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TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

Mr. Powderly, general master workman. K. of L., will leave Scranton, Pa., as soon as he can sell his property there, and go to Philadelphia for rest and quiet.

The birds are building their nests in the trees in the Central Park, New York, according to the Sun, and the young leaves are beginning to sprout. The grass is as green as in May, and has been all winter.

Clark W. Bryan, in the Writer, says: Newspapers are made for the million, and not for the individual. The supposition to use a quaint but oft-quoted expression—that "it is as easy as rolling off a log" to make a newspaper is a severely fallacious one. Every man thinks he can make a newspaper better and more perfect than anyone else.

Hon. William Cayley died yesterday at his residence in Toronto, in his 83rd year, a long and useful public career. arter a long and useful public career. Hon. Mr. Cayley was born at St. Petersburg, Russia, and after studying law was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1834. He came to Canada a few years later, and entered Parliament in 1846, retiring in 1861. He atterwards became Provincial auditor for Ontario, and was registrar of the Surrogate Court for a time, giving up the latter office in 1883.

John Jacob Astor, whose death is chronicled to-day, ranks with the richest men in the United States, his wealth being estithe United States, his wealth being esti-mated from \$160,000,000 to \$150,000,000. It had been announced that he was soon to marry for his second wife Mrs. Caroline Rawler, of Cincinnati. He was 68 years of age and Mrs. Rawler is 40, and also worth more than \$1,000,000. Mr. Astor bore scarcely a sign of old age and was con-sidered the finest looking of the Astors.

The report of the Department of Railways and Canals shows that last year the number of miles of railway in actual operanumber of miles of railway in actual opera-tion in Canada was 12,162. The paid-up capital amounted to \$727,180,488 74. The gross earnings of all the railways amounted to \$42,159,152 65, and their working ex-penses to \$30,652,046 03, leaving the amount of the net earnings \$11,507,106 62, or about 1\frac{1}{2} per cent. on the paid-up capital; 11,416, 791 passengers and 17,172,759 tons of freight were carried. The Dominion Gov-ernment spent about \$5,000,000 in railway and canal construction and repairs last year.

Some remarkable statements have been made public in connection with preceedings under the bankruptcy of the Prince of Mantua and Montferrat, who resides in Elgin avenue, Maida Vale. Some time ago the Prince published a work in which he embodied some extraordinary documents. One of these was a statement to which the name of the late Sir George Jessel, Master of the Rolls, was signed, affirming that upon examination of pedigees and old copies of the Pertateuch the Prince and his mother, the Duchess of Mantua, were found to be lineally descended from David, and therefore entitled to the appellation of Prince and Princess of the House of David.

An Ottawa correspondent points out that by the death of the Earl of Shannon, his eldest son, Viscount Boyle, formerly a member of the Northwest Council of Canada, succeeds the deceased peer as the sixth Earl of Shannon. His Lordship was born on May 15, 1860, educated at Eton, and served for some years as an officer in the Riffe Brigade. Latterly he was a "rancher" in the Northwest Territories, having his headquarters at McLeod. He was always very popular, both as a settler and as a representative in the Legislature. It is understood that the new earl will contest one of the Northwest constituencies for a seat in the Dominion Parliament at the vent there is a possibility of his holding a seat in the English House of Lords and the same time.

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FAIRFIELD, Iowa, Jan. 24.—H. L. Hall has been awarded \$11,000 damages against the Rock Island Railroad for the loss of a

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New YORK, Feb. 24.—The man who was arrested here Saturday night for the murder of Edward Thomas Williams, at Finsbury, London, died this morning from a wound he inflicted in his throat with a nail. He was known here as Richard Collins, but his real name is supposed to be Barrett.

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Death of John Jacob Astor.

New York, Feb. 24.—John Jacob Astor, head of the wealthiest family in this country, died suddenly at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. His wealth is estimated at \$\frac{3}{2}\$150,000,000. He founded the Astor library, mainly through the influence of Washington Irving and Fitzgreen Halleck. The bulk of the fortune will go to the son, William W. Astor.

Drifting to Their Death.

