

A KNIGHTLY FIELD DAY.

SIR JOHN, SIR CHARLES AND SIR LEONARD TO THE FORE.

They introduce measures on Indians, Manitoba schools, and for the payment of a County Judge in B. C.

Special Despatch to the World.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—In the house of commons today Sir John Macdonald introduced an act to provide for the introduction among Indian communities of a system of self-government.

On motion of Sir John Macdonald the house resolved to go into committee of the whole on Friday to consider a resolution for giving effect to an agreement entered into between the government of Canada and British Columbia.

Sir John Macdonald laid on the table the annual report of Indian affairs.

Sir Leonard Tilley moved the house into committee on a resolution granting assistance to Manitoba in aid of public schools.

He explained that three years ago parliament agreed to advance \$10,000 a year for three years to assist Manitoba in educational work.

The first annual payments were made, but the third was not. In view of the necessity for the development of educational interests in Manitoba, parliament proposed to advance \$30,000 in addition to the \$10,000 already voted, school lands to be taken in security.

Owing to the sparseness of the population, Sir Leonard said it was difficult to carry on the school system.

Mr. Blake asked if the sale of land was not delayed in consequence of a difficulty arising from settlers settling on the land.

Sir John Macdonald said the dominion land act provides for sale by public auction, and no other way, and in the intention of the government to amend the act so that by no possible means could any claim be set up by parties to land as against the rights of the country.

Sir John moved the house into committee of the whole to provide for the salary of the judge of the county court of Carleton, B.C., the salary to be \$2400 per year.

He explained that formerly there were five stipendiary magistrates, who dispensed justice on the main land. These were pensioned off and power was taken last session to appoint five county court judges.

During the visit last summer of Sir Alex. Campbell an arrangement was made by which only one additional judge would be required.

Sir Charles Tupper laid on the table correspondence in reference to the Canadian Pacific railway called for last session.

Mr. Blake moved for copies of all orders-in-council, memorials and representations on the subject of the bounty on manufacturers of iron.

He reminded Sir Leonard that he had received a deputation from Toronto asking a bounty for manufacturing iron.

Sir Leonard Tilley promised to bring down all the correspondence specially. Referring to the deputation he said the gentlemen were anxious to establish iron works in Toronto. They made statements showing what it would cost to manufacture a ton of iron.

He told them their calculations were wrong. They promised to prepare a statement and submit it, but they had not done so.

Mr. Blake moved for copies of all applications for sales or leases and all correspondence or reports touching, and also a statement of all sales or leases made of coal lands in the Northwest not covered by returns already ordered; also a statement in detail of any sums paid to the Hon. John O'Connor since the period covered by the address of last session with dates and particulars.

He remarked that a salary equal to \$8000 a year was paid Mr. O'Connor, who might just as well be in the administration.

Mr. Blake moved for copies of any despatches or correspondence concerning, or of any regulations or orders of the United States' government under which Nova Scotia coal imported into United States ports is permitted to be used for ocean steamship purposes without the payment of duty; also a statement showing the number of seizures made at each port, of entry in the dominion during the last fiscal year.

The return of the expenses at the recent Limerick election, when Mr. McMahon, Parnellite, was returned, has been issued. The expenses of Mr. Spaight, the unsuccessful conservative candidate, amounted to £218, while those of the successful Parnellite amounted to £347. This return has caused some surprise, as the Parnellites have always boasted of returning their members to parliament at quite a nominal cost.

A curious case has been witnessed in Chaucery lane, Dublin. When the bells were ringing in the new year, following a custom for some years in vogue, all the organ grinders in the city assembled and welcomed the new year by a combined performance. Over a dozen organs were wheeled into the thoroughfare, and as 12 o'clock struck the men began to grind as many different airs. Other performers joined in, a score of concertinas, and equal number of fiddles, and a variety of other instruments being used. A most delicious concert was kept up for over an hour, the street being blocked with people, but beyond much laughter and amusement there was no disorder.

The longest lovers quarrel on record seems to attend the other day in Brandon, Conn., when Miss Jennie Dunsand and Jas. O. Smith were married. They quarrelled in 1854, the mayor and council of thisville have resigned.

Starting Intelligence.

PARIS, France, Jan. 29.—Two policemen have been placed under arrest for refusing to perform duty.

NOT.—The above was positively received at Brandon, Conn., by the associated press agent at New York. What the party was which the French refused to perform duty in the province of Quebec is not clear, but it does not seem to have been a very important one.

WRECKED BY A ROCK.

