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MR. BLAKE AND THE C.P.R.

THE HON. GENTLEMAN ASKS SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

No Written but Some Verbal Propositions—Applications for Divorce—The Duty on Rubber.

OTTAWA, Feb 4.—The house sat an hour this afternoon, and the greater part of the time was taken up in discussing the Hansard reports to be furnished to the press throughout the country. The matter was finally referred back to the debates committee.

Among the important notices on the paper was one from Mr. Blake asking whether any proposals, or suggestions, written or verbal, have been made by the Canadian Pacific railway company, or by any of its officers or directors, to the government, or any minister, for any pecuniary relief, or for the postponing or any alteration in the status of the government mortgage, or for the freeing of any pledged property, or for the purchase by or surrender to the government of any lands, or for the surrender of the undertaking to the government, or for any change of any kind, and if so, what, in the existing condition of affairs.

Sir John Macdonald replied that there were no such written suggestions. Regarding any verbal suggestions he would not make any disclosures at present.

T. McIlroy, jr., of the Parkdale rubber works, accompanied by Messrs. Beaty, Hay and Small of Toronto, had an interview with Sir Leonard Tilley this afternoon about a readjustment of the duties on rubber goods. Sir Leonard promised to lay the matter in its entirety before the government.

The Dominion alliance opens in the city hall to-morrow.

Mrs. Evans, the fashionable dressmaker of Wellington street, Toronto, is suing for a divorce. There are six such cases before the senate.

WEAVING THE WEB.

The Evidence Against Cunningham, the Dynamiter, Growing Stronger Daily.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—It is stated that several persons have identified Cunningham as the man who was seen in the immediate vicinity of each of the recent underground railway explosions directly after their occurrence. The police have obtained special information which will probably warrant an indictment against Cunningham for personally operating the dynamite which caused the explosion near Gower street railway station. The three men suspected of causing the explosion rode in the guard's van at the rear of the train, from which it is supposed the dynamite was dropped. The names of all the other passengers were taken, but these three escaped, but were carefully scrutinized. The guard on the train and the sergeant of police, who examined the passengers, have identified Cunningham as one of the three men who were suspected of having caused the explosion. Cunningham was uneasy during the inspection and kept his hat pulled down in an attempt to evade recognition.

To Defend Cunningham.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A retainer for the defence of Cunningham has been offered to Mr. Russell, Q C.

Clerkenwell Prison Again Threatened.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The officials at Clerkenwell prison, where Cunningham and Goodyear are confined, and the Scotland Yard detectives were thrown into a state of great excitement to day by the receipt of fresh information that a formidable attempt would be made to rescue the prisoners by destroying the buildings. The structure was immediately placed under a guard of special constables. An extra force of detectives have beeir detailed to patrol the streets leading from Clerkenwell to the Bow street police court.

The Latest Arrest.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The man arrested in Whitechapel on Tuesday evening with Cunningham's brown box in his possession and charged with complicity in the tower explosion was kept closely confined in Clerkenwell to day. The police refuse to give his name. Among his effects were found several important clues to the identity of other accomplices.

No formal charge will be made against the man until a minute examination of the contents of Cunningham's brown trunk has been concluded.

Plentiful as Colorado Beetles in Summer

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A policeman found a supposed dynamite machine with lighted fuse attached lying near St. John's church in Pimlico last night. He put out the fuse, immersed the apparatus in water, and took it to the police station.

An examination showed there was nothing explosive about the machine.

Vaporings at Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—At a council of dynamiters held here last evening twenty-six extremists were present. It was unanimously resolved that the English government were primarily responsible for the dastardly attack on O Donovan Rossa, and must consequently bear the consequences. Each member present took an oath that the "authors of this cowardly attempt on the life of one of the purest patriots on earth will have to be paid for by the best blood of Britain, not even excepting the heir to the British throne, who is now in our pistol." From remarks made it seems likely that some attempt will be made against the Prince of Wales, who is now spending two weeks at Cannes.

A Mason's Person Sacred.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—At a meeting of Irish revolutionary delegates to-day it was declared that the person of the Prince of Wales was sacred because he was grand master of the freemasons, who have rendered a service to the cause of freedom.

A Whisky Seller's Bequest.

DUBLIN, Feb. 4.—By verdict of a special jury, the will of James Gorman, spirit grocer, who left about a million and a quarter of dollars to various catholic charities has been sustained. The lord mayor here, who was once his shop boy, contested. The will was sustained mainly through the testimony of Cardinal McCabe, to whom Gorman had said that, as he had derived his fortune from the hard earnings of the poor, he felt that he was their trustee, and to the poor should it mainly return.

THE CONQUEST OF CAMEROONS.

