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FIFTH YEAR.

A FAILURE AND A FRAUD.

OAKVILLE BUSINESS MEN INTERVIEWED ON THE SCOTT ACT.

The Doctors Said to Abuse Their Power—Strong Letter From a School Official—How "Bill" Was Kept Straight.

Friday morning last a World reporter visited Oakville to find out how the Scott act is working in that town. The genial editor of the Oakville Independent introduced him to some of the most prominent advocates of the Scott act, and the following information was elicited:

W. H. Young, police magistrate for the county, said: It has done more than I anticipated, considering the isolated position of the county and the fierce opposition to the act. The open sale of liquor and the treating system has been utterly done away with. There have been sixty-six convictions for violations of the act during the two years it has been in force. There could have been double this number, but as the law was a new one a compromise was made when two or three charges were brought against the same person. I have been in various parts of the county and I never hear it said that the Scott act has ruined business. The great difficulty we meet with is the abuse by the doctors of their power to give written orders for liquor. We have now two licensed druggists in the county, and both have promised to use their power judiciously. W. Pearson, Jas. Taylor and C. W. Coote all testified to the success of the act because it had lessened drinking to a great extent and had not injured business. There is nothing to prevent its being as effective and as well enforced as the Crooks act.

Geo. Husband said the act has worked better since the druggists have lost their licenses, as it is now very difficult to get liquor. For his own part it has made him a sober man.

John Barclay, merchant, said: I am sure the act has put a stop to a great deal of drinking, but it has injured business to a limited extent owing to our closeness to other places where it is not in force. The hotel accommodation here is not so good as when the houses were licensed, consequently the farmers would rather go elsewhere. But while unable to close my eyes to the fact that it has affected trade in this way, I am still in favor of the act, because its principle is right.

Thos. Patterson, merchant, on being asked for his opinion, said he considered the Scott act a farce, but it would be all right if it were also in force in the county of Peel. The clergymen should, instead of devoting so much time to talking about the success of the act, mind their own business and confine themselves to preaching the gospel.

D. Chisholm, tinsmith, stated that the act has ruined business and has not to any extent stopped the use of liquor. The farmers of the county are going to other places, not so much for liquor as for proper hotel accommodation. If a farmer is seen in one of our hotels he is liable to be summoned as a witness against the hotelkeeper.

Jas. Kelly, hardware merchant, said: The act is a failure and a fraud, and I am not afraid to say so. It has not stopped the use of liquor and has moreover damaged business.

Joseph Boon, builder, is also opposed to the act. The taxes in Oakville are heavier now than ever before simply on account of the act, for besides the $600 loss of license revenue the value of hotel property has fallen about 50 per cent. For this year the town council has struck a still higher rate on the dollar. The next person seen was Dr. Sutherland, who said: I am glad the druggists have lost their licenses, for I was nearly worked to death writing scrips. I have found a great many people who said they were ill, and I had, of course, no reason to doubt their word. They were sure a little liquor would cure them, and they generally got it. The act has given rise to a more pernicious form of drinking, for the boys now get it in large quantities. It has also given rise to a system of private drinking which never existed before, and has furthermore drawn custom away from the town.

Dr. Williams said it has hurt the business of the town, and has not stopped drinking, for liquor can be got through the doctors if in no other way. He has written a large number of scrips in his time, but was never paid for doing so.

Chas. Bradbury, barber, said the ministers are greatly in favor of the act, but they know nothing about its workings. They are not through the town at night or in places where liquor is kept. He keeps his shop open until midnight on Saturday nights and knows for a fact that there is now more drunks on Sundays than ever before.

S. B. Ganton, formerly teacher in Oakville and now secretary of the school board, was next seen and spoke out strongly against the act. Since then the following letter has been received from him:

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: Your reporter called on me to-day asking for an expression of opinion on the Scott act. This I now proceed to give. I regard that act, now in force here, as a violation of that principle of justice which entitles every individual to act as he pleases so long as he does not interfere with the rights of his neighbor. But I presume it is not with the justice, or rather the injustice, of the act on which you wish to be informed, but with its operation and effects. First, then, open hotel drinking during the day has been considerably lessened, a secret business having been established. Liquor is imported from the cities by the barrel by some private families and is brought in in jugs of various dimensions from places outside the county, particularly Port Credit and Streetsville. Groups of individuals may at night be found here and there, on the banks of the river and elsewhere, taking their carousals while the number of pocket flasks has increased amazingly. Drunks during the day have decreased though there are still occasional outbursts. For example, at the magistrate's court held here some time ago there were two witnesses who, to use the language of the magistrate, "were no soberer than they should be," while a third drunken individual might be seen upon the street while the court was in session. I am glad to say that these outbursts are only occasional so far as known to me. At night, until a comparatively late period I very frequently heard drunkards staggering homeward, but for some weeks have not heard any. I am at a loss whether to attribute this change to the salvatio army which has recently come here, to the wi drawal of licenses from our druggists since Mar 1, or to some other cause or to the several causes combined. I may also say that a large sh gh or wagon with a large rack filled with emp liquor casks has been seen more than once leaving our town for the city.

