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GLADSTONE GROWING BLIND.

LIBERALS PANIC-STRICKEN AT HIS COMING RESIGNATION.

His Eyesight Imperiled by Cataract—Anti-Parnellites Apprehensive—Election Circulars Sent Out by the Liberals—His Home Rule Denial of 1885 Recalled.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A cable to The Sun says: The reported decision of Mr. Gladstone to resign his high office disturbed the whole political world. Every hour increased the belief in the truth of the report. Even the newspapers of both parties, which at first denounced the story as a hoax, today changed the tone completely, while the weekly political organs admit, regretfully or otherwise, that The Pall Mall Gazette substantially, though a little prematurely, told the truth.

The leaders of both parties are not deceiving themselves. Balfour's speech last night warned his followers that they must be ready for dissolution at a moment's notice. As a matter of fact, when Gladstone was dictating his peculiar reply to the enquiries to Barritz on Wednesday evening the Liberal leaders at their headquarters in London were preparing a private circular to election agents notifying them to make every preparation for a campaign in view of an early appeal to the country. These circulars were distributed yesterday. The political world is, therefore, in great confusion.

The G.O.M. Made a Similar Denial Before

It has been recalled that Mr. Gladstone made a remarkably similar form of "denial" when the premature announcement was made in Dec., 1885, that he had become a convert to Home Rule, yet within six weeks he was forming a Home Rule Cabinet.

Does Not Intend To Resign, But Can't Say So.

Harold Frederic cables: Gladstone has no more real design of retiring than the Queen has, though, with characteristic curiosity, he cannot say so even now, but dictated a tortuous denial as full of loopholes as a rabbit warren. Anybody who supposes that Gladstone would select such an occasion for retiring to a monastery is too simple-minded for this rude world.

The Pall Mall's Plausible Story.

George W. Smalley cables: It is not known on what authority The Pall Mall Gazette let fly the rumor of Mr. Gladstone's resignation, nor would it matter had Mr. Gladstone's telegraphed denial from Biarritz stopped short at the word "untrue." What follows does in a measure lend plausibility to a story which was probably based on nothing but the known and now admitted fact that Mr. Gladstone's physical condition is not quite what it was.

The story, though discredited and disbelieved, spread a panic among his followers. What, then, must be their feelings on hearing from their leader himself that he has been considering the probable necessity of resigning, that his age and the condition of his sight and hearing having for months past been such that make relief from public cares desirable.

Mr. Gladstone's general health and his vitality are little short of miraculous. Still, for the leadership of the House of Commons, and especially for purposes of debate, good hearing is desirable, and his hearing is no longer good. He does not always collect with entire accuracy what is said, and therefore does not always meet the points raised.

Sight of One Eye Obliterated.

There is a graver matter, and that is the condition of the eyesight.

Mr. Gladstone sent for Dr. Granger of Chester, a physician who is also an oculist. It was Dr. Granger who attended him at the time when the gingerbread nut was thrown at him and struck and slightly injured one eye. He saw him at his house in Downing-street the day before he started. He told Mr. Gladstone, not, I suppose, for the first time, that a cataract had entirely obliterated the sight of one eye and that another cataract had begun to form on the other eye. This last statement was perhaps new to the Prime Minister. He reflected a moment and said: "I wish you to remove the cataract at once." Dr. Granger told him it was not yet far enough advanced for an operation.

"I Want You To Remove the Cataract Right Here."

"You do not understand me," replied his illustrious patient. "It is the old cataract I wish removed. If that is out of the way I still shall have one good eye when the new cataract impairs the sight of the other."

Dr. Granger hesitated.

Mr. Gladstone continued: "You still seem to not understand me. I want you to perform the operation here and now while I am sitting in this chair."

Dr. Granger still objected. "It might not be successful," said he. "That is a risk I accept," retorted the gallant old man. In the end Dr. Granger, saying that the responsibility must be his as a medical man, declined, giving such reasons as he could. The true reason probably was that such an operation on a patient of Mr. Gladstone's age was too dangerous. It was not performed. But what could be more admirable than the courage and resolution he showed?

Unfounded though The Pall Mall Gazette story be, the political effect of it is considerable.

Anti-Parnellites Apprehensive.

Its effect on the Gladstonian party is not uniform. The Anti-Parnellite Irish wing received it, though incredulous, as a message fraught with sorrow, apprehension and misgiving. These are "Tay P.'s" words. The rank and file heard it with horror, since it would precipitate a dissolution and general election.

