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MEREDITH WOULDN'T ACCEPT

OFFERED A CABINET PORTFOLIO BUT DECLINED IT.

The True Reason Why the Leader of the Ontario Opposition Did Not Join the Dominion Government—The London Election Case Discussed in the House—The Returning Officer's Action Perfectly Regular.

OTTAWA, March 3.—After the holiday and the influx of the press visitors and deputations the galleries of the House were well filled this afternoon.

Messrs. German and Hyman, who, though members of the House last session, are now suspended by the courts, like Mahomet's coffin, sat together in the ladies' gallery and witnessed Mr. Smith, the newly-elected member for South Ontario, introduced to the House and take his seat.

Mr. Laurier was in his place, looking as if regaining his old-time health.

Sir John Thompson threatens to go to corpulency and some of his colleagues are suggesting anti-fat.

In answer to Sir Richard Cartwright Hon. John Haggart said the earnings of the Intercolonial Railway were from July 1, 1891, to Feb. 1, 1892, $1,758,790; working expenses same time $2,404,633; loss $645,843. From July 1, 1890, to Feb. 1, 1891, earnings, $1,811,009, working expenses, $2,182,151; losses, $371,142. This shows that the losses for the latter six months were higher than for the corresponding preceding six months.

Mr. Haggart said it would take a long time to make up a return asked for by Mr. McMillan of the employes in the Government railway service. There were 4475 regular employes and over 600 temporary ones. The matter was adjourned.

Baie des Chaleurs Employes.

Mr. Cockburn brought up his motion that a select committee be appointed to take evidence under oaths, and report upon any claims remaining still unpaid of the workmen, laborers of the workmen, and of those who supplied board to the workmen and laborers, of the furnishers of building material and other privileged parties in connection with the building of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway in the Province of Quebec. He began his address by saying that his action was prompted, not by party feeling, but by the duty he owed to the Bank of Ontario, of which he was a director, and in the interest of the laborers referred to in the motion. He related the story of the poor laborers and how anxious Mr. Mercier had been to see these wages paid and had kept the money therefor from the money coming to the contractors. A year ago, when in Quebec investigating the Baie des Chaleurs affair, he came across some information that he could not use until now. He then told of the evidence elicited the other day, that in 1889 a check for $28,546 was issued by the Quebec Government for the payment of these claims. The check was payable to Chrysostom Langelier. But Mercier took it to Langelier, got him to endorse it and deposited it to his (Mercier's) own account. He paid his small bills out of the proceeds, gave Pacaud certain sums, took a trip to New York and turned over some $17,500 to Langelier to pay the workmen of the railway. All the rest between the $17,500 and the $28,546 had been used by Mercier for his own purposes. The crime was nothing but petty larceny and a prostitution of office. A more disgraceful betrayal of a sacred trust—a more infamous robbery perpetrated under the guise of sympathy for the poor—has not been recorded in the history of the country, and it was only proper that punishment be meted out to those who had brought such a disgrace on our common country.

Sir John Thompson said in view of the fact that two Royal Commissions of the Province of Quebec were now investigating these very matters it would be inexpedient to allow the motion to pass.

Mr. Cockburn therefore withdrew the motion after Mr. Laurier had added that Mr. Cockburn should have delivered his speech down in Quebec, where the people of that province were now discussing this matter in a general election.

The London Election Dispute.

Mr. Mills brought up the most important discussion of the day in a motion: That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House with the original list of voters received from the revising officer of the city of London, also with list as printed and upon which the recent election for that city was held.

Mr. Mills contended in effect that the 220 voters whose names were pending appeal should not be counted in the London election.

But when his statement and Sir John Thompson's reply came down to a final issue it was found that they practically agreed that these voters should be on the list and that they should be entitled to vote. But as to what should be done with them after the ballot box was opened was a matter on which they disagreed and which will be the subject of further debate to-morrow.

Sir John in his statement said that the revising officer sent down his lists in the ordinary way to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Those whose names had been struck out without opposition were ruled out in black ink. The 220 in question were also ruled out, but in red ink, and the words "pending appeal" marked in the margin. The lists as so marked were given to the Queen's Printer. He set up the list, leaving out both the names ruled out in black and in red ink. When the proofs went to the revising officer he marked these red-line names in again and put a letter "A" alongside of them, and in a footnote the words "pending appeal." The Queen's Printer referred the matter to the Department of Justice, and the deputy-minister concurred in the revising officer's decision. Sir John Thompson says that he himself was not consulted on the matter at the time, Feb. 1, but that he now fully endorsed the decision of his deputy. Sir John then went on to say that the parties whose names were so put on had a perfect right to vote, though these voters were now certainly pending appeal and how the appeal went would finally decide whether these votes should be counted or not. What is to take place after this will be elicited in the debate to-morrow, the debate of to-day, as far as Mr. Mills and Sir John were concerned, being limited to the London lists and the printing thereof. The debate to-morrow will be on what took place in the London election after the opening of the ballot boxes. The stories that the Government had in any way interfered with the printing of the lists were proved to be foundationless, and as a matter of fact Mr. Mills made no such charge.

