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SIR JOHN SUSTAINED, BUT NO TWO AGREE ON HIS MAJORITY.

Coulter Elected for Haldimand—W. B. McMurrich Defeated in Muskoka—A Dozen Different Views of the Quebec Puzzle—Brother Bunting Leaves the Conservative Party.

The result of Tuesday's election is clear enough outside of the Province of Quebec. In all the other provinces the classification made by Reform, Liberal and Independent papers is practically the same:

	Cons.	Libs.
Ontario	52	39
New Brunswick	9	7
Nova Scotia	13	8
Prince Edward Island	0	6
Manitoba	4	1
British Columbia	1	0
	79	61

giving a Government majority outside of Quebec of 18. The 79 and 61 added to the 11 elections yet to be held give 151, and to these must be added the 64 elections already held in Quebec to make up the 215 members.

All the confusion arises in the classification of these 64 members returned in Quebec. They have been classified as follows:

	Min.	Op.	Ind.
Toronto Globe	22	41	1
" Mail	23	36	
Ottawa Free Press	27	37	
Montreal Gazette	32	31	1
" Minerve	35	29	
" Star	31	25	8
Quebec L'Electeur	Op. maj. of 12.		

A correspondent whose special is given below gives the result thus: Conservatives 28, Liberals 26, Nationalists 9, Independents 1. If we give the Liberals all these Nationalists and the 1 Independent they will have a majority of 10, which, taken from the Government majority of 18 in the other provinces, would still leave their majority of 8. And if they are given 9 out of the 11 seats yet to be decided their majority would be 15 at the worst. Their majority, however, is likely to be much larger. Nobody now pretends that the Government is in any danger of defeat.

The True Situation.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—The Gazette now makes the result in Quebec 33 Ministerialists to 31 Opposition, with Cimon in Charlevoix Independent and Gaspe to hear from, a majority of two for the Conservatives. The true state of the case appears to be this:

The straight Liberals returned are: Godbout in Beauce, Beausoleil in Berthier, Prefontaine in Chambly, Holton in Chateauguay, Duchesnay in Dorchester, Lavergne in Drummond, Scriver in Huntingdon, Berchard in Iberville, Dessant in Kamouraska, Doyon in Laprairie, Gauthier in L'Assomption, Guay in Levis, Casgrain in L'Islet, Rinfret in Lotbiniere, Turcot in Megantic, Cloyes in Missisquoi, Chioquette in Montmagny, Langelier in Montmorenci, Ste. Marie in Napierville, St. Georges in Portneuf, Laurier in Quebec East, Langelier in Quebec Centre, Fiset in Rimouski, Bernier in St. Hyacinthe, Bourassa in St. Johns and Geoffrion in Verchères—26.

Conservatives—Wilson in Argenteuil, Riopel in Bonaventure, Montplaisir in Champlain, Pope in Compton, Desjardins in Hochelaga, Girouard in Jacques Cartier (both of whom though bolters were opposed by Liberals), Aimet in Laval, Colombe in Maskinonge, Therrein in Montcalm, Smith in Montreal West, Curran in Montreal Centre, Wright in Ottawa, Bryson in Pontiac, McGreevy in Quebec West, Caron in Quebec County, Ives in Richmond, Labelle in Richelieu, Desaulniers in St. Maurice, Audet in Shefford, Hall in Sherbrooke, Bain in Soulanges, Colby in Stanstead, Grandbois in Temiscouata, Chapleau in Terrebonne, Langevin in Three Rivers (likely to be unseated), Daoust in Two Mountains, McMillan in Vaudreuil and Vanasse in Yamaska—28.

Nationalist Independents—Messrs. Dupont in Bagot, Bergeron in Beauharnois, Amyot in Belchasse, Cimon in Charlevoix, Couture in Chicoutimi, Guillault in Joliette, Coursol in Montreal East, Gaudet in Nicolet, Bigault in Rouville—9. Of these 9 all except Bergeron and Amyot are likely to support the Government on its general policy. The above is the best independent view of the situation that can be obtained. The fact is the position of either party depends on how the Nationalists are classified.

An Independent View.

From the Montreal Star (Independent). *Feb. 24.*

There is some difficulty in classifying the members returned for Quebec. They are divided into straight Liberals, straight Conservatives and Nationalists. These last again are divided into Liberal-Nationalists and Conservative-Nationalists. The party papers, in making out their lists, naturally divide that uncertain element in the way that best suits their own purposes, but as neither party can depend upon their support with certainty, we think it best to set them all down as Independent. According to that classification Quebec has returned

Liberals	25
Conservatives	31
Independents	8

If the Nationalists are counted with the Opposition the Government will have a clear majority of 16. If they vote with the Government then its majority will be 33. If the four Nationalists, Messrs. Coursol, Desjardins, Girouard and Dupont rejoin the ranks of the Conservatives, as in all probability they will, Sir John Macdonald's majority out of those already elected will be 24.

