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THE TROUBLES IN IRELAND.

SECRETARY BALFOUR FETED BY HIS ADMIRERS.

Was Parnell Opposed to the Flight of Dillon and O'Brien?—A Convention of the Tenants' Defence League to be Held at Cork—The Gladstonian New Home Rule Policy.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—A meeting of the Northern Conservative Union was held at Newcastle and attended by 4000 persons. Among those present was Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, who was presented with a number of addresses. He was given an enthusiastic welcome by the meeting. A resolution was adopted by the union welcoming Mr. Balfour and declaring his ability and untiring energy had saved the union between Great Britain and Ireland. The Duke of Northumberland delivered an address in which he praised Balfour's services in the cause of law, justice and order.

This evening Mr. Balfour was entertained at a banquet attended by over 1000 guests and presided over by Lord Londonderry. In a speech Balfour said no agreement existed among the Gladstanians as to what would be the new home rule, but every eulogy they passed on the Parnellites carried with it a pledge of a future policy which it was impossible to redeem except by obstructing civilized society in Ireland. He defended himself from Morley's reproach of not consulting the Parnellites on the subject of remedial legislation on the ground that the bulk of that party were Parnell's nominees for his admirable fighting machine in the House of Commons, but were opposed to any beneficial measure, only desiring that Irish discontent should continue as fuel to their agitation. Balfour said he had listened for a decade to the pointless scurrility which Parnellites had poured on the occupants of the treasury bench. He had never heard anything approaching a suggestion dealing with real difficulties such as the population question in the west of Ireland. So long as that was the governing principle in Irish politics it would be criminal lunacy for English statesmen to make the Parnellites arbiters of English policy toward Ireland. The Parnellites had a positive policy attested by three judges and proved by the events of many years: A feeling of anarchy which would prove disastrous to Ireland. If supposing Mr. Morley should come into office to-morrow he had not the same amount of crime to deal with that the present Government had it would only prove that crime was factious and that the Gladstonians were scene-shifters in this disgraceful Parnellite comedy. On the other hand, if crime was not factious how would Mr. Morley deal with it? So surely as Mr. Morley practices the anarchistic principles of his allies, just so surely would he bring hopeless disaster to Ireland.

A convention of the Tenants' Defence League has been called for Oct. 27 at Cork.

T. D. Sullivan, Timothy Harrington and T. P. O'Connor will join Dillon and O'Brien in Paris. They intend to sail on the 25th inst.

The Paris Boulangist organ La Presse says it has authoritative evidence that Parnell opposed the flight of Dillon and O'Brien.

Edmund Leamy, Nationalist member of Parliament for South Sligo, in a speech at Ballina to-day, admitted that but for recent events the rift within the lute at home might have extended. Dillon and O'Brien, he thought, would have uphill work in raising funds in America.

A Tenant for 90 Years.

TIPPERARY, Oct. 17.—At the conspiracy trials to-day Tenant Quinlan testified that he lived on a farm belonging to Smith Barry which had been occupied by his father and after his death by himself, the total period of their tenancy being 90 years. Neither he nor his father had ever been molested until last December after he had paid his rent, when four shots were fired into the house.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

How Things are Progressing on the Big Provincial Pile.

Work on the new Parliament Buildings has progressed very satisfactorily during the summer months. The fine open weather this fall is favorable to further progress. Last year the men worked until Christmas, and it is hoped they will be enabled to do the same this year.

Yesterday The World paid a visit to Queen's Park and took notes of the present position of this gigantic undertaking. Messrs. Carroll & Vick, the contractors in succession to the late Mr. Lionel York, have 200 men employed in the various departments. There are stone-cutters, carvers, masons, bricklayers, carpenters, iron-workers, blacksmiths and laborers.

The whole of the west wings is practically ready for the roof. There only remain the chimneys and gables to erect. In other ten days the east wings will be in the same forward state. The towers over the assembly hall and the towers and chimneys of the rear are yet to build. These and those of the west wings will be finished early in the spring. The whole of the building is "strapped" ready for lathing, so that when the roof is on lathing and plastering can immediately commence.

With the commencement of the new year it is expected that the Public Works Department will occupy the northeast part of the building designed for its permanent use. By midsummer the greatest part of the roof will be on. The whole building would have been roofed by Christmas had it not been for the delay caused by the difficulty of getting stone from the Credit Valley quarries. Owing to the vast quantity of snow last winter there was a stoppage of quarrying for a long time. It was also found that a larger supply must be had than could be obtained from the late Mr. Yorke's quarry, so adjacent ones at the Forks of the Credit were purchased by the contractors, and from these there has been an abundant supply. Some of the blocks are of enormous size. The World was shown three blocks each weighing 20 tons, and each of which required ten horses to draw it from the railway to the Park. These great blocks are for the transom over the assembly room windows on the south side. These windows, which will be filled in with stained glass, are 35 feet high and 15 ft. 3 in. wide.

