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THE BYSTANDER SPEAKS.

A REVIEW OF MATTERS CANADIAN, AMERICAN AND BRITISH.

Perpetuation of Dependency Deprecated—Mr. Blake and the Editor of the Globe—The National Liberals—The Railway Question of the Northwest — Land sharks—Stock Gambling.

From advanced sheets of the January Bystander we make the following selections:

BYSTANDER BOWS TO THE PUBLIC.

"A monthly issue was found too constant a tie, and too frequent an interruption of other work: but the Bystander has reason to believe that there are some among his old readers to whom, in default of a monthly, a quarterly issue will not be unacceptable, and however few they may be he writes for them with pleasure. In beginning a new series he has no new professions to make. He still is, or desires to be, loyal to that policy, and to that policy alone, which may promise to bring wealth, happiness, and the virtues which follow in their train to the homes of the Canadian people. To party government he is more than ever opposed, and more than ever wishes to see it superseded by a government of the nation. Few Canadian writers, as he believes, love the mother country better, or have more reason for loving her than he. It is in her interest, and for her honour as well as in the interest of the colonies, that he deprecates the

PERPETUATION OF DEPENDENCY,

and wishes to see it replaced by mutual citizenship, and England made the mother of free nations. In this case again, however, he takes things as they are, and only protests against the waste of the people's earnings in a hopeless conflict with the ordinances of nature."

GERRYMANDERING IS CRIMINAL.

"Gerrymandering was a blunder as well as a crime; it was a blunder such as tacticians, who do not rightly estimate the strength of the moral forces, are apt often to commit."

THE LEADER AND THE EDITOR.

"The opposition not only fought an adverse star, but in imperfect array. They had changed their leader, but they had not changed their editor; and the editor crossed the policy of the leader on the main question in the decisive hour. Nor was the policy of the leader well defined. It is not in commercial questions that he is most at home. Had he felt himself strong on the main issue, he would scarcely have sought adventitious strength by a convulsive clutch at the home rule vote. Moreover, the party still suffers in some degree from the effects of the late management."

THE NATIONAL LIBERALS.

"The program of the National Liberal association is too theoretical in its character and too complex to make that broad impression on the minds of the people which is essential to the success of a new movement; not to mention that some of the articles, such as that favoring an imperial zollverein, by no means commend themselves at once even to those to whom it may be presumed that the framers specially appeal. If Mr. McMurrich and his friends could organize something strictly provincial, with a view of giving Ontario a government which should not be the donkey-engine of an Ottawa party, and at the same time of setting us free from sectarian and anti-social influence, they would certainly do us a service, and they might look for a fair measure of support."

THOSE TWO TORONTO BANKS.

"It would have been strange indeed if inflation had not in some degree affected the integrity of our commercial institutions. Two of the Toronto banks have been the subjects of public criticism. In one case large sums had been advanced to directors, with perfect safety no doubt in the particular instances, yet in contravention of a general principle, the value of which was fatally proved by the catastrophe of the Bank of Glasgow; in the other case there appears to have been machinery for doing indirectly that which could not be directly done. The thanks of the community are due to journals which have watched closely for us interests so vital. Of gambling in stocks there has been a wild burst, by no means confined, it is to be feared, to professional speculators. The passionate desire of making money without work, whether at the card table, in the betting ring, or on the stock exchange, is always strong, always makes those who yield to it rogues, and very often makes them fools, as the history of South Sea bubbles and colonization companies shows."

RAILWAY MONOPOLY.

"Without the free construction of railways the development of the country is impossible, and soon, if not at once, the fetters will surely be burst. As soon as the Grand Trunk, through its western connections, or any other line demanded by commerce, comes in sight on the southern frontier, where the boundary is merely conventional,

A RAIL WILL BE RUN OUT TO IT,

and the attempt to cut off Manitoba economically from the region with which she is by nature identified, in deference to a political theory, will end as everybody who studies, not the balance of parties, but the action of the great forces, must from the outset have been sure that it would end. Does not the whole of this history show how difficult it is even for the best and most liberal of mother countries to manage wisely the affairs of people three or four thousand miles off? Half nature been allowed to take her own course the Northwest would have been settled quietly, and in a healthy way; the land would have gone to the settler, the price, which won'd have been measured by the expense of organization, to the State; the railroads would have been laid out on the lines which commerce required; there would have been no monopoly clauses or monopoly of any kind;