New York. Feb. 24.—Capt. Turner, of the schooner Harry Prescott, reports that on Feb. 8 in latitude 34°, longitude 75°, he hove to near the wreck of a three-masted schooner, dismasted and waterlogged, with her beats and forward house gone and the sea making a clean breach over her. Four men were clinging to the after house. He was unable to render them assistance, and when last seen the wreck was drifting towards Hatteras shoals.

A Missouri Tragedy. Drifting to Their Death.

A Missouri Tragedy. CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Feb. 24.-A shocking CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Feb. 24.—A shocking tragedy occurred at Spring Hill Friday evening. George Dowell set a shotgun trap for a thief in his barn. The trap was so set that the gun would be discharged when the barn door was opened. Mrs. Dowell did not know the trap had been set, and when she went to the barn and opened the door the trap was sprung and she received the whole charge full in the breast, dying instantly. Mr. and Mrs. Dowell had been married only two months.

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Frozen Stiff.

Sr. John, N. B., Feb. 24.—On Friday morning Mrs. Steven Wilcox, of Loch Lomond, was found seated in her sleigh, about half a mile from her home, frozen to death. On Thursday afternoon she left this city to drive home. Finding her horse unable to drag the sleigh through the heavy drift, she loosed it from the shafts and climbed back into the sleigh. Next morning her husband found the horse standing in front of the barn, and on proceeding down the road came upon his wife frozen stiff. Decreeced was 67 years of age.

## FOR \$140,000,000

The Panama Canal May Completed.

Only Three-Tenths of the Work Done.

Provisions of the New British Divorce Bill.

Results of Balfourism in Kildare-A Threatening Aspect

Mr. Gladstone Better

A Boom for Vienna. has been introduced in the Reichsrath to extend the boundaries of Vienna. The measure will double the population of the

William Will Try Again, BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The Emperor co plates a reorganization of the educational system and the introduction of a complete

system of physical culture in addition to nental training.

Late German Election Returns. After the result of the elections had been nade known the Socialists made a great

riot and 30 of them were arrested. At Halle the Socialists painted the great statute of Victory blood red.

Dahomey's Men Worsted.

Paris, Feb. 24.—Information reached

ere to-day that 500 of the King of Dahomey's troops attacked the French posts at Kotonau, Senegal. The French re-pulsed them and killed 60 of their number. A Home Ruler Unopposed.

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London, Feb. 24.—The election to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons for the west division of Waterford, caused by the mysterious disappearance of Jasper D. Payne, Home Ruler, resulted in the return of Alfred Webb, Home Ruler. Webb had o opposition.

Stanley's Programme London, Feb. 24.—Stanley's programme, it is understood, contemplates his departure from Cairo about the end of April for Nice, from Cairo about the end of April for Nice, where he will remain two weeks, thence he goes to Brussels, where he meets his officers Stairs, Nelson, Parke and Jepson, who accompany him to London, where he makes his first appearance before the Geographical Society.

Siberian Horrors. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Fuller reports of the ecent Siberian atrocities show that the recent Siderian attrocties show that the female political prisoners were treated with such brutality by their jailers that they endeavored to starve themselves to death. In consequence of Mme. Sigida being flogged to death, as a participant in this struggle, a large number of the prisoners, both male and female, committed suicide. Infanticide in Warsaw.

London, Feb. 24.-A terrible story

A French Radical Move.
PARIS, Feb. 24.—The leaking out of the lovernment's intention to release the Duke Government's intention to release the Duke of Orleans caused the Radicals in the Chamber of Deputies to propose that immediate amnesty be granted to all persons found guilty of state offenses during the past decade. The proposal was carried by a vote of 221 to 182 and will be the first subject for discussion to-day. It is expected proposal will cause great excitement and that the Government will oppose the motion. The Divorce Bill.

London, Feb. 24.—Mr. Knutsford, the

Colonial Secretary, has advised the Queen to give the royal assent to the Divorce Bill. to give the royal assent to the Divorce Bill. The bill accepts as grounds for divorce desertion for three years, either on the part of the man or woman, habitual drunkenness, coupled with cruelty or neglect of household duties on the wife's part, sentence for crime and violent assault. The wife is entitled to divorce on the ground of infidelity in case the offense is committed during conjugal residence, or coupled with aggravating conditions, or in the event of the act being repeated. The law on this point is unchanged with reference to an offending wife.