The iron work, which has been done by the St. Lawrence Foundry Company of Front-street east, is nearly finished. This work is very substantial.

There is some very elaborate carving in the stone work. At the northeast corner of the west wing is an immense representation of the giants which were in the primitive ages of this world. There are somewhat similar figures on each side of the west gable. Another great piece of carving is a mammoth bird, and there is also the representation of a lion's head, eagle's pinions, serpent and vegetables.

The library is practically completed, so far as masonry and bricklaying is concerned. The same remark applies to the boiler-house at the rear of the building. It is detached from the main structure. The building will be lighted throughout with electricity and will be fireproof. The space of ground covered by the entire buildings is four acres. There is at present an ample supply of stone and bricks, and as long as the men can work good progress will continue to be made. It may be added that foundations for this enormous erection are all 13 feet wide on a deep, solid bed of cement concrete.

Nearly all the men employed are first-class workmen from England and Scotland. Mr. Waite, the architect, is also an Englishman, and he regularly comes over from Buffalo once a fortnight and makes a minute inspection of the progress of the work.

The buildings have now been in course of construction over three years, and it is expected that the Ontario Legislative Assembly will meet in their handsome new house for the session of 1891-'92.

Voice culture—Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum improves the voice, 5 cents.

WOMAN CAUSED HIS FALL.

A Chapter in the Life of Absconder A. M. Macrae.

HAMILTON, Oct. 17.—There is a chapter in the life of A. M. Macrae, the defaulting treasurer of the Security Loan & Trust Company of St. Catharines, which has never yet been published. Early in the spring of 1889 Macrae came to this city in company with a woman whom he introduced as his sister. The woman was tall, dark and good-looking, with a quiet, refined manner that was quite taking. Macrae and the woman, whom he called Mrs. Land, rented a house in Hess-street.

In due course of time Mrs. Land furnished the house and moved in, her household consisting of herself, an elderly woman, presumably her mother, a bright little boy 6 or 7 years old, a servant and a large dog. Mrs. Land lived very quietly, and the neighbors saw but little of her. She had a telephone put in the house and kept a horse and trap at one of the livery stables. Her only amusement seemed to be driving. Macrae came up regularly every week to see her, and they drove out together. Mrs. Land some months ago left this city and took up her residence in Waterdown, where she purchased a house and appeared as Mrs. Macrae.

Macrae visited "Mrs. Macrae," as she was now called, quite frequently and she usually drove to the station to meet him. How Macrae managed to delude his wife in St. Catharines is a mystery, but he evidently did so and, according to accounts, everything went smoothly. Mrs. Macrae of Waterdown told the people to whom she told anything about herself that she was a Southerner, and that her father had been a Confederate general. This is believed to be true. Macrae lavished money upon her. It is said he first met her in Macon, Georgia. She is said to be living in St. Catharines now under another name.

BIRCHALL AND MANN.

A Well-Known Elgin Thief's Record Recalled After 20 Years.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 17.—Birchall continues to receive a very heavy mail. About 40 copies of "The Lord's Dealings with the convict Daniel Mann" (who was hanged in Kingston Penitentiary several years ago) have been sent him with many marked passages. A lady in Parkhill has sent him a book entitled, "A Life in a Look," with the request that Birchall shall write her after he has read it. Other religious matter is received almost every mail, but the prisoner does not take much interest in this kind of literature. He prefers to read English sporting papers.

Daniel Mann, who is referred to above, was a well-known desperado of Malahide, Elgin county, two or three decades since. He was the ringleader of a gang of thieves who stole horses from farmers between Chatham and Simcoe, all through the belt of the southern counties, and ran them over to Detroit and Buffalo, where the gang disposed of them. So frequent and audacious became the depredations that the farmers organized a vigilance committee and after many days' watching surrounded the gang. Mann and his companions opened fire on their pursuers, and it was not until a number of them had been riddled with buckshot that they surrendered. One of the gang was fatally wounded nigh unto death scouted on the remainder of the gang, and those who escaped arrest became fugitives from justice. Mann was among those secured, but he had only been in St. Thomas jail a few weeks when he organized a scheme with another convict to kill Jailer Allen King (now an alderman of St. Thomas). They had by some means obtained possession of an iron bar and had partially effected a road to liberty when their plot was discovered. Mann was subsequently convicted and sentenced to 20 years, imprisonment. After his transference to Kingston Penitentiary he killed one of the guards and with a companion escaped. After a pursuit of three days, during most of which time Mann concealed himself in a small swamp-bog, remaining in the water two days and nights with only his nose, through which he breathed, above the surface of the water, he was recaptured, and in due time was hanged for his crime within the penitentiary walls.

