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SIR HECTOR AT BARRIE.

HE LAYS THE CORNER STONE OF HER NEW $50,000 PUBLIC BUILDING.

A Memorable Event in the Progressive History of Simcoe's Capital—A Banquet in the Evening.

BARRIE, Oct. 8.—The corner stone of the new public building was laid at 2 o'clock to day by Sir Hector Langevin. The weather was disagreeable and wet all morning; by 1 o'clock it cleared off somewhat, but it was cold and raw throughout. Sir Hector was accompanied by Dalton McCarthy, the member for West Simcoe, and driven by him to the residence of his mother, Mrs. McCarthy, where the minister was entertained. At 2 o'clock Sir Hector, Mr. McCarthy and Mayor Sewrey drove up to the new building, around which a large crowd had gathered.

The prominent men of the town and county were on the platform. The stone was the memorial one with the date, not really a corner stone, and was on a line with the first story, which is already completed. The mayor presented Sir Hector with an address and a silver trowel, with which the minister of public works proceeded to lay the stone, the band of the 35th battalion playing the national air. Sir Hector made a speech, which was well received. He thanked the mayor and citizens for the reception; said the country was prosperous, as was shown by having money to spend in public monuments like the one now in construction; eulogised the constitution; and closed by saying that in the many places in Ontario where he had assisted at similar ceremonies he had received the most friendly receptions, which were not only appreciated by himself and by his colleagues, but by his compatriots in Quebec. Sir Hector spoke in a loud voice, was fluent in English and heard by all. The party then drove to the fair grounds where the fall show of the west riding of Simcoe was being held and which is a great success.

The new building will cost $50,000, is of red brick on a Credit Valley stone basement and dressings and will accommodate the post office, custom house, inland revenue and give an examining warehouse in the basement. Daniel Spry, post office inspector for the district, will also have his office in it. The architects are Kennedy, Gaviller & Holland of Toronto and Barrie. Mr. Kennedy had on a pair of high top boots and rode up to the building on horseback, forming to and from it an escort for Sir Hector. He is the first architect that ever attended a corner stone ceremony on horseback.

The memorial box contained the usual coins, papers, etc., and a well written historical sketch prepared by Judge Boys of the county court.

In the evening a banquet was given by the corporation of Barrie to Sir Hector Langevin, at which Mayor Sewrey presided. The hall was finely decorated, and the large stage was filled with ladies. Four long tables ran down the room with a cross one at the top. The band of the 35th Batt. was in attendance and the menu, supplied by Harry Webb of Toronto, was first class and abundant. About 200 sat down. Sir Hector had the seat of honor, and on his right were Wm. Lount, Q.C., Rev. Father Laboreau, Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P., Mayor John Hogg of Collingwood, W. J. Keating (mayor of Penetanguishene), G. W. Lount, and on the mayor's left were seated Judge Gowan, Dalton McCarthy, M. P., Rev. Dean O'Connor, ex-Ald. John Baxter of Toronto, Mayor Booth of Orillia, J. R. Cotter (county attorney), Adam Dudgeon of Collingwood. In the vice-chairs were Daniel Spry and H. H. Strathy. Sir Hector was loudly cheered when his health was proposed. He began by apologizing to the ladies for turning his back on them, as he was forced to do. "Our aspirations were," he said, "to remain subjects of the queen, a dependency of the empire. It would be an insult to the French Canadian to suppose that they were not as loyal to the flag as the other nationalities of the dominion. The population of Canada was contented and happy, and he had been through every province. The word of independence was an empty word. We are contented as we are. We have all the liberties we need. The two links that joined us was the governor general and our loyalty. No man dared to bring up independence in parliament. The Northwest, from his own examination, was all of good land. In one spot where it was said formerly that the land was bad, no less than 300 entries had been made for settlers from Quebec. A year from now the Canada Pacific railway would be completed. The policy of the government was to build the trunk line now when its completion is assured. Provision was being made for building branches. Union and confederation was the first consideration to Canada and sectionalism or provincialism should never come before it. The senate was a guarantee to the minority of the provinces. Quebec especially, and she could not consent to its abolition. The senate and its first duty was to guard the constitution. Overproduction was exactly like over import ation. The N. P. was not the reason that any factories may have closed." After again referring to the prosperity of the Northwest, he resumed his seat amid applause.

Mr. Spry proposed the toast of "Parliament" in an eloquent speech. Dalton McCarthy was vociferously received. He said the money taken from the people in taxation was properly returned to them in great public works and necessary public buildings like the one now celebrated. He paid a tribute of reverence to the senate, but it might do its duty better by taking a more active part in public affairs. He joined heart and soul in the sentiment of being a Canadian. He was glad to see Sir Hector in Barrie, and Mr. Blake and Mr. Mowat in Quebec among their confreres. The confederacy ought to be maintained before sectional issues. He was opposed to independence, but he was not afraid to look at the future, to the time when an imperial federation would result. As yet no practical scheme for such a federation had been proposed. Canadian representation in the British parliament would not be accepted by us. But above the English parliament there might be a grand council of the mother country and the colonies, which could bring to bear on any point where the race was attacked the entire force of the British people. Such a scheme would [yet be solved. Other speeches followed.

