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WHAT WILL BE THE OUTCOME

PARNELL AND O'BRIEN CONFER UNTIL PAST MIDNIGHT.

The Two Closeted Alone for Upwards of Two Hours, After Which the Other Members of Parliament are Invited Inside and the Conference is Continued with Closed Doors.

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, Jan. 6.—Mr. Parnell had a consultation with Mr. O'Brien immediately after his arrival here. The consultation lasted two hours. The other members of Parliament in the party were then invited to join the conference and the whole party remained in deep consultation with closed doors until nearly midnight, when Messrs. Redmond and Gill emerged from the conference room. They said to reporters: The consultation between Mr. Parnell and Mr. O'Brien is still proceeding, and will be continued to-morrow. The outcome of the conference is awaited with intense interest.

The Funds are Dwindling.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—It is stated that the funds of the Irish Parliamentary party now in the hands of Munros & Co., the Paris bankers, amount to only £8400, of which £1200 is in cash and the remainder in United States 4 per cent. bonds. These funds were formerly deposited in the sole name of the late Joseph G. Biggar. The executors of Mr. Biggar's estate have renounced the custody of money, and it is said Munros & Co. are prepared to pay over the funds to Messrs. Dillon, J. P. Xavier O'Brien and Clancy when they have come to an agreement.

REGARDED AS A MENACE.

Why the British Fleet in the North Pacific Ocean Was Not Augmented.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Press Association says: Lord Salisbury is considering the 40-page despatch received from Mr. Blaine Dec. 30, the latest despatch received from Washington. It does not contain a definite acceptance of Salisbury's proposals for arbitration on the main question, that of the right of the British sealers to catch seals in Behring Sea. Mr. Blaine discusses only the subsidiary point: Arbitration on the time of closing the sealing. The Press Association adds that Mr. Blaine has not replied to Sir Julian Pauncefote's note of June last in which the latter says Her Majesty's Government must hold the Government of the United States responsible for the consequences arising from acts of interference with British vessels contrary to the principles of international law. The Press Association also states that no preparations have been made to augment the British fleet in the North Pacific Ocean, as such a step might be regarded as a menace.

Scotch Railway Strike.

GLASGOW, Jan. 6.—The strikers practically abstained from violence throughout the night, but this morning they mustered at an early hour about the dormitory at Coatbridge, occupied by non-union men who have been employed in place of strikers. After pelting the building with stones the rioters made a rush forward and stormed it in the most approved fashion. The police on duty at that spot made a gallant defence, using their batons freely and charging the strikers in spite of showers of stones hurled at them on all sides. During the conflict a number of police and a still greater number of the strikers were more or less seriously injured. The rioters were finally repulsed.

Serious rioting was resumed to-day at Coatbridge, nine miles from here on the Monkland Canal, the chief centre of the iron manufacture.

An English Mansion Burned.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Lord Lymington's mansion, Hurtsbourne Park, Whitchurch, Hants, and the contents of his priceless library, together with some most valuable works of art, have been destroyed by fire. Lord Lymington is member of Parliament for North Devonshire. The fire had burned itself out by 8 o'clock this morning. Owing to the heavy snowfalls the roads in the region about Hurtsbourne Park were almost impassable, and the fire brigade which answered the alarm were delayed in reaching the scene, and after their arrival it was found that their coming was well nigh useless because of scarcity of water. The plate stored in the house and a number of valuable books were saved. The paintings which adorned the mansion, including one by Raphael, were burned. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Snowstorm in Germany.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—A snowstorm, phenomenal in its severity, prevails throughout North Germany. Reports from various sections show the rails are blocked on all the northern lines, and in many instances trains are embedded in the snow, causing considerable suffering to travelers.

An express train from Berlin to Aix-la-Chappelle is snowbound near Magdeburg. A train on the Berlin Central Railway is also stalled in the snow. On all the railways in Mecklenburg and Brunswick traffic is more or less impeded by the snow.