Women and Children Killed and Towns Destroyed by the Invading Germans.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Reports from Cameroons give details of high handed and cruel proceedings of the Germans. On Dec. 20 the Germans attacked Hickory and fired the houses. In retaliation the chiefs at Fosstown seized Woermann's factory and threatened to kill the sub-agent Pontaniecs, if any of the inhabitants of Fosstown were killed. On hearing of the seizure of Pontaniecs the boats attacked Fosstown, the natives returning the fire until the German's landed. Many of the latter were killed. The Germans were obliged to retire, but being reinforced they again charged and drove the natives from the town Chief Calabar Joss being killed. The natives beheaded Pontaniecs, and carried his head through the town on a pole. The Germans fired the town and retired. Hamilton's English factory was destroyed by a shell. Next day the Germans occupied Cameroons. A German vessel then completed the destruction of Hickory. The Baptist mission, which was erected at Great Cove was destroyed. Many women and children were killed. The number of natives killed is unknown, as all were carried into the bush. The natives now trade only with the English. The action of the Germans in making an attack without declaring war and in searching British ships in neutral territory is considered a flagrant violation of international law.

HERO AND HEROINE.

Mrs. Dudley Denounces the Stories About Her as a Tissue of Lies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Dudley said this morning that she was never confined in an English prison of any kind. The many stories published concerning her were a tissue of lies. She also stated that she had no difficulty in learning Rossa's secrets. Woolwich arsenal, the bank of England, the Carlton club and Sandhurst college were doomed. She denied that she was employed in any capacity by the British government. Further investigation of Mrs. Dudley's antecedents shows that when she learned that she was deceived by a mock marriage to a parson in the south of England, she became mad, but declined to prosecut her betraver. A movement has been started in Nottingham, Eng., to raise a national fund for her defence.

Mrs. Dudley and the Clergyman.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A lady with whom Mrs. Dudley formerly lived at Barnet says that in 1879 Mrs. Dudley declared that she was a married woman, and that her husband was a Frenchman. The landlady said the child afterwards born was illegitimate, and that its father was a clergyman. Mrs. Dudley declared the clergyman achieved his purpose by placing laudanum in a cup of tea which she drank.

Minister West's Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—British Minister West to-day said no precautions had been taken by him to prevent an attack of dynamiters upon the legation. He deeply regretted the shooting of Rossa and said it would be suspecting England of being a fool to imagine she instigated the attack upon him.

Rossa Removed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—This afternoon Rossa was removed from the Chambers street hospital to St. Vincent's hospital, which is under the charge of sisters of mercy. There he was given a private room and made as comfortable as possible. The bullet is still embedded in his back, but he is able to walk around.

An Austrian Regret.

VIENNA, Feb. 4—The Fremdenblatt openly expresses regret that Mrs. Dudley failed to kill Rossa, and expresses the hope that some Americans will kill him.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Congress Petitioned to Have the Votes of a Number of States Thrown Out.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Senator Sherman to day presented the following petition, signed by thirty-seven persons:

Whereas in several of the states, among which are South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Ohio and some other states, the charge has been made that many of the citizens have been for a series of years, and during the late election for president and vice-president, kept away from the polls by threats and acts of violence and bloodshed, and a system of government unrebuked by some of the aforesaid states,

Therefore, we, citizens of the United States, respectfully petition and earnestly pray that your honorable body will examine these charges of criminal interference with the free suffrage, and if found true that the entire vote of the states so offending illegally cast for president and vice-president may be thrown out of the final count.

The petitioners say "they could secure an indefinite number of names, but think the above number sufficient to represent what is a universal sentiment."

THE NICARAGUAN CANAL.

A Proposition From England to the United States for a Joint Protectorate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A foreign diplomat is authority for the statement that Minister West has made a proposition looking to the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaties and building the Nicaraguan canal under the joint protection of England and the United States; the canal to be built by a company and its three per cent. bonds to be guaranteed by the two governments. The proposition will be laid before the state department shortly.

The Negro in Illinois.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 4.—The colored residents of Belleflower have received letters stating that if they do not immediately move away it will be the worse for them. The colored people are greatly alarmed. Some of their children have been driven away from school. It is asserted the colored people of other central Illinois precincts are being badly treated.

Extortionate Elevator Charges.

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—The assembly canal committee gave a hearing to-day on the bill to regulate the charges of grain elevators at Buffalo and New York. The Canal Boatmen's association advocate the bill, and maintains that the elevator people charge extortionate prices for elevating and storing grain.

Rolled Down a Mountain.

SHENANDOAH, Feb. 4.—While a team were climbing the mountain to-day with a carriage containing five ladies the horses lost their foothold. The carriage with its occupants was thrown over an embankment. Two were fatally and three seriously injured.

