged to be without exception the finest in the world. Price $35 per case quarts. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

A son, living in the city, can in no nicer way show that he remembers his mother than by sending her a copy of *Saturday Night's Christmas Number*, **neatly done up in a tube.**

California Tokay is the most delicious pure light wine ever sold in Canada. Price $2.50 per gall., $6 per dozen, 60c. per bottle. It is sold at all first-class hotels and clubs at 10c. per dock glass. Wm. Mara, agent for Canada, 79 Yonge-street.

A delightful Christmas present for a young lady—Adams' Tutti Frutti. Refuse imitations

Newly-Cut Flowers.

The choicest roses, carnations, violets and orchids are received twice daily at Dunlop's city showrooms, 5 King west and 445 Yonge.

Steel Plate Hot Air Furnaces. Get an estimate. Wheeler & Bain 179 King-st., East. 36

CLARA FORD AGAIN.

Her Trial Will Probably Not Take Place Until Spring—The House Where She Was Left.

It is understood that Mr. W. G. Murdoch, counsel for Clara Ford, is desirous that the trial of the young mulatto tailoress for the murder of Frank Westwood shall not take plac until the Spring Assizes, and that the Crown will not insist that the trial go on at the Winter Assizes next month.

A good deal of rubbish has been written about the history and parentage of the girl. As a matter of fact, all that is known of the young woman's ancestors is that her mother was a young mulatto, that Clara, when a few days old, was depositd on the doorstep of Mrs. Stow, who then resided at the corner of Gould and Yonge-streets. This was in 1862. The prisoner's story that she is 32 years of age is therefore correct. Mrs. Stow died many years ago, as did also her son, F. T. Stow. Two of the latter's daughters are still residing in the city, one being the wife of Mr. Alexander Kirkwood of the Crown Lands Department and the other of Mr. Arthur W. Shutt of the Consumers' Gas Co. Both of these ladies recollect hearing their grandmother relate the circumstances of the finding of the foundling on her doorstep. Miss McKay, with whom Clara lived until the former's death a couple of years ago, was then employed as a servant with Mrs. Stow, and she consented to take up house and rear the waif. Clara's subsequent history has been fully set forth in The World.

Will Go in the Box on Her Own Behalf

That portion of Clara Ford's confession to Sergeant Reburn, in which she described the return journey from the Westwood residence after the shooting, has been questioned by a writer, who says he went over the ground, and that the girl could not have gone along the lake front in the manner described. As a matter of fact, after reaching the Old Fort fence, the girl could have found ingress to the grounds in three different ways, either by walking along the lake front, by passing through the fence, from which a picket is missing, or by proceeding north to the gate leading into the grounds and then continuing along the driveway. The girl merely stated that she returned by the lake-front to Bathurst-street—not that she walked along the shore the entire distance.

At the time Sergeant Reburn gave his evidence, the evident desire of the Sergeant to relate everything possible that told in Clara's favor excited much favorable comment. The threat that the prisoner intends going in the box in her own behalf and swearing that the confession was extracted from her by "sweat-box" methods and after she had been worried and harassed until she did not know what she was saying will, therefore, not have much weight with those who know that officer.

DIED ON THE CIRCUIT.

The Curtain Rings Down on an Advance Agent's Life.

W. W. Fowler, advance agent for "The Two Sisters" Co., who are playing at the Toronto Opera House, died at the Rossin House yesterday from pneumonia. Mr. Fowler arrived in the city about a week ago, and the day following his arrival contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia. Deceased, who was a native of Niles, Mich., was well known to the dramatic fraternity. Two years ago he visited Toronto with the "Skipped by the Light of the Moon" company.

Death of Mr. Frank Climo.

The death of Mr. Frank J. Climo, which occurred at the residence of Mr. J. Stinson, 215 King-street east, Monday, at the early age of 28 years, will be regretted by a large circle of friends. Mr. Climo was formerly a jeweler in this city and subsequently traveled for a Montreal house. Some months ago he was forced to go south for the benefit of his health, but not improving returned to Toronto a week or two ago. The remains were sent to Cobourg, where deceased's parents reside, for interment yesterday.