The Radicals bore up better than anybody else. Mr. Gladstone to them is an obstacle. They recognize his usefulness in holding the party together, but are perfectly aware that their aims and his, their views and his, have little in common, nevertheless they would regret to see him disappear at a moment when a general election without him as leader and without his name to work miracles in the constituencies would probably mean disaster. But all these sections of the party are for the first time brought face to face with this possibility and they all recoil from the prospect.

Too Good To Be True.

The Conservative comment on the news may be summed up in the sentence, "too good to be true;" nevertheless, the same considerations which have brought dismay to the good Gladstonian have brought comfort to the Conservative. He may not put faith in Mr. Gladstone's express declaration that he may resign "at any moment." He asks himself why, unless there be some near prospect of resignation, Mr. Gladstone should have entered into this curiously minute account of his infirmities. This is a conundrum.

What is obvious to the impartial observer is that the moment is ill-chosen for the launching of this rumor; for Mr. Gladstone to resign now would be a confession of defeat and would, to a hostile eye, look like shrinking from the struggle still before him — neither is in his nature. He has seen the darling measure of his old age rejected by the House of Lords, and party necessities have forced him to postpone for another year another attempt to carry it. He has to look back upon a barren session and forward to one of momentous conflict. Again I say it is not in his nature to accept defeat or to flinch from a prolonged and even desperate contest. The verdict of the nation or the complete failure of certain essential faculties may force him to retire. Short of that I believe he will fight to the end.

SPLIT IN GLADSTONE'S CABINET.

Dissension on the Question of the Uganda Protectorate.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Tory papers publish a rumor that there is a split in the Cabinet on the question of the continuance of the British protectorate over Uganda in Africa, Mr. Gladstone differing with Lord Rosebery, the Foreign Secretary. The report is regarded in official circles as incredible.

LABOR WILL NOT ADOPT ANARCHY

As Constitutional Methods Are Remedying the Workingman's Condition.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The conference of the Independent Labor party ended in Manchester to-day. James Kier-Hardie, M.P., presided over the final session. A motion that the conference repudiate all sympathy and relations with the Anarchists was the beginning of a heated discussion. Kier-Hardie participated in it to say that it would not do to call one another names, and that while Anarchist and Socialist methods differed it might be that the Anarchists were more zealous than other reformers. Eventually the motion was amended so as to declare that inasmuch as constitutional methods were remedying the condition of the workingman the Independent Labor party would not ally itself with any party adopting other methods.

EXTRADITED FROM ENGLAND.

For Alleged Complicity in the Italian Bank Frauds.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Antonio Monsilli, who was formerly connected with the Italian Department of Agriculture, and who was arrested here at the request of the Italian Government, started to-day for Italy in the charge of the Italian officers. His extradition on charges of complicity in Italian bank frauds was ordered a few days ago by the Bow-street Extradition Court.

RIOT IN FRONT OF ST. PAUL'S.

Idle Hebrews Attempt To Enter the Cathedral.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A sharp encounter took place to-day in front of St. Paul's Cathedral between the police and a body of unemployed Jews. About 250 idle Jews marched to the cathedral and attempted to enter. The police drove them back, the crowd resisting. The police were compelled to use their batons, and 12 of the riotous crowd were injured to such an extent that it was deemed best to send them to the hospital for treatment. Repulsed at the cathedral the crowd proceeded to Trafalgar Square, where an important meeting was held. Three of the speakers who addressed the crowd had blood-stained bandages about their heads.

THE ONLY ONE IN CANADA.

This One is Far Ahead of the Americans in Every Particular.

Anyone has but to compare the articles in The Canadian Magazine for February with the articles in any of the American magazines to find the great review of the Dominion superior in interest. The number, which is for sale at John P. McKenna's, bookseller, 80 Yonge-street, near King, contains remarkable articles by Prof. John Campbell of Montreal, Hon. David Mills and Rev. Frederick George Scott, as well as other writers less known to the world. The illustrated articles deal with the Kootenay Country, Mexico and Dunfermline Abbey.

ERIE-ST. CLAIR CANAL.

The Company Organized With a Capital Stock of $250,000.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 4.—The Lake St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company was organized in this city yesterday. Preliminary organization was arranged in Duluth several weeks ago, but the incorporation was in Wisconsin, as the company expects to have headquarters in Milwaukee. The capital stock was placed at $250,000. The idea of the company is to build a canal from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie, thus avoiding Lime Kiln Crossing and other dangerous places, and shortening the route to Buffalo 100 miles.

Ocean Travel During 1893.