Bury Her as Sune as Ye Can.

STRATFORD, Oct. 17.—For some time past an aged woman, widow of the late Frank Trowell, has been residing in one of the houses known as Myers' row, in Brunswick-street. She was utterly destitute, and latterly was unable to work, suffering with tumor or cancer. She was allowed $1 per week by the council. Yesterday the woman died, and, disgusting to relate, two hours after her breath ceased she was buried. The large-hearted Christian chairman of the Board of Relief was informed of her death, and his instructions were to "Gang to Aid. Hepburn and get a coffin for the auld body, and bury her as sune as ye can, in the potter's field." This was done literally as ordered. A man went to the house and with the assistance of another the body was put in the coffin, no attempt being made to clean or enshroud or even decently cover the remains, beyond a ragged sheet which was on the bed being thrown over them. Not a prayer was said or thought of, but the remains were hustled into a wagon and rattled off to the cemetery.

Found Dying in a Swamp.

FLESHERTON, Oct. 17.—Tuesday afternoon, while Mr. J. H. Campaign was driving along the road leading north from Loucks' mill, his dog began making a fuss. Upon dismounting and entering the slough to find the cause he discovered lying between two cedar trees the emaciated body of a young woman, probably about 25 years of age. After considerable effort he succeeded in arousing her. She was assisted to the buggy and driven to Mr. Loucks' residence. It is supposed that she lay out in the storm all night on Monday, as her clothing was completely saturated. She gave the name as Maria Irwin of Walter's Falls, and explained the cause of her terrible condition by saying that she lost her way, took sick and was unable to go further. She cannot live.

Fraser in Luck.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—John C. Fraser, the traveler who was arrested on Tuesday on a charge of neglecting to support his wife and family in Forest, Ont., pleaded guilty at the police court this morning. Mr. McKillop stated an agreement had been arrived at between husband and wife. He would ask that sentence be suspended on the defendant and his liberty allowed him. The magistrate acted accordingly.

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Threatened to Kill His Family.

PORT PERRY, Oct. 17.—George Sharp, a laboring man who resided here for about a year, became too sick to work some two months ago. His family consists of a wife and seven children, the eldest a girl of 12 years. Sharp became despondent over the fact that his family had not enough to eat, and promised to kill the children. To prevent any mishap to the family or himself the authorities had him removed to Whitby jail.

Crushed by a Thresher.

CANNINGTON, Oct. 17.—Joseph Lillicrop fell in front of a threshing machine he was driving on Tuesday and the wheels passed over his body, fatally injuring him.

How to cure Indigestion—chew Adams Tutti Frutti Gum, 5 cents.

Burglary at Mitchell.

MITCHELL, Oct. 17.—The store of R. W. Keller was broken into Tuesday night and goods to the value of $350 stolen.

Stoves — every description — away below regular prices. Wheeler & Bain, King east.

BUSINESS MEN UP IN ARMS.

REASONS WHY THE PERSONAL TAX SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

A Representative Number of Wholesale Men and Importers Meet the Aldermen and Talk the Matter Over—What the Single Tax Association Say About the Scheme.

The merchants interested in the abolition of the personal tax and the substitution therefor of a business tax, or in other words the dropping of the stocks from the taxable list and putting the levy on the buildings and lands, met the special committee of the council appointed to deal with the subject yesterday. Ald. Hallam presided, assisted by Mayor Clarke, Ald. Boustead, Brandon, Shaw, Lucas. The business men present were: Stapleton Caldecott, J. Sloan, Paul Campbell, Andrew Darling, A. M. Smith, Hugh Blain, J. K. Macdonald. The Single Tax Association were represented by A. F. Jury and William Stewart Lyon. As far as The World could judge the single tax men did most of the talking, the business men contenting themselves by using their ears. Mr. Caldecott, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Smith all spoke denouncing the injustice of the personal tax. Mr. Smith said that the wholesale man was fast sinking to the position of middle men, between the importer and the retailer. The importer now has a small office, calls round with his samples, pays no taxes worth speaking of and the result is the burden falls on the wholesale men. "I tell you, gentlemen," said Mr. Smith, "there is an honorable way of avoiding payment of this tax as it is, and I am going to take advantage of it."