Died in Corea.

The death is announced in Corea of Dr. William J. Hall, who left Kingston as a missionary some years ago. The cause of death was typhoid fever.

Everyone who has seen it is delighted. The *Christmas Number of Saturday Night* **is the only Canadian holiday souvenir to be had. Will reach friends in Great Britain by Christmas if mailed by the 13th inst.**

THE "DODGE" PULLEY.

What the Massey-Harris Company Says About It.

Toronto, Nov. 29, 1894.

Gentlemen,—We have had in use in our different factories for a number of years your belt pulleys, and beg to state that they have given us excellent satisfaction.

Yours truly,
MASSEY-HARRIS CO.

To Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co.

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Income Voters.

All parties whose names appear on the voters' list as entitled to vote at the approaching municipal election by reason of their income only, who shall not have paid their income tax assessment on or before the 14th inst., will be placed on the income voters' defaulters' list. No income taxpayer will be allowed to vote unless the taxes are paid.

Never forget that Adams' Tutti Frutti absolutely cures indigestion. Don't be imposed on with imitations.

An Enterprising Firm.

Messrs. R. Score & Son, tailors, 77 King-street west, have made a specialty in evening dress suits at $31.50 cash. The material used is of the best English manufacture and bought for cash from the English market by Mr. Score, who personally visited the Old Country. They absolutely guarantee the above strictly high class in every respect.

One of the finest collections of Canadian autumn landscapes ever seen in Toronto is now on exhibition at Roberts' Gallery, 79 King west.

The Columbia Wire Truss will hold any rupture with perfect comfort. It has no understraps, does not touch hips or does not inconvenience wearer in the least. Price: Single $5, double $8. May be fitted properly at Charles Cluthe's 134 King-street west, opposite Rossin House, Toronto. 36

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Sale of Lands for Taxes.

The sale of lands for taxes will take place on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Parties interested who intend paying up arrears are requested to do so at once and avoid additional expenses. 351

Call and see the magnificent exhibition of water color paintings by Wm. Smith. O S.A., now on view at our art gallery, No. 79 King-street west. Roberts & Son.

A POPULAR OLD AIR.

THE GREAT CONSERVATIVE TRIO, Patterson, Montague, Haggart: We're here to sing the Old Song we sang long years ago.

ESCAPED THE CRIME OF CAIN

JAMES MCGINN TRIES TO KILL HIS BROTHER.

But Only Succeeds in Shooting off the Top of His Thumb—A Shooting Affray in a York-street Cigar Store—Two Pistol Shots Which Startled Pedestrians Last Night.

A few minutes before 9 o'clock last evening York-street pedestrians were startled by the sharp reports of two revolver shots, following each other in quick succession. The reports came from a cigar store at 182 York-street, kept by two brothers named James and Frank McGinn. A crowd soon gathered, a report spread that a murder had taken place and the excitement ran high.

P.C. Forrest and P.C. Hamilton quickly arrived, and to the officers the younger brother, Frank, gave his version of the affair. Though the place is kept by the brothers as a partnership concern, the house is conducted by Frank, who is married.

A Large Sized Row.

Early in the evening James left the store, returning two hours later under the influence of liquor. He had been in the house but a few minutes when a row commenced, in which the two brothers and Mrs. Frank McGinn all played very prominent parts. In the early stages of the fight chairs and other portable articles of furniture served as weapons, and not many minutes elapsed before the household furniture was almost completely destroyed.

Opened Fire With a Revolver.

Frank and Mrs. McGinn were in a fair way to be victorious over the elder brother, when the latter suddenly drew a revolver and opened fire on his brother. An unsteady hand and erratic aim saved Frank's life, and the bullet went wide of its mar. A second shot rang out almost instantly, and this time the aim was more true, the ball taking the top off the first knuckle of Frank's right hand.

After firing the shot McGinn ran from the store, still carrying the smoking weapon in his hand, and escaped.

The brothers are sons of the late James McGinn, formerly proprietor of the Golden City Hotel, who died suddenly three years ago.