Mr. Bourlier, the general passenger agent of the Allan Line for Ontario and the Northwest, says that although 1893 was not generally a prosperous one for the Atlantic steamship companies, various causes having contributed to a decrease both in first-class passengers and in westbound steerage, yet notwithstanding these discouraging conditions the Allan Line by their various services landed 1650 more passengers in Canada and the United States in 1893 than in 1892. The total carried was 46,997. Evidence more complete of the esteem in which the line is held by the public could not be furnished.

For coughs and colds try Adams' Tutti Frutti Horehound. It will cure you.

Personal.

Plan for subscribers to "Antigone" will open on Thursday at Messrs. Sucklings'.

George Clarke, 24 Sword-street, was arrested Saturday by Detective Duncan on a charge of larceny.

W. Lewis, Gravenhurst; D. T. Frost, Montreal; H. N. Toby, Picton, and J. A. Reed, Rochester, are at the Palmer.

Hon. Edward Blake sails for England on Saturday. A portrait of him as chancellor of the University of Toronto is being painted by Mr. Grier for the library of that institution. One of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie is also to be executed for the same place. The scholarship fund established by Mr. Mackenzie's friends and admirers will yield $1000 a year.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen, besides attending the production of Antigone, will also pay a visit to the University buildings. It is likely that an address will be presented to them and a reception held immediately after.

Local Jottings.

Answers to correspondents: Yates—Yes; no.

The City Council will meet this afternoon to discuss the salary reduction bylaw.

The Toronto Orchestral Association at their last meeting resolved that this association express their sympathies to the Boot and Shoemakers' Union in their present difficulties, and will aid them in every legitimate means, also that the sum of $20 be presented to them.

Beaver tobacco is absolutely clean.

Arlington Hotel.

For comfortable bright rooms and combined with reasonable rates and excellent cuisine the Arlington Hotel has not its equal in Toronto and those who desire permanent winter quarters should hasten to make their arrangements before the best rooms are taken. ad

POLITICIANS ARE ACTIVE.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES ENTERED THE LISTS ON SATURDAY.

Robert Crawford, a Tory and Patron, Nominated By Peel Conservatives—West Victoria Will Have a Triangular Contest—South Lanark Patrons Will Try the Bye-Election.

BRAMPTON, Ont., Feb. 3.—Robert Crawford, farmer of Chinguacousy Township, President of the County Conservative Association, was this afternoon nominated as the Conservative candidate to contest the County of Peel in the Ontario Legislature.

The Town Hall was filled with an enthusiastic audience and the meeting all the way through was most harmonious, leading farmers from all over the county being in attendance.

Among those who were present were: A. F. Campbell, M.L.A., G. F. Marter, M.L.A., Richard Blain, James Jackson, Eli Crawford, W. A. McCulla, ex-M.P., Robert Crawford, T. M. Graham; John T. Mullin, Mayor of Brampton; Capt. Blain, E. Stonehouse, S. Charters, John Ballantyne, T. J. Blain, James Stewart, W. A. Wright, and the oldest resident of Toronto Township, Thomas Graham, was on hand to give his approval of the candidate.

A. F. Campbell, M.L.A., stepped on the platform and called the meeting to order. Robert Crawford, the president, took the chair and in a few words stated the purpose for which the mass meeting was called. Secretary T. M. Graham called for nominations for the Local House and W. S. Morphy named Robert Crawford. His name was received with applause, and after Henry Burnett had seconded the nomination it was carried unanimously.

After thanking the audience for their hearty reception the candidate said that his position was not altogether clear, in that he knew his name would be placed before the Patrons of Industry convention to be held on Saturday next, and if he were to receive that nomination he would be a much stronger candidate in the event of a three-cornered contest; it might be unwise to imperil the chances of defeating Sir Oliver's man. He was heartily in favor of the Patrons' platform, and endorsed their attack on the Mowat Government. He would accept the nomination if it were not found that for the best interest of the party someone else should be more suitable.

A. F. Campbell, M.L.A., from Algoma, made a rattling speech that brought forth great applause; he was followed by G. F. Marter, who went for the Mowat Government without gloves. He touched on the issues of the day and was loudly applauded.

The meeting broke up with rousing cheers for the Queen and the candidate.

SOUTH LANARK PATRONS

Decide to Take a Hand in the Coming Bye-Election.

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont., Feb. 3.—A convention of the Patrons of Industry of south riding of Lanark was held here Saturday, when James Ferguson, Reeve of Montague, was made the choice for the Local Legislature. G. Lockie Wilson, Grand Trustee of the Patrons of Industry, said the Patrons will send 30 members to the cross benches, not to smash the Mowat Government, but to insist on legislation on the line of the Patrons' platform.

IN WEST VICTORIA.

There Are Now Three Candidates in the Field for the Local.