Mr. Mulock Called to Order.

But after Mr. Mills and the Minister of Justice got through Mr. Mulock continued the discussion and he made some strong statements. In effect he said that Judge Elliot was about to make enough of the disputed votes good in order to seat Mr. Carling. He repeated the charge and the Speaker called him to order. He held that the practice was that no criticism of a judge was allowed in the English or Canadian Commons, of a court or of a judge other than by a direct impeachment.

Mr. Mulock withdrew the statement and the House adjourned.

The London election case therefore now rests with Judge Elliot to say what shall be done with the disputed 220 votes. If he says they are good, Mr. Carling will take the seat; if the contrary, Mr. Hyman will get it. It is not likely Mr. Carling will try to take it until after the decision of Judge Elliot and the recount that has been asked for.

Why Mr. Meredith Declined.

In connection with Mr. Meredith and the Cabinet it is stated that the Ontario leader declined to enter the Abbott Government when requested, some three months ago, on the ground that he could not at present afford it, that his fortune was such that it was his duty to himself and his family to continue in the practice which he has now established in the Ontario law courts. Mr. Abbott, it is understood, was anxious to have him join him and would have availed himself of his assistance could Mr. Meredith have seen his way to abandon a lucrative practice.

DUGAS, PROBABLY.

The Fight Between the Two Conservative Candidates at Montcalm.

MONTREAL, March 3.—With six divisions to hear from, Dugas, the nominee of the Conservative convention, is 70 ahead of Therien, Independent Conservative, in the bye-election for the Commons in Montcalm. There will be no further returns to-night.

South Perth Nominations.

ST. MARY'S, Ont., March 3.—The nomination of a candidate to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons in South Perth took place here to-day, Mr. W. R. Davis acting as returning officer. Mr. William Pridham, farmer of Fullarton township, was nominated in the Conservative interest, and Mr. James Trow, gentleman of Stratford, in the interest of the Reformers. After the nominations were closed an immense throng packed the Opera House, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. Morton of Toronto, Hugh Morrison of Lucknow and J. S. Lamb of Oshawa in the Conservative interest, and by Mr. James McMullen, M.P., for the Reformers. In the evening the Opera House was again well filled, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. T. R. Preston of Toronto, G. C. Gibbons, Q.C., of London, and Mr. James Trow in the interest of the Reform candidate.

Nova Scotia Legislature.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 3.—The Local Legislature was opened this afternoon in the midst of a howling snow and hailstorm. The Governor's speech was not a very startling document.

Quebec Elections.

QUEBEC, March 3.—Messrs. Carbery, Conservative, and Parent, Liberal, are elected by acclamation, Dr. Friset having withdrawn in St. Sauveur and Languay in Quebec West.

THEY DIDN'T WANT THE BABY.

Nor to Pay for Its Keep Either—It Is An Old Trick.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Nicolls of Mimico came into Squire Wingfield's sanctum in the Court House, holding in her arms a big bouncing boy.

When asked what she wanted, she said that several months ago a man named Walter Kruz, with a young lady alleged to be his wife, called at her house with the infant and asked her to keep it for them. They promised to pay her well for the keeping, and as she liked the appearance of the baby and had no children of her own she decided to keep it. Now she says that the parents of the child refuse to pay for its keeping, and also refuse to take it away. She is very fond of the child, and if the proper papers are signed will be satisfied to keep it.

IT WASN'T A MURDER.

For the Man Fell off the Wharf While Drunk.

The detectives were agitated yesterday over what was suspected to be a murder case. P. C. Reburn, while walking along at the foot of York-street, found a man's hat lying in a pool of blood. He took the find to Police Headquarters, where he reported the occurrence, and the detectives were sent out to investigate. There was nothing in it, for here are the true facts.

At 11.30 last night P. C. Bell and Grand Trunk Constable Harrison found a man in the rear of the Union Station. He was lying down and blood was flowing profusely from a wound on the side of his head. He was taken to the Hospital, where it was found that his name was W. McDowell.

