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## HANLAN FAR FROM HOME.

*HIS ARRIVAL AT SYDNEY ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.*

**The Champion Receives a Great Ovation —And Insures His Life for £5000—The Trip Out to Australia.**

The World received from Edward Hanlan last night a copy of the Sydney Daily Telegraph of March 17, St. Patrick's day. The paper contains a five-column account of the champion's arrival at Sydney, his reception and a long interview by an Antipodean reporter. The introduction to the report says:

The Pacific mail steamship City of Sydney which came into port on Saturday night, about 8 o'clock, brought Edward Hanlan, the champion sculler of the world, who has arraigned for a five months' tour of Australasia, and is open to make matches for heavy wagers and the championship. He has taken up his quarters for the present at Petty's hotel, but on Saturday night, between 9 and 10 o'clock, he was driven up to the Oxford hotel, where a crowd of 4000 or 5000 people had congregated, in consequence of the report which had rapidly circulated of Hanlan's arrival. Hanlan briefly addressed a few remarks to the crowd, after which he and a number of rowing gentlemen adjourned to one of the rooms in the hotel, where complimentary toasts were drunk. Hanlan was afterwards driven back to Petty's hotel, where he has taken up his quarters, and both late on Saturday night, and during the whole of yesterday, was visited by a large number of gentlemen connected with rowing, and also by Americans and Canadians anxious to meet the acquatic champion. Among others Hanlan renewed a former friendship with J. P. Grant, the Australian representative of the Equitable Life Assurance society of New York, with whom Hanlan before he had been many hours in the colony, negotiated for a life assurance policy of £5000. From the report of an interview which a representative of this journal had with Hanlan, it will be gathered that at present he has made no definite arrangements with regard to matches, and that the challenge which was sent home by Mr. Hunt, to row an Australian representative for £1000 a side, Hanlan to receive £300 expenses and one-third of the gate money, is still open. Hanlan appears to think the terms good enough if he gets two-thirds of the gate money instead of one-third, as originally proposed, and pays his own expenses. He will not row in a match probably for six or eight weeks, and in the meantime he intends to give a series of rowing exhibitions in the different colonies, if terms can be satisfactorily arranged. His first exhibition will probably be given in Sydney, after which he will proceed to Melbourne and Adelaide. He is accompanied by his business agent, Morris Greenwall.

To-day Hanlan will receive a formal public reception at the Oxford hotel at 11 o'clock He will return to the steamer City of Sydney this morning, where he will be waited upon by representatives of the rowing circles of Australia, and driven from the A. S. N. Co.'s wharf, Circular Quay, to the Oxford hotel. At the latter place he will be received by the mayor of Sydney (Ald. Hardy).

After making a speech from the balcony of the Oxford hotel on the night of his arrival, the champion and a few friends had a social time, at which toasts were drunk.

Mr. Trickett proposed the health of Mr. Hanlan, champion sculler of the world—[cheers]—and extended to him a cordial welcome to Australia. It afforded him very great pleasure indeed to be able to extend such a welcome, and he was sure that all those present would be very proud to have the honor of being present on such an occasion. [Cheers.] However, he was sure that none of them could feel more honored by Mr. Hanlan's presence among them than he did. [Cheers.]

Mr. Hanlan, in responding, said: Mr. Trickett, I am pleased to have had an opportunity at last of seeing you at your home. [Cheers.] Gentlemen, I stand in a place where I have always had a great desire to stand, and that is in Australia. [Cheers.] I am not a very good speaker, but I hope to be able to do some practical work while I am here. I must say that at the very outset I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the manner in which I have been welcomed here to-night. I hope, when I have the pleasure of competing with some of your representative oarsmen, that we shall all have a fair field and no favor. [Loud cheers.] I am sure I shall have an equal chance with your men, so that if defeated at all I shall be defeated on my merits; but, if defeated, I shall be the first man to shake by the hands the man who does it. [Cheers.] I have come here myself, untrammeled by any engagement, and I pay my own expenses. I did not care to close a match ten thousand miles away from this place, and I thought it would be the more honorable way to come face to face and arrange it on the spot. I hope we wont have any trouble or difficulty in ararnging a match. [Cheers.] I am very much obliged for the honor you have done me, and I hope that when I leave your country, we will have the same kindly feeling towards each other that we have now. [Cheers.]

A portion of the interview with the reporter of the Telegraph will prove interesting. It speaks of the voyage as follows:

"We'll commence," I suggested, "with your trip to Australia. What was it like?"

"Well," said Hanlan, "I haven't a very lively recollection of a greater part of the trip. A man who is nearly always sea-sick doesn't generally enjoy a long sea voyage, and that has been my experience."

"Has it been your experience in your trips between America and England?"