THE SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

CONSIDERATION THEREOF BY THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

A Ninety Minute Session—Dilatoriness of the Government—Business that Should Be Ready.

The proceedings of the local legislature yesterday were of very little interest, the most noticeable feature being a discussion over the smallpox epidemic in Hungerford township and the action of the provincial board of health in connection therewith. Previous to this, however, there were a couple of interpellations—that is the French term for questions put by members to the administration, and as it fills a long felt want we may as well adopt it. The interpellators—that is our own coinage—were Messrs. Brereton and Ermatinger. The first wanted to know whether the government intended to introduce legislation making it obligatory on county councils to aid high schools and collegiate institutes in towns separate from counties for municipal purposes. To which G. W. Ross replied that he would bring in his high school bill on Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Ermatinger asked if it was contemplated to discontinue so much of the grant to the Provincial Agriculture and Arts association as is applied to the purposes of the Provincial exhibition and distribute it among district exhibitions. Hon. A. M. Ross said the question was under consideration and that the result would be announced with the estimates.

Mr. Wood moved for a return showing the expenditures made in Hungerford township by the authority of the provincial and local boards of health during the smallpox epidemic, with the number of cases and of deaths, and the duration of the epidemic. In speaking to this motion he disclaimed any intention of attacking the boards of health, but said that the expenditure had been extremely large, that great confusion had prevailed, and that some things had been done for which some person was certainly to blame. He instanced the case of a farmer who was compelled to go to the smallpox hospital, though, as was afterwards ascertained, the disease from which he was suffering was not smallpox. He was detained there, and in fourteen days took smallpox and died.

Hon. A. M. Ross appealed to the house to consider the difficulties of the situation. He asserted that when all the facts came out they would reflect the highest credit on the boards of health, and stated that a report on the smallpox epidemic by Dr. Bryce of the provincial board was in the printers' hands. As to the sum expended the portion of it borne by the province was $1600. The township would be responsible for $10,000. There were 200 cases, of which 45 were fatal, and considering the extent of the region affected and the difficulty of causing it to be completely isolated, the scarcity of medical attendance, etc., he did not think that the cost was too great, as but for the measures so effectually applied the disease might have spread to other sections and caused a vastly greater loss of life.

Mr. Morris then gave at some length his experiences in connection with smallpox in Quebec and the Northwest, and dwelt strongly on the necessity of effecting complete isolation of all infected individuals and districts, giving several instances to show how the disease could be checked by prompt measures.

Several other members took part in the debate, which ended by an adoption of the motion, amended so as to include other localities where smallpox had raged and to embrace a wider range of details.

The house rose after a sitting of an hour and a half. The paper contained the following government orders which were allowed to stand:

Second reading bill (No. 60). To further amend the division courts act—Mr. Fraser. Not printed.

Second reading bill (No 61). Respecting the registering of chattel mortgages and bills of sale—Mr. Fraser. Not printed.

Second reading bill (No. 62). To further amend the registry act—Mr. Fraser. Not printed.

House again in committee of supply—Mr. Ross (Huron).

House again in committee of ways and means—Mr. Ross (Huron).

Now, why with all this business before them did the government allow the house to rise after receiving a few petitions, getting an answer to two questions and moving for a return? Why were they not prepared to go on with government business? "Oh, but the bills were not printed," will be the objection of Messrs. Tadpole and Taper of the circumlocution office—masters of the art of "how not to do it." But why are they not printed? Why were they not ready for distribution among members as soon as the address was disposed of? Is there any sense in summoning men from their homes and businesses to sit for an hour or two day after day until the government gets ready to submit its measures? There is no earthly reason, excepting slavish devotion to a bad precedent, why the house should not have sat every night this week upto 10 or 11 o'clock, and made some solid progress with the work of the session, instead of leaving half of it to be rushed through at the close, and the rest indefinitely postponed.

A Muskoka deputation comprising Mr. Bettes, Dr. Howland, J. F. Fauquier, R. N. Hill and others interviewed Mr. Fraser to request a grant for the purpose of making a connection between Fairy Lake, Peninsula Lake and Trading Lake east of Huntsville. The canal connecting these waters is expected to cost between $20 000 and $30,000. Mr. Fraser stated that an appropriation in aid of the enterprise would be made.

Almost a Massacre.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 4.—The attack by Osman Digma's followers upon a scouting party of British cavalry proves to have been a narrow escape from wholesale slaughter. The British numbered only 80 men. They were encircled by 5000 Arabs. After severe fighting the British charged in close column through the Arab lines and gained shelter under the guns of Suakim.

