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A FADED PARADE

Such is the Opening of the Assembly.

QUANTITY MAKES UP FOR QUALITY

The Booming Cannon, the Clanking Saber and the Prancing Steed Have All Departed—Why is This?—The Attorney-General's Remarks Recalled that the People Liked to See the Soldiers—His Honor's Speech from the Throne—Our Agricultural Interests Are Depressed but there is a Grand Outlook for the Mines—The New Member for West Lambton Takes His Seat.

THE so called "fuss and feathers" of other years seems to have been almost completely wiped out in the opening ceremonies of the Ontario Legislative Assembly. Time was not long ago when there was booming of cannon, the flash of sabres, the glint of bayonets, and all the pomp and circumstances of glorious war, to say nothing of prancing steeds, at these inaugurals of legislative wisdom on the outside; while within the chamber were gathered many of the ecclesiastical dignitaries of the diocese, bright ornaments of the judiciary and the bar, officers of the garrison in gay uniforms, consuls and vice-consuls wearing their bright and particulars insignias of the country they represented, flitting little pages in white choker, the rural member in his best suit of broadcloth, a phalanx of political hangers-on and office-seekers wearing shining plug hats,

A Brace of Richmonds.

and last, but oh, not least, bevies of maids and matrons in their gayest of mid-winter costumes.

That seems to have all passed away. The opening of the Assembly yesterday, the last session of the sixth since confederation, was about as informal and commonplace an affair as is the gathering of the York County Fathers in our dingy old Court House. This is said to be due in a measure to the unattractiveness of the exterior and interior of the Parliament Buildings, but a return to the days gone by will be in order when the new Legislative Halls in Queen's Park are ready for occupancy.

Speaking of fuss and feathers at these openings, on a certain memorable occasion the Attorney-General told the Assembly that whatever members might say against it the public seemed to enjoy it. The citizens liked to see the military and hear the cannons, and as long as they relished it he did not see why any objection should be raised. But the Toronto public seems at last to have wearied of the show, and so has the Government to the extent of refusing to pay for anything but a corporal's guard to "present arms" when His Honor's carriage dashes up to the front door, while a somewhat attenuated band plays "God Save the Queen."

"Will the old times ever return?" asked a bald-headed young man who claims to have attended seventeen of these opening affairs of The World yesterday. "I fear not," he concluded.

A Mild January Day.

But notwithstanding these remarks numerically there was a good turnout yesterday, and what was lacking in quality was certainly made up in quantity. The weather was remarkably mild, so different to what The World has experienced at other openings at this time of the year. The floor of the chamber was crowded with ladies and their escorts, the galleries were packed, the reporters' roosts held their utmost capacity and the members wedged themselves in nooks and corners wherever convenient. The Governor and his aide, Captain Law, R.N., were received outside at 2¾ by Major Vidal, Captains Evans and Lauder and 27 men rank and file, with a band of 22, from C School of Infantry, while Police Inspector Stephen and numerous officers preserved the peace. When His Honor entered the chamber he was surrounded by Col. Otter, D.A.G., Col. Dawson, Col. Hamilton, Col. Gray, Captain Mutton and other military lights.

All of the Cabinet Ministers except the Provincial Secretary were on hand. Mr. Mowat looked chirpy and in good health. Mr. Hardy appeared as though he had shaken his gripe. The two Rosses wore airs of Scotch buoyancy and good constitutions. Mr. Drury was happy among his agricultural compatriots. Mrs. Mowat and Miss Campbell occupied the seat of honor in front of the Attorney-General's desk. The bench was represented by Mr. Justice Robertson, Mr. Justice MacLennan, the Premier's old law partner, and—by your leave—Assistant Police Magistrate Baxter. The only diplomatic representative visible to the naked eye was Mr. Charles R. Pope, who was accompanied by his wife and family. Although sent to Toronto to represent our Southern neighbors by a fatherly Republican president, Mr. Pope appeared on the floor in real democratic fashion, sans stars and stripes, stars and bars, or the emblematic magnolia tree of his Southern home, in the shape of official decoration. This was Mr. Pope's first attendance at a legislative opening in the Queen City. The only clergyman to be seen on the floor was Vicar-General Laurent. There was a good sprinkling of educationists, however, and the usual complement of politicians.