Sir Hector in Town.

A special train on the Northern arrived this morning at 2 30 with Sir Hector Langevin and Dalton McCarthy down from Barrie. Sir Hector goes to Ottawa by the 9 a.m. train of the Canadian Pacific railway.

SPECULATIVE SUICIDES.

Two Cases of Self-Destruction Under Extraordinary Circumstances.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—On Sept. 15 it was announced from San Francisco that an unknown man and woman had been found dead near San Bruno, each with a bullet hole in the head. In the man's pocket was a card with the name J. L. Reynolds on it. James L. Reynolds lived with his mother, Mrs. Jos. Gould, and his step-father in Newark, N J. He studied law in Cortlandt Parker's office. Three years ago he went to San Francisco and got a clerkship. He was handsome and of pleasing address and seemed to be prospering. His mother was intending to join him when the news of his violent death came. There is much mystery about the affair, but these facts have been learned. Reynolds hired a team on Sept. 12 and drove to San Bruno with a young woman. The couple had been there before. Two days later they went away but came again in the afternoon. They ordered absinthe and the servant who brought it heard the woman say to Reynolds: "I wonder if we'll turn black when we're dead." She invited the servant to take a drink, adding: "It may be the last with us." That evening two shots were heard in the room. The door was opened and the couple were found dead on the bed, their heads pierced with bullet holes.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Program of the Annual Conclave to be Held Next Week in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Oct. 8.—The following is the program prepared in connection with the seventy first annual conclave of the grand commandery of New York, which convenes here Oct. 14:

First day.—Opening session of the grand commandery at 10 o'clock a.m. at the asylum, to which the officers and members of the grand commandery will be escorted from headquarters by the local commanderies.

Parade of the commanderies in the afternoon, and review of the column by the grand commander and members of the grand commandery, for whose convenience carriages will be provided.

Reception in the evening at Music Hall by the local commanderies in compliment to the grand commandery and all visiting sir knights.

Second day.—Second session of the grand commandery at the asylum at 10 o'clock a.m. Interchange of courtesies by commanderies and individual knights.

Form column of commanderies at 2 o'clock p.m. and march to the front overlooking Lake Erie and Niagara River, where, after review and dress parade, refreshments will be served.

Return to the Genesee, the headquarters of the grand commandery during the conclave, where column will be dismissed.

TEN LABORERS DROWNED.

Fatal Result of Wednesday Night's Storm in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—The storm of last night blew away a shanty into the lake in which sixteen laborers, employed on the Hyde park tunnel, were lodged. The men were left clinging to stringers or beams in a perilous position. One man came ashore on a plank this morning. The life-saving crew rescued four persons from the pier in the lake. Ten were drowned. The storm was one of great fury. It blew up suddenly and the work of destroying the temporary structure was quick and complete. The men had no means to escape beyond one small boat which probably went adrift. A number of unfortunate men were carried into the lake with the wreckage and were compelled to battle for their lives with floating timber in the blackness of night. Among the drowned are Wm. H. Sheahan and K. Corbin, contractors of the work; Louis Ainsworth, Andrew Ainsworth, Charles Manski, Charles Fock, D Smith, Otto Mancofski, Wm. Mancofski and Klaus Klausen. The bodies are not yet recovered.

Cleaning Out the Chinese.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Oct. 8.—Laborers at Huntington, Oregon, held a meeting yesterday and passed resolutions declaring that no Chinamen should be employed in the town. At night the lawless crowd visited the Chinese quarter, gutted the houses, destroyed personal effects, stole money, and drove the Celestials away. The rioters burned the school house occupied as headquarters by the Oregon navigation corps of engineers, destroying instruments and personal effects. After committing other acts of violence the mob dispersed. There were no arrests.

A $46,000 Haul.

PERRY, N.Y., Oct. 8.—There was a raid of burglars here last night. Nobles & Sons' coal office, Tomlinson's mill, Sweet's market and Tallmadge's wagon shop was entered. At Nobles & Sons the burglars secured $21,000 in Arkansas levee bonds, $25 000 in mortgages, and $75 in cash. At Tomlinson's $150 in cash was secured. The tools used in opening the safes were taken from Tallmadge's wagon shop. The burglars were evidently professionals, as it was a neat job. It is thought the burglary was done by four men.

Sir John at New York.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 8. — A New York despatch says: Sir John A. Macdonald, premier of Canada, said last night that the Canadians were watching the American campaign with interest. They had found a protective tariff so profitable to themselves that they were surprised that free trade should even be mentioned in the United States. Five years ago, before the tariff was adopted, Canadians were leaving for the States. Now there was employment for all at home.

