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TO APPEAL IN THE AUTUMN.

THE BRITISH HOUSE TO BE DISSOLVED THIS YEAR.

The Labor Question to Be Made a Plank in the Platform—The Troubles in Newfoundland and Egyptian Occupation—Michael Davitt on the Labor Commission.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Information touching the Cabinet's discussion of a program leading up to dissolution of Parliament has reached the ministerial ranks, arousing increased expectancy of an appeal to the country in the autumn. Efforts to get a definite assurance from members of the Cabinet have been met simply by advice to be ready. William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer Goschen, President Hicks-Beach of the Board of Trade and President Chaplin of the Board of Agriculture believe the time opportune to test the fortunes of the party in a general election. Secretary Balfour and President Ritchie of the Local Government Board oppose the idea, the former desiring first to force the passage of an Irish Local Government measure. Lord Salisbury is believed to favor the autumn as the fitting time to go to the country if he can settle the Behring Sea dispute with the United States. In the opinion of the Foreign Office critical times are impending through troubles in Newfoundland, and the Egyptian occupation reaching a climax which Lord Salisbury's fabian tactics have hitherto averted. It is deemed impossible to protract negotiations with France. Another year must see a settlement injurious to the Government's reputation or a grave diplomatic collision with France. The Liberals have already completed their preparations for the coming contest. The local candidates have been selected and their central election fund is ample. The Conservatives are not so well organized. The intention of the Conservatives to make the labor question a prominent plank in their platform is indicated in various movements. The Prince of Wales will be the nominal president of the proposed labor commission. In response to the Parnellite request for Irish representation on the commission Michael Davitt will be nominated, which will displease the Parnellites. Mr. Parnell has stated in an interview with members of the Irish laborers union that he would aid in the organization of trades, and would support the 8 hours bill for every trade not likely to suffer from foreign competition by restricted hours. He would also support a reduction of the franchise to enable the election of workmen to Parliament.

The Parnellite campaign in Ireland progresses apace. The McCarthyites' delay in taking the field is a bad augury for their future. Ted Harrington, Mr. Redmond and other Parnellites warn the clergy that they will no further tolerate their hostility tamely.

Sir Charles Dilke's Vindication.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Sir Charles Dilke has assented to the proposal of the Liberal electors of the Forest Dean Division of Gloucestershire that he be their candidate for Parliament at the coming general election, and has supplied them with a statement for private circulation vindicating himself against the charges made against him in connection with the celebrated divorce case of some years ago.

Harrington Awarded £5.

DUBLIN, Feb. 27.—The suit of Timothy Harrington against the publisher of the anti Parnell paper, Insuppressible, was decided to-day. Harrington obtained a verdict of £5 damages.

Foreign Notes.

The King of Sweden has accepted the resignation of the Norwegian Cabinet.

An advance post of dervishes stationed at Akobana has surrendered to the Egyptian forces.

Empress Frederick left Paris yesterday. No unpleasant incident marked her departure.

Vienna papers attribute the agitation in Paris to Russian designs, carried on through Deroulede and his followers

Sir James Ferguson in the House of Commons yesterday said an Egyptian garrison would be maintained at Tokar.

Mr Balfour, in reply to a question in the House yesterday, said the bail of Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien had been forfeited to the crown.

The friendly tribes have sent word to the Egyptian headquarters that they will not allow Osman Digna to take refuge in their country.

Canadian Foresters' Concert

The concert of the Canadian Order of Foresters promises to be the most attractive ever given by this popular order. The program is a veritable selections of gems, arias, ballads, humorous songs and recitations, solos, duets, quartets, violin and piano selections by first-class artists from Leipsic, Germany; New York, Montreal, and the best of local talent, making an irresistible array of talented artists. Besides the beautiful Hortense Pierce, one of New York's best sopranos, Mr. W. H. Rieger, New York's leading tenor, will appear in Toronto for the first time and will sing solos and a duet with the musical director, Mr. W. Edgar Buck. The following clipping from a leading New York journal speaks for itself: Mr. William H. Rieger is an ideal tenor, his voice and method disarms criticism. We never heard his equal, and we question whether he has one this side of the water.

To Inspect the Books.

The Public Library Board at its meeting yesterday discussed the methods of making better known what valuable books the institution contains. It decided to invite the members of the City Council, the public and the separate school boards and the heads of the public institutions of the city with their families to an inspection of its treasures on the evening of March 19, from 8 to 10. The library and reading room will be closed to the public that day at 6. The librarian has received from the Secretary of State a communication stating that he has sent to the library a copy of the celebrated Jeypore Portfolio of Architectural Details, recently published at his own expense by His Majesty the Maharaja of Jeypore, India.