"Yes always sea-sick Why, for the first ten days after I left San Francisco, I never showed up at table at all, and I never quite got over the sea-sickness even up to the end of the voyage. In fact, I feel now a kind of temptation to go and heave over the side, so used have I got to it.

"Was the passage a rough one then?"

"Oh, by no means. We had a delightful voyage across; in fact, some of the people on board said it was the best they had ever seen. It was as smooth as a mill-pond. There were some days when I could have gone out in my scull-boat, but still I was sick all the way. I was told that I was the worst on the ship."

"Did you have any demonstration at Honolulu?"

"Oh yes. We only stopped there a few hours, but the people were crazy to see us. I had hardly reached the place before I was interviewed by a newspaper man, and they got out an 'extra' in half an hour. By the way, he was an Australian too, and he was pretty candid in his opinions. He said, 'I wish you all sorts of success, but I hope you will be beaten by an Australian.' The people gave me quite an ovation at Honolulu. I never saw anything like it for a small place. Some of them were astonished at my boat. Of course, there are men there, I guess, that had seen racing boats before, but the natives didn't know what to make of it. They would crowd round the boat, and look at it, and feel it all over, to find out whether it had any machinery about it. One fellow wanted to use a knife to open it up and see what it was made of. Oh, and the old native king sent his apologies, because he was not able to turn up at the rowing exhibition I gave. I was told that he had broken out in boils four or five days before, and he was afraid of coming out in the open air. His wife and family, however, were there.

"How did you get on at Auckland?"

"At Auckland, if there was one man on the wharf, there were hundreds. We landed quietly and went up to the club and had breakfast, but not a soul knew me, although there were many on the look-out for me. I suppose they were looking out for some big, athletic fellow. Afterwards, when my identity became known, I was welcomed at the wharf by hundreds. I gave an exhibition of rowing there, and rowed about two hours. We arrived at about 12 o'clock at night and left at 2 o'clock next day. Of course I was not able to make any proper display, but I intend, on my return home, to make a stay in New Zealand and give rowing exhibitions. I suppose there were about 1500 people to see me off, and I had to make a few remarks to them, thanking them for their very cordial welcome. From Auckland to Sydney there was nothing of an eventful kind, but I must say that I was very much surprised and gratified by the remarkably hearty reception given to me when I came to Sydney, nothwithstanding the fact that we came in unexpectedly early."

"Have you still got the hotel at Toronto?"

"No, I have leased it for five years. My hotel cost me $80,000, and I have no doubt a place in the city that cost me $5000. I should very much like to have brought my wife and family with me, but a rowing man can't very well do that if he wants to attend to his business. I have two children—two little girls, one four years old and the other only nine months old."

"How long do you intend to go on rowing?"

"I don't suppose I will do anything else for the next two years, but stick to rowing closely, and if by that time I do as well as I think I ought to do, I intend to retire altogether to my own home, and take no more active part in rowing matches. I thing I have won quite enough money for other people, and I want to see now if I can't win some for myself. It is calculated that I have won for Toronto over $500,000 during the last six or seven years out of betting. When I rowed Trickett in England backers from Toronto pocketed $200,000 dollars, and I can see large buildings in several parts of the city built out of Australian money. In fact, to tell the truth, I have got one myself."

The champion then informed the reporter that he would remain in Australia some five or six months. He had made no definite arrangements as to matches, but he would give exhibitions all over the colonies.

*HAMILTON NEWS.*

**Receipts of the Iolanthe Performances—D. A. Smith Still Alive—Disorderly Characters.**

The total receipts of the four performances of Iolanthe by the Garrick club were between $1700 and $1800, while the expenses will probably approximate $800. The balance will be divided by the trustees of the club, and although nothing is settled yet, the girls' home will likely get $400, the Leanders $200, and the balance will be retained by the club. Miss Walker, Iolanthe, left for Toronto this morning; Miss D'Ervieux, Phyllis, will remain in town until Wednesday.

The proprietor of the Crawford house, Windsor, telegraphs this afternoon that David A. Smith is still alive, although unable to speak. His spine is broken, and there is no possibility of his recovery.

Several disorderly characters were before the police magistrate to-day. John Freith and Margaret Knight were each fined $30 and costs or 60 days. Martha Glennon was given the option of paying $50 or going to the Mercer reformatory for a year.

The assizes opened to-day, Justice Osler presiding. Hugh Macmahon, Q.C., of Toronto, will conduct the crown business.

**The McCabe Case.**

LONDON, Ont., April 28.—The funeral of Mrs. McCabe (the woman who died through alleged poisoning on Friday night) took place yesterday afternoon. McCabe was released from jail on a permit to attend the funeral as chief mourner. He was accompanied by a detective. It is asserted that about a week or two ago a solicitor drew up wills for McCabe and his wife. Their wills were in favor of each other. One of the doctors who made the autopsy this morning, stated that there was little doubt but that Mrs. McCabe died from a dose of strychnine.

