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TORONTO-TO-SUDBURY LINE BEING SURVEYED.

The Project Expected to be Carried Out Within Two Years.

Three Corps of Surveyors Will be at Work Next Week—Mr. Lumsden of Toronto in Charge of the Work—The Arrangements—Particulars of Proposed Route.

The Toronto-to-Sudbury line is no longer a myth. Two corps of surveyors are already going over the proposed route, and a third party will start out next week. Their work is to be completed this summer, and within two years the Canadian Pacific will have their new line extended from some point on the Orangeville branch into the Muskoka District.

Mr. H. D. Lumsden of Toronto, a civil engineer with the Canadian Pacific, has been engaged for the past 18 months in putting through the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Two months ago he was recalled to Montreal and Engineer McLeod appointed to complete the work. Since then Mr. Lumsden has been making numerous and mysterious visits between Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa on business, which proved to be in connection with the Toronto-to-Sudbury line, and last evening at 9 o'clock Mr. Lumsden left for Montreal, where he will get together his party and surveying equipment, and start for Sudbury on Monday next.

Mr. Lumsden has already placed a surveying party at Parry Sound to go over the proposed route between that point and Coldwater; another party is to start out from Coldwater and survey southward through Barrie and come out on to the Orangeville branch of the C.P.R. at Kleinburg or Bolton.

Mr. Lumsden is supervising the entire survey, and has taken the heaviest and most important section upon himself. His staff is, for the most part, composed of young men from McGill University, and were selected from among 500 applicants. The party will spend the entire summer in the Nipissing region.

The Proposed Route.

From Sudbury to Parry Sound the proposed route will not be the shore of Georgian Bay, but will lie about midway between the Nipissing and Roseau road and the bay. Mr. Lumsden knows this section of the country thoroughly, and has conducted several surveys from the C.P.R. main line southward through this country. He stated last evening that the country west of Lake Nipissing and the Muskoka lakes was no more rugged than that to the east, and that it would not cost any more per mile to build a road from Sudbury to Barrie than it did from North Bay to Barrie. The maps of the Nipissing District showed the rivers to be altogether too broad; they were much smaller, and he had on former surveys located several points on the French and Maganettawan rivers, across which bridges could be easily constructed. He could not map out the exact line the proposed road would follow, but it was intended to make the shortest cut between Parry Sound and Sudbury, and to extend inland so as to open up the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts.

From Parry Sound the road is to be extended southward to the west of the Muskoka lakes and across the Muskoka River at Bala, thence to Muskoka Wharf and southwest across the Severn River, to tap the Midland branch of the Grand Trunk at Coldwater.

Between Coldwater and Kleinburg or Bolton the country is less rugged, and it is on this branch that construction will first begin, and the line be extended as far as Muskoka Wharf, so that the Canadian Pacific may get a share of the summer excursion business to Muskoka points as early as possible.

The line from Bolton to Sudbury will open up a country much the same as that through which the Northern now extends. It will also give Toronto merchants direct access to Parry Sound, and will save 55 miles haulage in traffic between Ontario and Northwest points.

Settlers Depart.

The weekly colonist train which the Grand Trunk are running to Manitoba via Chicago left last evening at 7 o'clock. The train was made up at Toronto, and carried 12 passengers and four cars of effects from here. The two colonist sleepers on this train were most luxurious, and the passengers in them were as comfortable as travelers can be made. The Grand Trunk officials in the passenger department state that by the time this train reaches the Sault it will have 212 passengers, picked up en route. The Canadian Pacific trains leaving Toronto are heavier than those of the Grand Trunk, because the former road collects passengers here, while the Grand Trunk's business is picked up all along their line west.

The Canadian Pacific settlers' train was so heavy yesterday morning that it had to go forward in two sections, one of eight and the other of nine cars. There were nearly 650 passengers aboard the two trains. Yesterday the Canadian Pacific express for Vancouver left Montreal in five sections.

The Spring Hat Show at Dineens'.

