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IRISH PROTESTANT DINNER.

SPEECHES BY D'ALTON M'CARTHY AND N. F. DAVIN.

Fresh From the Cross Benches, the Member For North Simcoe Addresses a Toronto Audience—Judge Kingsmill, F. C. Denison, Rev. Dr. Briggs, Rev. Dr. Potts and Others Also Speak.

St. Patrick was a Protestant. So said Mr Henry O'Hara in proposing the toast of "The Day and All Who Honor It" at the ninth annual banquet of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Union last night.

There were none present to disclaim him as their patron saint, and it goes on record that since the time he had done converting Ireland and driving out its snakes and toads, he has, as a genial disembodied spirit, been occupied in forming benevolent societies through the length and breadth of the universe.

It was a rare galaxy of wit and talent that gathered about President W. J. McMaster at Caterer Webb's festive board last night. One hundred and fifty Irish Protestants ate, drank and made merry with speeches, song and Marciano's music.

The vice chairs were occupied by Messrs. R. H. Bowes, T. A. Lytle, R. C. Hamilton, James Hunter, Frank Somers and S. B. Windrum, and among the guests with seats of honor at the various tables were Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P.; D'Alton McCarthy, M.P.; E. F. Clarke, M.L.A.; Police Magistrate Denison, Ald. Small, Principal Dickson, Judge Kingsmill, C. W. Bunting, Dr. Thorburn, Dr. Fyne, D. T. Symonds, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Briggs, Rev. William Patterson, William Simpson, Stair Dick-Lawder, and others, legal, medical, ministerial and commercial too numerous to mention.

A Unique Menu.

The bill of fare had quite a national air with Wexford croquettes, Ballinasloe beef, Monaghan turkey, Donegal mutton, Shannon salmon, Irish potatoes, College Green pudding, Enniskillen lemon pie, sowans and other suppositious Irish dainties. But it was the feast of reason which followed the coffee and cigars that was the feature of the evening. After Secretary Moon, in a rich County Monaghan accent, had read letters of regret from Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick and several of the Ontario Cabinet, the speeches began. They were political in character, and, in their hostility to the Home Rule measure proposed by Gladstone, the direct antithesis of the utterances at the Irish National League banquet the night previous.

Judge Kingsmill Waxes Eloquent.

"The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Royal Family," "The Governor-General and Lieut.-Governor of Ontario," were drunk in brimming bumpers and with appropriate honors. Then came the "Army, Navy and Volunteers," proposed by Judge Kingsmill. He was, he said, the son of a British soldier and was proud of what the Army and Navy had done for Britain in every quarter of the globe. In that Army and Navy there had always been a fair proportion of Irishmen. "Charge your glasses," said the judge "and drink to the bottom."

Col. Denison responded in a warlike speech that upheld the ancient martial fire of the Denison family. He compared the prowess of the British Army to that of the Macedonian phalanx, the Roman legion and the Spanish Invincibles. The Navy had never shrunk from battle shock or cannon's roar. For 100 years back no battle had been fought nor fierce field won in which Irish men had not struggled side by side with Englishmen. Turning to the Canadian volunteers the Colonel traced their patriotic career from the war of 1775 to the conflict of 1813, and reminded his hearers that to the French as well as English was honor due. At the Battle of Chateauguay that brave old warrior Bishop Macdonald had led one flank, promising absolution to all who fought for Canada and threatening excommunication if they did not win. "Let us remember that we are a united country and stand true to that union and allegiance to the Motherland."

St. Patrick's Protestant.

Henry O'Hara, in proposing "The day and all who honor it," gave an account of St. Patrick's career, claimed him as a Protestant, and deprecated the efforts of those of another faith who would monopolize so good a man.

Rev. Dr. Briggs, in response, made a speech scintillating with witty sayings and sparkling quotations. A good dinner, he thought, lubricated business. The influence of St. Patrick was no flash in the pan, but burned more or less brightly still. Goldwin Smith had pointed out the importance of Ireland in the seventh, eighth and ninth centuries, but Ireland was doing something better now in keeping the British Cabinet awake. The lesson to be drawn from the legend of St. Patrick and the Snakes was that we should banish all serpentine counsels and designs from our midst.

A Poet's Speech.

Rev. Dr. Potts briefly proposed "The Land We Left and the Land We Live In," coupling with it the name of Nicholas Flood Davin, of whom he gave a glowing eulogy. And then that prairie poet, philosopher and parliamentarian felt for his front hair, which was not there, and spoke to this effect: Sitting on Cave Hill and looking toward Belfast he had thought that a greater poem might be written on Ireland and her achievements than that penned by Oliver Goldsmith from his seat on the Swiss mountain. From the small population of Irish Protestants in the Old Land had gone forth to all parts of the world a body of men that had won lasting fame as governors, statesmen, warriors, litterateurs, poets and philosophers.

