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AUSTRIAN AND RUSSIAN.

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

Their Aim is to Arrange a Concurrent Declaration of the Pacific Policy of Both —The Forged Documents—Denials and Charges Concerning Their Authorship.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Prince Ouroussoff, the Russian Minister at Brussels, denies the Cologne Gazette's charge that he is the author of the forged documents sent to the Czar. Prince Ouroussoff's friends say that the Czar retains his confidence in the Minister and will not remove him from his post.

Dr. Schmidt examined the Crown Prince to-day and reports favorably on his condition.

Emperor William has sent a reply to the New Year's address of the Berlin municipal authorities. In it he says that he has been deeply moved by the heartfelt sympathy manifested since the beginning of the Crown Prince's illness. The Almighty, whose decrees are inscrutable, has placed a heavy trial over him and his house. Great has been the pain of the visitation which has kept the Prince so long a time from the full execution of his official duties and from his home, but the Emperor, together with the whole of the nation, believes that God in His wisdom will order all things for the best.

The exchange of views between the Austrian and Russian Governments continues. The aim is to arrange a concurrent declaration of the pacific policy of both Governments. Official circles are more hopeful for the maintenance of peace.

The Work of a Clique.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A despatch from Brussels says there is reliable authority for the statement that the forged documents sent to the Czar were the work of a clique of financiers who were desirous of facilitating a Bulgarian loan and that the Orleanists had nothing to do with the intrigue.

The Emperor's Dinner Party.

VIENNA, Jan. 7.—A dinner party was given at the Imperial Palace to-day. Among the guests were Cardinal Galimberti, the Papal Nuncio, and the ambassadors of Russia, France and other countries.

The Forged Documents.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Standard's Vienna correspondent credits M. de Roulede with having instigated the war party at St. Petersburg to arrange the forged documents in order to prevent a meeting between the Czar and Emperor William. The documents, says the correspondent, were used at Copenhagen by the King and Queen of Greece, who had previously given audience to M. De Roulede.

ENTHUSIASM IN ST. PETER'S.

The Pope Says Mass and the Congregation Cry "Long Live the Pope-King."

ROME, Jan. 5.—The Pope said mass at St. Peter's to-day for the benefit of the pilgrims remaining in the city. Thirty cardinals and 189 archbishops and bishops were present, while the congregation numbered 20,000 persons. The Duchess of Tuscany occupied the place of honor. The Pope looked well, but at the conclusion of the mass appeared much fatigued. After the service the Pope removed his vestments and ascending the sedia gestatoria was carried around the church amid cries of "Long live the Pope-King." The Pope was deeply moved by the enthusiasm.

The Czar's Congratulatory Telegram.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—The Czar in his congratulatory telegram to the Pope said he was desirous of assuring the interests of his Catholic subjects, and concluded as follows: "I doubt not, that the high wisdom of which Your Holiness gives so many proofs will enable me to harmonize the needs of the Roman Church in Russia with the fundamental principles of my Empire."

LOUIS NAPOLEON'S REMAINS

And Those of the Prince Imperial Will be Interred on Monday.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Ex-Empress Eugenie has decided that the ceremony of the removal of the remains of Napoleon III. and the Prince Imperial from Chislehurst to Farnboro, shall take place next Monday. By private request of the ex-Empress none of the members of the royal family will be present, but the Queen will send wreaths to be placed on the coffins. After mass has been celebrated the coffins will be taken to Farnboro by special train. Only the ex-Empress and her usual suites will be present.

Conservative Gains in French Elections.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The triennial elections for members of the Senate are progressing to-day. The results, as far as known, show that 42 Republicans and 19 Conservatives have been elected. Twenty-one second ballots will be necessary. The Conservatives have gained 4 Senators.

The returns so far received show the election of fifty-seven Republicans and twenty-one Conservatives. Six second ballots will probably result in the return of Republicans, making the final result a Conservative gain of two seats.

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French Ministerial Appointments.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Admiral Krantz has been appointed Minister of Marine, and Admiral Gervois chief of the naval staff.

A Tribute to Sir John.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—"Macdonald at Earnscliffe," as the subject of The World's article talk at the city on "Celebrities at Home." The decided. The [illegible] most appreciative of the Canadian [illegible] Premier's personal qualities, as well as of his great work, the creation of a national spirit in the Dominion. He regards Sir John Macdonald as an effective exponent of enlightened and progressive conservatism, and a really Imperial statesman, their [illegible] shorts, [illegible] market. Paris, Jan. 5.—A despatch from Rome to the Paris says: "Mr. Gladstone having expressed a wish to see the Pope, the latter intimated that he would be delighted to meet the English statesman. Mr. Gladstone will be received by His Holiness with the ceremonial that is usually observed when non-Catholic visitors are admitted to an audience."