**The Late Mrs. Bowell.**

BELLEVILLE, April 28.—The body of the late Mrs. Bowell arrived here Sunday morning. The remains were accompanied by Hon. Mr. Bowell, Miss Bowell, C. J. Bowell, Miss Hickey and J. M. Bowell and wife, who met the family at Chicago. The body was conveyed to the residence of C. P. Holton, son-in-law of Mr. Bowell. The floral offertories were numerous, and attested the estimation in which the deceased lady was held. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

**The Fiend at King.**

KING, Ont., April 28.—About 11.30 a.m. Sunday fire was discovered in the extensive tannery owned by A. Davis & Son. When discovered the fire had made such headway that nothing could be saved but the books and a small quantity of finished leather. The loss will be very heavy.

[NOTE—Mr. Davis, owner of the above tannery, is warden of the county of York.]

**A Baby Nearly Burned.**

PORT HOPE, April 28.—A fire occurred at the residence of Mr. Burton, collector of customs, Friday night. It started in the nursery, and a baby would have been burned to death but for its timely rescue by Miss Mary Burton, whose hands were scorched. Several neighbors extinguished the fire.

**The Go-as-You-Please.**

NEW YORK, April 29.—Rowell was on the march the whole of the evening. At one time the crowd was enthusiastic over the Indian, who made several lively spurts. Score at 1 a. m.: Rowell 135 miles 1 lap, Day 126 miles 7 laps, Fitzgerald 126 miles, Noremac 125 miles 6 laps, Panchot 125 miles, Vint 115 miles 1 lap, Herty 120 miles, Burrell 100, Nitaw-Eg-Ebow 98 miles 4 laps, Thompson 95 miles, Sullivan 78 miles, Campana 71 miles, Elson 113 miles 7 laps.

**The Spanish Yoke in Cuba.**

HAVANA, April 28.—A large number of pasquinados have appeared here, some being distributed through the city, others posted on the street corners. They call on the people to join the Aguero movement to assist in throwing off the Spanish yoke. The troops have not yet succeeded in annihilating the insurgents.

**A Mad Umpire.**

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—In a game today between the Athletics and Philadelphias, Umpire McLean, enraged at the cries of the spectators over his decisions, threw a club at the crowd, injuring one man. McLean would have been severely beaten by the crowd if he had not been arrested.

*UNITED STATES NEWS.*

The Cincinnati dramatic festival is a financial failure.

The New York Parnell league has endorsed Parnell's policy.

Twelve business places at Glen Falls, N. Y., were yesterday burned; loss $200,000.

**A Maniac Bartender.**

TRENTON, N.J., April 28.—Philip Hildebrecht, bartender, became insane last night. He was sleeping with Lewis Pfleger, jeweler, and attacked him, inflicting a frightful wound in the head. Pfleger struggled for his life and finally threw the maniac and escaped. Hildebrecht was locked in. Officers found him bleeding from terrible wounds on the neck and arms inflicted with broken pieces of toilet.

**Seven Weeks on Pike's Peak.**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., April 28.—Considerable anxiety is felt regarding the ate of signal service observer Ramsay, who has been on Pike's Peak for seven weeks. Geo. Beckhaus, his companion, reached here three weeks ago more dead than alive after being twenty-four hours in snow drifts. Several ineffectual attempts have been made to relieve Ramsay.

**A Well Clad Coon.**

GARYSBURG, N. C., April 28.—Isaac Liggin and James Spiers have been arrested on a charge of being engaged in a duel. Both are prominent colored politicians. The trouble grew out of a dispute as to whether Blaine or Grant should be nominated. When Liggin was arrested he had on two overcoats and a sheet-iron plate as a chest protector.

**One Day Before the Twelfth.**

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 28.—Thos. L. Thompson, Daniel Jones, white men, Jack Womankiller (Cherokee), John Davis (Choctaw), Fanny Estols (negress), convicted by the United States court of murder in the Indian territory and Mat Music (negro), convicted of criminal assault were to-day sentenced to be hanged July 11.

**Mexico to Purchase Cuba.**

NEW YORK, April 28.—It is reported that Spain has offered to sell Cuba to Mexico, and that Mexico has agreed to take it on condition that the Cubans consent by a plebiscite. It is stated that Mexican bonds are to be given in lieu of purchase money, and that Spain demands that the United States shall become security for the amount.

**Chicago Boys in Procession.**

CHICAGO, April 28.—The newsboys and bootblacks of the city paraded to-night with torches, drums and mottoes, signifying their approval of the proposition before the city council to bring them under police regulation by requiring them to pay a small license fee and wear badges. One or two newspapers object to the move and the boys threaten to boycott them.

