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TELEPHONE CASE IN COURT.

Charge of Conspiracy Now on Trial at Whitevale.

Whitevale, Feb. 27.—That the telephone is a burning question in this vicinity was demonstrated by the large gathering of farmers and business men who assembled in the Oddfellows' Hall yesterday to hear the evidence offered in support of the indictment against Mr. C. F. Sise, President of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, who is charged, under the criminal code, with conspiracy in restraint of trade and transportation. About a hundred and fifty people were present, every one of whom displayed the keenest interest in the case, and, when opportunity presented, gave vent to their feelings in applause of points scored against the Bell Company.

But a few of the witnesses on hand having been heard, the Magistrates at 5 o'clock adjourned the case until tomorrow morning. phone is a burning question in this

UNINVITED GUESTS

Richard Primeau, Harvey street, gave a party to his friends one evening recently. When the fun was at its height and while the people made merry in the dance, two uninvited guests arrived. They were Leonard Bellaire and Fred. Thiebault. Fred. had an idea he would like to thrash Primeau, the owner of the dance, and Bellaire went along to protect Thiebault. At least that is the story that Bellaire told Judge Houston this morning.

Informations were laid against Thiebault and Bellaire. The former disappeared but the latter appeared, this morning, to answer to the charge of using insulting language. Bellaire

of using insulting language. Bellaire was fined \$5 and costs, \$8.35 in all. Joseph Penfold, one of the men at the dance, prevented Primeau getting thrashed by Thiebault.

CENUINNATES LOSS.

FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE TOTAL LING OVER \$2,000,000.

Discovered in the Early Morning and Raged For Hours-No Loss of

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 26.—This city was to-day visited by the most destructive fire in its history, the damage aggregating over \$2,000,000. About 1.30 this morning flames were discovered in the cellar of George Joffe's grocery in the Pike building on Fourth street between Vine and Walnut. An hour later there was an explosion, supposed to come from liquors in storage. The flames quickly shot up through the roof of the six-story stone-front building. The fire was not under control until noon. There was no loss of life.

The Pike building was destroyed, including the office of the United States Express Company, the Adams Express Company, White's restaurant, owned by Maynard & Kerr; Joffe's grocery, John B. Martin's restaurant, Empson's confectionery, Henry Strauss' cigar store and the offices of the Pike Theatre Company on the first floor, the Pike Theatre auditorium and green rooms and other offices on the second floor, and all of the offices on the second floor, and all of the offices on the third, fourth and fifth floors.

The Seasongood building, adjoining the Pike building on, the west, Vine and Fourth, was badly damaged.

The building adjoining the Pike building on the east, owned by the L. B. Harrison estate and occupied by the Robert Clarke Company, publish-

B. Harrison estate and occupied by the Robert Clarke Company, publish-ers, and Duhme Bros., jewellers, on the first floor, and others in the upper

stories, also was destroyed.

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The Carlisle building, occupied by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and Smith & Sons, and the Cincinnati Company, on the first floor, and many offices on the other five floors, also was damaged.

The front stone walls of the Pike building and those of adjoining structures, owned by Robert Clarke & Company, and the Duhme Bros', jewellery store and of the Seasongood building withstood the heat and did not fall. The rear walls of these structures, which are of brick, gave way

with the falling floors. In all there were 400 individual losers.

The fire swept across the alley known as Baker street and burned the large publishing house of the American Book Company and other properties along Baker street, and did great damage to the telephone building. All telephones in the city were out of service for some

The escape of Will Jones, a well-known Cincinnati actor, just before the roof of the burning building fell was thrilling. After a hard rehearsal Jones went to the Pike building about midnight to get his valise, which he had left in a studio of an artist friend on the fourth floor. Being extremely tired he sat down in a chair and was soon asleep. When he awoke the building was filled with smoke and all escape by the stairways cut off. Almost suffocated, Jones climbed a narrow stairway and out upon the roof. A fall in the darkness stunned him and he lay for some time unconscious. Finally he crawled to the edge of the roof, but was unable to attract the attention of the crowds below. Tearing off one of his cuffs, Jones wrote upon it: "I am on roof, nearly dead from gas," and threw it to the street. A reporter picked up the cuff and found its message. The firemen hurried to the roof of the telephone building, placed a ladder across the alley to the roof of the theatre, and carried the actor to safety. He was removed at once to the hospital. The escape of Will Jones, a well-

REVOLUTION NOW CERTAIN.

Macedonians Will Not Accept Proposed Reforms.