Dissatisfied With the Reduction.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—At National League meetings throughout Ireland the reductions of judicial rents announced by the Land Commission have been declared insufficient. The Mitchelltown Board of Guardians, Mr. Mandeville presiding, has adopted a resolution declaring that it has no confidence in the Land Commission. The vote reflects the opinion of other boards.

Ras Aloula Wants to be King.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A despatch from Rome says advices have been received from Massowah to the effect that Ras Aloula has offered to join the Italians with 40,000 of his followers on the condition that he be created King of Abyssinia in the event of the defeat of King John.

A Lively Time on the N. Y. Metal Exchange.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A revival of interest marked the transactions at the Metal Exchange to-day. One of the largest banking firms in Wall-street bought several large lots of Lake Superior copper. The extent of their order is said to be 1,000,000 pounds. Other large buying orders for export carried off from 500,000 to 600,000 pounds. Spot and January delivery went on first call for $16.25 to $16.50, February for $16.60, and March $16.70 to $16.75. On the second call the market moved upward and $16.40 was paid, and afterward vainly bid for spot; $16.50 for January, which held firm at $16.65; $16.70 to $16.75 for February, and $16.80 to $16.85 for March. The total transactions in and out of the pit range are estimated at 2,500,000 pounds, of which at least two-thirds was for immediate [illegible].

KALAKAUA'S KINGDOM.

The Situation of Affairs Not Reassuring—Premier Green's Resignation Expected.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The brig Consulto arrived from Honolulu yesterday, and brought the information that Godfrey Brown, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has handed in his resignation. It has been accepted, but his successor is yet to be named. It is stated that Premier Green's resignation is expected to follow. The situation of affairs when the Consulto left on Dec. 24 was not assuring. The Supreme Court was expected to decide as to the legality of the King's veto, and on the day following Christmas it was believed that a decision, whether for or against the King, would lead to serious trouble. On authority of The Bulletin it is stated that rumors have been floating about that the King intends to take matters in his own hands in case of a favorable decision, and to promulgate a new constitution. It is admitted by all that only the presence of foreign men-of-war in the harbor at Honolulu preserves peace. The commercial situation of the country is not flattering. The Legislature met last Tuesday, and the King was expected to prorogue it at once.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

A Brooklyn Man Assaults a Woman and Her Husband With an Iron Bar.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 5.—C. Stiger entered the house of L. Cobert on Harmon-street early this morning and attempted to murder Cobert and his wife. Cobert got up at 6 o'clock and went down stairs to make a fire. Stiger, who had entered by the back door and secreted himself in the hallway stairs, then attacked Mrs. Cobert, who was in bed, with an iron bar. She screamed and called for her husband but Stiger struck her several times and inflicted injuries which will probably cause her death. As Cobert entered the room Stiger struck him on the head with the iron bar, saying he would kill him so he could not tell the story. Stiger rained blow after blow upon Cobert's head until he fell senseless to the floor. Subsequently he revived and gave information to the police, who arrested Stiger while he was removing his bloody clothes in his own house.

Mrs. Cobert had on several occasions helped Stiger's family. Stiger says the Coberts were living on the money his wife earned for them, and he was sorry he had not killed them outright.

RAILROAD NEWS FROM THE SOO.

The First Through From Montreal Arrived Yesterday—Flour Shipments.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Jan. 5.—The first through train arrived here from Montreal at 1 p.m. to-day with Sir Donald Smith, W. C. VanHorne and T. G. Shaughnessy aboard. They were met here by a special train from Minneapolis with the following Soo line officials: Hon. D. Washburn, J. J. Hill and Capt. W. W. Rich.

Both parties will have a conference here, when the question of establishing regular through trains will finally be decided. One hundred cars of flour bound for Boston via the Soo leave Minneapolis to-day. The C.P.R. and Soo lines are in good condition for through traffic.

Doctors May Advertise.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Judge Waterman rendered an opinion of more than ordinary interest yesterday, affecting, as it does, the powers and authority of the State Board of Health and the rights of practicing physicians in this state.

The suit was brought against the State Board of Health by a licensed medical practitioner named J. C. McCoy. The organization being dissatisfied with the fact that McCoy published advertisements in the daily newspapers, as well as with the character of the advertisements, revoked his certificate. The defendant insisted that that portion of the Medical Practice Act which allowed the State Board of Health to revoke medical certificates for dishonorable and unprofessional conduct was unconstitutional, and even if held to be constitutional the act of the board was unwarranted and in violation of his rights as a freeman.