To Renew the Campaign.

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—It is announced Parnell will address a meeting of his supporters at Limerick on Sunday next.

It is expected large crowds will come from all the adjacent counties to hear Parnell speak in Limerick Sunday next. It is believed the speech will be of a most important character and that the meeting may become historic.

M. Ferry Challenged.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—M. Ducret has challenged M. Ferry to fight a duel. The challenge is the result of a letter which Ferry wrote to The Matin.

Notes of the Theatres.

The Young Liberal Minstrels of London concluded their engagement at the Academy last night.

It is a pleasure to record the production of a play in a manner utterly surprising—in fact the minutest detail has been given thought and care, and that in consequence of this extreme carefulness is a play mounted in elaborate style and placed under the guidance of actors in whom one can find no fault. Such a play is "The Refugee's Daughter," now being played at the Grand Opera House. Cora Tanner has found a play that will add greatly to her reputation. She has studied her part with a great deal of care, and holds the sympathy of her audience throughout the play. Matinee to-day.

"The Bottom of the Sea" is to be presented at the Grand Opera House Monday evening. The piece is to be mounted here by over two carloads of marvelous scenic effects, and with same excellent organization that characterized the great success of the play in New York and Boston.

While "The Bottom of the Sea" is probably new here to theatre goers, it can be safely recalled to amusement-seekers as a good piece of a most interesting piece. From the pens of the press in New York and Boston comes a wonderful exhibition.

"The Night Owls" are pleasing the patrons of Bohee's Sparrow's.

Robinson's Musee was packed as usual last night.

In the Hands of a Receiver.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 6.—The Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company has been placed in the hands of a receiver on the application of B. Newgass & Co., bankers of London, who obtained judgment against the road for $92,[illegible]. It is alleged the road is insolvent. Newgass & Co., who failed recently in New York, were interested in this road.

Gurney's stoves repaired by competent men. Wheeler & Bain, 179 King-street west.

Killed on a Handcar.

COSHOCTON, Ohio, Jan. 6.—A Pan Handle passenger train to-night, a mile from here, ran into two handcars containing 22 workmen. John Curran and Robert Davis of Coshocktonville were instantly killed; Silas [illegible] of Allegheny was fatally injured. The other men saved themselves by jumping.

WHERE IS WADSWORTH?

His Mysterious Disappearance Causes Talk—Known to Have Had $3000.

WALLACEBURG, Jan. 6.—An Englishman named Wadsworth, near here, has mysteriously disappeared. He is said to have had $3000 with him. He was desirous of buying a farm. He stopped with a man named Hardy. Suddenly Wadsworth disappeared, and Hardy's son spread the report that the Englishman had chloroformed him on a certain night and robbed him of $3300. He made no attempt to catch the thief, however, and the neighbors began to whisper that there was something wrong, and suspicion attached itself to young Hardy. He has since disappeared, but no move is being made to hunt up either Wadsworth or Hardy.

EDMUND YATES' CABLE LETTER

The Queen's Prospective Journey to France—The Conservatives Ready For the Coming Election.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Queen is to leave Windsor Castle on Tuesday, March 24, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg. The royal party will proceed from Windsor Castle to Portsmouth harbor, and are to embark there for Cherbourg in the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. The Queen will travel direct from Cherbourg to Florence by way of Mount Cenis tunnel, Geneva and Pisa, arriving there on the evening of Thursday, March 26.

As the five levees which the Prince of Wales held in St. James' Palace last year were so inconveniently crowded it is probable that two additional levees will be held by the Duke of Clarence for the Queen and that only two, or perhaps three, will be held by the Prince of Wales himself, one of which is to be fixed for a day during the last of next month, directly after the Prince has returned from Cannes. The Queen will not hold levees this year, and if there are any special male presentations they are to be made at a drawing-room.

