

Britain's Premier

Gladstone's Early Retirement Deemed Probable.

Rumor Busy Regarding the Grand Old Man's Successor.

Startling Reports of a Fight on the Russo-German Frontier—Russian Dragoons and Prussian Uhlans Come Together.

Gladstone's Reported Retirement.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Inquiries made by representatives of the United Press tend to confirm the report that Mr. Gladstone's resignation is inevitable within a few weeks. The attack which has been forming in his eye has ripened fast, and Dr. Bond, Dr. Grainger and other physicians whom he has consulted consider an early operation advisable. The treatment will necessarily involve seclusion in a darkened room for a long time, probably three months, with complete cessation of all work attended by brain strain or worry.

Liberals are divided in opinion as to whether Mr. Gladstone's retirement will be temporary or permanent. Mr. Gladstone himself freely says his hearing is going with his eyesight. His health otherwise, however, is still vigorous. His voice in last night's debate in the House of Commons was full and clear, and his bearing was upright and firm.

The radicals who believe him an obstacle to the reform of the House of Lords, hold that Mr. Gladstone's withdrawal from the Ministry will be final.

The private secretary of the Premier will neither affirm nor deny the reports as to Mr. Gladstone's resignation. He says, however, that the statement of the Edinburgh Evening News that Mr. Gladstone has resigned is entirely unauthorized. The Premier attended to his official duties during the morning and received several visitors, among whom was the Liberal whip, Edward Majorbanks.

The Evening News says positively that Mr. Gladstone has resigned, and that his resignation will go into effect at Easter. The paper says that the Premier has been offered to Lord Rosebery, but he declined it. The position was then offered to Earl Spencer and he accepted it.

The Daily Graphic says that it has received information that the situation as far as Mr. Gladstone is concerned remains exactly the same as it was when Sir Algernon West sent out his statement from Biarritz on Jan. 31.

The Daily News denies that Mr. Gladstone has resigned and refuses to waste any space in discussing the idle talk of a speedy dissolution of Parliament. In discussing the possibility of his infirmity compelling Mr. Gladstone to retire—an event which it hopes is far distant—the News says there is no doubt that Lord Rosebery will succeed to the Premiership and that Sir William Vernon Harcourt will become leader of the House of Commons.

The Standard (Conservative) says there is no doubt that the retirement of Mr. Gladstone cannot be long delayed and in a kindly way it refers to the personal aspect of the event.

The Standard (Tory) predicts that his withdrawal will lead to the disruption of the Liberal party.

The Times regards the official denial of the reports of Mr. Gladstone's resignation as equivalent to a decision to postpone what has virtually been determined upon. Henry Labouchere's truth says that the withdrawal of Mr. Gladstone may come at any moment. It behoves us, therefore, to consider his successor. The successor of Mr. Gladstone must be a people's Minister. On this depends the question whether the radicals, who have a majority in the constituencies, are to rule or to be ruled. Mr. Gladstone's successor must be very soon break up the Liberal party. Moreover, at the present moment, for the Liberal party to go to battle under a peer would be the climax of absurdity. Provided he be a sound Radical and a commoner we care little who succeeds Mr. Gladstone.

Gladstone Sees the Queen.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Mr. Gladstone will have an audience with the Queen this afternoon and this evening he will entertain the Ministers and a number of other prominent Liberals at dinner. The Edinburgh Evening News says all that now remains is to select a fitting moment for making a formal announcement of change in the leadership. It was at the request of the Queen that Mr. Gladstone did not make a statement of his intention in the House Monday. The Central News makes the statement that Mr. Gladstone came from Downing Street to Buckingham Palace at 3 o'clock and had an audience of an hour's duration with the Queen. He did not tender his resignation.

Fight on the Frontier.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—Rumors of a battle between Russian and German troops on the frontier have been current in military circles in Moscow for several days. One version of the affair is as follows: A squadron of Russian dragoons saw a party of Prussian uhlans making a target at a frontier post on which the Russian arms were displayed. The Russian commander requested the Prussians to stop firing at the post. The Prussians ignored the request. A skirmish followed in which several men on both sides were killed. The Russians pursued the Prussians for some distance after the fight.