On a day like this it was fitting to travel over what this extraordinary race had done. Among governors, the Marquis of Dufferin was a great man who had done good service for England in Canada, Russia, India and Turkey. At another time when England was threatened with the loss of her Indian dependencies, John and Henry Lawrence had saved that vast domain to the Empire. The Ulster men in India had not rested until the Star of India blazed upon their breast.

Among warriors it would require an eloquent tongue to tell of those nameless heroes who had died in the shock of battle. Wellington, an Irishman, had beaten time and again that modern Alexander, and in the supreme battle of Waterloo, when England's destiny was at stake, had caused Napoleon to bite the dust. And who would lead Englishmen under similar circumstances, who but Wolseley? The names of the heroes of the Soudan told that they were Irish. In Egypt Admiral Seymour had commanded the navy in the recent conflict. Among statesmen Burke was pre-eminent. From his quarry all succeeding statesmen had taken stones to build their speeches.

Palmerston had an Irish mother and in appearance, oratory and graceful badinage was native of the soil. In Canada Baldwin had won for us responsible government, Hincks was our greatest financier and Sullivan our greatest orator.

Six of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irishmen. Six of the Presidents of the United States were descendants of the Emerald Isle, including Ulysses S. Grant, greatest of American warriors and statesmen. Among his Catholic fellow-countrymen there was too much of the alcohol of rhetoric. He had upbraided them for that at a great meeting in Montreal, despite a warning from his friend, Sir John Macdonald, that he was about to speak to the murderers of D'Arcy McGee. He had shown them what Ireland had done in the building of that grandiose structure, the British Empire, and had won his audience.

In Literature.

In literature the founder of the character novel was Lawrence Sterne, so much admired by Thackeray and Carlyle. Steele had founded The Spectator and had discovered Addison. As a refutation of those cynics who dubbed the Irish brilliant and witty but not profound, forgetting that brilliancy often conceals profundity, as the glimmer of the sun upon the sea tells not how deep it is, he would point to the educator and philosopher Berkeley, who wrote the "Theory of Vision." Also the first great heretic had been Scotus Erigena, an Irishman.

Mr. Davin concluded a twenty minutes' address with a brilliant peroration on the beauties, resources and wealth of Canada. "I hope some day to see a great northern empire, a great Canadian nationality, that in literature, art and all fields of endeavor will do such things as may enable her to stand up the peer of the great nations of the past, but with material, wealth and resources with which they could not compare."

"For they are quarreling fellows," sang an old gentleman near by when Vice-President Hamilton proposed "The Dominion Parliament and the Ontario Legislature."

McCarthy's Speech.

This called forth the political deliverances of the evening. D'Alton McCarthy, who had come in at the end of the feast, as he said, responded for the Dominion Parliament. Mr. McCarthy's texts were his own present political attitude, the Manitoba school question and the Home Rule measure for Ireland.

On the first, Mr. McCarthy claimed that he was the only impartial man in the House, and for that reason he was sitting on the cross benches with few friends on either side. His party had only lately discovered what an evil character he was. The House of Commons was a Conservative body which nothing less than a revolution or an explosion could move.

People must not be disappointed if members did little on the questions that were agitating their constituents. As Irish Protestants we should regard the views of the minority as entitled to every fair consideration at the hands of Parliament. But the majority also had rights. Throughout all Canadian history the minority had dictated the policy that had tended toward disunion and disintegration of the Dominion. Alluding particularly to the Manitoba school question Mr. McCarthy said that it was the views of Quebec and not the minority of Manitoba that were being consulted in the matter.

The School Question.

As far as he could learn the feelings of the Catholic minority in Manitoba would not be outraged if there was not a dual and a separate system. He had thought that Parliament could not fail to be a unit on that question, but he was mistaken. It was unnecessary to force upon their young constitution a dual system; nor had any man explained to him why so sparsely populated a district should have a separate school system. With reference to Home Rule across the seas, a feeling had been stirred up among the Protestants of Ulster that threatened the disruption of the Empire. Gladstone's measure was iniquitous to the Protestant minority, who wanted no Home Rule under the thumb of a priesthood, and such as Mr. Gladstone was endeavoring to impose upon them.

"Let us give Ulster a free field, and in the meantime see that our legislative bodies do not petition and resolve to the contrary."

E. F. Clarke, M.L.A., spoke for the Ontario Legislature and corroborated Mr. McCarthy's sentiments. There had been too much truckling to the majority in Ireland.

Gladstone's Home Rule Bill was a weakening of the union, and would be disastrous to the peace and prosperity of Ireland. The Legislature of Ontario should not countenance by their support any Home Rule measure that had not the assent of a reasonable number of the northern Irish Protestants.