The great majority of the Conservatives are fully prepared for a general election in March; but it is not likely after all to take place until November, possibly not till the spring of 1892. The cabinet is anxious to carry through the tithes, the Irish land purchase and the employers' liability bills, as well as certain reforms in the local government act, before they take the ticklish measure of the local Irish government bill for a fresh reading. On this and some other popular measures they propose to appeal to the country in the autumn, if possible. November is the probable date, but March, 1892, is mentioned in case of a delay occurring, which is not anticipated.

I hear that Dr. Walsh and Dr. Croke have addressed a private appeal to Parnell, urging him to retire. They state that in their opinion this act of self-sacrifice is absolutely necessary in the interest of the country, and they hold out to him some prospect of some future reward if he takes their advice.

The journalists who went to Boulogne to see William O'Brien were much amused by the airs which the weeping patriot gave himself. Bismarck himself could not have assumed more lofty mysterious attitudes. He went about as if he carried the fortunes of nations in his hand.

The report of Lady Randolph Churchill's severe illness alarmed all her friends very much. Telegrams poured in to inquire how she was. Though not quite strong, Lady Churchill was able to take her boys to the pantomime, and to leave on a visit to Baron Hirsch the very day it was reported that the gravity of her condition made it necessary to send for Lord Randolph, the fact being that Lady Randolph had suffered from a severe chill, which kept her in bed and on the sofa; but which was only tiresome—never dangerous.

By the death of Lady Tayler the world loses one of the most brilliant, witty and sympathetic women of the Victorian era. Her father, first Lord Monteagle, though he was once Chancellor of the Exchequer in a famous administration, will be best remembered perhaps as the friend of all the great literary men of his day. In her Lord Tennyson loses a friend of 20 years. Lady Taylor said more witty things in a week than Samuel Rogers in a lifetime.

EDMUND YATES.

Praying for the Universal Church.

Yesterday was the second day of the week of prayer, when the subject of meditation and addresses was "The Church Universal." Seven additional churches held services, with the following as speakers:

Parkdale Presbyterian—Revs. J. J. Redditt and J. Grant.

Concord Congregational—Revs. C. J. Dobson and W. A. J. Martin.

St. Mark's Presbyterian—Revs. Le Roy Hooker and E. Harris.

Broadway Methodist—Revs. A. Gilray and H. J. Hamilton, B.A.

Bloor-street Presbyterian—Revs. H. Johnston and C. C. Owen.

Parliament-street Methodist—Revs. D. McTavish, J. C. Madill.

First-avenue Baptist—Revs. J. M. Cameron and W. F. Wilson.

Each of the churches in the city will hold its own prayer meeting to-night.

Routine Work at the Presbytery.

Moderator Frizzell presided over yesterday's meeting of Toronto Presbytery. Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. G. A. Turnbull, late of St. Catharines, as pastor of West Church, Toronto. This will take place Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. Prof. Thompson will preach, Dr. McTavish will address the congregation and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell the pastor.

Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the Northwest, pleaded for more men and money for the work in that vast district.

The principle of systematic beneficence was once more endorsed by the presbytery and these names were added to the committee which promotes that mode of contribution: Rev. R. P. McKay, John Mutch, W. A. Hunter.

Farmer Darwend's Narrow Escape.

Alexander Darwend, a farmer living near Little York, narrowly escaped losing his life yesterday morning. He was crossing the Grand Trunk near Gooderham's byres when a shunting engine speeding along at a lively rate struck the vehicle in which he was seated, smashing it to pieces and throwing him into the ditch. Darwend was picked up bleeding profusely from a number of cuts inflicted on the head and neck. He was taken to the hospital, from whence, after his wounds had been dressed, he was conveyed to his home.

Muskoka Petition Dismissed.

BRACEBRIDGE, Jan. 6.—The hearing of the Muskoka election trial and cross-petition came on before Justices Falconbridge and McLennan to-day. Mr. Ross for the petitioner stated that the evidence not being considered sufficient they had decided to withdraw the case, which was accordingly dismissed with costs to the petitioner. The cross-petition was also withdrawn.