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The Panama Canal.

Paris, Feb. 24.—Le Gaulois publishes a lispatch from its correspondent who acdispaten from its correspondent who ac-companied the Panama commission. He says experts have decided that it is only possible to construct the canal with locks. Some engineers favor a plan of operation embodying two locks, which might possibly embodying two locks, which might possibly be completed in four years at a cost of £28,000,000. The correspondent also states that seven-tenths of the work yet remains to be done, and that the canal is beginning to fill with sand. He thinks that the commission is likely to advise the company that from six to eight locks will be necessary.

Results of Balfourism.

DUBLIN, Feb. 24.—A threatening of ferment throughout Dublin and Kildare has been provoked by the wanton imprison-ment of Father Kinsella, who is the quiet ment of Father Kinsella, who is the quiet and greatly beloved pastor of Clongorey, where the estate is under the plan of campaign. Wholesale arrests have been made on the estate by a big force of police and soldiers, making 70 arrests since Tuesday, and among the prisoners was the priest, who was found sawing a plank to help build a hut for the shelter of the sick and evicted tenants. For this he goes to jail for two-months under a statute of Edward III. aimed against vagrants and harlots.

The boat, with six of the crew of the Sirvish ship Sovereign, from Cardiff for Montevideo, which was sunk by collision with the steamer Highgate of Lundy Island, is still missing.

FEBRUARY 24, 1890 stirring resistance will now be the order of

Bey, the Egyptian governor, who has been Bey, the Egyptian governor, who has been a prisoner in the hands of the Mahhists since the fall of Khartoum, contradict the widespread rumor that the Khalifa Abdullah, the Mahdi's successor, is dead. He reports that on account of an unusual drought last season there has been great scarcity of food in the Soudan. The mortality has been considerable, and as the Khalifa could not collect at Omdurman sufficient food for his soldiers, he was obliged to let them scatter and forage for themselves.

Brought Back. PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Duke of Orleans re ceived the announcement of his pardon with ceived the announcement of his pardon with joy. At 7:30 in the evening he was taken in a closed carriage to the Orleans Railway station. Just as the express train for the Spanish frontier with the Duke on board was about to start, officials who had been dispatched by President Carnot arrived and took the Duke from the train and brought him back to prison. The cause for this action on the part of President Carnot was a declaration made by a deputy that as the Duke had been pardoned he would demand similar action in favor of the strikers who had been conin favor of the strikers who had been convicted in the provinces. It was thought that these would cause so much trouble to the Government that it was deemed advisable to have the Duke brought back.

Mormon Missionstee Mormon Missionaries Maltreated in

London.

London, Feb. 24.—A party of Mormon missionaries, who are at present engaged in a proselytizing campaign in London and other parts of Great Britain, had a lively time of it in East London. The missionaries, three in number, began their service, and in a short time a large crowd had collected. Irreverent remarks began to be heard, several persons in the crowd being heard, several persons in the crowd being collected. Irreverent remarks began to be heard, several persons in the crowd being particularly anxious to know how many wives one of the elders, a venerable individual with long white hair, possessed. These interrogations excited much jeering and laughter among the crowd. Presently a member of the Anti-Mormon League appeared on the scene to effect on League appeared on the scene to effect on Presently a member of the Anti-Mormon League appeared on the scene to offer opposition to the Latter Day Saints. He reminded the crowd that not very long ago a young woman, one of their own number, who had been induced to emigrate by Mormon missionaries, had returned to her mother's home shoeless and starving, with two little children, having tramped the whole distance from Liverpool. He concluded by producing the young woman in question and asking if they wanted more of their sisters to be served as she had been. This excited the crowd, who groaned and hooted. Mudandother refuse were thrown at the unlucky Mormons, who now prepared to nooted. Mudandother refuse were thrownat the unlucky Mormons, who now prepared to make a hasty exit from the scene. They were chased by the mob, however. Their clothing was torn, their hats knocked in, and they were otherwise maltreated. Finally they sought refuge in a cab and were driven rapidly away. This is the second experience of the kind that the Mormon missionaries have had in the Edward dissionaries have had in the East End within the last six months.