LINDSAY, Ont., Feb. 3.—At the West Victoria Conservative convention held here to day Robert Bryans, Reeve of Ops, was nominated as the candidate. There are now three candidates in the field for the honor of representing West Victoria in the Local House: Dr. McKay, Liberal; R. Bryans, Conservative, and John Campbell, Patron.

EAST PETERBORO PATRONS

Listen to Thomas Blezard, M.L.A., Then Nominate a Man to Oppose Him.

NORWOOD, Ont., Feb. 3.—The Patrons of Industry of East Peterboro held their convention in the Town Hall, Norwood, this afternoon. Thomas Blezard, M.L.A., the nominee of the Reform party, was the first speaker and said that though a Patron he strongly supported Sir Oliver Mowat. William Quinn of Douro was nominated and chosen as the candidate for the Local Legislature. John Lang was nominated for the Commons, but has not definitely accepted.

South Waterloo Patrons.

BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 3.—Waterloo County Patrons met here to-day. Retiring President J. N. Sipes of Blair was unanimously chosen as their standard-bearer for the local in South Waterloo. The nomination for North Waterloo was held over for future consideration.

MOWAT ARRAIGNED

By Dr. Ryerson, M.L.A., at St. George's Hall on Saturday.

At a meeting of the Conservatives in No. 2 Ward Dr. Ryerson gave an address. He said in substance: On one point Sir Oliver Mowat and Mr. Hardy were agreed, viz., that the Patrons of Industry were not in line with the Mowat Government in regard to the proper and best method of choosing or appointing the registrars. But the Government and the Patrons were not in accord with the plank declaring for "Purity of administration and the absolute independence of Parliament." In his opinion it was utterly impossible to have absolute independence of Parliament, when members entered the Legislature for one or two terms only, and then graduated to office. He had published a list of some 46 members and their relatives, in which the members had either gone from the House themselves into office or had obtained office for their relatives. He was now in a position to add some 20 more names to that list, and he instanced the cases of Mr. Field, member for West Northumberland, who had three relatives in office; Mr. O'Connor of South Bruce, who had two relatives in office; Mr. Gibson of South Huron, who had one relative in office. Taking these facts into consideration it was impossible to expect such men to act independently or to advocate economy. One had only to bear in mind the Noxon case and others of that character to perceive that purity of the Administration was only relative. Another plank in the platform of the Patrons was "Rigid economy in every department of the public service." When Sir Oliver Mowat took office in 1872 the salaries in the Treasurer's Department amounted to $8077, whilst in 1892 the amount was $12,325. In the Department of Education in 1872 the salaries amounted to $12,313, but in 1892 these had increased to $16,620, an increase of 30 per cent. In 1872 the salaries in the Attorney-General's Department only reached $7421, whilst the expenses amounted to $922. In 1892, the salaries had risen to $17,026 and the expenses to $3196, the increase in salaries being 130 per cent., and in expenditure 340 per cent. Admitting that the public business had increased, it was impossible to conceive such an increase as 130 per cent. During the same number of years the population had only increased 30 per cent. The population of Ontario numbered 2,114,000. The speaker then compared the expenditure of the Attorney-General's Department in a number of states in the union and that in the province of Ontario.

In Pennsylvania, with 5,258,000 inhabitants, the salaries of the Attorney-General's department reached $16,000, and the expenses $2500, or nearly $2000 less than did the Ontario Government. In 1872, when Sir Oliver Mowat assumed office, the gross expenditure was $1,847,956. In 1892 the expenditure amounted to $4,068,951, an increase of nearly $2,250,000. Instead of simplifying the laws, as asked for by the Patrons, the Division Court procedure was so cumbrous that to recover $5 it cost $11.75. In England payment by fees was abolished and a great saving effected thereby. The Liberal party in the Ontario House were clearly committed to the policy of payment by fees, as proved by the majority vote on the amendment to the motion of Mr. Wood (Hastings), and by Mr. Clancy, the amendment reading: "That it is the opinion of this House that remunerating sheriffs, registrars of deeds, clerks of the peace and county attorneys by fees is in the public interest preferable to a system of payment by salaries."

Dr. Ryerson went on to say that looking at the facts no other conclusion could be come to than that the Mowat Government was reactionary.

SEALING METHODS OF 15 YEARS AGO

Regulations Similar to Those of the Paris Tribunal Recommended in 1880 By a Fishery Inspector.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—After the cry raised by the British Columbia sealers about the injury likely to be done to their business by the regulations adopted by the Behring Sea arbitrators, and especially the abolition of the use of firearms, it is curious to look back at some of the old reports on Behring Sea sealing and see how some of the present regulations agree with the method of sealing 12 or 15 years ago.