An Aggregation.

The aggregate of individual property and wealth constitutes the measure of a nation's welfare. The providence and economy of the individual members of communities constitute the assurance of extended commercial enterprises. The prosperity of manufacturing and kindred interests constitutes the pledge of remunerative employment for the masses. The constant employment of the skilled manual and intellectual labor of a country guarantees a beautiful moral and material prosperity, and an endowment policy in the Manufacturers' Life of Toronto fulfils the primary object of life insurance by a most thorough and natural method, both in the method of it and the manner of it.

A Concert at Berkeley-street Church.

The success which attended the concert held last night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Berkeley-street Methodist Church must have been gratifying to its promoters. The attendance was good and the program excellent, these contributing: Misses Hamilton, W. Wilson, F. Washington, Bambridge, Foad, Gordon, T. Lewis, Pridham, Messrs. T. Litster, Bruce Bradley, W. Watson. Mr. J. D. Tripp and Mrs. Bradley were the accompanists.

ABOUT THE NEW CHAIRMEN.

THE SLATE-MAKERS ALREADY AT WORK AT THE HALL.

A Mild Day in the Municipal Hive—Ald. McMullen's Friends Say they Want a Re-Count—What E. A. Macdonald Will Do After the Official Vote is Declared—Why Ex-Ald. Rogers was a Quiet Man.

The day after the battle was a quiet one in the City Hall. The Mayor was congratulated by a few old-timers, but there was nothing like the constant stream of the old days. In fact there seemed to be an air of general depression and uneasiness pervading the corridors instead of the wild handshaking and enthusiasm among the friends of the successful candidate which had characterized the termination of the struggles of the years passed away. His Worship spent the day in the Hall much as usual.

The friends of Ald. McMullen are responsible for the statement that he will demand a recount. Ald.-elect Farquhar is just four votes ahead of him, and they claim to have discovered that one voter was allowed to record his suffrage for Mr. Farquhar three minutes after the legal time for the closing of the poll, 5 o'clock.

In St. Andrew's Ward Ald. Carlyle bows to the dictum of his constituents, but cannot but express surprise at the extraordinary vote polled for Ald.-elect William Burns. Ald.-elect James Kerr, the third man on the list, is also keenly hurt that he should figure as the small toad in the puddle. Ald. Carlyle's friends assert that he did not do anything to certain individuals concerned in the administration of a certain civic department, who wanted him out of the road at all hazards.

Then there is some curiosity to see what position Ald. Boustead will take in the proceedings of the council for 1891. It is almost a foregone conclusion that he will be "agin" the administration, and as will Ald. Gillespie, but as they are known to be so thoroughly "agin" each other it is feared that their personal rancor will nullify their usefulness. Ald. Boustead does not forget the assertion by his "friend" Ald. Frost St. George's, that he resigned from council and his seat as chairman of the Executive to escape the odium of the financial muddle.

And this brings up the question of civic committees. This point was pretty thoroughly discussed in the Hall yesterday, and it was generally agreed the chairmanships for 1891 will be about as follows:

Executive—Ald. Saunders.*
Board of Works—Ald. Shaw.*
Waterworks—Ald. Hill.*
Fire and Light—Ald. Bell.*
Property—Ald. Small.
Markets and License—Ald. George Verral.
Parks and Gardens—Ald. Balliam.
Legislation—Ald. Gillespie.*
Court House—Ald. Gibbs.*
Local Board of Health—Ald. Lucas.
Court of Revision—Ald. Hewitt.*
Street Railway Franchise Committee—Ald. Lindsey.
Esplanade Committee—Ald. McDougall.
Civic Reform Committee—Ald. McDougall.

*Present chairmen.

It is reported that the council will this year abolish the Reception Committee and appoint a special body to do the grand as occasion may demand.

There will be an Ashbridge's Bay special committee without a doubt and it is quite probable that Ald. Leslie will therein wield the gavel.