NO HARPY ORGANIZATIONS,

Under ducal or any other auspices, to exact toll of the settler; no vexatious and shifting regulations; no picking out of the eyes of the country by an abuse of opportunities on the part of officials; no such spectacle as members of parliament scouring the summer long, on buck boards, plains which present little to interest either the legislator or the tourist; no shoal of landsharks blackmailing or driving back the settler; no setting out of a vast gambling table of speculation to taint with roguery the life of a young community at its source. Instead of this, the gates of nature's bounty were long barred against mankind by the charter of the Hudson Bay Company; then a cold seal land grab was thrown suddenly into the hands of the politicians. The Pacific railway scandal was the first result, and it was followed in due course by all the rest, including the facts disclosed in the report of the recent commission. We all thought that the terms of the syndicate were high; but the country, with a groan, assented to the bargain, as the only mode of escape from a bottomless gulf of political corruption. Two or three knighthoods are the sole fruit of the business, and form our only consolation."

GREAT AND SMALL LAND SHARKS.

"The collapse of two hundred and eighty out of three hundred colonization companies, and the sickly condition of some of those which remain, may be taken as a welcome indication that the worst of the gambling fit is over. Still land sharking goes on to the detriment of the honest settler. It is interesting to know the land-shark's game, the more so as the knowledge throws light on some regulations of the government which have been undeservedly taxed with injustice. The great shark, we are told, hires a number of half-breeds or other wanderers by the month, and sends them out to squat on promising town sites, and on spots where it is likely that the Pacific railway will cross rivers. An order in council was passed, in the May of 1880, warning squatters on town sites that their claims would not thereafter be respected; but that order seems not to be enforced with inflexible rigor. The small shark goes out himself and takes up his position on the best section or half-section that he can find, pitches his tent, makes a pretence of ploughing by scraping up a few yards of sod, and sits down to await his victim, the genuine settler whom he blackmails; then he goes on to another lot and repeats the operation. Not a few genuine settlers, we are assured, were driven back in the spring and summer of this year from the Qu Appelle valley by disgust at these impositions. The great shark robs the government, the small shark robs the settler; vigorous efforts are being made to extirpate the small shark; the great shark, like the great of every species, has his friends."

HERBERT SPENCER ON RELAXATION.

"In another deliverance, Mr. Herbert Spencer has repeated the stricture of Mill in the over tension of American life. He says that the gospel of work has been preached enough, and it is time to preach the gospel of relaxation. But the gospel of relaxation is already preached aloud by the daily advertisements of countless places of amusement, and of scores of summer resorts, by programs of tours and offers of every facility for travel, by announcements of new games, and by the publication of novels without end. What is needed to tranquilize those anxious spirits and smooth those careworn brows is rather a gospel of contentment, of indifference to inordinate wealth, of the peace and calm of mind bred by the secure possession of some moral treasure, the value of which does not fluctuate with the price of stocks. But it is difficult to see where such a treasure is at present to be found, except in the teachings of a Master whom the most intellectual portion of the world seems to be making up its mind to disown. Mr. Spencer, however, is in this matter, like most European visitors to the United States, the victim of an illusion produced by seeing only the lite of cities. In the business parts of New York or Chicago the faces are, perhaps, more eager and careworn, the step more nervous and hurried, than in the business parts of London or Liverpool; but life in an American country town, though industrious and thrifty, is not wanting in repose. True, life in the country town is still religious."

What Everybody Says.

That the grand auction sale of diamonds, watches and jewelry now going on at Crumpton's noted jewelry store at 83 King street east is a grand success. We have been all through this elegantly fitted up establishment, and we must say that the stock is one of the finest in Toronto. One beauty of this sale is that this house is so well-known throughout Canada as a fair, square dealing establishment, that any person buying there is perfectly safe as to the quality of the article they are purchasing. In the first case of Mr. Crumpton's store you will see the most elegant assortment of ladies and gents gold watches from $15 to $350, while the next contains every description of silver watches, jewelry, etc., in the third is an assortment of jewelry of every description, in the fourth an elegant line of silverware, while all along the wall are cases filled with the choicest electro-plate and solid silver goods. Everything is of the most costly description and reflects credit on the enterprising proprietor who is always willing and glad to show his goods, whether to purchasers or not. Any person who can spare a couple of hours to-night should go down to the sale as bargains are the order of the hour. We were astonished at the low prices that Mr. Crumpton sells his goods at, and after comparing his prices with those of other establishments who are offering 25 and 30 per cent off (and 50 per cent on), we came to the conclusion that Crumpton's jewelry store at 83 King street east was the place to buy good reliable goods with a guarantee suitable for Xmas presents. Go down tonight and see what they are doing, he has a good auctioneer, and take all your spare money, or when you get there and see all the bargains you will be mad at yourself that you did not bring all you were worth. Mr. Crumpton is a perfectly reliable jeweler, understands his business, has a beautiful stock, and as he buys all his goods for cash, and gives no credit, he is in a position to give all who call on him bargains. His sales during the day are increasing every day, and the prices of fresh new goods is simply astonishing. The sale in the evening commences at 8:30 sharp; be early and secure the best position.