Secondly: Besides an infringement of our rights, merchants he complain that the act has affected busine adversely; persons formerly frequenting th town almost weekly being now rarely ever se them selves designing as reasons, infer hotel accommodation, etc., etc. Only to-da two ladies came to town, put up at an hotel as there was no hostler to attend to their horse they distinctly stated they would not come here again. I assume that the business done at the hotel does not warrant the keeping of an hostler nor allow comfortably heated sitting rooms in winter.

One of our grocers formerly received 200 per week from three of our hotels, but now says one of the hotels is closed and he receives a small sum indeed from the others. The hotelkeepers are not receiving the money as formerly, hence cannot spend it nor keep good accommodations. But perhaps you say they sell large quantities of soft drinks. A petition setting forth among other things that the act has ruined business here was recently circulated through the town and the signature of our *pop manufacturers* appeared among others. I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Thirdly: If the amount of fines imposed be taken as the criterion crime must have increased under Scott act regime. Of course, I include the fines impos d for the violations of the act itself. I have admitted that drunkenness is less common in the daytime than formerly and this in appearance is an admission of improvement in morals, but whether the morals are improved in those families where liquor is now constantly kept, I leave you to judge. Advocates of the act say it has been a blessing. It has been a blessing in disguise, so much disguised that we cannot see the blessing. I think I ought not to close without condemning the conduct of those ministers and others who take so decided a stand in favor of the act while ignorant of its workings. "Gentlemen of the cloth" know little about it. If liquor is kept in a family it is concealed from the minister. If a member of the family is not quite sober he is kept out of the minister's sight. Hence they are incapable of forming a correct opinion, but this false opinion is given to the world as a true one, and firmly believed because stated by a minister, while the opinion of those in a position to form a correct one is not considered worth a straw.

S. B. GANTON

Oakville, May 23, 1884.

Such, as far as could be ascertained, is the feeling in Oakville with regard to the Scott act. It may, however, be asked, which party is in the majority? The answer to the question may be inferred from the following statements. G. L. Tizzard, barrister, took the reporter into his office and showed him a petition praying for the repeal of the act upon various grounds. This petition is signed by 203 electors in the town, and when it is said that there are only 300 names on the voters' list of Oakville, the public have an idea how popular the Scott act is there. Some temperance advocates in Halton having in other counties where the act is being submitted stated time and again that the people of Oakville are satisfied with its workings, and do not think it has injured business, a memorial was recently circulated in Oakville denying these statements. This memorial is signed by 77 business men of Oakville. An advocate of the act said it had saved "Bill," the most notorious and confirmed drunkard in the county, and that he was now a sober man and had abstained for the last six months. Further inquiry revealed the fact that Bill has just been released from Milton jail, where he had been confined all winter.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

A Short and Unimportant Session Last Night.

The council meeting last night was attended by Mayor Boswell, Ald. Lobb, Blevins, F. C. Denison, Carlyle, Davies, Defoe, Allan, Farley, Millichamp, Sheppard, Jones, Carroll, Pape, McConnell, Woods, Elliott, Hunter, Verrall, Barton, Moore, Maughan, Hastings, C. L. Denison, Turner, Piper and Irwin. Ald. F. C. Denison presented the estimate which will be considered on Friday next. Mayor Boswell and the city solicitor were requested to again visit the capital to listen to the privy council railway committee's decision on the King street subway matter. On Ald. Turner's motion his worship was asked to enter into such an arrangement as he sees fit for the city's proportion of the cost of the work. The mayor held the city's share of the cost should not exceed one-fifth. The discussion on the park bridle path question was revived when Ald. Piper moved that the originators of the scheme be allowed to stake off a path at their own expense for a three months' trial. If at the conclusion of the probation the residents are against the continuance of the privilege the path will be abandoned. The question, argued at wearisome length, was decided by the adoption of Ald. Piper's motion in committee. In council the question was again decided in favor of the path by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Crocker, Davis, F. C. Denison, Defoe, Sheppard, Brandon, C. L. Denison, Woods, Elliott, Pape, Farley, Moore, Maughan, Lobb, Carlyle, Adamson, Turner; 18. *Nays*—Ald. Love, Steiner, Hastings, Hunter, Barton, McConnell, Millichamp, Jones, Blevins and Irwin. The various reports were concurred in. The time for issuing ferry licenses was extended to July 1, instead of May 1 as provided in last year's bylaw. Bylaws assuming county roads and licensing pawnbrokers were read a third time. Ald. Davies moved a resolution referring the court house question back to the court house committee for further information as to cost of sites. This was lost on division, and Ald. Davies announced that it would stand as a notice of motion. After Ald. Piper had given notice of a motion allowing the firemen undisputed right of way the council adjourned.

