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"LONDON FIRST."

The speeches at the Tecumseh House dinner last night echoed the note of satisfaction that the mayor and aldermen had succeeded in effecting a satisfactory settlement of the electric street railway question.

A happy feature of the occasion was the determination expressed on all hands, however much they might temporarily disagree now and then politically and otherwise, that in all matters relating to London's welfare and progress, the citizens meant hereafter to stand shoulder to shoulder under the banner, "London First." This new spirit augurs well for London's future as the railway capital of a section of country as fair and fertile as any upon which the sun shines.

THE STREET RAILWAY REPRE-SENTATIVES.

It is only fair to make recognition of the straightforward and friendly manner in which the representatives of the London Street Railway, with Mr. Everett at their head, at the dinner last night, accepted the completed agreement as one to be carried out from no haggling point of view on their part, but in a large and liberal spirit. Mr. Everett stated explicitly that an equipment would be furnished equal to the best on the continent; Mr. Break pointed out that they proposed to assist in bringing as many people as possible into London during the summer seasons, and Mr. Carr, the energetic manager, said he hoped to do all that a manager could to make every citizen a friend of the company.

We risk nothing in assuring the Street Railway Company that if they live up to these utterances, as we have no doubt they will, the citizens of London will meet them more than half way.

Britain's Commercial and Monetary Principles

Commented Upon by Sir William Vernon Harcourt.

A Spanish Steamer Wrecked and 168 Persons Drowned.

Taring Robbery in a London Fank-\$25,000 Snatched-Chamberlain Claims that the Unionists and Conservatives Are Working in Harmony.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL ELLIOTT. London, May 22.—Admiral Sir Charles Gilbert John Brydone Elliott died today. He was born Dec. 22, 1818. MARRIAGE OF BARON ROTHS-

CHILD. Paris, May 22.—Baron Henry De Rothschild was married today at the Paris Synagogue to Mathilde Weiswil-

MAJOR.-GEN. HERBERT. London, May 22.-The Canadian Gazette says it will cause no surprise if Major-Gen. Herbert's command of the Canadian militia is extended another year.

SEVERAL SAILORS SHOT. Copenhagen, May 22.—The crew of the German steamer Virginie mutinied today, whereupon the captain shot several of them, one or two seriously. This quelled the mutiny.

BELGIUM AND THE CONGO. Brusesls, May 22.—The Government having decided upon the indefinite postponement of the project to annex the Congo territory, Count Westerloo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has resiged.

SUNK BY COLLISION. London, May 22.—The British bark Queen of the West, Capt. Williams, has sunk in collision with the British steamer Duncow, Capt. Graves. Her crew have arrived at Rio Janeiro, into which the Duncow put.

THE G. O. M. GOING FOR A SAIL. London, May 22.—On the invitation of Sir Donald Currie, the well-known shipowner, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone will sail from London for Kiel on June 12 on the steamer Tantallon Castle, to attend the opening of the North Sea

FATAL FIRE. Warsaw, May 22.—The extensive eloth works in the town of Buallystock. Russian Poland, were burned yesterday. The fire started while the operwere at work, and five were burned to death and seven others badly Nurt. Besides these a number were

more or less injured. The fire was extinguished this afternoon. The warehouses belonged to Patou, McLaren & Co., of Liverpool. Loss

AN OCEAN HORROR. London, May 22.—The Star publishes a report that a Spanish steamer has been wrecked off the Philippine Islands and 168 persons drowned. Inquiry in regard to the report proves that it has reference to the Spanish steamer Grawrecked off Capones. No details are

west of the Island of Luzon. Among the drowned were four military officers and two Dominican friars. Only three persons on board the vessel were saved. THE EARTHQUAKE IN GREECE. London, May 22.-The Standard will

tomorrow publish a dispatch from Athens stating that the recent earthquakes it the districts of Margrita and Paramythia, in Southwest Epirius, were most disastrous. Several villages were destroyed and 50 persons killed. More than 150 were injured.