London, Feb. 27. - Public opinion in Bulgaria unanimously condemns the proposed reforms for Macedemns the proposed reforms for Macedemia as entirely inadequate. The Macedonians themselves declare they will not accept the reforms, which, even if much more extensive, would require European control to insure their being carried out. The extremist newspapers denounce the project as "international cynicism," and maintain that a Macedonian uprising is now all the more certain. They declare that the Macedonians should break with Austria and Russia, and seek the support of the other powers. in Bulgaria unanimously condemns

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

MORTH YORK INCREASES HOW. E. J. DAVIS' MAJORITY.

Major Hugh Clark Returned for Centre Bruce-Influence of the Anti-Prohibition Men in the Contest.

Hon. E. J. Davis was elected to the Legislature in North York yesterday by a largely increased majority. Major Hugh Clark (Conservative) also increased his majority in Centre Bruce. The Result by Polls.

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Newmarket	317	213
Aurora	218	210
Aurora Stouffville	99	55
Holland Landing	44	73
Sutton (maj.)	-	38
King Township-		
Eversley (maj.)	-	17
Davis' Corner (maj.)	43	
King Horn (maj.)	136	-
Kettleby (maj.)	44	
King Creek (maj.)	I	-
Schomberg (maj.)		11
Nobleton (maj.)	-	18
Lloydtown (maj.)	6	_
Glenville (maj.)	-	27
Barry's		_
Whitchurch—		
White Rose (maj.)		17
Lemonville (maj.)	48	_
Bloomington (maj.)	52	_
Bogart Town (maj.)	5	
Pine Orchard (maj.)	35	_
Vivian	-	- ·
East Gwillimburg-		
Murray's (maj.)	9	
Sharon (maj.)	24	_
Queensville (maj.)	50	_
Holt (maj.)	-	10
Mount Albert (maj.)	15	
Manors (maj.)	7	-
North Gwillimbury-		
Keswick (maj.)	33	_
Belhaven (maj.)		_
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Georgina-Virginia (maj.) 5 Pefferlaw (maj.) —

Egypt (maj.) 31 In Centre Bruce.

Chesley, Feb. 27.—In the bye-election here to-day to fill the vacancy caused by the unseating of Major Hugh Clark for corrupt practices by agents, Major Clark was re-elected by a majority of 52 over Dr. J. M. Stewart, his opponent in May last. The majority at the general election for Major Clark was r

Clark's majorities were :-Kincardine Town
Kincardine Township
Huron Township
Greenock Township

temperance people voting along strictly

CANADIAN NORTHERN.

Charter.

Toronto, Feb. 27. - By the acquisition by the Canadian Northern Railway Company of the charter held by the Morden & North-Railway Company of the charter held by the Morden & Northwestern Railway Company the former company secures the right to construct, if it so desires, lines of railway from Winnipeg to Morden and from Morden northwesterly across Manitoba to its western border. The charter covers several other proposed branch lines, and, although in several cases the charter parellels the Mackenzie & Mann roads, there are immense districts for which the Morden & Northwestern charter is the only one at present secured. By the amalgamation of the two interests, the Canadian Northern will have a freer hand to proceed with their projected lines in various fine districts of Manitoba.

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The Canadian Northern has pledged itself to the Northwest Territories Government to be in a position to handle the harvest of 1904 from the Edmonton district. Their line to that city is being pushed forward with every possible despatch.

The Canadian Northern will also have some vessels on the Atlantic service this season. Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, who is in Britain, will, with Mr. Petersen of the Turret fleet, make the necessary arrangements for the Atlantic service. It may not be possible to have all completed for this season, but some of the vessels will assuredly be on the route. This latter arrangement is the sequence of the arrangements with the Great Northern, and also the Canada Atlantic, which Mr. Mann virtually completed a few days ago.

Owen Sound, Feb. 26.—North Grey complete returns make Mr. Thomson's (Con.) majority 202.

CANADA AND THE EMPIRE. Interesting Addresses at the Coloniel

London, Feb. 27.-Lord Strathcone presided at a dinner at the Colonial Club to the Canadian members of the House of Commons, namely, Messrs. Bonar Law. General Laurie and Sir Gilbert Parker. Lord Strathcona emphatically repudiated the idea of risks from American settlers in the northwest, or the assertion that they would become disaffected with the empire. He said the American settlers became as loyal subjects as those

present at the dinner. He asked Britons if it were wise in their own interests to leave Americans to secure so many fine locations and profitable investments in Canada.