Lombard Street Footpads.

Robert Little, a countryman, strayed into Shipley's den in Lombard street on Friday night, where he struck a bad gang, who beat him unmercifully and robbed him of $2.75 in money. About 2 o'clock on Saturday morning Detective Burrows arrested John Leach, Pat Hefferman, Louisa Buckley and Mary O'Connor in connection with the robbery. At the police court on Saturday they were remanded. On Saturday night Detective Reburn arrested Frank Hennesty as an accomplice.

At the Hotels.

Miss Maude Granger registered at the Rossin house yesterday. Miss Elsie Moore of her company, is at the Queen's. The balance of the company is at the American. Mr Nicholas Flood Davin and Mr Frank McDougall of Ottawa registered at the Queen's yesterday. Mr J St Maur, advance agent for Salvini, is at the Rossin house. Mr C S Keith, advance agent for the Spanish Students, is at the American.

The Planter's Wife

Maude Granger's company will open their engagement at the Grand opera house tonight in The Planter's Wife. Miss Granger has made a big hit in this play, and has fully realized the expectation of Mr. Tillotson, the author, that in good hands the Planter's Wife would become a popular drama. The company supporting Miss Granger is said to be a strong one.

MR. GORDON BROWN DEPOSED.

Important Changes in the Management of the Globe Newspaper.

An important event took place at a meeting of the Globe newspaper stockholders on Saturday afternoon. Mr J Gordon Brown, managing director and managing editor of the paper, was removed from that position, and will be succeeded by Mr John F Taylor of the Don paper mills. Mr Brown, it is understood, still remains on the directorate. Mrs Brown, widow of the late Hon George Brown, retains her full interest in the paper and will hereafter be on the board. It is understood that Mr J T Hawke, news-editor of the paper, assumes for the present the editorial management, and Mr C W Taylor will continue to act as business manager.

These changes have been on the tapis for some months, and the undercurrent that has been working against Mr Brown has at last come to the surface.

THE TORONTO HUNT CLUB.

A Merry Winter Gathering on Saturday Afternoon.

The Toronto Hunt club had an unusual meeting on Saturday afternoon, without saddles, hounds or fox. Instead of these well-robed sleighs were the order of the day and the sleighing bells took place of the whipper's horn. The occasion was on the invitation of Mr James Worts to the members and friends for a gathering at Lindenwold, the residence of that gentleman. There accordingly were assembled at 3 30 about one hundred members and twenty-five "traps," including the "four-in-hand" and tandem of all kinds. There were also many ladies, who on ordinary occasions would have been found in the saddle, but who now were seen snugly ensconced in the very acceptable buffalo robe.

A start was made for the city after the gentlemen had partaken of a slight refreshment, the lead being taken by Mr. Worts in his own beautiful sleigh and lively team, followed by Mr. Bond and F. Worts in their splendid four-in-hand, and these in turn by the different cutters of the members. The whole set is dashed at a lively pace past The World office presented a lively spectacle, and took one back to the military days of Toronto. The route was King street, Simcoe street, the Avenue, Bloor street, Jarvis street, Gerrard street. Here those who could not take advantage of Mr. Worts' invitation to dinner, and also the ladies, broke off and the remainder struck out for the Don and Danforth road, and thence to Mr. Duggan's hotel at the Woodbine where dinner was ready for the hungry hunters.

The spread made by mine host Duggan, assisted by Mr. H. Webb, would have done credit to any hotel in Toronto. The following gentlemen took their seats at the table: Mr James Worts (in the chair), Messrs Geo Gooderham, Copeland (master of the hounds), A Gooderham, Donaldson, Romaine, Dr Smith, Chas Mead, J H Mead, Alf Smith, Hawke, Dr Campbell, Bond, F Worts, Kent (Montreal), Sims, W B Hamilton, T G Blackstock, Murray, Akers, May, Brush, Col Arthurs, Pirie, Manly, Mara, W S Lee, Dr Smith, Godson, Galbraith, Lucas and Mr G Thomas.

The following toasts were duly honored: The Host, Mr G Gooderham, Mr Thomas, Mr Copeland, the Laches (responded to by Mr Hamilton) Mr Donaldson, the Army and Navy (Col Arthurs), the memory of the late master, J G Worts, drank in silence.