The men's fur show rooms in the brightly lit basement in Dineens' new building are the scene of extraordinary activity in men's hats these days. So great is the new variety of shapes and styles in spring hats at Dineens' that only a portion of the different makes can be shown with any degree of comfort or convenience to patrons on the main floor. That is why the overflow hat exhibit has been carried to the roomy quarters below. The great bulk of the new stock—the reserve supply for the trade—is downstairs. A cosmopolitan gathering of fine headwear greets the visitor before his first step down the broad staircase. The finest hats of the age for $1.50 are immediate neighbors of the finest hats of the age, for $2.50, $3, $5 and up, and Dineens' hat salesmen in the basement are just about as busy as Dineens' hat salesmen on the main floor. The entire establishment is aglow with the spring hat fever this week.

50 dozen choice English ties, in Ascots, Spas and Derbys, now on sale at Varcoe's, Rossin Block.

Duty Makes No Difference.

Call at M. McConnell's, Colborne and Leader-lane, and see for yourself that he is selling imported cigars cheaper than anyone in Canada. You can purchase one cigar at the same price as you can five thousand.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is comforting.

Milk Dealers Will Meet To-night.

The regular meeting of the Toronto Milk Dealers' Association will be held in Shaftesbury Hall to-night. All dealers invited.

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Grand & Toy's Snaps.

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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE PROPOSAL.

Sir William Robinson, Just From Hong Kong, Advocates It.

Sheffield, Eng., Telegraph Thinks the Vigorous Efforts to Strengthen the U. S. Navy are With a View to Making Uncle Sam Ready to Co-operate With John Bull and the Mikado in the East.

London, March 15.—Sir William Robinson, who has just arrived in London from Hong-Kong, of which colony he has been Governor since 1891, to-day warmly advocated an understanding with the United States on the Chinese question, saying the aims of the United States in regard to China were identified with those of Great Britain, and added:

"There is a feeling at Hong-Kong and Shanghai that the Chinese provinces cannot hold together much longer. They are already partly independent, not only of each other, but also of the Imperial Government."

A THEATRE INCIDENT.

"Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Save the Queen," Sang Simultaneously. Aroused the Audience.

New York, March 15.—The Tribune publishes the following to-day:

"A highly successful attempt to excite a patriotic demonstration was made last night at the Empire Theatre. It does not take much to do that, but the present instance was notable, as showing not only loyalty to the United States of America, but friendliness to Great Britain, and that is rather unusual in an American theatre.

"As a rule British flags and British songs have been introduced on the local stage as a foil for the Yankee, and they have in most cases been received with laithearted applause, or with silence. But the clearly friendly attitude of the English Government toward the United States in the present crisis seems to have changed all that. The theatre was decorated last night with American and English flags, outside and in, the colors of the two nations being draped together in a manner emblematic of their present mutually friendly relations.

"After the first act of the play the orchestra played and the members of the company sang 'The Star-Spangled Banner' and then 'God Save the Queen,' and the audience not only vigorously applauded both, but heartily joined in the singing. It might not be entirely easy for an English inhabitant to remember just when an American audience in an American theatre has before joined in singing 'God Save the Queen.'"

HERE'S A NEW THOUGHT.

All the Hasty Preparations of the United States May Not be Directed Against Spain.

London, March 15.—The Sheffield Telegraph in an article to-day says:

"Are we not rather hasty in assuming that the war preparations of the Government of the United States are directed solely against Spain? American statesmen are very deep. They may be content to let it appear that their armaments, which are really intended for some much greater occasion, are designed against Spain.