The court rendered a very voluminous decision, in the course of which it was held that the defendant had a perfectly constitutional right to advertise in the newspapers, and he can't be deprived of it by any rule or regulation of the State Board of Health.

A Viaduct Accident.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 5.—A span in the new central viaduct now being constructed, which connects the south side with the city proper, fell this afternoon. It was 90 feet long and 85 feet above the ground. A large car on which there was supplies was pushed off the end of the span by accident and in falling it knocked the braces and beams out of place and the span went also. There were eight workmen on the span when it fell. Harry Burton and an unknown man were killed and the others, with one exception, were badly injured.

Of Interest to Hay Exporters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Assistant-Secretary Maynard has informed a resident of Three Rivers, P.Q., that there is no foundation for the report that Congress has voted $2,000,000, or any part thereof, for the settlement of claims of hay exporters of Canada for alleged excess of duty on hay shipped to the United States. Mr. Maynard says it has been found that the claims relate to refunds in cases in which the importers of the hay have forfeited their right to refund by failure to comply with the law.

New York Coffee Exchange.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The annual meeting of the Coffee Exchange was held to-day. The total sales for the last 13 months were 26,871,250 bags against 8,279,250 in 1886 and 5,646,500 in 1885. The amount delivered on contract was 537,000 bags against 645,750 bags in 1886. Margins were deposited through the exchange to the amount of $22,661,506 against $6,071,331 in 1886, and $3,056,310 in 1885. These figures, the president says, emphasize the desirability of establishing a clearing house similar to those in Havre and Hamburg.

Murdered His Father and Mother.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 5.—Tom Buttsfield, a young farmer living near Palmyra, was arrested to-day charged with murdering his father and mother. On Dec. 24 he brought home some whisky which, it is claimed, was poisoned by him and given to his parents. Last Sunday the father died suddenly and last night the mother also died under the same mysterious circumstances. The motive for the crime is unknown, unless for the purpose of securing their property. Buttsfield was married only a few days ago.

Herbert Gladstone in Ireland.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—T. P. Gill cables to The Tribune from London that he has private information that the meeting at which Herbert Gladstone was to speak, at Dromore, County Tyrone, next Friday, has been proclaimed. He has been arranging a tour in Ulster which the Government dislike very much. Besides speaking at Dromore he has promised to deliver an address to the Young Ireland Society in Belfast.

Killed at His Post.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 5.—A freight train on the New River Division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad ran into a rockslide 27 miles from Central last night. The engine jumped the track and ran into the New River and disappeared. The engineer was drowned at his post. The fireman was also killed. Twenty-five loaded cars were demolished.

A Deadly Explosion.

JONESBORO, Jan. 5.—A boiler at Worthie & Son's mills exploded to-day, killing Richard McIver, colored fireman, and seriously injuring Henry Dark and Peter McIver. McIver was blown through a house a distance of seventy-five feet and his body was torn into fragments.

A GRATIFYING INCREASE.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE DOMINION.

Statement for the First Six Months of the Fiscal Year—Provincial Subsidies Paid —The C.T.A. in Westmoreland—The Windmill Line.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—A proclamation will appear in next Saturday's Canada Gazette fixing Thursday, Feb. 16, for polling on the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act in the County of Westmoreland, N.B. Ex-Sheriff Chipman will be the preliminary officer.

Hon. Mr. Robson to be Called to the Senate.

It is rumored that Hon. John Robson, Provincial Secretary of British Columbia, will be called to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Hon. Hugh Wilson to the Lieutenant-Governorship of the province. Mr. Robson is a native of Perth, Ont., but has resided in British Columbia for many years. He is a journalist by profession.

The Provincial Subsidies Paid.

The Finance Department have paid the usual half-yearly provincial subsidies, amounting in all to about $2,100,000. This amount will be included in the expenditure statement for January. The subsidies are paid on July 2 and Jan. 2 in advance for the half year. All the subsidies for the current fiscal year have therefore been paid.

Tea-Growing Experiments.

Prof. Saunders of the Central Experimental Farm proposes trying some experiments with a hardy variety of tea grown in Japan which, it is hoped, may prove successful in this region, as the northern part of Japan has a climate about as cold as that of the Ottawa Valley.

The Baie des Chaleurs Railway.

Mr. C. N. Armstrong, contractor for the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, which is destined to run from Metapedia to Gaspe, a distance of 170 miles, was in the city to-day and interviewed Hon. Mr. Pope, Minister of Railways, with reference to the subsidy earned. Forty miles of the road have been built during the past summer between Metapedia and Carlton. The contract covers the distance of 100 miles to Paspebac.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure.