At 3 o'clock His Honor seated himself on the "throne" and proceeded to open the House in due and ample form by reading the speech.

His Honor's Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with much pleasure that I again meet you, assembled for the discharge of the important duties which devolve upon you as the people's representatives in the Provincial Legislature.

I have special satisfaction in congratulating you on the passing of an act by the Imperial Parliament since your last session confirming and giving effect to the decision of Her Majesty's Privy Council in August, 1884, respecting the westerly boundary of the province and finally settling the northerly boundary as well as the westerly in substantial accordance with the award of the arbitrators in 1878. The people of Ontario cannot but experience a feeling of relief that we have at last reached the final stage of this long-protracted dispute between the province and dominion and that the territorial limits claimed by the province have been definitely secured for all time.

HIS HONOR
READING THE SPEECH.

I regret that owing to the attitude of the dominion with respect to the question of interest, there now appears little probability of a settlement of accounts between the two governments being arrived at through negotiation and proposals have accordingly been made on the part of the province to refer to arbitration the points in dispute. The correspondence on the subject will be laid before you.

It is also a matter of disappointment that the Quebec Government declines to concur in any arrangement for settling our differences as to the land improvement fund and steps have in consequence been taken to have them settled through the courts.

Our Depressed Agricultural Interests.

I regret that the agricultural industry, the most important in the province, is still in a depressed condition. Untoward climatic conditions in extensive sections of the province blighted the hopes which were entertained in the early portion of the year of an abundant harvest. This, with the continued low price of cereals and other causes, has tended to prevent that improvement in the condition of those engaged in this industry which had been hoped for. It is pleasing to note, however, that in the manufacture of cheese, our great agricultural staple, Ontario holds a foremost place, the product of Ontario ranking in point of quality among the best offered on the English market, and the Dominion trade tables showing that the yearly value of cheese exports, which are chiefly from Ontario, is far in excess of the aggregate value of all the manufactures exported by the Dominion. I rejoice to know that in every branch of agriculture our farmers are evincing a growing appreciation of intelligent methods. The continued success of farmers' institutes is one of the evidences of a strongly prevailing desire to profit by practical information on economic husbandry.

It having been alleged that the regulations of the Education Department requiring instruction in English to be given in all public schools of the province were not observed in certain localities in which the French language prevails, commissioners were appointed to visit these schools to report the facts and to consider in what way the study of English may be most successfully promoted among the pupils whose mother tongue is French. The same commissioners were afterwards directed to visit the German schools of the province and to report in like manner regarding them. Their reports will be submitted to you, as well as certain regulations for giving practical effect to the recommendations of the commissioners, so far as this could be done by immediate executive action. You will be asked to make the grant which is necessary for the establishment of a training school in Eastern Ontario as recommended by the commissioners.

Free Grants in the Rainy River Country.

It affords me pleasure to state that the revenue derived from timber dues and the sale of crown lands considerably exceeds the estimate submitted to the Assembly last session.

In February last I issued my proclamation declaring in force the Rainy River Free Grants and Homestead Act and at a later period of the year I approved of an order-in-council appropriating under the act twenty townships in that district for the purpose of free grants. I also issued a commission to take evidence and report upon the claims of settlers along Rainy River. The commissioners examined into and took evidence respecting numerous claims, and patents are being issued to such settlers as have performed the conditions of settlement. A commission was also issued to investigate disputed claims to mining lands other locations in Rat Portage and the territory contiguous thereto. Many claims were enquired into and much evidence was taken, and patents are being issued to applicants who have established their claims and complied with the conditions of sale.

The public interest in the mineral wealth of the province continues to increase. The immense deposits of silver, iron, copper and nickel recently discovered or developed have attracted the attention of capitalists and others interested in mining in Europe and America. As a result large investments are being made in developing our mineral resources, and both capital and labor are finding remunerative employment in that connection. Measures relating to the sale of mining locations and to regulate mining operations will be presented for your consideration.

Providing for the Afflicted.

I am glad to know that the completion of two of the asylum cottages at Mimico, together with enlarged accommodation at the London Asylum, have permitted the removal of all those lunatics temporarily confined in the jails of the province who have been certified to be proper subjects for asylum treatment. Six cottages providing further accommodation for 200 patients are in course of construction and will probably be completed during the present year.