The German Elections.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The latest returns ar

last Reichstag. In the Reichstag of 1884
the Democratic party held eleven seats. It
vanished completely in the Parliament of
1887. It has now captured three seats, and
has a fair prospect of gaining eight or ten
on the second ballots. The National Liberal
party—the backbone of the Cattel combination—is doomed to reappear in the Reichstag with the certain loss of 30 seats. In
the last Reichstag it had 93 seats.

Taking the whole result together as it
stands in actual results and as it is likely
to stand after the decision of the second
ballots, the prospect is that the Opposition
will have 224 in the House against 173 for
the Government groups. This Opposition
will be made up as follows: Ceaterists, or
Ultramontanes, 100; German Liberals, or
Liberals properly speaking, 45: Socialists,
37; Volkspartel, or Democrats, 7; Poles, 11;
Alsatian Protesters, 12; Guelphs and Danes
together, 12. This is a very heterogeneous
opposition, yet it is bound to give the Governmen some lively times and to play a
momentous part in the history of Europe.
Among the incidents of the context is the
defeat of Prof. Virchow and Woermann,
Birmarck's friend. Hamburg is now entirely in the Socialists' hands.

Official opinion tavors the view that Bismarck's position has been strengthened by
the result of the election. The Emperor
was confident that the rescripts would
check the successful progress of the Socialists, and he is consequently enraged at the discovery that this was all
illusion. The officials of the chancellerie
quote Bismarck's saying that "the rescripts
would assist the Socialists candidates and
could not weaken them." It is thought
likely, therefore, that the Emperor will return to the guidance of Prince Bismarck.
Later.—Cartel has up to this time lost
30 votes after the ballots have been all
counted. The Socialists have 48 voters in
the Reichstag. Dissolution is regarded as
probable, and the Government has negotiated

Old World Wirelets. The Swedish Government has negotiated loan of 40,000,000 crowns. Lord Tennyson's malady has assumed the form of a severe bronchial catarrh. He is a shade better.

Peruvian advices announce the discovery of large beds of guana, which it is esti-mated will yield 1,500,000 tons of excellent

LIGHT AT LAST!

The St. John Mystery Finally Solved. The Body of Mr. B. E. Sifton Found in a Creek. Suspicions of Foul Play

Entertained. General Impression That His Death Was Accidental—No Marks of Violence on the Body.

The mystery surrounding the disappear nce of Mr. B. E. Sifton, of Arva, has been leared up at last by the finding of the body of the missing man. Ever since the first alarm of his absence was started, the neighborhood had been searched in every direction by residents of the vicinity, but for a long time without finding any clue.
All kinds of conjectures were rife to account for the mysterious disappearance. Many asserted their belief that foul play was connected with the mystery, while others suggested suicide. The were, however, on Friday rewarded by a iscovery which gave

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A CLUE.

On that day one of the searching party
while walking through the field of Mr.
Thomas Fraleigh, southwest of the village,
came across a stiff Derby hat, which seemed
to the finder to be one exceedingly like that
usually worn by Mr. Sifton. It was picked
ap about 50 rods from the Proof Line, and
shown to the family, who at once recognized
it as the head gear worn by Mr. Sifton on
Monday night last. The news of the finding of the hat spread like wild fire throughout the hamlet, and many were the conjectures as to what had become of the
wearer, and the belief in the theory of
murder was considerably strengthened.
The search was prosecuted with renewed
vigor, and on Saturday afternoon the party
for which they had been working so hard.
In a creek which winds through Mr. Thos.
Fraleigh's farm there is a deep place across
which a tree had been felled, and its large
limbs lies partly across the stream. Under
these limbs lay drowned the missing man,
the spot being partially hidden from view
by a quantity of brushwood thrown into
the creek.

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THE CORPSE

was dragged to the bank and soon all the body was taken to the home of the deceased and the scene there was sad in the extreme. Mrs. Sifton and the family, who had been in fevered anxiety ever since the first alarm, but who yet hoped that the missing one might come back, were utterly overcome by

THE AWFUL NEWS.

