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"HOT AND HOSTILE."

Lively Reports of the O'Brien-Parnell Meeting.

Historian William Kinglake on His Deathbed.

A Great Storm Visits Trieste and Its Vicinity—General Booth Distributing Food to the Poor of London.

Historian Kinglake Dying.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—William Kinglake, the historian of the Crimean war, is dying. He is 79 years old.

Egyptian Cotton.

CAIRO, Dec. 31.—The receipts of Egyptian cotton to date amount to 2,700,000 cantars, against 2,200,000 cantars at the corresponding date last year.

Sympathy, but No Money.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Queen has sent her approval, but not a check, to the Church Army labor home scheme, which is the rival of Gen. Booth's Salvation Army plan for the redemption of "Darkest England."

Mrs. O'Shea Snubbed.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A report from Paris says that Mrs. O'Shea sought an interview with Mr. O'Brien, but succeeded only in seeing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Raffalovitch, who treated her with frigid ceremoniousness.

Divorced.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The long-talked of divorce has, it is announced, been granted to Mme. Eyraud, wife of Michael Eyraud, the convicted murderer of Gouffe, now under sentence of death in the prison of La Roquette.

Koch's Remedy in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—Two patients who were being treated by the Koch system, died in the St. Petersburg Hospital Monday after receiving the third injection. The first two injections were one milligramme doses. Both patients suffered intensely before death.

The Grand Old Man.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—The Freeman's Journal, referring to the birthday celebration of the Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, says that it cordially joins with his English well-wishers in hoping to see Mr. Gladstone spared to see Great Britain and Ireland reconciled and peaceful.

Women Who Gamble.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The prevalence of petty gambling among women is a matter of concern to the authorities of the larger towns and manufacturing towns of England. Women's clubs are formed, each person paying a shilling a week and the members throwing dice for the amount.

Talking of a Settlement.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—The Freeman's Journal says that the outlook for a settlement of matters in dispute among the Irish leaders is hopeful. There was a long conference between the leaders yesterday at Boulogne-sur-Mer. The reports that Parnell went to Paris, thereby inferring that he met O'Shea, are untrue.

Great Storm at Trieste.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A terrific storm has raged at Trieste and vicinity. Numerous chimneys and roofs have been blown down by the wind, and many accidents to passers-by have resulted. Carriage traffic is impossible and wayfarers are compelled to cling to ropes to make their way along the streets. It is feared many vessels have been wrecked in the gulf.

O'Brien Going to Surrender Himself.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—The Express states that Wm. O'Brien intends to surrender himself to the police early in January in order to serve the two terms of six months imprisonment to which he was sentenced Nov. 19. No announcement has yet been made as to when and where the next conference between Parnell and O'Brien will take place.

A Tall Story.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Berlin letter says that the Emperor is following the example of Frederick the Great in enlisting the tallest men that can be found for his guards. The latest acquisition is a young Rhinelander whose height is 7 feet 7 inches. He is the tallest man in the Guards since 1850.

Lady Deros Is Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The death is announced to-day of Lady Deros at a very advanced age. She had long been in retirement. In her youth she was accounted one of the most accomplished belles of fashion. She was among the throng that attended and danced at the famous historical ball at Brussels on the eve of the battle of Waterloo.

New Guns for the Papal Guards.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The little military force attached to the Vatican is to be reorganized at the beginning of the new year, to bring its efficiency up to a standard more in accord with that of the Pope's fellow-sovereigns' armies. The principal innovation will consist in the adoption of repeating rifles of the latest approved type.

The Tombs of Six Popes Discovered.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The president of the Pontifical Academy of Archaeology, at a meeting of that institution to-day announced the discovery of a basilica in the Church of St. Sylvester containing the tombs of six popes, including that of Sylvester I., who occupied the papal chair from the year 314 to the year 326, who was succeeded by Pope Marcus.

Blaze at a Banquet.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—While a large number of guests were being entertained at Hatfield, in Ledbury, a fire broke out in the building, causing a panic among the guests. By great exertions on the part of the servants and citizens, the castle, one of the most ancient and interesting in England, was saved from total destruction. A number of rare books and tapestries of priceless value were ruined.