Gougers Grabbed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The members of the clothing firm of Dessair, Wise & Co., which recently failed, were arrested yesterday for alleged fraudulent disposal of their property.

Louis Green, cotton broker, of Columbus, Miss., who swindled cotton shippers and manufacturers out of $100,000 two years ago, and fled to Europe, was arrested in Hoboken yesterday. He recently returned.

Why Dr. Zink was Killed.

BRADFORD, CONN., Oct. 8.—Dr. Zink was found lying in his dining-room last night with several ghastly wounds in his head. He had been robbed of his watch and money. It is thought that the assault was prompted by revenge. The doctor has lately been prosecuting disreputable persons. The wounds will probably prove fatal.

A Monopoly Enlarging Itself.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—At the Western Union telegraph meeting to-day a proposition will be made to stockholders to reduce the dividends from 7 to 6 per cent, for the purpose of increasing the surplus so as to acquire other telegraph property when considered expedient.

THE REAL OLD RELIABLE.

RAILROAD CONDUCTORS' LIFE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Annual Convention in Toronto—Orations and Reports—List of the Visitors—Conversazione at the Gardens.

The old reliables, as the members of the Railroad conductors' life insurance association of the United States and Canada love to call themselves, have taken the city by storm. Including their lady friends, they number close on 300, and are distinguished by an elegant gold-fringed red badge. They are here to attend the seventeenth annual convention of the organization. The name of the association indicates its object—to provide for the widows and children of members who may be disabled or killed at their post. It was interesting to watch the convention at the city hall yesterday. The delegates made a fine, sharp, intellectual looking body of men, while the presence of the ladies threw a charm over the proceedings that was as delightful as it was novel. Appended are as many names of the visitors as could be procured:

G S Avery, C B & Q, Chariton, Ia; H Aubin, Intercolonial.

J S Beecher and wife, C H V & T, Columbus; C S Bonner and wife, P & L E, Pittsburg, Pa; W O Beckler, W, St. L & P, St Louis; S J Budd, D L & W, Chatham, N J; R L Butt and wife, B & O, Sandusky; S F Beall, B & O, Baltimore; O A Brigham and wife, B L & C, Lowell, Mass; John E Broom, Vandalia road, Effingham Ill; Nick Bouse, C, St P, M & O, St Paul; E W Burns, Cumberland valley, Hagerstown, Md; E H Belknap, C B & Q, Galesburg, Ill; J G Closson, Pennsylvania; W H Clark, M C, Dearborn, Mich; Wm. Carter, B & M, Boston.

A Collins and wife, N Y C & H R, Rochester; E K Cleveland, C W & B, Chillicothe, O; John B Clarke and wife, Grand Trunk, Toronto; John P Coombs and wife, B & M, Miss Snow, Newburyport, Mass; W H Crihan, T C & St L, Delphos, O; Wm Carter and wife, B & M, Boston; A Colby, wife and daughter, B & M, Boston.

Chas Dyer and wife, Eastern, Boston; S H Defries, G T R, Toronto; J Dawson, G T R, Montreal; E Dixon and wife, C & N W.

J D Emerson, B & L, Greenfield, N H; J H Elliott, G T R, Montreal.

H P Feltrow (grand sec.-treas.) wife and daughter, Columbus, O; A Fisk, C P R, Montreal; S E Fuller and wife, N Y N H & H R, Stamford, Conn; H C Fesler, Mo. P. Ottawa, Kas; Miss Marcie R Fesler, Columbus, O.

Peter Gorman, C N O & T P, John Gamble, G T R, Montreal; J E Good, E & W of Ala, Cedartown, Ga; L C Garrabrant, Chattanooga, Tenn.

R R Hargis, Western & Atlantic; D. C. Howard and wife, C R, Keene, N H; N R Haring and wife, N J & T Co, Newark, N J; Chas E Hurd and wife, I C, Chicago; W H Hall, I C; P C Heine, Intercolonial, Moncton, N B; S M Hibbard, wife and daughter, K C F S & G, Kansas City, Mo; N A Hamman, C N O & T, Chattanooga, Tenn; C L Harris, S I R & K, Ripley, Miss; Geo L Harrison, I & St L, Chicago; Geo F Hanford and wife, N Y C & H R, Albany; Geo Hunsaker, C St P M & O, St. Paul; Geo Hewitt and wife, N Y C & St L, Chicago; R B Hawkins, Penn; J V Holloway, L E & W, Lafayette, Ind; L M Hibbard, D L & U, Detroit; J W Haughtaling and wife, L S & M S, Buffalo; Geo A Hodson, L S & M S, Silver Creek, N Y; J Haughtaling, N Y C, Rochester.

