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REDUCTIONISTS ENTHUSE AT PROSPECT OF APPEAL AND STRENUOUS CONFLICT

Massey Hall is Crowded With Audience Who Encourage the "Noble 13"—Speakers Mostly Content With Generalities.

CON. SPENCE INTIMATES TRIP TO HIGHER COURT

"The bar-room must go." This was the legend in tracings of appropriate funeral black upon the white field of a huge steamer that hung above the platform of Massey Hall last night on the occasion of the meeting to endorse the license reduction movement inaugurated by the "noble thirteen" of the city council.

It was as large a meeting as had been expected by the promoters, and was not lacking in evidences of enthusiasm. As on the occasion of the rowed and men's meeting, the hall was crowded and many were unable to gain admittance. But whereas at the former meeting the audience was composed almost wholly of men, a large percentage of last night's gathering were ladies. It was a wholly well-behaved and orderly meeting, there being a lack of demonstration other than those of approval.

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There was really no definite statement made as to the probability of an appeal against Justice Meredith's decision; rather did the speakers look forward to "fighting it out" at the polls next January.

Among Those Present. The chairman was John Wainless, jr., and on his left were seated ten of the council reductionists. Mayor Oliver Ald. Adams and Foster were missing from the ranks, the first named being absent on a business trip. Also on the platform were Rev. Dr. Carman, Canon Tucker, Rev. Dr. Sowerby, A. R. Williams and a number of other prominent temperance workers, while the Alexander Chair made up the back-ground and led in the strain-choruses.

The Royal Male Quartet also contributed several numbers in splendid harmony and style. Other excellent musical features were provided, including a solo given in beautiful, clear Irish treble by Douglas Stanbury, an 8-year-old boy.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Carman, the chairman spoke words of good cheer. The question of the bylaw was a mere formality in a movement that was going to sweep the whole North American continent, he declared.

Ald. Keeler was warmly acclaimed. He began with a tribute to Controller Spence as a veteran of the cause, but to Ald. Hales as the man who was behind the motion. His assertion that where liquor flowed most freely, crime was greatest was interrupted by the ovation given Controller Hocken on arrival.

Several other superior judges are going to have a chance to give their say before this thing is settled," he announced, amid a wave of enthusiasm swept the hall.

The controller said the cry that the people should rule had caught two or three of the aldermen and a number of the people, but that the cry was simply intended to cover the real purpose of keeping the bars open.

The controller gave some rather puzzling statistics regarding the fact that early in 1905, the city council by a vote of 11 to 10 had defeated license

BEST COMING ON FAST.

"This is the first normal spring we have had in years," said a bank manager to The World yesterday. "The sap is running as it hasn't for many years. Spring has come in normally here and all over Canada. Good spring conditions are general."

FRENCH CAPITALISTS WILL VISIT CANADA

Will Travel From Coast to Coast to Inspect Leading Mines and Railroads.

MONTREAL, March 24.—(Special.)—Some 50 French gentlemen, composed of parliamentarians, political economists, ex-ministers and financial and commercial magnates, are about to visit Canada with a view to a thorough inspection of the Dominion's resources. Thomas Cole of La Presse newspaper, who has just arrived from Paris, explains that what is known as the committee Dupix, named after the man who did so much for France in India before the British supremacy was so complete, composed of the leading merchants and manufacturers of the republic, visited the United States last year, but this year will come to the Dominion.

The party will comprise the Slarfrids, father and two sons, ex-Minister Han-tou and many of the leading capitalists of that wealthy nation.

After visiting Quebec they will visit the Pacific coast and perhaps as far as the Yukon, where there is already a good deal of French money invested.

It is also understood that these people wish to enquire into the railway situation in Canada, which will be at its height in the midsummer, and also over the three transcontinental lines as far as built, besides looking in at Cobalt and other mining camps extending from Uova Scotia to British Columbia.

SAYS INSURANCE COS. SHOULD FIGHT FRAUDS

Dr. J. E. Elliott Declares That They're "Too Easy" in Paying no Claims.

Life insurance companies were severely criticized by Dr. J. E. Elliott, local medical examiner for a number of companies, in his address to the Insurance Institute last night. His criticism was based on the frequent practice of yielding to fraudulent and extravagant claims without legal opposition.

Many claims that were ungrounded were quietly paid—sometimes in full and sometimes after a compromise—each year, he said, because the companies were really afraid to contest them on account of the bad impression these suits might leave on the minds of the public. He advised that all insurance companies form a central organization for the purpose of fighting and bulwarking themselves against claims believed to be fraudulent.