MORE WATERWORKS ABUSES.

Ald. Millichamp Discovers the Cause of Weak Water Pressure.

At an informal meeting of the waterworks committee yesterday afternoon Ald. Millichamp stated that although there were fourteen hands employed in the pumping department at the engine house only three were on duty at the time of Saturday's fire. When he reached the works and asked Engineer Venables to start the small engine which was idle he was informed that Mr. Venables had allowed the foreman to go off on a holiday and there were consequently no men to mann the furnaces to supply steam for the four million gallon engine. He wished the hands to have their holidays, but the arrangements must place the public safety above all other considerations. This could only be insured by constantly maintaining the pressure at a high point, and he had instructed Mr. Venables never to let the pressure fall away on Sundays or holidays. The aldermen urged the chairman to prosecute his investigation still further, and after the engineer informed the committee that he would submit his review of the experts' report on Friday next, the meeting adjourned.

Henry Ward Beecher.

This celebrated divine will deliver what is considered by those in a position to judge his greatest effort in the way of a lecture, the subject being Evolution and Revolution. The lecture takes place to-morrow night in the gardens. Plan of hall now open at Sucklings'.

GALLANT QUEEN'S OWN.

DREADFUL HAVOC DEALT THEM BY BRANTFORD GIRLS.

The Lady Dufferin Guards—How Two Subalterns Got Left—Incidents in Camp and on the Road.

As Col. Miller said when addressing the regiment yesterday morning on their arrival at the drill shed, the trip of the Queen's Own to Brantford was an "excursion," and even counting in all the fatigues and discomforts incident on going into military camp for two days the boys are all ready to say that the excursion was a pleasant one. "Welcome our guests, united we stand, divided we fall," was the greeting which the Dufferin Rifles had extended over the entrance to the fair grounds, where the camp was pitched and the members of the two sister corps chummed and hob-nobbed while off duty as if they belonged to the same regiment. But it was not only from the Brantford young men that the Toronto boys met with a hospitable reception. The charming young ladies who dwell by the banks of the Grand are thoroughly imbued with the military spirit. They maintain an institution called

THE LADY DUFFERIN GUARDS,

which, in point of drill and discipline, is said to outrival even that of their brethren in arms. It is stated that they felt quite hurt because formal notice was not sent them of the intended visit of the Queen's Own, so as to give them an opportunity of turning out in a body and welcoming the visitors according to military etiquette. It is as well perhaps for the latter that they did not do so. The havoc effected by the Lady Guards, singly and unaided by military pomp, in the hearts of the Q. O. R. boys, was terrible, and what it would have been had the attack been made in a body and surrounded with all the circumstance of war, is beyond conjecture. The casualties among the officers of the visiting regiment were very numerous, and it is calculated that at least ninety-five per cent. of the unmarried captains and subalterns were seriously wounded, and even this calculation is based upon imperfect returns. One dashing lieutenant is said to have borne off as trophies of the trip at least five photographs and

THREE LOCKS OF HAIR,

and had to prevaricate considerably when his superior officer remarked the absence of his silver-plated badges and ornaments, and asked what he had done with them. One case of defeat is reported. Two proper looking subalterns called at the Ladies' College, and sent in their names, stating that they desired to see certain of the young ladies with whom they were acquainted. To their horror, the ladies in question informed the principal that their acquaintance with their would-be callers was but slight, whereupon the principal politely intimated to the subalterns that the rules of the college did not permit an interview. The officers are alleged to have felt so bad that they did not venture to make another call in Brantford for at least a full hour afterwards. Next to the commissioned officers, the sergeants suffered most severely, and then corporals and privates according to rank. Many of the latter, however, were in the thickest of the fray and some of them even took the shine out of their superior officers. Brant avenue is the Jaryis street of Brantford, and up and down its well-shaded pavements might have been seen at an hour when the regiment was not on parade promenading couples, of whom one was dressed in rifle green. The general verdict of the boys is that Brantford young ladies are prettier than those of Kingston, wittier than those of London, and more favorably affected towards the military than the fair sex of either place.