A Rally at Halifax.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 25.—Sir Charles Tupper and Ministers Thompson and McLelan arrived in Halifax to-night. They were received at the Intercolonial station by a crowd numbering several thousand, which formed into a procession and accompanied the Ministers to the drill shed. A large throng followed the procession through the city and the building in which the meeting was held was packed. Addresses were delivered by Sir Charles, Messrs. McLelan and Thompson and a number of others, the proceedings not being brought to a close till after midnight.

The Last Step Taken.

A week ago to day The world contained the following:

From the Social Reporter.

We hear that a movement is afoot among members of the Albany Club to remove Mr. Christopher W. Bunting from their number. The offence is his having gone back on the true Conservative principles that form the confession of faith in that establishment and his disloyalty to Sir John Macdonald. There is no doubt about the Conservative character, the Macdonald characteristics, of that club, and if Mr. Bunting cannot subscribe any longer to Conservative principles, he ought in all justice to himself, his friends, and his future, come out from among those who are still faithful.

We now learn that Mr. Bunting took the hint and resigned on Monday last. The committee accepted his withdrawal with satisfaction. The last tie that bound the Mail to the Conservatives was then severed, and those who pretend to see "an understanding" between Sir John and Mr. Bunting will have hard work to account for this final act. The World will not be surprised if Mr. Bunting "opens out" on the Conservative party before we are many days older. From being a simple separation things will proceed to a feud.

The Catholic Candidates.

Eight Irish Catholics ran in Ontario in the late election, with the following result:

Coughlin (Con.)	North Middlesex, elected.
McMahon (Con.)	West Lambton, defeated.
Hawkins (Con.)	South Oxford, defeated.
Bergin (Con.)	Stormont, elected.
Purcell Ref.)	Glengarry, elected.
Cleary (Ref.)	North Essex, defeated.
Anglin (Ref.)	North Simcoe, defeated.
Conlon (Ref.)	Welland, defeated.

Besides these three there are two French Canadian Catholics returned for Ontario—Messrs. Robillard of Ottawa and Labrosse of Prescott. As Catholics make up one-fifth of the population, and as the members from this province number ninety-two, they claim that they ought to have eighteen members instead of five.

A Coon Brigade for Algoma.

In answer to a telegraphic summons for assistance in Algoma, where Dawson (Con.) and Burke (Lib.) are the candidates, Secretary Birmingham of the Liberal-Conservative Union yesterday despatched six men all arrayed in coon skin coats to that riding. Two of them are stumpers who did sledgehammer work against M. C. Cameron in Huron and the other four are workers. They go part of the way by special train. The Reform Club will probably also be represented.

The Fun of Being a Member.

One of the many colored supporters of the member elect for Centre Toronto was presented with a very fine baby on the evening of the election, and in the exuberance of his joy decided to call him George R. R. Cockburn. Mr. Cockburn ought to give the baby a dress.

Notes.

The Catholic vote went for Rev. Dr. Burns in Hamilton; the Reformers claim that he was deserted by the Labor vote.

Dr. Montague, who came so near being elected in Haldimand, is a young man who when a student here six years ago was the leader of meds in their midnight marauding. In those days he was a pronounced opponent of the bobbies.

Clark Wallace's majority in West York is 531.

O'Brien's (C.) majority over McMurrich (L.) in Muskoka is 44 with all places heard from.

Election Echoes.

Brantford Telegram: The long looked for political triumph of His Mightiness (Edward Blake) has not yet come to pass: and "now conscience wakes despair that slumber'd, wakes the bitter memory of what he was, what is and what must be."

Orillia Times: It will be a death-blow to the advocates of what is known as a third party. We refer to the general defeat of all Independent, Temperance, Home Rule and Labor candidates.

Woodstock Times: The Government majority has been reduced, not by the intelligent electors of Ontario, but by the rebels of Quebec and Nova Scotia, an accession that no party need be proud of.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: We had wished, but scarcely hoped, to see Mr. Blake triumph with a handsome majority, but failing this we frankly confess to prefer that Sir John A. Macdonald should be sustained by a narrow majority, rather than that Mr. Blake should supplant him with only a slender support at his back.

York Herald: It affords us much pleasure to announce to the readers of this paper that the Government of Sir John Macdonald has been sustained at the polls.

Aurora Borealis: The poor man's bread is safe for another five years.

Paris Review: The funniest thing about this riding is that the more they gerrymander it the bigger Paterson's majority grows.