"The time has come when we should give no uncertain sound in favor of our kith and kin across the sea, where there has already been too much pandering for political exigencies."

The big guns of the dinner having boomed, the diners filed out before the lesser toasts were disposed of, satisfied that the ninth annual banquet had been the best in the history of the society.

ANCIENT ORDER HIBERNIANS.

Successful Concert in the Auditorium—An Address by Mr. C. R. Devlin, M.P.

The Auditorium has not contained a larger or more enthusiastic audience than gathered there last night.

It was the occasion of a concert directed by Mrs. L. E. Costello, under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

C. R. Devlin, M.P. of the County of Ottawa, was the attraction of the evening, though the entire program was one of unusual excellence.

The chair was taken by P. W. Falvey and the following were among those invited upon the platform: John McGarry, M. J. Ryan, John Kane, John Falvey, J. Rutledge, H. McCaffrey, J. Conlin, Rev. Father Hand, Patrick Boyle, J. Rutledge, J. Whalen, J. McGarry.

Mr. Devlin, on being introduced to the audience, said that it gave him additional pleasure to speak in Toronto because it was the home of the most distinguished Canadian living—the Hon. Edward Blake. [Cheers.]

While describing the circumstances under which Mr. Gladstone was induced to champion the cause of Ireland, Mr. Devlin was constantly interrupted by prolonged cheering, and the applause was deafening when he stated "that at last the prayer of Ireland had been heard, heard at the throne, reached the King of Kings, the Arbiter of Nations."

The passage of Mr. Gladstone's bill, he said, was what Ireland wished. She expected nothing more, but would accept nothing less.

In dwelling on the cry of loyalty which had been raised in connection with the Irish question he stated that many loyalists had openly averred that sooner than see Ireland obtain Home Rule they would take up arms. These self-styled loyalists, he thought, did not understand the definition of the word "loyal" when they declared their intention of taking arms against the Queen in her old age.

Regarding the objections raised by Protestant sections of the community, he explained that before the bill became a law it would have to pass a Protestant House of Commons, a Protestant House of Lords and be signed by the Queen, Defender of the Protestant Faith, and therefore there was not a doubt out that the rights of the minority will be well looked after.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded the speaker when he had resumed his seat.

The musical part of the program was opened by Miss A. Foley, who gave a charming interpretation of "Though Dark Are Our Sorrows." Miss Foley had to respond to an encore and was the recipient of a handsome bouquet of flowers. Mr. Fred Warrington's "Minstrel Boy" was well received, as was Miss Belle Rose Emslie's "The Name of Patrick."

"The Irish Exile's Lament," a vocal solo, contributed by Miss Kate Strong, was greatly appreciated, and J. H. Cameron's rendition of "The Ship That Carried Me Over" evoked much hilarity. "The Dear Little Shamrock" and "The Wearing of the Green" were charmingly sung by Miss T. Flanagan, who received a handsome basket of flowers. Miss Breen's harp solo gave evidence of high cultivation and was well received.

Not the least entertaining part of the program were two tableaux in which a number of young ladies took part, representing "Ireland in Chains" and "Ireland Free."

The Celtic League Concert.

St. Andrew's Hall was crowded last night at the concert and lecture given by the Catholic Celtic League and Emerald Beneficial Association No. 7.

Dr. T. F. McMahon occupied the chair. A very good program was rendered, in which these artists took part: Mrs. H. M. Blight, Misses Lily Evans, Ella Paterson, and Mr. H. M. Blight. Between the first and second parts of the program Mr. T. W. Anglin delivered a lecture on Home Rule and called on Irish-Canadians to help along the cause by every means in their power, especially financially.

You are invited to the meeting of the Chartered Stenographers to-night, Normal school Hall.

HE DID NOT SPARE THE TREE.

AND IN ITS FALL IT SPARED NOT THE WOODMAN.

John Dodds, a Farmer Near Jerseyville, Killed By a Flying Branch From A Falling Tree—His Head Was Horribly Mangled—He Was Not Found for Several Hours Afterwards.

DUNDAS, Ont., March 17.—A terrible accident occurred this morning near Jerseyville, through which Mr. John Dodds lost his life. The unfortunate man went out to the woods some time during the early morning to fell some trees, which were to be cut into cordwood during the day by Mr. John Stenabaugh and himself.

The first tree felled lodged on a small one and bent it down almost to the ground. Then, as the large one cleared itself, the other returned to position with lightning speed and a broken limb which was entangled in its branches was driven with terrified force, striking the unfortunate man on the side of the head and crushing the skull and almost cutting off the whole upper portion.