Mr. Blain followed in much the same lines and expressed himself as rather in favor of the single tax idea, but before fully committing himself to it he would want a little more light.

The general line of discussion was first as to the advisability of changing the personal tax and substitution of a business tax. The majority were favorably inclined to this, the wholesalers expressing themselves as willing to accept a tax on the basis of 7½ per cent. on the rental value of their stores as calculated on a 7 per cent. basis of the assessed value.

The single tax men pointed out that this would be hard on the small retailer, who only pays now a very small personalty tax. The meeting adjourned to meet again next Friday.

This important report from Assessment Commissioner Maughan was submitted at the meeting:

Ald. Hallam, Chairman Special Committee re Business Tax:

DEAR SIR,—As instructed by your committee I beg to forward the following return of the assessed value of the land and buildings, which includes the exempt property. The figures are taken from the 1891 rolls:

Ward.	*Land val.*	*Val. Bldgs.*	*Total.*
St. Jean's.....	$ 8,992,648	$8,027,940	$ 6,090,588
" Andrew's....	9,871,826	4,740,071	14,611,897
" David's.....	4,873,553	4,340,126	9,213,679
" George's....	11,153,956	6,026,130	17,180,086
" James.....	9,646,321	7,085,928	16,732,249
" John's.....	6,451,595	4,171,726	10,623,321
" Lawrence's.	7,775,325	4,635,940	12,411,265
" Mark's.....	7,879,513	9,560,479	10,439,992
" Matthew's..	4,268,946	1,454,495	5,743,442
" Patrick's...	10,397,729	8,100,815	18,498,544
" Paul's.....	7,412,678	4,072,140	11,484,818
" Stephen's..	7,375,499	4,178,952	11,554,451
" Thomas'....	4,619,412	4,479,747	9,099,159
	$95,729,362	$57,944,389	$153,673,751
Less exempts.	13,173,160	8,108,208	21,281,368
	$82,556,202	$49,836,181	$132,392,383

Another document furnished by the City Clerk is also of interest, as it bears more particularly on the subject.

Assessed Value of Real Property.	Annual Rental at 7 per ct.	Business Tax on amt. of Rental at 7½ p. c.	Assessed Value of Personal Property.	Taxes on Personal Property at present.
$3,316,462.00	$232,152.34	$17,411.62	$3,018,210.00	$43,761.04
1,276,962.00	89,386.34	7,027.43	315,900.00	4,581.25
1,403,497.00	98,242.69	7,368.04	466,820.00	6,797.80
536,663.00	39,966.41	4,497.48	381,254.00	5,527.68
1,848,540.00	129,430.80	9,706.7	197,910.00	2,871.46
115,128.00	8,058.96	604.41	17,500.00	253.75
2,458,485.00	171,100.95	12,907.56	338,450.00	5,175.00
2,083,861.00	145,850.42	10,940.18	501,750.00	4,875.38
943,913.00	66,073.91	4,955.51	925,100.00	13,413.95
14,420,901.00	1,009,463.07	75,579.90	$5,953,494.00	$88,224.70

The above figures only include the wholesale houses south of and not including King-street, between West Market and York-street; King-street west from Yonge to York; King, south side, Yonge to Berkeley; King, north side, Yonge to Berkeley; Queen, Yonge to Bathurst; Queen, Yonge to Jarvis; Yonge, west side, King to Bloor; Yonge, east side, King to Bloor, manufactories, etc.

A Business Tax Endorsed.

The regular meeting of the Single Tax Association was held last night, S. T. Wood presiding. Some extracts were read from "Social Studies," by Rev. Hector Newton, dealing with the defects of the present land system. A resolution approving of a business tax was unanimously adopted. An address by C. Armstrong on the right of the citizen to the earth brought the meeting to a close.

Could Not Restore Life.

COLUMBIA, S.C., Oct. 17.—Primus Jones, colored, was killed on Sunday morning at Sumter, S.C. The testimony showed that in a perfect frenzy of fanaticism Jones was killed by Rev. A. H. Durant, the negro pastor, and one Richard Campbell, a prominent member of the church, because the deceased had expressed doubts about the supernatural power of Durant to kill and restore to life, and that it was a test case, but the experiment failed. Durant and Campbell were jailed.

