The Toronto World.

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So Says Mr. Royal, M.P., of Louis Riel.

AND WILL BE HARD TO BEAT

His Opportunity Very Near at Hand.

GEN. MIDDLETON WAITING

For the Grens. to Come up Before Advancing.

BAD NEWS FROM THE FAR WEST.

Blackfeet, Bloods and Piegans in Arms.

WHAT A SINGLE DEFEAT MEANS.

Fears for the Fate of the Edmonton Stage —The Commander-in-Chief Said to be Treating With the Rebel Leader—How the Boys Fare on Hard Tack—A Kissing Episode at Brandon.

Gen. Middleton Treating With Riel.

WINNIPEG, April 17.—Lieut-Governor Aikins addressing Col. Scott's battalion before its departure to Qu'Appelle said he was proud to know that Manitoba alone had furnished one third of the force placed in the field.

No news from Gen. Middleton up to 6 o'clock, but private despatches would indicate his meeting with the rebels for peace. Should this prove true, a panic is feared amongst the volunteers, who thirst for the punishment of the ringleaders of the rebellion to avenge the death of the patriotic band at Duck lake.

Battleford barracks now contains 506 souls. The Crees are awaiting the return of Big Bear from Fort Pitt before again attacking.

The York Rangers go to Fort Qu'Appelle tomorrow to make room at the station for Col. Scott's battalion.

Col. Osborne Smith's battalion, 92d Winnipeg Light Infantry, arrived at Calgary this afternoon. They left one company at Gleichen.

Archbishop Taché does not believe the report that two priests were killed at Frog lake.

Again the Ubiquitous Riel.

QUEBEC, April 17.—A gentleman to-day stated that he had been led to believe on the best authority that Riel was in Montreal in person seven or eight weeks ago, consulting with his supporters, and that he also visited Ottawa.

Riel's Intentions.

FORT QU'APPELLE, N.W.T., April 17.—Hugh Norbert Welsh, a wealthy halfbreed in the Qu'Appelle district, arrived in the valley, having deserted from the rebel camp. He says Middleton is running into peaceful quarters at Batoche. Riel, by evading him, will come down to Touchwood and seize the supplies, then go to Fort Qu'Appelle with the two field pieces which he has. Welsh says Middleton's scouts are not worth anything.

On the Banks of the Saskatchewan.

CLARK'S CROSSING, April 17.—The troops arrived on the banks of the Saskatchewan at this place about 11.30 this morning. A flying column with Gen. Middleton came here last night to seize the ferry at this point.

A report reached here this morning that the halfbreeds had seized Riel and Dumont and were holding them as prisoners, but this is not credited.

The weather for the last two days has been very cold and wet, and with a strong gale blowing in the face of the troops, marching has been very difficult.

The troops will probably remain here till the 10th inst. and also forage for the horses.

The Indians are expected to arrive to-morrow evening.

Bad News from Medicine Hat.

MEDICINE HAT, April 17.—A band of Blackfeet have left their reserve and started on the warpath. It is said the Blackfeet, Piegans and Bloods will raise a body and put on war paint should the command under Gen. Middleton get defeated in the first encounter with the rebels.

There are no troops and only six mounted police in this region, through which rebel fugitives are sure to escape to the United States if a reverse is suffered on the Saskatchewan.

A Stage Missing.

CALGARY, April 17.—The fate of the Edmonton stage causes the greatest anxiety. There are fears that it has been attacked. Capt. Steele's scouts start north to-day and will discover what has happened the stage.

Capt. A. R. McDonnell of the mounted police left Re ina last night for Moose Jaw with an escort to organize a body of scouts to guard the frontier in the Wood mountain district.

Capt. Steele's scouts under command of Lieut. Coyelle will go to-morrow north to the crossing of the Red Deer river, 100 miles. They will be preceded by Rev. Mr. McDougall with four faithful Stonies acting as an advanced guards of scouts. The officer has instructions to take possession of the settler's house nearest the crossing of the Red Deer and hold position at all hazards until the arrival of the main force. Mounted rifles will leave as soon as possible.

Capt. Cotton at Fort McLeod was sent orders yesterday to send a detachment of twenty mounted police from McLeod to Calgary, together with one nine-pounder gun, and this detachment together with twenty mounted police from Beaver Creek, B.C., will leave as soon as possible for Edmonton.