The statement of revenue and expenditure for the month of December shows that the financial condition of the Government continues to be satisfactory, the revenue for the month being $2,750,582 and the expenditure $2,277,312. There is a decrease of $125,970 in customs, but considerable increase in other sources of revenue.

Taking the first six months of the fiscal year, the revenue and expenditure are as follows:

Customs	$11,014,410
Excise	2,975,324
Postoffice	979,103
Public Works, including railways	1,696,811
Miscellaneous	774,734
	17,340,432
Expenditure	15,008,081
Surplus	2,242,351

The increases during thesix months over the same period last year are:

Customs	$41,283
Excise	236,749
Postoffice	61,816
Miscellaneous	239,415
Total	$579,263
Public works, including railways—decrease	266,633
Net increase	$312,633

This is a gratifying increase, especially as the expenditures show a decrease of $282,234.

General opinion rather favors the impression that Mr. Anderson of the Orient Line will have had his trip to Canada for nothing. The Canadian Pacific Railway people, it is believed, are only backing him with their influence because they regard fast steamers to Canada as a sine qua non so far as the first link in the chain between London and Vancouver goes, and they are just as willing to see the contract awarded to the Allan and Dominion lines, if these companies will undertake to build vessels of the required speed; from 18 to 20 knots. Other things being equal, the Government is likely to stand by the pioneers of the St. Lawrence route, and will not throw them over for strangers. In this public opinion will be with the Ministers.

THE WINDMILL LINE.

A Settlement Arrived At and Accepted by Sir Hector Langevin.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—This morning the Toronto deputation had its interview by appointment with Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, with reference to the extension of the Windmill line. The deputation was composed of the following gentlemen who represented the interests of the city, private property holders and the various railway corporations:

Mayor Howland, Ald. Carlyle, City Engineer Sproatt, City Solicitor McWilliams, on behalf of the city; ex-Judge Clark and Mr. W. T. Jennings, C.E., representing the Canadian Pacific Railway; Mr. John Bell, Q.C., and E. Wragge, representing the Grand Trunk Railway; Messrs. Biggar, McIntyre, Polson and Freeland, in behalf of private property holders.

Mr. Howland introduced the deputation and explained the scheme for extending the water front of the city between Parliament and York streets, and thence at an angle with John-street. Mr. Bell raised an objection to the plan, and after some wrangling Sir Hector said he would decide to cancel all previous objections and allow the improvement to be made according to an agreement to be accepted by all interested parties. The matter was then discussed in all its bearings at a private meeting and a settlement arrived at on the following basis and subsequently accepted by Sir Hector Langevin:

1. The water front to be placed 394 feet further south than the present Windmill line.

2. A 66-foot roadway in a line from Parliament to John-street to be built by the property-holders. Owners will have to build it within ten years according to specifications approved of by the Minister of Public Works.

3. If any property-owner fails to construct it the city can undertake the work, charging it to his account.

4. Present property-owners are guaranteed free use of the slips for ten years.

5. No railway tracks shall ever be built along the new street. This does not apply to street railways.

6. Any freeholder who so desires may have a patent of the new land made direct to himself instead of the city, but such patents shall be subject to the above conditions.

A Premature Explosion.

WILKESBARRE, Jan. 5.—A shocking accident occurred at noon to-day on Section 8 of the Pittsburg Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railway, now being constructed. A very heavy blast had been prepared in a deep cut under the superintendence of Walking Boss Redding. The fireman, Morris Donohue, was standing within a foot of the blast hole, three men were working at the foot of the bank, three stood on top and eleven others were working a short distance away. Redding had gone to give the warning signal and procure fire for touching off the blast, when it suddenly exploded. Donohue was buried twenty feet in the air and landed on his feet slightly injured. The three men on top of the bank were blown fifty feet away, and are more or less badly hurt. The three men at the foot of the bank were instantly killed and horribly mangled. The other eleven men who were near by are more or less injured. Of the injured at least four are fatally hurt.

The Western Freight War.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The only happening in the western freight war to-day was the action of the Chicago and Alton in making a combination to reach Toledo and other east[illegible] points in competition with the Wabash at rates 10 per cent. under the latter road.

EASTERN ONTARIO DAIRYMEN.

The Convention Closed Yesterday—Election of Officers—Several Interesting Papers.

PETERBORO, Jan. 5.—This morning Mayor Stevenson sent around several pleasure sleighs to the dairymen to take them around town. Prof. Roberts, Prof. Hoard, Prof. Robertson, Prof. Barnard, Mr. Hinman, Mr. Ashley, the secretary, and a number of others boarded the sleighs and merrily rode around for an hour.