All Afflicted With Scurvy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The ships R. R Thomas from New York and Alex. McCullom from Baltimore arrived here yesterday with scurvy on board. The sailors on the McCullom were in a horrible condition, their bodies being covered with running sores. Their gums were black and swollen and hid their teeth. The men said that during the 154 days' passage they had not tasted vegetables and the meat given them was putrid. Thomas Hayes and James Massure became blind, as a result of the disease. The quarantine officer will report the cases to the United States authorities.

Two Brothers Shot.

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Oct. 17.—John Dixon, a prosperous young farmer of Allegheny county, discovered that an intimate relation was existing between his young wife and Marshall Halsey, almost a stranger in the county. Dixon a few days ago told Halsey of his suspicions, and warned him if he did not cease calling at his home while he was away he would kill him. Yesterday Dixon was away from home and on his return he saw his wife leaving the house. She did not see him, but he got his rifle and followed her at a distance. She went into some woods near by, and her husband watched her. Halsey came up and Dixon soon had his suspicions confirmed. Then he crept slowly through the woods until he was near enough to fire, and taking aim he pulled the trigger. The ball took effect in Halsey's temple, and he fell dead by the side of his slayer's unfaithful wife. Dixon then told his wife he intended to kill her also, but her piteous pleadings caused him to desist. He contented himself by pummelling her with his fists, and declared they would separate by Halsey's dead body never to meet again. They parted, each going in a different direction. Late in the evening Charles Halsey, an elder brother of the dead man, hunted Dixon down and found him at the house of a friend. Halsey pulled out a large revolver to shoot Dixon, but others interfered, saying if he wanted to fight he would have to fight fair and give Dixon a chance. Ten paces were stepped off and the two men put in position with their weapons in hand. At the signal both men emptied their revolvers and Halsey was killed. Dixon has not been arrested.

BLOOD ON THE MOON.

Closing Cheers by the Kappele and Bristol Brigades.

	Bristol.	*Kappele.*
President..	Edmund Bristol	George Kappele
First Vice.	T. M. Higgins	N. Simpson.
Sec. Vice...	J. E. O'Connor	J. J. Warren
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	G. A. Harcourt	W. J. Boland
Critic.....	C. D. Scott	R. B. Ryckman

There will be blood on the moon this afternoon and to-night.

The annual elections of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society are to be held.

It is years since so much interest was manifested in the result.

The Boodle is out, too, this time.

Both sides, it is alleged, have raised about $1000 each.

It is not alleged that votes are being bought, but the boys are being induced to vote right in various ways—in some cases oysters and beer play a conspicuous part.

Voters are coming from Hamilton, London, St. Catharines, Brantford, and other points in the province.

The older members of the society are taking as keen an interest in the election as the boys.

The Bristol men are cock-sure of landing their ticket at the top.

So are the Kappele men.

Both sides held meetings last night. The Kappele men foregathered in Harry Webb's. It is said there were over 200 present, including two ex-presidents of the association. Wallace Nesbitt was master of ceremonies. The meeting was quite demonstrative and the speaking was of the rousing kind. So was the music from Clarkson's band.

The final meeting of the Bristol ticket was held at the London and Canadian Chambers. Over 125 members of the bar and students assembled. Stirring and inspiring speeches were delivered by A. B. Aylesworth, Q.C., chairman, and W. H. Blake, Q.C. Swabey, James McLennan, Frank Pedley and several of the candidates. The speakers were frequently interrupted with applause and cheers and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout. Mr. Bristol's speech was received with ringing cheers and the party are confident of victory.

The voting will commence this afternoon at 4 o'clock and the poll will be closed at 10, in Victoria Hall, Queen-street, opposite the Metropolitan Church.

FOUND DEAD ON HIS BENCH.

A Tailor Expires While Engaged at Work at His Trade.

BRANTFORD, Oct. 17.—To-day about 1 o'clock an old resident of West Brantford named William Walkinshaw was found lying dead at his home in Balfour-street. He was a tailor by trade and when found was lying in a cramped position on his work bench. His wife, who is very sickly and feeble, states that yesterday morning she arose and discovered her husband lying as he was when found. She tried to arouse him, but was unable to do so. She lighted a fire and made some coffee but could not get him to drink it.

To-day she went out and called to a neighbor to come in, saying that she thought something was wrong with her husband. Mrs. Stevens went in and found the old man lying dead. It is supposed the wife remained in the house with the corpse all day yesterday and up to 1 o'clock to-day. The poor woman is slightly demented. There are four sons living but all are away from home at present. They are John and William, who live in Hamilton, and Edward and Charles, whose whereabouts could not be ascertained.