**Forest Fires.**

PHILLIPSBURG, Pa., April 28.—Forest fires have been raging in this region three days doing an enormous amount of damage. The saw mills at Snowshoe of Hoover Hughes & Co. with store, dwelling and other buildings was burned this afternoon. Loss $40,000. The miners are compelled to move out of their houses to save lives and property.

**Hero Worshippers.**

NEW YORK, April 28.—A large number of ladies visited the murderer Rugg at Long Island city yesterday. Some belonged to the best families in the city. A delegation of young ladies from the methodist church, Williamsburg, sang and prayed with Rugg for an hour. Rugg was sentenced to be hanged June 6.

**Declared a Draw.**

NEW YORK, April 28.—A glove fight between John Maquor of this city and Hial H. Stoddard of Syracuse this evening was stopped by the police in the second round. Stoddard received a terrible drubbing and was scarcely able to stand when the fight was declared a draw.

**Liberty in the Land of the Free.**

PITTSBURG, April 28.—Serious trouble is apprehended in the Hocking valley. The Ohio miners declare they will not accept a reduction of wages. The operators threaten to import Hungarians and Italians and the miners say no foreigners will be allowed to work.

**A Bad Sarvation Captain.**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 28.—It is said that two young girls have been enticed away from their homes by Mrs. Capt. Claggett, of the salvation army. A warrant, charging the woman with abduction, will be sworn out.

**Fire at Fillmore.**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 28.—At a fire in Fillmore, Allegan county, yesterday six buildings, including a flouring mill were burned. A woman was burned to death trying to rescue her children from the flames.

**A Schooner Burned.**

CHICAGO, April 28.—The schooner Ottawa, from Muskegon, Mich, with lumber, took fire on the lake fronting Lincoln park about one and a half miles from the shore yesterday and was totally destroyed. Loss $15,000.

**Supposed to be Fire-Proof.**

NEW YORK, April 28.—Arbuckle Bros'. coffee mills, Brooklyn, was gutted by fire this evening. Loss between $100,000 to $150,000. The building was supposed to be fire-proof.

**A Big Fire at Panama.**

PANAMA, April 28.—A terrible fire raged here from 11 o'clock last night to 4 o'clock this morning. The market and two blocks of houses were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $150,000.

**Resumed Work.**

IRWINS STATION, Pa., April 28.—Five thousand miners who have been on a strike for ten days, resumed work this morning, the coal company yielding to the demand to remove one-inch screens.

**A Criminal's Confession.**

DES MOINES, Ia., April 28.—Cicero Jellerson has confessed that he and his brother-in-law hanged his father at Audubon, thif State, Saturday.

**A Costly Kiss.**

CEDAR VALLEY, Ga., April 28.—Saturday Aaron Weesner caught John McMay kissing his wife, and shot and killed him. McMay was a former lover of the woman's.

## A BIG DEBENTURE BY-LAW

*OVER $115,000 WANTED FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.*

**The City Council Decides on Submitting It to the Voters—The University Improvements to Proceed.**

The city council held its usual meeting last night. Present: Mayor Boswell, Ald. Turner, Steiner, Love, Carlyle, Lobb, Hastings, Elliott, Maughan, Farley, Verrall, Harvie, Hunter, Barton, Woods, McConnell, Carroll, Pape, Denison (St. Mark's), Jones, Shaw, Brandon, Piper, Sheppard, Millichamp, Defoe, Mitchell, Irwin, Adamson, Davies, Blevins, Crocker, Denison (St. Stephen's). Ald. Moore, who has been in England for some time, entered the room when the proceedings were about half over. The session was brief and was remarkable only for the passage of a motion sitting on the action of the works committee in refusing to sanction the $16,316 required for the Yonge street avenue improvements, and the passage of a by-law to provide for the issue of general consolidated loan debentures to the amount of $112,800 for certain permanent improvements.

Mr. Pearson, secretary of the gas company, wrote to the effect that the company was willing to accept the tender to light the city streets for five years. Ald. Turner's resignation of the chairmanship of the works committee, was referred to the board, but in view of the council's action last night it is probable the worthy alderman will withdraw it.

Writs of summons were presented on behalf of Francis E. Waites, who claims $2500 from the city for injuries received by an alleged defective sidewalk at Major and Herrick streets; on behalf of Ann Collins, who wants $3000 for injuries received in Spadina avenue; and on behalf of Minnie Hall Oliphant, who seeks an unnamed amount for alleged damage to her premises at 74 Shuter street by reason of imperfect connection with the house drain and the street sewer.