In 1880, when only two or three vessels from Britian Columbia were engaged in the business, Mr. A. C. Anderson, Dominion Fisheries Inspector at Victoria, suggested a series of regulations very similar to those adopted by the Paris Tribunal. At that time the custom was for the sealing schooners to take on board all the way from 10 to 20 canoes manned by Indian hunters engaged at various points along the west coast of Vancouver Island, two Indians to each canoe. Arriving upon the sealing grounds, these canoes were launched and the hunters embarked and noiselessly approached the seal herds, and the process of catching is thus described;

"The animals," Mr. Anderson's report says "are speared while sleeping on the surface, a line being attached to the head of the spear from which the shaft disengages itself as soon as the prey is caught. Much caution is necessary to avoid alarming the main body of the seals, and it is found that the firing of guns especially causes their immediate change of locality and if persisted in soon drives them away from their wonted resorts."

The section of Mr. Anderson's proposed regulation which bears upon the method of catching seals reads as follows: "That any vessel so engaging in the fur seal fishery shall be bound not to employ firearms for the destruction of the fur seals in their established resorts, nor otherwise disturb them by unnecessarily firing while in the vicinity of such sealing grounds."

The inspector was very particular, however, to insist that regulations which he suggested were not rendered necessary by any prospect of depletion of the seal herds, because he found that "the supply of seals appears to be practically inexhaustible, provided only ordinary prudence be exercised."

Care of Chinese Emigrants at Halifax.

Mr. W.C. Baker, secretary to the Ottawa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, today received a telegram from the secretary of the society in Halifax stating that twenty Chinamen who came over the C.P.R. to Halifax, en route to Cuba, were left in the freight sheds without beds or heat, and asking that the Minister of the Interior be asked to instruct the immigration agent at Halifax to look after them. The men are in no sense immigrants, as they are simply passing through Canada, from one foreign country to another, but to prevent their suffering Hon. Mr. Daly, on being shown the telegram, at once wired the immigration agent at Halifax to see that they were kept warm and made as comfortable as possible.

Devoured By Wolves.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A despatch to The Standard from Odessa says: The weather in the Caucasus for several days has been fearfully cold. The principal ports on the Caspian Sea are icebound. The wolves have become unusually fierce as the result of the cold, and 18 men have been overtaken and devoured by these animals near Erivan.

The Conservatives of Ward Two.

There was a crowded meeting in St. George's Hall Saturday night under the chairmanship of Mr. T. R. Whitesides. The main object was arranging for the revision of the lists. Short speeches were made by Emerson Coatsworth, jr., W. F. Maclean, George Kappelle, E. F. Clarke and others. Dr. Ryerson made another of his vigorous attacks on the Mowat Government.

Academy of Music.

To-night the California Opera Company will open their return engagement of four performances at the Academy, by producing Balfe's beautiful opera, "The Bohemian Girl." Miss Josephine Stanton as Arline and Mr. Harry Hallam as Thaddeus with the entire strength of their large company in the cast. Tuesday matinee, "Giroflé-Girofla." Prices for this engagement 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

A Present For Bismarck From the Ladies

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The women of Baden, Westphalia and the Rhine provinces have formed a committee with a view to giving Bismarck an elaborate present on April 1, his birthday.

General Middleton charges the volunteers who were at Batoche with cowardice. Deputy Adjutant-General Houghton, second in command, makes an effective reply, showing that there was cowardice, but not on the part of the men. Middleton's charge and Houghton's reply both appear in The Sunday World of Feb. 4, which can be had at The World Office, of John F. McKenna, 80 Yonge-street, and other newsmen. Every volunteer who went through the fight campaign should read them.

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Toronto's Premier Institution.

The existence of an institution like quinn's mammoth neckwear house in a city of great enterprise like Toronto is striking evidence that our citizens have the right sort of aspirations in neck-dressing. The silks are selected and the artistically beautiful neckgems are made under the eye and touch of quinn, the acknowledged connoisseur in things pertaining to the neck.

KILLED HIS BRUTAL FATHER.

JUSTIFIABLE PATRICIDE BY A GEORGIA MUTE.

The Man, in a Drunken Frenzy, Turned Wife and Children Outdoors and Shot at Them—A Mute Son Defends His Mother and Cuts His Father's Throat With a Razor.

COLUMBIA, Ga., Feb. 4.—James Thompson, a machinist living in a suburb of Columbia, returned home drunk, drove his wife and children out of the house and subsequently pulled a pistol on them. A deaf and dumb son, 22 years of age, came to the defence of his mother and cut his father's throat with a razor.