As Mr. Stenabaugh did not start out early, Mr. Dodds laid where he fell for some hours and was found after some searching by Mr. Stenabaugh, unconscious and bleeding. He was conveyed with all possible speed to his home and medical attendance summoned, but nothing could be done to relieve him. Death ended his suffering about 2 o'clock.

Deceased was about 30 years of age. A wife and three small children are left to mourn his death. His father, George Dodds, lives about 2½ miles from Stayner, Ont.

JULES FERRY DEAD.

The Effect of Heart Disease Caused by Being Shot in the Ribs by Aubert in 1887.

PARIS, March 17.—Jules Francois Camile Ferry, the celebrated French statesman, is dead.

M. Ferry's death was caused by heart disease, due to the effects of a bullet striking a rib near the base of the heart at the time he was attacked by Aubert in 1887.

He was seized with spasms early in the morning, and despite every effort made by the physicians who were hastily summoned the convulsions continued to grow in violence until at 6 o'clock in the evening he expired in a terribly severe spasm.

The news of M. Ferry's death astounded the city. No other event since Gambetta's death has made such a deep impression. Only three evenings ago he was at the opera, and yesterday he presided over the Senate. The extra editions got out immediately after the announcement of the death are still selling everywhere in enormous quantities.

Last week M. Ferry resigned the presidency of The Estafette newspaper and the presidency of the National Republican Association that he might devote himself entirely to his duties in the Senate.

The general feeling is that although his election to the presidency of the Senate was contrary to the wishes of M. Carnot and M. Ribot, his death is a serious loss to the Government. In the case of another cabinet crisis he, in his official capacity, would be the first man to whom M. Carnot would have been found to turn for advice. It was with such an event in view that M. Ferry's supporters in the Senate compelled his election in the room of M. Leroyer, who was believed to be quite competent to act as such a part in the next crisis.

With M. Carnot as President, M. Ribot as Premier, M. Casimir-Perier as President of the Chamber of Deputies and M. Ferry as President of the Senate, the Opportunists felt that they had four of their strongest men in positions to meet the perilous consequences of the Panama exposure.

As yet the names of possible successors to the presidency of the Senate have barely been mentioned.

THE MIRACLE OBJECTS.

Melvin Long of Nelson Issues a Writ for $5000 Against the Pink Pillers.

HAMILTON, March 17.—A writ has been issued by S. F. Washington, on behalf of Melvin Long of Nelson, claiming $5000 damages from Fulford & Co. of Brockville, proprietors of the Pink Pill remedy. Long was advertised in all the papers in February as the "Halton Miracle," and there was a column and a half of elaborate details of Mr. Long's sufferings from inflammatory rheumatism and how he was cured by taking Pink Pills.

Mr. Long objects to having himself advertised as a miracle freak and has instructed his solicitor to enter an action for damages. The subject of suing for libel all the papers that published the article is also under consideration.

A RECKLESS DEVIL.

He Blew Himself and Nine Others to Atoms.

BERLIN, March 17.—A miner named Bœhme purposely exploded 10 pounds of dynamite to-day in the iron mine Volkmarskeller in the Herz district. He and six other miners were torn to atoms.

Upon leaving home this morning he gave his wife a letter which he said was not to be opened till noon. The letter said merely that Bœhme would never return.

Bœhme's motive is supposed to have been revenge, as he had had trouble recently with the superintendent of the mine and was constantly quarreling with his fellow-workmen.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

An Impressive Service in the Cathedral—Appropriate Addresses.

Green will be the memory of Ireland's patron saint as long as "Emerald" is the name of thatright little, tight little island. Again March 17 has come and gone and again St. Patrick's adherents in a foreign clime have paid tribute to his memory. There was a large turnout yesterday. The streets along the line of march were lined with spectators, while small boys and pet dogs by the score wore bits of green ribbon. The societies taking part in the procession were the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Celtic League and the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union.

At 9.30 the procession left the market and proceeded to the Cathedral by way of King, Power and Queen-streets. Grand Master John Falvey and his aides, Patrick O'Reilly and Thomas Judge, rode at the head of the procession. Then followed the I.C.B.U. Band, under Bandmaster Kelly.

Branches 1 and 11 of the I.C.B.U. and the Celtic League followed next. The Queen's Own Band headed branch 11. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Hibernians brought up the rear of the procession. No. 1 was headed by the O'Connell Band led by William Richardson. Nos. 3 and 4 marched to the music of their own bands.

The cathedral was crowded and a large number failed to gain admission. His Grace the Archbishop presided and was assisted by Fathers Walsh and Ryan. High mass was sung by Vicar-General McCann. Father Ryan preached from the text: "Behold the great high priest who in his days was pleasing to God." It was a tribute to the memory of St. Patrick.