The Russian officers in this city who have been questioned on the subject, decline to specify what either of the regiments are reported to have suffered, saying that they do not wish to cause international complications.

Irreparable Loss.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Elton Hall, in Peterborough, the residence of the Earl of Carlisle, was burned yesterday. Among the property destroyed was one of the most extensive and valuable libraries in England. Many other things were burned which cannot be replaced.

Workingmen Against the Lords.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The parliamentary committee of the Trades Unions Congress has issued a manifesto with reference to the Employers' Liability Bill, appealing to

workingmen not to submit to the Lords' attempts to block industrial progress and urging them to elect delegates to the national conference to be held March 17. This meeting will be followed by a demonstration in Hyde Park on March 18.

Fighting in Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A dispatch from Rear Admiral Bedford, commanding the British West African fleet at Bathurst, Gambia, says a large force of natives under Chief Fodisilah have invaded British Combo. The legislative council of the colony has decided to organize patrol parties, to be led by members of the council. There were two hours' fighting between the natives and a detachment of the West India Regiment on Sunday. The engagement terminated with the defeat and rout of the natives, who lost a number of killed and wounded. None of the West India command were killed and only three wounded. Another dispatch from Bathurst says that the uneasiness among the natives is increasing. The powerful chief Mousamouka, at the head of 5,000 warriors, is expected to join Chief Fodisilah. All Europeans have been armed in order to guard the towns against the surprise. Five hundred troops have left Sierra Leone to reinforce the troops at Bathurst.

Will Westminster Abbey Be Extended?

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Yates Thompson, formerly owner of the Pall Mall Gazette, has offered £38,000 with which to add to Westminster Abbey a large chapel where future memorials and monuments may be erected. The Government has deferred accepting the offer, pending the decision upon three schemes already suggested for the extension of the Abbey.

\$9,000,000 Divided.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Princess Chimay, daughter of the late Capt. Ward, of Detroit, and Mrs. Alexander Cameron, of Toronto, celebrated her 21st birthday and the division of the Ward estate, which amounts to \$9,000,000, by giving a dinner to her friends in Paris. The marriage of the Princess to Prince Joseph Chimay, who is 14 years her senior, was the subject of much gossip about two years ago. The Prince is a member of the most ancient nobility of France and Belgium.

ESCOM AND BANQUET.

City Curlers Distinguish Themselves

Both in Simcoe Street Rink and at the Dinner Table—Results of Other Matches.

CURLING.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S SIDE WINS.

A representative crowd of curlers wielded brooms at the Simcoe street rink yesterday afternoon. They were members of the London Curling Club, and were playing the annual match between teams under the respective captaincy of the president (Mr. G. B. Dewar) and the vice-president (Mr. C. A. Somerville). After a good-natured contest, though very exciting game, the vice-president won by the close score of 79 to 70. The sides were:

PRESIDENT.

J. J. Hunt, No. 1—A. Chalmers, T. F. How, T. H. Henderson, H. B. Stott, skip, 31

VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. M. Symonds, No. 2—F. G. Lumball, F. W. Humble, C. W. Andrews, skip, 19

THE GAME.

The game followed by a capital banquet at the London House. Mr. D. B. Dewar, president, occupied the chair. A toast list was taken up, and those who replied were Messrs. Hewitt Fyeh, on behalf of the old-time curlers; Daniel Regan, of the Coblenzians; Dr. Geo. C. Davis, F. T. Trebilcock; J. W. Hampidge (the host) and C. W. Davis.

SHOTS.

At St. Marys on Tuesday—Forest 40, St. Marys 30. Forest has won seven games straight.

Dundas curlers on Monday night defeated the Hamilton Thistles by 29 shots.

On Tuesday four rinks of Dundas curlers played at Brantford. Score: Brantford 82, Dundas 64.

Manitoba curlers have resolved to invite Lore Aberdeen to attend the next bonspiel in Winnipeg.

TEE TURF.

Bel Demonio's winnings last season amounted to \$3,330, earned in 20 starts. He won six times and was second nine times.

R. E. Dygert, of Springfield, N. Y., has sold the bay horse Domo, by Jerome Eddy, 2:16, out of the dam of Favora, 2:12, to a horseman of Wingham, Ont.

FOOTBALL.

A PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A professional football league, Association rules, was organized at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday.

Baseball men are behind the new venture and games will be played on the league grounds in the east during October, November and December.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Baron Hannen, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, London, Eng., has had a serious relapse.

Great gold discoveries are reported from Washington State along the Wenatchee River.

Editor Stead will leave Chicago for England at once. He expects a big political turmoil there.

G. T. R. earnings for week ending Feb. 24, 1894, were \$304,420; same week in 1893, \$306,112; decrease in 1894, \$1,692.

Near Kittinging, the wife of David Roseberger, a farmer, gave birth Tuesday to five children, three girls and two boys.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres confirms the report of the explosion of the magazine of the insurgent steamer Venus at Rio Janeiro. The commander, two other officers and 30 sailors were killed and 50 were wounded.

All the electric light companies in Ottawa will be amalgamated on June 1.

The Legislature.

The Education Department's Report Evokes a Growl.

Statement of the Amount of Aid Extended by Government to Railways.

Plebsite Statistics Asked for—Guests at Speaker Ballantyne's Dinner.

[Special to the ADVERTISER.]

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, Feb. 27.—The leader of the Opposition and several of his coadjutors in the Legislature this afternoon made Hon. G. W. Ross the subject of considerable criticism. It appears that they are not pleased with the manner in which various departmental reports have been placed before the House. Mr. Meredith objected to Mr. Ross issuing a treatise on "The Schools of England and Germany," printed in a neat and handy volume, independent of the usual educational reports, without the authority of the printing committee. "Nor was this Minister of Education had relegated to himself the authority which was rightly vested in the committee governing such matters."

Mr. Ross, in reply, pointed out that nine out of every ten of the departmental reports were issued without the approval of the printing committee and without the sanction of Parliament, and the practice he thought, was a good one. The public was thus enabled to secure information on the numerous topics treated much earlier than would otherwise be the case.

Mr. Meredith said the Minister of Education had evaded the point of criticism. Exception had not been taken to the practice of printing ordinary departmental reports whenever they were ready, but to the publication without authority of special volumes, such as that to which he had alluded, and pamphlets. The Government had taken undue license in this respect. The committee of the House appointed expressly for the purpose of saying what should or should not be printed had been entirely ignored.

Mr. Clancy intimated that the Government, in taking advantage of the practice which they had established, of issuing whatever matter they wished, had evaded so far as to promulgate campaign literature.

Mr. Clancy, chairman of the printing committee, said that on only four occasions during the period of ten years, during which he had occupied that position, had the Government ever published matter not directly connected with the public service, and even then nothing of the nature stated by Mr. Clancy.

Mr. Hardy pointed out that the book which had been made the object of criticism was merely an addition, more properly a completion of an annual report. If the report Ross' annual report, issued in its present form for the sake of convenience and ready presentation, made the subject of unnecessary bickering.

One, seemingly, being able to answer this question, the discussion was dropped.

Mr. J. M. Clark, the newly-elected member for South Lanark, was introduced by Hon. E. B. Bronson and Mr. Caldwell.

In reply to a query from Mr. Clancy, regarding Government aid to railways, Mr. Harcourt said that the cash payments made during the year 1893, were \$5,959,084.13, namely:

Direct payments where no certificates were issued, \$1,704,195.10; certificates paid, \$4,254,888.97; the total amount of certificates issued had been \$5,959,084.13, of which certificates now outstanding amounted to \$1,312,199.88. The present value of outstanding certificates was \$922,091.82.

Mr. McKay, of Oxford, moved for a resolution in regard to the vote taken on prohibition of male voters' lists, showing the number of male voters polled in each municipal and each electoral district of the Province, the majorities "yes" and "no" in each electoral district and the "total" number of male voters cast; total male votes on voters' lists and unpolled and statement of votes polled at the general election for the Legislative Assembly in 1890, with the total votes on voters' list and unpolled at each election.

[Press Despatch.]

TORONTO, Feb. 27.—The provincial public accounts were laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly today.

The revenue for the year was \$6,330,285, of which there is an unexpended balance of \$75,016.63.

Of the revenue \$300,000 was received as interest from the Dominion on capital held Province, and \$6,000 from the Dominion on account of interest on bonds, and an additional sum of \$73,996.79 is derived from interest on various investments.