The Powers Want More Power.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—There is a hitch in the negotiations for an international guarantee of the proposed Egyptian loan. The German, Russian and Austrian governments demand greater power of enquiry into the finances of Egypt than Lord Granville will concede. It is expected the proposed guarantee of the loan will fail.

The Voyageurs Homeward Bound.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 4.—The Canadian voyageurs, whose terms of service have expired, will embark for home to-morrow (Thursday) They were handsomely entertained at the government's expense to-day in recognition of their splendid services.

HORRIBLE CRUELTY.

A Number of Young Men Put an Old Man to Frightful Torture.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 4.—At Portage la Prairie lives an old cripple known as the "Hon. Dr." McFarlane. He is given to drink. The other day while he was inebriated a number of young brutes amused themselves by lighting matches and placing them on the back of his hands, while the sulphur was burning—by this barbarous torture blistering the helpless man's hand in a most horrible manner, and causing him to groan with pain. But not satisfied with this demoniacal and savage amusement, they placed old McFarlane on the floor and sat upon his maimed leg, with the idea of straightening it. This disgusting performance was so painful that McFarlane yelled with agony. His cries attracted the attention of a person—a woman, it is said—who hastily went to ascertain the cause, and who, seeing what was going on, made the men "desist" their inhuman cruelty. A couple of arrests have been made. A policeman is said to have been a passive observer of the barbarous sport. McFarlane is over 70 years of age, and his leg is terribly bent. The attempt to straighten it resulted in a painful rupture.

THE DANGER OF TOBOGGANING.

One Fatal and Several Serious Accidents at Montreal Last Week.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—A far greater number of serious accidents happened at the various toboggan sides during the carnival than have so far been published in the local press. An American visitor who received dangerous injuries at the Tuque Bleue slide by coming in collision with a sleigh at the foot of the run has since died, and his body has been taken to his home. A young lady from Boston, who came here with her aunt, met with such serious wounds at one of the mountain slides in a similar way to that of the deceased American gentleman that she has been confined to bed with two doctors attending her since. The sufferer's face is greatly disfigured and her head and body are terribly bruised. The medical attendants have no hopes of their patient recovering for some time. Quite a number of minor accidents are also reported.

Jottings from Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Feb. 4.—Mr. Inglis, of Inglis & Hunter, builders of the new pumping engine for the Toronto waterworks, with Mr. Venables, mechanical engineer of the Toronto waterworks, were in the city to day inspecting Hamilton's water supply system.

Instead of sending the child to a charitable institution the magistrate this morning allowed a woman committed for drunkenness to take her 3 year-old daughter to jail with her for twenty days. The woman's husband wanted to get possession of the child, but as he had been committed for the same offence a few days ago the magistrate ignored his application.

The consecration of the new bishop of Niagara will take place in Christ church cathedral on a date yet to be decided upon.

Rev. Dr. Mockridge of this city, has been appointed temporary secretary to the board of missions of the church of England in Canada, vice Rev. W. F. Campbell, left the limits.

The Reid & Barr Forgeries.

HAMILTON, Feb. 4.—W. C. Bennett of Harley was here to-day to investigate the manner in which his name has been used in the Reid & Barr forgeries. He had some transactions with the firm, but he paid up last May. Two weeks ago he was notified by the bank of Commerce that an over-due note made by him and endorsed by Reid & Barr was held by the bank. The note was sent to the manager of the bank of Commerce at Brantford and examined by Bennett, who pronounced it a forgery. Another note for $1200 which had been retired, and which Bennett supposed was destroyed, was sent to the Brantford branch of the bank last Saturday.

Toronto Crooks Arrested in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—The city detectives succeeded yesterday in arresting four suspicious characters from Toronto on a charge of being implicated in some of the recent burglaries committed in the city. When searched a full set of burglars' tools was found upon them, besides about $300 and a dynamite cartridge, "Hercules No. Ixx." Some important developments are expected to be made when the prisoners are brought before the police magistrate.

[Inquiry of the police here last night proved that so far they had heard nothing of the arrest.]

A Priest's Undue Influence.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—A Mr. Dawson, owner of considerable property on Bleury street, lately died here, and before his death, it is stated, bequeathed his whole estate and personality to a parish clergyman of the Roman catholic church, ignoring completely all his relatives. It is now stated that heirs of the deceased who are residing in the state of California have retained an eminent firm of lawyers to contest the will on the ground of undue influence, so as to obtain their legal rights. The property being so centrally situated is at present very valuable.

The Belleville Defaulter Returns.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 4.—Robert Yarwood, late teller of the Merchants' bank, has arrived in the custody of a detective, who arrested him in Baltimore. Yarwood left Belleville a defaulter to the extent of $4000. He went to Central America, where he remained until three weeks ago, when he arrived in Baltimore. The authorities having heard of his arrival in Baltimore put a detective upon his track, who captured him and succeeded in persuading him to come back without going through the formality of extradition.