The man was drunk and walking down York-street had continued his journey out along the wharf leading to the Argonaut Club House. The wharf is about six feet from the ice and there is a gap in the pathway, through which he fell, falling on his head on the hard ice below. He got up, and in a partially stunned condition staggered to the Union Station, where he was found. His hat was left behind, and this was what was found by P.C. Reburn yesterday morning.

At a late hour last night he was lying at the Hospital still unconscious.

Fifteen Minutes' Service for Business Men.

Yesterday Canon DuMoulin held the first of his Lenten 15 minute noon services for business men in St. James' Cathedral at 12.30. The canon gave a pithy and earnest address. After a while people will get to understand the hour at which the services are held; several belated would-be worshippers found the service over and the doors closed.

Catholic Bishop for Chicoutimi.

ROME, March 3.—The Abbe Laflamme, a professor in the University of Quebec, has been nominated Bishop of Chicoutimi.

One Doz. oysters and a glass of ale, 25c, at the Hub.

Alliance Assurance Co.

The Alliance Assurance Company of London, England, having reinsured the Canadian business of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company, has established its head office in Montreal with that reliable insurance man Mr. George H. McHenry at the helm. The subscribed capital of the Alliance is $25,000,000, paid up and invested $2,750,000, total funds $17,500,000. The Right Hon. Lord Rothschild is chairman of the Board, and Robert Lewis, Esq., secretary. Mr. George McMurrich is agent for Toronto and vicinity.

An Old Merchant's Sudden Death.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 3.—Robert Noble, about 60 years of age, formerly a Water-street merchant, dropped dead to-day while reading in the Church of England institute.

Worth its weight in gold. Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti Gum for all uneasiness at the stomach. Sold by all Druggists and Confectioners; 5 cents.

Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

Told in a Line or Two.

Further protests were made in the U. S. Senate yesterday against the removal of duty on lumber.

President J. W. Collins of the defunct California National Bank shot himself dead yesterday.

Two freight trains on the C., B. & Q. collided near Hinsdale, Ill., killing the fireman and a brakeman.

William Herdy, a deacon in the church of Rev. John Calvin, a Methodist minister of Green county, Alabama, accused Calvin of being intimate with his (Herdy's) wife and attacked him with a cane. The preacher drew a pistol and killed Herdy and was arrested.

DROWNED LIKE RATS IN A PIT

300 FRENCH MINERS MEET A TERRIBLE FATE.

Alsace-Lorraine to be Declared in a State of Siege in the Event of War—The New Treaty Between the United States and the West Indies Discussed in the British Parliament.

PARIS, March 3.—It is stated that the Camillie Pit at St. Etienne has been flooded and that 300 miners have been drowned.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

Proposal to Declare it in a State of Siege in the Event of War.

BERLIN, March 3.—The Reichstag to-day began discussion on a bill empowering the Government to proclaim a state of siege in Alsace-Lorraine in the event of war or serious danger.

Several speeches were made declaring that Alsace-Lorraine is in a perfectly tranquil condition and is rejoiced to be a member of the German Empire. The proposed law, it was said, would be a source of fresh mortification to the Alsatians and disturb France.

The Government urged that there were momentous reasons in favor of the measure.

It was finally referred to a committee of 21 members.

Discrimination Against England.

LONDON, March 3.—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John E. Gorst, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, said the Government was aware that the reciprocity treaty between the United States and the British West Indies had led to a decrease in customs revenue of colonies, but, he added, the Government would endeavor to prevent the arrangements from increasing the duties on British manufactures.

Prison Revolt in Burmah.

RANGOON, March 3.—A despatch from Akyab, British Burmah, states that the prisoners in the jail there, among whom the celebrated Dacoit Chief Boh Minlaung, who, together with his father and two of his followers was recently captured by the British troops, near Kudoung, rose against their keepers and killed the warden of the jail. The revolt was headed by Boh Minlaung.

Dejected Mrs. Deacon.

CANNES, March 3.—Mr. Deacon, the American who shot and killed Abeille, the Frenchman whom he discovered in his wife's room, was again confronted with Mrs. Deacon before the judge d'instruction at Grosse to-day.

The examination was conducted privately.

Mrs. Deacon was seen as she was leaving the room in which the examination was held and her manner appeared very dejected. She will return to Paris to-morrow.

Tree Bark and Chopped Straw.

VIENNA, March 3.—The famine in the County of Arva in Hungary is becoming more intense. Many people have died of hunger in the Namseto district. Seventy-five deaths from starvation have been reported in two months. The people's food consists of hominy mixed with tree bark, or maize mixed with chopped straw.

Bishop of Amiens Dead.