A DAGO MURDERERS' SOCIETY.

Assassination of the New Orleans Chief of Police.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 17.—The assassination of Chief of Police Hennessy by members of the Italian murder society has caused a great deal of excitement. Mayor Shakespeare has detailed a large force of police to take every suspicious Italian living in Hennessy's neighborhood. A number of arrests have already been made, and the authorities think they have captured the assassins. Among them is the Italian from whose alleyway the murderers opened fire—one Pietro Mastero, a recently arrived Sicilian, who was found suffering from a wound in his head. Three others of the arrested men have been identified as among the assassins. The actual murderers are recognized as merely hired bravos or men who acted under orders from headquarters. Hennessy is the last of his family, all of whom have died with their boots on while in police service. His father, who was on General Weitzel's staff during the war, became afterwards a noted detective in New Orleans, where he was assassinated in 1877. His cousin, Mike Hennessy, with whom he was a partner for years, was assassinated in Houston, Tex., of which he was chief of police.

Antonio Scaffidy, identified as one of the assassins, was shot and mortally wounded to-day in the parish prision by Thomas H. Duffy. Duffy is 28 years old and is married. Duffy said that if the Italian died he was willing to hang. He remarked, "I only wish there were about 75 more men like me." More than fifty arrests have been made of parties believed to be implicated in the assassination of Chief Hennessy and to-day another Italian, Pietro Natal, was identified as one of the murderers.

The Baptist Convention.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 17.—The annual convention of the Baptists of the Dominion opened in the Baptist Church here yesterday. The president, Mr. D. E. Thomson of Toronto, delivered a short address outlining the work of the convention. These officers were elected: President, Mr. Bently, Montreal; first vice-president, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Toronto; second vice-president, Rev. E. W. Dodson, Woodstock; secretary-treasurer, James Grant; superannuated ministers' board, A. L. Lafamme, C. Raymond, M. Harris and W. H. Cline.

To-day the principal business transacted was the reception of the reports of the treasurer and the Board of Home Missions, both of which were very satisfactory. These subjects were also on the program for discussion: "The place of Evangelism in H. M. Work." The discussion will be led by Rev. D. Hutchinson and Rev. E. Harris, B.A. "The men required for H. M. Work." Led by Rev. Thomas S. Johnson. "Home Mission Finances." Led by D. E. Thomson, Q.C.

A platform meeting this evening was addressed by Rev. J. F. McEwen, Supt. H. M.; Rev. Dr. Fulton, Rev. Dr. Thomas.

Shell Oysters, Rockaways and Blue Points at McConkey's Restaurant.

Personal Mention.

Thomas Ballantyne, M.L.A., Stratford, is at the Rossin.

Archibald Campbell, M.P., Chatham, is at the Walker.

Sheriff Widdifield will remove with his family from Newmarket to Toronto on Nov. 1.

Herbert F. Clarke, the cornet soloist, has resigned from the Queen's Own Band to be bandmaster of the Heintzman organization.

Mr. Joseph Simpson and wife of 140 St. George-street and Mrs. R. M. Simpson of 16 Glen-road are guests at the Hotel del Monte, Monterey, Cal.

Archbishop Cleary of Kingston arrived in this city yesterday en route for London, where he will take part in the consecration of Bishop O'Connor.

Captain Irvine of the Modjeska has gone to Amherstburg, where he will sail the Niagara. The popular captain has been re-engaged for the Modjeska for next season.

Among those who had a narrow escape in the big hotel fire Wednesday night at Syracuse were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Anderson of this city, who were on their wedding tour.

Mr. A. F. Webster, general steamship agent, reports these passengers for Europe: Hon. Thomas Greenway, Premier of Manitoba, A. J. McMillan, Mrs. McMillan, John Boyd, T. Beswick, E. Hilliard, J. E. Edwards, John Taylor, Mrs. Mollington and seven children, John Laye, David Hinsworth, E. Ford, Mrs. Ford and two children, John Vimcombe.

Mr. William Houston, librarian to the Ontario Legislature, arrived in the city this morning, to take part in the Provincial Convention of Protestant Teachers, as the representative of the Provincial Teachers' Association of Ontario. Though Mr. Houston is not at present engaged in teaching as a profession he keeps up an active connection with all phases of educational work in his own province.—Montreal Witness.

Little Neck Clams on half shell. McConkey's Restaurant, 39 King-st. west.