To show what the companies were up against, he told of upscouring lawyers having followed patients to hospitals with the idea of securing cases against the insurance companies, when possibly the patient had no idea of getting a benefit; and also to assail quacks of doctors who have been prevailed upon to exaggerate the illness of patients carrying accident and sick benefit risks.

A paper by Robert Junkin, manager of the local agency of the Manufacturers' Life, was read by S. Watson. It reviewed the history of life insurance companies, and extolled George H. Hyde (Equitable), and George W. Perkins (New York Life), as having evolved the greatest system in the world.

KEIR HARDIE'S IMPRESSIONS

Says Canada is Being Developed Too Rapidly.

LONDON, March 24.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—Keir Hardie, interviewed by The Chronicle, on his return from his world trip, says he would not recommend Canada to the emigrant. It is being developed too rapidly. The land system is the history of the curse. He found every encouragement for the future of socialism in most of the colonies. In Canada, especially in the west and among the miners, it had a strong grip.

In another interview he declares there is no talk in Canada for the emigrant to the Dominion it is Canada for Canadians.

ENGLISH NOBLE ENDS ACTIVE CAREER

Duke of Devonshire Dies at Cannes—House of Lords Adjourns as Mark of Their Esteem.

CANNES, March 24.—Spencer Compton Cavendish, eighth Duke of Devonshire, died here this morning of heart failure.

House of Lords Adjourns. LONDON, March 24.—High tributes were paid to the Duke of Devonshire by the leaders of both parties in the house of commons and in the house of lords to-day. The house of lords paid the dead statesman the unprecedented compliment of adjourning out of respect to his memory.

The news came unexpectedly to England and has caused widespread regret. The recent accounts of his health had been so reassuring that the news of his death has come almost as a surprise. Yesterday, however, the family of the duke were advised of a relapse, and Victor C. W. Cavendish, his nephew, and Lord Charles Montagu went to Cannes and were present when the end came.

Career One of Activity. Spencer Compton Cavendish, G.C.V.O., K.G., P.C., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., eighth Duke of Devonshire, was born July 23, 1837, and succeeded to his father's title in 1891. His political career has been an interesting one. It began in the sixties, when, in the house of commons, he moved the amendment which defeated Lord Derby's government and installed Lord Palmerston as prime minister. From that day he was constantly in harness. Here is the bare record:

Member for North Lancashire, 1867-68; member for Radnor Burghs, 1869-80; member for N. E. Lancashire, 1880-82; member for Rossendale Division, 1885-91.

Lord of the admiralty, 1868; secretary for war, 1866-67; postmaster-general, 1868-71; chief secretary for Ireland, 1871-74; leader of the Liberal party, 1875-80; secretary for India, 1880-82; secretary for war, 1882-85; lord president of council, 1885-1892.

A Large Land Owner. The duke had no immediate family and the dukedom passes to his nephew, Mr. Cavendish, who married the daughter of the Marquis of Lansdowne. The death of the duke places a badge of the Order of the Garter at the disposal of King Edward, and this, in accordance with custom, will be returned to his majesty by the successor in the title. A number of public offices also are made vacant by the death of the duke, notably the chancellorship of Cambridge University, the lord-lieutenancy of Derbyshire and the provost guard mastership of the Derbyshire Masons, a post which the duke held for many years. The duke owned about 180,000 acres.

PRESBYTERIAN GRANTS.

Augmentation Committee Deals With 180 Claims.

Grants for the past quarter and grants for the coming year affecting 180 churches were passed by the augmentation committee of the Presbyterian Church last evening.

These churches have grown from lately established missions and are self-sustaining, but have been unable as yet to pay the contributions of a minimum of \$500 per annum. The deficiencies will be made up by the committee's funds.

Total receipts for the year amounted to \$38,032, while expenditures were \$100 less. Western Canada showed gratifying increases in contributions.

During the past year 25 congregations became self-sustaining. Twenty-two delegates from various parts of Canada were present. Rev. Dr. Lyle of Hamilton presided.

BANKER DISAPPEARED.