The father died in a few minutes.

The son surrendered himself and wrote out at the police station a statement of the tragedy.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

A Stonecutter Locked Up For Killing a Companion.

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—Bartholomew Madden, a stonecutter living in Tuckahee, is locked up here on the charge of murder. He is accused of having killed Maurice Murphy, a fellow-workman. Madden and Murphy had been "on a tear," and on Jan. 7 the two started to walk from Hudson to Albany. Madden admits starting to walk to Albany with Murphy on the day in question, but does not recollect having fought or quarreled with him. On Jan. 26 the frozen body of Murphy was found in Ferguson's woods at Mount Melino, near Hudson.

THOSE HANDSOME WRAPS!

At Dineens' They Are Now Cheaper Than the Most Common Circulars.

In social circles all is gayety, for the enchanted season of balls, concerts and fashionable entertainments is now at its height, and Toronto's society ladies vie with each other in the elegance of their attire.

It must be remembered that jackets are decidedly *outre* for evening wear, and even the woman wearing one of sealskin is not to be envied, as the big sleeves of the modern gown cannot be crushed into the close compass of the outer garment. The only wrap that can be worn is one of Dineens' beautiful fur-lined circulars on a fur cape.

Dineens' stock includes 150 exclusive designs in opera wraps, Russian cloaks and circulars, most of which cannot be duplicated. In full length circulars there are some beautiful and striking effects.

These useful wraps are being sold at prices ranging from $10 to $50, in meltons of various colors, brocades and fancy cloths, with fur-lining and handsomely trimmed with fur. These beautiful garments are seen in endless variety, including every fashionable color and design. They are in red, crimson, navy blue, garnet, electric blue, and are trimmed with all the fashionable furs, with wide and comfortable storm collars of fur. The prices are wonderfully low, $50 is now the price of the circulars formerly sold at $75. The linings are in plain grey squirrel, grey and white squirrel, brown squirrel, hamster squirrel and many other fur linings.

Robin Hood Opera Co.

"The Robin Hood Opera Company" will appear at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening and for the balance of the week.

"Robin Hood" is the most tuneful of all the Smith & Dekoven operas and has been the greatest success.

"A Flag of Truce."

Walter Sanford's sterling success, "A Flag of Truce," comes to Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House next week. The play was presented here last season and is one of the strongest melodramatic productions on the road. The cast is unusually strong and the scenery remarkably elaborate. The great feature of the play is the stone quarry scene, which shows two giant steam drills in full operation, run by powerful boilers and operated by skilled engineers, with a score of men drilling and blasting ponderous rock. The climax of this scene is said to eclipse in realism anything ever attempted upon the stage. It will be given as a complete production.

Moore's Musee.

Riley's company of Komical Komedians will give the best performance that has been given at this popular house for some time past. Among the most prominent of the artists to appear are the Kisners, in the most marvelous balancing act now before the American public; Frank Riley, negro character impersonator and buck wing dancer; Taylor Twin Sisters, refined and artistic instrumental duettists; Tambourine McCarty, who spins 30 tambourines at the one time, and Lucier and Archmere, comedy musical artists; the Smith Twin Sisters, 88 years of age, and without doubt the oldest twins in the world.

Patti To-Night.

The arrangements for the Patti concert at the Grand Opera House to-night are fully completed, and it promises to be the greatest society event of the season. General admission tickets will be sold at $1 and $2, but they will not be sold until the holders of reserve tickets are seated.

Barrie Knows a Good Thing.

BARRIE, Feb. 4.—Sheppard's World's Fair was presented in the Barrie Music Hall last Friday night under the auspices of the Allandale Division of Railroad Conductors, and was greeted by one of the largest houses ever seen in Barrie. A despatch speaking of the entertainment says: Sheppard's World's Fair views as seen here on Friday night surpassed all expectations, and were marvelously realistic and in marked contrast with those of Adam Brown's seen here the Tuesday previous, which were anything but good. Mr. Ramsay's description of the fair and his songs were well received. In fact it was a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Baker Concert.

The plan for this concert opens at Farwell & Glenden's, Yonge-street, on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Those wishing to secure good seats had better get them early as there is a big demand for first-class seats. Do not miss this opportunity of hearing Mr. Thomas J. Scott, Scotland's leading vocalist, as this will be your only chance of hearing him this season. Mr. Thomas A. Baker, our leading comic singer, under whose auspices the concert is being run, will also be in good trim.

To banish coughs and colds use Adams' Horehound Tutti Frutti. Sold by druggists and confectioners, 5 cents.

An Electric Railway Assigns.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The National Electric Railway made an assignment this afternoon. Its liabilities are $900,000.