"This much is certain. If the United States Government is determined to act in line with England and Japan in defending China, it would have to make such preparations as are now afoot. England and Japan are ready, the United States is not. It is a fair assumption that there is at least a tacit understanding between Great Britain and the United States. This would account for Mr. Goschen's extraordinary hesitance to exercise the right of pre-emption over the warships building in England. The best of these are for Japan, our ally, and could not be touched. The United States is presumably anxious to purchase the two ships, which were so pointedly pressed upon Mr. Goschen's attention and which he hinted were unsuitable. They are certainly unsuitable to us. If the Americans wanted to buy them a more implicitly safe and serviceable ship is procurable, we are promised American support, than our buying them over their heads. Happily, the Government is not likely to be entrapped into such a blunder."

SAME IDEA IN AFRICA.

Rev. Dr. Hartzell Has Come From Liberia With Letters Requesting Closer Anglo-American Relations.

London, March 15.—Rev. Dr. Hartzell, Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Africa, has arrived here from Liberia. He left New York in December, 1896, and has since travelled 6000 miles in West and South Africa, stationing 85 missionaries. Mrs. Hartzell accompanied her husband. Both are well and they expect to sail for New York on March 23.

Bishop Hartzell is accredited by President Coleman of Liberia as confidential emissary to Lord Salisbury and President McKinley, to whom he bears letters intrusted to him on the eve of his departure from Monrovia. The gist of these letters is a request for closer relations with Great Britain and the United States, to which countries President Coleman appeals to insure the independence and development of the country. It is understood that this step is prompted by fear of French and German encroachments threatening the integrity of the Republic. There is great rivalry between Paris and Berlin to obtain ascendancy in Liberia.

The manner in which Liberia desires the United States and Great Britain to exert their influence has not yet been stated.

Bishop Hartzell visited the Foreign Office, where he was received by Sir Thomas Sanderson, Permanent Under-Secretary, in the absence of Lord Salisbury.

HERE IT CROPPED OUT.

United States Consul-General Osborne Voiced the Common Sentiment at a Banquet in London.

London, March 15.—The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of London gave a banquet this evening to Messrs. Hodges, Porter and Lewis of the Boston Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. The Earl of Denbigh presided. Among the guests were Consul-General Westmacott and Lieut. Colwell, naval attache of the United States Embassy.

Lord Denbigh, in toasting "The President of the United States, equally honored in England as in America," said:

"We all deeply sympathize with America in the sad national disaster that befell the Maine. President McKinley, cool and level-headed, is not likely to run the country into any unnecessary danger, while as an honorable ruler he must be jealous of the honor of his country."

United States Consul-General Osborne, who received an ovation, rising to reply to the toast, referred to the talk of an Anglo-American alliance, and testified to the friendship existing between the two countries. He said he did not believe that either needed protection, unless against a combination of powers, but should that combination ever occur he was confident that the protection would be generously given. [Cheers.] Mr. Osborne expressed the opinion that the strained relations between the United States and Spain would soon be removed.

The Daily News, commenting on the speech of United States Consul-General Osborne, says:

"What we have done in this country is to give public notice that the combinations of European powers wherewith the United States are daily threatened on the Continent, do not include and never will include our kindred selves. Blood shows itself thicker than water in little neighborly reminders of that sort, and the occasion really does not demand more.

"But if it did demand more, more would be said, and we firmly believe all that the Americans happened to consider needful would also be done."

MAJOR WALSH AND THAT BEEF.

Senator Perley Wanted to Know if the Commissioner Had Been Sent Out Short of Provisions—Ottawa News.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special.)—In the Senate to-day, Senator Perley asked if Major Walsh was allowed to go to the Yukon District short of provisions, so that he had to pay a dollar a pound for poor beef. He asked this question because it was reported in the newspapers that Major Walsh had purchased 15,000 pounds of beef at that figure.

Mr. Mills said Major Walsh had taken with him ample provisions for himself and party. It was possible that he might have had to buy beef to provide for starving miners he had met, but he did not believe the story.

Senator Boulton gave notice of his intention to move for the correspondence between the Government and the Home authorities in reference to the repatriation of the 100th Royal Canadian Regiment.

Duty on Fresh Salmon.

Commencing to-day, Collectors of Customs throughout the country are required to impose a duty of half a cent per pound on fresh salmon. This duty was imposed by the Dingley tariff, but for some reason not explained it had not been collected.