A VAST UNDERTAKING.

Able Articles on Great Canadian Engineering Feats.

The citizens of Toronto and Hamilton will be particularly interested in the December number of The Canadian Engineer, which contains an article on the Georgian Bay Canal scheme, by Thomas C. Keefer, the eminent engineer of Ottawa, and one on the proposed power canal from Lake Erie to Hamilton, by J. H. Killey, the well-known mechanical engineer of that city. In this number, for sale by John P. McKenna, Bookseller, 80 Yonge-street, diagrams and facts are given to show the commercial futility of both schemes. A new plan of a boiler setting in use at the Georgetown Paper Mills is described by John R. Barber, who is the real inventor; also of the air fan draft for chimneys. The new Krupp gas engine and many other interesting matters are treated of.

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Sparkling Burgundy.

Ruby Royal Sparkling Red Burgundy is something very choice. Price $18 per case quarts. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

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PROTECTION CANADA'S SALVATION

East Huron Conservatives Turn Out En Masse to Hear the Touring Ministers at Wingham.

Wingham, Ont., Dec. 11.—Not since Sir John A. Macdonald's visit here in '86 has there been seen in Wingham such a political demonstration as was witnessed here to-day on the visit to this place of Hon. J.G. Haggart, Hon. J. C. Patterson, Senator Ferguson and Dr. Montague.

The meeting opened in the Town Hall at 7 p.m., and that spacious building was crowded. On the walls were the following mottoes: "Honor to Our Late Chieftain, Sir John," "Honor to Our New Premier," "Welcome to Haldimand's Hero, Dr. Montague," "Canada for Our People," "Who Knows the Grit Policy?" "God Save the Queen," "Times Better Here Than in the United States," "Protection in Farm Produce and Manufactured Goods," "Patterson and Dickinson Our Next M.P.'s," "Who Offered the Opposition Free Trade?"

E. L. Dickinson, candidate and coming member for East Huron, as chairman, opened the meeting.

Hon. J. C. Patterson, member for the adjoining West Riding of Huron, was greeted with deafening cheers. His address was a strong and intelligent one, showing faithfully what great things the Conservative Government had done for the farmers, and his telling remarks were given a most hearty reception.

Dr. Montague, who was suffering from a severe cold, spoke briefly on a motto on the wall, "Who knows the Grit policy?" Mr. Laurier said at Winnipeg it was to adopt Britain's system of free trade, which the speaker said would take away the tariff on every article which is made in this country, and put a tax on raw materials. This would wipe out every industry in the country to which this argument applies. The policy of Conservatives was not to tax raw materials, but to make the tariff such as would best employ our own people. The principles of the Conservative party are the principles of every great nation.

Senator Ferguson spoke briefly on the trade policy, a policy which had given the people of Canada prosperity during the past 15 years. If we had protection taken away our people would flock from this country. Protection must exist until the condition of things changes. The Government have undertaken to improve every cereal and all classes of stock.

Hon. John Haggart gave an account of the building and construction of the railways and canals throughout the Dominion. The hon. gentleman said: "All we want is a fair and intelligent discussion before another election and we rely upon the people supporting the Government."

Robillard, M P. for Ottawa, Resigns.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Honore Robillard, the senior member of the House of Commons for Ottawa city, has resigned. The decision was arrived at only this afternoon. Ill-health is given as the reason.

Craig Re-Nominated in East Durham.

Millbrook, Ont., Dec. 11.—The annual Conservative convention was held here to-day. Mr. T. Dixon Craig was the nominee of the party to contest the next election.

Bonaventure Goes Liberal.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 11.—Returns so far received from Bonaventure County indicate that Lemieux, Liberal, will be elected by a good majority. At this hour the vote stands: Lemieux 1349, Arsenault 1154. There are four or five small polls still outstanding, which will not affect the result.

Absent friends will appreciate a copy of *Toronto Saturday Night's Christmas Number.* **Ask your dealer or newsboy for one in a tube ready for mailing.**

FLAMES SHOT UP THE SHAFT

FIRE OCCASIONS $15,000 DAMAGE IN FRONT-STREET.