A Salvation Army Relief Scheme.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, writes to the London papers that pending the prevailing bad weather which is causing the deepest distress among the poor of the Empire, he proposes to distribute food gratuitously half the usual price, according to circumstances, through the Salvation Army depots, and has already distributed 1,000 tickets for that purpose.

The Argentine Troubles.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Notwithstanding the official assertion that the revolutionary conspiracy against the Argentine Government was not important, private dispatches received in London represent the situation as very grave. The floating population of Buenos Ayres can find no employment, owing to the industrial and commercial stringency, and a revolution, or attempt at one, might result in widespread disaster.

Sleighing to Order.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The German Emperor enjoyed a sleigh ride yesterday in true royal fashion. It is not for ordinary mortals to have their snow laid down for them to order, but this is what was done for William II. He had the road from his castle to the Bradenburg Palace gate thickly covered with the fresh snow which nature had not supplied in sufficient depth, and when the task had been completed, he took a lively spin with the children, all seeming to enjoy themselves immensely.

A Hot and Hostile Discussion.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Siecle claims to know that a hot and hostile discussion took place yesterday at the conference between Parnell and O'Brien at Boulogne-sur-Mer. This discussion, according to the Siecle, lasted until towards midnight and renders a reconciliation between the Irish leaders most improbable.

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, Dec. 31.—Messrs. Parnell, Kenny, Scully and Byrne left this city to-day on their return to London. O'Brien, Gill and the Redmonds go to Paris.

Against the Jews.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A St. Petersburg correspondent states that the new law against the Jews to be promulgated with the opening of the new year forbids selling, leasing or mortgaging the Jew any estate within the empire; all privileges heretofore granted to certain Jewish merchants, as to the ownership of real estate, are canceled; Jewish artisans, who have been permitted to reside outside of the Hebrew pale, will have to return. The misery consequent upon this new decree can hardly be estimated. Christians aiding Jews to evade the regulations are to be punished.

The Skating Disaster.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The skating disaster recently referred to occurred at Warwick-on-Avon. While several thousands skaters were disporting themselves on the river at that place the ice suddenly cracked in the middle of the river. An immense fissure opened, through which 500 of the skaters were plunged into the icy waters. The more fortunate of the skaters lost no time in reaching the banks of the river. When the first shock was over a number of people hurried to the rescue of the drowning skaters and a number of them were pulled out; but many were drowned. The latest reports state that seventeen bodies have been recovered, among them several women.

Gen. Booth Defended.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Archdeacon Farrar, who has been an advocate, or an least a friendly critic, of Gen. Booth's social reform scheme, writes that while he dislikes the Salvation Army methods in many respects, yet he cannot repress his indignation at the unfairness with which Booth's proposals, made with the best intentions to the world, have been received in most quarters—namely: With a hostility and contempt based less on real or fancied defect in the practical possibilities of the scheme than on the hatred of the critics for any idea of reform except that which emanates from an orthodox and conventional source. Edna Lyall, the novelist, also sends a letter of protest accompanied by a contribution of £100 to the Booth fund. Her ire is especially directed against the use of Huxley's attack upon the army.

The White Oak Cheese Company and "The Only Way Out."

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Referring to the general subject of compromising the Irish Nationalist difficulty an anti-Parnell member of Parliament thus expressed himself to-day to a correspondent: "It is utter nonsense to suggest any thing of the kind; we won't have it. Before we are the Kilkenny struggle a compromise was within the range of outside possibilities; but since then the idea has become absurdly impracticable and utterly timpossible. The hour has passed, never to return. The only way out of 'Darkest Ireland' now is the complete and unconditional retirement of Mr. Parnell. We don't object, if it gratifies his vanity, to his calling himself 'leader' of the Irish people and their illustrious chief. For all we care he may call himself Grand Lama of Avondale, but we have completely and everlastingly done with him."