PARIS, March 3.—Bishop Jacquenet of Amiens is dead.

Foreign Notes.

Crime is increasing in Vienna.

M. Healy announces that it will be impossible to effect a reconciliation with the Parnellites.

Herr Reimer, leader of the Hamburg, Germany, socialists, drowned himself yesterday.

The new French Ministry of M. Loubert met with a favorable reception. Its declaration of policy leaves the clerical question in statu quo.

Native soldiers attached to Lieut. Continho's Portuguese expedition in the interior of Africa, proceeding to Lake Nyassa, have revolted and are plundering the country in Lower Zambesi River.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Doings of Evil Emissaries in Toronto And New York.

Some half dozen gentlemen were standing in front of the Rossin House last night. A gaily attired young lady passed by and one of the men exclaimed: "Why, there goes ——!" He followed her up the street, stopped and talked with her. She was accompanied by a slight, bashful-looking blonde, who wore about her shoulders a fur cape. When the young man returned he told his friends that the woman was here from New York on "business." She asked him if he knew where she could procure three or four nice-looking girls who wanted to see the sights of Merry Gotham, and said that she would be willing to pay their fares.

From several young men who had been acquainted with her in former years the following history was learned: She came here from Cobourg about three years ago and procured a situation in a store. She was then a young widow and, although in mourning, her pleasing ways and beautiful countenance soon gained for her many admirers, and in her case the fatal gift of beauty was her ruin. She became acquainted with a man who at that time worked in a down-town shop. The two lived together in a room on the top flat of one of the business offices. Here her infatuated lover added shekels by keeping an all night "poker joint." He worked at his trade during the day, and soon afterwards when business became prosperous, he took a partner. The latter had with him as companion a young woman and the whole four occupied the same room. The last-mentioned girl was the wife of a preacher's son in this city.

When the poker business became dull the merry four used to live by their wits. The principal was suspected some time afterwards of having stolen goods in his possession, and one quiet night Detectives Davis and Cuddy visited the room with a search warrant and the suspect was in bed; but hearing the officers approaching he took his clothes in his arms, and climbing out through a small window, he clambered down the fire escape and fled. He went to Buffalo, where he still resides. In the room the detectives found the man's keys. With these they opened the man's trunk and there found the stolen goods and also the marriage certificate of the lady last mentioned. The trunk is still at the police station. His companions continued to live in the room, but some time afterwards the male friend had to skip and the female went on the streets. About seven months ago she went to New York and lived in a house in 26th-street. From here last night. From the facts gained her mission is what might best be called "a devilish one," and it is to be hoped that her efforts in this city will be unsuccessful. It will be as far as the detectives can control it.

Twelve Decades Was Her Life, She Said.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Lucy Stone, who declared that for over 90 years she was a slave, died at her granddaughter's home on Tuesday morning. Her age was supposed to be 118 years. She was born in Oxford, N.C., on Dec. 22, 1774, it is said.

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NO INCREASE FOR LADY TEACHERS.

So the Board Decides—Music Teachers Reduced—Kindergartners Get a Slight Advance.

The Public School Board met last night and sat till midnight. The much-vexed salary question was on and once more the ladies who are interested filed into the room, and to the number of 80 sat around watching their champions valorously doing battle for the cause of gallantry. Sturdily the fight was kept up, but unsuccessfully, and when the board broke up at midnight the fair onlookers had long since departed, sorrowfully conscious that the salaries were still to be at the rate the hard-hearted committee had recommended.

The usual enquiries over the Finance Committee's report were brought in and considered in committee of the whole. Messrs. Roden, Baird, Hambly and Jenkinson formed a Spartan band and spoke early and often on the side of liberality. For a time they seemed to carry things before them, bringing forward two or three very liberal salary schedules. Mr. Roden's leaning speech, with its invectives against the stinginess of the rich and joyful anticipations of the time of "equitable distribution," provoked a cry of "Socialism." But the "government" rallied and had the numbers. Clause by clause the report was passed, the Spartan band fighting desperately on every point and managing to get a slight increase in the salaries of the Kindergarten teachers. But the salaries remain as recommended, ranging from $324 to $636 per annum.

Reduce the Officials' Salaries.

Towards the close Mr. Hambly took the lead of the opposition. He turned the economical artillery of his foes against their own ranks and called vigorously for the reduction of the salaries paid to officials. He worked hard, but managed permanently to reduce only the salaries of the music teachers.

The committee rose and then the whole report was fought over again, but the Finance Committee's report was sustained.