A Train Runs into a Boulder With Fatal Effect.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 29.—A passenger train on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad was wrecked near Shellmound, Tenn., this morning. The engine was killed, the train fatally injured, and the conductor and five train hands badly hurt. An engine and three cars were entirely demolished. The train ran into a boulder, which rolled down the mountain and which was as large as a box car. It fell down a few seconds after the watchman had made his inspection and just before the train arrived.

THE TARIFF OF OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Horizontal Reduction of Twenty Per Cent Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Representative Morrison's tariff bill provides for a general horizontal reduction of 20 per cent, but in some cases the reduction to be lower than the tariff rates in the Morrill bill of 1861. Morrison is chairman of the committee on ways and means.

DROWNED OR FROZEN TO DEATH.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—J. M. Riford, merchant of Moriah, N. Y., accompanied by his wife and daughter, started for his father's home in Warren, Jan. 11, with a good team. The party has not since been heard from. It is feared they have been drowned in Lake Champlain or frozen to death in the mountains.

An English Nobelman's Amusement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—At a cock fight yesterday at Hunter's point about fifty persons were present. Five battles were fought. The main was arranged for the entertainment of an English nobleman visiting New York, who paid all the expenses. No stakes were contended for.

Retaliation in a New Form.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—A secret oath-bound brotherhood has been formed here, the members of which are pledged not to buy French goods, but to boycott all dealers selling them, until the embargo is taken off American pork.

The First Discovery of Tin.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 29.—A discovery of tin at King's mountain, Cleveland county, is announced. This is the first discovery of that valuable mineral in the United States. The state chemist will make careful examination.

Twenty-Nine Cars Derailed.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—A gravel train on the Boston & Albany road was struck in the middle by a fast freight train at Ashland today. Twenty-nine cars were derailed and piled up. Nobody was seriously hurt.

The Anti-Tobacco Clear Law.

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—The court of appeal today declared a decision which in effect declares the law against the manufacture of cigars in tenement houses unconstitutional.

A Heavy Postoffice Robbery.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A postoffice at Blue Island was robbed last night. Stamps, money and papers valued at \$15,000 were stolen.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The Niagara canal project has failed. The senate at Washington passed the bill to pay a rebate on the tobacco tax.

The articles of the Merchants' Telegraph and Cable company were filed at New York yesterday.

The house committee on banking and currency have decided that the public welfare demands that the national banking system shall be reorganized.

Judith P. Benjamin says there is not a word of truth in the report that he wrote a letter in 1860 to the British consul in New York proposing that the people of the north should renew their allegiance to Great Britain.

It is believed that the Baltimore and Ohio company paid \$300,000 for the lines of the National Telegraph company. The former company is taking steps to place itself in a position to offer formidable opposition to the Western Union, and a fierce fight is expected.

A Cleveland, O., photographer claims that he has invented a system by which photographs can be taken upon any substance having a smooth surface by the action of electricity. The expense is less than a cent for each picture.

Items From Ireland.

A remarkable death has just occurred in the life of a sailor named Lundy, having been robbed of 45, pointed out a man named John Garvey to the police as the thief. Garvey jumped into the river to escape capture and was drowned.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., is publishing some highly colored pictures of the members of the Irish party in which he classes Mr. Justin McCarthy, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Gladstone as the three ablest speakers in the house of commons. John Bright he regards as a dead duck. Mr. Biggar's humor, he says, resembles and equals in quiet charm that of Goldsmith. There are many other similar touches of veiled satire.

THEY DULY THAWED OUT.

EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE CARTRIDGES ON THE C. P. R.

Five Men Killed—Two Live Three Hours. After the Accident and Three Die Instantly.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 29.—The news of a terrible explosion on the Canadian Pacific railroad, east of Fort Arthur, which occurred on Saturday, has just been received. It was caused by dynamite cartridges left near a stove to thaw out. Five men were killed. Two lived three hours, but the others were killed instantly.

BOTHWELL ELECTION APPEAL.

A Motion for a Special Sitting of the Supreme Court.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—Application was made in chambers to-day before Chief Justice Ritchie in the Bothwell election appeal for a special sitting of the supreme court to hear the appeal. The motion was enlarged until Friday, the parties meantime to agree upon portions of the evidence to be read at the hearing of the court on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Affidavits were presented on behalf of Mr. Hawkins representing that it would not be possible to have the necessary documents printed before the regular session of the court on Feb. 12. Mr. Davies, Q. C., appeared in behalf of Mr. Mills, and Mr. Hector Cameron, Q. C., in behalf of Mr. Hawkins.

TWO CONSERVATIVE CONQUESTS.