BRAVERY RECOGNIZED.

Berlin, May 22.—Emperor William has presented to the skipper of the fishing smack Wildflower, which rescued the survivors of the Elbe disaster, a gold watch and chain and 300 marks in money. To the mate of the smack he has given a gold watch and 700 marks, and to each of the crew a silver watch and 200 marks. All the watches bear his Majesty's portrait and monogram and are inscribed "In recognition of the rescue of the survivors of the Elbe" and the date of rescue.

JOSEPH SPEAKS. London, May 22.—Speaking in this city this evening, Joseph Chamberlain, the Liberal-Unionist leader, denied that there was any prospect of a severance of the alliance of Conservatives and Liberal-Unionists. The latter party, he said, came into existence for the purpose of resisting a negative to support a true, progressive policy. The National party, which has grown out of the hostile elements originally composing the combinaton, was now complete in the identity of its aim, which was a sober, constructive programme of constitutional reform and the legitimate development of the em-

COREA'S REAL RULER. The Corean Minister of Home Affairs, Pak Yong Ho, who has appealed to the foreign representatives for assistance in administering affairs and preserving order, is today the practical dictator of the country. After ten years' exile, which was spent in Japan, Pak Yong Ho was pardoned a year ago and given the most influential Cabinet office, though exceeded in rank by the

Prime Minister, who has just resigned. Two months ago Pak Yong Ho endeavored to have much of the business of his department withdrawn from Cabinet consideration, in order that there might be no review of his acts. This came near causing his dismissal from the Cabinet, but he was retained through Japanese intervention. In the present crisis the indications are that the last vestige of Chinese influence which have been exerted through the Corean queen's family will disappear and the Japanese influence will become

A BANK THIEF SECURES \$25,000. London, May 22.-A bold robbery occurred in the Williams Deacon and Manchester and Salford Bank, 20 Birchin Lane, E. C., today. A clerk attached to Coutts & Co.'s bank went to the former institution with a tin case containing \$25,000 in bank notes for deposit. Pending some preliminaries to the fulfillment of his errand, the clerk placed the case of notes on the counter beside him. Half a minute later a stranger walked in and placed an empty case, an exact counterpart of the one containing the notes, by the side of it. The ttention of Coutts' clerk being directed sewhere for a few seconds, the stranger removed the \$25,000 case and walked An alarm was immediately raised, but it was found that the stranger in the short time necessary in changing the boxes had also bolted the door of the private entrance to the bank on the outside, so that his pursuers were greatly delayed in following him. The thief has not been caught, nor is there any clue to his identity.

BRITAIN'S SOUND POLICY. London, May 22.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight delivered a speech at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London. He remarked upon the symptoms of a rise of the commercial barometer. He said he might speak with confidence of the actual great improvement of British trade with America, which was a most favorable and cheering symptom.

Sir William appealed to the experience of the last half century in defense of the commercial and monetary principles which had made the national life what it was. Her monetary principles had made Great Britain the great money market of the world, which position he believed she would retain. As a responsible Minister, he intended to abide by those principles, and he did not propose to encourage the notion at home or abroad that he was prepared to depart from them. Nothing could be more unwise and dangerous than for the Government to allow any part of the world to suppose they held any ambiguous mind on questions of this kind.

CUBA'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

The Advices From a Spanish Source Confirmed. Havana, May 22-Spanish sources report an important victory for their forces in Eastern Cuba. The rebels are said to have been repulsed with heavy loss and Jose Marti, recently proclaimed president of the revolu-tionary party killed. Insurgent prisoners assert that Gomez and Estrada are dead or badly wounded.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 22.-A cablegram from Key West says: Passengers by the steamship Macotte, which ar-rived tonight from Havana, confirm the report of Marti' death. They state that the battle occurred on the 20th beween Beja and Do Rios. The insurgents numbered 700, and were commanded by by Gomez, Marti, Massi and Borrero. They were defeated by Col. Sandocilde after a hotly contested fight lasting an hour and a half, resulting in the killing of Marti, whose body has been identified. The insurgents made a brave effort to recover the body, but were driven off by the troops. All of Marti's private correspondence was foun oudnpT8T8 spondence was found upon his body. Besides the killing of Marti, several