Miss Sifton fainted at the first tidings, and it was a long time before she could be brought around, and then it was only to realize with acute agony the shocking bereavement which had come upon the household. The coroner (Dr. Flock) was at once notified and

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A JURY EMPANELED,
consisting of Messrs. T. Farncombe (foreman), T. H. Talbot, J. Wyatt, W. Wyatt,
T. McCoomb, W. Turner, J. Calvert,
George Walker, George Walker, jun.,
J. Swarts, W. Oliver, J. Hawkins,
W. R. Westlake, W. Taylor,
Geo. Allen, W. Guest, D. Morden, J. P.
Morden, George Fraleigh. The inquest began on Sunday, when the jury viewed the
body.

NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE.

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covery was made is

A LONG WAY FROM THE ROAD

and in a bush thick with jagged stumps
of felled trees. It was probably
by contact with these that the
deceased, perhaps in a dazed condition
from wandering aimlessly and helplessly
around, got the bruises referred to. The
currently-accepted theory now is that the
unhappy man turned in the wrong direction
after leaving the village, and seeing a light
which happened to be in Mr. Jackson's
house on a hill there, cut across Mr. house on a hill there, cut across Mr. Fraleigh's field, thinking it was a light in

give evidence of his walking in an erratic way up and down the field, and there are mud marks on the fences showing to a mud marks on the fences showing to a certain extent his course towards the spot where he met his death. It seems probable that the tragedy is simply an appalling accident, although Detective Allen, who is investigating the case, still adheres to his

THEORY OF MURDER. His assumption is based principally on the facts that no money was found on the body and that there are, he claims, signs of footmarks as of two men carrying a heavy weight. As the deceased was a very large men, over six feet and weighing 200 pounds.

pounds,

LITTLE CREDENCE
is given to this idea, as, it is alleged, no
two men could have carried Mr. Sifton's
dead weight such a distance. In regard
to his having no money, it is
not known that he was in possession of much at the time. On
the other hand Mr. Fraleigh, hotelkeeper, says that Mr. Sifton came into his
bar that evening and threw down 8 cents
for two drinks, saying that was all he had.

THE POST-MORTEM. THE POST-MORTEM.

Drs. Waugh and Bice held a post-mortem

Drs. Waugh and Bice held a post-mortem, but could discover no signs of poison or violence—a fact which further supports the theory of accidental death. The presence of the underbrush in the creek is accounted for by Mr. Thos. Fraleigh, who himself threw it there while felling trees. At that time he did not even know of Mr. Sifton being missing.

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THE SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY.

All Sunday afternoon the scene of the tragedy was visited by numbers who fol-lowed the jury in their investigations and each had his own particular theory.

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was adjourned to Wednesday at 2 p.m., and until then of course it is impossible to accurately guage the whole truth of the case. Whatever may be the result of the inquiry the fact re aims that it is a most melancholy and distressing affair, and universal sympashy will be extended to the family in their bitter affliction.

Mrs. Taylor, of St. Johns, a sitter of deceased, was kept in morance of the fact

that her brother was missing, but had to be informed of the fatal discovery. The shock to her was great, and it is feared may be fatal as her health is poor.

A Member of a Theatrical Company

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Duncan' C. Harrison, who plays the leading role in the "Paymaster" Company, was seriously stabbed last night by another actor—H. Brinker. Accounts differ as to whether the trouble was over unpaid salaries or on account of an insult to Harrison's wife. Brinker was arrested.

## CURRENT CONDENSATIONS.

CANADIAN.

The Government telephone cable, laid be-ween Pelec Island and Point Pelec, earned 2 cents more than the running expenses

Frederick A. Walton, the Dallas, Texas, boodler who skipped to Canada with \$35,000 of other people's money, was arrested in St. John, N. B., on Saturday night.

The North Bruce, Saugeen and Port Elgin Agricultural Societies have amalgamated for the coming year, and the spring show will be held in Port Elgin on April 13.

Misses Dunbar, of Guelph, were thrown from a cutter on the market square of that city on Saturday by a runaway horse. Miss Dunbar had an arm broken and her sister escaped unhurt.

Objections were taken at Hamilton to some lithographs of the Lilly Clay Gaiety Company, and the Mayor ordered the police to tear them down and call in those placed in show windows. Toronto is to have a belt line of railway

running along the Esplanade, up the Don, west by way of Eglinton and south by the Northern Railway. The capital of the company is to be \$1,000,000.