Is it to be Senator William's?

The vacant Ontario Senatorship will be filled within the next few days. Mr. J. S. Willison, editor-in-chief of The Globe, is spoken of as the likely man.

France-Canadian Steamship Line.

At to-day's meeting of the Cabinet it was decided to ask Parliament to grant an annual subvention of $80,000 for a direct line of steamers between Canada and France. Mr. Kleckowski, French Consul-General, was here yesterday, and informed Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the French Government was prepared to grant a subsidy to this amount on condition that Canada did the same. The Government has decided to meet the offer.

Other Ottawa Notes.

The Canada Atlantic Railway Company ask Mr. Tarte to have some dredging done at Coteau Landing to enable vessels to get to the new elevator of half a million bushels capacity which the company is just completing there.

Mayor Parent and a civic deputation from Quebec are here urging the Government to do something towards preventing the old fortifications from crumbling away.

MR. FRASER'S CHANCES

Of Securing That Supreme Court Judgeship Have Been a Good Deal Damaged by the B. C. Bar's Protest.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special.)—The vigorous protest of the Law Society of British Columbia against an outsider being appointed to the vacant Supreme Court judgship in the province is likely to have the effect of spoiling Mr. Justice Fraser's chances, even if he be not already disqualified for it owing to the fact that he is not a member of the bar of British Columbia. It is not unlikely, however, that at the close of the session Mr. Fraser will pull up stakes in Kootenay and move down to Hon. Mr. Tupper and Hon. Fred. Peters, will settle in the Pacific Province. Mr. Joe Martin has invited Mr. Fraser to join him in a law partnership in British Columbia, and Mr. Fraser informed me to-day that he had the offer under consideration.

In addition to Mr. Fraser's name several others are mentioned for the British Columbia judgship, among them E. L. Newcombe, Q.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, and Mr. Justice Killam of Manitoba.

Two British Columbia lawyers of good standing, Mr. E. V. Bodwell of Victoria, who is here on railway legislation, and E. P. Davis of Vancouver, have been approached by prominent Liberals, but neither will accept the position.

The First Home Opened.

The Toronto District residence of the Victorian Order of Nurses was opened yesterday afternoon, and in honor of the event a reception was tendered by Miss Macleod. Miss Eastwood and the ladies of the board. The new headquarters were inspected, and among those entertained were the Mayor and Mrs. Shaw. Many doctors and prominent citizens were present, and partook of the dainties so invitingly prepared by the ladies. Presiding at the tables during the afternoon were Mrs. H. Mason, Miss Willkie and Miss Nordheimer. A similar reception will be held this afternoon.

Spain Looking for New Cable Connection

Madrid, March 15.—The Government is arranging for communication with Cuba over neutral cables in the event of a rupture of the relations with the United States. This is feasible by way of Halifax, Bermuda and Jamaica, using the new British cable, but the French Company, possessing an unlaid cable, offers to connect Spain direct with Cuba within a few weeks. Negotiations with this company are proceeding

Revised Statutes Ready.

The new edition of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, for which the bench and the bar have been anxiously waiting since the session of Parliament, will soon be on the market. A hundred copies, complete with the index, were received at the Provincial Treasurer's Department yesterday, and were distributed to officers of the Crown. Another thousand will be issued this week for distribution among the judges and officials, and next week they will be on sale to the general public.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

Montreal, March 15.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict returned by the jury this afternoon in the case of Laronde and De Guire, the two French-Canadians accused of killing Alex. Greco, the Italian, in Soulanges, last fall. Judge Wurtele, who presided at the trial, reserved his sentence.

Five Hundred Insurgents Killed.

Madrid, March 15.—According to an official despatch received here from Manila to-day, 500 insurgents were killed during the siege of Balinao. The despatch adds that the insurgent forces have not offered any resistance to the Spanish troops sent to the relief of the garrison.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is pure.