The camping grounds themselves were beautifully situated on the right bank of the Grand river, and the race track running round them was well patronized by those of the many visitors who came driving fast horses, and fast horses seem to be numerous in Brantford. Two horsey lieutenants, members of the staff officers, procured mounts and indulged in a headlong gallop round the track to the delight of the onlooking camp. It looked at one time as if George were about to lose the race, but his horse took the turns admirably and Pe was left for once.

THE COOK'S PARADE

was well attended and some new features introduced, including a purloined wagon and barber's pole. After it was over the noisy men of F company gathered in front of their tents and seizing several willing and unwilling bystanders, shot them again and again into the air as from a catapult, after the old-fashioned system of "blanketing." The regimental "grub" was good, and as most of the companies took with them a liberal supply of delicacies, the camp on the whole fared sumptuously—that is for a camp. The guard duties were a little severe, or at any rate seemed so from the shortness of the time the regiment was under canvas. Each guard, consisting of a sergeant, corporal and eighteen men, was on duty for twelve hours at a stretch. Some of the men thought that twelve hours given up to guard duty made a big hole in their limited holiday.

Friday evening was warm and close, and on the trip to Brantford the men suffered severely on account of their being no water on board the cars. The Grand Trunk should have seen to it that the Queen's Own were treated at any rate as well as ordinary passengers.

The Dufferin Rifles have been an exclusively city battalion only a year or two, and have made rapid progress during that time. Their uniform is similar in every respect to that of the Queen's Own, with the exception of the forage cap, which, instead of being of the Glengarry style, is of the ordinary polo shape. They intend visiting Toronto during the semi-centennial, and are sure of a hearty welcome at the hands of their recent guests.

If you noticed any young man on the street yesterday, who had a dreamy look in his eyes, and a sunburnt nose, you may be sure that young man belongs to the Queen's Own, and was with his regiment at Brantford. The dreamy, far-off look was not caused by lack of sleep, as you might perhaps suppose, and as he would probably tell you. It was simply due to the fact that he was thinking of the pretty Brantford girl he had such a good time with, and was wondering if he really would see her at the semi-centennial, when she said she was going to visit Toronto. The most popular tune in the Queen's Own for some time to come ought to be "The girl I left behind me."

GENERAL GRANT AND J. D. FISH.

The Ex-Bank President Makes Some Startling Statements.

NEW YORK, May 26.—James D. Fish appeared in the United States commissioner's office about one o'clock. His counsel entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of misapplying the funds of the Marine bank. The commissioner fixed bail at $30,000, and it was furnished.

In conversation Fish claimed that he was ignorant of any wrong doing. He said he had documentary evidence that would vindicate him. He had letters from Gen. Grant stating that the transactions of his firm were all right and straight, and that the profits were genuine as far as he could see. All his money and that of his family had been swept away. A prominent lawyer said he thought Grant's letter would show not that the general had deliberately attempted to mislead Fish, but rather how completely the general was under the control of Ward.

Before he left the commissioner's office Fish was shown a statement published in an evening paper purporting to be a denial by Gen. Grant concerning the authorship of the letters which Fish said the general had written him. Fish said he did not believe Gen. Grant denied having written the letters in question as he (Fish) now had them in his possession. He would, however, refuse for the present to make them public, except as to their general scope which had already been disclosed.

Friends of Gen. Grant indicate very clearly that they are convinced he will show in a day or two that Fish's statements are entirely false or so misrepresented and distorted as to the actual facts as to be worthless.

NO LIQUOR IN THE CHURCH.

The Reformed Presbyterians Take a Decided Stand on Temperance.

PITTSBURG, May 26.—In the synod of the reform presbyterian church to-day the report of a committee condemning the liquor traffic licensed by government and providing for the excommunication of such church members as deal in spirituous liquors and rent property to tavern keepers, was after a heated debate unanimously adopted.