It is a noticeable fact that three chairmen of important committees were slain on election day: Frankland, Rogers; Carlyle, Board of Health; Moses, Property.

Why Mr Rogers Kept so Quiet.

The World met Mr Elias Rogers last evening and inquired how it was that he had kept so awfully quiet during the municipal campaign. "Well, you see," proceeded Mr. Rogers, "I had been pressed during the past three months by my friends to again come to the front for municipal honors; they insisted that I should run for the mayoralty, but I steadfastly refused to listen to their overtures. Besides, my health has not been the best lately, and I had to be away from my business. I never had any particular ambition to be Mayor, although I was almost forced to stand in 1886."

"What about next year?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, that is a long way off!" replied the Koal King.

Will Proceed After the Official Count.

Mr. E. A. Macdonald stated yesterday that as soon as the City Clerk declared the official result of the mayoralty contest to-day he would at once enter proceedings to unseat Mayor Clarke on the ground that His Worship is interested in the city printing contract. Meredith, Clarke, Hilton & Bowes were consulted in the matter, but it is said Mr. Meredith would not accept a brief to represent Mr. Macdonald.

The Beef Baron's Lament.

"I have been defeated," the Beef Baron was heard to solemnly remark to a friend yesterday, "but if I had served God as diligently as I have served the people, he would not have given me over in my gray hairs. However, I bow to the popular will."

It was Mr. Thomas O'Connor.

Through an error it was stated that Mr. P. O'Connor was elected by acclamation as separate school trustee for St. Lawrence ward in the recent nomination. Mr. Thomas O'Connor was elected, Mr. P. O'Connor, the old trustee, retiring in his favor.

$30,000—Thirty Thousand Dollars.

This amount may seem large, but it is the amount that the firm of W. & D. Dineen want turned into cash during this month, and to do so they intend holding a great clearing sale of all their fur stock, comprising seal mantles, and jackets, beaver and sable capes and muffs, storm collars of all kinds, gents' Persian lamb coats and fur-lined coats, musk ox, buffalo and other sleigh robes; about one hundred fine fur-lined circulars for ladies, ranging from $15 to $50; several valuable fur wraps will be cleared out much under value, also a lot of children's fur coats and caps in various kinds of fur. As the Messrs. Dineen take stock on the first of February, bargains in every article will be given. The store is on the corner King and Yonge-streets and is one of the largest in the city.

Fine Furs

Manufactured and to order at greatly reduced prices for the remainder of the season at Grant & Co., 77 King-street east. Ladies' sealskin and Persian lamb jackets, mantles and fur wraps of every description, gentlemen's coats, caps and gauntlets, ladies' fur capes, muffs, collars and boas. A large assortment of Alaska, sable and beaver shoulder capes. Purchasers will find it to their interest to see us.

$20,000 Fire at Fergus.

FERGUS, Jan. 6.—John Black's elevator at the G.T.R. Station was destroyed by fire this morning, together with the hay barn adjoining, 25,000 bushels of grain and 60 tons of hay. The loss will reach $20,000; partly insured.

How the Accident Happened.

In order that the insured may have a valid claim for indemnity it is not necessary that he should meet with the accident in the pursuit of his usual occupation. A bookkeeper, for instance, would have a perfect claim if he were injured by falling off a street car, or a lawyer if thrown out of his carriage. This if insured in the Manufacturers' Accident of Toronto.

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A MILITARY DANCE.

The Second Assembly of the Royal Grenadiers at Webb's.

Like many-colored flowers sprinkled in a summer valley were the gowns of ladies fair who floated with a grace that is only feminine over the glistening floor at the Royal Grenadiers' second assembly in Webb's last night.

It was a scene of brilliance, recalling that historic scene when "lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men"—women whose smiles were quickly darkened into sorrow, and men who on the fatal morrow marched with valor-tingling cheeks to meet their country's foe.