Mr. Hambly attacked Inspector Hughes' salary and had a sharp round with Mr. Hagerman. The yeas and nays were constantly called for by the minority at this point and business languished. Finally the finance report was definitely carried and then it was that the ladies, who, to their interest was of a monetary character, left the room.

The School Management Committee's report came next. The first clause provided for a considerable amount of new school accommodation, and a good deal of opposition was made; but finnaly the clause was carried with the exception of an item in favor of a new playground for McCaul-street School, which was struck out.

There are some medical items in the report, which, on account of the hour, were referred back to the committee without the discussion that was threatened, owing to some of the questions recommended to be asked of applicants. The board sat for a few moments longer to rush through the report of the Printing and Supplies Committee and then adjourned, the members finding their way home in the wee sma' hours.

IT IS A NOBLE WORK.

An Institution Which Aids Gentlewomen by Encouraging Their Work.

The ladies of the Board of Management of the Ontario Depository for Ladies Work held their twelfth annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the salerooms, 49 King-street west. Mr. W. B. McMurrich occupied the chair. Rev. A. H. Baldwin opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Meredith read the annual report, which showed that the past year had been more successful, both in the number of workers aided and in the amount sold than any previous year. Two hundred gentlewomen have been given work during the year.

Mr. F. Arnoldi read the treasurer's report, which showed the total receipts to have been $1344 and a balance on hand of $241. Before April 1 the depository will remove to their new premises at 18 King-street east.

This is the list of officers for the year: Patroness, Lady Stanley of Preston; honorary members, Lady Macpherson, Mrs. H. Merritt, Mrs. K. Moffatt, Mrs. Goldwin Smith, Mrs. Beardmore, Mrs. A. Cameron; president, Mrs. W. B. McMurrich; board of management, Mrs. Hodgins, Mrs. R. H. Bethune, Mrs. F. Arnoldi, Miss Meredith, Mrs. Hodgins, Mrs. J. Cawthra, Miss Campbell, Miss Covernton, Mrs. J. I. Davidson, Mrs. Dyas, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. F. Ga lt, Mrs. S Howard, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. E. A Meredith, Miss Meredith, Mr s. Miller, Mrs Nesbitt, Mrs. Riordan, Mrs. Ross, Mrs Rankin, Mrs. Grayson Smith, Mrs. J. Scott jr.

Dunlap's New Spring Hats.

The styles of this world-renowned maker are now open for spring. Dineen on the corner of King and Yonge-streets, their agent in Toronto, predicts a great sale on their new hat. The style is very English. Dunlap's hats are the acknowledged fashion in gentlemen's hats throughout the United States and are growing in popular favor all through the larger cities in the Dominion. The confidence the wearers of the Dunlap hat have is shown by the number of orders that have been placed long before their arrival. To-day Dineen is busy shipping out of town orders, so that all may have them by the opening day, which is to-day and to-morrow. His silk hat has the sharp bell crown with a very neat brim, nicely rolled on the sides. The Derby is very striking and quite English.

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Try a sample of Treble's perfect-fitting French yoke shirts and you will wear no other. Guide for self-measurement and price list, with samples of materials, free.

Prominent Haligonian Dead.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 3.—Robert G. Noble, at one time a prominent business man, dropped dead on the street this morning.

Try the Hub Restaurant; smoking room upstairs.

Personal.

J. L. Shea, Ottawa, is at the Palmer.

J. J. Graham, Montreal, is at the Rossin.

H. B. Rathbun, Deseronto, is at the Queen's.

G. H. Miller, Brooklyn, N.Y., is at the Walker.

J. W. Hyman, London, is stopping at the Rossin.

—John C. Hay, Listowel, is registered at the Rossin.

Walter Shanly, Montreal, is registered at the Queen's.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal are stopping at the Queen's.

Sheriff Springer, Berlin, is stopping at the Palmer.

J. A. McNeil, Montreal, is spending a few days in Toronto.

W. R. Reid, Montreal, is registered at the Walker.

W. B. Williams, Deloraine, Man., is at the Walker.

Frederick Richards, Woodstock, is at the Walker.

License Inspector Robert Awde is seriously ill suffering from erysipelas.

Mr. Fred Jewell, the oldest caterer in Canada is now managing the Rodega Restaurant.

Rev. Lennox R. Gloag, who occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church during Rev. D. J. Macdonnell's absence last summer, has received a unanimous call to Morewood Church in the Brockville district.

DID HE KISS THE TEACHERS?

LIGHT WANTED ON A PLEASANT LITTLE EPISODE.

An Alleged Educational Irregularity Crops Up in the Local House—Allowances to Public Officials—Considering the Estimates—Other Matters of Interest—Deputations and Interviews.