Praying for English Protection.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The Marquis of Normanby, late governor of Victoria, Australia, has forwarded a petition to Queen Victoria, signed by sixty-eight chiefs of the island of Tanna, one of the New Hebrides group, praying for protection against France, and for annexation to the Australian colonies.

Colombier in the Cooler.

PARIS, May 26.—Mlle. Colombier has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine for her scandalous brochure about Sarah Bernhardt, entitled Sarah Barnum.

A Bridegroom Killed.

CLEVELAND, May 26.—Max Leonhardt, a prominent young man, was thrown out of a carriage and killed, while driving to Parma last week to be married.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

A crematory is to be built at Philadelphia.

Strong's bank at Green Bay, Wis., has suspended.

Reid & Smith, merchants at New York, have assigned.

The Crawford county bank at Denison, Ia., closed its doors yesterday.

The presbyterian general assembly of the north will meet next year at Cincinnati.

The seventh annual exhibition of the society of artists opened at New York yesterday.

The Mayall rubber company's factory at Reading, Mass., was burned yesterday. Loss $200,000.

A negro is traveling Georgia representing himself as the Messiah. He has made many converts.

Prof. S. B. Whitely, a leading musician of Cleveland, has mysteriously disappeared. Foul play is feared.

The steamer Glassalt, from Jamaica for Philadelphia, is ashore at Hatteras, N.C., with a cargo of fruit.

A Chinese opium and gambling den was raided in New York last night. Twenty-eight Cninamen were arrested.

The boiler in Moore & Wilson's paper mill at Waterford, N. Y., exploded last night. Several lives were lost.

The excess of the value of imports over exports in the United States for the month ending April 30 was $4,268,000.

At Calais, Me., Saturday evening, a raft with ten people on board was struck by lightning and several men fatally burned.

A Colored Girl Attempts Suicide.

DETROIT, Mich., May 26.—Minnie Johnson, colored, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by swallowing an ounce of laudanum. Doctors saved her life. The girl claims she has been betrayed by a young colored man who promised to marry her. Minnie is 18 years old, and her parents live in Windsor.

Women Breaking Stones For Bread.

READING, May 26.—Since the suspension of so many railroad hands and others here, some of their wives have been working in a stone quarry in the eastern part of the city. They say they are compelled to do this to earn a living. They receive somewhat lower wages than the men, but it is said they accomplish more in a day's work.

The Weavers Weakening.

FALL RIVER, May 26.—The spinners of the Union mills returned to work at reduced wages this morning. Some of the border city mills strikers also returned. At the Wampanoag, Chace and Slade mills the strikers offered to return if taken back in a body, but the manufacturers will not agree to this.

Murder and Suicide.

BELLE PLAINE, Ia., May 26.—Samuel Dunlop shot his wife three times this morning and then cut his own throat, falling dead across her body. The woman is still alive, but there is no hope of recovery. No cause is known.

The Kind of a Father to Have.

NEW YORK, May 26.—W. H. Vanderbilt has transferred five millions in United States 4 per cent bonds to his son, W. K. Vanderbilt.

THREE PERSONS DROWNED

LAMENTABLE ACCIDENTS ON THE GRAND RIVER AT GALT.

Mary Morton, Aged 12, Abner Davidson, Ag d 20, and Minnie Paltridge, Aged 17, the Victims—Drawn Over a Dam.

GALT, Ont., May 26.—Two lamentable accidents occurred on the Grand river here to-day, resulting in the drowning of three persons. The first accident seems to have been caused by two girls, aged 12 and 9 respectively, getting into a rowboat that was lying partly on shore. Their movements while playing in the boat caused it to float out into the river and the elder child, named Mary Morton, becoming frightened jumped and sank immediately, never rising again. The body was recovered shortly afterwards. The other child remained in the boat until rescued.

The second accident occurred about 6 o'clock this evening. Abner Davidson, aged 20, and Minnie Paltridge, 17, were out together on the river in a rowboat and while rowing around in the neighborhood of the dam reached a point where the current is very strong, caused by a broken-down sluice gate at the end of the dam. They were drawn through the opening in a moment and dashed into the boiling waters below. The water is about twelve feet deep at this point and very active, and the river bed rocky, making it extremely improbable that any human being could come through the sluice way alive. The bodies were seen once after passing through the rapids but sank before anyone could reach them. Over a dozen boats have been out for the past five hours with grappling hooks and rakes, but up to this time the bodies have not been recovered.

PERSONAL.