Among the petitions presented and referred were from E. W. D. Butler and others for the opening of a new street north of College and south of Bloor street between St. George street and Queen's park; from James Hamilton and others against the erection of a blacksmith forge on the southwest corner of Bloor and Lippincott streets; from Chas. H. Frogley for a trap door in the boulevard at Yorkville avenue, at his store at the corner of Yonge street; from John Sloan and wife for compensation in consequence of damaage received by Mrs. Sloan by falling on a broken plank in Spadina avenue; from White, Joselin & Co., and 1815 ratepayers in the lower part of the city requesting that the street railway company lay a double track in Yonge street from King to Front streets. This bulky petition was presented by Ald. Piper. From the property owners on Strange street for the erection of gas lamps on that street; from the residents of Faulkner street, Kingston road, that said street be opened through to Eastern avenue; from Thos. G. Boyd and others for the opening of Hamilton street; from Wm. Jones and others for the opening of Harris street; from Richard Wallace and others against the construction of a cedar block pavement in Clare street from Oak street to Wilton avenue; from W. Mathers and others against a block pavement in Wellesley street, east of Parliament; from Sister M. Louisa of the St. Nicholas home for an increase of the annual grant to this institution; from P. G. Close and others for the extension of the street railway along College and Dundas streets westerly to High park.

The following letter anent the proposed electric light test was read and referred to the fire and gas committee:

TORONTO, April 28.—*A. R. Boswell, Mayor City of Toronto:* DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your favor of the 21st inst. enclosing memo. specifying the districts to be covered by the lights of the Canada electric light and manufacturing company and the Toronto electric light company, and as requested I have had made and now send you a copy of such memo.

I call attention to the following extract from the memo. of districts: "At the expiration of the test the company whose lights have been rejected by the council shall remove all poles, wires, lights, etc., from the streets and leave them in the same condition in which they were before the commencement of the test." This is not in accordance with the resolution of the council recommending the test, which resolution only provides that the company not making the test showing to the satisfaction of the council shall withdraw from the contract. The new condition which would be added by the memo signed by Mr. Farley I consider prejudicial to the citizens at large as well as to both companies. It would throw all electric lighting in this city into the control of the successful company, and as a consequence create a monopoly. This I am satisfied is not the wish of either yourself or Mr. Farley. D. MITCHELL MCDONALD, for the Canada electric light company.

A general discussion was then entered into about the proposed Yonge street avenue improvements. A letter was first read from City Solicitor McWilliams setting forth that in his opinion the city was bound to carry out the agreement of last year with the senate of the university, the tie vote of the works committee to the contrary notwithstanding. He enclosed a letter from Macdonald, Davidson and Paterson, solicitors for the university senate, intimating that unless the city completed the work by next November (the specified time) they would proceed against them. The mayor said he was astonished at the attempt being made in the council to repudiate the action entered into last year. Ald. Carlyle and the other opponents of the agreement, maintained that the only objection they had was paying this $16,316 out of the general fund. They maintained that it should be done as a local improvement. Ald. Denison and Blevins then moved that the executive committee be instructed to insert in the estimates an amount sufficient to carry out the agreement with the university authorities as to the improvements in Yonge street avenue. Carried.

The council went into committee of the whole on the reports of the various standing committees, Ald Moore in the chair. The amounts in the debenture by-law for permanent improvements are as follows:

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| For constructing a retaining wall on Yonge street | $11,000 |
| Site and constructing a central fire hall | 10,000 |
| Site and constructing a western police station | 8000 |
| Fire hall on Kingston road | 3500 |
| Fire hall on Rose avenue | 3500 |
| Enlarging the fire hall on Portland street | 1200 |
| Construction of certain water mains and services necessary to improve the efficiency of the city waterworks | 75,500 |
| | $112,800 |

Ald. Pape strongly advocated that a police station be built in connection with the fire hall in the Kingston road. The other eastern aldermen supported this, and a motion was carried raising the above amount from $3500 to $6000. Ald. Steiner wanted the $3500 for the Rose avenue fire hall struck out, but on the yeas and nays being taken he was non-suited. The balance of the clauses of the reports were carried.

Ald. Denison then formally introduced his debenture bylaw to provide for the above amounts, and it was read three times. June 3 was named as the polling day.

The council adjourned at 10.25.

*TWO DEFAULTERS.*

**An East Zorra Cattle Dealer and a Paris Grain Dealer Fade Away.**

HAMILTON, April 28.—A great deal of excitement has been caused in East Zorra and the whole district around Tavistock by the flight of Chris. Zehr, a German farmer and cattle dealer, who lived on the 16th line near that village. For many years past he has, in addition to working 200 acres of land, been an extensive speculator and dealer in live stock. Judging from the rumors circulated about him, he must have succeeded in defrauding most of the people of the district, where he was almost universally looked upon as trustworthy. His defalcations are put up as high as $50,000.