A Johnson and wife, C & N W, Milwaukee; R Jackson, C P R, Winnipeg; D B Jeffries and wife, Nickelplate, Nottingham, Ohio; C A Jones, B & A; T J Jewett, I C, Chicago; E Kahn, wife and daughter, P & L E; Frank B Klock and wife, N Y O, Syracuse; S S Kennedy, K & P, Erie Pa; F H Kelly, L S & M S, Cleveland; A E Kline, C H V & T, Logan O; J A Kelly, C N O & T P.

John P Lane and wife, L S & M S, Cleveland; S W Lewis and wife, N Y L E & W, Salem, N Y.

Chas Mitchell, G T R; Wm Mullen, N Y C; C E Meglemry and wife, L & N, Nashville, Tenn; R H McElwain, A T & S F, Dodge city, Kas; O M Morris, C P R, Lethrop, Calt; W. J. Morgan and wife, I C, Centralia, Ill; J. Mulligan, G T, Montreal; Eugene McKenna, Intercolonial, Quebec; P McGinty, C W & B; T S McMillan, P & E, Northumberland, Pa; R McHarg and wife, D G H & M, Detroit; John P Mickle, Harlem road; Fred Moscheli, N Y C, and Miss Josie E Moschell, Niagara Falls, N Y; Edwin Morrell and wife, P C & St L, Columbus.

Wm C Neagle, B & O, Pittsburgh; Wm Neale, B & P, Boston; M Y Norton and wife, B N Y & P, Buffalo; Ward Nichols (president) and wife, New Haven, Ct; R S Nichols and wife, Zellenople, Pa.

J W Oliver and wife, E T, V Ga, Chattanooga, Tenn.

R A Purdon, G T R, Toronto; W B Piper, A T & G F, Nickerson, Kas; J R Poffenberger, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa; Chas Porter, B & O, Pittsburg; Alex Patterson and wife, P C & St L, Pittsburg; Stephen B Porter (official reporter) and wife, Columbus, O; J W Oliver, R & D.

Andrew Quintin, N J div, Penna r'y, Trenton, N J.

F A Reynolds, B & A; Thos Roche, C P R; J F Raynor, C R I & P, Davenport, Ia; J Robinson, D G H & M, Detroit; W R Rupert, S L & S F, Springfield, Mo; Wm Ridenbaugh and wife, C H & D, Hamilton, O; John L Roger and wife, B & L, Lawrence, Mass; Eugene Rich and wife, C & N W; Ed Reynolds, North Shore.

W S Sears, L S & M S, Adrian, Mich; A J Senter, U P, Seward, Neb; R J Snively and wife, C H V & T, Columbus, O; Wm Sense and wife, C A & C, Columbus, O; John Stevenson, C & P, Pittsburg; F C Simkins, W J, Camden, N J; L E Sheppard, W J, Camden, N J; James Smith and wife, G T R, Montreal; Rob R Stallings, W & A, Atlanta, Ga; S F Stevens, Troy and Boston; L Stiles, L S & M S; G J Smutz and wife, B & O.

W H Thomas, Pennsylvania; N L Tyler and wife, P F W & C, Crestline, O; F A Taylor, U P, Shelton, Neb; S Titus and wife, N Y C, Auburn, N Y; E A Towle and two daughters, Eastern, Boston.

J W Van Houten and wife, P & R, Manasquan, N J.

Thomas Wheeler and wife and daughter, N Y C, Syracuse; C H Wheeler and wife, C R I & P, Chicago; J T Wiesman and wife, U P, Omaha; E B Wetmore and wife, N Y E, New York; W W Ward, C U O & T, Chattanooga, Tenn; M B Waters, N Y C, Albany; J A Wood, C W & B, Chillicothe, Ohio; J H Webb, L & N, Memphis, Tenn; A H White and wife, D S & P, Shreveport, La.

J R Young, C W & B, Cincinnati.

E Zeigler and wife, N Y C & St L, Conneaut, Ohio.

The convention met in the council chamber, which has been tastefully decorated with the flags of the republic and the dominion. The delegates and the ladies filled the chamber. President Nichols' gavel called them to order at 10.30 a.m. He sat in the mayor's chair, and was supported on either side by Past Presidents M. B. Waters, Samuel Titus, W. S. Sears, O. A. Brigham, Geo. L. Harrison and Past vice-presidents, S. M. Hibbard, R. R. Stallings, J. W. Houghtaling, Eugene McKenna, T. A. Taylor, Col. Reynolds, J. T. Wiesman. Other gentlemen who occupied prominent positions were John Mulligan, second vice-president; H. P. Feltrow, grand secretary-treasurer; Edwin Morrell, Rufus J. Snively and Wm. Sense, constituting the executive committee; and Stephen B. Porter, of the Evening Despatch, Columbus, Ohio, who for years has ably discharged the duties of official reporter of the association.