Queen Victoria will remain in Scotland until the latter part of June.

Verdi's health and spirits have been failing ever since the death of Wagner.

Professor R. C. Jebb, the eminent Greek, will leave England in a few weeks for America.

An American publisher has offered Lord Tennyson $20,000 to go to the States for three months.

Wilson Barrett, the English actor, will visit this country next year. Matthew Arnold so advised him.

Prof. Huxley has been elected president of the new Marine biological society, with the dukes of Argyll and Sutherland as vice-presidents.

Thomas B. Connery, late managing editor of the New York Herald, has assumed the editorship of the New York Truth. He grew up in journalism.

Sarah Bernhardt wears a jersey when she plays Lady Macbeth. When the French Macbeth first saw her in that costume he involuntarily exclaimed: "Is this a dagger I see before me?"

The widow of Captain Webb, who lost his life in the Niagara whirlpool, has accepted the position of cashier in the Whirlpool rapids park at Suspension bridge, as one of the attractions of the place.

Having lost her singing voice, Aimee will next year come to America to act in dramas. "When I can't speak," she lately said, "I'll go into pantomime. There's nothing like adapting one's self to circumstances."

Last week, when about to break up for the holidays, Mr. Spurgeon dismissed his young men with a caution: "Don't get courting. That is not good for students. Come, back, as some one puts it, with your hearts and manners uncracked. Walk in the fields like Isaac, by all means, and meditate, but don't lift up your eyes for Rebecca. She will come soon enough."

Affairs in Cuba.

HAVANA, May 26.—Anxiety and uncertainty continue to reign supreme in this island. Aguerro is still at large in the forests east of the Zapata swamps. Varona, second in command of Aguerro's party, officially reported to have been caught and shot with two more of the band, was not shot but escaped carrying his shackles with him. His companions were executed.

There are very grave rumors regarding the nature of King Alfonso's sickness. Well informed persons pretend to know he is afflicted with an incurable disease.

Proposed Changes in the U. S. Constitution

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The proposed amendment to the constitution reported to the senate to-day provides that the executive power shall be vested in the president of the United States of America. The president and vice-president hereafter elected shall hold their offices for a term of six years, but the president shall not be re-eligible, nor shall the vice president be eligible to the office of president if he shall have exercised the same in case of a vacancy therein.

Will Confess After His Wife Dies.

ST. LOUIS, May 26.—It is ascertained that John D. St. Maur, chief clerk in the office of the general solicitor of the Wabash railroad, through a system of fictitious vouchers and certificates purporting to represent claims against roads, has swindled parties here out of $15,000 to $20,000. The road is in no way responsible and will not lose a cent. St. Maur is not yet arrested. His wife is lying at the point of death and he has promised, if not molested until she dies, that he will make a full confession of his operations.

A Big Strike at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, May 26. All the union bricklayers and stonemasons, except those at work on the big sewer and on the soldiers and sailors' monument, quit work this morning because they were not advanced in their wages from $3 to $3.50 a day. Union No. 36 is one of the strongest in the country. It is said to have $4000 in its treasury, and members who are out of work are to receive $7 a week each pending their return to work.

Receipts of the Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, May 26.—With the dawning of the Queen's birthday flags were set flying from the bridge towers, and they waved all day. The bridge had been open just one year. During the year 6,083,100 foot passengers crossed the structure, 587,024 vehicles, and 5,151,220 car passengers. The receipts were $391,770.

Three Boys Drowned.

UTICA, N.Y., May 26.—Chas. Switchell, 17, Chauncy Caswell, 12, Morris Caswell, 11, were drowned at Croghan Sunday night while propelling a small raft on Beaver river.

OSMAN DIGNA IN DANGER.

Twenty Tribes Want Revenge on Him—The Conference to Proceed.

LONDON, May 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette says in the recent correspondence with France Granville agreed to the principle of multiple control for Egypt providing it was disguised. The cabinet has decided to accept the French proposal to evacuate Egypt in three years and to allow an international board supreme authority over Egyptian finances.

The sultan has refused to send 10,000 troops to the Soudan to co-operate with the English.

Friendly tribes are clamoring for arms and stores at Suakim to wreak vengeance on Osman Digna. Advices from Berber and Khartoum represent both towns in a satisfactory condition.

Sir Henry Gordon said to-day concerning his brother that the latest news received from Gen. Gordon was that he had no fear as to his personal safety. At the time of Gen. Gordon's news to Sir Henry he was engaged in a project against the slave trade in the upper Congo. Gen. Gordon considered a large British expedition needless.