When the House assembled yesterday afternoon Mr. Awrey moved for a return of all orders-in-council authorizing the payment of extra allowances to officials in the various public institutions throughout the province during the past 10 years.

Mr. Gibson, in response, remarked that he would have no objection to complying with the request presented, but would not promise when the return would be made.

Land and Charity Again.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on Mr. Hardy's bill to incorporate the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and to amend the Act respecting Land Surveyors and the Survey of Land. That gentleman remarked that, in compliance with a suggestion of an honorable gentleman, expressed when the matter was previously before the committee, he would have no objection to having the clause providing for the establishing of fees for professional services in connection with land surveying struck out. The bill was very fully discussed and finally passed.

The Evening Session.

Three hours were employed mainly in the consideration of estimates.

A large amount of discussion was occasioned over a grant of $100,000 towards the maintenance of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes.

Several members of the Opposition, prominent among them being Mr. McColl, who made quite a vigorous speech in support of his contention, thought altogether too much time and money were devoted to the purposes of higher education.

Mr. Meredith, during the course of a few remarks, said that the public schools of the province were not receiving the consideration from the Government that was properly their due. What the Opposition wish to do, he continued, was to make these primary institutions efficient.

Mr. Ross followed with a lengthy address. He fully vindicated the cause of higher education and demonstrated conclusively that the amount of money expended on this department of learning was not out of proportion to its importance.

Learning and Kissing.

In connection with the Normal and Model School estimates Mr. Meredith asked the Minister of Education if some irregularity had not taken place in connection with one of these institutions. He also wished to ascertain if an investigation into the matter had not been made.

Mr. Ross replied that he had become cognizant of an alleged slight act of folly on the part of one of the teachers.

Mr. Meredith: Is that what you call it? When one of the leading male teachers makes a practice of kissing his female assistants matters assume a rather serious aspect.

Mr. Ross: I called for evidence but could not secure any.

Mr. White: Of course you couldn't. There would be no witnesses.

Mr. Meredith: And they would not stand self-convicted.

Notes of Interest.

A deputation of mining men interested in the Independent Customs Smelter at Sudbury will meet the Government after the House rises on Wednesday next.

Over 300 temperance petitions have been received so far this session.

A petition was presented by Mr. Tait from the Toronto City Council asking for 20 amendments to the Municipal Act.

At a meeting of the Printing Committee W. D. Balfour occupied the chair. The usual number of returns were ordered to be printed. The Queen's Printer, Lud K. Cameron, presented the first proofs of the report of the Fish and Game Committee. The volume is to be handsomely illustrated and several of the members wanted an extra edition of 10,000 copies printed for distribution. Hon. G. W. Ross objected to this and promised to have an extra edition of 5000 struck off.

The investigation into the extra grants to officials of the asylum was continued at a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Committee on Standing Orders had a short session. H. P. O'Connor occupied the chair. Three petitions were passed. They are: From the City Council of Toronto praying that an act may pass to confirm the debentures to be issued in connection with the reclamation of Ashbridge's Bay; 2, From J. Ross Robertson and others praying that an act may pass to incorporate the Hospital for Sick Children; and 3, From G. W. Kiely and others of Toronto praying that an act may pass to authorize the city of Toronto to grant to the purchasers of the street railway franchise the right to operate the railway for 30 years.

At a meeting of the Private Bills Committee a bill was passed authorizing the town of Niagara to register a correct map of the town. A bill sanctioning the consolidation of the debt of Oshawa was also approved.

A deputation of the Dominion Grange was received by the Attorney-General. It consisted of Mr. Peter Hepingstall, Fordwich, master; Mr. Robert Wilkie, Blenheim, secretary; Mr. Henry Glendenning, Manilla, and Mr. Jacob Robinson, Executive Committee. The contention of these gentlemen is that the country is over-governed, and that there ought to be fewer representatives. The provisions of the present act regarding county councils were, in their opinion, cumbersome and enormously expensive. They presented a feasible plan to effect a reform.

FOR CHEWING TOM HANNON.

The Offenders Sentenced—The Assault Case.

In the Sessions yesterday afternoon Mic hae Kennedy and Frank Adams, whom the jury found guilty, the former of common assault and the latter of aggravated assault, were sentenced to 10 days in jail and to six months in the Central, respectively.

The grand jury brought in true bills against Henry Badgley, larceny and receiving; Harry Pifer, larceny and receiving; Robert Woods, larceny; Robert Gillard, unlawful wounding; Peter Walsh and Thomas Hayes, robbery.

In the Robinson case the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the prisoner was not guilty of forgery, but was guilty of uttering.