The Unseated Member Re-elected for Kent, Ohio, and Again in York, N.B.

CHATHAM, Jan. 29.—Went Kent election for the house of commons took place to-day and was the hottest contest ever known in this constituency. Both parties worked hard for their respective candidates. Smyth (conservative) was elected by 312 majority with one division in Romney to hear from.

ST. JOHN'S, N.B., Jan. 29.—The latest returns received from York county give Smyth a majority of 1875. He is elected by 1782. Several districts are still to be heard from.

Charged with Robbing his Father.

HAMILTON, Jan. 28.—Thomas Brady was charged before the magistrate to-day with stealing \$180 from his father. Two granddaughters of Patrick Brady, the brother of Catharine Warnock and Gregory (Bibb) 1782. Several districts are still to be heard from.

Another Poisoning Case at Sherbrooke.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Jan. 29.—On the 21st inst. John Rothwell, who came here last summer from Bury, Lancashire, Eng., was found dead. Poison was suspected by his friends, and an inquest is being held, the jury will not be able to arrive at a verdict until the stomach has been analyzed, which is now being done.

OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

Permission to erect a monument to Luther at Kiga has been refused by the Russian authorities.

The Madrid government intends to prohibit the banquets on Feb. 11 in honor of the republic.

The Austrian reichsrath yesterday virtually rejected a motion to make the German tongue the state language.

At a meeting of four hundred socialists yesterday in London, a resolution was adopted declaring revolution was the only means of ending the labor crisis.

In the Sydney, N.S.W., legislature, the conservative party, in their financial statement, gave notice that the duty on manufactured tobacco would be raised to half a crown a pound, and the duty on cigars to six shillings.

ENGLAND IN EGYPT.

The Mediterranean Squadron Ordered to Alexandria—An Army of Occupation.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The British fleet in the Mediterranean has been ordered to Alexandria, with a view to the unsettled condition of affairs in Egypt.

The next budget will contain a provision keeping in Egypt an army of occupation of 6000 men.

A general order has been issued at Cairo asking for the names of British soldiers entitled to have wives and families sent them from England. Everything points to the British occupation for an indefinite period.

CONSPIRACY TO POISON.

Strychnine in the Imperial Bread at St. Petersburg—Another Officer Assassinated.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29.—It is reported that a nihilist plot to poison the imperial family has been discovered. Bread intended for the breakfast table was found to be thoroughly impregnated with strychnine. Many arrests have been made.

Spain and Her Traffic.

MADRID, Jan. 29.—The government has resolved to carry out the treaties of commerce with England and the United States. The prime minister to-day declared he was guided by the general interests of Spanish commerce and not by the interests of a particular class or district.

In Alsace-Lorraine.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—In consequence of the decree of Baron von Manteuffel, governor of Alsace-Lorraine, making the use of the German language compulsory in the town councils of Metz and Thionville after Jan. 1, 1884, the mayor and council of Thionville have resigned.

SOUP FOR THE SUFFERING.

Hundreds of People Crowding for Relief at a Grand Charitable Scheme.

Yesterday the Boston relief committee had an informal meeting in the rotunda parlor of that hotel. The scheme started some weeks ago by a few charitable Irishmen to relieve Irish immigrants out of work has assumed enormous dimensions. They established a soup kitchen at 221 Hope street, and the number relieved with good wholesome food since its inception is astonishing. The following is the number of people supplied on each day, and if this thing keeps increasing at the same ratio until spring there will be a crowd equal to the population of a small town flocking up to Hope street for soup: Jan. 28, 183; Jan. 29, 193; Jan. 30, 158; Jan. 31, 180; Jan. 12, 204; Jan. 13, 250; Jan. 14, 357; Jan. 15, 395; Jan. 16, 504; Jan. 17, 524; Jan. 18, 609; Jan. 19, 624; Jan. 20, 555; Jan. 21, 584; Jan. 22, 688; Jan. 23, 890; Jan. 24, 637; Jan. 25, 615; Jan. 26, 638; Jan. 27, 640.

THE LATEST AND BEST NEWS FOUND IN OUR CITIES.

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POLITICS IN ENGLAND.

Mr. John Bright Assails the Tories—A Recognition of Irish Rights.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A great liberal meeting was held in Birmingham this evening. John Bright denounced the virulent and extravagant attacks made by the conservatives upon the government during the present parliamentary session.

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PROMINENT PERSONS.

Rev. Father Damazo Soto, of Vera Cruz, is said to have discovered the key to the Aztec writings.