Another vanished person is Charles Fremlin, agent and grain buyer for Whitlaw, Baird & Co., Paris, Ont. The irregularities of his books disclose the motive for the sudden departure, and make it appear that for some time he has been deliberately robbing his employers by a systematic plan concealed by fraudulent entries in the books. The amount of the defalcation is not known as yet, but with the debts due to different business men, they amount to a considerable sum. He had placed his property in his wife's name some time ago.

**The Middlemiss Murder.**

LONDON, April 28.—Wrightman and Graham, the men charged with the murder of Grant Silcox of Middlemiss, will come up for trial at the assizes in this city on May 2. There is a likelihood of another man, and perhaps more than one, being included in the indictment as in some way connected with the crime. James Scott, son of a farmer residing in the neighborhood, has made a statement to the effect that he was, previous to the murder, invited to join a gang of burglars then being organized by Wrightman, Randall, and a third party who has not yet been arrested. He refused to become a member of the gang, but is now prepared to give evidence against all the parties. He gives facts that indicates that he was fully cognizant of the plans of the burglars at the time he alludes to, and that there are at least four men residing in Middlemiss who were implicated with the gang in the most of their operations. Scott states that he has been threatened with death if he divulges anything.

**A Victoria College Building Burned.**

COBOURG, April 28.—Last night about 9 o'clock a fire broke out in a building on the campus at Victoria college. The fire had gained considerable headway before the alarm was sounded, and the building was totally consumed. A densely crowded meeting was in progress at the town hall under the auspices of the "Saved Army." The cries of fire created a panic. In the rush for the exit people were bruised and several faints occurred. The building destroyed was devoted by the college authorities for half a century to the use of the science departments prior to the erection of Farady hall. It also contained a chapel and a number of lecture rooms not now in use. It was regarded as an historic spot by old Victorians now occupying prominent positions in the country, but had long been a deadly eyesore to modern students because it interfered with their football course. There is a small insurance.

**Reduction of Licenses in Montreal.**

MONTREAL, April 28.—Police Magistrate Desnoyers has just returned from Quebec, where he has been to interview the provincial government concerning the issue of liquor licenses in Montreal. Last year the number of licenses issued was 823. Under the dominion law this number was reduced to 296. The provincial government were also going to issue licenses under the old law, which contained no limitation as to numbers. In compliance with the wish of the Montreal city council and others who had petitioned the government to limit the number a bill will be introduced in the provincial parliament this afternoon limiting the number of licenses for the city of Montreal to 450. This will include those already issued by the dominion commissioner. Temperance people are well pleased.

**Fire at Thedford.**

THEDFORD, April 28.—A fire broke out this morning in the Western hotel. The whole block was destroyed in less than two hours. The chief losers are Jos. Aldridge, Western horel, nothing saved; Mrs. Aldridge, baker, nothing saved; David Leslie, blacksmith; Charles Hall, carriage maker; W. G. Rickman, three small shops, two of which were occupied as shoeshops by Jos. Lennox and Wm. Brooks, contents removed; George Kernohan, dwelling house, contents mostly removed.

**Midnight Mechanics at Markdale.**

MARKDALE, April 28.—This morning an employe who opened the store of W. J. McFarlane, general merchant, of this place, discovered that the premises had been invaded by thieves some time during last night. Entrance was gained through a back window, and the door of the safe was blown off with gunpowder. As Mr. McFarlane has been in the habit of keeping a large amount of money in the safe, his loss will be heavy, but as yet he is not able to state the exact amount.

**Death of an old Journalist.**

KINGSTON, April 28.—This morning Dr. E. G. Barker, city registrar, died at the advanced age of 85 years. He was generally considered the father of the Canadian press. In 1834 he founded the British Whig, and in 1849 began the publication of the Daily British Whig, the first daily in the dominion Some twelve years ago he retired from journalistic duties, the paper passing into the control of his grandson, E. J. B. Pense.

**G. T. R. Cordwood Burned.**

BOTHWELL, April 28.—A fire broke out yesterday in a large pile of the Grand Trunk railway company's cordwood, about two miles west of Bothwell, containing between two and three thousand cords. The citizens of Bothwell, with fire brigade, turned out, and succeeded in saving over one-half the pile.

*LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.*

Dr. Ryerson has returned from New York.

Ald. Moore has returned from England and occupied his seat at the council board last night.

Hon. D. L. Macpherson yesterday took out a building permit for the erection of an addition to Nos. 9 and 10 Revere block, at a cost of $450.

T. McIlroy, jr., yesterday received word that he had been awarded the contract for supplying the Winnipeg fire brigade with rubber coats and other equipments.

Mrs. F. S. Kirkland and her little boy are here from Neillsville, Wis., and will remain with her husband until the trial is over. They were at the theatre last night.