A Daughter's Heartlessness.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—A heartless tale of cruelty comes from Gloucester township. It is said that the son-in-law and daughter of an old woman drove the latter out and left her in the snow to die. Some parties near by, hearing the moans of the old woman, gave her a night's shelter, and as her friends refuse to take her back, brought her to the Protestant hospital yesterday, where she now lies.

The Orange Bill to be Dropped.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—A member of parliament, who is also a leading orangeman, states that the grand lodge, which has now the orange bill in charge, will not introduce it again this session.

CANADIAN BASEBALLISTS.

A TEAM TO MAKE A TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES.

Meeting of the Hamilton Cricket Club—The Clippers and their Pennant—A Brutal Purring Match.

It is not expected that there will be any winter trotting meeting this year either at Hamilton or Toronto.

The members of the Toronto snowshoe club, to the number of twenty-five, tramped out to Deer park last night.

Ten rinks of Americans beat ten rinks of Scotchmen on Van Courtlandt lake, New York, on Feb. 2, by 188 to 181.

A number of valuable prizes will be given at a clay pigeon shooting tournament to be held at the byres on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Clippers of Hamilton have not received the $50 pennant won by them from the Ontario league last year and are beginning to kick. The ten clubs in the league subscribed $5 each for the trophy.

The third annual exhibition of pigeons, poultry and domestic pets, under the auspices of the New York Fanciers' club, was opened yesterday in Madison square garden. There are 2000 entries.

It is understood that the Scholes—Mitchell entertainment will take place in the Adelaide street rink on Monday, Feb. 23. Johnny is suffering just now from a severe cold, but otherwise is in capital trim.

The Primrose baseball club of Hamilton has reorganized under the style of the Primrose baseball and athletic club with the following officers: J. Thompson, manager; J. O'Brien, secretary; J. Jones, treasurer.

Jack Burke and James H. Dalton had a five-round boxing match at Chicago on Monday. Paddy Ryan was referee and gave the match to Burke, who could have knocked his opponent out had he been so minded.

The medals won at the Dog Sports club meeting a few weeks ago will be presented on Saturday next at the Zoo to the owners of the victorious dogs. They are now to be seen in the window of Millar & Co., jewelers, near the corner of King and Church streets.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton cricket club company on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: E. Martin, president; Wm. Hendrie, vice president; F. H. Mills, secretary-treasurer; Geo. Roach, R. E. Kennedy, Henry McLaren, J. H. Park, R. K. Hope and A. Harvey, committee. The name of the company was changed to the Hamilton Athletic Park company.

The Washington park club, Chicago, announces 62 entries for the American Derby, 67 for the Sheridan Stakes, 54 for the Drexel, 39 for the Englewood, 87 for the Hyde Park, 64 for the Kenwood, 71 for the Lakeside, 42 for the Washington Park cup, 41 for the Columbia Stakes, 105 for the Oakwood Handicap, 83 for the Great Western, 70 for the Boulevard and 111 for the Quicksteep Stakes.

The following challenge was issued in an English paper on a recent Saturday morning: William Ward, the flying guardsman and champion wood chopper of Northampton, is still open to chop wood against any one (bar Gladstone) for three or five days, for £5 a side, or he will give Alfred Tow five hours' start in five days' work for a similar amount.

John A. Graham, a pedestrian and runner of considerable note, succeeded in beating the best four-mile running record on Saturday night at the Central rink, Lockport, N.Y. His opponent skated five miles against Graham who ran four miles. The latter was victorious by the remarkable score of 18.38, beating the best previous record, that of John White of London, England, for the same distance, made in 1883.

Arrangements for a tour in the United States by a Canadian baseball team are being perfected by a Hamilton gentleman. The first game will probably be played in Utica, N.Y., on April 6. Managers in Brooklyn, Trenton, Newark, Philadelphia, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington have made dates for the team, which will likely include Conmee and O'Neil of London; Purvis, Atkinson, and perhaps another from Guelph; Macklin of Toronto; James Wilson, Young and a couple of others from Hamilton.

One of those brutal affairs called purring matches took place at Pittsburg for $200 a side, between Jim Myers, an English runner, and Pat. McLaughlin, an Irish fellow-worker, the other day. The men wore knee breeches, which left the calf of the leg bare, and heavy-soled shoes. At the top of each shoe was attached a piece of iron about as sharp as a table knife. They kicked three rounds, at the end of which both had their legs terribly cut up. Finally Myers fainted from loss of blood, and McLaughlin was awarded the stakes.