Public attention has of late years been directed to the inadequate provision by county municipalities for the care and support of the aged, helpless and poor within their boundaries, only three counties having yet availed themselves of the provisions of law authorizing the establishment of industrial farms and houses of industry and refuge in connection therewith. Organized philanthropy in the larger centres of population has provided institutions for the care of the destitute, in these localities and provincial aid to many of these institutions has been extended under our Charity Aid Act. With a view of encouraging the erection of county houses of refuge in connection with industrial farms and of thereby relieving the jails of this unfortunate class of their inmates, a measure will be submitted for your consideration providing for a grant from provincial funds of a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars towards the cost in every county or union of counties availing itself of the act, the grant to be subject to such conditions as you may deem fitting. The bill will also provide for the case of counties which have already established a house of refuge.

Assessment and Other Reforms.

Your attention will be invited to the consideration of changes in the law relating to the assessment of property for the purpose of municipal taxation. Steps have been taken to procure a general expression of opinion from the various municipal councils and boards of trade throughout the province on the vexed question of exemptions from local assessment and a measure on this subject will be submitted, which will, I trust, meet with your approval.

Among other measures, there will also be submitted for your consideration: a bill to facilitate the speedy determination of important constitutional questions, a bill respecting the jurisdiction of the Court of Quarter Sessions in criminal cases, a bill for the further improvement of the liquor license laws, a bill relating to the licensing of cullers and the measurement of sawlogs and a bill respecting contagious diseases among horses.

The public accounts for the past year will be promptly laid before you. You will be pleased to learn that the expenditure has been kept within the amount granted and that the revenue has exceeded the amount anticipated.

The estimates for the current year will at an early date be presented for your approval. They will be found to be framed with a due regard to economy and to the necessities of the public service.

I feel assured that your deliberations will, as hitherto, be characterized by wisdom and patriotism, and will conduce to the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Introducing a New Member.

Then the Governor and his staff quietly filed out of the chamber and the genial Dr. Baxter, the speaker, took the chair and heard formal motions. The Attorney-General and Mr. Freeman of Norfolk slid out into the west corridor and returned in a second with a tall, erect figure between them. This was Mr. Charles MacKenzie, the new member for West Lambton. He was introduced to the Speaker, and after shaking his white-gloved hand took his seat on the last row of benches behind the ministers beside Mr. Shalton of Peterboro. There is a strong "family resemblance" between Mr. Mackenzie and his famous brother, the ex-Premier of Canada. He is over 6 feet and as straight as an arrow. Mr. Mackenzie will move the address this afternoon. Last night, under the able tuition and chaperonage of Whip Freeman, he was studying his part at the Rossin House. Mr. Freeman has had Mr. Mackenzie under his care ever since the two met in the city Wednesday night, and the gentleman from Norfolk expects this afternoon to trot out an address-moving star that will break the record in maiden speeches.

The proceedings were over at 3.40.

Gossip From the Gallery.

Uncle Richard Tooley looked happy.

The bar was sealed up yesterday.

Dr. J. T. Gilmour will second the address this afternoon.

Mr. John Leys was on hand, almost wholly recovered from grip.

Mrs. Mowat gave an at home at her St. George-street residence last night.

The political painter and plumber has been at work since last session. The corridors look fresh and clean.

What caused Adam Armstrong to smile when the Governor read in his speech that the liquor license laws were to be amended?

M. L. As. at the Hotels.

Queen's Hotel: Dr. Willoughby, J. P. Whitney, Morrisburg.

Palmer House: William Garson, G. W. Ostrom, J. B. Ingram, W. B. Wood, George Hess, A. Bishop, J. C. Dance.

Rossin House: John Dryden, John B. Freeman, C. C. Field, Nicholas Awrey, E. W. B. Snyder, Hon. Charles Clarke, Hon. A. M. Ross, J. J. Gould, James Conmee.

Walker House: S. Armstrong, T. Blezard, J. Clancy, J. S. Cruise, R. Ferguson, Peter Graham, W. P. Hudson, W. H. Hammell, W. Kerns, John A. Spragge, O. J. Phelps, F. C. Stewart, R. Tooley, William Lees, John Fell, W. D. Balfour.