When they got back to the convention room they were ready to go into business elbow deep. The first business on the program was the presentation of the financial statement. Mr. Daly, the treasurer, did this, and in doing so elicited demonstrations of satisfaction at the announcement that the association was not only clear of debt but had about $400 to the good, besides the receipts at this convention.

The election of officers then took place. Messrs. D. M. McPherson, Lancaster, and Mr. McCarger, Belleville, were candidates for the presidency. Mr. McCarger was elected. The other officers were elected as follows: First Vice-President, D. Vanderwater, Chatterton; Second Vice-President, James Bissell, Algonquin. Directors—Wm. Egger, South Mountain; Edward Kidd, North Gower; F. H. McCrae, Brockville; James Haggerty, Hartington; P. Hinman, Grafton; Henry Wade, Toronto. Thomas Millar and J. S. Foster were appointed Auditors.

In the afternoon Prof. Robertson reported in behalf of the special committee that special cheesemakers' conventions be held in March at Lancaster, Morrisburg, Brockville and Campbellford; that four instructors be employed; that each factory contribute $10 toward paying them; that each factory be entitled to three votes from the instructors; that the joint fund be collected and administered by the Executive Committee through the department at Guelph. The report was adopted.

Mr. J. A. Reddick read a paper on "Testing Milk."

Mr. W. W. Hoard addressed the convention on the subject of "Dairy Cows." He spoke of hereditary influences, and the different temperaments of cows. He showed that butter-producing milk was obtained from the cows of nervous temperament rather than those of lymphatic temperament. He contrasted the make up of the best cow and the dairy cow.

Prof. Roberts gave an address on "Fertilizers," advocating the system of bringing the fertility of the subsoil to the surface by means of vegetation, such as clover grows, rather than at the expense of physical force. Three feet deep ground ordinarily possessed enough plant food to grow several thousand crops of wheat without manure. The only trouble was to get this food so that the plant could get at it. He gave some valuable hints on land cultivation.

The usual votes of thanks were carried and the convention adjourned.

THE IRON MOLDERS' UNION.

Proceedings at the Convention at Hamilton Yesterday—A Sport Arrested.

HAMILTON, Jan. 5.—The District Union of Ontario of the Iron Molders' Union of North America met again this morning. A bureau of statistics will be established in connection with the union for the purpose of finding out the rates of wages paid in the different centres, with the view of having the wages uniform. In the afternoon Delegates Jas. Hickey and Wm. Dodwell of Toronto, and Samuel Terrell of Guelph, arrived. Reports were presented from the different unions giving the standing of trade and the state of the union. The election of officers resulted as follows: M. Basquil, Hamilton, President; Wm. Dodwell, Toronto, Vice-President; Fred Walter, Hamilton, Secretary; Samuel Terrell, Guelph, Treasurer. Executive Board—James Hickey (Toronto), Lewis Allchin (Oshawa), Wm. Rodkins (Peterboro), J. Brown (Brantford), James Ripley (Hamilton). A supper was given to the delegates to-night at the Central Hotel by the members of Union No. 26, Hamilton.

This afternoon Detective Reid arrested Daniel Pool, an ex-hotel keeper, well known in local sporting circles, on a warrant sworn out by Isaac J. Jenkins of York, charging him with having obtained certain property from him under false pretenses. The trouble arose out of the sale of an hotel in Ancaster, which Pool formerly kept, and which he disposed of to Jenkins in November last.

Miss Johnson, daughter of the Hamilton Customs Examiner, was married at Ancaster yesterday. The bride was Miss Susie Phillipo, daughter of Mr. John Phillipo.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Cartwright Excited Over the Sudden and Suspicious Demise of Caroline Heron.

LINDSAY, Jan. 5.—Much excitement exists in Cartwright Township over the mysterious death of a young woman, Caroline Heron. She was suddenly taken ill, and despite all medical aid died, exhibiting strong symptoms of strychnine poison, a fact made certain by the death of a dog which licked her vomit, and also by a rigid post-mortem examination by Drs. Allan, Janetville; and Campbell and Fish of Blackstock. The girl's chastity, as proven by the post mortem, and also other suspicious circumstances point to wilful murder against some one. The inquest will be resumed next Tuesday at Blackstock Village, of which Burkton is the station, when County Crown Attorney Kerr of Durham and Northumberland is expected to be present.