Great Big Iron Combine.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 15.—An evening paper says: One of the biggest pools the country has ever known was formed in Cleveland to-day. All Bessemer pig iron producers in the Cleveland Mahoning Valley and Shenango iron districts are bound together by the combine.

Accident on the Lovers' Walk.

A horse driven by Mr. David White, at the top of Parliament-street, fell, and rolling down the hill broke its leg. A policeman shot the animal, which was a valuable one. Mr. White was thrown out of the rig, but was not much hurt.

MAPLE CITY IN DARKNESS.

River Thames on the Rampage and Lighting Plant Disabled.

Greatest Flood in Thirty Years—All the Stores on the Principal Business Street Flooded and Thousands of Dollars Lost to the Merchants—Pumping Station Boiler Room Flooded.

Chatham, Ont., March 15.—The Maple City is in darkness to-night. There are no electric lights on the streets and half of the city is without gas supply. The civic electric lighting plant is partly under water, preventing the dynamos from being operated, and the Chatham Gas Company's incandescent plant is in the same state. This company is unable to supply the northern part of the city with gas, owing to the high water in the River Thames, which has flooded the gas mains crossing the river. The condition of the water in the river to-night is certainly serious to the city. The water has continued to rise all day, and is now fully 15 feet above the ordinary level. This is the highest on record since 1868, 30 years ago.

All the Stores Flooded.

All the stores on King-street, the principal business street of the city, are flooded. These places have from two to four feet of muddy water in their cellars. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage has been done to drygoods, grocery and other stocks.

The pumping station is flooded with water and the boiler room is also inundated.

Luckily, a massive stand pipe will keep a sufficient supply for domestic purposes for some little time, and before the supply is exhausted the flood will doubtless have subsided.

Much Lumber Afloat.

Thousands of feet of lumber from J. Piggott & Sons' lumber yard have been washed away and have gone down the river. Several vessels tried to get out of the city by riding the water away above their moorings, and fear is entertained for their safety. People living in the lower part of the city, on the north side of the river, early this afternoon were considered as being safe, were taken from their homes by rescue parties in boats at a late hour to-night, and men are still at this work, which is fraught with considerable danger, owing to the angry torrents.

Some fear is entertained for the safety of the Erie and Huron bridge. The water is nearly up to the tracks, and a gang of men are watching it and trying to prevent the logs which are floating down from lodging against the trestles and create a jam. Should this occur, it is thought that the bridge would be carried away, and if this calamity should occur the civic bridges at Fifth and Third-streets would be in danger. A heavy rainstorm appears to be imminent, which will increase the volume of water.

Water Still Creeping Up.

Later.—The water in the River Thames has increased during the past few hours, and at the Wolverton basin reaches almost the ashpan under the boilers, and is but a few inches from the fire-box. From appearances, the water will increase still more, as it is raining heavily. Should the fires be put out at the waterworks station it will have a serious effect upon the civic water supply. Reports show that at 8 p.m. the increase has averaged one and a quarter inches per hour.

THE FIGHT WAGS ON.

The Coming Conflict on Friday Night is Expected to be the Hottest in Varsity's History.

The two parties at Varsity did not meet on a common platform yesterday. Each held its own meeting to stiffen the supines of its supporters. The chances for "a scrap" are growing brighter every day. There is no doubt that a "brute force" will be seen on election night, McIvor, Youll and President Loudon to the contrary notwithstanding.

In the words of Alex. Macdougall the Alma Mater party is "the effervescence of the student party; while the Old Lit. is the bone and sinew." Promoter Narraway decares that the fight is based on the history of, "Down with residence influence. You have to sell your body and soul to residence to get office now." Both sides are well organized and the fight on Friday night will be the hottest in the history of Varsity.

The Old Lit. treated the challenge of its rival as an imbecile and asinine bluff, and paid no attention to it. As a result, it has "petered" out.