MANITOBA'S LAW MAKERS.

Opening of the Prairie Province Legislature—Government Measures.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30.—In the absence of Lieut.-Governor Schultz, who is ill, Chief Justice Taylor opened the session of the Legislature of Manitoba this afternoon. The Government has a fair working majority, the Opposition consisting of only 12 members. The Government promises to grant aid to the Hudson Bay Railway and to amend the School Act. These are the most important matters to come up this session.

To Meet Feb. 20.

HALIFAX, Jan. 30.—The Provincial Legislature is summoned to meet Feb. 20.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

A Grand Performance of "The Sea King's Bride" by the Choral Society—At the Theatres.

Perhaps when Shakespeare wrote those lines, "Where should this music be, in the air or the earth?" he had a premonition of d'Auria's cantata, "The Sea King's Bride." The music may be of either sphere. "The Sea King's Bride" was presented as part the second last night at the Pavilion by the Toronto Choral Society. The words are by Mrs. Edgar Jarvis in this, the argument:

Stella, a young girl whose lover had perished beneath the waters of the Adriatic, wanders by its shores, weeping and singing his lament.

Count Ugolino, whose offer of marriage she had refused, takes advantage of its being the time of carnival to press some gondoliers into his service for the purpose of carrying her off by stealth, with the intention of once again offering her his heart and hand with the alternative of a dungeon for life.

Fortuna, presiding over the destinies of mortals, urges Stella to seek refuge beneath the sea from a darker fate awaiting her, and informs the Count that Stella can never be his and that a wandering life is to be his portion.

Then follows a chorus of water-sprites inviting Stella to the realms of their king, who is the lover whom she mourns as lost to her forever.

The Sea King sings a "Song of Enchantment," which draws his bride-elect as a lily beneath the waves, whereupon the gondoliers who are in search of her pass over the spot whence she had sunk from sight, their chorus mingling with that of the water-sprites, who welcome to their home the bride of the Sea King, with whom she will reign from henceforth, in an immortality of bliss.

A benediction by the Prior is followed by a quartet, in which the Sea King and his bride, the Prior and the Prior record the vows of the Fortuna and the Prior were wedded, after which a farewell chorus of spirits of the earth and air, with grand wedding march (concerted) as finale.

This is the personae:

The Goddess Fortuna (soprano)	Mme. d'Auria
Stella (contralto)	Mrs. Milne
Sea King (tenor)	Mr. Charles Herbert Clarke
Count Ugolino	Mr. Harry M. Blight
Prior	

The conductor and composer are the same, Signor F. d'Auria. The soloists were Mme. d'Auria, soprano; Mrs. Clara E. Shilton, soprano; Mrs. Milne, contralto; Mr. Charles Herbert Clarke, tenor (New York); Mr. H. M. Blight, baritone. The conductor was Mr. Edward Fisher, the pianoforte Mr. Donald Herald. Altogether the Choral Society outstripped itself last night. The choruses were all rendered smoothly and effectively. There was something operatic in this tenor verse from the Sea King:

Come to me, oh my beloved:
Luna now a path doth make thee,
Through her shining tracks of silver,
Sink, O Stella, and I take thee—
Sink my star, and I will take thee.

And so this verse for the soprano catches the ear and was sung as though one of Shakespeare's King Lear creations had caroled it:

Into the sea! nor hesitate,
Maiden, or dark will be thy fate;
Count Ugolino's bride to be,
Or thy lost love's beneath the sea.

The closing is with the wedding march in which is the verse:

Farewell, farewell, O happy pair!
We, spirits of the earth and air,
Who, late your visitors to-day
Now say adieu, and fly away.

Of course there were other selections on the program, the overture "Titus," by Mozart, and Mozart's "Coronation March," but undoubtedly the gem of the evening was "The Sea King's Bride." This was the concert of the eleventh season of the Toronto Choral Society, and The World only hopes that its next season will, if possible, be even more successful.

At the Theatres.

There will be some big attractions at the theatres next week. At the Grand all week Miss Minnie Maddern, that vivacious young star, will be the attraction. At the Academy the last half of the week Nellie McHenry in a laughable line, "Green Room Fun." At Jacobs & Sparrows, Hardie and Von Leer in their clever and picturesque melo-drama, "Over the Frontier."