The Premises Occupied by the Toronto Fringe and Tassel Company and C. J. Mitchell's Wholesale Fancy Goods Badly Gutted—Several Other Firms Also Heavy Losers.

The building at 25 Front-street west, owned by Miss M. Staunton, was badly gutted by fire last evening. The building consists of three stories and a basement. The basement is occupied by Samuel, Benjamin & Co. as a storeroom, the first floor by J. A. McLaren, boots and shoes; the second floor by the Toronto Fringe and Tassel Co., Julius Silberstein manager; and the third floor by Cuthbertson & Co., wholesale small wares, and C. J. Mitchell, fancy goods.

The fire apparently originated near the elevator shaft on the floor occupied by the Fringe and Tassel Co., and shooting up the shaft spread through Mitchell's compartment, where it did the greatest damage.

Night Watchman Johnston, who has discovered no less than nine fires in this vicinity within a few months, was the first to learn of the fire, and though the firemen were quickly on the scene some 30 minutes elapsed before the fire could be located. This was owing to the dense smoke which filled the building.

Losses and Insurance.

C. J. Mitchell suffers most severely. His stock, valued at $6000, was almost totally destroyed. He has a policy for $3000 in the London Commercial.

The goods of Cuthbertson & Co. on the same flat were slightly injured by smoke, and the loss will be small. The Fringe and Tassel Co.'s loss could not be estimated, but will run into the thousands, with insurance unknown.

McLaren & Co.'s goods were damaged by water to the extent of $2000; insured for $5000. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. also lose by the flooding of the basement, but no approximation of the damage could be made. The rear portion of the building is almost a total wreck, but is insured in the London Commercial.

Mr. Silberstein of the Fringe and Tassel Co. has been peculiarly unfortunate with fire, having been burned out a few months ago while occupying 19 Front-street west. He had been in the present building but four months, and had just completed the fitting up of new machinery throughout.

Messrs. Silver & Smith advertise an immense sale of cutters and sleighs at Grand's Repository on Friday next. Everything will be cleared out regardless of price, and anyone needing anything in the line advertised should attend. Mr. Silver will wield the hammer on this important occasion, so that everyone is assured of fair treatment.

It is a thing of beauty. *Saturday Night's Christmas Number*, **with three lovely pictorial supplements. The issue of the season. If mailed on the 13th inst. It will reach England in time for Christmas.**

Sponge Asbestos Pipe.

This pipe positively absorbs all nicotine. It is a perfect wonder. Price 15c. Alive Bollard.

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DEATHS.

SILVERTHORN—At his late residence, Dixie, Ont., Francis Silverthorn, in his 80th year.

Funeral Wednesday at 2.30 p. m.

McQUILLEN—At 1530 Queen-street, Parkdale, on Monday, Dec. 10, 1894, Catharine, widow of the late Edward McQuillen, aged 70 years.

Funeral Wednesday morning, leaving Parkdale Station at 8.30, for Newmarket.

TO ABOLISH THE LORDS' VETO

EMPHATIC DECLARATION MADE BY LORD ROSEBERY.

In a Speech Last Night the Premier Said the Ministers Were Determined If the Power Be Given Them to Deprive the Upper House of Its Absolute Veto Forever.

London, Dec. 11.—Lord Rosebery, in a speech in Devonport this evening, contended that the Government was now stronger than its most sanguine supporters ventured last spring to predict.

He compared the small loss of seats sustained by the Liberals in the present Parliament with the losses sustained the last Government.

The Ministers, he said, were determined, if the power should be given to them, to deprive the Lords of their absolute veto forever.

A CLOSER UNION.

Fulfilment of the Intercolonial Conference's Objects of Value to Britain.

London, Dec. 11.—The Hon Henry Wrixon of Victoria, Australia, who was a delegate to the recent Inter-colonial Conference in Ottawa, lectured in London this evening on the results of the conference. He followed substantially the outline given yesterday.

Sir Charles Tupper presided in the absence of the Marquis of Lorne.