At the request of Stephen Nairn, who is about leaving the city, the city council last night substituted the name of his brother Alexander on the joint Esplanade committee.

The three Fryer brothers were arraigned in the police court yesterday on a charge of burglarizing Baillie & Son's store. They elected to be tried by the magistrate and the trial was set down for to-day.

A paper on prison reform was read before the Missionary society of Trinity college last night by George Hague. Rev. Prof. Boys occupied the chair, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer.

J. L. Curry, chief operator of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company, Toronto, was amongst the prominent electricians who favored Buffalo with a visit last week, to discuss electrical problems with the local experts—so says the Buffalo Sunday News.

Frederick Tinning was last night presented by Mayor Boswell with a certificate from the Royal Humane society. Mr. Tinning gallantly rescued two farmers from drowning in the Waubeshene river. The presentation took place at the council meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dalton are in the city, having completed a most successful tour with the Holman company through the New England states. It is understood that they have received several offers to remain here and give entertainments during the summer.

There was considerable dissatisfaction expressed yesterday at the way the seats for the entertainment in aid of the home for incurables were allotted. Some who were "on the inside" appear to have got the preference and the great public had to come in second.

At a meeting of the Toronto ministerial association yesterday, Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., read a paper on Modern Preaching. He maintained that the power of the pulpit was not on the decline, and advocated biblical, christological, exegetical and extemporaneous style of preaching as best suited to the needs of the age.

If there are any idle young men with fiery hair in Toronto who have thus far hesitated about following Horace Greeley's advice in regard to going west he should hesitate no longer. A Chicago firm will have only red-headed employes on account of a belief in their superior honesty.

A woman of questionable character the other day laid a charge of assault against Samuel Michael, jeweler, Queen street west. She did not appear at the court yesterday to make good an accusation which had every appearance of being a trumped-up one. Mr. Michael was on hand with evidence to show that the charge was unfounded and the woman of bad reputation.

**Semi-Centennial Matters.**

A meeting of the grounds committee of the semi-centennial celebration was held at the city hall last night, W. B. McMurrich in the chair. The resolution passed at the general meeting to extend the dining hall at the Horticultural gardens at a cost of $250 was confirmed. It was decided to change the date of the athletic games and lacrosse match from Saturday to Thursday. An offer from the directors of the Granite rink to grant the use of that building for a week during the semi-centennial for $25 per day was accepted. It was agreed to pay $40 for the plan for the enlargement of the agricultural buildings at Exhibition park. Said plan was ordered some time ago, but will not be used owing to a change in the plans of the committee.

After the grounds committee had met the executive committee held a session at which Wm. Badenach presided. Messrs. McBride and Lalley appeared on behalf of the Canadian wheelsmen's association and asked for a place on the program on Dominion day to give races in the Rosedale grounds. They also asked for a grant of $500. On motion $300 was granted on condition that 20 per cent of the gross receipts be returned to the committee. The order of their parade is to be arranged with parade committee. Several reports of committees were considered and adopted.

**Money, Banking and Business.**

An interesting lecture was delivered last evening in the Canadian institute on Money, Banking and Business by Mr. T. Galbraith. There was a large and attentive audience, and the lecturer brought out some important points. Numerous illustrations were given as to the effect of high and low rates of interest, the lecturer contending that Canadian industries are being greatly crippled by high rates of interest. He showed that the real estate, or the fixed capital of the country had not the same bearing on the money market as labor and commodities, and contended that until it had there was little hope of lower rates of interest, and industries must therefore suffer. The present banking system was criticised. The lecturer contended that our banks have an available reserve of only 10 per cent of their debts, and explained how a bank issuing notes on mortgages would have a wholesome check on the present banks in making them keep increased resources. The second lecture of the series will be given this evening at the same place.

**Trebelli Coming.**

Mme. Trebelli has been engaged to appear here in concert on Monday, May 19. This great artiste will be assisted by a brilliant company, comprising Mollenhauer, the violinist, Werner, the 'cellist, Movawski, the bass singer, and Isadore Luckstone, solo pianist. The plan for subscribers will open at the piano warerooms of Suckling & Sons on Saturday morning, May 10.

**Who Will Have the Husband?**

When the name of Atcheson Nixon, aged 22, was called in the police court yesterday on a charge of bigamy, neither of the wives, Miss McDonald or Miss McLean, put in an appearance. It is said the two women are arranging out of court who shall have the man. Nixon was remanded back to jail till to-morrow.

## BAD NEWS FROM BERBER.

*COMMUNICATION WITH GENERAL GORDON CUT OFF.*

**The Town Evacuated—Egyptian Troops Joining the Rebels—The Position Desperate—Latest News.**

CAIRO, April 28.—The recent report of the surrender of Berber was premature. The British agent there telegraphed to-day that the position of the town was desperate, but he did not mention a surrender. Subsequently, however, he announced that all the troops were leaving the town, and that the rebels were entering houses in the outskirts. The agent has left Berber for Korosko.