After Rev. Robert Wallace, of the West presbyterian church, had invoked divine guidance upon the deliberations of the convention, John P. Coombs delivered the annual oration. It was an able and eloquent effort, and called forth hearty and deserved applause. Mayor Beswell having spoken a few words of welcome, the president reviewed the association's work for the year and dwelt upon the benefits to be derived from membership. The executive reported that fourteen death and four disability claims had been settled in the past twelve months, the total amount paid therefor being $29,123. Since the organization in 1868, benefits to the amount of $1,019,691 have been drawn from the exchequer, the average amount received by beneficiaries being $2186.15. C. S. Wheaton of Elmira N.Y., grand chief conductor of the order of railroad conductors, tendered the greetings of his organization to the convention amidst applause. The chair named the following committees: Credentials: Geo. L. Harrison, J. W. Houghtaling, John F. Wiesman. Finance: John F. Lane, E. W. Burns, H. D. Rockfield, J. P. Mickle, W. B. Piper, Nicholas Bouse. Constitution and bylaws: W. S. Sears, O. D. Brigham, Samuel Titus, N. R. Haring, R. B. Hawkins. Special committee: M. B. Waters, R. P. Stallings. An adjournment was made for lunch.

In the afternoon the committee on credentials reported the certificates of 132 delegates all right. The finance committee found the books and papers of the grand secretary correct. A recess of nearly an hour was taken pending the presentation of a report by the committee on constitution and bylaws. The committee recommended some amendments to the disability clauses of the bylaws which were under discussion when the convention adjourned. To day's meeting commences at 10 a.m.

A reception and conversazione was tendered the visitors by the local conductors at Horticultural gardens last night. The first part of the entertainment consisted of a choice program of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of E. R. Doward, and it will only be necessary to give the names of the performers to vouch for the excellence of the performance. Among those who took part were Mrs. J. F. Thomson, Miss A. Lampman, Messrs. Warrington, Richards and Hurst. The program, though long, was much enlarged by the repeated encores which were insisted upon by the well pleased audience. After the concert dancing was participated in, the music being furnished by Prof. Wellwood's string band. The reception committee are to be congratulated on the completeness of the arrangements made for the entertainment of their visiting brethren.

In Defence of Strikes.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—In the federation of trades and labor unions to-day the legislative committee made a report declaring that strikes, when based on justice and conducted with discretion, served a good end although the beneficial results might not be immediately felt by those engaged in them. During the last four months the strikes in the United States numbered 98, affecting 53,000 employes. Fifty have been against reductions of wages, and seven for an increase of wages. Regarding the eight hour question the committee say the result is only to be obtained by a thorough organization of workmen.

Mangled by Wild Beasts.

WATERBURY, Conn., Oct. 8.—Richard Clark, an employe of Forepaugh's circus, while opening a ventilator in the cage this morning had his hand seized by a tiger, and while trying to release himself was seized by two tigers and dragged inside the cage. The animals were beaten off with iron bars after Clark's arms and legs had been horribly crushed and mutilated.

Sacrilegious Scoundrels.

READING, Pa., Oct. 8.—The Doe Run catholic church was entered by unknown persons last night, who ruined the organ, destroyed a picture of the virgin, carried off the altar vessels, damaged pews, upset heaters, daubed the floor and walls, and smashed memorial windows.

The Windsor Murder.

DETROIT, Oct 8.—In the inquest on the death of young Flynn held in Windsor last night, the supposition that the deceased had met with foul play was decidedly strengthened. James Murphy, the most important witness, admitted that he saw Lazarus strike Flynn.

A Big Methodist Gathering.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 8. — The gathering at Northampton camping ground to-day to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the independence of American methodism numbered about 10,000 persons. Addresses were delivered by prominent divines.

A Long Strike Ended.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 8.—The strike of stove-moulders, which was inaugurated nine months ago, has been declared off. All who can get work will return at a reduction of 15 per cent.

The Michigan Mine Horror a Hoax.

BOSTON, Oct. 8.—Despatches received here say that the Calumet and Hecla mine has not been damaged by fire.

Nearly a Hundred Million.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The elevated railroads carried 96,688,000 passengers during the year ending Sept. 30th.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Roman Catholic bazaar held in Brockville last week realized the handsome sum of $6844.25.

The income for the Kingston hospital for the past year was $7976.28, and the disbursements $8239.03.

The collegiate classes for women under the Donald A. Smith endowment, began in the McGill university Monday, a number of young ladies entering.

The Winnipeg Free Press says that a company composed principally of D. L. Mackenzie, Griffin & Douglas and Penrose, Rocan & Co., has been formed in that city, its object being the packing of hogs. The company starts with a capital of $50,000.

Young Villeneuve, who was arrested at Troy the other day for elopement and forgery, will not return to Montreal for some time. He has given back nearly all the money he took from his father, and is now animated by good intentions. The young girl arrived in Montreal Saturday, and is now in Quebec where she lives.