George Anderson was accused of criminal assault on a little girl not 6 years old named Emma Elizabeth Neil. The details of the crime are not fit to be published in a newspaper. The jury very strangely brought in a verdict of common assault.

Several Chinamen were noticed in the corridors yesterday. They were friends of Hi Lee, the Celestial who some time ago was said to have been assaulted by a man named Robert Woods. Woods did not turn up yesterday and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Later the jury brought in a verdict against him of unlawful wounding.

Killed at Megantic.

BANGOR, March 3.—An engineer named Allen of the C.P.R. was killed at Megantic on Saturday. It is reported that he was under his locomotive when it was started by the fireman, who did not know that Allen was there. It is said that Allen belonged in St. John, N.B.

English collars and cuffs wear better than any others. All leading styles direct from makers, at Treble's, 53 King-street west. Rules for self-measurement and price list free.

Jewell is at the "Rodega."

For coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., try Watson's Cough Drops. 135

A VICTORIA MURDER.

The Body of a Sailor Found Lying Across a Log.

VICTORIA, B.C., March 3.—The body of one of the crew of the bark Colorado was found lying over a log at Chemainus this morning. The man's two arms and back had been broken and the body was badly bruised. The crew had been drinking last night, and had to walk a long plank to get on to the bark from the wharf. They indulged in a dispute, and it is believed the dead man was killed by his companions.

SHOT THE COOK.

Two Windsor Colored Men Fight Over a White Woman.

DETROIT, March 3.—David Howard, colored cook at Roo's restaurant, was shot, but not fatally, at his home, Mullett-street, this morning at 3.30 by Philip Ray, also colored, of Windsor. The shooting was the result of a quarrel several days ago between the two men over Howard's white wife, sometimes known as Annie Green. It appears Ray got the worst of the fight and declared he would "get even." The police are still looking for Ray. It is presumed he has skipped to Windsor. Howard also claims Windsor as his home.

NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTE.

A White Woman Deserts Her Husband for an Indian.

HALIFAX, March 3.—The Halifax S.P.C.A. has received a letter from a respectable man at Rawdon, Hants County, to-day, who states his wife has eloped with an Indian and has taken their youngest child with her. He has succeeded in locating her, but she refuses to return to her home or give up the child. The S.P.C.A. will likely take the child from the woman and hand it over to the father. The latter says he is willing to live again with his wife.

THEY AGREE TO DISAGREE.

Alleged Failure of the Behring Sea Commissioners to Reach an Agreement.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The joint English and United States Commission on the Behring Sea fisheries held a long session at the State Department this afternoon and practically concluded its deliberations. The members are pledged to secrecy and it is therefore impossible to obtain any official information as to the result of their conferences. There is good reason, however, for the prevalent belief that the commissioners failed entirely in their endeavors to reach a satisfactory agreement as to the best method of conducting the seal fishing industry with a view to the preservation of the species.

Behring Sea Arbitrator.

LONDON, March 3.—It is stated in insurance circles that Mr. Ross, claim settler of the National Marine Insurance Company, has been appointed British arbitrator in the case between Great Britain and the United States regarding Behring Sea.

BRUSSELS, March 3.—The papers here deny the report that the Government has received a communication relative to the appointment of a Belgian arbitrator in the Behring Sea dispute between Great Britain and the United States. They assert that the arbitrators will be drawn from Italy, France and Sweden.

TWO POUNDS OF BABYHOOD.

The Mother Weighs 225 Pounds and the Father 185 Pounds.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The baby came last Saturday night, the tiniest baby that ever you saw. She has spidery arms, fingers like morning-glory tendrils, and a mouth which is not large enough to be called a mouth at all. Her head is the size of a baseball. A good-sized derby hat is large enough for her cradle, but she can fill a whole house with her cries.

Mamma Helmers weighs 225 pounds and Papa Helmers weighs 185 pounds.

The family live at 431 New York-avenue, Jersey City, and have had 10 children, all of whom weighed 10 pounds at birth. Shortly after this one was born the father took a ring from his little finger and easily slipped it over the child's hand.

Fifty Killed in a Collision.

RIO JANEIRO, via Panama, March 3.—This morning near collision of trains on the San Francisco and Recipe Railway, near Cuambuca Station, more than 50 persons, it is reported, being killed and a large number wounded.

Is Robber Perry a Murderer?

ANACONDA, Mont., March 3.—Oliver Curtis Perry, the New York Central express robber, it is said, shot and killed Andy McCoy, a saloon-keeper, at the Georgetown mining camp, in Deer Lodge County, in 1888. The murder was unprovoked.