Their First at Home.

The first annual at home of William Johnston L.O.L. 127 was held last night in Victoria Hall. Three hundred sat down to a first-class supper, with W. M. William Forster in the chair. Speech and song delightfully followed. Among those who took part were: Miss McCutcheon, Miss E. McCutcheon, Miss Lewis and Miss M. Little and Messrs. Carr, Boucher, McPall and McClennan. A past master's jewel was presented to T. Caswell by H. Lovelock, deputy master of Centre Toronto.

For children's colds invaluable, Hallamore's Expectorant.

Escaped from the Central.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 27.—Sergeant Ross last evening arrested James alias William alias Court Butler, a negro, who escaped from the Central two years ago. He was placed in safe keeping and the Toronto authorities communicated with and an officer arrived and took his prisoner back. Butler had as a companion a rather prepossessing negress.

If you hold property in York township, St. Paul's Ward, East Toronto or Scarboro', call at Maclean's headquarters, see if you have a vote in East York, and then record it for him and the N. P.

Personal.

Mr. J. Davis, Windsor, is at the Queen's.

Mr. G. W. McMullen, Picton, is at the Queen's.

F. H. Woods, real estate agent, has recovered from a long and serious attack of typhoid fever.

Among the most enthusiastic supporters of Col. Denison's candidature at the nomination meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday were Messrs. S. McNab and E. M. Chadwick, Q.C.

Mrs. Manley has just received news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Payne, at Shaldon, Devon, England, in her 95th year. The deceased lady is Capt. Manley's grandmother, and leaves two sisters aged 93 and 87 respectively and a large number of great-grandchildren.

WOMAN'S WEAKNESSES.

Gave a Married Man $1000 to Elope with Her.

AMHERSTBURG, Feb. 26.—It is rumored that Adolphus Baker, a former resident of the 10th con. Mersea, has absconded and eloped. First he is said to have absconded with the proceeds of his sales and delivery of fruit trees, which he sold during the past autumn for a firm in Rochester, N.Y., and that he eloped with a woman from Sandusky, Ohio. He is reported to have told a man in Mersea or Leamington that the Sandusky woman offered him $1000 if he would go with her to Florida and start an orange grove and he was met by a Mersea man between Detroit and Chicago. He left a wife and 4 or 5 children in Mersea not very well provided for.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

To Be Wiped Out of Existence—What a New York Man Says on the Political Situation.

A New York commercial man was seen in the city yesterday. He is a gentleman well-known in Toronto and knows what he is talking about. He has been on the road over 20 years and his opinions are worth listening to.

He said within 24 hours after we got this "board fence" down the men representing Canadian houses can pick their grips and "come in out of the wet."

There is a whole army of commercial men representing New York, Boston and Chicago houses "laying at anchor outside" waiting to get in. The hotels of this town won't hold them all. The fellows who work Michigan, New York and the New England States are dying to get a crack at this territory. I'll bet $100 there won't be a hundred traveling men wanted in this country a year from now."

"The association you talk so much about now "can saw wood for a while. We shall have special quotations on all lines for the Canadian trades. We expect to lose $1,000,000 the first year to get your houses out of the way, then we shall have clear sailing and make some money. The shoe trade, drygoods trade, millinery and furniture would be 'pie for us.' You will see some pretty lively times between New York and Chicago houses for Toronto trade, everything east of Toronto will go to New York and the west will fall to the Chicago houses."

"But do you mean to say our wholesale houses will be closed out?"

"Why, when towns like Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland and Rochester buy in New York and Chicago, how can they do anything here, when this tariff fence comes down you will think a cyclone struck this town—champagne will flow like water in this town among American traveling men, it will be a regular Waterloo—all the houses you want here are about three grocery houses to work the backwoods country. Chicago and New York will take care of the rest. There will be a big fight for Toronto trade between Chicago, New York and Boston houses, but I fancy New York will get the most part of it. We have been crowded out of Canada for 12 years, but our day is coming; and I'l give you a pointer, if you hae any friend handling real estate tell him to unload before he hears something drop. The best wholesale house in this town will rent for $75 a month. Good day."