CATTLE TRADE RESTRICTIONS

St. Albans Selected as a Quarantine Station for Canadian Cattle Entering Maine.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Secretary Windom has written a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture in regard to veterinary inspection of cattle and other domestic animals imported into Vermont from Canada, in which he says:

"It appears that in your opinion such inspection is absolutely necessary for the prevention of introduction of contagious diseases among animals in this country and is required by act of August 30, 1890, which prescribes that all animals of the character named therein which may be imported into the United States shall first be carefully inspected by a veterinary inspector of your department, and that to avoid inconvenience and delay to shippers the premises as mentioned by the collector of customs at Burlington, Vermont, can be considered, as affording a reason why the cattle interests of this country should be endangered by the possible introduction of diseases by allowing the indiscriminate importation of such animals from Canada.

"This department has issued an order issued by you on the 26th establishing the port of St. Albans in the district of Vermont as the district where all cattle, sheep, swine, etc., imported into the district of Vermont from Canada must be entered and inspected by a veterinary inspector. This department has been this day addressed a communication of customs at Burlington to the collector such action on your part forming him of that such animals and instructing district can be imported into his district and they must be passed by the veterinary inspector before being allowed to proceed inland.

That Cow Would Not Be Sold.

PUTNAM, Conn., Dec. 31.—Mr. Irving E. May, of North Woodstock, has a young cow that recently showed a remarkable attachment for her home. A few days ago he sold her, together with two other heifers, to a Rhode Island drover, who set out at 9 o'clock in the morning along the country road for his distant home. The animals went along obediently until they were four miles east of Danielsonville and night had set in. Then one of the cows slipped stealthily from the highway into a thick wood, and the driver didn't notice her departure until an hour later. At daybreak next morning the young cow came at a dog-trot into Mr. May's yard, having traveled 21 miles during the night in returning to her home. Mr. May thinks he will keep her now.

MOCK MARRIAGE BINDING.

D. G. Ramsey, an Illinois Editor, Weds for Fun and Finds it Real.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—A mock marriage was celebrated under peculiar circumstances the other day in the law office of E. Barnes at East St. Louis. Attorney Barnes and Dan G. Ramsey had a dispute regarding the legality of a Pennsylvania contract marriage. Ramsey is a Democratic member-elect of the next Illinois Legislature. Finally Ramsey said that he did not believe that a contract marriage, unless a marriage certificate had been used, would be held bindnig. Barnes bantered him to try it and proposed that he marry Miss Bessie Caldwell, the pretty typewriter in the office. Ramsey and the girl both agreed. The contract was drawn up and Mr. Ramsey and Miss Caldwell signed it. Miss Caldwell agreed to consider Ramsey her legal husband and Ramsey to protect Miss Caldwell till death parted them. Justice of the Peace Richard Long attested the document, and Frank Millard, the attorney, signed as a witness. The parties intended it as a joke, but it now seems that under an old Supreme Court decision the couple are legally man and wife.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Six United States Cavalry Men Killed and Many Wounded.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 31.—A Bee correspondent at Pine Ridge telegraphs that Gen. Brooke has just received news from the scene of the fight at the Catholic mission on Clay Creek that six men of the Seventh Cavalry have been killed and many wounded. The first intimation of trouble at the mission was brought late yesterday afternoon by a courier who rushed in with the startling news that the mission building was surrounded by hostiles and had been set on fire. The cavalrymen, who had had scarcely any rest for four days, were instantly in the saddle and with a couple of Hotchkiss guns started on a gallop for the mission. Two Strike, Little Wound, Short Bull and other chiefs ran away from the agency Monday night after hearing of the Wounded Knee fight, taking with them hundreds of warriors. They also compelled the old chief Bad Cloud to accompany them under threat of death. It is these Indians who looted the supply train yesterday morning and in the afternoon raided the Catholic mission.

POLITICAL POINTS.

L'Electeur's correspondent telegraphs that the Government is very anxious to get rid of Sir Hector Langevin and the Hon. Thos. McGreevy in order to avoid the "odium" by the disclosures of the Tarte-McGreevy affair. The dispatch also says that it was rumored in political circles in Ottawa that Sir John was trying to devise some arrangement to replace Lieut.-Gov. Realanger on the judicial bench and appoint Sir Hector Langevin.

Chilly!

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Cold weather is prevailing here. Now the thermometer keeps down between 18 and 22 degrees below zero.