Flags hung on the walls and the odor of sweet flowers lurked in the air—all beautiful, but not so beautiful as the cheeks and smiles of Toronto's lovely daughters.

The following are a few of the many guests: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Armour, Mrs. George Arthurs and the Misses Arthurs, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristol, the Misses Boulton, Mr. H. C. Boultbee, the Misses Bush, Niagara Falls; Capt. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cosby, Mr. Hugh Cameron, Galt; Dr. Cowan, Mr. Casimir Dickson and the Misses Dickson; Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson, M.P., Niagara Falls; Col. Grassett, Mr. William J. Hendrie, Hamilton; Capt. Howard, Miss McLean Howard, the Misses Kingsmill, Commander and Mrs. Law, the Misses Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. D'Alton McCarthy, the Misses Morphy, Miss Josie McKay, Ottawa; Capt. J. B. McLean, Mr. H. C. Parsons and the Misses Parsons, Mr. C. R. Pope and the Misses Pope, Capt. and Mrs. Sloan, the Misses Sherwood, Ottawa; Capt. Tassie, Capt. Trotter, Mr. R. M. Thomson, Mr. C. N. Shanly, Capt. and Mrs. Temple and the Misses Temple, Mr. Edmund Wragge, Miss Constance Wragge, Mr. and Mrs. David Walker and Miss Walker.

Music by the band of the regiment kept the merry dancers moving till early morning.

The affair was efficiently managed by this committee: Major Mason, Capt. Elliott, Capt. Gibson, Lieut. Cameron, Lieut. Lowe, Lieut. Heward, Lieut. McMahon.

The third and last assembly of the series will take place early next month.

THEY STARVED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Clifton, a Kansas Woman, and Her Five Children Perish for Lack of Food.

STOCKTON, Kan., Jan. 6.—From Farmington, in the northern part of this (Rooks) county, comes a tale of destitution which is unparalleled in this section. Four years ago John Clifton died and left his widow with five children to carry on the fight. Year after year the crops failed and the poor woman was obliged to sell off her stock, head after head, until at last there was none left.

This year finished the fight, and when the recent blizzard came it found the house with neither fuel nor food. The house was located in the Blue Hills and four miles from the nearest neighbor. A neighbor was passing the place yesterday, and seeing no sign of life entered the house, where he found the dead bodies of Mrs. Clifton and three of her children, while the other two were in the last agonies of delirium from hunger.

They had starved to death. Prompt attention was given to the living, but there is little hope for their recovery.

OBITUARY.

Death of Registrar Dunsford of Victoria—Rural Dean Gemley.

Nicholas, Duke of Leuchtenburg, died at Paris yesterday, aged 61.

Dr. Owen Thomas of Liverpool, the famous specialist, is dead. He was recently elected a member of the New York Orthopaedic Society.

Mr. Hartley Dunsford, Registrar of the county of Victoria, died at Lindsay yesterday after a long and painful illness. Mr. Dunsford held the position of registrar since the formation of the county over 30 years ago.

The Rev. John Gemley, who died at the Rectory, Simcoe, Tuesday morning, was born in Dublin, Ireland, on Feb. 26, 1817; entered the Methodist ministry October, 1841, and served in this capacity throughout Ontario and Quebec until 1874, when he left the Methodist body and joined the Church of England, being ordained deacon and priest that same year by the Bishop of Montreal at London. He was appointed curate of St. Paul's Church in that city immediately, where he remained until 1880, when he was appointed rector of Trinity Church, Simcoe, and subsequently rural dean of Norfolk. When in the Methodist connexion he was stationed at Belleville, Dundas, Peterboro, Port Hope, St. Thomas, Montreal, Quebec, Kingston and Brantford. He was for a number of years secretary of Upper Canada Bible Society.

The Young King of Servia.

[From Galignani's Messenger.]