The procession drew up in front of the residence of Mgr. Rooney in Bathurst-street, where Patrick Boyle and Dean Cassidy gave short speeches appropriate to the occasion. Mgr. Rooney was present, but could not address the crowd owing to a severe sore throat. The demonstration closed with cheers for Mgr. Rooney, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Blake.

MR. M'CARTHY'S MOVE.

The Orangemen Gradually Returning to the Conservative Fold—What Will D'Alton Do Next?

The past fortnight has been an anxious one in Conservative circles, both at Ottawa and in Toronto. Mr. McCarthy has fired his shot and the politicians are trying to ascertain its effect and the damage, if any. Concurrently with Mr. McCarthy's move at Ottawa there has been a struggle going on in Orange circles over pretty nearly the same issue. Clarke Wallace, M.P., and Major Sam Hughes, M.P., spent most of the week at the Orange Grand Lodge at Orangeville, where Ald. William Bell and John McMillan and other Equal Righters were endeavoring to secure a resolution condemning Sir John Thompson's succession to the Premiership, or if not that, then one condemning Clarke Wallace, grand master of the order, for taking office under him. The men who opposed Sir John Thompson and disapproved of Clarke Wallace's joining the Government were rallying under the cry of "McCarthy's the man!" At first the fight was a fierce one, but Clarke Wallace has gained the day, at least for the present, and all along the Orange line there is a better feeling and much less inclination to kick over the Conservative traces. "They're all coming into line," is what Major Hughes is said to have reported on his return to Ottawa. But Clarke Wallace will have a busy next six months before he gets the boys in order. In Orange circles the fight has been Wallace against McCarthy.

But in politics it has been McCarthy against Thompson, and Conservative politicians say that the member for North Simcoe has made no serious break in their ranks. His coalition with Tarte over the two-edged motion on the Manitoba school question has injured him with Orangemen, and his defection on the tariff policy of the Government has made Conservatives still more suspicious of him, and driven the Liberals and him closer together. A great deal now depends on Mr. McCarthy's next moves. Apparently he will not attempt much more at Ottawa this session, but if he took to holding meetings in the province and made a series of speeches in Manitoba, as it is said he intends doing, there might be a great deal of blood and tinder in the political air. In the meantime Major Hughes is on D'Alton's track, and there is fire in the eye of the patriot of North Victoria.

BRIGGS AND SMITH DEFEATED.

A Large Majority of Presbyterian Ministers Vote Against the Doctrines of These Two Professors.

CINCINNATI, O., March 17.—The ballot of the Presbyterian ministers on the Briggs and Smith heresy case and on the doctrine of Biblical inerrancy, inaugurated some time ago by The Cincinnati Post, is practically complete. A few scattering votes from far distant regions—India, Asia and Africa—will drop in during the course of the next two months, but these cannot change results.

Blank ballots were sent to every twelfth Presbyterian minister whose name was found upon the church roll in the General Assembly minutes of 1892. Of the 325 ballots received, 229 endorsed the deliverance of the General Assembly at Portland on the inerrancy of the Scriptures.

Professors Briggs and Smith are overwhelmingly defeated by a majority equal to that in the last Presbyterian general assembly at Portland. The Bible is also endorsed as a book practically without error and containing the true messages of God to man. Higher criticism as explained by Prof. Briggs is condemned as destructive and as an aid to infidelity.

Against this vote stand 80 ballots from ministers who do not approve of the deliverance and are mostly on the side of Prof. Briggs and Smith.

A dozen or more of the dissenters declare, however, their faith in the Bible as an inerrant book, but claim that the general assembly at Portland overstepped its rightful powers in enforcing a new dogma on the church.

A PLAGUE IN AFRICA.

Caused by Lengthy Drought and Famine Sickness.

CAIRO, March 18.—Prolonged drought is causing much damage in the north of Africa. There has been no rain in the Vilayet of Barca for five months and Tripoli has suffered almost as badly. Famine sickness is rife and the plague prevails everywhere, due to the poisonous emanations from putrifying carcasses.

One-half of the population of Bengazi, the chief town of Barca, is dead, among the victims being the Governor and the Cadi of the district. Many Europeans. The Italian Consul and all of the rich Europeans have fled to Egypt or Malta.

Political Progress in Norway.

CHRISTIANIA, March 17.—The Storthing has passed by a vote of 64 to 50 a resolution asserting the right of Norway to a separate consular service abroad and complete autonomy at home in all matters not described in the Act of Union of 1814 as pertaining to the union of Norway and Sweden.

Rosebery to Travel.

LONDON, March 18.—The Standard's Rome correspondent says it was reported that the Earl of Rosebery will accompany Queen Victoria on her Italian trip and will meet in Florence the Italian and German Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Wine Price List.

Our new price list, containing quotations for over 250 different grades of wine, etc., has just been issued. We shall be pleased to mail a copy to any address on application. William Mara, wine merchant, 79 Yonge-street, 3rd door north of King-street. Telephone 1708.