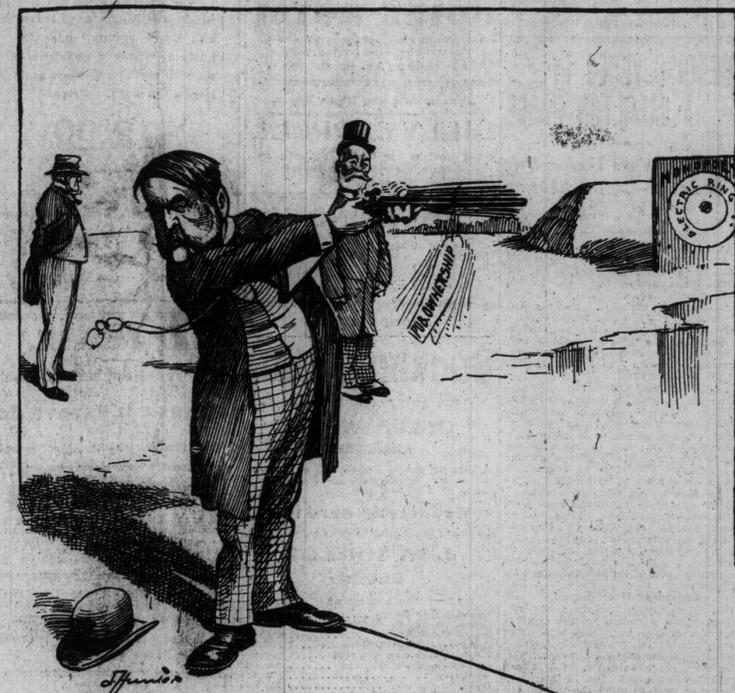
Wild Scene Followed Posting of Suspension.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Pasquale Patì & Son, bankers, real estate agents and keepers of a postoffice sub-station in Elizabeth-street, suspended business this afternoon and within a few minutes it became necessary to summon a squad of policemen to guard the premises against 3000 infuriated depositors.

It was in the Patì banking rooms that a man was killed recently after trying to hold up the elder Patì and threatening to kill him and his wife and son.

In the letter posted on the door of the bank and signed by Patì and his son, it is declared that the reason for the suspension of the bank is not lack of money to pay depositors, but because they have been threatened with death and feel obliged to leave town for a week or two.

A NERVOUS MARKSMAN



OLD MAN ONTARIO: Well, Ross needn't josh him any. It's better shooting than he ever did.

BY VOTE OF RATEPAYERS CAN ESTABLISH A PHONE SYSTEM

Important Privileges Conferred on Municipalities in Hon. Dr. Reume's Proposed Bill.

Important amendments in Hon. Dr. Reume's telephone bill provide that where a majority of subscribers petition for the establishment or extension of a telephone system, the municipality can issue debentures for ten years to cover the cost of the work and levy a special rate to pay the annual instalments of principal and interest.

In cases where the system initiated by one municipality extends into another the special rate shall also be collectible from the subscribers in the second municipality.

Any deficiency shall be made up out of the general fund of the municipality and shall constitute a debt due from the subscribers to the initiating municipality.

Lands subject to a mortgage shall not be charged with any lien or special rate under the act nor shall the owner thereof be a subscriber to any petition under the act unless the mortgage is a party to the petition.

A further amendment provides for the advising of municipalities who propose to avail themselves of the provisions of the bill by the public works and agricultural departments.

PROTECT THE GAME.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Association at Perth.

PERTH, March 24.—(Special.)—So long as Prince Edward County is swarming by net fishermen, so long as North Bruce is swarming by net fishermen, the parties in power will let the sleeping dogs lie and will not give heed to the urgent necessity of protecting our game and food fish.

Thus spoke A. Kelly Evans of the Perth and District Game Protective Association. The meeting was largely attended and keenly alive and appreciative of the facts put before it by Mr. Evans and by Oliver Adams of Toronto.

The local society has done good work since its inception a year ago. Upon a prior visit of Mr. Evans and upon his return to-night he found the members keyed up to protect our fish and game to prohibit the unnatural export. Perth is surrounded by many small lakes in which game fish thrive, and Messrs. Evans and Adams were able to awaken an active pride and commercial interest in Perth for these waters. L. A. Code was elected president, and A. C. Shaw secretary of the branch here.

NOTED THEATRE BURNED.

Drury Lane, Famous World Over, Destroyed.

LONDON, March 25.—Fire broke out at an early hour this morning in the Drury Lane Theatre on Catherine-street. The interior of the theatre was completely destroyed.

