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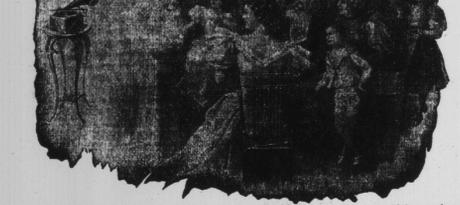
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PAUPERS PERISH. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

The Alms House at Chatham Burned—Four of the Inmates Lose Their Lives—Crimean Medals and Cloaks Burned.

CHATHAM, N. B., April 15.—The Northumberland county alms house at Chatham was totally destroyed by fire at midnight on Friday, four lives being lost, and Keeper Major Templeton was severely injured while endeavoring to rescue the inmates. Andrew Cobb and William Black of Newcastle, Owen McLean of Chatham, McIntyre of Tabernacle, were burned in the building. The fire started in the kitchen cutting of the screen by the outside fire escape and was well advanced before it was discovered. The building being on the water supply, the fire service was helpless to save even though there had been timely warning. The building was erected 31 years ago at a cost of \$5,000. The house is insured for \$3,000 in the Central. The barn was insured for \$400 in the Quebec Company. Major Templeton, who is a Crimean veteran, lost all his Crimean medals and valuables. Much credit is due Mr. Joseph Eyles, who headed the smoke and flames and rescued many of the inmates who would otherwise have perished.

THE CANADIAN HORSE SHOW. Opening of the Event at Toronto by the Governor General.

Toronto, April 13.—The fifth Canadian horse show was formally opened here this afternoon by Lord Minto. Lord and Lady Minto drove from government house to the arena, where the show is being held at the Royal Agricultural Society. A large crowd greeted their excellencies on their arrival at the building and the band played the national anthem. G. W. Beardmore, president of the Horse Show Association, presented an address to Lord Minto. The latter made a suitable reply and then declared the show open. It promises to be one of the most successful yet held.

More Amabilities. WASHINGTON, April 17.—The French ambassador, M. Cambon, advised on Secretary Hay today, and officially called on behalf of Spain, that the Duke D'Acosta had been chosen as minister at Washington. The ambassador also made known that the Spanish government, through the minister of foreign affairs, had informed him that Mr. Bellamy Storor would be persona grata as United States minister at Madrid. The secretary and the ambassador felicitated each other on the agreeable diplomatic relations which would soon be re-established between the United States and Spain. Emperor Grants a Special Audience. VIENNA, April 14.—Emperor Francis Joseph today granted a special audience to Lieut. Commander William E. Beecher, the United States naval attaché at Vienna, Berlin and Rome.

THE YUKON CHARGES.

HON. MR. FIELDING MAKES A MOST EFFECTIVE REPLY TO CHARGES.

The Interests of Canada Will Be Well Looked After by Lord Strathcona—The Great "I" Tells What He Did as Canadian Commissioner.

OTTAWA, April 17.—In the house today, before orders of the day were called, Sir Charles Tupper called attention to the report that the Imperial chancery of the exchequer proposed to impose stamp duties of five shillings per hundred pounds on colonial and foreign bonds, stocks and shares. He said that when he was Canadian high commissioner at London a similar proposal had been made, but he and other colonial representatives had succeeded in having it dropped. The premier said papers would be brought down and expressed the belief that Lord Strathcona, Canada's high commissioner, would look after Canadian interests.

Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, was the first speaker in the Yukon debate. He took the attitude that the administration of the Yukon must be judged in the light of events as they occurred and not in the light of what we have today. In that light he considered everything possible had been done by Sir Eiton. Proceeding, he scored the opposition for the charges on Major Walsh, and said that only Sir Charles Tupper and his son had been able to make these charges. While admitting that it was not right to refuse to take private lives of public men into consideration, he pointed out how delicate such a course was, and to the necessity of drawing a line at the proper time. He stated that the Yukon was a secret light was cast upon the private lives of Conservatives, appointed government judges and officers, great and small, into Conservative privy council board lists, telegraph wires from ocean to ocean would be alive with news of the doings of the Yukon.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—President McKinley is being very strongly urged to exercise the authority given him by the army re-organization act to organize a provisional army of 35,000 men to serve until July 1, 1901. Most of the pressure for this increased military force comes from officers of the volunteer winter service who have either been mustered out of the service or are to be, and who wish to remain. Many army officers do not believe it would be wise for the president to raise all of this force, or part of it, so as to be able to send more men to the Philippines, without drawing too heavily on the force in Cuba and Porto Rico or reducing the reserve in the United States.

Instructions have been issued by the war department to army recruiting offices advising them to enlist Indians of education. Six young men from the Ontario school have already entered the service, two of whom have been sent to Cuba, one to Porto Rico, and one to the Philippines. The department has no intention of forming any Indian organizations, such as were formed a year ago and which are now being disbanded, but Indians who may be enlisted will be distributed among the various regiments, so that there will not be two red men in the same company.

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A FACTIOUS OPPOSITION.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS OF INTERMINABLE LENGTH.

The Conservatives Degenrating Into Tiresome Talking Machines—They Fear a Gerry-mander and an Appeal to the Country—The Younger Tupper's Style of Abuse.