Death-Dealing Wires.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Yesterday Samuel Kerns, a young man, while repairing the roof of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, thoughtlessly grasped an electric light wire. He fell to the roof and died almost instantly.

Regained Her Speech.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Three years ago Miss Mary Morris was on a railroad train when she saw her brother killed. Nervous prostration came upon her, and when she rallied she found she had lost the power of speech. This morning she desired to communicate with a friend, after a fit of violent coughing, and spoke her name, and now has no difficulty in talking.

The Knife.

SHELBURNE, Ont., Dec. 31.—What may prove a serious stabbing affray occurred here in the Salvation Army barracks on Sunday night. It appears that one Stephen Cole in a row drew a knife and stabbed Harry Sanderson in the neck and side. He was promptly arrested, but afterwards withdrew the charge and offered one of not guilty. Cole was committed to Orangeville jail, to await trial at the Spring Assizes.

A Blaze at Ruthven.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 31.—The child's house belonging to the May station agent on Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway at Ruthven was burned to the ground. The lady of the house was burned by natural gas coming from the pipes in the building, and in some manner the pipes became connected and the walls caught fire. The family had a narrow escape, being burned in their beds. The building was burned up.

A house occupied by Mrs. O'Connor at Maidstone Cross was burned to the ground yesterday morning. Nothing was saved.

Garfield-Newell.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Miss Helen Garfield, daughter of President John Garfield, of the Lake Shore Road, and Mr. Harry Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, were married last night at the residence of the bride's parents, in Ontario street, this city. Rev. Dr. Tuckerman, of the Episcopal Church, officiated. About 100 guests were present, including Mrs. Garfield, widow of the dead President. The happy couple left over the Lake Shore road for Mentor, O., where they will spend the honeymoon.

The Failures of a Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The business failures occurring throughout the United States for 1890 as reported by Dun, Wiman & Co.'s agency are 10,907, being 2,225 greater than in 1889, when the number was 10,882. The liabilities, however, show a very large increase over 889, being $189,000,000 against $148,000,000, an increase of $41,000,000. These are the largest liabilities since 1884, when they amounted to $226,000,000.

In Canada the failures for the year are 1,847, against 1,777 the year previous. The liabilities are $18,000,000 in 1890, against $14,000,000 in 1889.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—It is stated the assets of the Bateman firm will be over $1,000,000 and that the liabilities may not be so much.

Teachers' Associations Will Act Independently.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—Members of the Modern Language, Science Teachers' and Classical Associations of the High School Masters' section met last evening in the theater at the Education Department, the occasion being a meeting of the High School Masters, Section of the Ontario Teachers' Association, at which it was understood members of the above association would be present to hear a discussion of a proposition to abandon the section and form a joint organization. No decision reached was arrived at with the greatest harmony of feeling, and gave all but unanimous satisfaction. A number of motions were submitted, and finally after considerable discussion, the following was carried on a vote of 16 to 2: That this meeting requests the Modern Language Association, the Science Teachers' Association, the Classical Association and the various sections of the Ontario Teachers' Association to make arrangements to hold their meetings at a common time and place and also for a common annual session."

SHORT PARAGRAMS IN A NUTSHELL.

There is fine ice yachting on the Hudson.

At Quebec on Tuesday the thermometer fell 30° below zero.

The Presbytery sustained the call to Rev. J. McLaren, of Aylmer.

Rev. Mr. Williams, of Quebec, is confined to his residence with sickness.

Lieut.-Gov. Angers has subscribed $300 to the Champlain monument funds.

At Fort Fairfield, Me., the mercury stood at 35° below zero Tuesday morning.

Mr. James MacLaren, brother of Prof. MacLaren of Knox College, is seriously ill.

H. S. Nelthwood, of Chatham, Ont., has purchased an interest in the St. Boniface Mills (Man.) works.

Mr. James McLaren, the millionaire lumberman, is supposed to be fatally ill at his home in Buckingham, Ont.

The Presbyterian Mission Church on Cannon street, Hamilton, Ont., has determined to call Rev. G. T. Thompson, of Windsor.