At Quebec.

QUEBEC, Oct. 8.—The elopement mania has reached Quebec at last. It is reported that a young man named Eugene Cote, who belonged to A Battery band, has disappeared with the wife of a companion-at-arms, named Normand. The supposition is that the pair have gone either to Maine or to Vermont. Cote was not worth a single cent, but it appears the woman sold a portion of her wardrobe to raise funds.

A Toronto Minister for Montreal.

MONTREAL, Oct. 8.—Rev. S. J. Hunter of Toronto has been invited to succeed Rev. Mr. Carson as pastor of the Centenary methodist church, when the term of the latter expires, and has accepted the invitation, subject to the approval of the proper authorities.

THE FRENCH STILL FIGHT

BATTLES BY LAND AND SEA REPORTED FROM CHINA.

The Bombardment of Tamsui—A Sharp Engagement—The French Loss—Trade Paralyzed in Hong-Kong.

TIEN TSIN, Oct. 8.—China has sent 1000 men as reinforcement from Manchooria to Pekin.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Hong Kong advices state that business is at a complete standstill and commerce paralyzed.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 8.—The bombardment of Tamsui by the French fleet is still in progress. On Oct. 6 the fleet had destroyed the Chinese forts. The houses of Europeans residing in the city have been riddled with shells, but the inhabitants have not suffered. The Chinese are strongly entrenched.

HANOI, Oct. 8.—Col. Donnier, with two batallions of the foreign legion, two companies infantry and a section of mountain artillery had an engagement with Chinese troops in the valley of the Loo Chan river, lasting six hours. The Chinese made a stubborn resistance, but were completely routed. Four gunboats assisted the French. Four Frenchmen, including the captain, were killed and twenty wounded. The French are advancing.

The West African Trouble.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—It is stated that delegates from England, America, France, Portugal, Spain, Holland and Belgium, will attend an international conference at Berlin in the latter part of November, at which the West African question will be considered. It is reported that France and Germany have agreed to submit proposals securing the freedom of commerce to all nations in the Congo country and upon the river Niger. The necessity of determining the right of any power to occupy any of the unannexed territory of Africa is expected to result in the creation of an international commission of the Congo similar to the Danubian congress.

The Canadians Arrive.

ALEXANDRIA, Oct. 8.—The steamer Ocean King, with the Canadian contingent, arrived yesterday.

OTTAWA, Oct. 8.—Four of the eight steersmen for the wheelbarrow steamers to be used on the Nile have been selected from Ottawa and Prescott. They are to receive $150 a month, and will sail from Quebec next Saturday. Four more have been obtained in Winnipeg. One of them is Capt. William Robinson, manager of the Northwest Transportation company.

Lytton's Loving Letters.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Louis Davey, executrix of Lady Lytton, publishes the latter's private letters with the late Lord Lytton to vindicate her character. The letters begin with endearments. Lytton calls her "his poodle," sends her "millions of kisses," and calls himself "her own idol," etc. The concluding letter show that he tried to stab her with a carving knife, bit her cheeks, knocked her down and kicked her about the floor.

THE BIG STEAL AT COBOURG.

Excitement Among the Townspeople Over the Scott Act.

COBOURG, Oct. 8.—The most intense excitement prevails in re the abstracting of 1400 names of petitioners to the Scott act from the sheriff's (I. O. Proctor) office last night. The petition was fyled on Sept. 26, and had to remain the necessary ten days, but before this time expired the crime occurred. The licensed victuallers attribute the theft to some of those who went round with the petition as they were about to be prosecuted for names forged to the petition, while the temperance people say it is the work of the anti-Scott act people to defeat their ends. However, this is mere conjecture.

The Scott Act in Simcoe.

BARRIE, Oct. 8.—The voting on the Scott act in this county takes place tomorrow. Both parties are intensely in earnest. The hotelkeepers are circulating a large quantity of anti-Scott act literature and making a thorough personal canvass in the interests of the trade. Their only public speakers are E. K. Dodds and Ira Lee. The chief Scott act speakers are Rev. John Smith, Toronto; W. A. McKay, Woodstock; D. L. Brethour, Milton; E. B. Sibbold, Belleville, and Mrs. Youmans. Within the last week the town hall, Barrie, which holds 700, has been packed three times to hear the act discussed. The first meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. McKay for the Scott act, and by Thomas Simpson, a brewer, against the act. Mrs. Youmans spoke at the second meeting and Mr. Sibbold at the last. The whole county is on fire, either for or against the act.

From Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Oct. 8. — Mrs. Mead died at the city hospital last night under what were suspicious circumstances. Her death was supposed to have been caused by injuries received at her husband's hands. He is now in jail. An inquest was held resulting in a verdict that she died from natural causes.

A number of new cases of diphtheria and malarial fever are reported from the east end.