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TURNING OUT BADLY.

Opposition Housewife: "I thought we'd have enough of these potatoes for a nice mess, but they're all turning out bad."

TO KILL THE INCOME TAX.

A Poll of the United States Senate Shows That the Tariff Bill Rider Will Be Beaten.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The following poll of the United States Senate, made by The Herald, indicates that the income tax will be stricken from the tariff bill by a small majority:

Several senators are out of the city, and a few who are here could not be found to-day. In many cases other senators have been able to state with absolute certainty how the absentees will vote, and they have been put down accordingly.

There are four vacancies in the membership of the Senate—one each from the States of Mississippi, Montana, Washington and Wyoming. The vacancy from Mississippi will undoubtedly be filled before the vote is reached on the final passage of the Tariff bill, but it is not expected any of the other vacancies will be filled before that time. The probability is that the new Senator from Mississippi, whoever he may be, will be an advocate of the income tax.

To strike out Income tax	41
To keep in	37
Doubtful	6
Vacancies	4
Total	88

As to the final passage of the Tariff bill, whether the income tax be stricken out or not, there can be little doubt.

The interviews indicate that if the income tax amendment is stricken from the bill it will be passed by a strict party vote. If that odious and undemocratic feature is retained there is reason to believe that a few Democrats will vote with the Republicans against the bill.

ALLOTMENT OF BONDS.

An Official Statement Issued by Secretary Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Secretary of the Treasury has considered the proposals submitted for the new five per cent. loan and has accepted all bids naming higher price than 117,225. The proposals submitted at the upset price have been scaled down 5.331 per cent., and the amount of bonds allotted under this reduction, together with the subscriptions accepted in full, is $50,000,000.

Coughicura excels all cough medicines

MISS ANNIE PIXLEY'S PROPERTY.

Her Family Said To Be About to Make a Fight For a Share of It.

The relatives of the late Miss Annie Pixley intend to make a fight for a share of the property left by the actress, which is rumored to amount to $200,000.

Miss Pixley died in London on Nov. 9 last. She was taken seriously ill early in the summer and was forced to disband the company which she had formed for this season. In the hope of benefiting her health her husband, Robert Fulford, took her to Europe.

Immediately prior to her death Miss Pixley, it is said, was not mentally competent to make a will, but during the first stages of her illness some of her friends say she frequently spoke of her intention to provide for her mother, her two sisters and her two brothers. Since her death, however, Mr. Fulford has not communicated with his deceased wife's family and has given no indication of any intention on his part to carry out what were said to be her desires with regard to them. Mr. Fulford is still in Europe.

All tobacconists sell Beaver. Try it.

LOCKJAW FROM FROZEN FEET.

The Victim Said a Farmer Turned Him Out to Die.

ELIZABETH, Feb. 4.—Simon Reitskosky died in the Elizabeth hospital to-day of lockjaw, caused by his feet having been frozen. A week ago he was found in the streets of Elizabeth unable to walk. He said he had worked for a farmer in Linden, and that late at night, when it was very cold, the farmer had given him medicine and turned him out of doors. When he had walked a little way he fell down in the bushes, stupefied by the medicine. When he got up his feet were both frozen.

Beaver tobacco is the "gentleman's chew."

Oak Mantels

In Colonial and other latest designs. Tilings and Brass Goods. W. Millichamp, Son & Co., 234 Yonge-street. e

See Colonel Houghton's reply to Sir Frederick Middleton in The Toronto Sunday World.

A CRAZY COLD WATER CRANK.

Seven Villages Take Vows of Abstinence—License-Holders Appeal to the Government and Are Consoled.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A special cable despatch says: Canadian temperance agitators would not enjoy themselves in Austria. A native of a small village, after a long cataleptic trance a year ago, declared that he had been to heaven and had been commissioned by the Almighty to return and teach the peasants the wickedness of drinking spirits.

Soon the entire village took an oath of total abstinence.

The district Governor committed the man to the madhouse, where the doctors kept him for six months and then declared him sane.

He resumed his agitation, and in a short time seven villages had taken vows of abstinence. The result was that a number of liquor dealers to whom the Government had granted licenses refused to keep the contracts.

The district judge gave orders that the dangerous agitator be arrested if caught preaching abstinence. The man has not left his house for weeks. Deputations come to him from far and wide to hear his words and to repeat them when they return home. The authorities are consoling the dealers by declaring that the peasants must soon drink again.

A Man With a History.