King Alexander is now 14 years of age, and is rapidly developing both physically and intellectually. He is only allowed to receive such visitors as are agreeable to the Regents, as the following instance will show. The Metropolitan Michael attempted lately to intrude on the royal presence without having announced his intention to the Regents. The consequence was that he was not received, and since that time he has not appeared at the Konak. King Alexander will come of age on Aug. 3, 1893, at which time he will be 17 years of age. He is also in the habit of driving out to the park of Castle Toptshider, and on these drives he not infrequently passes his mother's carriage returning to own. The Queen herself drives herself. Her son, in the dress of a colonel, salutes her in military fashion, and the Queen in recognition waves her hand. A little while ago, when King Milan was driving with his son, the two monarchs chanced to pass the Queen, but on perceiving his ex-Majesty she turned away her head, and the salute was not returned. King Alexander is in constant correspondence with his father, and writes either in Servian or French. These letters are not altogether without political significance. Queen Nathalie receives a large number of visitors, and her salons are the resort of politicians of all shades and parties. Occasionally she is present at the theatre, where she occupies the Court box, but this only happens when it is known that King Alexander will not attend the play.

only a cake.

"Good-bye forever George," she said,
And full of grief and woe,
Poor George stumbled down the steps
And to his home did go.
Next day he got a scented note,
Which said, "Come see your Belle;
The good-bye at the door last night
Was only a 'Patti farewell.'"

Injured by a Runaway.

Last night about 8¼ two men, Charles Brownlow furniture dealer, Yonge-street, and Douglas Percy, 14 Lymes-place, while driving in a single cutter collided with a telegraph pole near Bloor-street and Avenue-road. The horse ran away. Brownlow was taken home, and Percy was removed to the hospital, where a number of scalp wounds were attended to. They are not serious.

Annual Dividends.

The Ontario Mutual Life grants annual dividends, which are applied to the reduction of premiums during their continuance, and thereafter paid to the policy-holder in cash as an annuity; or they may be added to the Reserve so that Life Policies may become *Reserve Endowments* payable before the death of the holder.

Cold Comfort.

Mrs. De Sette (musingly): Three of the girls I went to school with have eloped from their husbands.

Mr. De Sette (suspiciously): Huml Perhaps you would like to be the fourth.

Mrs. De Sette (assuredly): Oh, no, I couldn't leave the children.

Few and Far Between.

Now and then you come across men and women who remark, "I hate children." It is always safe to run a black line through the centre of their names and in every relation in life give them a "wide berth." A man or woman who "hates" innocent childhood treads the riskiest path of any man or woman in all this universe.

Nickel City.

If you cannot buy mining claims any more you can secure a few lots in Nickel City, which are an equally good investment. A. McCharles, 28 Adelaide-street east.—Advt.

PETER X AND THE REGISTRAR.

Large Damages Asked of The Berlin News for Alleged Libel.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Registrar McDougall caused a notice to be served on Peter Moyer, the publisher, a short time ago, complaining of certain alleged false, malicious and defamatory articles which appeared in that paper demanding a retraction and apology. As Peter is apparently not in an apologizing mood a writ of summons, in which large damages are claimed, was served to-day upon Mr. Moyer. A second writ will, it is said, be issued against the same publisher in a few days at the instance of the registrar, who has retained leading counsel and will prosecute the action to the fullest extent, accepting no apology from the newspaper.

A CHAPTER IN BAPTIST HISTORY.

Chancellor Boyd Tells of the Inception and Growth of the Bloor-street Church—Last Night's Reception.