Rev. M. L. Pearson, pastor of Lindsay Methodist Church, and superintendent of this district, was the recipient of a massive gold watch and chain, with an address elegantly printed on blue satin and encased in crimson plush, as a token of esteem and regard from his congregation here. During his pastorate here the Methodist Church has been greatly enlarged, both in size and in membership.

THE MONTREAL DETECTIVES.

The Application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Dismissed.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—Chief Justice Dorion and Hon. Justices Church and Doherty at noon to-day dismissed the application of Messrs. Globensky and St. Jean for a writ of habeas corpus for Fahey, Naegele and Bureau, and notice of an appeal to the full bench on Jan. 16 was immediately given.

The Nova Scotia Coal Trade.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 4.—The shipments of coal from Nova Scotia mines last year were over 1,500,000 tons, an increase of 150,000 tons over last year. Of this increase 129,000 tons is from the Cape Breton mines. The shipments from the respective coal fields are as follows: Cumberland, 469,000 tons; Pictou, 338,000; Cape Breton, 717,000; total, 1,524,000. This is more than double the entire shipment before the National Policy. Great preparations are being made for much larger shipments this year. The Springhill shipments in 1879 were 90,000 tons; this year they reached 470,000 tons.

Representation of Carleton.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The Gazette of this morning says: "We are given to understand that there never was any foundation for the rumor that associated Mr. Donald McMaster's name with the Conservative candidacy in Carleton. Mr. McMaster entertains no idea of contesting the constituency."

A Conservative Elected in Winchester.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—In the election in Winchester to-day Mr. Moss, Conservative, received 1364 votes and Mr. Handerbye, Gladstonian, 849. In the last election the Conservative candidate received 1119 and the Gladstonian 783.

The Daily News admits that the Winchester election is disappointing. The Standard says the result absolutely confounds the confident hopes of the Separatists.

The Right Man.

Toronto's new Mayor has taken the town. His handsome presence has won the good will of the ladies and his intellectuality the confidence of the men. If he has the best interests of Toronto at heart, he will do his duty without fear or favor and will appear at all social gatherings wearing quinn's superb full dress shirts.

WHO IS BABY'S FATHER?

A Seduction Case at the Assizes—Peremptory List for To-Day.

In the Civil Assizes yesterday the entire time was spent in hearing the case of Bass v. Lawrence. It is a suit brought by Robert Bass, a furniture dealer at 13 Denison-avenue, to recover from James Lawrence, a baker living at 7 Denison-avenue, $3000 for the seduction of his 18-year-old daughter Mary Ann.

The girl appeared in court with a baby 13 months old, of which she claims that Lawrence is the father. Lawrence denied the statement. Mr. Charles Ritchie, Q.C., appeared for plaintiff and Mr. N. G. Bigelow for the defendant. Both had addressed the jury when the court rose at 6.15. His Lordship Judge Falconbridge will deliver his charge this morning.

The peremptory list for to-day is: Alexander v. Bradshaw, Sauger v. Duggan, Irving v. Smith, Shepherd v. Thompson, Williams v. Everell and Wright v. Mahoney.

On Monday Judge Street will commence the hearing of these jury cases, which Judge Falconbridge cannot hear because of his having been engaged in them before he was raised to the Bench: Owen S. S. Co. v. C.P.R., Livingstone v. Rupert, Peek v. Shields, McLoughlin v. Grand Trunk, Stark v. Badgerow, May v. Grand Trunk, Goodes v. James, Adamson v. Adamson, Huntington v. Park, McAuley v. Robertson. He will also take the following non-jury cases: Blake v. Toronto B. & U. Co., Bank of Commerce v. Bank of British North America, Macdonell v. Ferguson, Dominion Bank v. Oliver, Ontario Bank v. Paxton.

"COMMITTED PERJURY."

The Rose Investigation at the City Hall—Examining the Books Again.

When the letter and affidavit of T. McIlroy, jr., published last week, saying that the committee refused to treat him fairly where the Toronto Rubber Company should be mentioned, was read before the Rose Investigating Committee yesterday morning, Chairman Gillespie said the man who swore to what that document contained about the committee perjured himself. The affidavit was then filed and the letter was ordered to be returned, as it was improper.

Frank Duck, Frank Romaine and Michael Matthews corroborated Ald. Piper's statement that Mr. McIlroy contracted to pay Ald. Piper $50 for the use of a sign painted in the Zoo. By this contra account of $50 Ald. Piper held that the questioned account of $49.05 owed by him was written off the Rubber Company's books.