In the discussion which followed Mr. Wrixon's speech, Lord Brassey said he rejoiced that both the Earl of Jersey and Mr. Wrixon had emplasized the advantage of a closer union. If the object of the conference could be effected the result would be of immense value to Great Britain.

Sir John Thompson, the Canadian Premier, who was cordially received, remarked that there was a strong feeling in Canada in favor of the cable and steamship project, and that the Canadians awaited with interest the action of Great Britain in the matter. The cable problem was too great a one for the colony to solve, but Canada and Australia's willingness to grant subsidies rendered the completion of cable eventually certain, the cost being thus reduced $1,000,000 below the amount expected. The Canadian Parliament's vote on steamship subsidies indicated that the steamship project also was assured of success. The result would be a great increase of intercolonial trade and closer union.

OUR CATTLE AGAIN SUSPECTED.

Alleged Discovery of Pleuro in Canadian Cattle at Antwerp.

London, Dec. 11.—The Belgian officials at Antwerp report that they have discovered the presence of pleuro-pneumonia among Canadian cattle which have been landed at that port from Montreal.

The Canadian Government officials here are sending a veterinary surgeon to Antwerp to-night to report whether the cattle affected are really Canadian cattle, and whether it is pleuro-pneumonia from which the animals are suffering.

If the disease is confirmed as pleuro-pneumonia, the probable result will be that the British ports will remain closed against Canadian cattle next season.

GARDNER TAKES CREDIT.

His "Wise Policy" Has Kept Britain Free From Cattle Disease.

London, Dec. 11.—Mr. Gardner, President of the Board of Agriculture, made a notable speech at the banquet of the Chambers of Agriculture in London this evening, in which he alluded to the prohibition of the importation of Canadian cattle. The one bright spot in the dreary agrarian depression in Great Britain, he said was the immunity from cattle disease. The British farmers owed this immunity to the powers which Parliament had granted to the Board of Agriculture. He was aware that those powers had not been exercised without friction. Many had complained bitterly of the board's course. But he could not imagine that any body in his position as president of the board would sacrifice or even jeopardize the vast national property committed to his charge, owing to passing unpopularity. He was frequently cheered during his speech. The Earl of Winchilsea lauded and thanked Mr. Gardner for his "wise and brave policy," and said that the agrarians of Great Britain ought to give him hearty support.

Extensive Wine Vaults.

Our wine vaults occupy the whole cellarage under the James block, from Yonge-street to 8 King-street east and from King-street north to 79 Yonge-st. They are stocked with the choicest wines for the Christmas trade. The public are invited to inspect our wine vaults. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

Spring Showers.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 8—40; Edmonton, 4 below — 40; Battleford, 14 below—16; Qu'Appelle, 8 — 20; Winnipeg, 28—32; Port Arthur, 32 — 36; Toronto, 36—44; Kingston, 20—38; Montreal, 10—36; Halifax, 20—34.

PROBS.: Fair to cloudy; stationary or higher temperature; showers in many places.

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What is it? Alive Bollard's famous mixture, 25c quarter pound.

Parliament Meets Feb. 5.

London, Dec. 11.—The next session of Parliament will begin on Feb. 5.

HATS AGAIN.

An Increased Demand for Headgear—Dineens' to the Fore.

The somewhat mild weather of the past few days has occasioned a rally in the hat market, and Messrs. W. & D. Dineen feel justified in directing attention to their large assortment of gentlemen's headgear.

The firm has just received a shipment of English hats in the latest styles. These hats are from the manufactories of the most celebrated hatters, and may be depended upon as being of the best quality and in the latest mode. There is at Dineens' a complete assortment of hats, and the purchaser cannot possibly go wrong in visiting their store.

This weather makes the carrying of an umbrella an absolute necessity. You can never tell when you need one. Sensible people carry good umbrellas, and the best are at Dineens'. Umbrellas are cheap at the corner of King and Yonge-streets. Those of the best English manufacture are to be had at ridiculously low prices.

If your umbrella or hat is shabby, look at Dineens' stock.