An official though none the less cordial welcome was last night tendered Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, the new pastor of Bloor-street Baptist Church. It was not at all a formal gathering, but a pleasant social reunion. Gay was the school-room with its Christmastide decorations, which in consonance with the old English custom are not disturbed till the close of Twelfth Day, otherwise Old Christmas Day. The ladies of the church did the honors of the tea-table with its pleasant tete-a-tete; the choir sang their best and choicest, and the ease and comfort of the drawing-room were voted preferable to the conventional pews and school-room benches. There was nothing stiff or formal in the proceedings. It was not a scene of "greetings where no kindness is," but hearty hand-shaking, cordial chat, pleasant reminiscences, and to tell the truth the ripple of laughter told that Pluto's gloom is not "the form" with the conspicuous yet earnest body of Baptists in Bloor-street. Many ministers were present from other churches; Professor Trotter was master of the ceremonies, and the new pastor was kept busy as a minister at a levee in receiving friends old and new. Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Professors Welton, Newman, Rand, Rev. Elmore Harris, School Superintendent Stark and Deacon Gooderham assisted in informing the new pastor "who's who."

So far for the soiree. Then came the "serious" business. This, like Mr. Wallace's sermons on Sunday, was commendably brief. First Pastor McDougall of Eglinton prayed a prayer which may be pithily comprised in Tiny Tim's "God bless us everyone." Professor Trotter briefly told how he did not work McMaster but McMaster wooed him and hence his divorce from Bloor-street, which is by no means an order of separation. Although neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet he prophesied prosperity within those walls and peace within their borders.

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Daily excursions via the Illinois Central Railroad are being run to California, Florida, Mexico and other winter resorts. Buffet sleeping cars are run through from Chicago to New Orleans and from New Orleans to Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal., and Jacksonville, Fla. By this route there is but one change of cars between Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, London, etc., to New Orleans and two to California, Texas and Florida points.

Write A. J. McDougall, Berlin, Ont., for full particulars as to rates, etc., and for illustrated pamphlet describing points of interest en route. 135

The Dream of His Life.

MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—At noon to-day a hundred teachers of the night schools met at the Government office and presented Premier Mercier with an address thanking him for what he had done for the working classes in giving them night schools. The Premier replied saying that extending education to the working classes had been one of the dreams of his life.

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Railway Bonus Defeated.

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Dropped Dead From Apoplexy.

HASTINGS, Jan. 6.—John Lennox, an old resident of Percy township, dropped dead in the Clarendon House here to-day at noon. The cause of death is supposed to be apoplexy.

THE NEW LIGHT CONTRACT.

WHY THE ELECTRIC SPARK DID NOT MATERIALIZE ON TIME.

The Storms of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 Played Havoc With All Kinds of Wires—A Talk With Fire Secretary McGowan—Why the Delay Was Necessary—Some Well-Grounded Complaints.

The new street lighting contracts were supposed to have gone into effect on Jan. 1, but from present indications it seems that the greater part of the districts to be improved with the presence of electric light as a substitute for gas will have to depend on the latter illuminator for some weeks to come. Last year the number of electric and gas lights in the city were divided thus: Two hundred electric lights at 55 cents each per night; 340 electric lights at 29½ cents each per night; 3185 ordinary gas lamps at $20.50 each per annum; 78 Lambeth lamps at $73 each; 85 ordinary lamps in Queen's Park.

The cost of electric lighting totaled $70,554 and the gas lamps $72,728. The Fire and Light Committee before the end of the year rearranged for the lights in this fashion: 680 electric lamps at 29½ cents each per night; 1000 gas lamps with 5-foot burners at $24 per annum; 55 Lambeth lamps at $75 each per annum.

By this arrangement the Toronto Electric Light Company secured from the city an increase under the new terms from the old figures to $100,986, while the Consumers' Gas Company had a corresponding decrease from $72,728 to $28,125. At 12 o'clock on New Year's night it was supposed that the electric light would be called on to take up its end of the contract. In preparation for it the gas company had removed its burners from the lamps along the line of the streets where they were to be suppressed. Through a train panic gloom is not "the form" with the conspicuous yet earnest body of Baptists in Bloor-street. Many ministers were present from other churches; Professor Trotter was master of the ceremonies, and the new pastor was kept busy as a minister at a levee in receiving friends old and new. Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Professors Welton, Newman, Rand, Rev. Elmore Harris, School Superintendent Stark and Deacon Gooderham assisted in informing the new pastor "who's who."

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