The Finding of Five Diamonds.

To know just a little of anything is no disparagement, provided you don't argue about, enlarge upon or draw conclusions from that little. A little learning is not necessarily a dangerous thing. But generally speaking a little knowledge leads to trouble, and the great rhymster tells the truth. To apply the idea, a young man, whose only idea is immediate wealth, was walking down Yonge street yesterday and at a certain place (near the Paris kid glove store to be particular) he struck with his cane a piece of jewelry. It was a brooch. The young man picked it up. Why, said he to himself, these stones appear to be diamonds! And how many are there? There are four; no, by my life there are five! And how large they are! But are they really diamonds? Perhaps they are—the cut surfaces look very much like the real article, and see how they *do* glitter. And there are five of them, and how big! Here's a thousand dollars at a lick. The young man hadn't walked a hundred yards before he was very full of speculation. A thousand dollars at a bound was a glittering prospect. He was becoming more and more convinced that the stones were genuine diamonds. He bit them with his teeth. No impression was left on the crystal. He observed that the setting was deep and that the diamonds came to a point. Perhaps they were worth $2000. His head was almost turned, with the idea of his good luck. The poor fool hadn't as yet reflected that his conscience was master of him and even though they were diamonds that that inward monitor would compel him to reluctantly advertise for and search out an owner. It is in a case of this kind that a man perceives what a fool he is to let his conscience get the better of him. It was with a most exultant countenance that the young man dropped into The World office yesterday to see if the editor could enlighten him as to the genuineness of the little treasure he held in his hand. He proceeded to the editor and informed him by way of introduction that he called upon him because he understood the editor of The World was an authority on coats, hats, collars—and why not on diamonds.

"Very true," said the editor. "We can detect shams by, I might say, an intuition. It's our speedy business to do so."

"Well, will you give me your opinion of these stones?" said the young man, trying to conceal his emotion.

The editor did not give his immediate attention to the request, but went on: "We can detect the spurious from the real Newmarket by a mere glance. We know a hypocrite by the angle at which he smiles."

"Now let's see your diamonds."

The young man handed over the diamonds with tremulous hand.

The editor viewed the five stones and called for a hammer. Without saying a word he placed one stone on the desk and bringing down the hammer the diamond was reduced to powder. He handed back four to a disconsolate being, adding that that kind could be got for forty cents a bushel.

It is said a good many men about town, in addition to the hotel clerks, sport sham instead of genuine diamonds. Perhaps The World will investigate.

BEECHER AND THE BEARS

THE REV. DIVINE'S OPINION OF STOCK GAMBLING,

What He Thinks of the Wheat Business—His Own Experiences of Dabbling in Panama Stocks Explained.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Before the senate commission to-day Rev. Henry Ward Beecher said if any man could buy all the wheat in this country and so starve the people, he would be a criminal of the deepest dye, but such a calamity could not happen in this country. The man with a long head foresees his advantage over his neighbors in these speculations, but on that account these speculations should not be counted immoral. If you ask me the gospel side of the subject, you are all wrong from top to bottom. In society there is no man who loves his neighbor as himself, but as a mere commercial judgment I did not see any cause for any special complaint. No law can make morality. These investigations are great public instructors. I once bought a number of Panama shares for $400 per share and sold them at $100 and that is all I know of stock speculations.

STORING ELECTRICITY.

Brush's Recent Discovery — Electricity Packed in Boxes—Interesting Particulars.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 15—Mr. Charles F. Brush, of this city, the eminent electrician, who invented the light which is named after him, has had patented a system of storing electricity. The Brush storage battery is simple in its construction, consisting of a square box containing cells, in each of which are two cast lead plates. The plates are electrically treated in a manner that is of course a secret, and are immersed in acidulated water. One of the plates is black, and is called the hydrogen plate, while the other is white, and is termed the oxygen plate. These plates are what are properly designated as the accumulators and in them is stored the electricity. The capacity of a battery of course depends upon the number of cells it contains, and the size of the plates. A battery of twenty-four cells will contain enough electricity to supply twenty lamps of twenty-candle power each for a period of eight hours. Mr. Brush claims that his system is complete in every respect: that it is a commercial as well as a scientific success; that the loss of energy in storing and again giving up electricity is comparatively small, and that any required amount of electricity can be accumulated or stored and afterwards used, either for light, power, chemical action, telegraphy, or for any other purpose for which electricity obtained from other sources is used. No doubt the principal use that will be made of the stored batteries will be to furnish currents for incandescent lamps.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The penal code was a dead letter in New York yerterday.