The Egyptian officers at Assouan have received letters from El Mahdi's lieutenant ordering them to quit the town within ten days and warning them that if they do not they will be annihilated.

CAIRO, April 28.—Intelligence from Khartoum is of the most gloomy character. The latest dispatches state that General Gordon's influence is waning so rapidly that he no longer controls the situation even within his own lines. It is reported to-day that four brigades of Bazouks and 500 regulars have deserted him and joined the rebels, and that the defection is of so serious a nature that it may be necessary for him to attempt an immediate escape, accompanied by those of his followers who still remain true.

LONDON, April 28.—The Cologne Gazette says that Ferry will demand binding pledges from England to renounce the idea of annexing or establishing a protectorate over Egypt and that if England refuses to give the pledges France will abstain from the Egyptian conference.

Advices from Berber state that Hussein Pasha has proclaimed an evacuation of the town. The inhabitants have fled, and the troops have marched to join the rebels.

A telegram from Berber says it is impossible to communicate with Gordon. The whole country is in rebellion. The tribes threaten Berber, and everyone is starting for Cairo.

**Bulldozing in Spain.**

MADRID, April 28.—The elections in the provinces were tranquil. The opposition sent delegates to watch the proceedure in each district but were everywhere obstructed by government officials. In many districts the liberal candidates seeing it would be impossible to maintain the fight withdrew from the contest. At the meeting of the Cortes the republicans will present a protest against the scandalous suppression of electoral rights.

**Assassinate the Christians.**

MOSCOW, April 28.—An important Mussulman agitation is progressing in Caucasus. The Mallahos are preaching the assassination of christians.

**Food for the Fishes.**

PARIS, April 28.—The steamer Assyrian, for Madagascar, with provisions for the French forces, has been wrecked at Providence island in the Indian ocean.

**Thank You, Peter.**

*From the Berlin News.*

We are very much pleased to see The World again on its legs, so to speak, and hope it may never again cease to move. It is a very interesting and spicy paper.

**A Welcome Face.**

*From the St. Thomas' Times.*

The welcome face of the Toronto World again put in an appearance to-day. May its new lease of life last many years.

*AT ST. JAMES' VESTRY MEETING LAST NIGHT.*

I am the new churchwarden for 1884—O. A. Howland.

They are going to appoint me next year—George Gillespie.

They can't do without me; I was put on every committee—James Graham.

I will appoint the musical committee myself next year—W. T. Boyd.

The rector sat on me badly; my cry I "crushed again;" but I'll bring my orange lodge down with me next time—R. Reynolds.

I knew enough to hold back after you got a drubbing—John Carter.

So did we—Some others.

Let us all join in now and subscribe more freely—The Congregation.

*ONLY A DIFFERENCE OF NAME.*

Young Englishman (not long out)—I've one objection to this country.

Young Canadian—What is it.

Y. E.—Oh, you've no gentlemen.

Y. C.—What do you mean by gentlemen.

Y. E.—Oh, fellows whose fathers do nothing.

Y. C.—We've got lots of them, but we don't call them gentlemen.

Y. E.—What do you call them.

Y. C.—We call them tramps.

*SHE MEANT A COUPE.*

Mrs. Flash was in her fine house on Jarvis street.

Mrs. Some was calling on her.

Said the first mentioned in a familiar way: "Oh, yes, they drove up here in a ca-tee."

"You mean a shapoo," said Mrs. Some.

"Why, of course, a shapoo," said Mrs. Flash.

She meant a coupe.

*THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW*

Why bread is dear and light and wheat so cheap.

If it is so by reason of the farmer getting too much for his grain.

Or the miller too much for his flour.

Or the baker too much for his bread.

Or the consumer getting too little for his money.

Is it the farmer, the miller, or the baker that is the extortioner.

Or if they are all extortioners.

Why they don't reform and sell cheap bread.

And full weight loaves.

And become honest and give the poor consumer a show.

And the good man a chance to have pie once a week.

Why the Yonge street dry goods man ran his horse into the lamp post on Queen street Sunday.

Or if it was the lamp post that ran into the horse.

If the merchant in question felt sore that the chairman of the gas committee runs the bon marche.

*FINE WEATHER.*

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, April 29, 1 a.m.

*Lakes: Winds mostly north and east; fine weather; stationary or slightly higher temperature.*

*SAFE OVER THE SEA.*

| *Steamship.* | *Reported at.* | *From.* |
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| Austral | New York | Liverpool. |
| Britannic | Queenstown | New York. |
| Elysia | Glasgow | [illegible] |