Capt. Cotton has received instructions not to await the arrival of Col. Osborne Smith's company from Winnipeg detailed to garrison McLeod but to have Inspector Perry make forced marches there. The 65th battalion under Capt. Quimet with the balance of Col Smith's battalion and part of the Alberta mounted rifles will add since to Macpherson's coulee on Monday next. Gen. Strange will take command in person.

Macpherson's coulee is twenty miles north of Calgary.

A number of the 65th are under arrest for plundering stores of their officers, including whisky, and will be tried by court martial.

A mounted policeman is also under arrest for threatening to shoot Lieut.-Col. Hughes of the 65th battalion.

Doomed to Disappointment.

P. G. Laurie telegraphs as follows to the Mail:

BATTLEFORD, April 17.—It is expected that Gen. Middleton's advance column, with one gun, will arrive here on Sunday. A relief party will at once be organized and sent to Fort Pitt. Nothing has been heard from that place since the 30th, from which it is inferred that it still holds out, for had there been further outrages committed there some intelligence would certainly have reached us of their occurrence. All arrangements have been completed here for the advance, and no time will be lost in despatching the relief party when reinforcements reach here. A scout with despatches was captured by the Indians last week, but another will leave here for Fort Pitt to-morrow.

The Troops.

The 65th and 9th battalions deny the report that they are not willing to fight halfbreeds or any other enemies of their country.

Col. Scott's battalion (the 91st) left Winnipeg for Qu'Appelle yesterday and will act as guards to Gen. Middleton's rear.

The Quebec cavalry and Halifax fusiliers are expected at Winnipeg to-morrow. It is said they are having a hard time of it on the north shore, owing mainly to the mild weather.

The Winnipeg cavalry are mad because the government did not call on them instead of taking cavalry from the east.

Gen. Middleton's force is at Clark's crossing, waiting for the Grenadiers to come up, the latter being expected to-day.

The York Rangers have been ordered to Fort Qu'Appelle.

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The Situation at Calgary.

The following letter from a mounted police man dated only a week ago proves that the reports that have been circulated about the situation in the far west have scarcely been exaggerated. It is to be hoped, however, that the arrival of the 65th at that point will restore confidence and avert the threatened danger:

CALGARY, N.W.T., April 10.

My Dear.—After being incarcerated for so many years in this vast country it is indeed a great pleasure to receive a letter or even papers from any source of civilization, never to mention Toronto. (Many thanks for The World.)

Excitement here has been rampant, more so than time and a thoroughly tired out name will permit describing at present; but I assure you things bear a very dangerous appearance. No special fear troubles us of the halfbreeds, but we expect at any moment, more especially during the night time, a combined attack upon our post by Bloods, Piegans and Blackfeet, who, if rumor be true, are supported by southern tribes composed of Crows, Pawnees, Stonies and Govans, all United States Indians born to the saddle and gun, and dangerous men to handle, as the American troops have found to their cost. From twenty to thirty men mount picket each night, thus giving us alternate nights in bed. This comes very hard. Twenty civilians are at present employed as scouts and combined we scour the country all night mounted. Should defeat occur, however slight, God help us and the settlers!

Some portion of our post will be detailed, at least so it is expected farther north and from there I shall communicate at the earliest opportunity. Yours, etc.

A Budget from the Boys.

A large budget of letters from boys with the Toronto regiments, was received in town yesterday by their various friends and a number of them brought into The World office. Below are some extracts taken from them.

So far (Swift Current) we have had a pretty rough time of it, but Company K (university) holds its own against any of them in point of endurance as well as in drill; only one of our men dropped out in the long tramp, as many as 8 or 10 did so in other companies.

Private W. Cecil Lee writes: It is wonderful to see all the flocks of duck and geese continually pass over our heads here. We get only two meals and some days only one meal a day, so it is very necessary, to forage which we do pretty successfully. I may mention do not be alarmed. I belong to what they call the big six, which consists of the six biggest fellows on the left flank of our company. Amongst the six are Warring Kennedy, son of Mr. Kennedy of Samson, Kennedy & Gemmel, and Albert Pearson, son of the manager of the gas works. If you see them you touch the whole six is our motto. I have been on the cooks fatigue part all day, therefore had to perform no drill, but washing tins, chopping wood and firing up are very acceptable varieties.