Both presidential candidates are working late and early. A bicycle corps has been added to each encampment. If any student does not vote, it will be because he won't.

ACCIDENT ON THE C. P. R.

Broken Rail Caused Cars to be Tumbled About—Some Passengers Injured.

Winnipeg, March 15.—An accident occurred yesterday on the C.P.R., sixty miles west of Moose Jaw, in which nine or ten passengers were injured, though none fatally. The accident was caused by a broken rail. The road was torn up for a considerable distance, and trains both ways were delayed about ten hours.

Students' Mission Society.

The 17th annual meeting of this society was held in the chapel of Wycliffe College last night, Bishop Sweatman in the chair. Rev. J. E. Hand, the president, read his report, which stated that one-third of the present undergraduates of Wycliffe are intended foreign missionaries. In 1897 this society maintained two missionaries in Rupert's Land, solely by voluntary subscriptions.

R. J. M. Perkins read a report setting forth the history, the work and the results of the volunteer movement.

E. L. Horne, the other delegate to the Cleveland Convention last year, spoke on the motto of the movement, "The evangelization of the world in this generation."

Rev. G. C. Wallis delivered an eloquent address upon "The Qualifications for Missionary Work."

Hon. S. H. Blake spoke forcibly upon the advancement of Christianity.

THE LATE MORGAN BALDWIN,
Harbor Master of Toronto.

THE RAILROAD MEN MET

With the Object of Ending the Rate War—Adjournment Made in Prospect of an Amicable Settlement.

New York, March 15.—Representatives of nearly all the railroads in the New England and Western States were present at a meeting of passenger agents in the Jersey Central building. The purpose of the meeting was to consider ways and means for bringing to a close the rate war in the Northwest. It was expected that the sub-committee which went to Montreal several weeks ago to endeavor to effect a settlement with the Canadian Pacific might submit a comprehensive report of its work and recommend that action of a decisive character be taken to bring the fight to a close. A special committee was appointed to prepare a plan to bring about settlement of the existing troubles.

Late this afternoon it asked that the meeting be adjourned until to-morrow, so that further deliberation could be had. The committee stated that an adjournment would not be requested were it not that there was a prospect of an amicable agreement being arrived at. The adjournment was granted.

NEW PROFESSOR FOR KNOX.

Rev. J. A. MacFarlane of Ottawa Nominated to Succeed Prof. Robinson, Who Has Resigned His Position.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special.)—Rev. J. A. Macfarlane of Ottawa has been nominated for the chair of Old Testament literature and exegesis and Oriental literature in Knox College, Toronto.

The Presbytery of Ottawa, at this morning's session, considered a letter from Mr. William Mortimer Clark, chairman of the Board of Management of Knox College. The letter stated that Prof. Robinson of Knox College had resigned, and asked the Ottawa Presbytery to submit a name for the board's consideration. Rev. Dr. Moore nominated Mr. Macfarlane, and his nomination was seconded by Rev. M. H. Scott of Hull. It was unanimously in the presbytery. The mover and seconder spoke of Mr. Macfarlane's excellent record while at McGill and Princeton Universities, and also in Scotland. Mr. Macfarlane graduated with highest honors from McGill, and afterwards was classical master at the Montreal High School. Mr. Macfarlane thanked the presbytery for the nomination.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

Labor Bureau Denounced as a Farce and Its an Hour Bylaw as Causing Idle Men.

The Board of the House of Industry met yesterday afternoon. Rev. A. J. Broughall was in the chair, and present were: Rev. Wm. Frizzell, Messrs. J. Gillespie, Warring, Kennedy, O'Hara, Bain, Price, Whiteside, Aid. Carlyle, Little, Crane and Neff.

The treasurer's monthly report showed: Expenditure, $6736.91; receipts, $9554.17; balance, $2817.26; accounts passed yesterday, $9625.87.

A discussion arose over an item that showed 491 applied for work, of whom 274 have worked at stone breaking. One member said the 15 cent bylaw was responsible for a great deal of pauperism. Another said it was Fleming, who bossed the aldermen into the bylaw.