Among the guests at the Queen's Hotel yesterday was Mr. Thomas Downes Shepman, district passenger agent of the G.T.R. for Quebec. Mr. Shepman was born at Bansfield, Nottinghamshire, England, in 1819 and received his education there. At the age of 17 he left college and entered the army, joining the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, under the late Col. Sir George Cathcart, who was killed at Inkerman.

When the Guards were ordered to Canada in 1838 Shepman came with them, and in 1841 he purchased his discharge. After he left the Guards he was engaged in various businesses for a number of years, until he finally accepted a position as passenger agent of the Royal Mail Line of steamships, with whom he remained until 1859, when he left that company and took his present position. Although he is 75 years of age Mr. Shepman is still as active and vigorous as many younger men and always transacts all his own business.

Teach the Children Total Abstinence.

Three addresses, full of force and eloquence and thoroughly practical, were delivered at the meeting of the Canadian Temperance League in the Pavilion yesterday afternoon, by Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Sims and Prof. Badgley of Victoria University. The large meeting was presided over by Mr. J. B. Brooks, Grand Patriarch Sons of Temperance. On the platform were the officers of the league, Mesdames Forster, Moffatt and Scott of the W.C.T.U., Rev. W. L. Scott, Rev. Mr. Wills and Messrs. D. J. Ferguson, James Forster, Dr. W. C. Adams, Malcolm Gibbs and others. Dr. Dowart enjoined upon temperance workers the need of patience in the pursuit of the object of their labors. It was 43 years this winter since he delivered his first temperance lecture, and his own experience and all history proved that moral reforms could only be accomplished slowly. Dr. Sims pleaded earnestly, and in a sensible and logical speech gave his reasons for personal total abstinence. Prof. Badgley would have the principles of total abstinence taught our children. Throw the needed protection around them in the home and the school, and he would look to the state, as an important duty, to protect its people from any traffic which brought distress and injury to them. The O'Banyoun Jubilee Singers rendered a number of sacred solos during the afternoon.

The Fees and the Counties.

[From The Bobcaygeon Independent.]

The plan of placing the registry offices under the management of County Treasurers, the fees going to the county, is likely to be ventilated in the Legislature.

DEATHS.

WILSON—On Saturday, Feb. 3, at his daughter's residence, 55 Sullivan-street, Charles Wilson in his 66th year.

Funeral from above address to-day (Monday) at 2.30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

GILLESPIE—Sunday evening, Feb. 4, at the Sick Children's Hospital, Florence Gertrude, youngest daughter of John and Jennie Gillespie, 98 Berkeley-street, aged 10 years 5 months.

Brantford and Brockville papers please copy.

VAILLANT IS GUILLOTINED.

THE BOMB-THROWER DIED AT DAYBREAK THIS MORNING.

Carnival Masquers Awaited the Execution All Night—500 Police and Four Battalions of Mounted Men and Infantry Guarded the Square—Thousands In Waiting To See Him Beheaded.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Persons living near the prison De La Roquette watched eagerly all day for signs of the approaching execution of Auguste Vaillant, the Anarchist who threw a bomb in the Chamber of Deputies on Dec. 9. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon M. Labori, the lawyer who defended Vaillant at his trial, visited the condemned man in his cell. He left soon, but returned at 7. The persons on watch near the prison interpreted these visits as meaning that the execution would take place to-morrow morning. M. Labori was supposed to have gone to Vaillant with the information that President Carnot had declined to grant the reprieve which the lawyer had requested.

At 9 a mounted messenger from the Minister of Justice delivered a packet to the chief warden of the prison. In the next hour and a half a few persons gathered in the Place de La Roquette. Policemen stood in groups of three at conspicuous points, as they have stood every evening during the last eight days. The crowds were still off in other parts of the city enjoying the foretaste of the carnival, whose approach was being heralded by men and women on the boulevards wearing masks and fancy costumes, throwing confetti and tickling each other's necks and faces with peacock feathers.

Just after midnight a message from the prefecture of police The Figaro office told the group of newspaper men chatting there that the execution would take place at daybreak.

When the reporters started for the place Da La Roquette about 1 o'clock the boulevards were almost empty, as many of the masqueraders had gone home and others had entered cafes to await there the hour for going to the Roquette prison.

From the knots of outcasts loitering in the streets near the prison, men and women had carried the whipered news that Vaillant would die at daybreak. The message had been hurried down the Rue De La Roquette, along the boulevard Voltaire to the rue du Faubourg St. Antoine, and at every corner had summoned groups of listeners, who had at once made ready to go to the scene of execution.

500 Policemen on Guard.

At 1.45 o'clock 500 policemen entered the place de La Roquette by two routes. They placed the barriers to keep back the expected mob. Several hundred persons had gathered, most of them from the low