Epizootic has broken out among horses in Philadelphia.

An appeal is made in New York for aid for the sufferers by the fire in Kingston, Jamaica.

Edward Rice, author of the opera of Evangeline, has failed. Liabilities $36 000: assets small.

Lizzie McCole, working in a New York tobacco factory, dropped dead on Friday evening. It is supposed she was poisoned by inhaling the dust of tobacco.

Mineral water has been found at Ypsilanti at the depth of 570 feet. The water is similar to and as strong as that at Mount Clemens, and is said to be getting stronger.

Dr George Rice of Troy was arrested on Saturday afternoon charged with malpractice in the case of Lillie Porter Balston, who died here recently, after being delivered of a dead child.

Mary Cross, colored, sentenced to jail at Covington, Ky., Nov. 27, for shouting at a man, has refused food ever since and declares her intention to starve herself to death.

Alfred Jenkins of Stokes county, N.C., recently sold his wife to Noah Gildwell for $500, then sold his farm and moved away. The woman is living contentedly with her new husband.

Daphne Chasing Apollo.

VINCENNES, In1., Dec 16—Charles Wetzel, lawyer, expects soon to marry Mary Beck, but Anna Stuart says he promised to and must marry her. Miss Stuart frequently of late has jumped from behind tree boxes as Wetzel approached Miss Beck's residence, and at the muzzle of the pistol compelled him to accompany her home. Yesterday Miss Stuart obtained the papers licensing the marriage of herself and Wetzel. She and her father went to the residence of the justice and summoned Wetzel. The latter came, but on seeing the girl fled. The girl chased him half a mile with a revolver before she lost sight of him. Wetzel's friends urge him to leave the town, but he refuses to go.

Murder and Suicide.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16—John Schpergler shot his wife this morning while she was asleep in bed with her three children. He then went into an adjoining room and shot himself dead. The wife attempted to go down stairs, but fell and soon died. Schpergler was desperate because his wife's sister, with whom the family lived, often refused to admit him to the house on account of his failure to support them.

Uxoricide and Self Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 17—Mrs Chas Pope was found shot and dying yesterday at the house of a friend where she had gone after quarreling with and leaving her husband. Pope was found dead, shot through the head in a yard a few blocks away. It is supposed that he shot his wife and then committed suicide. Mrs Pope died without speaking.

Smallpox in a Theatre.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16—Joseph Crawford, an actor in the Theatre Comique, was taken sick on Monday. To-day the physician pronounced the disease to be varioloid. The place is closed and the actors and employees, numbering forty-five persons, placed under guard to enforce health restrictions.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

CANTON, Ill., Dec. 16—Two boilers in Harlem & Orendorff's agricultural works exploded this morning, shattering the engine house to pieces and killing eight men and severely injuring two. Two hundred and fifty workmen will be thrown out of employ by this unfortunate occurence.

A GAME OF POKER

Which Ended in the Murder of a Saloon Keeper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Martin Hesse and others were playing poker at Frederick Dochterman's saloon on Forsyth street early this morning. Hesse became indebted to Dochterman to the extent of seventy-five cents, and being unable to pay was ordered out. When Dochterman went into the hall way an hour later, Hesse sprang upon him and plunged a large knife into his bosom, killing him instantly. Hesse was arrested as he was getting into bed, and the knife was found on him. He claimed that he acted in self-defence. His wife states he was arrested several times in Germany for attempts at murder.

FIRES.

Reeder's Hall, Cincinnati, Burned—Destructive Conflagration in Newport, Ark.

CINCINNATI, Dec 17—Reeder's hall at Riverside, in the lower story of which were the mayor's office, council chamber and postoffice, was burned to-night. The hall was used by the presbyterians as a place of worship. Loss $10,000.

NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 17—One of the most disastrous fires ever known here broke out at 1 o'clock this morning and laid waste sixty buildings, nearly all of which were occupied by business firms. Eight brick stores are included in the ruins. The loss is estimated at $250,000, insurance at $150,000.

OBITUARY.

Alfred Olivant, bishop of Llandaff, Wales, is dead.

LAFAYETTE, Ind, Dec 16—Congressman Orth died to-night of blood poisoning, superinduced by cancer. He was 66 years of age.

PERSONAL.

Yesterday was the 75th birthday of the poet Whittier.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor and Madame Caron hon have arrived in Quebec.

Mr J W Frost of Owen Sound has been elected president of the North Grey Reform association.

Mr. George Hess, of the firm of Hess Brothers, Listowell, has been selected as conservative candidate to contest North Perth, with Mr D D Hay.