Discussing Britain's food problem, Lord Strathcona said that all the mother country could or must do was to have the navy strong enough to to have the navy strong enough to keep the ocean lane from Canada clear, and also to safeguard other portions of the empire. Canada is able to produce bread and meat enough to sustain the whole people of the mother country. Perhaps Canadians were not quite ready yet to tax themselves heavily for maintaining Imperial forces, but when necessity arose, and when a pracproposition was put forward, da would not be backward in do-

ng her duty. General Laurie said Britain should frown down any attempt on the part of the Imperial Parliament to dictate to the self-governing colonies. Whatver steps are taken will be taken in union for the defence of the empire, and any movement in that direction must come from the colonies. As regards a what had the mother country, and what had the mother country done? Britain had done nothing. However, Canadians felt they now had in Bonar Law a sympathetic friend on the Board of Trade.

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Bonar Law humorously suggested that perhaps luture generations would find one British Board of Trade, with offices in the Dominion, and added that the British Government recognized the benefit of Canada's preferential tariff, but thought the colonies should see they had not given a full reciprocity until all agreed to contribute to a war defence.

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Sir Gilbert Parker supported Gen. Laurie in contending that arrangements for the proper protection of the colonies must come from the colonies themselves. He felt sure they would come to the fore on the matter of the empire's defence. Imperial federation would only hinder the object desired. The colonies might be especially relied on to defend another colony, though they might not leap to arms for service in India or Persia.

SMOOT A POLYGAMIST.

Objections to His Entering the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Burrows, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, has presented to the Senate a sworn propresented to the Senate a sworn protest signed by Rev J. L. Leitch in the case of Senator-elect Reed Smoot of Utah, urging that Mr. Smoot shall not be permitted to take his seat in the Senate. Mr. Leilich is in charge of Methodist missions in Utah, and resides in Salt Lake. He is in Washington as the representative of the Ministers' Association of Salt Lake. Mr. Leilich declares Smoot is a polygamist, and now has a plural wife, although he deems it inexpedient to give the maiden name of the lady at this time.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Sir Charles Tupper is at the Queen's Hotel, and will remain in the city until next week. Sir Charles, who looks hearty and well, dined with Mr. Beardmore last evening.

Newsboys are organizing a union John Hamilton, proprietor of the Working Men's Home, has been arrested on a charge of conspiring to defraud.

The committee appointed at the Berlin conference on electric energy from Ni-agara Falls will wait on the Government

The Trades and Labor Council appointed a committee to report on prospects for the erection of a labor temple.

KILLED FIVE WOMEN

Terrible Confession Made by Albert Knapp.

Hamilton, Ohio, Feb. 27.-Five mure ders, the victims of which were all women, and two of them is wives, is me revolting record of Albert Knapp, fore Mayor Bosch. He is also believed to have murdered three other women. Knapp, according to the police, is a degenerate of a pronounced type. The murder of his third wife, Annie Goddard Knapp, which led to his arrest yesterday at Indianapolis, was done for no apparent reason.

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The confession, which was sworn to before Mayor Bosch, is as follows:—
"On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Cincinnati. On August 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite to the Y.M. C.A., in Cincinnati. On Aug. 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, under a canal bridge in Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal. At Indianapolis in July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhard. On Dec. 28, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, in Hamilton, and threw her into the river at Lindenwald. This is the truth. I make this statement by my own free-will, and not by the request of any officer or anyone else."

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Knapp is also suspected of strangling three women at Evansville, Ind., and of having killed women elsewhere. He was in the Cincinnati House of Refuge when seventeen years of age, and new records are being discovered almost hourly. Among other things he said:—"I met the Littleman child in the lumber yard and choked her to death when she made an outcry. I cannot tell what made me kill these people. I could not help it. Some kind of a desire to kill took hold of me and I could not resist the temptation to kill. I am sorry for my crimes." He says his first wite, whose fate had been overlooked, is still alive.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The parents of Knapp said Albert was insane, and his confession should not be believed. He had given them so much trouble, they believed he would be better dead. Mrs. Sadie Wenzel, his sister, on hearing of the confession, went to the Cincinnati police headquarters, and thence to Hamilton. She said her brother, when five years of age, was kicked by a colt, and later was struck by lightning, and but for her parents she would have had him adjudged insane.

Will Move to London.

London, Ont., Feb. 26.—Rev. W. D. Moyer of Belmont, who has been pastor of the Methodist church there for the past three years, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Centennial Methodist Church of this city.

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