William Robertson, son of the proprietor of the Little World show on exhibition at Stoney Creek yesterday, disappeared from the village on Monday night some time, and since then no tidings can be obtained of him. The young man complained of dizziness in his head for several days before his disappearance.

Cobourg's New Pier Finished.

COBOURG, Oct. 8.—The pier in the harbor to be used as a breakwater was finished to day. It was ordered to be built by the dominion government and cost $23,000. It is 300 feet long by 30 feet wide, and will be of untold value to vessels coming into port in a gale. The contractor, Mr. Dentwoodie, has had considerable difficulty in the construction of the pier owing to a quick sand bottom. At each storm it sank in the centre and cost $500 each time to repair. As it now stands it is a credit to both contractor and government.

Ainslie Emigrates.

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 8.—Henry L. Ainslie, secretary and manager of the Huron and Middlesex fire insurance company has left for parts unknown. His books are said to be in a mixed condition. Nothing definite regarding any deficit in his accounts can be ascertained till an audit is made.

IRVING IN TORONTO.

The Merchant of Venice as Presented at the Grand Last Night.

What new thing remains to be said about Irving's Shylock? It is much easier to criticize such a performance than to describe it, and to generalize on effects than to show how these are brought about. As regards the merits of Mr. Irving's individual impersonation, there will always be differences of opinion, and no critic or critics need hope to establish a unanimous verdict on one side or the other. But as to the play as a spectacle; as to the competency of every one on the boards to fulfil his or her part creditably; as to the evidence of study bestowed on even the minutest detail, and the master conception which has worked every scene, every incident and every individual into a harmonious and perfect whole, there is no question left for dispute.

Would it be true to say that, in this part at least, Mr. Irving is not a "magnetic" actor? His working out of the character is perhaps too subtle and complex to command instant enthusiasm in an ordinary audience. That a motive exists in Mr. Irving's mind for every motion, every drawl and every inflection which he employs is doubtless a fact. But that motive is sometimes too intricate, too far-fetched, in the literal sense of the word, to allow one to realize its force or appropriativeness. His Shylock is somewhat of a sphynx. He alternates between stolidity and snarling. The rigid lines of the character never relax throughout the whole play. It is striking and original, but is it altogether human? Even the passages which are usually recognized as pathetic, the passages where the inner working of the old man's spirit seem to be laid bare by some sudden flash of passion, are divested of their accepted significance in Mr. Irving's rendition. The famous lines in which Shylock recounts his wrongs and claims affinity of feeling and sympathies with the men who have inflicted them are chopped up into a series of jerky gasps and almost incoherent mumblings. If Shakespeare meant to draw Shylock as a moral monster and walking conundrum, Mr. Irving has realized the conception. But many will question if he has rightly apprehended the original.

No such comments could possibly be made upon the acting of Miss Terry. Her Shylock was at times rather unintelligible and seemingly artificial, the sweetness of Belmont was spontaneous, captivating, and thoroughly womanly. Free from the slightest trace of affectation or mannerism, Miss Terry makes an almost ideal Portia. Mr. Alexander, who takes the part of Bassanio, has scarcely the stage presence requisite for the part, but his reading is characterized by intelligence and feeling. Of Mr. T. Wenman as Bassanio, it may be said that he is physically well-suited for the role. His voice is magnificent and his bearing full of appropriate dignity. Jessica, in the hands of Miss Winifred Emery, is a delicate little piece of pathos, daintily dress and with a touch of mood. Miss Payne's Nerissa is all that the part should be—a graceful foil to her more refined mistress. The chief humorous scene in the play, that between young Gobbo and his father, was accorded full justice by Messrs Johnson and Archer.

The by-play introduced in the leading scenes was deservedly appreciated. Lady Isawer Portia's comic little sigh of despair when Bassanio, in court, avows his readiness to sacrifice his wife for his friend; her amusing but unostentatious devices to hide her face from her husband when he appeals to her on some point of law; and the desperate and clumsy efforts of Bassanio to hide his unadorned digit from her view in the last scene are such vivid touches of nature that one almost forgets to see in them the perfection of art.

The piece for to night is Much Ado About Nothing.

The Milkmen's Side of the Story.

Concerning what The World said yesterday regarding the price of milk, two retail dealers called to make some explanations. They said in effect: The farmers control the price; they have raised it to 16 cents per gallon delivered at Toronto, the milkmen supplying cans; if the farmers supply the cans they charge 17 cents. The milk is retailed at from 22 to 24 cents per gallon, the margin being not more than sufficient to leave a fair profit after expenses are deducted. They do not wish to be placed before the public as thieves and robbers, as they only want to make an honest and fair living. They would like to come across a farmer who would supply milk at 12½ cents a gallon, the price mentioned in The World. If they could get milk at 12½ cents a gallon they would lower the price to 6 cents at once.

Our Volunteers.