Mr. Andrew Moore, aged about 70, one of the oldest farmers in the township of Vaughan, York county, dropped dead Tuesday night.

The Presbyterian Church congregation at Caledonia, Ont., has decided to call Mr. J. G. Shearer, of Caledonia, at a salary of $1,200 a year.

It has been decided that the inquiry into the Canadian export cattle trade will begin at Montreal in the Montreal harbor commissioner's office on Monday, July 5.

Jerry Deros, who in her youth was a noted belle and danseuse, danced at the historical ball at Brussels on the eve of the battle of Waterloo, died in London at a very advanced age.

The Fort Worth (Texas) packing house has shipped six carloads of dressed beef to New York. Cattle men and eastern dealers are interested in the outcome of the experiment.

The Modern Language Association at Toronto elected Hon. Chancellor Boyd honorary president, W. Tytler, Guelph, president, and J. Squaer, Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Addie C. Davis, wife of J. C. Davis, of New York theater manager, has brought suit for divorce. Mrs. Davis names as co-respondent Miss Dore Dunn, who is said to be an actress.

The Colonial Office, London, Eng., has sent the memorandum of Mr. Sandford Fleming, C. M. G., on standard time to all the Colonial Governments, recommending the adoption of the hour zero system of reckoning time.

The Presbytery of Stratford has sustained the call to West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LLB. The Knox Church will be detained vacant until Jan. 18 and the induction of Rev. M. Talling will take place shortly thereafter.

Mrs. Cullan, living on Howard avenue, Windsor, Ont., had a narrow escape from being killed by a Jersey cow. She entered the stable where the brute was, when it fell on her, knocking her down, breaking her jaw and injuring her internally. She is in a very critical condition at present.

Bateman & Co., the well-known bankers at 55 Broadway, New York, have assigned. Bateman & Co. were interested in the Atlantic and Danville Railroad, doing business for English capitalists, who are believed to have been caught in the recent financial troubles and the railroad. It is believed all creditors are secured.

The letter postage to Australia after the New Year will be reduced to 2½d for each half-ounce.

The Dominion Inland Revenue Department is considering the advisability of establishing a standard for milk.

Mr. T. A. Munroe, B.A., principal of Newburgh High School, Ont., has been engaged for Richmond Hill High School at a salary of $1,000.

Mr. Robert Jaffray has a reply in the Ottawa Journal to Mr. Dalton McCarthy's letter, in which he says Mr. McCarthy's cross-examination was a disgrace to him both as a man and a lawyer.

Mr. S. B. Sinclair, B.A., of the Hamilton Model School, has been offered a position in New York city at a salary of $1,800, and will probably accept it.

The special election held in the 21st Senatorial district of Illinois yesterday resulted in the election of Payne (Rep.) by 1,500 majority over Wilson, the Farmers' Alliance candidate.

There were no election lists prepared for the late municipal elections in St. Boniface, Man., and free voting was the result. Many halfbreed women went to the polls and voted for their candidate, securing his election.

Prince Bismarck, it is said, intends shortly to hand over his estates at Varzin, Schonhausen and Schonau to his sons Herbert and William, retaining only for himself the older portion of his property, Friedrichsruhe, including Sacksenweld.

Steamers Arrived.

At.	From
Dec. 30.	
Grasbrook.....Halifax	Antwerp
Toronto.....Liverpool	Halifax
Majestic.....London	New York
Dec. 31.	
Dania.....Southampton	New York
Lahn.....Southampton	New York

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The Dominion Line steamship Ontario, from Portland, Dec. 16, with a shipment of cattle, arrived at Avonmouth dock yesterday.

Free—Strong's Cook Book, containing 1,000 carefully selected practical receipts for bread, biscuit, cakes, puddings, pastry, etc., invaluable to every lady. Secure a copy free by calling at Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street, London. To insure satisfactory results Strong's Baking Powder should always be used, as all baking powders are not of uniform strength and some are not pure. This powder is made fresh daily and sold only at Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street; price, 25 cents per pound. Canadian agency for Halsey Bros.' homœopathic remedies. Marriage licenses issued at above address. 24tf

UNDER THE SEMAPHORE.

Satisfactory Results of Systematic Air-Brake Inspection.