Orillia News Letter: In the face of such degrading and disgusting vilification of character the emphatic rebuke of the electors as conveyed by their votes demonstrates that the public treat with contempt the vain efforts made to mislead them by deceit and falsehood.

St. Catharines Star: The heart of the country beats more freely to-day than it did a week ago, the prospects of every man that has to use his hands for a living are brighter; even the weather seems to offer its congratulations, and afford a promise of spring time, and its sequence a bountiful harvest. Peace reigns in all our borders.

Ingersoll Chronicle: There was no "counting" out required this trip.

Whitby Gazette: It has been freely predicted that if beaten this time Hon. Mr. Blake would retire into private life and resume his professional practice. But how could Mr. Blake have hoped for success or an enthusiastic support, when he so often declared that he had no relish for the service he had undertaken, and that "it suited him in none of the relations of life."

Strathroy Despatch: Wandering Willie will have to wander still further. He was snowed under about 219 solid votes.

Waterloo Chronicle: Mr. M. C. Cameron was defeated in West Huron by a small majority. We nominate him for West Bruce.

Harriston Tribune: It has been one continued howl all over the country for the past three months—first the provincial, then the municipal and now the great Dominion election—until all have become sick and tired of hearing Grit and Tory, Blake and Sir John, the notorious Rykert, Boultbee and the boodle brigade. In business matters elections, or some other cause, appears to have knocked the bottom out of the country, and it is to be hoped that politics will be dropped and business attended to, and that money will again begin to move in business circles.

Stratford Herald: The gospel of Reform had too many plans of salvation for the country, which could not trust any of them, more especially as it did not feel peculiarly in need of any of these savory doctrines.

Acton Free Press: The cornet band did good service on Tuesday evening in keeping up the spirits of the members of both political parties, while the uncertainty of the result of the election in the county prevailed.

Dufferin Advertiser: Blake's a hustler all the same.

Dundas Standard: We sincerely trust that the better class of Reformers will take this latest lesson to heart, and warn their leaders that victory can be secured only by fighting upon a platform broad enough to cover the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Cobourg World: The pupils that stand in front and squeak and shriek are now being pulled up and down violently, but the knowing ones are only too well aware that the Government can not stand the loss of blood which it has sustained—that its present victory leaves it faint and bleeding at every pore.

Cardwell Sentinel: The party journals are engaged in the Herculean task of explaining how they came to shoot so far over the mark in their ante-election prophecies and to write homilies on the chimerical what-might-have-been.

Barrie Examiner: We have but just emerged from the throes and turmoil of perhaps the fiercest party fight the country has ever engaged in, and it has been a time of almost unexampled strain on the mental faculties and moral sensibilities of the community. This is now succeeded by the peaceful calm of Lent; and surely never before was this season more needful or more gladly welcomed.

A Canadian Officer for India.

QUEBEC, Feb. 25.—Lieut. R. Duperron Casgrain of the Royal Engineers leaves England on Feb. 27 with his regiment for India on a five years' term of service. Lieut. Casgrain is the third son of Mr. P. B. Casgrain, M.P. for L'Islet, and is the only French Canadian at present holding a commission in the English army.

Fire at Burlington.

HAMILTON, Feb. 25.—The general store of Baxter & Galloway, situated near the post-office in Burlington, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. There is no fire brigade in the village, but a volunteer brigade, armed with buckets, managed to save the adjoining buildings. The fire is supposed to have been an incendiary one; loss $14,000, insurance $10,000.

Secretary Bayard to Marry.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A Washington special in to-day's Sun says that there is a rumor that Secretary Bayard may marry Miss Sophie D. Markoe, a handsome blonde who for some years has occupied a clerical position in the State Department.

A Bad Day for Farmers.

HAMILTON, Feb. 25.—Sixty-six farmers toed the mark at the Police Court yesterday for refusing to pay toll at York-street gate. Forty-three of them were fined $5 and costs or ten days. Three cases were allowed to stand, and the remainder were dismissed.

CABLE NOTES.

Mr. Dillon and his associates in the conspiracy case will be tried again in April.

It is expected that the Septennate Bill will pass the three readings without debate in the Reichstag.

Mr. Gladstone has made a permanent reduction in the rents of the larger farms at Hawarden.

Despatches from Hanoa state that the Province of Phuyene has become pacified and that the French expedition is advancing to Bindinh.

The Berlin Post advises the Government not to overstrain its bow, but to conform itself, as before, to absolutely necessary measures, especially those relating to financial affairs.

A Berlin despatch says the idea is gaining ground that the enhanced strength of the National Liberals will lead to a rupture of the National Liberal and Conservative coalition after the passage of the Septennate Bill.