Drury Lane Theatre was first opened in 1662, burned in 1672 and reopened in 1674 with an address by Dryden, who extolled its advantages in location. The burning of the theatre on the site took place on Feb. 24, 1899. It was in the famous Drury Lane Theatre that Garrick, Kean, the Kembles and Mrs. Siddons used to act.

UNIONISTS ARE VICTORIOUS S. G. GOOCH ELECTED BY BIG MAJORITY

Contest Centered Largely in Government Licensing Bill—Excitement in House

LONDON, March 24.—The most keenly fought by-election for the present parliament, which was necessitated through the death of Chas. Goddard Clark, member for Peckham, a district in London south of the Thames, resulted to-day in a great victory for the Unionists, whose candidate, S. C. Gooch, was elected by a majority of 2338.

The contest to-day centered largely in the government licensing bill and in the conversion of a large Liberal majority into a still greater Conservative majority in a striking demonstration against that measure.

The announcement of the returns in the house of commons caused a scene of the greatest excitement. There were Unionist shouts demanding that the government resign.

J. R. NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mr. Stratton Has No Intentions in East Peterboro.

PETERBORO, March 24.—(Special.)—Hon. J. R. Stratton to-day denied the report that he was looking for nomination by East Peterboro Liberals.

"I am not a candidate, am out of politics, and wouldn't take a nomination even if I was honored by having it offered me," he said to-day.

There are two or three anxious to sit for the legislature, and a spirited contest is likely in the convention.

It is not probable that the convention will nominate a candidate for the commons, a number of the delegates preferring to leave that until later on in the year.

Reeve Buck of Asphodel Township is said to be an aspirant. The sitting member is J. Finlay.

MR. JARVIS' ADVENTURE

Horse Collides With Trolley and Rider is Thrown.

Aemilius Jarvis, president of the Sovereign Bank and renowned as a yachtsman, is also a lucky equestrian. He emerged from an adventure yesterday afternoon unscathed which might very easily have resulted in his being seriously hurt.

Mr. Jarvis was riding on Yonge-street, near Bloor, when one of those dinky revolving signs, suddenly set going full tear by a northern blast, started his horse. He shied, and cartwheeled in front of another car, being then bumped in front of another car, the clanging of gongs having added to the beast's fright.

The horse fell, and rolled over, but in some fortunate way Mr. Jarvis, altho thrown, managed to escape with only a shaking up. The horse received some cuts on the legs.

Pulp Mill Temporarily Closed. CHATHAM, N.E., March 24.—(Special.)—The Miramichi Pulp Mill has been forced to close down for several weeks until the price of pulp recovers.

St. Thomas Gets Crews. ST. THOMAS, March 24.—(Special.)—The Washash train crews are to be centralized in this city. Superintendent Cunningham announced to-day.

BOOKKEEPER IS ALLEGED TO BE \$13,000 SHORT IN ACCOUNTS

Warrant to Be Issued for Duncan Findlay, Late of McDonald & Mayhew Firm.

David McDonald, of the firm of McDonald & Mabee, wholesale cattle dealer, will this morning issue a warrant for the arrest of Duncan Findlay of this city, formerly engaged as a bookkeeper and office manager of the firm.

Findlay will be charged with theft of \$13,000 from the moneys of the firm during the last twelve months. The young man is bonded with the London Guarantee Company for the sum of \$10,000. He was in the city until a few days ago and is now said to be in Tottenham.

Believing that the company's bank account, which is kept with the Esther-street branch of the Dominion Bank, was not being properly kept, an accountant was put upon the books December 23 last, and it is declared he discovered that the books had been extensively falsified.

Mr. McDonald, who gave the above information to The World, said yesterday that he believed the moneys coming into the company's office had been taken and that large amounts were then made to appear as if they were outstanding, which were not, as a matter of fact, due to the firm.

Findlay is about 26 years of age. He has made frequent trips to American cities during the past year and has dressed and lived well during that period.

FOR HIS BROTHER'S CRIME?

Robert and Charles Rottenboy Admit Same Offence.

Denial of guilt is so common as to be regarded as natural by the police, therefore Detective Geo. Guthrie was mildly surprised when Robt. Rottenboy, 32 years, questioned as to about \$25 worth of linen which had been taken from the King Edward Hotel and was found in the Rottenboy house at 211 Reid-avenue, admitted guilt.

But a real surprise was in store for the sleuth when Charles Rottenboy, 38 years, a brother of Robert, walked into the Court-street station and declared that he and not his brother was the thief.