Appointments this evening: Grand, "His Natural Life"; Academy, Herrmann's Vaudevilles; Jacobs & Sparrow's, "Held by the Enemy." Matinees at all three at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

The numerous sales of our noted overcoats from $4 up testify to the superiority of their style and low prices. British Arms Clothing Store.

A NEW CLUB FOR TORONTO.

The Project Well Discussed and Assuming Definite Form.

A meeting of prominent military men was held at the Rossin House last night to take steps toward the formation of a club. Colonel Otter presided. Three schemes were proposed. The first was the formation of a club for scientific purposes only; the second scheme advocated the establishment of a social and scientific club, the estimated expenditure on which would be $770 per annum and the annual receipts $1000; the third scheme was to take over the old Press Club in Bay-street and convert it into suitable premises for the location of such a club. The cost of this latter undertaking was estimated at $1200. Major Mason thought the first scheme was hardly sufficiently attractive. He favored the adoption of the second scheme, which he wished to see carried out immediately. Major Sankey was of opinion that the second scheme was practicable and within the reach of all. Ex-officers present signified their approval of the second, and Colonel Grassett advocated that rooms be secured in the centre of the city, where military journals would be on hand. Were such a scheme carried out, he undertook to personally supervise it. Colonel Dawson moved, seconded by Major Mead, that the second scheme be adopted. After more discussion this committee was elected to procure further information on the subject: Col. Otter, Col. Grassett, Major Mason, Major Sankey, Major McSpadden, Major Mead, Capt. Mutton, Capt. Merritt and Messrs. Myles and Irving.

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Personal Purity Meetings.

The Young Men's Christian Association have arranged to devote Tuesday evenings during February for emphasizing personal purity among young men. The meetings will be for men only, and on next Tuesday evening Dr. Daniel Clarke, superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, will deliver the first address of the series in Association Hall, his subject being "The Brain and its Enemies, with special relation to the subject of Personal Purity." It is expected there will be a very large attendance of young men as no one can speak with better authority on this important subject than Dr. Clarke. His addresses are always specially interesting and helpful to young men. Mr. E. W. Sexsmith will play a number of selections on the grand organ. On the second Tuesday of February Dr. W. B. Geikie will also speak to young men, his subject being, "It is easier to sink than to swim."

William Humphries, general store, Bloor-street west, Toronto, cut his finger while slicing bacon. Applied by mistake carbolic acid instead of sweet oil; result, blood poisoning, erysipelas, DEATH. Full amount of accident policy for $1000 paid to his widow by the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co., 88 King-street west, Toronto. An accident policy for $3000 in case of death and $15 per week indemnity costs only $15 a year. 561

THE DOMINION ESTIMATES.

FIGURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1891.

The Total on Consolidated Fund Account About $500,000 Less than the Previous Year—Railway and Canal Expenditure—Ontario Public Works Items—Harbor and River Appropriations.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, submitted this afternoon, show a total of $36,035,445 required on consolidated fund account against $36,535,008 for the current year, but as there are always supplementary estimates no comparison of totals can be made at present.

For arts, agriculture and statistics $330,000 is asked against $131,500. The large increase arises from a vote of $185,000 asked for the pending census. The experimental farm will cost $75,000, an increase of $5000. For immigration $101,535 is asked, an increase of $6390, this being for general expenses of the service. Quarantine will cost $67,800, a decrease of $364, and of this $9000 is asked for quarantine ports unorganized at present. The pension bill is $105,883, being $4966 less. Superannuation will cost $240,340, an increase of $19,640.

Railways and Canals.

Railway and canal expenditure is thus stated:

	1890-'91.	1889-'90.
Canadian Pacific Railway	$ 100	$ 20,154
Intercolonial	187,100	300,000
Cape Breton Railway	50,000	1,100,000
Oxford & New Glasgow	20,000	200,000
Eastern Extension Railway	35,000	.....
Canals	4,852,000	404,740
Total	$5,122,100	$6,324,894

Of the total $3,271,892 is to be revoted. Heavy expenditures this year on the Intercolonial for construction and providing increased accommodation account for the large increase in the vote.