The Spanish Government is trying to induce Republicans to return to Spain and to accept amnesty, the object being to put a stop to the revolutionary propaganda. The military party and Conservatives stoutly oppose the Government's course.

The National Gazette (Berlin) says the alliance between Italy, Germany and Austria for reciprocal defense, and the guarantee of the present possessions of the parties to the arrangement is assured of completion although the Italian ministerial crisis may delay its formal conclusion.

FLEEING FROM THE HAVOC.

THE EARTHQUAKE GIVES AN IMPETUS TO TRAVEL.

The Hotels of Paris Filled With Fugitives—List of the Killed and Wounded in Italy—A Distressing Occurrence at Nice.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A despatch from Nice says another earthquake shock was felt there this morning. The disturbance was slight. Despatches from Rome give the following official list of the killed and wounded: Bajardo, 300 killed and wounded; Diano Marina, 250 killed and injured; Bressano, 50 killed and 36 injured; Diano Castello, 30 killed; Castelano, 35 killed and many injured. The number of persons killed is less than was supposed. It is estimated that in the province of Porto Maurizio 570 persons were killed and 156 injured. In the province of Genoa 34 were killed and 37 injured. Bajardo and Diano Marina were the only places destroyed. Cervo was only partially damaged. The churches at Bajardo, Castellaro and Anrigo were thrown down.

Fugitives at Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The hotels are all crowded with fugitives from the Riviera. Many reached this city but partially dressed and others without luggage. A number of ladies are suffering from illness caused by fright during the earthquakes.

Switzerland Shaken.

GENEVA, Feb. 25.—Oscillations of the earth from north to south were felt throughout Switzerland. No loss of life is reported, but much damage was done to property.

In Light Attire.

NICE, Feb. 25.—Among the ornaments of the fashionable world seen capering about in toilettes plus que legeres were Lady Caithness, the Marchioness Cambiato, the Comtesse d'Aspromonte, Lady Graham, Mme. de Saphonow and others of the phalanx of brilliant society of Nice. On the heights around Cimiez 2000 Americans, English and Russians are encamped, the military authorities having placed tents at their disposal. A battalion of infantry patrol the streets and sentinels pace up and down in front of the villas and shops.

At Mentone.

NICE, Feb. 25.—At Mentone 250 houses were rendered uninhabitable. Several fires occurred but were speedily extinguished. Military guards are on duty to prevent the pillaging of the wrecked houses. A field telegraph is now working in many places. A bread famine is expected, owing to the destruction of the ovens of the bakers.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN PRUSSIA.

They Must Swear Devotion and Obedience to King William.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—The royal order prescribing the form of oath which the Catholic bishops appointed to sees in Prussia shall take before being confirmed by the state in their appointments, ordains that each bishop shall swear to be submissive, loyal, obedient and devoted to the King of Prussia and to inculcate in his clergy and the people of his diocese veneration and fidelity towards the King, love of the fatherland and obedience to the state's laws. The oath also binds the bishop to refuse to tolerate by any of his clergy any teaching of action opposed to the spirit of the vows taken by the bishop in making the oath, and abstain from maintaining either within or outside of the country any action prejudicial to the security of the country.

The oath concludes as follows: "I promise to keep all this the more inviolably, as I am certain that by the oath I took to the Pope and the church I did not bind myself to anything that might be opposed to this oath of allegiance to the King."

HIGH-HANDED PORTUGAL.

Stanley Telegraphs Regarding Affairs at Tungi and His Own Expedition.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Henry M. Stanley telegraphs from Zanzibar recounting the seizure of the Sultan of Zanzibar's steamer Kilwa, and the bombardment of Tungi by the Portuguese. In the opinion of Mr. Stanley Portugal is acting in a high-handed manner, relying on the non-interference of Germany. Passiveness on the part of England, Stanley says, will be most injurious to a valuable trade. England and Germany together ought to cry "hands off" to Portugal, before irreparable mischief ensues.

Stanley says in reference to the expedition for the relief of Emin Bey that the party have embarked on the steamer Madeira. The expedition consists of European officers, 61 Soudanese, 13 Somalis, 620 natives of Zanzibar, 3 interpreters and Tippu Tib, the Arab trader, and 40 of his followers. Couriers have gone overland with letters to Ugandi, while others have been sent to Stanley Falls to meet the native chief.

An advance force will push on to Wadelai the third day after arriving at Stanley Falls without the Arabs. The force of Tippu-Tib will proceed by way of Kasongo and Lake Tanganyika to Stanley Falls. Stanley hopes to reach the Cape by March 9, 1888.