An Eastern Rate War That Looks Threatening.

The railways of the United Kingdom are valued at a little over £850,000,000.

Chauncey M. Depew says the credit for devising the plan of the recent Vanderbilt-Pennsylvania scheme is due to Mr. H. McKay Twombly.

The passenger car repair shops of the Illinois Central Rilway in Chicago, was burned last week, destroying seventeen coaches and scorching as many more.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul now make Omaha its western terminus instead of Council Bluffs, using the Union Pacific bridge to cross the Missouri River.

Up to date eight boards of directors have signed the railway presidents' resolution of Dec. 8. These resolutions are the latest cast iron railway combine to maintain living rates.

The Northwestern Railroader says that the passenger equipment of the Soo line and the Canadian Pacific is to be equipped with the Commingler system of the Consolidated Car Heating Company.

The Boston and Maine-Fitchburg rate war is beginning to assume large proportions and is liable before long not only extend to first-class business but to involve trunk lines to a serious extent.

The Railway Age, now published in Chicago, contemplates increasing its New York office, which is to be under the immediate control of the president and general manager. It is only a question of time till its office of publication will be removed to New York also.

The late decision of the Supreme Court of Michigan, declares valid the Michigan law, making maximum passenger rates 2 cents, 2½ cents and 3 cents per mile, according to earnings. This opinion was rendered on appeal of the Grand Trunk, which under the law is not allowed to charge more than 2 cents.

Mr. George H. Valliant, who was recently elected second vice-president of the New York, Lake Erie and Western, will have charge of the traffic department. He received his schooling and railway education in Cleveland, O., the latter in the Lake Shore offices. He started from the bottom of the ladder, and has step by step reached the eminence he has now attained.

On account of the increasing frequency of accidents on railways being attributed to failure of air-brakes, the Westinghouse Air-Brake Company has organized a regular system of investigation. So far, in every instance they have investigated, the charge against the air-brake has been disproved. The air-brake never fails on its own account when the instructions for its care and operation are obeyed. Boys, you will be more careful hereafter when testing into trouble and don't lay the blame to the air-brake, or you will have the company gator after you sure.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Company announces that it has perfected an emergency brake equipment on freight cars, which will stop and that every wheel on the train shall be braked except the engine truck wheels; also that the driving-wheel brakes shall be worked by the same valves and handles and simultaneously with the other brakes on the train. There are several cases, where, if the train had been properly equipped, fearful sacrifice of lives and money would undoubtedly have been prevented.

The Cape Breton Railway will be opened Monday.

Mr. John Porteous is named as the probable successor of Mr. Seargeant, promoted to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Sir Joseph Hickson. Mr. Porteous is now with the Central Vermont, but he was an old employe of the Grand Trunk.

The preliminary statement of the Union Pacific, covering 7,534 out of the total of 8,028 miles, for the month of November is an unfavorable exhibit, showing a decrease of $164,240, or 12½ per ct. in net earnings, the increase of $270,000, or 7 per cent. in gross earnings having been offset by an increase of $434,854, or over 8 per cent., in operating expenses. For the eleven months ending Nov. 29 gross earnings increased $3,756,116, or 10 4-10 per cent., but operating expenses increased $4,703,052, or nearly 21½ per cent., so that net earnings decreased $947,836, or 6¾ per cent.

The following circular has been issued over the signature of Mr. W. C. Van Horne: "That portion of the Ontario and Atlantic division west of and including Megantic will from this date be known as the Ontario and Quebec division. The section between Megantic and Vanceboro will be attached to the New Brunswick division, and the united lines of the company east of Megantic will be known as the Atlantic division. Mr. Thomas Tait will be general superintendent of the Ontario and Quebec division, with office at Toronto. Mr. H. P. Timmerman will be general superintendent of the Atlantic division, with office at St. John, N. B."

The Wilkesbarre Explosion—Four Bodies Found.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 31.—The bodies of four miners killed by the recent accident in shaft three have been found. There is no trace of the others, but they are thought to be near by.