Ottawa Winter Meeting.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The winter meeting began to-day. In the 2.38 class Tommy B. won, Edith taking second money and Moneymaker third. A protest was entered against Tommy B. on the ground that he had a faster ice record than 38. The race is believed to have been fixed. Tommy threw the second heat to Moneymaker, but the judges declared it no heat.

2.38 class.—St. Jacob, Quebec, first easily, Jennie, Montreal, second, and Charlie, Toronto, third, Mitchell, Owen Sound, last.

A Bad Kind of Spirit.

From the Dominion Churchman.

The spirit of the dynamiter is the spirit of hell.

University Consolidation.

From the Acta Victoriana.

Opposition among Victorian alumni will come from older graduates rather than from the younger.

Even Brother Boyle Calls Him Fiend.

From the Irish Canadian.

We are still of the opinion that nothing could so quickly and effectually check the dynamite fiend—so far as that fiend is Irish—as the granting to Ireland the parliament of which she was robbed by England.

Clergymen Should Vote.

Knoxonian in the Canada Presbyterian.

We believe that every minister should record his vote. He is a citizen, and as a citizen he holds the franchise in trust. The exercise of that franchise in a manly and conscientious way will increase his influence.

Brother Dewart Feels Encouraged.

From the Christian Guardian.

Though once in a while somebody grumbles and complains about something which does not suit him, yet we are thankful to say, that kind and encouraging words in regard to our church paper are far more frequent and numerous than those of a contrary character.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Queenston: Arizona from New York.
At Glasgow: Devonia from New York.
At Liverpool: Lake Manitoba from New York.
At Bremen: Gen. Werder, from New York.

The License Commission.

The reform association met on Tuesday night, Capt. McMaster in the chair. An attempt was made to bring up the question of the recent appointments of license commissioners, but the discussion was ruled out of order for want of notice. Notice was then given, so that it will come up next Tuesday night, when a lively time is expected. Peter Ryan will not act as a commissioner under any consideration, so his friends say. They further say that Messrs. Rose and Thwaite will not serve with Mr. Doherty. Would they serve with Mr. Petley, asked the reporter. The reply was that they would. What we are trying to do, said another reformer, is to smooth the business over and harmonise the two factions. Mr. Doherty has a compact following and they will not see him removed.

A Barber's Bright Idea

A bright and original idea struck Tom Rackstraw, the barber, at 1 o'clock this morning, viz, to test the vigilance of the police. He went to the corner of King and Church streets and whistled and yelled for fifteen minutes, but nary a bobby put in an appearance. Mr. Rackstraw is not satisfied with the result of his test and would like an explanation.

THE ANTI-SCOTT BRIGADE.

Hon. Wm. Kyle's Little Deputation of Hotelmen to Call Upon the Premier.

"Hello! Hello!" said a World reporter to a leading anti Scott act man yesterday, "What about this trip that you and Kyle are going to take to Ottawa? Kyle says several hundred are going; what about it?" "Well," said the anti Scott act man, and he was one of the thoroughbred leaders, "I for one won't go. Those who will go are Kyle's fools—men who are in Kyle's hands, and dare not say boo to him. I can tell you that it is a mistake. What can Kyle do at Ottawa? He represents a few men who deal with him—men who listen to whatever clap trap he may choose to tell them. But one thing I can tell you is this: the best and most responsible anti-Scott act men won't go—why should they? Sir John will follow public opinion; and let me tell you, sir, that at the present time the premier is not going to be bull dozed by any deputation that Mr. Kyle may lead to Ottawa." And so The World left this anti Scott man in anything but a good frame of mind.

But Mr. Kyle and his friends take a different view of the proposed delegation. Said a warm friend of Mr. Kyle's yesterday: "Yes, Mr. Kyle deserves every credit for the manner in which he has organized this thing. He has been in direct communication with every license holder from Ottawa to Windsor, and we shall have a big deputation. Sir John will have to listen to our demands. We are too strong for him. He will not dare refuse us."