Sergeant Jack Maclaren felt very bad that some one had sent him one of Staneland's bills of fare while he is living on hard tack and tea. He continues: "We have had a good time all through, and old F cling together like one man and not one of them has been reported sick yet." He gives a graphic account of what the boys of the company are doing at the time of writing, and speaks in the most hopful manner of their future prospects. Tom Gibson, private secretary to Hon. Mr. Pardee, has been appointed chaplain of the company, and the two Boyds, who are also in the same company, are reported by the sergeant to be very noisy.

A color-sergeant, writing to a comrade here discusses the grub, which he says is simply abominable, and very little of it at that. He is rather severe on the commissariat department. He denounces the pork, tea, hard tack, and the number of meals he got a day. He gives quite a page and a half to the grub question, he dilates on the beauty of the prairie as a driving ground and the pleasant character of the weather, which he likes immensely. The whole of the regiment, he says, is behaving splendidly.

Lieut. Gunther writes a pleasant letter to Capt. Acheson of the Varsity company. He is especially warm in his praises of the way in which the Varsity company is getting along and the progress they are making in soldiering.

One of the boys writing about Mr. Gunther says that he is fast getting his name up as an efficient officer, and that he is one of the best in putting his men through the skirmishing drill, which is now a regular exercise.

Bussing at Brandon.

Private T. E. Elliott gives the following graphic description of the Brandon kissing business: The concert was just nicely over and we were getting settled down for the night, when we ran into Brandon. The people stormed the train, and a string of about forty girls swarmed into the train with eatables and coffee. I believe every soul in Brandon must have passed through the train. The boys were uproarious after the day's tear in Winnipeg and the fun of the concert, and were seized with a sort of spontaneous combustion, for every one seemed to start at the same time to kiss and hug the girls. And the girls were just as keen for it as we were, and kissed us as often as we kissed them. It was something terrific! the boys yelling and hugging the girls screaming, and the men of Brandon looking black in the face. Numbers of them, both men and women, were crying, the deuce only knows what for. When they came into the train they were as steady and quiet as any crowd ever were, for they say there has not been the least excitement in Brandon ever the affair. One such night as that is worth half a dozen such trips as this. After that there was not much sleep for the boys.

Campaign Notes.

The 9th battalion (Quebec Voltigeurs) is still in camp at Winnipeg.

The fall of Fort Pitt is reported by Capt. Cotton, who recently returned to Fort McLeod from Blackfoot crossing.

Major Walsh was in Ottawa Thursday evening. He favors the employment of the Blackfeet scouts in the Northwest.

The Mountain Rangers have been ordered to patrol the country between Swift Current and Lethbridge, with headquarters at Medicine Hat.

It is reported that Instructor Payne's body was chopped up and thrown about his barnyard. Instructor Jefferson is a prisoner with Poundmaker.

The settlers at Souris City and vicinity have offered to raise cavalry troops to act as scouts, providing their own horses, if the government will provide the necessary arms.

A halfbreed deserter named Welch reports the force with Riel at 1,600, and all well armed. He says Riel hopes to reach Touchwood and starve out the troops by cutting off their supplies at that point.

Much distress has been caused by the Indian raids, and many people are said to be homeless. It is estimated that the Indians have driven off from the Battleford district 1000 head of cattle and 600 horses.

The latest report about Riel is that in a fit of passion he said to Dr. Willoughby: "Now, doctor, the day has arrived when those who have not been good will have to suffer. I must rule or perish. I shall be king or die."

Dr. J. M. B. Woods, 481 Queen str et west, and Dr. J. McCullough, 192 Spadina avenue, will gratuitously attend the needy families of absent soldiers, and M. C. Wild & Co., of 462 Queen street west, will supply medicine to the same free of charge.

It seems undoubted that the Indians now at Battleford were prompted in their movements by Riel, and the man who would stir up Indians to introduce their horrid system of warfare among the settlements deserves hanging if ever a man did.—Winnipeg Times.