IN MEMORY OF PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The Unveiling of a Fountain at Cannes, Where He Died.

CANNES, Feb. 25.—The Fountain of St. George, erected at the foot of the Ville Nevada, by the French residents of this town, in memory of the Duke of Albany, was unveiled yesterday. The Prince of Wales was present. The Duc De Chartres, on behalf of the Comte De Paris, delivered an oration, in which he said that the French colony was happy to offer the memorial as a pledge of sympathy to the British nation. The orator's sentiments were echoed by the Mayor of the town in a short address. The Prince of Wales returned thanks. The Prince will leave Cannes to-day.

MRS. GLADSTONE PRESIDED.

A Meeting of Women to Form a Liberal Federation.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Gladstone presided to-day over a meeting called for the purpose of forming a Women's Liberal Federation. In her address to the assemblage Mrs. Gladstone said she thought the women of Great Britain who were anxious to work for the Liberal cause and the progress of justice should be organized and united.

The Canadian College at Rome.

ROME, Feb. 25.—The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Canadian Church College took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Cardinal Howard officiating. Among those present were Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau, Mgrs. O'Connell of the American College, O'Callaghan of the English College, Campbell of the Scotch College, Archbishop Kirby of the Irish College, Bishop Keene of Richmond, Va., and other church dignitaries. The church was dedicated to St. Joseph, and the spectacle was soleum and religiously beautiful.

The German Elections.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—The official returns show the election of 75 Conservatives, 34 Imperialists, 84 National Liberals, 90 Centrists, 14 new German Liberals, 6 Socialists, 15 Alsatians, 13 Poles, 2 Guelphs, 1 Dane and two others whose views are unknown.

Gladstone and Chamberlain Meet.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Baron Herschell, Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, Sir George Trevelyan, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Morley have recently had many meetings with reference to the "round table" negotiations which had been left unfinished. It is believed the negotiations will be successful.

Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Chamberlain dined at the Devonshire Club this evening and exchanged cordial greetings.

Help for the Sufferers.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—M. Goblet has sent to the Prefect of Nice the first remittance of 10,000 francs for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

A TICKET AGENT MISSING.

Mr. Sam Osborne Has Not Been Seen in Town for Two Weeks.

It is painfully apparent to many persons in this town that Sam Osborne, the well-known ticket agent whose office is at No. 42 Yonge street, has left the limits, and many of them have been "left." Mr. Osborne was the agent of the Monarch, Anchor and Cunard steamship lines and the Erie and two Vanderbilt railways that run from Buffalo to New York. He was the general agent for Canada for the Anchor.

As far as The World could learn yesterday, Mr. Osborne has left his business in very bad shape, and one authority put his indebtedness at $5000. A large portion of this sum will have to be made good by friends who endorsed notes for Osborne. No one to whom The World spoke seemed disposed to throw any light on the identity of these friends. Every effort has been made to trace Osborne's whereabouts, but without success. He was last heard of at the St. George's Hotel, New York, but it is positively known that he is not there now. He has been away from Toronto for two weeks. It is said he stuck a gentleman named Leeming, whom he lately took in as a partner, for a considerable sum; also the steamship lines for whom he acted. Parties have gone on to New York to apply for his agencies. At the office Osborne's clerk would give no information as to his whereabouts or his affairs.

Osborne was what is known in slang as a "high roller," and to the trade he was a demoralizer of rates. He had an unenviable reputation for "cutting" and "queer" dealing.

He left his family behind, who, it is said, are not in the best of circumstances.

THE LATHERS DROPPED.

The Trouble With J. W. Kennedy's Plasterers at an End.

The strike of the plasterers and laborers employed in the row of stores being erected by J. W. Kennedy & Co. at Queen and George streets, and who quit work on Thursday because they found the laths in the building bore not the stamp of the Lathers' Union, is at an end. Both the Plasterers' and Laborers' Union, which had amalgamated with the Lathers' Union—the three forming the big union which it was thought would give great strength—have withdrawn, leaving the lathers by themselves. It is said that they thought the lathers rather had the upper hand and were running things too much.

It appears that the laths in this building, while not bearing the Lathers' Union stamp, were nailed by Knights of Labor lathers, who, however, are not members of the union, because they do piecework. Said one of them yesterday, "We're Knights of Labor, and that's as good as being in the union, ain't it."

CHICAGO BOODLERS.

A Witness Tells How Tenderers of Contracts Were Approached.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—A new witness was secured yesterday against the Cook county boodlers in the person of John F. Gray, a contractor, who informed State's-Attorney Grinnell that he had been approached separately by a certain "boodle" County Commissioner, a member of the Grand Jury, and County Hospital Warden McGarigle, each of whom endeavored to have him raise one of his bids from $6000 to $8500. The proposition was that the additional sum would ostensibly go to Gray, but really be divided among the "gang," who would guarantee Gray the contract.