The French Canadian residents of Belleville have presented Hon Lewis Wallbridge with congratulations on his appointment as chief justice of Manitoba.

Sir Wm. Ritchie, chief justice of the supreme court, has gone to Halifax to administer the oaths to General Sir Patrick Macdougall, K.C.M.G., as administrator of the government during the absence of the Marquis of Lorne.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Dominion parliament will probably meet for the despatch of business the last week in February.

Subjects for the Montreal dissecting rooms are so scarce that the price has advanced to between $40 and $50 per body.

The Grand Trunk authorities are making preparations to build their own palace cars after the Pullman type, now that the latter's patent has expired. The first order is for a hundred.

Meaford people object to the county treasurer in his official correspondence using envelopes having printed advertisements advertising Owen Sound interests. They don't believe in paying to crack up the county town.

A Mrs Michael Ruttan, lot 6, 11th concession of Ryde, on December 3 walked to Perth, a distance of seven miles, with her 10 year old infant in her arms, to attend her mother's funeral. Returning she started late in the afternoon and had accomplished about five miles of the distance when she undertook to take a short cut through the woods. Darkness coming on she lost her way, and after wandering helplessly about until tired out, she took off her petticoat and sat down on it close to a big log. Here she sat all night hugging her baby close to keep it warm; and the thermometer 19° below zero. Fortunately she was discovered in the morning by some neighbors and carefully attended to. She had a foot frozen. How she and the tender babe escaped being frozen to death is miraculous.

Fatal Accident on the Intercolonial.

MONCTON, N.B, Dec. 16—As the accommodation train on the Intercolonial railway was coming towards Campbellton on Thursday, brakesman Leveque fell off the cars, the wheels of which, passing over him, severed the head from the body, cutting off both arms and mangling the extremities. When the train stopped the other hand went back, and found the head about one hundred feet from the track and the horribly mutilated remains near the rails. Deceased was about 25 years old and a resident of Riviere du Loup.

Attempted Fraud in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16—A man named Morrissey presented an order to John Hamilton, metal merchant, here, for a quantity of goods, signed by a Mr Webber. Considering the signature not genuine, he sent to the alleged signer, who declared it a forgery. On a policeman being sent for Morrissey stated that he got the order from a confederate named Sharkey, who was shortly after arrested. Both parties were committed for trial.

Fatal Skating Accident.

KINGSTON, Dec. 16—This afternoon Robert Robinson, son of William Robinson ex-M P.P., and John Spencer, son of Rev. Mr Spencer, clerical secretary, while skating near Cataraqui bridge broke through the ice and were drowned.

Another Colonization Company.

MONTREAL, Dec 16—A colonization company organized in London, Eng., with a capital, it is said, of $5,000 000 has obtained a grant of 1,000,000 acres near Prince Albert settlement in the New Territory.

Important Pork Decision.

MONTREAL, Dec 16—Ontario is held to be a foreign port, under a Quebec act, by the Recorder, in giving judgment in the pork case. Therefore hogs killed and dressed in Ontario can be sold here.

Sergeant Ballantyne on the Platform.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Sergeant Ballantyne, the noted English barrister, lectured to-night before a large audience composed chiefly of judges, lawyers and men of letters. The lecture was a narrative of his experiences as a barrister.

SHOT BY THE SULTAN.

How He Treated an Old Servant—Mistaking a Petition for a Pistol.

LONDON, Dec. 17—Last week one of the chief servants of the sultan desired leave of absence to visit his family and drew up a petition to him. When a favorable opportunity presented itself the servant prostrated himself before the sultan and putting his hand in his bosom to draw forth the document, the sultan being seized with suspicion that the man was about to assassinate him, pulled out his revolver and shot him dead. The affair was hushed up. Now every one avoids the slightest ambiguity of gesture.

CABLE NEWS.

Thomas Higgins was sentenced to death on Saturday for participation in the murder of the Huddys.

Movis, Smith & Co of Swansea, tin plate manufacturers, have failed with liabilities amounting to £100,000.

Saunders, who recently sent a threatening letter to Gladstone has been acquitted on the ground of insanity.

It is reported that Prince Krapotkine, the well known nihilist arrested at Thonon but released on parole, is in Dublin.

The Orient steamer Cotopaxi caught fire at the dock at London yesterday. She was completely gutted; loss £30,000.

The Paris Temps officially announces the refusal of France to accept the presidency of the Egyptian public debt commission.

The steamer Ethiopia, which arrived at Moville from New York yesterday and sailed for Glasgow, grounded in Lough Foyle. Assistance was sent to her.