Col Deacon, of the Midland battalion, is the proud possessor of three medals awarded him for his services in the Crimean war. Staff Orderly Hooper, who served in the cape mounted rifles is similarly decorated. In the battalion are several members who have seen active service in the Zulu and other wars.

A telegram was received at London yesterday morning announcing the safe arrival of Private Mercer, who was missing for some days. He lost his way on the ice while crossing the last gap and did not reach Red Rock until the battalion had left. The intelligence was a glad surprise to his wife.

Letters were received from Quartermaster Hicks, of the Queen's Own, detailing his experience on the march. He says the Q.O.R. boys "stood up like bricks," and outmarched the regulars, many of whom were pretty badly used up. The gallant quartermaster is greatly improved in health and eager for the fray.

A Calgary despatch dated yesterday says: "In consequence of disquieting reports from the Red Deer country, where small bands of Crees are said to be wandering about fully armed, Lieut. Cargill with ten of Oswald's scouts will go north this morning. Rev. J. McDougall, of Morley, has brought in five Stoney Indians, who have volunteered their services. They will join the scouts at Calgary."

Mr. Royal, M.P., says that Riel will fight and that it is too late to make peace with him. He further says the halfbreeds are all good shots and that it will require a force greatly superior in numbers to defeat them. The halfbreeds and Indians have very little fear of death, and will fight desperately. Mr. Royal thinks that everything will depend upon the result of the first battle. If the rebels get the advantage the volunteers will be discouraged, while the neutral Indians and halfbreeds will flock to Riel's standard. The arms possessed by the rebels are superior to those with which the government troops have been equiped.

When a Winnipeg Sun reporter paid a visit to the camps of the 12th and 35th battalions on Sunday morning he found the men complaining somewhat of the treatment they had received since leaving home. The commander of the corps, Col. O'Brien, was very unpopular with the men, because of many little discourteous acts. The men said that they had been almost starved on the way up, having been fed on hard tack and canned beef, which most of them could not eat, and only having received two meals a day at that.

Gen. Middleton is bothered and pestered by wire and mail. He has applications for arms and munitions of war from every hamlet in the province and territory; and of advice from men who insist that he "move forward at once, and let not a massacre at Battleford or Prince Albert be a blot on his escutcheon," he has had reams. But he is the sort of man from whom the minor life of life roll off easily, and he laughs as he reads the civilians' Stovel, meanwhile of a campaign via Swift Current, or a synchronous sortie from Battleford and Prince Albert.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

SIR JOHN'S FRANCHISE BILL.

Another Amendment Moved and Rejected—Col. Ouimet at Calgary.

OTTAWA, April 17.—Replying to Mr. Casgrain Mr. Caron said he had heard of Col. Ouimet being in Winnipeg. Whether he was there on special service or leave of absence he did not know, but Col. Ouimet was now back with his regiment in Calgary.

Mr. Laurier resuming the debate on the franchise bill said there was no necessity for such a measure. It was simply another step in the direction of centralization. The revising barristers would be merely creatures of the government. He concluded "that it is advisable to continue the use of the franchise which prevails according to the law of the different provinces and the voters' lists prepared by the regularly appointed municipal officers."

Mr. Chapleau said it was an anomaly that the voters' lists for the election of members of the commons should be prepared by officials over whom the House had no control. This measure gave to every sober industrious man a vote. He was not in favor of universal suffrage, public opinion in Quebec was not ripe for a female franchise.

Mr. Blake reviewed the history of attempts to legislate on this subject since 1867, and then took up the present bill and analyzed it for three hours, strongly denouncing the government for taking to themselves such powers and such unfair advantages as this bill conferred upon them.

Mr. White (Cardwell) followed and compared the action of the Ontario government on the franchise and redistribution bills there with the professions of Mr. Blake in this house. He claimed that there had been every opportunity of studying this act and it should now be passed.

Mr. Cuillet was introduced by Mr. Curran and Mr. Wright amidst applause from the conservatives.

Messrs. Edgar and McMullen also spoke.

A division being taken the result was: For amendment 54, against 86. Two conservatives, Girouard and Dupont, voted with the opposition.

The house adjourned at 1.30.

GOTTINGS FROM HAMILTON.