Messengers from Berber report that the Mahdi is prevented from leaving Kordofan owing to the hostility of several tribes.

Suspected Dynamiters Arrested.

LONDON, May 26. — Two men from Calais were arrested at Charing Cross railroad station this morning. Their luggage contained a quantity of explosives, with what are supposed to be infernal machines. The men declare their property was intended for a perfectly legitimate purpose.

A Lady Gets Damages For a Libel.

LONDON, May 26.—Miss Weldon has recovered £500 damages against Johnson, correspondent of the Paris Figaro, for libel.

HAMILTON NEWS.

A Missing Organist—Crematory—Church Notes—Died of a Broken Heart.

HAMILTON, May 26.—A despatch from Cleveland, O., states that Prof. S. B. Whitley, a leading musician of that city, has mysteriously disappeared, and that foul play is feared. Mr. Whitely was organist of the Central presbyterian church of this city, between two and three years ago, but was obliged to retire on account of his intemperance. He came here from Toronto, where he had arrived only a short time before from England.

At the next meeting of the city board of health Ald. Morgan, chairman, will submit a scheme to erect a furnace on one of the city lots, and to cremate the carcasses of all animals found dead in the city.

The Hamilton philharmonic society proposes to produce Gounod's Redemption, The Messiah and Elijah during the season of 1884-5. It wants a guarantee fund of $1000.

Dr. Ryall, city physician, reports that several cases of diphtheria have been brought under his notice which the attending doctors failed to report to him. The disease is quite prevalent.

An aged farmer named Gabriel Steele, of Ancaster, fell from his wagon Saturday, and sustained very serious injuries, his recovery being improbable.

The closing services at the Gore street primitive methodist church took place yesterday, Rev. Mr. Goodman preaching the farewell sermon. On account of the union the congregation will hereafter worship at the methodist episcopal church opposite, which has been named the Gore street methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Adams, rector of the reformed episcopal church, has just returned from Philadelphia, and New York where he raised $1200 towards paying off the debt on the church.

The Hamilton field battery will go into camp with the Toronto battery at the Queen city June 16.

Roland McRae, dry goods clerk, was squeezed between two street cars Saturday. He was cut in the head, bruised in the body and injured internally, but although painful none of his wounds are dangerous.

At the time his daughter left Westover to join the Rev. J. D. McColl in Illinois, Mr. Shaver was ill. Saturday morning he died, and it is said that the recent domestic trouble weighed on his mind so that it hastened his end.

Samuel Gorfinkle, jewelry pedler, appeared in the police court to-day at the instance of Abraham Levi, who says he is insane. Gorfinkle denied the allegation. He certainly looks sane enough. The case stands pending communication with the load's uncle at Toronto.

Collapse of the Otterville Case.

WOODSTOCK, May 26.—In the Otterville poisoning case there was no evidence to support the charge against Robert Pearce and wife. No faith was placed in Donaldson's story, and the medical man's testimony exonerated the accused from suspicion of crime. They were therefore discharged.

Dakota Indians on the Warpath.

MILES CITY, D.T., May 26.—Jack Morris, a cowboy who shot Iron Heart, a Cheyenne chief, has surrendered. He claims self defence. The Indians threaten to take the warpath. Women and children are coming in from ranches in great alarm.

He Saved His Son.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Patrick Brown, aged 45, was drowned to-day in Lake Doson's, near Glencove, L.I. He, with his little boy, was out fishing, when the boat upset. He managed to place the boy again in the boat, but becoming exhausted sank.

The Same Story With Variations.

CAIRO, Ill., May 26.—A Wabash passenger train which left here early this morning was wrecked. The engineer was scalded and several passengers were hurt.

Professional Cyclists.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The ten-mile bicycle race for professionals here to-day was won by J. S. Prince in 32.46, 30 feet ahead of Wm. Woodside. In the tenth mile H. W. Higham broke a spoke and was compelled to retire.

Coal Miners Give In.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 26.—The coal miners of western Indiana, on strike nearly three months on account of a reduction in the price of mining, at a meeting in Brazil today resolved by a majority to accept the terms of the operators.

A BIG CRASH AT CHATHAM

COLLAPSE OF A GRAND STAND WITH FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE.