The Sultan denies that he lives in fear of assassination. He says the Ottoman blood runs in his veins, and he has his share of the well known courage of his race.

Westgate, the self-accused murderer of Cavendish and Burke, will be arraigned today. Westgate now flatly denies that he ever made a statement implicating himself.

At Monceau les Mines, France, two dynamite cartridges exploded last evening, damaging the front of the house occupied by Martin, who registers the output of coal by individual miners.

Sir Charles Dilke's radical views regarding the civil list will likely prevent his being given the chancellorship of the duchy of Lancaster, which is so closely connected with the court. There is little doubt, however, but he will shortly enter the cabinet.

The Tonquin Expedition.

PARIS, Dec 16—Advices from Tonquin state that since the end of October the country has been entirely evacuated by the Chinese. The Temps urges the government to seize the opportunity to take possession of Tonquin. The National says the difference between President Grevy and M. Jaureguiberry, minister of marine, does not turn on the question of despatching an expedition to Tonquin. Premier Grevy wishes to intrust the expedition to a civil commissioner, while Jaureguiberry objects to the interference of a civilian in a military enterprise.

New Press Regulations in Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17—The porte has addressed a circular to the foreign representatives here, announcing the creation of a special bureau to supply correct information to correspondents of foreign papers. The circulars provide that should the correspondent write anything hostile to the government or spread false news, he will receive a warning. If he repeats the offence his name will be published. If he commits it a third time he will be expelled from the country.

British Shipping Casualties.

LONDON, Dec. 16—The British ship Glad Tidings went ashore at Prawle Point yesterday. It caught fire and is totally destroyed. Seventeen of the crew were saved and two drowned.

The British barque Langrigg Hall has struck on Huscar Rock, off the coast of Wexford, Ireland. Twenty-four of the crew were drowned and only two saved.

Mr. De Lesseps and the Panama Canal.

PARIS, Dec. 17—At a meeting of the geographical society to-day M De Lesseps promised that the Panama canal shall be ready to be opened by 1884. He described the health of the employees as satisfactory, and stated that the rate of mortality in Panama did not exceed that in France. He maintained that the fears that the canal was liable to destruction by earthquakes were quite unfounded.

Threatened Retribution.

LONDON, Dec 16—A letter signed Rory of the hills was received at the home office last evening, threatening that within the next few days one or more of the government offices or some other large building would be fired as a retribution for the execution of the three men at Galway for the murder of the Joyce family. The police at all the Government offices have been doubled.

English Cabinet Changes.

LONDON, Dec 16—The changes in the cabinet are now completed. The following took the oath before the queen in council to-day: Lord Derby, secretary of state for the colonies; Lord Kimberley, secretary of state for India; Lord Hartingdon, secretary of state for war; and Hugh Childers, chancellor of the exchequer.

Plan to Improve Egyptian Justice.

CAIRO, Dec. 16—Lord Dufferin has submitted to the Egyptian government a scheme to reform the native courts of justice. He proposes that the tribunal shall be presided over by European judges and that the code will be as far as possible similar to that of international tribunals.

Searching for Secret Societies.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16—The police to night made a raid upon numerous public houses frequented by persons suspected of belonging to secret societies. All found inside the houses were searched: but nothing of a criminal nature was discovered.

Parnell at Cork.

CORK, Dec. 17—Mr. Parnell was entertained at a banquet here last night. Replying to a toast, he said the cause of home rule was rapidly coming to the front. Both English political parties were very much afraid of the Irish vote.

Trouble with Negres

LINCOLNTON, N C., Dec. 16—Last night Constable Lowers attempted to arrest Cal Williams, a negro, for felling a man with a pick-ax. Williams resisted and Lowers shot him. After the shooting several colored persons attempted to fire some of the largest buildings. The military were ordered out and a number of arrests made.

A GREAT STORM FORETOLD

DR. WILD JOINS PROF. WIGGINS IN HIS PROPHECY.

"The Storm Next March" Not a Myth—Christ's Prophecy Concerning It—The Plagues of Former Years—The State of The Planetary System—The Battle of Armageddon—No. 666.