other leaders are reported killed whose names are unknown, The success of the Spanish troops has been telegraphed to all the Spanish commanders, and it is believed that it will greatly encourage them in their operations against the rebels. is believed that Col. Sanvaldo will be decorated as a reward for his victory at the Contrameistra River.

The Electric Car regard to the report proves that it has reference to the Spanish steamer Gravana, reported May 20 as having been wrecked off Capones. No details are furnished.

The Gravena foundered in a cyclone

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Banquetted.

Mayor Little Entertains Some Very Representative Guests

On the Occasion of the Completion of Electric Railway Negotiations.

An Evening Devoted to Congratulations, Reminiscences, and Prophecy—The Lion Dines With the Lamb, But Not On the

It seldom happens that a happier, better pleased lot of men congregates within four walls than those who sat around the festive board at the Tecumseh House last night. The occasion was the dinner given by the mayor to the street railway representatives, the aldermen and a number of prominent business men who have taken an active interest in the welfare of the city generally. It was an evening of congratulation, of reminiscences and of prophesy. Mayor Little presided. On his right sat Sir John Carling and Major Thomas Beattie, while on his left were Mr. H. A. Everett and Chas. S. Hyman, M. P. Seated around the tables were: Ald. G. W. Armstrong, Joseph C. Judd, Ald. J. W. Jones, Ald. J. Heaman, ex-Mayor George Taylor, Ald. O. E. Brener, Ald. J. W. McCallum, Ald. W. Skinner, A. W. Porte, Albert O. Jeffery, James Magee, Geo. A. Somerville, F. E. Leonard, H. Cronyn, Cl. T. Campbell, M.D., John Bland, I. F. Hellmuth, W. J. Reid, M. Masuret, Talbot Macbeth, D. B. Dewar, A. B. Greer, Sam Munro, Thos. Dicklson, Chas. E. A. Carr, John Bowman, Wm. Bowman, Ald. Jonathan Ardill, Col. Lewis, S. R. Break, Geo. M. Reid, Chas. H. Ivey, A. O. Graydon, J. M. Dillon, John M. Moore, C. A. Kingston, T. G. Meredith, Richard Bayly, Q.C., O. Ellwood, John Pope, Geo. F. Jewell, J. S. Pearce, Ald. W. Heaman, Ald. Edward Parnell, Ald. John Nutkins, Ed. Martyn, Ald. Andrew Callahan, T. H. Smallman, Ald. H. Dreaney, Ald. Robt. Carrothers, Ald. Edmund Weld, R. K. Cowan and others. E. T. Essery and J. S. Dewar sent

The menu card was ornamented with a half-tone cut of a horse car labeled "May 21, 1875." On the front of the card was an illustration of an electric moonlight excursion car, such as Londoners may expect to use on the down-river The supper began at 9 o'clock, and for an hour and a half those present gave all their attention to a systemized effort to deplete the larder of Host Davis. The floral decorations were se and tasteful, and the menu was most enjoyable. The Harpers furnished excellent music during the progress of the banquet.

At 10:30 the mayor arose, and amidst applause proposed the health of the Queen. In doing so he referred to her Majesty in a patriotic strain, and expressed the hope that the influence of her pure life would long remain in the councils of the nation after she has gone to her reward. This sentiment was heartily indorsed, the assembly singing the National Anthem, and concluding wth three lusty cheers.

In proposing the toast of "The Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislature," the mayor took occasion to say for the benefit of the American visitors that "we Canadians think that we have the best system of government that can be devised and the best adapted for the circumstances of our country." (Applause.) We have no desire to change. We are quite willing to go on as we are and work out our own destiny under the wing of the great British empire." (Hear, hear.)