Four hundred and fifty-two officers and men of the Queen's Own, headed by their brass and bugle bands, marched to Clarence square last night where they were put through a number of battalion movements by Lieut. Col. Miller. The men presented a fine, soldierly appearance, and their marching could not be excelled. When they returned to the drill shed Lieut.-Col. Miller addressed a few words to them in which he stated that they would be inspected on Thanksgiving day by Major-General Middleton, and he wished the men to turn out regularly to drill, so that the new commanding officer might have as good an opinion of them as his predecessor, General Luard, had had.

There is to be a church parade on Sunday, the 19th inst.

Failures in Business.

The following failures were reported yesterday: Kilen & Smith, general store, Ayton, closed under chattel mortgage; Alfred Bisson, general store, Colchester, assigned; Robt. Bennett, hotel, Georgetown, assigned; W. O'Connor, agricultural implements, Guelph, assigned; W. J. Ward & Co., bankers, New Hamburg, assigned; M. Quinlan, grocer, Peterboro, assigned; Beeson & Ross, and G. C. Ronan, tailors, Ottawa, assigned; Thos. Fawcett, banker, Watford, assigned.

Policeman Mitchell Thompson Dead.

After suffering intense pain from inflammation of the stomach, suddenly contracted last Saturday, Policeman Mitchell Thompson died yesterday morning at his residence, No. 4 Oak street. Deceased had been on the force eight years and was a very efficient officer. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon.

A Central American Count.

Count C. M. Urisarry of the United States of Columbia, Central America, and four servants are stopping at the American hotel. His royal highness is making a tour of the United States and Canada.

REFORMING THE FALLEN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL REFUGE.

How the Good Work Progresses—The Treasurer's Statement—New Home for Aged Widows—A Creditable Result.

A large number of ladies attended the annual meeting of the Toronto industrial refuge (late Magdalen asylum) and aged woman's home held at the institution McMurrich street yesterday. After prayer the treasurer's report was presented. $7764 86 had been collected during the year, and $7053 37 paid out; $600 out of the apparent surplus of $711.49 had to be invested in accordance with a clause in the will of the late James Michie who bequeathed $2000 to the refuge, and there were numbers of outstanding accounts for more than the amount left so that the refuge is really in debt.

The secretary then presented the report of the directors, extracts from which are appended:

In reviewing the work of the past year we have again abundant reason for thankfulness to our God and Father for His manifold and continued mercies towards us. May we be stirred up to renewed earnestness and devotion in this part of His vineyard. In our last report we gave a detailed account of the object for which the refuge exists, viz.: to give to every woman, without reference to creed or country, an opportunity of reforming, and the method pursued that we think it necessary to repeat what we hope now is fully understood, as to the work the refuge has been trying to do all these years. It is one that does not admit of much variety of incident, as a general thing.

It is the old story—in many young girls a determination to submit to no restraint on the part of either parents or friends—a giving way to extravagance in dress and amusements and indulgence in stimulants. Then follows a yielding to questionable methods in order to furnish the means necessary to pay for all this. Then comes the decided false and sinful step downwards and the woman is galled and wounded by slighting remarks on all sides, particularly from her own sex, while some pretending to help and comfort only send her further down. She then becomes hardened and concludes there is no hope for her; and she may as well get as much pleasure and excitement out of her life as possible. And if occasionally a thought of the sorrow she is bringing on faithful and loving parents or kind friends, or it may be the meeting with one of those, who following in the footsteps, is trying to bring back some poor wanderer to His fold, and a hope of a better life comes to her, it is quickly drowned by the conversation of her companions, or the feeling "that it is too late." Yet it is a sad, sad life these poor women lead, sometimes for many years, until at last completely broken down in health, life becomes really a painful burden, and she makes up her mind to enter the refuge in order to recover herself.

Is it any wonder, under such circumstances and after such a life, that a large proportion of those who seek its shelter do not remain the desired time? In two or three months under its restraining influence with healthy food and surroundings and a fair amount of work to do, they find themselves so much strengthened in mind and body that they think they are strong enough to resist temptation, and earn a living for themselves. Resisting the pleadings of the managers who try to make them see the danger that awaits them outside they leave the shelter only to prove they were mistaken as to their powers and after a few months return to try once more.

Does anyone say you should not take them back, you are only giving them a chance to recruit, in order to better indulge their depraved habits? We think not. If a woman says, "I want to leave the life I am leading and do better," we feel we must give her a chance to do so; and we trust that by prayer, and the influences with which to surround her, that the Holy Spirit will so effectually strive with her as to lead her to her loving Saviour. Can we tell that because she resisted the Spirit's influences when last in the refuge that she will this time? No. It is our duty to work, trusting our God, and leaving results in His hands.

On Sept. 30, 1883, there were 23 in the refuge, and 57 have been admitted since, making 80; of these 3 were transferred to the aged women's home, 18 sent to service, many of wh