Two New Companies for the 13th—A Local Colored Corps.

HAMILTON, April 17—George Roach, George E. Tuckett, Lt.-Col. Gibson, Adam Brown and Capt. W. G. Reid left for Ottawa this evening for the purpose of interviewing the minister of militia and requesting him to add Chief Stewart's and R. J. Duggan's new companies to the Thirteenth battalion.

W. H. Rowe, manager of the Palladium of Labor, was committed for trial to-day for libeling F. L. Harvey, publisher of Justice, another labor paper. Bail was fixed at $500 and two sureties of $250 each.

Mrs. Mourk, the old lady from Philadelphia who stole her grand-daughter, Minnie Horton, was dismissed by the magistrate to-day on promising not to try and steal her again.

Wm. Malloy offered the services of a colored corps to the minister of militia and received the following letter:

OTTAWA, April 14, 1885.

Dear Sir: I beg to return you my very sincere thanks for your offer of services. I know the pluck and patriotism displayed by the colored people during the late American rebellion, and would gladly avail myself of their services if necessity required it. But, at present, our organization is complete, and we are not getting up any more corps. Believe me, yours truly, ADOLPHE P. CARON.

The following have been elected officers of the Hamilton football club: President, W. H. Ballard, M.A.; president, C. Robertson, M.A.; first vice-president, D. A. Sinclair; secretary-treasurer, F. Langford; captain, J. M. Henwood; committee, G. B. McPhail, W. H. Thompson, M. W. Hopkins, W. H. Jenkins, M. J. O'Connor and the officers.

The Primrose baseball club has elected the following officers: President, J. Welsh; manager, James Henigan; secretary, A. Brien; treasurer, John Jones. Wardell will play first base.

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ENGLAND LEFT

Reported Submission of Afghans to Russia.

GEN. LUMSDEN'S REPORT.

Everything to be Decided by Monday.

A CREDIT OF SIX MILLIONS ASKED.

Turkey Said to Have Made Certain Assurances to the St. Petersburg Government—Opinions of the Press—Gen. Komaroff's Instructions and How He Kept Them to Himself.

LONDON, April 17.—In the house of commons this afternoon Mr. Gladstone stated that the government had to-day received from Sir Peter Lumsden a reply to their request for an independent report upon the Pendjeh incident. In this it was stated that Gen. Komaroff was aware at as early a date as the 28th of March of the understanding agreed to upon the 7th of March between Russia and England. According to the terms of this understanding England was to deter the Afghans and the czar was to deter his troops from advancing beyond the positions they then respectively occupied, until some subsequent agreement about the demarcation of the Afghan frontier could be reached between the two governments. The battle on the River Khusk was fought therefore several days after Gen. Komaroff had been made aware of the agreement not to permit an advance on either side. Capt. Yates, the British officer who witnessed the battle, was as much by the Russian officer who commanded in the fight, that he knew nothing of the understanding of March 17. Sir Peter Lumsden's report appears to warrant the inference that whatever Gen. Komaroff knew officially about the St. Petersburg agreement with London he kept to himself. Gen. Lumsden, being asked if the government had protested against the occupation of Pendjeh by Gen. Komaroff and his establishment of a Russian military station there, answered for was the price per lamp for Brighton and Yorkville burning equally as much as that of the city. President Austin proved that the board would consider the matter.

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Millinery and Mantles.

Ladies: On the first of April we opened our show rooms to the public for the spring season of 1885.

We have on sale one of the choicest stocks of nobby, stylish mantles and handsome bonnets and hats ever offered to the ladies of Toronto.

We invite inspection and comparison, and ladies wishing to see and not to purchase will not be asked to buy.

PETLEY & PETLEY, King street east, opposite the market, Toronto.

The Knights in Over the Garden Wall.

At the Grand next week the above company will render their late New York success, coming direct from their Fifth avenue theatre engagement, which has proved to them according to the New York press quite a victory. The company is strong, and the comedy is spoken of as the funniest of the funny. Geo. Knight is said to be without an equal in the line of Irish characters. Frederick J. Welsh, manager, James Henigan; secretary, A. Brien; treasurer, John Jones. Wardell will play first base.