Bradstreet's Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's indicate that the total volume of general business transacted during February has not equalled that during an equal number of days in January last. The only cities which report anything like a genuine activity in the movement of staples from the hands of wholesale merchants are: Cincinnati, where high water has interrupted the movement of late and boots and shoes are only in fair demand; St. Louis, where cotton and pig iron are weaker and live stock lower in price; at Kansas City, where there has been heaviness in the cattle and hog market; and Chicago. The check to business, owing to floods or impending overflows, has been quite noticeable through the Central, Western and Southern States. Dulness pervades almost all lines of general trade throughout the Canadian Dominion, and is likely to do so until after the elections. Commercial travelers have been called in. Opening of navigation will improve business some. Manitoba wheat is in good export demand. The Dominion of Canada reports 43 failures this week, against 52 last week and 34 this week last year. The total number Jan. 1 to date is 426, against 390 last year.

Success of a Toronto Boy—Re-Elected M.P.

Hon. John A. Mara, member for Yale, B.C., has been again re-elected by acclamation. Mr. Mara is an old Toronto boy, born and bred, son of the late Mr. John Mara, and brother of Mr. William Mara, merchant and a member of the Public Library Board. He spends a portion of his time during and after the parliamentary session visiting his respected mother, who is a much-esteemed and old-time resident of the "Queen City." He left Toronto about 20 years ago and settled in British Columbia, where he has had a successful business career. He was elected a member of the Local Legislature of the province, and for some years filled the high office of Speaker of the House. At the last general election he was selected as the Conservative standard-bearer, and owing to his popularity and the strength of the cause he espoused he was elected by acclamation. Yesterday Mr. Mara was again unanimously elected. His numerous friends in Toronto and throughout this province will learn with satisfaction of his continued success.

Ladies' Fur-Lined Cloaks.

Just the article for this season. Lined with fur and covered with heavy black cashmere. It is the most comfortable evening wrap worn and is suitable for street wear. Dineens, on the corner of King and Yonge-streets, have quite a number on hand in all the various qualities of fur linings that can be bought at very low figures. Some are as low as $10, others at $15, $18, $20 and up to $35. Those requiring a very cheap wrap should see those at Dineen's, corner King and Yonge-streets.

Mr. J. A. Lawrie, the favorably known caterer, late of Headquarters, has now reopened at "The Shades," 99 King-street west, a comfortable and well-equipped dining hall, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and insures them a really first-class Bill of Fare at reasonable rates. Breakfast 7.30 till 11 a.m., lunch from 11.30 till 3 p.m., supper from 5.30 till 11 p.m. Don't forget to call on the old reliable Gus. 246

A mass meeting of St. Matthew's Ward supporters of W. F. Maclean will be held at 8 o'clock this (Saturday) evening in Smith's new block. Addresses will be delivered by W. Laidlaw, Q.C., Wallace Millichamp, F. R. Powell and others.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered),

65 Yonge-street (below King). New goods in solid silver English spoons and forks; wholesale prices. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

Young men of Toronto who wish to see the N. P. sustained and are willing to give W. F Maclean a lift in East York ought to call at his headquarters in the Yonge-street Arcade and assist. There is work for all to do.

High Prices for Arctic Whalebone.

NEW BEDFORD, Feb. 27.—A sale was made to-day in New York of Arctic whalebone at $5.10 per pound the highest price ever paid at first hands. Holders are now asking $5.25.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.35 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m., arriving in Toronto at 10.45 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.20 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

Died After His Speech.

PLANKINTON, S.D., Feb. 27.—Hon. H. C. Ayres, a prominent member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Dakota, fell dead yesterday after delivering a speech.

ST. JOHN TALKS OF SIR JOHN

ROUSING CONSERVATIVE MEETING IN WEST YORK LAST NIGHT.

The Largest Meeting Ever Held in Parkdale—Arthur Mowat in West Toronto—Another Letter From General Manager Van Horne of the C.P.R.—The Situation in a Nutshell.

The Masonic Hall in Parkdale was completely packed at 8 o'clock last night, when the following gentlemen walked upon the platform: John Laxton, N. Clarke Wallace, J. W. St. John, James Bond, J. Armstrong, Ald. Atkinson. It was a Conservative meeting, but there was a large Reform element and much disturbance. Mr. Laxton took the chair. Mr. Clement was invited to the platform and given time to speak. There were many ladies present.

Mr. James Bond, an ex-Reformer from the Junction, came forward amid applause. It might seem queer that a Reformer should open a Conservative meeting. He would give his reasons. He had not left the party, the party had left him. Hon. Edward Blake was a Reformer—[hoots from the Reform section]—but not with his party. The Reformers were all right themselves, but had fallen among leaders. The N.P. had its faults, but it was better than unrestricted animosity. Farms in this country are mortgaged 12 per cent. and in the U.S. the proportion is 27 per cent. The Canadian farmers can go to the vacant farms in Vermont if they are not satisfied. He read a private letter from his brother in the States, a banker, who said all the money lent to farmers was locked up and could not be got in. He asked them not to vote for a man as leader who said he would shoulder his rifle and shoot their brothers on the Saskatchewan. They wanted nothing to do with the invaders of Ridgeway. [Applause.]