Gray was unwilling to accept the terms, and the contract subsequently went to another man at a much higher figure than even the one named by McGarigle. None of the boodlers have yet been taken into custody, but it is generally understood that arrests will follow closely upon the assembling of the Grand Jury a few days hence.

How Pleuro-Pneumonia is Spread

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—It is stated that on Jan. 26 a lot of milch cows from Buffalo were received at Brighton and disposed of to purchasers in Boston. One of the animals died in South Boston on Feb. 15 of contagious pleuro-pneumonia. The State Cattle Commissioners have been working since then to recover traces of the herd. The commissioners have been successful in a number of cases and while they admit that there is great danger that the disease has been spread, they believe the measures adopted will prevent serious results. Most of the animals have been placed in quarantine.

Sarah's Baggage Seized.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25.—Sarah Bernhardt and her troupe arrived here yesterday from the City of Mexico and started via New Orleans for Washington, where her engagement begins Tuesday next. Mr. Grau says that he had more trouble in getting the troupe's baggage through the El Paso custom house than he has had in his whole trip through South America, Central America and Mexico. It was only after a lively talk in French with the customs officer by Miss Bernhardt that the trunks were allowed to go through without bond.

A Train Lost in the Snow.

SARATOGA, N.Y., Feb. 25.—The Adirondack passenger train that left here at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, is snowed in, and up to 9 o'clock this morning had not reached Stony Creek, thirty miles north of here. At 8.30 o'clock last night the train was ascertained to be somewhere between Corinth and Hadley, but since then nothing has been heard from it. There are but few passengers on board.

Has no Recollection of His Act.

ENGLEWOOD, N.J., Feb. 25.—Rev. Mr. Ward is still in a critical condition and his recovery is very doubtful. He said yesterday he had no recollection of having shot his wife. Mrs. Ward is painfully hurt, but will recover.

—Wire mats may be left out of doors in the rain, as all the parts are thoroughly galvanized and japanned, and will not rust or injure carpets or painted floors. 361

Cattle Quarantine in Maine.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 25.—The State Commissioners have issued a notice that cattle from Massachusetts, New York or Illinois entering Maine will be quarantined unless consigned for immediate shipment abroad.

A Bed of Iron Ore Discovered.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—The Industrial Gazette of this city makes the announcement that there has just been uncovered near Tuscaloosa, Ala., a bed of red hematite iron ore sixteen feet thick, which analyzes 62½ per cent. of metallic iron, and is believed to be the most extensive and valuable deposit of the kind in the United States.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Four cases of smallpox are reported at Holyoke, Mass.

The snow blockade in Vermont is the worst of the season.

A terrible blizzard visited the American Northwest on Thursday.

Rev. James Freeman Clarke, the eminent Unitarian divine of Boston is seriously ill.

George Maxwell, the actor who became insane in Chicago, has recovered and will return to England.

Jim Stevens was hanged yesterday at Baltimore for the outrage of Mrs. Mary Trehearn, aged 80 years.

The warehouse of Darby & Co., candy manufacturers, Baltimore, was burned yesterday morning; loss $200,000.

Mary Moore, aged 17 of Memphis, on Thursday shot and killed Henry Allen, aged 50, because she said he had assaulted her.

Seven hundred men employed in the American wire works, Cleveland, struck last night for an advance of 10 per cent. in wages.

Thursday afternoon in Mobile, Ala., a runaway horse jumped into a group of children who were playing on the sidewalk on Joachim-street and trampled Rupert Dodge, aged 5, to death.

A Washington special quotes Mr. Carlisle as saying that he "will favor one kind of fortification bill, but he wants it to be expended about the Treasury Department." That is about the only place he says that seems to need fortification.

A steam-heating apparatus for use on railway trains has been tested at St. Paul. The exhaust steam from the dome of the engine is carried in pipes into the cars. The apparatus raised the temperature of the car to 80 while outside it stood at zero.

A BLIZZARD FAR EAST.

Railway Traffic Suspended in New Hampshire and Maine.

CONCORD, N.H., Feb. 25.—Yesterday's storm caused severe interruptions to traffic on the upper railroads. Railroad men say the storm was the hardest for ten years. All trains have been cancelled on the Passumpsic road. About a foot of snow fell and it has drifted badly. A Woodsville, N.H., despatch says: The storm, which commenced yesterday afternoon, caused the most serious blockade of the season throughout northern New Hampshire and Vermont. The temperature suddenly fell below zero, and the wind blowing a gale all night completely stopped railroad traffic until this morning.