OTTAWA, April 12.—The debate on the address has now reached an unprecedented length, and there seems no hope of its termination except from the sheer physical exhaustion of the opposition. Since Confederation there has not been anything like it. The reason for all this lies in the superabundance of the Conservative. Somebody has told them a ghost story, and they have believed it. This somebody whispered to the venerable leader of the opposition, one night when the lights were low and the wind was moaning around the gates of Parliament Hill, that the government intended to track through the business of the session, pass a gerrymander by some house-poor process, dissolve the house in all the elections was excellent. In several the singer displayed a musical conception above the average. The song from "Carmen" was given with an ease and finish a professional might envy. Miss Moore is a clear sign of great flexibility and her technique is strikingly good.

One most unusual and enjoyable feature of her singing is her distinct enunciation. The accompaniments were well rendered by Miss Flor nee Webb. The reading from Browning was extremely well done by Miss Alice Harrison, who had a good intellectual grasp of her subject. The recitals of Miss Moore and Miss Wright reflect great credit on their teacher, Miss Golder, who during this last year has put with notable skill the delicate touches on the vocalization of those two promising pupils.

Stamships at Halifax. HALIFAX, April 17.—The Allan liner Magellan arrived this afternoon from Liverpool. She brought for Halifax 29 saloon, 82 second cabin, 144 steerage, and for Mr. John 15 saloon, 28 second cabin and 118 steerage. She had a fine winter passage over. Mr. Alder, discharging the duties of St. John. Capt. Fostole, of the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Bonaville, which arrived off Lunenburg yesterday, reports having met heavy ice between that port and Cape. The steamer Turret left, having just succeeded in getting from Baltimore. The Turret left from Baltimore, was a British off Canada in the morning. The Tacoma was seen outside the ice. The Turret Bell put in here this afternoon having been unable to reach Lunenburg.

An Important Judgment. OTTAWA, Ont., April 17.—At the assizes here today in the case of Parish vs. Griffith an important judgment was given by Chancellor Boyd. This was a case in which James Parish, who was killed while engaged at his work on the C. A. E. railway a year ago last October, was permitted to have had two wives. It appears that when Parish was killed he left a wife and two children in Ontario. There was also a small property against which there was a slight mortgage. Employees of the C. A. E., who had a great deal of sympathy for Mr. Parish, had been paid off the mortgage. Mean time another woman appeared on the scene and laid claim to the property on the ground that she was Parish's wife by a previous marriage which had taken place in Plymouth, England. She entered suit for the property. Both women appeared in court. The judge ruled that the woman who had been the first wife of deceased was entitled to the property as long as she lived.

Escaped Convicts Captured. THUNDERBOLT, Me., April 17.—Albert A. Hodgson, and convict Hobson, alias Garry, who escaped from the prison at Portland last night, were captured at Port Smith this afternoon, by Deputy Sheriff Smalley of Tenants Harbor. They had on citizens clothes, with their prison garb underneath. The sheriff found them in the hotel, and when the prison officials went after them they made no resistance. They escaped by sealing the outside wall. Hobson was sentenced in Boothbay in 1887 for breaking and entering, and Hodgson in Poland in 1888 for a similar offence.

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address was not limited to its application to the minister of the interior alone. At one point, his eye is directed to all the members of the cabinet before him, and he spoke in the following complimentary and flattering terms of them: "The minister of the interior is dumb. He is in the condition of most of his colleagues. There is this prime minister half-asleep. There is the minister of trade and commerce wholly asleep. There is the minister of finance absolutely reckless in his policy. There is the minister of inland revenue who does not know what we are talking about. There is the minister of militia looking as happy as only one of the By-Town Cons can. There is the postmaster general for a wonder looking happy," and in this strain Sir Charles Hibbert continued his playful references to nearly everybody on the other side of the house. In a last speech of boyish badinage, he said of Mr. Eiton: "His ignorance upon the Yukon has brought an ineffable disgrace upon the government. Nearly every one will be ready to admit that a nice and sensitive young man like this would, of course, be terribly shocked and hurt by anything like vigorous criticism of his equally urbane and susceptible sire."

Mustering Them Out. HARTFORD, Conn., April 17.—In general orders issued from the office of the adjutant general this afternoon the military department of the state takes cognizance of the fact that the third regiment Connecticut volunteer infantry has been mustered out of the service of the United States, provides for the resumption of the former status of the Connecticut national guard of officers and enlisted men who were granted leaves of absence for war service, orders the honorable discharge from the service of the state of such men as formed additional regiments of companies, orders the reduction of companies to the maximum strength of 98 officers inclusive, and the renewal of drills, etc., etc.

Fires in Maine. BELLEVILLE, Me., April 17.—Great excitement prevailed throughout the city today, caused by the high winds rendering the walls of the Pierce block very unsafe. The building was destroyed by fire in February, and the brick walls remained standing. About noon today the front of the end wall fell across the street, a distance of 100 feet, striking the Haystack Hotel and frightening the occupants, two ladies having a narrow escape. A general alarm was then sounded and the fire department called out. The south wall is still standing, and an effort will be made to save a house which is located near the ruins from being crushed.

The F. E. L. Legislature. CHAMBERSBURG, April 17.—The second session of the legislature met today during the recess the former premier, A. B. Warburton, was appointed county court judge and Hor. D. Farquhar became premier. The speech from the throne expressed pleasure at the appointment of Lord Minto as governor general, and promised legislation to further encourage dairy and agriculture interests also to provide for the construction of permanent public works; refers to judgment of privy council re fisheries, and that a bill in accordance with that judgment will be submitted. The session will be an important one, but the business in hand and session will likely close in about four weeks.

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