The total expenditure during the year in connection with the Chicago Fair amounted to \$34,334.72.

During the year the sum of \$159,690.30 was expended on the completion of the new Parliament buildings. This brings the total expenditure in connection with them, up to \$1,300,017.17.

In connection with the binder twine industry at the Central Prison there has been an expenditure of \$85,000 and the receipts from sales amounted to \$3,411.21.

The budget will be delivered on Thursday.

Speaker Ballantyne gave the second in his series of dinners this evening. Among those present besides a number of prominent business men and several members of the Cabinet were the following legislators: H. P. O'Connor, South Bruce; Dr. J. Baxter, Haldimand; T. Gibson, East Huron; Sol White, North Essex; W. L. Balfour, South Essex; J. Clancy, Kent; R. Ferguson, East Kent; A. S. Allen, Wellington; Messrs. John Dington, J. P. Mabee, and E. Sydney Smith, of Stratford.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Liberals have now a full ticket in every constituency in Nova Scotia for the general provincial elections on March 15, and the Conservatives have candidates in every county except Yarmouth.

Mr. Saunders, who was nominated by the Patrons of South Huron for the Legislature, has withdrawn.

The Young Men's Liberal Club of Toronto gave \$25 to the Star's bread fund and decided to hold a concert for the benefit of the unemployed.

LAWYERS AND LEGISLATORS.

The Movement for Holding High Court in London.

An Influential Delegation Interview the Government—London Likely to Get What She Asks For.

[Special to the ADVERTISER.]

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TORONTO, Feb. 27.—An influential delegation from the bar of Ottawa and of London waited upon the Government immediately before the House rose this afternoon. It was composed of Messrs. John Idington, Q.C., Sydney Smith, Q.C., and J. P. Mabee, Stratford; Matthew Wilson, Q.C., Chatham; I. F. Bellmouth, P. Moore and T. H. Pardon, London; W. D. Hogg, Q.C., W. Wyld, F. H. Crisler and E. R. Latchford, Ottawa.

The object of the delegation was to urge upon the Government the adoption of a draft bill amending the Judicature Act, and rules of court. The principal objects are, first, the establishment of sittings of the High Court at London and Ottawa for at least one day each week during the summer and Christmas vacations, and secondly, the giving of certain additional powers to local judges.

Sir Oliver Mowat, evidently familiar with the matter in hand, did not wait for a formal presentation of the case. He announced that he was willing to grant the portion of the request with certain limitations as it related to London. He had not, however, decided as to the propriety of establishing such sittings in Ottawa. After stating some objection to the latter course, he said there was some disagreement, he understood, in the western bar in respect to going to London. Perfect unanimity regarding this matter was not to be found in his own county. This was also the case in Huron county. An arrangement which he would suggest (it, of course, being merely tentative), was that the cases coming up before the sittings of the London High Court should be those of legal men residing in Middlesex and of such other residents in adjacent counties as agreed to resort to that court. A similar arrangement respecting Ottawa might satisfy the bar there. Would this arrangement suit? he asked.

Mr. Idington, speaking for the London bar, expressed satisfaction. They would like judges to take chambers motions as well as court motions, he explained. In fact, appeals from the county judges would form a large percentage of the business transacted.

Sir Oliver then suggested that a small committee be appointed to consider with him the details of the bill. He would meet them during the course of the next week. The committee afterwards appointed consists of W. D. Hogg, Q.C., Ottawa; Matthew Wilson, Q.C., Chatham; John Idington, Q.C., Stratford, and James Mabee, Q.C., London.

Mr. Wilson drew Sir Oliver Mowat's attention to the fact that the draft bill giving judges on circuits power to hear motions.

Sir Oliver thought this not practicable on account of arrangements which judges usually make beforehand. Judges would not care for it, either, he thought. But, on Mr. Wilson assuring him that this would not be the case, he said that if the judges did not object, he would not. He had no objection to judges taking such cases by consent.

The bill will likely be presented to the Legislature in the course of two weeks.

Shot Each Other.