Mr. H. D. Warren and the books of the Toronto Rubber Company were again examined in reference to Ald. Piper receiving the $120 from the company. Ald. Piper repeated his explanation that the $120 was paid him for expenses and services in getting the tariff put on rubber goods, the result of which was that the Parkdale factory was opened. Mr. Warren explained that on May 18, 1886, the company received a check for $4950 for hose contracted for a few weeks before; that the item of $120 commission to Ald. Piper was dated May 27, and that on the same date J. H. Beatty was paid a sum of $247.50, set down as commission, such sum being exactly 5 per cent. of the Toronto hose contract. He could not say and refused to give an opinion as to whether the items were in any way connected.

Discussion was carried on at great length, but nothing was decided excepting when Mr. Warren explained the account of $18.95. Ald. Piper took $20 out of his pocket and paid it.

The committee adjourned till to-day.

Canada Aiding in Evangelizing France.

The McAll mission in France had its origin amid the sanguinary scenes of the Communists of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. McAll distributed Gospel leaflets at that time, which had a good effect. This led to a regular mission, which has continued fifteen years. There are now fifty stations open in Paris alone and in the environs twenty stations. At Bordeaux alone, in Lyons are nine stations, in Rouen four, and in many others. The Canadian auxiliary to this mission was formed in February last, and since then meetings had been held monthly in the churches of different denominations. Money had been received not only from Toronto but also from Lindsay, Peterboro, Gala, Chatsworth, Motherwell, Kincardine and several other places.

Yesterday afternoon the monthly meeting of the auxiliary was held in the Y.M.C.A. building. The meeting was attended exclusively by ladies. The treasurer reported that of the $1000 which the society undertook to raise for the establishment of a mission at La Rochelle and Rochefort, $875 had been subscribed. It was resolved that special efforts be made to raise the balance. The remainder of the business was the discussion of the arrangements for the anniversary next month. A Bible reading followed, specially in relation to the work of the mission.

W.C.T.U. Feinters.

The Executive of the District W.C.T.U. met yesterday afternoon in Richmond Hall, Mrs. McDonnell in the chair. Arrangements were made for the district quarterly meeting beginning at 10 a.m. next Thursday in Shaftesbury Hall, when reports from the various city unions will be read.

A new union to be formed next Tuesday.

The "Ys" give an "At Home" next Thursday evening in the Girls' Industrial Institute.

The Eastern Union, No. 1, will open their new building for the Boys' Institute next Tuesday evening at 917 Queen-street east. Mayor Howland will speak.

Mrs. Chisholm, President of the Ontario W.C.T.U., is staying in the city for a few days.

Ice-Cutting Restrictions.

At a meeting of the Local Board of Health held yesterday afternoon it was decided upon motion of Ald. Verral to prohibit ice-cutting on the Don River and on Ashbridge's Bay as far east as Leslie-street. The bylaw prohibiting ice-cutting within 500 feet of the Esplanade will be strictly enforced. A motion was carried ordering that the plumbing inspectors be placed under control of the Medical Health Officer until the new Council comes in. The pay of the sanitary inspectors was advanced from $10.75 to $12 a week.

A Railway Change.

The visit of Mr. Geo. Olds, General Traffic Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on Wednesday was in connection with filling the place of Mr. E. Tiffin, late General Freight Agent of the Ontario Division of the big road. Mr. Tiffin resigned his position some weeks ago, and it went into effect Jan. 1. He is succeeded by Mr. John N. Sutherland, who was formerly stationed at the Pacific's office at Queen's Wharf in this city.

Separate School Trustee Elections.

The Separate School Board of 1887 met last night, with Rev. Father McCann in the chair. The object of the meeting was to confirm the recent five elections at the polls and the previous elections by acclamation. The election by acclamation of Mr. M. Costello in St. Paul's Ward had not been reported by the returning officer and could not be confirmed.

Municipal Nominations in Writing.

A correspondent asks whether a written nomination for municipal office is valid. The Municipal Act says "the person to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded seriatim." This would indicate that the nomination should be verbal.

An Ovation at the Lodge.

R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, D.D.G.M., paid an official visit to Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, G.R.C., last night. Mayor-elect E. F. Clarke, a past master of the lodge, was present and received quite an ovation from the brethren.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Frank Smith, the big oil operator of Petrolia, is in town with his new made wife. He seems so happy over the event that it is a wonder that he did not stay in earlier.

A Regular Picnic.

—There's a regular picnic going on at Strathern & Co.'s, 178 Yonge-street. All the stock of fancy goods, games, toys, etc., are being cleared out at extraordinary low prices. Mr. Strathern wishes to thank his numerous customers for their patronage during the past year, and intends giving them in the future solid values for their money as in the past. Some immense bargains in beautiful fancy goods, etc., etc. 2

A FRONT-STREET CRASH.