Perry escaped and afterwards was known to have been one of a gang of horse thieves operating in Idaho.

A large reward was offered for his capture by the Montana authorities, but all trace of him was lost till he robbed the New York Central express car.

Asleep a Year and a Half.

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 3.—Mrs. Mary Robinson, an inmate of the Stark county poorhouse, has been asleep 18 months. The regular pulsations of the heart alone indicate that she is alive.

Milk, her only nourishment, is given her through a rubber tube inserted in her nose.

The sleeper is placed in a rocking-chair during the day and at night is carried to her bed near by.

Special Furniture Sale.

Messrs. Charles Rogers & Son's Co., 97 Yonge-street, began on the 1st inst. and will continue for 30 days a special sale of first-class furniture. The firm have determined to reduce their large stock and will offer the same at greatly reduced prices. All drawing room furniture purchased from them will be covered in any material to suit the purchaser. This is a genuine sale and offers great inducements. No better chance to secure really good furniture has ever been offered in Toronto.

Ran Into An Open Switch.

STITTSVILLE, Ont., March 3.—No. 48 Brockville, mixed train due here at 8.20 this morning, ran into an open switch as it was coming into the station and collided with some empty cars standing on the siding. The engine of the train was badly wrecked and also a number of freight cars.

Nothing Was Saved.

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., March 3.—Last evening the residence of George Johns of Seymore East was burned. As Mr. and Mrs. Johns were away at the time nothing was saved. The cause is unknown.

Jewell's lunch at the "Rodega." Popular prices. Try it.

Ex-Ald. Flett the Chairman.

The License Commissioners for the city of Toronto met yesterday afternoon. The only business transacted was the election of a chairman, and the lot fell upon ex-Ald. John Flett.

DEATHS.

DRAPER—On Thursday, March 3, at 2 a.m., at his father's residence, 109 Spadina-avenue, W. H. Draper of the Intercolonial Railway, eldest son of J. S. Draper, late of the G. T. R.

Funeral from above address to Mount Pleasant at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 5.

MORE HEADS IN THE BASKET.

REDUCING THE STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Five Inspectors Discharged—Others Reduced—The Model Lodging House Threatened—The Department Wants $20,000—To Gradually Abolish Privy Pits—The Inspection of Plumbing.

Medical Health Officer Allen in his report to the Local Board of Health complains that the compost used last summer for the dumping of night soil on the east bank of the Don had not been removed, and was now an intolerable nuisance. It will be taken away at once.

A sub-committee was appointed to confer with the York Board of Health as to the permits given city excavators to dump material in places under the jurisdiction of the latter.

The Abolition of Privy Pits.

Chicago without ordering the abolition of the pits in any special district abolishes at the rate of 1000 per year by order of the Board of Health, and as your board also possesses such jurisdiction I would suggest that your members adopt a like course.

Ald. Lamb introduced a motion to cover this clause to the effect that as a number of the owners of the houses where pits are in use are unable to afford the necessary outlay to make the change that the city do it and charge the amount as a local improvement.

The motion was left over until the next meeting.

The inspectors report the Model Lodging House in a filthy and unsanitary condition and authority was asked to close up the place. This will be done unless the premises are placed in a sanitary state within one week.

The disinfecting apparatus for the board has arrived, but the department has no place to put it.

The recommendation that the inspection of plumbing be placed under the control of the Board of Health was referred to the Board of Works.

A sub-committee was appointed to meet the General Hospital Board in reference to placing the Isolation Hospital under the management of the latter.

Five Inspectors Discharged.

The sub-committee appointed to deal with the staff of the Health Department reported that five of the temporary inspectors would be discharged and recommended that Sanitary Police Scott and Hague be hereafter paid $600 per year instead of $750 and in addition be allowed two suits of uniform. And that Inspectors Jackman, Armstrong and Foster be paid $600 instead of $525, to which the board agreed.

The estimates of the department for the year 1892 were passed as follows: Department wages, $11,500; plumbing department, $2000; ambulance horse, $305; ambulance conveyance, $304; vaccine, $200; drugs, $200; disinfectants, $600; street car tickets, $400; city printer, $900; stationery, $800; miscellaneous accounts, $3000; total, $19,929.

THE REWARD OF PERSEVERANCE.

Michigan Bank Robbers Drill Through Safes and Vaults and Secure $20,000.

COLDWATER, Mich., March 3.—The Coldwater National Bank was robbed last night. The estimated loss is $20,000. The robbers drilled the outer door of the vault and with a punch broke the lock off. The middle door was secured with a padlock. This was probably broken with a sledge. The