ANSONIA, Texas, Feb. 28.—While Sheriff L. P. Lowe was attempting to arrest a Mexican named Sanchez yesterday the desperado drew a pistol and fired at Sheriff Lowe, the bullet passing through his body and inflicting a fatal wound. The sheriff drew his own pistol as he was falling and shot the Mexican through the head.

PAPER PAIN is now being substituted for other cheap stock in carpets, and is said to be superior to shoddy and imigo, both in cost and strength. Of course the paper is used only in the body and on the under side of the texture and not on the upper surface. It is said that 55 per cent. of a carpet may be made of paper without a customer suspecting it.

THE general theory is largely responsible for some of the marvels of modern surgery. Out of the germ theory grew the scrupulous care of surgeons as to the aseptic and anti-septic treatment of wounds so that the fevers and inflammations that used to be the inevitable consequence of surgical operations are now unknown in well managed hospitals. Surgeons will now chip off the top of a man's head, exhibit his brain to a curious class of students, send him to bed with his "round" antiseptically dressed, and bring him back a week later with nothing to show of the operation, but a slight and well healed scar. When a boy's leg was to be removed, the other day, the surgeons first cut a hole in the abdomen big enough for one of them to thrust in his sterilized hand and pinch an artery that would be involved in the operation. But no such operation could be performed with safety.

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The Great Tax Question.

Geo. C. Gibbons, Q.C., Speaks at Ilderton.

Startling Facts and Figures Regarding the Farming Industry.

How Trade Restriction Has Handicapped All But a Few, Despite the Splendid Resources of the County.

The Oddfellows' Hall at Ilderton was crowded on Monday night on the occasion of an address being given on public affairs by Mr. Geo. C. Gibbons, Q.C., London, at the request of the Young Liberal Club of that district. Mr. Robt. Jackson occupied the chair, and literary and musical selections were given, much to the delight of the audience, by Mr. Adam Robson, of London township, and Messrs. A. Furness, B. Meadows, Chas. Tatham and Fred Saunders, of London. The Londoners appeared in character, and caused much merriment by their eccentricities.

Mr. Gibbons, in the course of his address, congratulated the Young Liberal Club on the popularity of their institution as shown by the large attendance, and urged them to renewed activity, not only to make the club a political power, but to make it a center of amusement and general instruction in the neighborhood. He paid a glowing tribute to the vast natural resources of the Dominion, its waterways, minerals, fisheries, forests and agricultural possibilities. If the results were not satisfactory it was not because nature had not been bountiful. The value of all natural resources depends upon the availability of a profitable market. It was no use in building canals unless we built ships also. If the ports on the north side of Lake Erie had no ship yards or ships, there was a commercial reason. If the mines remained undeveloped year after year, it was for want of a market.

Mr. Gibbons showed that the farmer and artisan could get no relief from any Government, save to leave them free to buy in the cheapest market. Could the Government at Ottawa give them a cent a bushel more for their wheat, oats or barley? Look at the tremendous shrinkage in value of farm produce in ten years, and the loss to over-producers in three items only. Take our production of barley at 18,000,000 bushels:

This at price of 1883, 70 cents, would be worth.....\$12,500,000
While at the present price, 45 cents, it would be only.....8,100,000

Loss on barley.....\$4,400,000
80,000,000 bushels of oats at price of 1883, 45 cents.....\$36,000,000
80,000,000 bushels of oats at price of 1893, 30 cents.....32,000,000

Loss on oats.....\$4,000,000
50,000,000 bushels of wheat at price of 1883, 60 cents.....\$30,000,000
50,000,000 bushels of wheat at price of 1893, 60 cents.....30,000,000

Loss on wheat.....\$1,000,000
How is this loss to be met? Not, surely, by making these people pay more for what they buy for the benefit of certain manufacturers who claim that they cannot exist without taxing the producer for their support by making him provide a higher price. What right has any Government to force the people who have to sell in competition with the world, and who have lost by the fall in price \$30,000,000 per annum in the value of their products to pay \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 more to enable the combines to prosper?