Wine vaults under 75, 77 and 79 Yonge-street, and 2, 4 and 6 King-street east. The largest in the Dominion.

Welcome, Oh, Welcome Spring!

Without any robins or primroses or any of the signs the poet had in his mind when he sang "Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil," Old Winter has stepped down from his high perch and left Spring in full possession of our beautiful city. The winter of '93 has been the severest that Toronto has seen since quinn first started what has now become the most famous establishment of its kind in Canada. A glance at the beautiful neckties, which he is now selling at four for one dollar, will proclaim louder than words the secret of quinn's popularity.

On His Own Recognizance.

GODERICH, March 17.—In the case of R. J. K. Gore, who pleaded guilty to a charge of perjury in an affidavit against the character of M. C. Cameron, Gore was let go on his own recognizance in $500 for future good behavior.

Interesting speeches and good music at the Normal School Hall to-night.

Committed as a Lunatic.

Christopher Schell of Richmond Hill was brought to the county jail yesterday as a dangerous lunatic. He has been a source of annoyance to men and a terror to women and children in the village and vicinity for the past few weeks.

Presentation of Stenographers' Diplomas and Certificates at the Normal School Hall to-night.

Grand Valley Votes Local Option.

GRAND VALLEY, Ont., March 17.—The vote on local option was: For the bylaw, 311; against the bylaw, 186; majority for the bylaw, 125.

A TRIO OF UNIQUE SWINDLERS.

They Operated from Chicago and Succeeded in Swindling a Large Number of Toronto Merchants.

A Toronto detective has just returned from Chicago, where he went to locate a trio of clever swindlers, who have obtained considerable money from Toronto merchants in a novel manner.

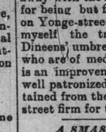
Complaints have been made by local merchants for the last two months of being swindled out of small amounts by what purports to be the World's Fair Pictorial Souvenir Company of Chicago. This company is apparently composed of three men, who are working the scheme in concert. One of the men is in Chicago, one at Windsor or Detroit and the other at Sarnia. Matters have become too warm for the two men in Canada, and they have disappeared. The World's Fair Pictorial Souvenir Company have sent out several hundred letters to Canadian merchants, who were selected from Bradstreet's Commercial Agency's book. The latter stated that, having found the rating of the merchant all right, the World's Fair Pictorial Souvenir Company had shipped a full line of rapidly-selling World's Fair souvenirs on consignment. The merchant was instructed to display the goods, and after they were sold, to remit for them, less the commission. If the goods did not prove good sellers, the merchant could ship them back at the expense of the consignors. After receiving these letters, a postal followed, either from Windsor or Sarnia, printed in the usual form of notification used by the customs inspectors, notifying the merchant of a valuable consignment for him from the World's Fair Pictorial Souvenir Company was detained for customs duties and fees, which amounted to $5, and would be forwarded on receipt of that amount. Many letters found their way to Windsor and Sarnia, containing the necessary $5, and that was the last the merchant ever heard of his money. The customs officials at Windsor discovered the scheme and the swindlers decamped. It appears that the man at the Chicago end would send out 500 or 600 letters to all parts of Ontario and the Province of Quebec, from a list obtained in the commercial directories. He would forward this list to his confederates at Windsor and Sarnia, and they would send out their postals a day later.

THE "CARLSBAD."

Something Readable—Another Fashionable Item for This Season.

Advertising has got to such a pitch nowadays that in reading what are commonly called catch advertisements we very often wish that the writer was within measurable distance of our foot in order to elevate him with future hopes of success in his endeavors to mislead the public.

For the future, therefore, the pronoun "I" will be somewhat extensively used, not for any egotistical object, but merely so that you will know who "I" is, and to facilitate the introduction between the public and Dineen, the people's hatter.



This cut represents an entirely new style of an American soft hat, being of light color, with a brown band, rather a somewhat wider band than usual, although quite in proportion to the crown. It is 5¼ to 5½ inches deep and suits most men.

When you go to Dineens' ask for the "Carlsbad." If you are an editor it at once proclaim, you own the earth; should you be a solicitor it gives you the appearance of nothing less than a Q.C.; or an actor, you appear in nothing less than Shakespeare.

Understand, I do not wish you to run away with the idea that it suits everybody, for being but five feet high myself, people on Yonge-street would think I was saving myself the trouble of carrying one of Dineens' umbrellas, but to most Canadians who are of medium height, it is an improvement with the times, will be well patronized this season, and can be obtained from the corner of King and Yonge-street firm for the low sum of $2.

A SMASH IN THE TUNNEL.

Accident on the Grand Trunk Railway Near Merritton.