Mr. J. Armstrong, after giving the Reformers credit for honesty in their opposition to all the good things the Conservative party had done in past years, went on to consider U.R. It was a wall 60 feet high around the country instead of 30 feet as at present. If the Grits got in Commissioner Bob Cooper, Mr. Laurier, the musketeer; Sir Richard, the mixer and muddler; Mr. Charlton, the ex-Equal Righter; Mr. Farrer, Mr. Wiman, Mr. Goldwin Smith and, if they lacked a man, Mr. Clement.

Mr. St. John was glad to see the ladies present. The people must not be led aside by minor issues. The trade question was paramount. He sketched the history of the trade relations between the two countries. The offer of the Conservatives was on the statute books since 1879. Never was an offer made by the Reformers out once. This country, after building an offer open to the Americans for years for reciprocity in natural products, would not bow the knee to unfair terms by the United States. [Cries of Never.] Sir John had too much spirit for that. The Reform policy was free trade at any expense, while the Conservative was Canada for the Canadians. No free people had ever been so craven as to surrender its fiscal autonomy. The N.P. had done well for the farmers. In 1890 $440,000,000 worth of produce was raised by them. Of this $400,000,000 worth was consumed in Canada, only $13,000,000 went to the States, which with a deficiency of $5,000,000 imported here, left only $8,000,000 worth actually sold in the United States. The city of Toronto consumed that much itself. Who dare say in view of this we require the American market for the consumption of our products? [Loud applause.] The C.P.R. was a Conservative achievement and a grand success. The national debt was large, but the greatest increase took place during the Reform Administration, when nothing was got in return for the expenditure. In Ontario 9½ per cent. of the assessed value of the farms is mortgaged. In Ohio the per cent is 26, in Illinois 16, in Michigan 10, in Kansas 83. The farmer was well off. U.R. meant direct taxation. If it did not he hoped Mr. Clement would explain. Mr. St. John made a splendid speech and closed amid great applause.

The candidates, Messrs. Wallace and Clements, then delivered addresses.

MR. KERR SET RIGHT

With Respect to the Improvements at Toronto Harbor.

Mr. J. K. Kerr has made a blunder in at least one of the planks of the platform for which he asks the support of the electors of Centre Toronto. He asserts that the Government has neglected Toronto harbor; that the city has had to pay to the Government $100,000 towards the cost of repairing the harbor; that many contractors would gladly do the whole work for the price which the city alone paid; that other harbors were repaired for nothing; that therefore the present supporter of the Government should be rejected and he elected to look after Toronto.

He forgets that his party condemns the repairs made to other harbors as means of purchasing constituents. But, sadly incon the boodling aspect of the question, history is against him. It was not the Government of Sir John Macdonald, but that of his own friends, that of Mr. Mackenzie, which refused to do anything to the harbor. In 1877 Mr. Morgan Baldwin, the present harbor master, at that time a member of the City Council, got up a petition representing that there was danger of the Island being washed away and praying that the Island should be preserved. The petition was presented by Mr. S. Platt, one of the city members. Mr. Mackenzie, himself Minister of Public Works, sent up his engineer, Mr. Kingsford, who reported adversely to the petition, and Mr. Mackenzie's Government refused to do anything excepting a little dredging at the western gap. Mr. Kerr does not tell that part of the story.

A few years later, a Conservative Government having come into power, Mr. James Beaty, the Mayor, and Mr. Baldwin, the harbor master, went again to Ottawa and asked that a foreign and therefore unprejudiced engineer should be appointed to determine whether the harbor needed repairs. Sir Hector Langevin appointed the celebrated Capt. Eads, who reported that the Island must be preserved. On his report the work has gone on steadily and systematically ever since. He calculated the work of construction would cost $300,000. The Government promised that if the city would contribute $100,000 it would contribute the remainder, whatever it might be, and in addition keep the works in repair forever. The city considered the proposal fair and therefore accepted it.

Mr. Kerr, therefore, cannot blame the Government of Sir John Macdonald, but rather should complain of the niggardly treatment of his own friends.

West Toronto Liberals.