W. J. McMASTER & CO., DRY GOODS STAPLES, SUSPEND PAYMENT.

The Liabilities Said to be $350,000—The Assets Unknown at Present—The Estate of Mann & Co. Won't Pay Over 7 Cents in the Dollar.

For some time past the name of W. J. McMaster & Co., wholesale dealers in dry goods staples, at No. 41 Front-street west, has been freely used on the streets and in commercial circles. Yesterday these rumors culminated by the firm suspending payment. This circular was sent to the creditors:

"It is with deep regret we announce that we are obliged to suspend payment. The state of trade and disappointment with regard to financial arrangements are the causes. A statement of affairs will be prepared and furnished with the least possible delay, and in the meantime no business will be transacted or assets dealt with."

The firm is composed of W. J. McMaster of this city and James McMaster of London, Eng. The London McMaster is a brother of Capt. Wm. McMaster of Toronto, both of them being nephews of the late Senator McMaster. W. J. McMaster is a nephew of Captain and James McMaster. The firm has been doing business in the city for ten years, having removed here from Montreal. Then it was known as McMaster, McClung & Co. Five years ago Mr. McClung drew out and joined the wholesale millinery firm of James Brayley & Co., and that house has also passed away. Until recently W. J. McMaster & Co. were rated very high, owing, it is said, to the English connection through James McMaster. Lately, however, they have been getting into deep water, which culminated in the suspending of payment.

The World was informed on worthy authority that the liabilities are in the neighborhood of $350,000. Of this amount $200,000 is owing by the banks, who hold the firm's paper, and $165,000 is owing the trade, a large proportion of it in England. The stock at the warehouse is said to be valued at about $65,000. "Just what the other assets are is not ascertainable at present. This will only be known when the statement is completed.

The immediate cause of the failure is understood to be bad collections and the refusal of further accommodation at the banks. The Bank of Montreal is the principal monetary institution interested.

SEVEN CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

Is What the Estate of George Mann & Co. Will Probably Pay.

A meeting of the creditors of the estate of George Mann & Co., the Li-quor tea sellers, was held yesterday in the office of Sherman E. Townsend and Henry Stephens, assignees, 14 Melinda-street. A statement of affairs which was presented shows the estate to be in a bad shape and it is expected that it will not pay more than 7 cents on the $. This is the statement:

ASSETS.

Sundry debtors		$ 2,183 55
Real estate		67,700 00
Goods hypothecated		4,094 08
Goods per inventory	$ 7,522 33	
Coffee and tea mills	419 50	
Tools	17 00	
Empty cans	104 24	
Sewing machines	175 00	
Horses, carts, etc.	675 00	9,094 06
Office furniture	225 50	
Petty accounts		188 88
10 shares Electric stock	10 00	
shares	20 06	
Cash		30 06
		$83,786 55

LIABILITIES.

DIRECT.		
Central Bank	$ 5,333 20	
	7,080 00	$12,413 20
Sundry creditors		17,792 88
Accommodation notes		81,522 50
Real estate mortgaged due		19,674 00
H. Block, money borrowed		1,575 00
Laurie & McKenzie, note		1,000 00
Sundries—Account—rent, taxes, wages, interest on mortgages	500 00	
Sundry small claims	250 00	85,027
INDIRECT.		
Commerce, Bank, customers paper discounted	$20,000 00	
Probable rank-ing	15,000 00	
		$100,023 88

Mr. Mann and James Harris, the absconding Queen-street grocer, had been accommodating each other, and the Harris estate is down for $10,713.02 of such paper given to Mann & Co.

The meeting appointed Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. P. C. Larkin, the agent for Tiffin Bros., Montreal, and F. Kiernan of Kiernan & Co., Toronto, as trustees to manage the estate.

A BETRAYED GIRL'S SAD DEATH.

Leaving Her Port Hope Home in Disgrace to Pass Away in a Toronto Brothel.

About six months ago a pretty girl, under 20 years of age, named Jemima Gillespie, left her mother's home at Port Hope to conceal the disgrace that would follow her betrayal by a young man who was alleged to be her lover, but who was unknown to her family. The young people kept company secretly, and the mother did not realize the danger her daughter was running until she disappeared from home and all trace of her was lost.

Since then it was learned that she came to Toronto and worked for some time in a factory. About two weeks ago her trouble was approaching a climax and concealment was no longer possible. The unfortunate girl, at this stage of her troubles, met her sister Mary, who is described as lacking in morality. Mary said she would take care of Jemima, and took her to a house of alleged bad repute kept by a Mrs. Taylor at No. 21 Chestn