MERRITTON, March 17.—Yesterday when a freight was going through the tunnel on the main line of the Grand Trunk near Merritton an axle on one of the cars broke. The car went off the track and several loaded freight cars followed.

The tunnel was blocked by the derailed cars, and the other trains had to be sent around in all directions. The traffic was greatly delayed, and it was a long time before the wreck was cleared in the tunnel.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY'S WORKS,

Including His Poetical and Prose Writings, at John F. McKenna's, 80 Yonge-street, Near Cor. King.

By special arrangement with the publishers in Indianapolis the above well-known bookseller has brought on by express a complete line of Mr. Riley's books.

His appearance in the Pavilion this evening will undoubtedly create an unusual demand for them, and it would be well for those wishing copies to procure them as early as possible.

Two Kinds of M.P.'s—One of Them Has Been Bought.

The fact that a merchant has bought M.P.'s is likely to create considerable excitement in Toronto. The citizens who look for one dollar for seventy-five cents will have their heads turned over the business. But stay, it is not the M.P. (Member of Parliament) but M.P. (Mixed Plums) in footwear, consisting of nearly half a carload purchased by Mr. Howell, 542 to 544 Queen-street west, at Montreal, being a portion of a wholesale bankrupt stock. He will quote prices on their arrival. Expected here on Monday.

It is Money Thrown Away.

Some steam users, believing they are practising economy, cover their steam pipes and boilers with solid plaster coverings of different kinds. In paying for such covering they are throwing money away. The main object, of course, in covering steam pipes is to prevent radiation of heat. For this plaster coverings are almost useless and should therefore be discarded. A material is required which will hold in confinement a large amount of dead air. *Mineral Wool* is superior in this respect to all other fireproof substances known; hence it is the best and most economical material on the market for steampipe covering. Canadian Mineral Wool Co., Ltd., 123 Bay-street, Toronto. 6

Bandages of all description for male and female abdominal supporters in rubber, celluloid, cotton, silk. Suspensories in 60 different patterns. Elastic hosiery in silk or cotton stockings, knee caps, thigh. Fresh goods in monthly. Crutches, 300 pair to select from. Trusses of all description, 95 varieties of spring trusses. All kinds of syringes. Charles Clothe, Surgical Machinist, 134 King-street west, Toronto. 6

"Going Up to Jerusalem," by Hon. Z. T. Sweeney. 61

M.P.'s in Town.

Messrs. Cockburn, Denison, McCarthy and Maclean came up last night. Messrs. Northrup and Carscallen of Hastings are at the Queen's. Mr. Cochrane is also in town.

To aid digestion and impart tone to the system use Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti. See that Tutti Frutti is on every 5 cent package.

Banquet to G. B. Smith, M.L.A.

A complimentary banquet will be tendered G. B. Smith, M.L.A. for East York, in East Toronto village on Wednesday evening next, March 22.

THEY YAWNED THE DAY AWAY

IN DISCUSSING THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Four Judges Appointed—Exports and Imports—Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau Wants Better Health and is Going to Europe for Three Months—Chief Justice Lacoste Will Act in His Place.

OTTAWA, March 17.—This has been to a large extent a wasted day. The House was in supply nearly all the afternoon and evening on the supplementary estimates for the current year, but very little progress has been made, the time being mostly taken up discussing the quarantine items, without anything very new or useful being adduced.

Previous to going into supply Hon. Mr. Mills called attention to the practice of American consuls in collecting fees for certificates on goods exported from Canada to the United States. He thought this was an extra charge put on Canadian goods, as he did not think this charge was made on goods entering the United States from other countries.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that he could not tell whether those fees were established by law or not, but it had been the practice for years for American consuls to collect fees. The consuls were paid by fees, and he believed they collected them in other countries.

The Steamboat Inspection Act passed through committee and was reported.

The act to amend the act relating to holidays passed through committee, was read a third time and passed.

The House then went into Committee of Supply, passed a few minor items and the balance of the time up to 6 o'clock was taken up discussing the quarantine items in supplementary estimates.

After recess the Act to amend the Act incorporating the Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Co. was read a second time.

Private Bills Passed.

A number of private bills were read a third time and passed, amongst them the following:

To further amend the act to enable the city of Winnipeg to utilize the Assiniboine River water-power.

Act respecting the Canadian Power Co., amended by Select Standing Committee on miscellaneous private bills.—Mr. Tisdale.

Act relating to the harbor of Thornbury on Georgian Bay.—Mr. Sproule.

Act for the relief of Martha Ballantyne.—Mr. Sutherland.

Act for the relief of James Balfour.—Mr. Sutherland.

Act for the relief of Edmund Holyoake Heward.

Act to incorporate the Automatic Telephone and Electric Company of Canada.—Mr. Girouard (Jacques Cartier).