Proposal to Buy Alaska.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—A novel remedy for the Behring sea difficulties is proposed by the Government press here. It is the purchase of Alaska by the Dominion Government. The papers proposing this policy point out that even though a large price were paid for the territory it is worth more to Canada than it is to any power because of its contiguity to her territory.

Nominations.

Fletcher—The nominations yesterday were the quietest known for years in Tilbury East, and are as follows: Reeve, Wm. Hickey, Geo. Hope; deputy, H. Sales. H. Powel; councilors, M. Gleeson, A. Gracy, W. F. Robertson, J. W. Campbell, Harry Wilson, P. W. Richards, David Simpson, Isaac Ainslie.

Carrick Township—Reeve, John Henderson and Aaron Moyer; first deputy reeve, Geo. Lobsinger and B. Walters; second deputy, A. Moyer, S. B. McKelvie, James Scott; councilmen, John Fisher, C. Rich, Robert Woods, James Darling and C. Lidemer.

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THE WORKING WORLD.

Probable Discharge of 10,000 Men Employed by Harvester Companies.

GLASGOW, Dec. 31.—The general managers of the Scotch railways have announced that the strikers have to all intents and purposes been defeated. The Caledonian Railway has already reinstated a large number of the strikers, who have gone back to work on the company's terms. Trains are now running regularly.

The first official act of the American Harvester Company, of Illinois, a combine of the eighteen harvester companies of the United States, will be the discharge of about 10,000 employes, whose services are now rendered unnecessary. Ten million dollars per annum is expected to be saved in wages alone through this consolidation.

The anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Labor in Montreal will be celebrated on Jan. 12. T. V. Powderly, general master workman, will deliver an address on the occasion.

The Order of Railway Conductors is in a flourishing condition. It embraces the railway conductors of the entire continent, a membership of 20,000 to 25,000. In the Toronto branch alone there is a membership of upwards of 200.

The furnace-owners of the Mahoning and Shenang Valleys, Ohio, have decided to shut down 23 blast furnaces unless the railroads not resume operations until the furnace- and the coke men come now from 8,000 owners' terms. This week. They want to 10,000 men out reduced. freight and coke prices. Esq., manufacturers in worst largely with the beginning of their employ. Business at Bradford, Penn., without signs of improvement is in bad the near future.

BUILDINGS BURNED.

Sixty-Five-Thousand-Dollar Blaze at Pugwash.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31.—A fire is reported from Pugwash, N. S., which has wiped out the greater part of the business portion of the town in ruins. Thirteen buildings are reported to be destroyed and the loss, it is estimated, will amount to $75,000.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—L. & A. wholesale dealers in whisky, and Bell's carpets and groceries, $50,000. burned out yesterday.

TORONTO.

TORONTO, Wednesday, Dec. 31.

James McFarlane alias McKae, was convicted of incest this morning and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in Kingston Penitentiary, and to receive 40 lashes, 20 at the end of the first month and 20 more at the end of the third month. McFarlane pleaded guilty to feloniously attacking the woman by breaking her arm with a cordwood stick and smashing a chair over her head.

Jas. Robb was acquitted of the charge of living in adultery with Ellen Price.

The Call Board was held for the last time in the old Board of Trade building this morning, and the members were entertained at luncheon.

Nominations for separate school trustees were held this morning. Most of the old members were re-elected by acclamation.

Died at the Age of 108.

LIMA, O., Dec. 31.—Daniel Curran, aged 108 years, died at midnight at his home in North Jackson street. He was in full possession of his faculties till the last. He leaves a brother in Bellefontaine, who is 100 years old. He was born in Ireland, but had lived in this country 75 years.

They Loved at Sight.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Dr. R. G. Hamilton, of Keokuk, Iowa, a few months ago advertised for a correspondent. Miss Josie Sullivan, of this place, answered it. They exchanged letters and pictures and finally struck up a match. He sent her $100 and requested that she meet him at Keokuk, where they were to get married. She declined to go and the match was about to be broken, when, to her surprise, Christmas night he came to her house and made himself known. They loved at sight and in 30 minutes they were united in marriage, and soon after were aboard the train for Iowa. Miss Sullivan is a fascinating lady, and figured a few months ago in a suit for breach of promise against a prominent physician of this county.

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