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THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Deputation on Bankruptcy Legislation to Ottawa—The Harbor.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon. President Darling presided. Mr. Darling explained the result of the visit of the deputation of the board to Ottawa in the interest of the proposed bankruptcy legislation. The deputation was joined by representatives from the Montreal and Hamilton boards. The leader of the government received them courteously. He admitted the necessity of some kind of legislation in bankruptcy, but would not make anything that might be introduced a government measure. He would leave it to the opinion of the whole house, by which he would be guided in the matter. Mr. Darling said he had sent a copy of his memorandum, a synopsis of which was published in The World of yesterday, to all the members of parliament. Mr. Darling said he regretted that the government had not seen fit to withdraw its determination to include the amount of inland charters in the invoice values of dutiable goods at the custom house. Mr. Darling said the minister of customs had decided to perpetrate an outrageous wrong on importers. The time now allowed to claim a refund of duties paid on shortages or erroneous invoices is three days from the time of passing the entry. The deputation impressed on the minister that three days was too short, and recommended that the time be extended to thirty days. What was the surprise of the deputation when the minister said the government would not extend the time, but had decided to reduce it to one day. The meeting took no action on the subject.

The following new members were received: R. S. Williams, piano manufacturer; T. Houston, wholesale dry goods; F. W. Gibbs, commission merchant; Jos. Kilgour, manufacturer; E. R. Oliver, stock broker; R. H. Betune, cashier Dominion bank; Jas. Scott, retail dry goods merchant; John Turner, merchant; A. B. McColl, oil merchant; John Fletcher, builder; Ebenezer Drew, merchant tailor; Robert Myles, broker; George Keith, seed merchant; John Kay, merchant.

D. R. Wilkie and D. W. Matthews, jr., offered a resolution against the unfinished harbor improvements. After considerable discussion the resolution was passed in the following form: "That in the opinion of this board every effort should be made by the city council to complete the improvements to the harbor known as the island improvements during the present season, the annoyance of great importance to the preservation of the harbor in reaping the full benefit of the explanation already made, and the protection of the city property on the island."

The City Gas Contract.

A sub committee from the fire and gas committee yesterday interviewed the authorities of the Consumers' gas company, on the contract between the city and the company. The clauses in the contract which the aldermen think should be altered are those which provide taxes in putting up new lamps there shall not be over 150 feet distance between each, and the sliding scale of charges imposed in case lamps are discontinued by the use of electric light. With respect to the first the corporation wish the greatest distance between lamps put at 250 feet. With regard to the sliding scale they wish provision that in case a lamp is removed by the erection of electric lights its removal shall not affect the price, provided the city desires to erection in another place where a gas main already exists. The committee also expressed the opinion that the price per lamp for Brighton and Yorkville be reduced to the same as that of the city. President Austin proved that the board would consider the matter.

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A cable despatch from Milan states that Miss Ada Arthurs made her debut on Wednesday night in that city as Marguerite in Faust, and that the debutante was greeted with tremendous success. Toronto ladies will be pleased to learn that Miss Arthur is the daughter of the late George Arthurs, nephew of Col. Arthurs, and granddaughter of President Austin of the Dominion bank. Mrs. Arthurs and child of this city are visiting relatives at Rochester, N.Y., and wonderful powers of vocalism are said to be the course, long endeavors of a widowed mother she went through a full course of study on the continent, the result of which was a most successful debut at Milan. Miss Arthurs and sisters live on the Dovercourt road, adjacent to the old Russell Hill estate. Her old acquaintances in Toronto will congratulate her on her success.

The Bon Marche.

To-night for the first Saturday in the season, the Bon Marche will keep open until 10 o'clock. The same rule will prevail now every Saturday until the leaves begin to fall again. The proprietors, Messrs. Farley & Co., announce the greatest bargains they have ever offered in the millinery line, having purchased the immense stock of Patterson, McKenzie & Co., amounting to $25,000, at less than 20 cents on the dollar. Lace, feathers, flowers, ostrich tips, all of the most elegant and latest Paris fashions, will be offered at the Bon Marche at lower prices than they could be bought for from the manufacturers.

Millinery and Mantles.

Ladies: On the first of April we opened our show rooms to the public for the spring season of 1885.