Sir John Carling, in responding to the toast, referred to his own experience in the council chamber, and congratulated the mayor and aldermen in having brought the street railway matter to such a happy termination. It was very great credit to them, he said, and satisfactory to everybody. Continuing, Sir John pictured the enviable position of Canada, her railroads and waterways, and prophesied for her a brilliant future. Coming closer to home, he spoke of the progressiveness and prosperity of the city, its waterworks, schools, public institutions and bands. Speaking of the proposal to discontinue the school children's flaghoisting demonstration, he rather thought the ceremony should be continued on patriotic grounds.

Charles S. Hyman, M.P., was heartily applauded. He proceeded in a humoras strain to refer to the past negoations in regard to the electric road. Not only the aldermen, but the whole of the citizens of London would rejoice for many reasons that the street railway matter had been consummated. Now they would be able to pick up their morning paper withot reading of any threatened Sullivanistic assaults in the report of the council proceedings. (Laughter) Now the lion and the lamb could lie down together, and he was glad to know that the lamb was not inside of the lion. (Laughter.) Just then they were indeed a happy family." Mr. Hyman warned Mr. Everett that he must give London a system second to none in Canada, and in conclusion echoed the patriotic sentiments of the previous speaker.

Mr. James Magee, Q.C., raised a laugh by remarking that it seemed like renewing a matter of ancient history to associate his name with Parliamentary matters. It reminded him of a gentleman who claimed the relationship of a lady because he had once proposed to her aunt's sister. (Laughter.) He felt sorry that Wm. Meredith, who so long represented London in the Provincial House, should not be present to rejoice with London at the present time. (Applause.) He said that of the two Houses, in all matters that concerned the daily life of the people the Local House had most to do. He asked the American street railway visitors to stay until the next session of the House and then to stay with the House -(laughter)-and he had no doubt that with Mr. Hobbs' aid London would

shortly have a normal school. Mr. William Skinner sang in excellent "The Wild Creeping Flower." Mr. Moses Masuret then took charge of the toast list, and introduced in a witty speech the toast of "The Corporation of the City of London."

Mr. W. J. Reid was called on for a song, and responded with "Moriarity," prefacing the selection with a few remarks in a humorous vein. Mayor Little was greeted with "He's a Daisy." He spoke of the fact that while the council experienced all the dissatisfaction incurred because of the levying of the taxes, and were responsible for the collection of the same, they often had very little to do with the

spending of the funds so provided. He bore testimony to the fact that the majerity of the representatives of the people evinced a desire to do the best they could in the interests of those who elected them. Referring to Sir John Carling's remark with reference to the flag-hoisting, the mayor said: "I should be sorry if any of you gentlemen have got the impression that the city council or any member of the council were anxious to prevent the demonstration on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) As you are no doubt aware, the law requires the City Council to furnish whatever funds are demanded by the School Board for school purposes. There was a very general feeling all over that we should exercise as much economy as possible this year, and that was the only item that the law would permit us to strike out. We did that, not because of a desire to prevent the demonstration, but as a gentle hint to the School Board that they might prune off their expenditures in other directions. (Hear, hear.) There appeared to be a very general feeling that the school board expenditure was getting to be a very large item, and it was very desirable, if at all possible, to curtail it." (Applause.)

Then the mayor fell into a reminiscent strain. It was just twenty years ago since the horse car system was instituted, and he mentioned the fact that it was in that year that Mr. Little came to the city. There were no parks electric lights, waterworks or other modern improvements then. He referred to the fact that the assessment had just about doubled since 1876, and the population had increased from 18,-196 to 33,427 in the same time. If London would go on at that rate the invesment would be a good one for the company, and with an efficient service everybody would find that their convenience would be met as far as possible. Ald. J. W. Jones came to London in 1861. Then the city was even in a more primitive state than when Mr. Little arrived. Mr. Jones referred to its continuous prosperity, saying, "We have the most democratic city on the continent. Seventy five per cent of the people own their own homes. No other city on the continent can say that. (Applause.) People complain of the taxation, but, as the mayor has stated, it is very little of the taxes that the aldermen have the spending of. We have only the spending of some 5 1-2 mills, so that you cannot find very much fault with the aldermen.