Baron A. de Rothschild is having built one of the largest steam yachts that was ever constructed. She is 246 feet long and 27 feet beam; her engines are expected to develop 1400-horse power, and the speed expected is 14 knots. She will be ready for sea by June, and her name will be Eros.

The only adversary Gambetta enjoyed fighting was the Duc de Broglie. The ablest plotter in existence, a Machiavelli for scheming, it is a pleasure to wreath with him; he is supple and escapes one's grasp; he glides away and slips back; he is a cat. With Fourton it is quite another matter; he hides behind his beard.

The principal pictures in the splendid collection of the Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim, in Oxfordshire, will be sold in the spring. The palace is not to be disposed of. The Duke and Duchess are to live there; but a variety of economic measures are being carried out.

The wife of Mr. George J. Holyoake died a fortnight ago at Brighton in England. It is said that she "shared unamusingly the vicissitudes consequent upon the part her husband chose to take in public questions, though the sharpness of her husband's imprisonment in 1841-2 her kind and gentle words of sympathy are said to have done more to her than any other.

A Mutual Case.

At the conclusion of the Clarkson vs. Langton case yesterday Fawcett vs. Mason was commenced and will last until to-day. The plaintiff sued the firm of Mason & Kitchin for alleged libel, and the defendant is said to have damages at \$1000.

MUNICIPAL MACHINERY.

SOME CHANGES WANTED IN ITS MANNER OF WORKING.

Convention Yesterday—Banks, Insurance Companies, etc. Should be Assessed—Increase of Police Constables Proposed—Other Matters Discussed.

The convention of municipal representatives that met at the Queen's hotel yesterday laid violent hands on the municipal and assessment acts, and after several hours of discussion agreed upon a number of amendments, which the legislature will be petitioned to pass. The following gentlemen were enrolled as constituting the convention: Ald. Gordon, Commis. Pratt, Solicitor McTavish, Ald. Brockville, Mayor Gray, Clerk Floyd, Andrew Black, Cobourg; Warden Faulkner, Hastings county; Reeve Ashley, Thurlow township; Solicitor Henderson, Belleville; Mayor Boswell, Ald. Smith, Ald. Denison, Commissioner Maughan, Toronto; Ald. Cowan, Ald. Skinner, London; Mayor Chase, T. S. Ball, Guelph; Ald. J. M. Terry, E. P. East, Northumberland; Ald. Monro, Dr. Goodman, Ald. Brennan, St. Catharines; M. C. McCraney, M. P. P., Belleville; Mayor Cameron, Ald. Smyth, Solicitor Agnew, Kingston. Mr. Pratt was elected chairman. He is assessment commissioner of Ottawa and is the father of the convention. Mr. Maughan officiated as secretary.

The present law regulating the assessment of personal property and income was assailed. Mr. Pratt said the annual revenue of his city would be increased by \$15,000 if they could tax the income of the community should not be exempt from income tax, and a committee was appointed to report what steps it would be advisable to take in order to get this exemption abolished. The convention affirmed the expediency of taking the income or receipts of banks, fire, life and marine insurance companies, and express companies, and assessed to assess the incomes of all such institutions, according to the amount received through agents in such municipalities.

In the matter of collecting taxes on real estate, it was decided to ask that the law be changed so that the amount of taxes levied should not be in default of payment of taxes unless the real estate involved would not realize sufficient to pay the debt. The county judge is to be held responsible for the taxes, whereas at present the tenant bears the loss. The board of assessors is to be held responsible for the taxes, whereas at present the tenant bears the loss. The board of assessors is to be held responsible for the taxes, whereas at present the tenant bears the loss.

The expediency of having a resolution passed that no industry should be exempted or exempted unless the people approved of the same, the being entrusted to the council of responsibility in the matter. Four delegates were in favor of leaving the law as it stands, and two wished to abolish the whole thing.

The law governing the constitution of boards of police commissioners was generally condemned. It was held that the police commissioners should be responsible to the people, in order that the people's representatives may have a say in the matter. It was decided that the membership of this board be increased by the appointment of two aldermen or councilors, as the case might be, to declare the police magistrate and mayor at present constitute the board.

The convention talked over other matters, and adjourned until 10 o'clock this forenoon.

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

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TORONTO'S SANITARY CONDITION.

The Health Officer's Report—Evils in Factories and Other Buildings.

Ald. Carlyle called the markets and health committee to order at 2.30 yesterday afternoon. A number of accounts were passed but no other business was done.

The medical health officer presented a detailed and laborious report, street by street, on the sanitary condition of the city, with the following showing: Premises drained, 10,207; premises not drained, 4386; premises having defective drainage, 1421; city water in use, 12,194; number of