Aid. Carlyle said the Labor Bureau was a farce, being equally free for the criminal on the hard-up citizen.

The reports showed: Inmates at date, males 84, females 26; total 110.

From February 14 to March 13, 170 males and 19 females were housed. A total of 1028 nights, of whom 75 per cent. belonged to Toronto.

From February 15 to March 15, 1898, there were distributed to the poor: Coal 189 1-5 tons, wood 44½ cords, bread 1284½ 4-lb. loaves; also 1701 pounds of groceries. One hundred and twenty-six families, amongst whom were 314 children, were relieved; 125 gallons of soup was distributed daily to families and others.

The bread and soup departments close April 1, but in cases of necessity the house is always open for relief.

A new wing is being constructed on the north-east side at a cost of $4500, the opening of which will be held about July 1. The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday next.

Death of Sir Henry Bessemer.

London, March 15.—Sir Henry Bessemer, the celebrated inventor of Bessemer steel, died this evening.

Deceased was an eminent engineer, born in Hertfordshire, Eng., in 1813. He early devoted himself to the improvement of machinery, and acquired celebrity by his invention of a new practical process for the manufacture of steel, which was extensively adopted in Europe and America, and the product of which is known in trade as Bessemer steel.

Local Council of Women.

The meetings of the Local Council of Women in the Normal School to-morrow afternoon and evening promise to be extremely interesting. Miss Macleod, Chief Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, will be present in the afternoon, and will give information concerning district nursing, as it will be carried on by the Victorian Order. In the evening the important questions of female immigration and of the housing of the aged and infirm poor will be discussed. The public are cordially invited to both these meetings.

A Night's Enjoyment.

The annual at-home of Star of Bethlehem Tent, K.O.T.M., held last evening in St. George's Hall, was a most enjoyable affair. The evening program embraced a concert, followed by a supper and dance. Supreme Sergeant H. E. Trent occupied the chair at the concert, and the following contributed to the program: W. J. White, J. W. Mack, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Jamieson and Mr. Salvage.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Another Dervish Post Captured.

London, March 15.—A special despatch from Cairo says a detachment of friendly natives from Kassala has captured another dervish post, killing 20 of the enemy.

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THE GAME IS UP WITH THE HARDY GOVERNMENT.

Liberals Admit That he Has Not the Province Behind Him.

Soft Spot Being Prepared for Him to Fall Into—Hon. G. W. Ross Supposed to be Working in Russell, but Spends Most of His Time in Ottawa—Mr. Powell Wins the Ottawa Seat by 9 Majority.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special.)—Among Liberal members of Parliament the opinion prevails that the game is up with the Hardy Government. Of course, they do not say this out loud, but they are free to admit that Mr. Hardy has not the Province behind him, and, although he may endeavor to hold on for a little while, not many moons can elapse before Mr. Whitney is Premier of the Province. Truth to tell, there are not many expressions of regret among the Liberals for Mr. Hardy. In the Mowat Government he was named "the wicked partner," and the feeling against him is evidently strong. A soft spot for Mr. Hardy to fall upon is now being provided. He will likely get the vacant Ontario Judgeship, provision for which is to be made in the estimates this session.

Mr. Ross is at Work.

Hon. G. W. Ross, who is still encamped here, ostensibly conducting the Liberal campaign in Russell, is conferring with the Federal Liberals about a reconstruction of Ontario industry. Mr. Ross is said to not be averse to trying his hand at the Premiership, but he will make just such another mess of it as he has done of Ministerial educational affairs, and the tenure of office can only be of short duration. The Province has said emphatically, "It is time to retire," and Mr. Ross' time's day as Premier is rapidly approaching.

Mr. Powell's Election Sale.