Robert was again questioned and still maintained that he was the thief, so that there was nothing to do but detain both.

Robert had been formerly employed as houseman at the hotel, while Charles was until yesterday employed in that capacity.

Joseph Wolfish, alias Charles Brody, who is charged by his brother, George Wolfish, with theft of a diamond and opal ring and a diamond earrings, was brought to the city yesterday from Buffalo by Detective Newton.

To Restrict Divorce Evils. OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special.)—Senator Cloran has given notice of an act to restrict the evils of divorce. The bill is in the hands of the committee on the subject.

Accidentally Shot. BROCKVILLE, March 24.—Roy Peterkley, a young married man, 22 years of age, while carelessly handling a rifle in his home here was accidentally shot.

BRITISH ENVOY WILL BE SENT TO CANADA

Hopes to End Troubles on Pacific Coast Arising in Hindu Immigration Problem.

LONDON, March 24.—As a result of the representations regarding Hindu emigration into British Columbia made at the colonial office recently by MacKenzie King, Canadian deputy minister of labor, it is probable that a special Canadian will be sent over to the house of commons this afternoon that the Indian government and the colonial office contemplated sending an envoy to the Canadian government in the hope of bringing to an end, if possible, "this extremely difficult, intricate and possibly dangerous situation."

John Morley secretary for state for India, has received a telegram from the British Indians residing at Vancouver asking for protection, as British subjects, and a declaration in the house of commons this afternoon that the Indian government and the colonial office contemplated sending an envoy to the Canadian government in the hope of bringing to an end, if possible, "this extremely difficult, intricate and possibly dangerous situation."

PRESS GALLERY WINS.

Herr Groeber Apologizes and Reluctant Resumes.

BERLIN, March 24.—The strike of the Reichstag journalists, which began on Thursday last, was settled, this evening.

Under pressure from the various party leaders, Herr Groeber, the centre leader, who called the journalists "swine," because they jeered a statement used by a member to the effect that negroes also had immortal souls, made a statement at the entry of the day's sitting, expressing apologies for the language he had used.

During the course of the strike not a line had been published on the proceedings of the Reichstag and as a result of this failure a large number of the members of the Reichstag, in speeches of which they had given notice, thus greatly impeding the work of the house.

CANADIANS SCORE AGAIN.

Win Place in Observatory With Chronometer.

ST. JOHN, March 24.—(Special.)—A. B. Smalley & Son, Jewelers of this city, have received word that one of their chronometers with their improved balance has been successful at the annual trial at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, England, ending January, 1908. This is the first time a maker outside Great Britain has secured a position of merit leading to a purchase by the admiralty. The chronometer was compared with upwards of 100 other makers of chronometers.

A letter from the hydrographer calls for the immediate delivery of a chronometer on the order of the lords of the admiralty.

TWENTY PEOPLE INJURED.

Traction Car Derailed on Detroit United Railway.

DETROIT, March 24.—Over a score of people were injured this afternoon when an interurban car on the Ann Arbor branch of the Detroit United Railway, bound into the city from Jackson, Mich., was derailed by a defective rail near 31st-street and plowed across the brick pavement into a grove of trees. Another score received minor injuries, which were dressed at the scene of the accident.

SENATE TALKED IT OVER.

Mr. Fielding's Bill Received a Few Knocks.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special.)—Mr. Fielding's co-operation bill was read a second time in the senate after some members of the body had given it a few knocks.

Senator McMullen said the retail merchants were opposed to it. They were the hardest pressed mercantile class in Canada. Senator Cloran had some sympathy for the retail men, but more for the masses. Senators Sullivan, MacDonald and Derbyshire were also opposed.

LEAP YEAR MUGS.

To the hundreds of our readers who are interested directly or indirectly in the Leap Year presentation made by The World to the babies that were born on February 29, 1908, an opportunity will be given to view the engraved silver mugs, and they will be on view in The World office window this morning, and will remain for a few days.

They can also be seen at the jewelry establishment of B. H. B. Kent, who manufactured them, and whose reliability is a guarantee that they will be satisfactory in every respect.

Shot While Hunting. KINGSTON, March 24.—(Special.)—This afternoon four boys were in the marsh at the northeast of the city, hunting muskrats. One of them named O'Reilly was shot in the back of the neck by what is regarded as a stray bullet.

The lad fell and was picked up unconscious and taken to the hospital. The wound was found so serious that doubts are entertained for his recovery.