SIENA CATHEDRAL DAMAGED.

FIRE PLAYS HAVOC WITH AN ANCIENT PILE OF MASONRY.

Gladstone's Appeal on Behalf of the Jews.—Gigantic Strike in Vienna—Collapse of the Australian Miners' Strike—Dropped Dead While Delivering a Speech at the Socialist Congress.

ROME, Oct. 17.—A fire which proved difficult to control broke out in the dome of the cathedral at Siena to-day. It owed its start to the carelessness of plumbers engaged on repairs. The flames spread rapidly to the roof of the central nave, which, with the cupola, finally collapsed. Owing to the arduous exertions of a fire brigade from Florence the building and all art treasures it contained finally escaped destruction.

The city of Siena is the capital of a central Italian province of the same name, in Tuscany. The cathedral was built in the 13th century.

FATAL ZEAL.

Death of Brave But Irrational Missionaries.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The British Minister has transmitted to the department of state, a letter from the Governor of Sierra Leone, inclosing a report from the colonial surgeon at Freetown, Dr. Palmer Ross, relative to the case of certain American missionaries at that place. Dr. Ross reports that the superintendent of the party, Mr. Kingman, arrived there on Feb. 27, 1890, and was followed on June 13 by Mrs. Kingman, Miss Dick and Messrs. Helmick, Jaderguist, Codding, Tryce (a negro), Gates and Harries. It is stated that upon their arrival they began to live in native fashion, eating native food, cooking and washing for themselves and even collecting their own fuel in the rainy season, hoping thus to gain the confidence of the natives. On July 9 Mr. Kingman informed Dr. Ross that two of his party had died that day. Upon enquiry Dr. Ross learned that no doctors had attended the deceased, Messrs. Gates and Harries, the whole party being staunch believers in "faith" healing. They had taken no medicine and died of fever. Dr. Ross, knowing that tropical fever if neglected is apt to assume a virulent form among new arrivals of white people, ordered the bodies to be buried as soon as possible and sent the sanitary policeman to see the orders carried out, to disinfect the house and destroy all bedding, clothing, etc., used by the deceased. That officer reported that others were sick in the house, a fact which the missionaries had not stated, and on the following day for the doctor to see Mr. Kingman's wife. She was found to be in the last stage of exhaustion from neglected fever, having been ill for nine days, and in spite of all that could be done she died on the evening of the 11th. On the previous day Mr. Kingman was found to be ill, but refused to accept medical assistance. That evening Mr. Tryce, who was also sick, sent for the doctor and consented to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

The Cession of Kassala.

CAIRO, Oct. 17.—The Khedive has addressed an earnest remonstrance to Great Britain against the cession of Kassala to Italy. The feeling in Egypt on the subject is very strong, as Kassala is regarded as Egyptian territory, although at present held by the rebel dervishes. The British commander at the Zanzibar station has been ordered to proceed immediately to punish the Sultan of Vitu, who, late advices show, was clearly implicated in and probably directed the recent massacre of Germans at Vitu.

Killed His Whole Family.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—At Reinikendorf, a suburb of this city, to-day, a builder named Schaaf, who at one time was wealthy, but who lost his money and is now heavily in debt, attacked his wife and five children with a hatchet and hacked their heads in a terrible manner. Three of the children have died from their injuries. Frau Schaaf and the remaining two children are unconscious. They will die. The murderer escaped.

Offered to Compromise.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The Sieclesiastic will if necessary publish details proving that Signor Crispi, the Italian prime minister, recently indirectly offered to give France full liberty of action in Tunis if she would abandon her interests in Tripoli.

Gladstone and the Jews.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Mr. Gladstone, replying to an appeal from the editor of The Jewish Chronicle, writes to that paper as follows: I have read with feelings of pain and horror the various statements that have been made concerning the Jews in Russia. The only recommendation that I can give is to invite the active exertions of the press to first sift the reports and then, if the facts be established, to arouse the conscience of Russia and of Europe on the subject.

Two hundred Jewish English students at Odessa have renounced the Jewish faith and become Christians in order that they may not suffer expulsion from their universities under the anti-Jewish law.

Died While Making a Speech.

HALLE, Oct. 17.—Herr Baumgarten a delegate to the Socialist Congress from Hamburg, dropped dead while making an excited speech to-day.

German Workmen's Homes.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—The dwellings for the workmen to be built by the Government in North Berlin are to cost £200 each and are to be purchasable at £150 and a payment of a crown weekly until the whole sum is paid. If the experiment succeeds the work will be extended. The railway minister is arranging cheap fares for the workmen.