From all that can be gained from other sources it is learned that Mr. Kyle has been in communication with Mr. Carling and Mr. Costigan, who have undertaken to guarantee that an interview will be granted by the premier to the deputation. But this is by no means certain. Sir John is to a certain extent (looking at it from a domestic point of view) controlled in matters of this kind by Lady Macdonald, who at present takes a leading part in temperance matters at the capital. If Lady Macdonald says "nay" Mr. Kyle and his deputation will return home sadly disappointed. Mr. Kyle has with the most untiring perservance had committees appointed from all the leading towns and villages in Ontario. From Orangeville comes the prim, white-chokered county crown attorney, J. P. McMillan, one of Mr. Mowat's appointees, who heads from the county of Dufferin a deputation who will lay at the feet of Sir John a humble petition in favor of John Peter's principal friends and supporters. From Guelph comes Geo. Bookless, who is in appearance a second edition of the "boy preacher." But not one of the entire deputation dare tell him so. From Toronto goes, according to Mr Kyle's published program Lem Fisher, M McConnell, Harry Hughes, Jim Douglas, Jack Scholes, John Shannessy, Pat O'Connor, Sam Richardson, and last but by no means least, the gallant Major Dawson of the Bodega. "I shall go myself," said Mr. Dawson yesterday, and in The World's opinion that settled the question. All other places are well represented. On the whole Mr. Kyle's big mammoth, greatest effort of my life, anti Scott picnic to Ottawa promises to be one of the biggest events of the session.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZES IN NEW YORK

One Million and a Half Dollars' Worth of Property Consumed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—One of the largest fires witnessed in New York for some time broke out at midnight in the wine vaults of Steinhardt Bros., Wooster street. The flames spread with frightful rapidity throughout the building, and owing to the inflammable nature of the contents the department were unable to cope with the devouring element. The fire gained such headway that the entire fire department of the lower part of the city was called out. At 1.30 a.m. the roof of the burning building, which is a six story iron structure extending from 106 to 114 Wooster street, and from 97 to 105 Greene street, crashed in and shortly afterwards the walls caved in, crushing the adjoining houses. Contiguous to the burning structure were a number of tenement houses. The police cleared the inmates out, and there are now about fifty families in the station house. Opposite the burning buildings are a row of tenements. Owing to the intense heat from the blazing structure they have cracked the walls on the other side of the street. At 2 a.m. the entire block bounded by Spring, Prince, Wooster and Green streets was threatened. The loss at that time was estimated at $1,500,000.

A Fireman's Fall.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A fire broke out this evening in a five-story marble building on Barclay street occupied by Major & Knapp, lithographers; Edward Miller & Co., clock manufacturers; Fritzsche Bros., essential oils; John Wygande, glass and crockery. The lithographing firm occupied the three top floors, where eighty men and boys were working when the fire was discovered. The flames spread so rapidly that several of the inmomost were slightly burned in making their escape from the building. There were seventeen engines and two water towers pouring torrents on the flames, but they were difficult to handle owing to the inflammable nature of the contents of the building. Loss $275,000. Fireman James Smith, who mounted to the top story, lost his footing and fell to the street seventy feet below. He was killed.

Fatal Quarrel Between Schoolboys.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Feb. 4.—White Thos. Prickett and Albert Perry, aged 18 and 19 respectively, were quarreling on their return from school last evening Prickett was shot and killed. Perry has been arrested.

The Payment of Irish M.P.'s

DUBLIN, Feb. 4.—Mr. O'Connor, M.P., addressed a meeting of the Irish national league here to day. He said when the proper time arrived Parnell would ask the people to pay Irish members of parliament for their services, and that the result would astonish the world. Mr. O'Connor made no reference to the recent explosions or to the shooting of Rossa.

Bismarck Makes a Proposal.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Bismarck has made overtures to Lord Granville to join the agreement already entered into by Germany and Russia for the extradition of dynamiters. The proposal has been referred to the cabinet.

The Irish Forever.

CAIRO, Feb. 4.—The first battalion of the Royal Irish regiment gained Wolseley's prize of a hundred pounds sterling for making the quickest passage from Saraas to Debbeh.

A TRAGEDY AT THORNHILL

JOHN ARNOLD SHOT IN THE HEAD BY A STRANGER.

Death After Twenty-Four Hours of Unconsciousness—James Stewart and J. G. Wesley in Jail for Murder.

The Thornhill shooting case, briefly noticed in yesterday's paper, has as was anticipated resulted fatally. John Arnold, the victim, died at 5 20 p.m. yesterday, twenty-four hours after the wound was inflicted. James Stewart, who did the shooting, and his companion, J. G Wesley, are in the Toronto jail, High Constable Jones went up to Thornhill yesterday and gathered the particulars of the affair as related below.

James Stewart and J. G. Wesley drove into Thornhill Tuesday forenoon, putting up at Symons' hotel, where they had dinner. They were strangers in the village and no one knew their mission, but from the manner in which they "sized up" the stores, the knowing ones suspected that they were bent on burglary. But however that may be, the pair had not been at the hotel long before they struck up an acquaintance with Arnold, and the trio indulged in a round of drinks. Arnold was about 23 years of age and of a social disposition. Born and brought up at Thornhill, he had only been down from the Northwest three weeks and was stopping with some of his family relatives, who are old residents up there.