Grit hopes of acquiring the second seat in Ottawa were to-day dashed to the ground. Mr. Powell, Conservative, defeated the Conservative candidate, a majority of two over O'Keefe, ex-M.L.A. The final statement to-day leaves Powell nine ahead. Judge McTavish commenced the recount at 12.30. The totals stand as follows: Lumsden 4783, O'Keefe 4539, Powell 4548 and Slattery 3964, being that the road cost $1,600,000. The further arrangement was that the company should complete the line from Moose Park to Chaudiere, 43 miles, up to the standard of the Intercolonial. For this 43 miles this company got the usual subsidy, but the company had not yet quite completed the road according to the Government took it over on March 1.

Mr. Haggart Wanted to Know.

"Does the contract under the Subsidy Act require the road up to the standard of the Intercolonial?" inquired Mr. Haggart.

Mr. Blair replied that it did not, but under the Government agreement it was required. There were some trifling matters not completed, so that the company had not got their subsidy, but the road was in the main satisfactorily completed. Before the agreement the Government engineer estimated the cost to finish up the 43 miles would cost $35,000; also that it would require $65,000 to complete the remaining 73 miles, and the Government gave the company the choice of making this expenditure themselves or giving the money to the Government to do it, or having the amount taken out of the rental. Mr. Blair thought the Government was asking them to spend about double the amount that would be required under the ordinary conditions, but he would not say this 73 miles was up to the I.C.R. standard. Under the lease it was open to the Government to purchase the line for $1,600,000, that being the fixed value of the road, including the cost of the 43 miles and the $100,000 to be granted.

The Press Said a Good Deal.

Then Mr. Blair went on to observe that a good deal had been said in the press in regard to the corrupt character of the Drummond County matter.

"I negotiated the terms from beginning to end myself with Mr. Greenshields, and with the exception of a conversation with Mr. Mitchell, in his presence, the whole of the conversations and negotiations took place with Mr. Greenshields alone. I do not know that any other member of the Government had any conversation on the subject, except, of course, that I reported the progress of negotiations from time to time. The Drummond County people wanted $200,000 a year rental. Now, at no time, and under no circumstances, did Mr. Greenshields say to me, or I to him, any syllable in reference to any election or other contribution in any shape or form."

This little speech concluded the Minister's statement.

Mr. Schreiber's Valuation.

Mr. Schreiber, Deputy Minister of Railways, gave further evidence as to the value of the Drummond County Railway. Allowing $170,000 for the Nicolet branch, also for expenditure on improvement, it would bring his estimate of the cost of the road, as made for Mr. Haggart, up to $1,535,500.

Mr. Greenshields on the Stand.

Mr. J. N. Greenshields, when he took the stand, was asked by the chairman about the dealings between himself and Mr. Tarte in regard to the purchase of La Patrie. He said not a dollar of the Drummond County money had gone with it. He had been asked by Mr. Tarte to conduct the negotiations for the purchase of La Patrie from Mr. Beaugrand. As the deal was closed after 5 p.m., Mr. Tarte asked him for his cheque for $20,000 until next day. He gave it, and next day Mr. Tarte and his sons repaid him every cent of it. Where they got the money he did not know. All the negotiations in regard to leasing the road took place with Mr. Blair, and nobody else; there had been no suggestion of an election contribution, and no member of Parliament was interested in the road. The road, when fixed up to suit the Government, would have cost about $2,150,000.

The committee, after passing a resolution calling upon the Senate committee to furnish any evidence they might have in connection with the matter, adjourned until Friday.

Beat His Playmate to Death.

Carroll, Ill., March 15.—Parry Gardiner enticed Will Rogers into an unoccupied building at Pulaski, Ill., and beat his brains out with a club. Gardiner and Rogers were playmates, aged 16. The former had a grudge against his fellow and took this means of avenging it. Gardiner has not yet been arrested.

More Spring Weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 18—28; Qu'Appelle, 22—24; Port Arthur, 20—32; Parry Sound, 16—40; Toronto, 28—38; Ottawa, 20—34; Montreal, 18—32; Quebec, 18—30; Halifax, 26—34.

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