The West Toronto Liberals held a mass meeting in Jubilee Hall in College-street last night. Simon McCabe presided and the hall was well-filled. The speakers were George L. Wilson, George H. Bertram, Arthur Mowat, Lockhart Gordon, N. G. Bigelow and Ald. G. S. Lindsey. Mr. Bertram made a very eloquent address, and received an attentive hearing. Mr. Mowat's speech was free from any elocutionary excellence but was evidently very sincere. "Canada can raise better horses, better sheep"—"And better children," exclaimed the facetious gentleman at the back of the hall, when Lockhart Gordon was lauding the resources of our country. N. Gordon Bigelow had good control of his audience for some minutes, more by his forensic abilities, than by sound argument. The meeting broke up with three cheers for the Queen in which the Tories present joined lustily.

WOULD RUIN INDUSTRY.

Another Important Letter from the General Manager of the C.P.R.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—In answer to The Witness' criticism of Mr. Van Horne's recent letter, that gentleman says in to-night's Witness.

First thanking you for the tone of your criticism of my recent letter to Senator Drummond, I beg leave to say a few words in reply. First of all, I would like to ask what the fact of my being an American by birth has to do with the question at issue. I came here ten years ago in an honorable manner. I was invited to come. I saw the great possibilities of the country and soon came to love it and its people—most of them. A few years in an active life makes great changes, new ties are formed and old ones are weakened or lost and therefore a good while ago I decided to make this my permanent home. I took advantage of the laws provided for such a purpose and corrected, as far as I could, the accident of my birth under another flag and I supposed that I had acquired the right to speak as a Canadian; at all events, when it comes to measuring loyalty to the community in which I have voluntarily cast my lot or sincere devotion to its interests I will not surrender a jot to anybody in this Dominion, excepting my wife and children. The Canadian Pacific is the chief object of my affection in this world, and I hold decided views concerning its enemies in Canada, in the U.S., or elsewhere, and even more decided views concerning anything tending to injure it. My experience on both sides of the international boundary teaches me that unrestricted reciprocity would be ruinous to Canada, and I need hardly point out that the prosperity of the Canadian Pacific Railway depends upon the prosperity of the country. Therefore I am with all my soul and body opposed to unrestricted reciprocity or anything like it, and am in duty bound to oppose it in every way possible. I am sorry that it has become a political question and divides parties, and that no one can discuss it without being accused of meddling in politics, for I am not a politician. Indeed, I have never voted here or elsewhere. Moreover, I have not a consuming love for our present Government, because I feel that they have treated the C.P.R. Company unfairly, although the public, ignorant of the facts, no doubt think otherwise.

Now For Business.

So much for my personal position. Now, if you please let us talk about business. I do not wish to lead you into the labyrinth of trade and industrial questions relating to U.R. nor to point out all or even many of the interests that would be damaged by it, for there are thousands of them. Let me ask you to look at the map of the U.S. and Canada, showing all the existing transportation routes, both rail and water, and consider what would be the effect on the wholesale trade of Montreal and Toronto of throwing open the door of our Northwest to St. Paul and Chicago—the former with single houses doing a business of $10,000,000 annually and the latter with single houses reaching beyond $40,000,000. Consider the effect not alone on our wholesale trade, but on our ocean steamship interests and our railway interests of throwing open Ontario and the whole of the West to New York, not forgetting that the conditions and methods of trade have radically changed since Canada last had free trade with the States. And while you are looking at the map show to you the effect on the connection at Sault Ste. Marie, to which you have referred, was established with the primary object of taking advantage of our geographical situation and affording the shortest possible route for the produce of the United States to Atlantic steamships plying from Canadian seaports, Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax, which was the fact. In this connection I may as well remind you that the Lachine bridge, to which you have referred, is part and parcel of the Atlantic and Northwest Railway, which was built to give the Canadian Pacific Railway access to the Canadian seaports St. John and Halifax, although it incidentally afforded a valuable connection with the New England states.

How long, think you, would the great cotton mills of New England continue to use distant China as a dumping ground for their surplus products if they could dump them right here in Canada, and where would the great flouring mills of the Western States dump their surplus, in Canada or in Europe?

But I might go on with such questions for a week. I will be content if The Witness will answer those already asked. The Witness could hardly be accused of partiality in suggesting the saving to the C.P.R. in the cost of its supplies as an offset to the results of unrestricted reciprocity, or in suggesting that it would make a great deal of money in carrying American goods when Canada should become a slaughter market. On the same principle it might make a great deal of money out of a famine somewhere in the Dominion.