Act to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific Railway Company.—Mr. Bergin.

Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.—Mr. Baker.

Act to incorporate the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.—Mr. Devlin.

Act respecting the British America Assurance Company.—Mr. Cockburn.

House again went into supply.

Judges Appointed.

To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain the appointment of W. W. Fitzgerald of London as county judge of Welland; Junior Judge Barrett of Bruce to be county judge of Bruce, and A. B. Klein of Walkerton as junior judge; also of Neil McLeod of Charlottetown as County Court judge of Prince County, P.E.I.

Ex. exports for the month of February were $3,770,822, a decrease of $347,069 on same month last year.

The total value of goods entered for consumption last month was $7,989,834, an increase of $56,589 over February last year. Duty collected, $1,582,239, a decrease of $99,336 from same month last year.

Notice is given of application for incorporation by letters patent of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, headquarters at Waubaushene, Ont., capital $200,000.

Deposits in Government savings banks last month were $222,512, and withdrawals $210,379.

Chapleau Going to Europe.

Lieut.-Governor Chapleau has been granted three months' leave of absence to visit Europe for the benefit of his health. His Honor Chief Justice Lacoste will be administrator of the province during Lieut.-Governor Chapleau's absence.

THE FRENCH TREATY.

In Paris the Greatest Surprise is Felt at Canada's Action.

LONDON, March 17.—Sir John Thompson, the Dominion Premier, arrived in Paris today.

He will at once be notified by the British Government of the strange position in which the Franco-Canadian treaty has been placed by the declaration of Hon. George E. Foster in the Dominion Commons.

The prevalent English view of the matter is reciprocated in France. In Paris the greatest surprise is expressed at Canada's action. The matter is a theme of general comment in French political circles, and comparisons are being instituted between Canada and Newfoundland.

It is a fact to be regretted that owing to the contradictory statements and complications arising over the bait question and the troubles on the Newfoundland French shore, France regards her ancient colony's official assurances as worthless. Owing to the action of the Canadian Government in the matter of the French treaty there is an inclination to place the Dominion in the same category.

Another result to be feared, these Paris advices state, is that the whole thing will throw discredit on the Canadian representations in the Behring Sea arbitration.

In London there is no abatement of the harsh expressions that I cabled on Wednesday. The British officials are much incensed, and the more the matter is talked about the worse this feeling grows.

I may instance the extent of the indignation by saying that one official expressed the opinion that Canada's action was unparalleled.

It must seriously hamper the extension of treaty-making powers to any of the colonies since Canada occupies a first position.

Another official says that Great Britain can't afford to be made a laughing stock of to the world through a colonial minister.

Hon. Z. T. Sweeney at Cecil-street Church Monday night. 61

1892, "The Cream of the Havana Crop."

"La Cadena" and "La Flora" brands of cigars are undoubtedly superior in quality and considerably lower in price than any brand imported. Prejudiced smokers will not admit this to be the case. The connoisseur knows it. S. Davis & Sons, Montreal. 136

Steel Plate Hot Air Furnaces for heat, durability and economy. Wheeler & Bain, King East.

Detective Harrison's Daily Arrest.

George Goodyear of 28 Carlton-street was arrested last night by Detective Harrison, charged with stealing a small quantity of emory paper and leather belting from Paul Frind, 10 Front-street east.

RAINY-DAY COSTUME.

What Many Toronto Ladies Propose to Wear Next Autumn.

During her visit here this week Mrs. Jenness Miller appeared, during her lectures, in the so-called rainy day costume, which is something like the above in appearance. An effort is being made to introduce the dress in Toronto. A class of missionaries has been formed to break the water for the more timid. When a sufficient number of names has been enrolled the brave soldiery will go in training for the campaign.

An outfit will be purchased by each member of the corps, drill and inspection will be held privately till success is assured, and then on some murky afternoon the streets of Toronto will present a sight that will make the first appearance of the Kilties look small and insignificant indeed. The occasion will not be marked by a formal dress parade, but detachments of twos and threes will the brave recruits circulate in Toronto's fashionable streets. To tell the truth there is nothing very alarming about this costume, and no sensible woman need go into hysterics over it. In fact when we think of the modern bathing costume we can characterize the rainy day dress as nothing less than the acme of modesty. Its introduction ought to be a mild affair compared with the crinoline time when first it appeared, or the inflated bustle when it first thrust itself before the gaze of an unoffending public.

KILLED BY A PIANO.

A Carter in Napanee Slipped and a Piano Fell on Him and Crushed His Skull.

NAPANEE, Ont., March 17.—This afternoon while loading a piano on a sleigh at the G.T.R. freight shed John Vanalstine, carter, slipped and the piano fell on him and crushed his skull. He died in a few minutes. He was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and four small children.

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