Cholera Declining in Spain.

MADRID, Oct. 17.—During the first two weeks of October 486 cases of cholera and 259 deaths from the disease have been reported in Spain. There is still a daily average of 6 deaths in Valencia, but the epidemic generally shows a healthy decline.

Cable Flashes.

Archdeacon Farrar has accepted the chaplaincy of the House of Commons.

The British ship Lizzie C. Troop, Captain Fownes, has been wrecked at Loo-Choo, while on a voyage from Nagasaki for Puget Sound and Melbourne. A portion of her crew was saved.

Champion, the labor leader, at Sydney, Australia, has cabled to Mr. Burns in London that money from England will be useless to prevent the failure of the strike.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

65 Yonge-street (below King.) Just to hand new English goods, suitable for wedding present, at wholesale prices. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

The following are reliable signs by which a good life insurance company may be known: It must have ample assets, a surplus indicating present and future prosperity and a reputation for liberal dealing and prompt payment of death claims. The North American Life Assurance Company of this city possesses all these advantages and is therefore properly entitled to be considered a desirable company in which to hold a policy.

He Died Game.

MORRIS, Ills., Oct. 17.—James Maxwell was hanged to-day for the murder of Charles Decker in June last. He was game to the last and died apparently the most unconcerned man in the town of Morris.

New and novel. The latest "fad" for young men. We have just placed into stock 500 nobby tweed suits. The styles of the coats are the new double-breasted sack. Every young man in Toronto should see them. Prices from $10 to $15. The Model Clothing Store, 219 and 221 Yonge-street, corner shuter-street.

A TORONTO CONVICT KILLED.

Shot By a Detroit Policeman he Dies at the Hospital.

DETROIT, Oct. 17.—William Moore was shot last evening by Patrolman O'Donnell while resisting arrest for assaulting his wife and died at the Harper Hospital this morning. Moore belongs to Toronto and served a term in Central Prison some years ago for stabbing his father-in-law. He had threatened to kill his wife a few hours before being shot. Mrs. Moore's mother and brother live in Windsor.

NO HOPE FOR THE PARK.

The University Trustees Decide to Cut up the 20 Acres—How Shall it be Divided?

On Thursday afternoon the Board of Trustees (University of Toronto) decide to cut up the 20 acres immediately in the rear of the college and south of Bloor-street and north of Hoskin-avenue (a continuation of Harbord-street into Queen's Park) into building lots and to put it on the market at an early day. According to the plan of division adopted by the trustees the 20 acres gives 3585 feet of frontage of an average depth of 260 feet; a second and rejected plan gave 4473 feet frontage of a depth ranging from 180 to 221 feet; a third plan would have given 5320 feet of an average depth of 150 feet.

A number of the University professors who have gone minutely into the subject contend that the latter plan, as it not only gives the greater frontage but that it will produce (at $120 a foot) over $100,000 more money than the plan adopted by the trustees, should be adopted. Accordingly the Senate of the University propose to confer with the trustees on the question.

On the 150 feet depth of lot plan the land at $120 a foot would realize $638,400.

Mr. Janes, it is stated, offered over half a million for the property some months ago.

The question as to what style of cutting up the land will give the most money, therefore, promises to be a most interesting one, not only to the University, but to real estate men generally.

For the citizens the question has this significance that it is next to impossible for them to secure the land for park purposes. It could cost them over $30,000 a year to pay the interest on the investment.

The money when it comes in will be of great use in the direction of the development of the university.

Probably Fatally Burned.

PRESTON, Oct. 17.—While playing near a bonfire yesterday Madge, the 3-year-old daughter of James P. Phin, was so badly burned by her clothes catching fire that her life is despaired of.

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Original Packages Go Here.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 17.—A decision was rendered in the U. S. Circuit Court to-day that has created consternation among the friends of prohibition in Kansas. The decision allows the re-opening of "original package" liquor houses in this state and in effect declares that the Wilson bill enacted by Congress does not restore the power of the Kansas prohibitory law as against original package saloons.

The largest stock of trusses, crutches, abdominal supporters, shoulder braces, is carried by the one-price firm, established twenty years, Elliott & Son, Clubbs, 134 King-street west. Trusses in hard rubber, celluloid and leather, from 75c upward. 26

The Scottish Canadian.

This new paper, the only one of the kind in Canada, is in great demand. There is a new Scotch song in it called: "Brose, Parritch, Kail, Haggis, an'