Messrs. T. G. Meredith (city solicitor), Ald. Wm. Heaman (chairman No. 2 committee), Ald. Wm. Skinner (chairman No. 3), Dr. Cl. T. Campbell (chairman board of health), and Ald. Carrothers, all responded in happy and congratulatory terms. Mr. C. W. Davis sang, "In Old Ma-

and was vigorously applauded. Ald. Jones then took charge of the toast list and introduced the toast of "the London Street Railway Com-

The gathering sang "They Are Jolly Good Fellows," and as President Everett rose to his feet he was greeted with the chorus, "Look At Him Smiling." With his customary modesty Mr. Everett stated that he was not a speechmaker. But he said that they would endeavor to put down in London as good a system as could be found anywhere. The only way to make a railway a success was to have the goodwill of the people of London. In the past the street railway patronage had been very gratifying, considering the motive power used, and this would no doubt improve with the change.

"It is our desire to make the system a pattern one," said Mr. Smallman, one that will be an object lesson for other towns in the country that may be contemplating an electrical system. He said that when the road was completed he hoped to see such another gathering as the present one, from the standpoint, however, of the Street Railway Company. (Applause.)

Messrs. Ivey, Break, Carr, Wm. Bowman, and Hellmuth also responded to the toast, and their remarks, like those of other speakers, were in a felicitous Mr. Will Skinner sang, "An Elephant

On His Hands." The toast of "The Press" was not the mere formality that it generally is. Mr. G. Meredith in proposing it referred to the aid which the newspapers had rendered the city in working hand in hand with the representatives of the citizens to secure the best offer obtainable. When it was found to be in the best interests of the city that certain matters which might prejudice the city's case should not be published the press of the city had always been willing to withhold such publication.

Mr. John Cameron, in responding on behalf of the "Advertiser," spoke of the advantages to be gained by putting a reporter "on his honor" From long experience he could say it was very seldom, indeed, that a newspaper man betrayed a trust. (Hear.) Continuing, he spoke of the fact that London had more railway trains rushing in and out of the city than any other city in Can-With the exception of Toronto ada. London was the only city is Ontario where early morning editions, as well as evening editions, of the one paper published — giving London ally four complete daily practically newspapers. The two London dailie also spent more money for tele graphic information than any other city outside of Toronto. Mr. Cameron congratulated the mayor on the successful completion of the negotiations, and hoped the transaction would be equally profitable to the company and to the city. He also hoped the good-will which Mr. Everett spoke about would be mutual, and echoed the sentiments of Sir John Carling and Mr. Hyman that citizens, no matter how much they may differ on some matters would take as their motto, "London First." (Hear, hear.) When it came to the welfare of the city, civic pride should be cultivated and all political differences forgotten. Mr. Cameron concluded with the belief that with the electric road London would begin a new

era of prosperity. Mr. R. F. Matthews, jun., of the Mr. R. F. Matthews, Juli., of the Echo, and Mr. Richard Bayly, Q.C., on behalf of the Free Press, also responded.

In proposing the toast of "The Ladies," Mr. Meredith took occasion to speak of the very many hours of valuable time the mayor had devoted to the negotiations. The business had had the benefit of his great business ability, and the citizen were indebted to him not only for the time so devoted, but also because of the business ability which had helped to frame the agreement. Mr. Meredith's remarks

were liberally applauded. The guests sang "For they are jolly good fellows," and then the fair ones were championed by Col. Beattie, R. Cowan, A. O. Graydon and H.

The gathering dispersed after singing "God Save the Queen," shortly after 1 o'clock. Manager Carr thought-

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