150 Injured—Names of Those Seriously Hurt—Money and Valuables Missing—The Holiday Marred.

CHATHAM, May 26.—The celebration here to-day, owing to a serious accident which occurred by the breaking down of the grand stand and a number of people being injured, was only a partial success. About 4 o'clock the grand stand, on which were seated about 400 persons, fell with a crash, and the occupants were precipitated to the ground. The excitement and confusion was intense.

Of the 150 injured the following are among the persons seriously hurt: W. H. Davy, jeweler, arm broken; John Simpson, thigh broken; young boy, son of H. Mercer, leg broken; Mrs. John Rice, internal injuries; Chas. Hea, ribs broken and otherwise hurt; Mrs. Gleason, face and head bruised; Miss Emma Tully of Wallaceburg, seriously injured. There were others injured whose names have not been received up to the time of writing.

A quantity of jewelry, several valuable watches and considerable money was lost by the affair. No very serious results are anticipated, and the injured parties are under proper treatment and doing well.

Too Democratic by Far.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—In the house Robinson introduced a bill for the adoption of a standing rule of both houses of congress prohibiting any member receiving or giving any visit to any foreign agent or ambassador, or any other person who avows himself to be agent or ambassador from any foreign country without permission of the house to which he belongs.

Run on a Gravel Bank.

NORWALK, Conn., May 26.—A paper here published an article Friday relative to a long run on one of the oldest banks in town, which was intended as a joke, the article referring to a gravel bank. Scores of excited depositors rushed to the Norwalk savings bank and drew out $30,000 before the hoax was generally known.

A Fiend's Bloody Work.

NEW YORK, May 26.—John Carpenter, ex-convict, murdered his wife, Mary A. Carpenter, in a saloon this afternoon. He had previously tried to kill his sister-in-law, Delia Ambrose, who is supposed to be dangerously, if not fatally, wounded, and then attempted to put an end to his own life by stabbing himself. He has slight chances of recovery.

The Penn Bank Again Closed.

PITTSBURG, May 26—The Penn bank closed again at noon to-day. The crash was caused by the clearing house throwing out checks amounting to $265,000. Riddle, the president, is ill from an overdose of morphia and not expected to recover.

His Skin Was Not Tanned.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., May 26.—Letters have been received from Charles Welderly showing that he is alive in the west. This was the man whose body was supposed to have been found in the canal, and the tanning of whose skin to make a pair of slippers created much excitement.

Playing With Pistols.

WHEELING, May 26.—George Culp, aged 15, fatally shot Frank Wilkins, aged 16, last evening. Culp says he was only in fun.

ROXANA, Del., May 26.—P. McCabe's 5-year-old son fatally shot his infant brother yesterday while playing with a pistol.

IDYLLIC—VERY.

"What I want's a Summer Idyl,"
Came from the Editor's chair.
"Something soothing, refreshing,
Free from worry and care."

"A *summer idle*, he said,
That means one of my stamp;
I guess I can *foot* the bill,"
Murmured a passing tramp.

"Is't *summer idle* you want?
I guess it's me you meant,"
As slowly in there walked
Our lounger the student.

The words "*some are idle*" woke
The sleeping devil too,
Who roused the compositors,
"The boss'll be after you."

The Editor chuckled and grinned,
"Well that's not so bad for me;
It's hot and I guess I know
Summer Idyl-ike to be."

—*Finn.*

THEY ALL WEAR 'EM.

I met a lady in the crowd
Of swarthy hue, and beetle browed;
With m en proclaiming: "Rich and proud,"
She'd such a breast bouquet.

There came a maid in white attire,
(She sings soprano in the choir);
Her blue eye flashed love's liquid fire
Above her breast bouquet.

And ev'ry girl, or lean, or fat,
With eagle glance, or blind as bat,
Or topped with bonnet or with hat,
Were such a breast bouquet.

—*W. Bee Ridge.*

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

Harmony restored in the parish of St. Anne's.

Native strawberries coming in.

The school trustees and the city council play a game of baseball.

And the police force challenge the firemen.

And Johnny Cowan get up a custom house nine to beat Bob Riddell's postoffice squad.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why a woman always catches a ball in her lap.

When the midnight poet of the Mail will have them again

How much the Ontario jockey club is ahead on the May meeting.

If John Halligan has taken his dinner off the Queen's plate yet.

Why Mr. Kox did not enter his pony, Raffle, in the steeplechase.

Why bananas are fifteen cents a dozen in New York and fifty cents in Toronto.

WARMER WEATHER.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, May 27, 1 a.m.

Lake; Moderate winds; fair, warm weather.