After answering a number of correspondents, in addition to criticizing the sermon of a Port Hope minister who recently preached against the lost ten tribes theory, Dr. Wild chose the text for his sermon from the 25th and 26th verses of the 21st chapter of Luke, which reads as follows:

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

The doctor prefaced his remarks by recounting the questions put by the Jews to the Savior and his answer that he could destroy the temple in three days, and on a later occasion, of prophecying to his disciples that not one stone would be left upon another; that Jerusalem would fall by the sword; that its inhabitants would be scattered into all nations, and that they would be trodden down by the Gentiles until the fulness of the Gentiles came in. He affirmed that these prophetic utterances of Christ had been literally fulfilled, and asked "When will this fulness of the Gentiles come to pass? When did they cease to tread down the Jews?" The year 1870 he answered, when the Berlin conference gave England charge over Turkey-in-Asia, which includes Palestine. He further stated that the Jews would again come into possession of their former land in 1935, when the millenium will set in in Great Britain and America, while the millenium will set in for the whole world in 1937. He arrived at these dates from events that had transpired.

Considering that so much had been fulfilled, we were prepared to take in the words of the text, for immediately the Jews cease to be trodden down, then the facts contained in the text will begin to operate. "There shall be signs in the sun, in the moon and in the stars," and these signs are to coincide with storms and distress.

From 1880 to 1885 our planetary system is to be put in a very singular condition—a condition it has not been in for hundreds of years. Similar conditions have been known in the years 542 and 1665. In 542 they had three planets in perihelion. In that year, according to Gibbon and other Listogians, one hundred million people perished. In 1665 occurred the terrible black death, which was no less destructive. The cholera plague of London commenced the year previous and swept over Europe, Asia and Africa, while in its wake followed other destructive plagues and death-dealing storms. By comparing the facts of history with those of astronomy, it will be found that planetary conjunctions are related to plagues and terrible visitations of nature.

The wise ones of the earth feel the pressure of national storms coming on. Astronomers are alarmed at the condition of the heavens. We have a Canadian astronomer—Prof. E. Stone Wiggins—a man not to be despised. He is the author of several scientific and astronomical works, and wrote the best essay on comets recently among 125 that were prepared. Prof. Wiggins has, as you are aware, foretold the approach of a terrible storm in March next.

In the years 542 and 1665 we find that these perihelions had three planets. What is occurring just now? Beginning with 1880 up to 1885 we will have four of our principal and one of our minor planets in perihelion. Perihelions have occurred and will occur as follows: Jupiter in autumn of 1880, Mars in the spring of 1881, Neptune in the winter of 1881, Uranus in the spring of 1882 and Saturn in the autumn of 1885. Seeing that these heavenly bodies in perihelion before have brought evil of a strange kind upon the earth, are we to suppose that the same thing will occur again under like and increased conditions? By all fair reasoning we naturally are. Hence. I believe that Prof. Wiggins will not be astray. We have had remarkable earthquakes, diseases, an unsettled condition of society and strange facts that are looked upon as unusual in this intellectual age. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Job foretells the battle of the Lord God Almighty—the coming battle of Armageddon, which cannot be far off. Job further says that the Lord has hail stored up for use, and that nature is gradually preparing for this eventful day, just as the flood was ready when wanted. Strange to say, John in Revelations corroborates this, although the writers were 1500 miles apart. The Lord has given us signs in the sun, the moon and the stars before, and why not again.

Anything can be made by God to do his bidding. He can send an army of locusts to play havoc; He can cause Sir Walter Raleigh to import potatoes to Ireland, and through the potato famine of 1844 break the back of popery in that country; He can turn a cord into a scorpion lash to drive the money-changers from the temple. The Lord rules in the heavens and can accomplish great facts.

Look at Europe. What means the accumulation of war material by England, France and Germany and other countries? These nations perceive that a great storm is approaching, a great war is near at hand, and troublesome times are coming. Do not be alarmed. Rest in greater security in the God that rules in the heavens and the earth.

"No. 666" was the subject announced for next Sunday evening.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE GRAND TRUNK.

Lost a big counsel fee in Roe v. Doe—train three hours late—blasted railway—The lawyer.

I'll look up the statutes to see if an action won't lie—Idem.

Only home once a week—never can see my girl Saturday night—too bad, too bad—The commercial traveler.

Let them charge five cents a mile, but don't keep us lounging all day about stations and country towns—Idem.

I got in Toronto two and a half hours late myself—Mr. Hickson.

It's 2 now, and Charles not home yet—dear me, I'm so sleepy—The waiting wife.

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, December 18, 1 a.m.

Lakes and Upper St. Lawrence: Light to moderate winds, fair weather, no decided change in the temperature.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at	From
Dec 16	Virginia	New York	Liverpool
Dec 16	Adriatic	Queenstown	New York
Dec 17	Wisconsin	New York	Liverpool
Dec 17	Amerique	Havre	New York
Dec 17	Ethiopia	Moville	New York
Dec 17	Nijasia	Plymouth	New York