From Symons' the strangers and Arnold proceeded to Collins' hotel, where they sat down to a game of cards, being joined by Hugh Reid, hostler. In the course of the play Arnold accused Stewart of cheating, which accusation the latter answered by striking his accuser in the face. After a while the parties were pacified and Stewart and Wesley went back to Symons' hotel. Arnold and Francis Hoff were passing this place a few minutes later when Wesley hailed the former and asked him in to drink. "I will, if it's in friendship," was Arnold's reply as he and his companion entered. Walking towards the bar they were confronted by Wesley, who struck Arnold in the breast with his left hand, and immediately afterwards Hoff and Stewart engaged in a tussle. "Go for him," shouted Hoff to his companion, by way of encouragement, and Arnold was in the act of taking off his coat, apparently to tackle Wesley, when Stewart stepped up within two or three feet of Arnold, and drawing a revolver, deliberately fired at him. The ball struck Arnold above the left temple, and he fell forward unconscious into the arms of the man who shot him

Intense excitement immediately prevailed. Some one summoned Dr. Nellis who pronounced the wound of a fatal nature. With all possible speed Dr. W. T. Aikins was brought up from the city only to confirm this opinion. Dr. Langstaff also participated in the consultation. The bullet was probed for without success. All the while the wounded man lay unconscious and the doctors said he could not live.

In the meantime what about the men responsible for the deed? They during the excitement ordered the hostler to bring forth their rig, but he refused to do so, and the two proceeded on foot up the road. When things had somewhat quieted down, the strangers were thought of and James Webster, Michael Horn, Albert Lyons and — Bilton, armed with shot guns, started in pursuit. Half a mile up the road the fugitives were overtaken and surrendered. They had seized a team of horses and sleigh in charge of a boy and would have had a long lead of their pursuers had not the sleigh capsized and left them in the lurch. A dark lantern and a rope were subsequently found at this spot, having no doubt been thrown away by Stewart and Wesley as the pursuing party approached. Brought back to the village, the prisoners were searched. Burglars' tools, powder and two revolvers were found on them, disclosing the object of their presence at Thornhill to a certainty. Isaac Chapman, J.P., held a court, heard some evidence, and forthwith committed Wesley and Stewart for trial on a charge of shooting. Constables guarded them all night, and yesterday they were jailed in this city. Very little is known concerning them. Wesley is a middle-aged man and Stewart about ten years younger. They gave their occupation as coopers. The police do not know them.

Arnold remained unconscious at Symons' all night. At noon yesterday he was removed to his folks' house. The doctors were in constant attendance but the sufferer never rallied and died at 5 20 in the afternoon, twenty four hours after he was shot down. High Constable Jones has made arrangements for Coroner Johnson to hold an inquest at Thornhill this afternoon. The prisoners will be taken there this forenoon.

PERSONAL.

We are informed that Judge Morrison has not resigned.

Rev. J C. Antliff B.D., has left Brantford for a visit to England on family affairs.

Reginald Kennedy of the Hamilton Times, president of the Central fair, was in town yesterday.

S. K. Martin has been elected corresponding secretary of the Mathematical society of University college.

Rev. Kennedy Creighton, although still suffering from his recent stroke of paralysis, is considerably better.

Mrs. Acton Burrows, wife of the deputy minister of agriculture for Manitoba, died at Winnipeg after a lingering illness on Feb. 3.

The emperor of Germany attended the court ball at Berlin on Tuesday night and led the court polonaise. His majesty will be 88 on March 22.

Wolseley in a private letter says, "I have personally known only two heroes in the course of my life. One was Gen. Lee and the other Gen. Gordon."

Rev. T. T. Johnston of Ancaster has been offered the pulpit of the Anderson street church, Savannah, Ga., at a salary of $1200, but has declined it.

C. H. Boyd, B.A. (Victoria) has been appointed professor of physics in the Washington university. Prof. Gould (another Victoria man) is also in the same institution.

Princess Louise, through the governor-general, has donated to the province of Quebec a valuable collection of paintings including a portrait of the queen, by Landseer, the marriage of the queen and Prince Consort. The pictures, ten in number, will be placed in the new parliament buildings in Quebec.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Why the Dude minstrels are not going to have a street parade to-day.

With Mr. Schuch at the head,

And all the members in plug hats and old-markots.

And Morley Punshon playing the drum.

Clearing and Colder.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Feb. 5, 1 a.m.—*A decided increase in pressure is taking place over the Northwest with much colder weather. It is cloudy everywhere and light snow is falling at most places. The temperature is falling in the lake region and is slightly higher in the eastern provinces.*

Probabilities — Lakes: Fresh to strong northerly winds; partially clearing, colder weather with a few snow flurries.