The schooner Laburnam, which left Halifax Jan 8 for the East Indies, has been given up for lost. Her crew consisted of Capt. Patrick Degan, his son William Deegan, aged 22; Fireman Boudret, aged 22; Peter Muz, aged 25; and Charles Bunyan, aged 29, colored.

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The Reeve and the tour Deputy-Reeves of York township have been unseated by a judgment of the Master in Chambers at Osgoode Hall. It was found after the charter incorporating the village of Chester had been granted that there were not a sufficient number of people in the village to warrant incorporation, and the Act of Incorporation was set aside.

The South Wellington

Incorporation was set aside.

The South Wellington Farmers' Institute, at its meeting in Guelph on Saturday, adopted the following motion: That the farmers and millers present at this meeting consider that it is in the interest of both the farmers and millers that the product of the farm and mill should be bought and sold at its market value, and that it is advisable that the system of exchanging wheat for flour should be discontinued, as it has been, under the present system, unsatisfactory in its operation to all concerned.

AMERICAN.

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Wm. Crock, of Adamsburg, Pa., put a stick of dynamite in the stove to dry on Saturday. An explosion occurred, and the kitchen was blown to atoms. William Stemetz was killed, Crock and his wife and child were, it is thought, fatally hurt.

The Siberian Evila Association

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The Siberian Exile Association, which had its meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday, is making arrangements for sending petitions throughout the country for signatures, protesting against Russia's treatment of her political prisoners. The petitions, when signed, will be forwarded to the Czar.

Her Twenty-Second Child.

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Tiffin, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The wife of
Michael Higgins, a glass-blower, on Saturday gave birth to a son. It was her 22nd child, was born on the 22nd of the and, of course, was named George Washand, or course, was named George Washington.

Fatal Gas Explosion at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, Feb. 24.—A fatal explosion occurred here Saturday in the buildings of the Owen Sound Gas Company, blowing the whole north end of the building out and killing a young man named John Nelson. Loss by fire about \$1,000.

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St. George Accident Cases.

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Hearing in the St. George accident cases was continued at Osgoode Hall on Saturday. Driver Black. well was cross-examined by Mr. Osler, and adhered to his former evidence in chief. He identified the driving bar bent almost double and the broken wheel.

Destructive Fire at Elmira, N. Y. ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 54.—At 2:15 o'cle ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 54.—At 2:15 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in Stuart & Beach's gents' furnishing store at 309 East Water street. The fire was confined to the four-story stone front building, where the blaze started, and to Nos. 307 and 311 on either side. The household goods of the Hon. Thomas Hotchkiss, lately consul at Ottawa, were stored on the third floor of 309 and were totally destroyed. The loss is from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and Mr. Hotchkiss had no insurance. Other losses will aggregate \$75,000.

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Weather Warnings.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The report of the Meteorological Service from the 1st of October, 1889, to the 30th November, 1889, the street of the street of the service from the 1500 october, 1889, to the 30th November, 1889, the service of the serv October, 1888, to the 30th November, 1889, shows that during the period stated 1,500 warnings of approaching storms were issued, 1,249 of which were verified. The sum of \$55,000 was appropriated for the probabilities service, and the expenditure amounted to \$53,496 81. The sum of \$4,980 26 was expended on the Magnetic Observatory at Toronto, and \$500 for each of the observatories at Montreal and Kingston. The total expenditure on the meteorological and observatory services for the past fiscal year amounted to \$59,477 07.

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Port Elgin, Feb. 24.—The Reform organization, at their annual meeting passed strong resolutions of confidence in the policy of the Mowat Government, the administration of school affairs by the Hom. G. W. Ross and the policy of the Liberal leaders at Ottawa in advocating the freest commercial intercourse between Canada and the United States. A resolution was also passed strongly condemning Mr. Meredith's proposal to hand the licensing of hotels and liquor shops back to the municipalities. The following officers were elected for the year: President, F. Munro, of the Port Elgin Times; first vice-president, John Burgess; Bock; second vice-president, John Burgess; Secretary-treasurer, R. Muir; executive committee, Major Boyd, Moses Ebry, D. J. Izzard, W. M. Burgess, A. H. Watson, H. Kalbdeisch, Noah Clemens, and James Muir.