We have on sale one of the choicest stocks of nobby, stylish mantles and handsome bonnets and hats ever offered to the ladies of Toronto.

We invite inspection and comparison, and ladies wishing to see and not to purchase will not be asked to buy.

PETLEY & PETLEY, King street east, opposite the market, Toronto.

The Knights in Over the Garden Wall.

At the Grand next week the above company will render their late New York success, coming direct from their Fifth avenue theatre engagement, which has proved to them according to the New York press quite a victory. The company is strong, and the comedy is spoken of as the funniest of the funny. Geo. Knight is said to be without an equal in the line of Irish characters. Mrs. Knight is as bright and sparkling as ever in her Moonlight shadow song, with dance.

For the Manitoulin Indian Mission.

The bazaar at St. James' school house yesterday was a decided success in every respect. More than half of the fancy work was sold, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen partook of the luncheon. The sale will be continued to-day from 10 to 3 without luncheon.

My Sweetheart.

Miss Minnie Palmer will only be at the Grand for two more performances, this afternoon and to-night. My Sweetheart is enjoyable.

Chili's New Plaything.

VALPARAISO, April 17.—On the arrival of the splendid ironclad Esmeralda from England, the Chilian government substituted native engineers for the experienced hands sent over with the vessel and started her on a trial trip. The new engineers allowed the boilers to burn out. The vessel will be useless until the boilers are replaced.

Suicided With Strychnine.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont., April 17.—Mrs. Bowyer, wife of H. Bowyer, saddler of this place, poisoned herself at 1 o'clock to-day by taking strychnine, which her husband kept in a drawer upstairs for safety and used as a medicine for horses, he being a local veterinary surgeon. She died half an hour after taking the dose.

Women Suffrage in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, April 17.—The house of assembly in committee to-day defeated an amendment to the franchise bill proposing that voting power be given to unmarried women possessing the property qualification. The amendment was thrown out by a majority of only one.

A Township Treasurer Defaults.

WELLAND, April 17. Peter Learn, township treasurer of Bertie, Ont., has been arrested for misappropriation of between $4000 and $5000 township funds. His friends have bailed him out.

Nineteenth Century Sport.

HUNTER'S POINT, N.Y., April 17.—The New York dog Paddy killed the Cincinnati dog Joe in 14 minutes to-day. The stakes were $1000. A large sum changed hands.

They Should be Convicted.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Contractor Budden sick and Assistant Frank were indicted for manslaughter in the second degree by the grand jury to-day.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Penland from Antwerp, State of Indiana from Glasgow, California from Hamburg.

At Amsterdam: Schiedam from New York.

TRADES AND LABOR AFFAIRS.

Meeting of the Council—Delegate to Great Britain—Copyright Scheme.

The Trades and Labor council met last night, President John Aldridge in the chair. Credentials were read from the following delegates, who took seats: N. Schaefer, assembly 3655, knights of labor; W. McDonald, stonecutters; Thomas Moor, amalgamated carpenters; C. March, J. Knight and J. Miller, painters; and J. M. Wilson, J. Armstrong and R. G. Stewart, typographical union. Mr. Stewart was elected corresponding secretary in place of W. E. Meredith, who is no longer a member of the council.

Mr. O'Donoghue read a lengthy report from the legislative committee, bearing principally upon the efforts being made by societies in the united kingdom to flood Canada with paupers, waifs and other unfit people; letters indicating that the council was enjoying the confidence of labor organizations outside of Toronto; upon the boycotting of the Mail and other subjects. The report was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Armstrong, from a special committee, reported in favor of Mr. Edgar's copyright scheme and recommended that the views of the council thereon be forwarded to the dominion government. Adopted.

Messrs. Beales, Moor and Dunbar were appointed to interview the unions respecting the question of sending a delegate to Great Britain to counteract the efforts of immigration agents, etc. A communication from assembly 2600 knights of labor, Belleville, was referred to the legislative committee with instructions to attend thereto.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, April 17.

The fluctuations in oil to-day were: At New York—Opened 78, highest 78, lowest 77⅞; closed 77⅞. At Petrolia, (Ont.)—Opening and closed highest and lowest 1.

A cable to Cox & Co. quotes Hudson Bay £161, an advance of £4. North west Land advanced from 32s 6d to 35s.