FARMINGTON, Me., Feb. 25.—A regular blizzard has prevailed here since yesterday. The snowstorm raged in the forenoon, about six inches falling before night and a gale followed. Immense drifts block all the roads and passenger trains are cancelled, something which has not happened before for over twenty years. Reports from the Sandy River and Franklin and Megantic Railroads (narrow guage) state that trains are snowbound on the former road at Phillips and on the latter road at Strong. Travel and business in North Franklin is entirely suspended.

A PARTY INTERRUPTED.

Fire and Smoke in a Jarvis-street Residence Mars the Midnight Festivities.

A blaze in the cellar of the premises at 36 Church-street, occupied by Laughton, Rand & Co., paper bag manufacturers, caused $25 damage early yesterday afternoon. A still alarm was given and a fireman from Court-street hall extinguished the flames.

Nos. 245, 247 and 249 Jarvis-street are three dwellings, comprising a large 3-story brick building, and occupied by Mr. Joseph Oldfield, Mrs. K. M. Smith and Mrs. D. Shaw respectively. At 11 o'clock last night the defective heating apparatus in the basement of 249 caused a fire which was difficult for the firemen to subdue. It spread along the walls and ceiling of the basement and at one time threatened to get higher, but it was extinguished after three-quarters of an hour hard work by the firemen. It interrupted a party which was in progress at Mrs. Smith's, caused several gentlemen lodgers to leave their rooms with little ceremony and less clothing, and filled the three houses from top to bottom with dense smoke. Mrs. Shaw's furniture was considerably damaged by smoke and water; she is uninsured. The others suffer no damage except perhaps a little by smoke. About $300 damage was done to the building, which is owned by the Metcalf estate and insured.

Steel wire Mats are now in use in all our principal churches, schools, banks and public buildings. Offices and factory, 6 Wellington west. 136

THE ALDERMAN AND THE CANON.

The Representative of St. Lawrence Apologizes to the Rector of St. James'.

The talk of the town yesterday was the Dumoulin-Frankland incident in Shaftesbury Hall. Members of the Canon's church were loud in their protestations against what they termed Ald. Frankland's disgusting exhibition of ill-breeding. They seemed to imagine Ald. Frankland's failure to set himself aright, when Canon Dumoulin resented his personal references, as an additional evidence of the St. Lawrence Ward's representative's uncouth disposition.

Ald. Frankland is said to have only fully comprehended the exact size of the cyclone his utterances created some time yesterday morning, and he forthwith proceeded to St. James' rectory, and finding Canon Dumoulin in, made the *amende honorable*. The Canon accepted the explanation of the gentleman who is opposed to lengthy pulpit sermons, and the breeze the incident raised will, no doubt, soon die out.

THE GREAT UNKNOWN.

Teachers Object to Being Criticized by Anonymous Writers.

The Toronto Teachers' Institute opened its semi-annual convention yesterday in Carlton-street Methodist Church Sabbath school room. Inspector J. L. Hughes presided, and nearly all the city teachers were present. The morning was spent in routine business, and the afternoon was devoted to a discussion on arithmetic. The frequent appearance of anonymous communications in newspapers, making unfounded charges against schools and teachers, was mentioned by Mr. J. Campbell, and he thought the institute should take some action in the matter. He will bring up the subject to-day in the shape of a resolution. The convention will conclude its business this morning.

Moody and Sankey's Project.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Moody and Sankey, the evangelists, have on foot a scheme to evangelize Chicago and other large cities. A building to cost $250,000 will be erected in Chicago, for the training of Christian workers. If it proves successful they will advocate the erection of similar buildings in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other cities.

Sitting Bull's Band.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Secretary of the Interior has transmitted to Congress a recommendation of the Commissioner of Indian affairs that Congress appropriate $50,000 for the subsistence of the remnant of Sitting Bull's band of Sioux Indians, now in Canada, for the ensuing fiscal year, when they shall return to their reservation in Dakota.

Perpetual Sunshine.

In every life there comes a time when hope is crushed, but the man with a healthy liver and a shirt that doesn't pinch in the neck seldom gets discouraged. If, in addition to these blessings, he is the happy possessor of one of quinn the shirtmaker's spring hats, a twenty-ton trip-hammer couldn't crush his buoyant spirits.

Governor Campbell's Secretary and Aide.

Mr. Harcourt Vernon, until lately a clerk in the Ontario Bank, and married to a daughter of Senator Allan, will act as Private Secretary to the new Lieutenant-Governor, he and Mrs. Vernon taking up their quarters at Government House. Capt. Geddes is likely to be retained as A.D.C.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The irrepressible John Smith stole an overcoat from Thomas O'Connell, and yesterday Col. Denison sent him to jail for 60 days.