As to the discriminating tariffs of the C.P.R. in favor of the Northwestern States and against our own Northwest, I will only say now that The Witness is misinformed. I have on my table a statement of the earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the past seven weeks in comparison with the corresponding seven weeks in 1887, when the railway was in full operation through to the Pacific, to which, in conclusion, I would like to draw your attention. For the first seven weeks in 1887 they were $1,018,000, and for the first seven weeks in 1891 they were $2,310,[illegible], and only 3 of the cents of these earnings came from States to States traffic. Where do you think these earnings came from?

The Eight Hour League of Canada.

TORONTO, Feb. 24, '91.

W. F. Maclean: Will you support a bill to make eight hours a legal working day in the event of such a bill being introduced in the House of Commons? On behalf of the League, G. P. TIMMS, Secretary.

Mr. G. F. Timms: My answer to above question is, Yes. W. F. MACLEAN.

Sir John Better.

KINGSTON, Feb. 27.—Sir John A. Macdonald has almost entirely recovered from the illness he contracted through his arduous campaign work.

It has no equal, Hallamore's Expectorant.

COLLISION AT BUFFALO.

Several Trainmen Injured, One of Them Fatally.

BUFFALO, Feb. 27.—The Lehigh Valley fast passenger train from New York collided with an Erie freight at East Buffalo to-night. Both trains were derailed, two engineers, one fireman badly hurt and Brakeman Bottomley mortally injured. No passengers are said to have been hurt.

Lovers of the Camera at Home.

It was a coterie of jovial spirits that assembled in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Richmond and Bay-streets, last night, to puff the "weed" and enjoy the concert held under the auspices of the Toronto Amateur Photographic Association. There were about 200 present. Mr. F. D. Manchee presided. This was the excellent program presented: Instrumental—W. J. Moodey, harmonica; A. J. Moodey, banjo and harmonica; A. Brown, banjo and harmonica. Song, "What is it?"—S. H. Wilson. Single Sticks (Blindfold)—Alex. Fraser, H. C. Small. Instrumental—Arthur P. Taylor, piano; D. Merrick, harmonica; Norman Smith, banjo. Limelight Exhibition—Frank D. Manchee. Song, "I am Waiting"—A. C. Fairweather. Fencing—Richard B. Malchieu, Maitre d'Armes, Toronto Fencing Club; H. Bruce Brough. Song, "Jock McGrath"—Henry Wright. Recitation (comic)—J. Alexander. This was the committee of management: W. R. McMurrich, F. Langton, E. Havelock Walsh, R. S. Clark, A. W. Croll, F. D. Manchee, Dr. Ellis, R. G. Munro, Hugh Wilson, Charles Riggs, G. S. C. Bethune.

Additions to Varsity Library.

Among the recent donations to the library of the University of Toronto was a complete set of works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, the historian of the Pacific coast. This very valuable gift has been presented by Mr. John J. Palmer of San Francisco, Cal., at the request of Mr. William Christie of this city. Messrs. Henry Sothern & Co., the well-known booksellers of London, England, have sent, through Mr. James Bain of the Public Library, a set, in six volumes, of Picart's Religious Ceremonies and Customs of the several nations of the known world.

Its use commends it, Hallamore's Expectorant.

TOKAR TO BE GARRISONED.

BRITISH FORCES TO BE LOCATED PERMANENTLY THERE.

General Grenfell's Cavalry Scouring the Country Round the Enemy—Among the Captives Rescued Were Three Egyptian Women Who Were Taken at the Capture of Khartoum.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The latest advices from Suakim are to the effect that the Anglo-Egyptian force is for the present resting at Tokar, where the battery of artillery is stationed, while the squadron of cavalry is scouring the country around in search of any remnants of the army.

General Grenfell has arrived from Cairo, to be near the scene of operations. Among the captives rescued at Tokar were three Egyptian women, who were taken by the Mahdi's forces at the time of the capture of Khartoum. They had ever since been in the household of Osman Digna. Hearing of the Egyptian advance they concealed themselves when the dervises abandoned Tokar.

WHAT'S COL. DENISON HINTING AT?

The Police Magistrate Makes Mysterious Reference to Edward Blake's Distrust of the Present Liberal Policy.

The Sergeants' Mess, Q.O.R., held their eighth annual dinner last night at the rooms, corner of Church and Front-streets. The room was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and presented a pretty scene.

Fair Canada! our happy land,
Firm friends are they who boldly stand
To shield thee from the traitor's hand,
God guard thee now, fair Canada.

Sergeant-Major W. G. Kennedy.

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The chair was taken by Sergt.-Major Kennedy. On his right were Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Col. Sweny, Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, Adjutant Macdonald, and on his left were Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lt.-Col. Gray, Ald. Score, Major Mead and Captain Macdougall. The vice chairs were occupied by Staff-Sergt. Harp and Col.-Sergt. Worrell.