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TORONTO, Feb. 23—11 p.m.—To-night an important depression, which originated over the Northwest Territory, is moving cast across Lake Superior, causing decreasing pressure and rising temperatures in Canada from the lakes to the Atlantic, while an area of high pressure is developing over the Northwest Territories with falling temperature. The weather has been dull, with light snow and rain, in Ontario, and fine in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Temperatures at 8 p.m.: Calgary, zero; Qu'Appelle, 8° below; Prince Albert, 14 below; Winnipeg, 4°; Toronto, 33°; Montreal, 22; Quebec, 14°; Halifax; 16°; LOCAL TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

For 24 hours ending 8 p.m.—(Observations taken at 3 a.m. and 8 p.m: Highest, 34°; lowest, 22°; mean (daily), 32°.

For the next 24 hours for the lakes: South to southwest winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with local rain or sleet, followed at night by north and northwest winds and weather turning colder.

CANADA'S CAPITAL.

A Lull After the Storm—Bankers Sum-moned to a Conference.

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OTTAWA, Monday, Feb. 24. The first bank statement for 1890 reports. among other increases of paid-up capital, the following: The Bank of Hamilton. \$250, and Western Bank of Canada, \$300; \$250, and Western Bank of Canada, \$300; Bank of London, in liquidation, reduced paid-up capital, \$881 79. Increases in liabilities have taken place in the Dominion Government deposits, payable on a fixed day, \$1,782; deposits held as accurity for contracts, \$38,992. held as security for contracts \$38,992. The totals are: Papid-up capital, \$60,-315,111; reserve fund, \$20,436,332; notes in circulation, \$30,878,961; Dominion Government deposits, \$3,649,739; peoples' deposits, \$123,878,199; total liabilities, \$166,583,872; total assets, \$247,403,915. The Senate Divorce Committee will begin taking evidence early this year. The trade returns for the even month, ending Jan. 31, are \$66,485,620, being an increase of \$6,424,966 over the same period last year.

This being private matters' day the various resolutions on the notice paper will held as security for contracts \$38,992.

various resolutions on the notice paper will probably form the bulk of the day's

business.

The Citizen this morning regrets "that Mr. Datton McCarthy looks upon the dual language question as some young lawyers upon an intricate chancery case, namely as a sort of life annuity," and continues by advising him to "pause and take stock of their rrusade whose object appears to be as futile as an attempt to capture Gibto be as futile as an attempt to capture Gib-raltar with toothpicks." It closes by hint-ing that the crusade may be met by a coalition Government. However, it must be remembered that the Citizen does not speak for the Liberal party.

Capital Notes.

the year \$8,806,840. The Finance Minister has requested the attendance of the representative bankers at another conference.

Adam Brown states that his Pigeon Bill may be reached on Wednesday, and if not, that he will ask the Government to fix a It has been decided that the next Do-

minion census will be taken on April 4, 1891. No special preparations are being made at present. made at present.

At the Exchequer Court the case of the St. Catharines Milling and Lumber Company vs. the Queen was adjourned till March 6 for the examination of Sir John Macdonald and other witnesses.

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Hon. C. H. Tupper laid on the table Friday the report of the Marine Department. The total amount expended by this department during the year ending June 30 last, was \$1,023,801 34, while the total amount voted was \$1,169,377 21. The whole number of persons engaged in the outside service of the department during the year was 1,379.

The Liberal reception on Saturday even-The Liberal reception on Saturday evening was more largely attended than is usual. Hon. Edward and Mrs. Blake were present, as were Hon. Wilfrid and Madame Laurier, Hon. Alex. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Hon. A. G. and Mrs. Jones and many other prominent Liberals. Music and conversation were the features of the evening, and in both the dual languages were impartially honored. honored.

Thew orld's Fair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The subject of paramount interest to come before Congress this week will be the selection by the House of the site for the World's Fair. Balloting will begin to-day, but as no city really expects to secure a majority of the votes casp on the first ballot, it cannot be predicted when the voting will end.

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