Is it any wonder that, notwithstanding we have the best farming lands, that our near or market, these things render profitable farming in Ontario almost impossible. The traveling controllers who are sent out from Ottawa pretending to be anxious to know all about the tariff have said that the United States market is of no use to us because horses are cheaper in the States than here, while their own returns show a continuous export of horses to Canada to the States, even in spite of the McKinley tariff. Do people buy horses and pay freight and duty to take them to a cheap market? We sent over 9,000 horses to the States last year. So, too, these innocents pretend to think that agricultural implements are as cheap in Canada as in the States. We sell none to them, but our people buy hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of American implements a year and pay duty on them. The information that they pretend to want is obtainable from the records at Ottawa and is indisputable. Why are the people who are besieging Ottawa day and night now asking for "special privileges"? At whose expense are they getting these favors? Why is not the farmer there or the artisan? Will these men get what they ask? You have only to remember who they are to receive your answer. Will oil be touched? No. Why the oil men are the committee-men of the Conservative party for two counties. Will the Government go back on their own committee? Not likely. Will they reduce the duty on sugar, or cotton, or nails, or harvest tools? Every reduction would mean the loss of subscriptions for party purposes and the apathy or opposition of those who are now active partisans. The whole gang must hang together. They are patching up terms of co-operation now. If the Government stand by them, they must provide the need, as easily got at as before. All who expose this conspiracy are to be cried down as enemies of the country, while the few benefited and their hirelings are to reap the harvest. McKinley at least has the courage and the protectionists at the Ottawa pretend to abuse McKinley, and to be about to grant reforms. As well expect free trade from the Conservative party. Each is allied to the combine, and the latter provides each with an organization and means to run it. The cry of the farmer, artisan and consumer will not be heard when the tariff is revised at Ottawa. The favors are to be granted to classes at the expense of the people, and the next election will be fought upon the same old lines. What tinkering is done to the tariff will not injure the organization, and the Canadian consumer will continue to pay 40 to 100 per cent. more than McKinley prices for such staples as iron, harvest tools, nails, wire, cotton goods and the rest. Mr. Gibbons closed with an appeal to the farmers present to aid in freeing the country from restrictions

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upon its growth and prosperity, by aiding in genuine tariff reform.

Mr. J. D. Clarke, of London, who was called upon, briefly addressed the gathering, and thereafter a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker of the evening and the performers, on the motion of Mr. E. Ironsides, seconded by Mr. Wesley Charlton.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

Late Canadian News.

Sir John Thompson Recommends the Release of McGreevy and Connolly.

Hamilton City Council has voted to reduce the number of shop licenses from 30 to 20.

The Brantford police commissioners have increased Chief of Police Vaughan's salary \$100 a year.

It is reported that Rev. D. Hutchinson, of Brantford, will be offered the pastorate of the James Street Methodist Church, Toronto.

The bylaw reducing on a graduated scale the wages of all Toronto civic employees directly under the control of the council has passed.

A Winnipeg dispatch says no trains are now running over the line of the Great Northwest Central, owing to the small amount of freight.

A council of the National Council of Women of Canada was organized at Winnipeg Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Schultz was elected president.

Before leaving for Kingston on his way to Prince Edward Island, Lieut.-Gov. Powell signed a proclamation summoning the Legislature for March 25.

Two years ago W. A. Perry, of Calgary, roadmaster of the C. P. R., was reported to be drowned in the Bow River, but it is now said he skipped to the States.

William Kerr, Toronto, Canadian Pacific conductor, had the first two fingers of his right hand crushed Monday while coupling cars at Caledon. The injured members were amputated.

A donation of \$150,000 has been made to McGill University, Montreal, that amount being made up of three equal gifts of \$50,000 from Sir Donald A. Smith, Mr. J. E. R. Molson, and Mr. W. C. McDonald.

The city of Montreal has a debt of \$25,000,000, which is the limit of its borrowing powers.

There have been 21 deaths from scarlet fever in Montreal within the past three weeks.

The expense of keeping the Intercolonial Railway clear of snow in February was \$5,000 per day.

The steamer Ulunda, which left Halifax on Tuesday for London, took nearly 1,000 barrels of apples.

All small branch railways in the Moncton section of New Brunswick, with the exception of the Cape Breton road, are now blocked by snow.

Rev. B. Fay Mills, the evangelist, who has been holding meetings in Montreal for several weeks, has gone to New York. During his stay in the city more than 6,000 persons signed pledge cards to lead a better life.