The dinner, a splendid one served by Webb, was thoroughly enjoyed. Toasts followed in rapid succession from Rev. G. R. Lloyd, St. John, N.B., ex-chaplain of the regiment, Sir John A. Macdonald, Major-General Herbert, Sir Casimir Gzowski, Mayor Clarke, Col. Smith, Col. Otter, Col. Dawson, Col. Gibson, Col. Jones, Col. Grassett and others.

The first toast was "The Queen," which was accompanied by the National Anthem. The "D.A.G." was responded to by Col. Otter, "Our Commanding Officer and the Staff" was replied to by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and Adjutant Macdonald. Staff-Sergt. Macdonald, in proposing the toast "Our Departed Comrade," referred to the manly qualities of the late Sergt.-Major McIntyre, concluding "He was every inch a soldier." The toast was drunk in silence. "The Canadian Militia" was responded to by Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison.

"Imperial Federation" was appropriately replied to by Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison. After pointing out the benefits which, in his opinion, would flow from the adoption of the scheme, he denounced the present annexation schemes. Hon. Edward Blake would not countenance the schemers. There were many loyal men in the Reform party, but if they knew as much as Mr. Blake or his (Col. Denison) did they would change their right hand rather than advocate the policy of unrestricted reciprocity. He saw three or four years ago that an attempt would be made to absorb Canada in the United States. That was the reason he went in for Imperial Federation, in order to work up sentiments of loyalty so that the people would be prepared for the present attempt. He did not do all that work for fun. He hoped the time would come when Hon. Edward Blake would be premier of the Dominion. If the rest of the party knew as much as Mr. Blake does they would be where he is now.

The remaining toasts were: "Our Brother Non-Coms," responded to by Sergt.-Major Athans, 13th Batt., and Col.-Sergt. Jack, 14th, Princess of Wales, Kingston; "The Mayor and Corporation," Ald. Score; "Our Guests," Col. Sweny; "The Ladies," Sergt. Drynan; "The Press," Pte. Garvin. During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. Eddis, Bugle-major Swift, Staff-Sergt. Williams. Bugle-Major Davies presided at the organ.

We quote from a recent issue of a contemporary the following regarding the North British and Mercantile Assurance Company of this city, which is presided over by the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie: "Considering its splendid financial statement, a decade which has shown such steadily increasing prosperity, its prompt payment of death claims without delay, and the strict attention to business which characterizes its minutest details, we can strongly recommend it to our readers as a good investment for their savings."

The Thief Repented.

REGINA, Feb. 27.—A man broke into Mr. A. Daykin's jewelry establishment. The noise caused by the breaking of a large pane of glass awoke Mr. Daykin, who fired a revolver at the burglar. The shot took no effect, however, and the robber escaped with about $50 worth of jewelry. The thief evidently had a fit of repentance soon afterwards, for the whole of the jewelry was brought back next morning and laid on the windowsill.

Canadian Companies are Cheapest, safest and most satisfactory to Canadians. Loyalty to the institutions of your own country and your own financial interests agree in recommending you to insure your life in the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company. Office, 32 Church-street.

An Illicit Still.

SASKATOON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Costigan, Inland Revenue Officer, returned from Battleford this morning. He went there a week ago to investigate a charge made by Fletcher, the alleged murderer, against one Prongua of having an illicit still in his possession. The evidence was sufficient to convict Prongua and he was fined $700. He gave notice of appeal.

Swollen and Stiff Knee Joints. 26
The knee joint is the largest joint on our body; anything wrong there, look out. With an instrument of my own invention I have completely restored over 20 cases of "water swelling." References in city. Chas. Clothe, surgical machinist, 124 King west, Toronto.

The Chicago Billiard Tourney.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Carter won first prize of $500 in the billiard tourney, Ives 2nd, Catton 3rd. Ives challenged Carter for the championship emblem.

Local Option Carried.

BEACHBURG, Feb. 27.—Voting on local prohibition in the Township of Westmeath took place to-day. Majority for prohibition, 32.

Loans at Low Rates.
Owners of Central properties can secure money at exceptionally low rates by applying to Mr. Troy, Ontario Mutual Life Office, 32 Church-st.

$200 for the Sufferers.

HAMILTON, Feb. 27.—The City Council has granted $200 to the Springhill sufferers.

Catarrh—Hay Fever—Catarrhal Deafness
A New Home Treatment has been discovered whereby the worst cases are permanently cured by a few simple applications made formightly by the patient at home. Send stamp for circular. A. H. Dixon & Son, 343 West King-street, Toronto.