Charlotte Jerome and Edward Cantlin, charged with insanity were remanded for medical examination at the Police Court yesterday.

The Consumers' Hardware Company are determined to come to the front with low prices. Intending purchasers would do well to get quotations. 96 Front-street east, opposite the Hay Market.

Mr. George Eakin, County Clerk, in accordance with the resolution of the County Council, yesterday gave Messrs. Hamburger & Co. an order to fit up the entire Court House with their "Chicago Incandescent" gas fixtures. x

Mr. Roberts begs to announce that an oil painting from Shelley's "Rosalind and Helen," by Miss Fanny Sutherland, will be on exhibition at his Art Gallery, King-street west, on Saturday and Monday, Feb. 26 and 28 before being sent to England. x

A popular tea store. No tea store is better known, more liberally patronized, or gives consumers better satisfaction than the McMurtry Tea Company, 326 Yonge-street, city. This tea company makes a specialty of giving purchasers of their teas, etc., valuable presents, and they claim that no other house in the city can give the same value and presents as they do. The company carry a full store of useful and ornamental articles to select from. Call and see what they offer. x

How to Make Home Happy.

—Make it a real home. Don't spend money you haven't got, and mind where you spend it; go to the right place, and ask for just what you want, and mind you don't pay exorbitant prices for your goods, especially house furnishing and baby carriages. Do the same as all thoughtful and economical wives do nowadays, and go to Strathern's, Toronto's great house furnisher, Yonge-street.

SHORTER HOURS FOR SHOP GIRLS.

A Public Meeting at the Pavilion Discusses the Matter.

About two weeks ago Mayor Howland received a requisition signed by thirty lady ratepayers asking that a public meeting be called to discuss the need for the earlier closing of dry goods stores. The meeting was held last night in the Pavilion and was well attended, a large number being ladies and young people. Mayor Howland presided and expressed his pleasure at seeing the ladies take up such an important matter. He believed that if an agreement could be brought about among the trade the end would be accomplished. He read communications from Archbishop Lynch, the Bishop of Algoma, J. D. Cayley and others, stating their sympathy with the movement and regretting their inability to be present.

Rev. Hugh Johnston moved a resolution to the effect that as many young women were kept working for a greater length of time than they could possibly do without undue strain on their physical strength,

Resolved—That it is desirable that all retail shops in Toronto should be closed at 6 o'clock every afternoon, Saturdays included.

Mr. Johnston said he voiced the sentiments of the Ministerial Association of the city, of which he was President. He appealed for the young people on the ground that as youth was the time for building character and for enjoyment, they should not be compelled to work long hours behind the counter. As one woman was said to be equal to seven and a half men, the ladies were the men to engage in this noble work.

Hon. S. H. Blake pointed out that two-thirds of the young women employed in the city were under 20 years of age, and many of them were kept from 8 in the morning until 8 and 9 o'clock at night. He thought the resolution should be printed and circulated among the storekeepers by the ladies. If the stores were asked to put a placard in the window reading: "Short hours; seats kept," he believed it would influence purchasers. "If these means fail," said Mr. Blake, "I will undertake to apply to the Legislature to compel early closing." [Applause.] He thought nine hours' labor in any establishment in the city was sufficient.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren said that young ladies needed time for mental culture, social duties and physical rest. He moved that the purchasing public be respectfully requested to show a practical sympathy with working-women by transacting all business at retail shops before 6 o'clock on Saturday as well as on other days.

Rev. Canon Dumoulin, in seconding the resolution, said he would do all in his power to give it effect.

Mr. Henry O'Brien offered a resolution requesting employers to respond to this movement by closing their places of business at the hour named.

Ald. Boustead thought that closing at 6 o'clock every afternoon was not going quite far enough. He believed that employers would also be willing to concede an afternoon.

Ald. Harvie referred to the injustice of keeping little fellows carrying parcels until midnight Saturday. It deterred them from going to church Sunday morning.

Mr. H. P. Gordon also made a few remarks and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The ladies intend to keep up the agitation until they secure more privileges for girls employed in stores.

AT THE THEATRES.

The Attractions the Grand and Toronto Will Present Next Week.

The McDowell Comedy Company are to play all next week at the Grand Opera House, where they will present a varied repertoire. They open with "Our Regiment," which will also be played on Tuesday night. "Engaged," "Perh," and "The Shaugraun" will be played the rest of the week. The McDowells are favorites here and should have good houses.

An excellent company, elegant costumes and magnificent scenery are promised the patrons of Toronto next week when John A. Stevens' romantic melodrama, "Passion's Slave," will be presented