Paris, 5 p. m.—Rentes closed 78f. 60c.

Consols opened higher at 96 9-16. At 2 p.m. they were 96 13-16; 2.30 p.m., 96⅞; 3 p.m. 96 13-16; 3.30 p.m., 97; 4 p.m., 97 1-16; 4.30 p.m., 97 3-16.

Canadian Pacific was quoted in London to-day at 57¾.

The New York stock market was rather of a weak tone to-day. Burlington and Quincy opened 122¼, dropped to 121, closed 121⅞; sales 22,0. Pacific Mail opened 54½, dropped to 53¾, and up to 55¼, closed 54¾; sales 7,300. Western Union dropped to 57¼, closed 58, sales 6700. Northwest sold at 96¼, closed 97⅛; sales 21,800. Union Pacific opened 69, sold 69½, closed 69⅛; sales 65,500. Lackawanna opened 105¼, sold down to 105, closed 105¼; sales 36,705. Lake Erie Western closed last night at 12¼, sold down to 8¾ to-day, closed 9. New York, Lake and Western (common known as Erie) closed to-night at 12⅞. The iron feature was Manhattan Elevated, which opened 83½, sold up to 85, at which it closed. This stock also sold at 85 a few days ago, which is the highest since consolidation. Canada Pacific sold down to 56¾, closed 56⅞; sales 400.

Cox & Co. received the following despatches to-day from Gaff, Gillespie & Co., by private wire: "10.30 p.m. Consols 101, higher; fearing war. 11.0 a.m.—Buffer's reply to government is exciting stock on Afghan frontier, and it makes peace probable. 2 p.m.—Market stronger and quiet. Consols 101⅛. Bank of England gold shipments to-day were —Five cars No. 2 fall wheat sold at 94c; 5000 bush No. 2 fall wheat, June delivery, offered at 93c, 94c bid; No. 3 barley at 92c; No. 2 spring wheat, 92c; No. 2 red winter, 92c bid; corn, 48c; oats, 40c with 38c bid; a bid of 92c was received for No. 2 spring wheat on Midland track.

At a special meeting of the Toronto board of trade this afternoon, W. D. Matthews, jr., gave notice of the following amendment to the bylaws of that body: "That when carlots of grain are purchased without any agreement as to the quantity to be loaded in each, it will be understood that a car load shall mean not less than 24,000 lbs., and not more than 27,000 lbs."

Toronto Stock Exchange—Sales April 17.

MORNING BOARD.	
10 Standard Bank (7, 3)	112½
50 Consumers' Gas, sellers 60 days	152
AFTERNOON BOARD.	
8 Standard Bank	112½
50 Western Assurance	83
118	

Toronto Stocks at the Close.

Bank Montreal 195¼, 194½; Ontario 110, 108½; Toronto 182, 180; Merchants 111¾, 111¼; Commerce 121¼, 121½; Imperial 122 buyers; Federal 46, 45¾; Dominion 185; Standard 112; Hamilton 122, 121; British America 84 sellers; Western Assurance 83¼, 82½; Consumers Gas 151 buyers; Dominion Telegraph 85, 82; Northwest Land Co., 35, 34½.

Montreal Stocks at the Close.

3.55 p.m.—Bank of Montreal, 193¾, 195¼; Ontario, 111, 109; Molsons, 115, 112; Toronto, 182½, 181; Jacques Cartier, offered 52; Merchants, 112½, 112; Commerce 121¾, 121½; Federal, 46½, 45; Montreal telegraph, 119½, 118¾; City Passenger, 120½, 120; Gas, 177, 176½; Northwest Land, 35¾, 35¼; C. P. R. 57, 56.

SALES—Morning Board—30 Ontario bank at 112½; 8 Gas at 176½. Afternoon Board—125 Bank Montreal at 195¼, 50 at 195; 2 Merchants' at 112½; 23 Commerce at 121½; 50 Mont. Tel. Co. at 119; 30 City Passenger at 120½; 275 Gas at 176¾, 10 at 177.

The Local Markets.

The receipts of grain on the street to-day were very small and prices steady. Wheat offered to the extent of 200 bushels and sold at 95c. for fall, and at 82c to