Ocean Steamship Movements.

Date.	Name.	Reported at.	From.
Feb. 27	Spree	New York	Bremen
"	Pennland	"	Antwerp

PASSED UNDER THE ROD.

Another Long List of Sudden Deaths in Various Walks of Life.

PRESCOTT, Feb. 27.—About 10 o'clock last night while the C.P.R. Car and Transfer Company boat Transit was backing out from the dock with a load of cars for Ogdensburg, Harry Raymond, fireman, fell into the river. The body was brought to the surface at 3 p.m. to-day.

A Government Employe's Death.

HAMILTON, Feb. 27.—Rudolph Rissman, Assistant Dominion Immigration Agent, and one of the most prominent German residents of this city, left his office at the Grand Trunk station about 11.45 to make some deposits in the bank. He descended the car at Vine-street and went into T. Richter's saloon and complained of feeling very ill. He asked young Richter to give him some whisky, but as he attempted to swallow it he staggered back and fell into a chair. Almost immediately he fell forward on the floor. Dr. Hillyer was summoned from his office across the street, but when he arrived Mr. Rissman was dead. The doctor pronounced it a case of heart failure. He had acted as interpreter and assistant immigration agent for ten years.

Drink Drove Him Down.

ORANGEVILLE, Feb. 27.—Death claimed another of the county jail's pauper guests on Tuesday night of last week. This time it was Joseph McPherson, aged 59 and an ex-resident of East Garafraxa, who was called to his last account. Drink drove McPherson down from a position of comparative wealth as a prosperous farmer to the pauper's cell behind prison bars. There was the usual coroner's inquest, the stereotyped verdict, the solitary hearse wending its way to the Potter's field—and the sad tale is told.

Blown Up With Dynamite.

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 27.—George Farquharson and two sons and William L. Delaney were blasting on Grindstone Island when the charge prematurely exploded and all were badly burned. One of Mr. Farquharson's sons was terribly burned about the abdomen and now lies in a precarious condition.

Canadian Killed in Wisconsin.

MOUNT FOREST, Feb. 27.—Isaac Cameron, son of William Cameron of this town, was working in the lumber woods in Wisconsin and was struck by a log while unloading a car and instantly killed. The remains were brought home.

Dropped Dead at Breakfast.

KINCARDINE, Feb. 27.—On Wednesday morning the wife of Dr. Hopkins of this town rose at the usual time and after a while sat down to breakfast, when she immediately expired. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Fatal Fall Downstairs.

WINDSOR, Feb. 27.—William Rae of Colchester fell downstairs a few days ago and received such severe injuries that death occurred yesterday. He was aged over 80.

Killed in a Bobbin Factory.

WALKERTON, Feb. 27.—A boy named George Disch, 14 years of age, got caught in the machinery of Ker & Harcourt's bobbin factory here to-day and was instantly killed.

Dropped Dead on the Highway.

MOUNT FOREST, Feb. 27.—Peter Leslie, an old and respected farmer of Egremont, residing near Holstein, dropped dead on the roadway. Heart disease was the cause.

Ladies' Aid Concerts Last Night.

A concert was held in the Wesley Church, Dundas-street, last night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The vocalists were Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. Warrington, and the elocutionist Miss Helen Marr Patterson. I have been exceptional entertainment and the attendance was unusually large.

A capital concert was given in the Bathurst-street Methodist Church last night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The attendance was large and each selection was recived with great favor. Miss Florence Mabel Glover's staccato song was especially appreciated, and Miss Maud McAuley's violin-playing was excellent. Ventriloquism by Mr. Bunting and college songs by the Wycliffe Glee Club completed a very enjoyable evening.

Striking Out Clauses.

The Legislative Committee, Ald. Gillespie in the chair, met yesterday. It was determined to strike out of the city bill the propositions to empower the assessors to demand a statutory declaration if thought proper from property owners and others when stating their wealth, that voters should register at the City Hall, and that the registrars should report to the assessment commissioner monthly a full return of all mortgages and transfers of real estate filed or recorded within the preceding month.

Infanticide Once More.

Yesterday morning the body of a female child was found in the yard of Dr. Richardson's house, No. 34 St. Joseph-street. The infant had been strangled to death, the cord being still around its throat, and there was every indication of an extremely brutal murder. Coroner Johnson was notified and ordered the removal of the body to the Morgue, where he will open an inquest at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Harrington has been engaged to make the post-mortem this morning.

New Quarantine Station.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—On the application of Mr. Seargeant, general manager of the Grand Trunk Company, the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington has determined upon making Island Point, V