Under Canals there is $1,641,000 asked for the Sault Canal, or $350,000 more than this year, but $1,141,000 is a revote. Cornwall Canal calls for $1,000,000, against 1,200,000, but $980,000 is a revote.

These new expenditures are asked:

Farran's Point	$100,000
Rapid Plat	350,000
Gallops	240,000

A million dollars is asked for St. Lawrence River and canals, against $600,000 this year. On the Murray Canal it is estimated that $150,000 will be required for completion of the work. This is a revote, as is also $104,000 asked for the Welland Canal for deepening to 14 feet throughout and paying for land damages at Grand River. A revote of $76,000 is asked for Trent River navigation.

Public Works.

For public works chargeable to capital, $397,000 is asked against $515,000. The vote is thus made up:

Construction of Port Arthur harbor	$ 40,000
Dredging Kaministiqua River	25,000
Kingston graving dock	100,000
Cape Tormentine Harbor, N.B.	110,000
Improvement of ship channel between Quebec and Montreal	50,000
Esquimalt graving dock	120,000

For public works chargeable to income, $1,794,485 is asked. These are some of the Ontario items:

Brampton public building	$ 6,500
Brantford drill shed (revote)	10,000
Cobourg postoffice and custom house	1,635
Goderich postoffice and custom house	7,500
Guelph postoffice	800
Hamilton Dominion buildings improvements	1,000
Lindsay postoffice and custom house	500
London custom house	1,800
London military buildings (revote)	8,800
Orillia public buildings	6,000
Peterboro custom house (revote)	10,000
Strathroy postoffice and custom house	12,000
Toronto Dominion buildings	1,500
Toronto drill hall (revote)	30,000
Walkerton postoffice and custom house	8,000

Harbors and Rivers.

These are some of the Ontario appropriations for harbors and rivers:

Cobourg	$ 4,000
Kincardine	51,000
Owen Sound	30,000
Port Elgin	1,000
Toronto, works at east entrance	50,000
Southampton	58,000
Midland	6,000
Meaford	8,500

The postoffice service is estimated to cost $1,766,000, being $19,000 more than for this year. As usual the main estimates contain little except appropriations required for established service, new items of all kinds being received for supplementaries.

NOT IN WORKING HUMOR.

Little Accomplished in the House of Commons Yesterday.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The House was not in working humor to-day and everything of importance on the order paper was allowed to stand over. The three wrecking bills came under this category. At the request of Mr. Charlton, who spoke for himself and Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Patterson, the bills were made the first order for Thursday next, when they will be taken up together. Mr. Brown's bird bill stood over at his request. Sir Hector Langevin asked that Mr. Taylor's bill respecting importation of contract labor stand for the present. Mr. McCarthy's bill respecting the use of French in the Northwest was called, but stood in his absence.

In answer to a question Hon. John Carling said the establishment of a dairy department in connection with the Central Experimental Farm was under serious consideration.

Mr. Bain of Wentworth took up considerable time with a vigorous protest against the delay in settling the dispute over the ownership of the Dundas and Waterloo macadamized road. He elicited from Sir Hector Langevin the statement that the matter was now very near a settlement. The dispute has been pending 5 years, the question being whether the road was the property of the Dominion or of the Provincial Government.

Dr. Wilson of Elgin moved for copies of the correspondence relating to the proposed construction of a canal through Kettle Creek, between St. Thomas and Port Stanley. He ridiculed the idea as one totally impracticable. He also urged that the Government take steps to compel the London & Port Stanley Railway and the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways to pay a proper proportion of revenue received there towards keeping the harbor works at Port Stanley in proper repair.

Mr. White of Renfrew called attention to the robbery of the Pembroke postoffice last April and asked compensation for those who had lost money abstracted from registered letters on that occasion. Postmaster-General Haggart said in reply that it was a departmental rule not to make compensation in such cases and he did not think it wise to depart from that rule.

Dr. Ferguson of Welland presented the petition of the Detroit River Winter Railway Bridge Company asking an amendment to the act of incorporation giving them power to build a high-level railway bridge.

Labor legislation petitions from the Brotherhood of Painters and District Assembly No. 125 K. of L., Toronto, were presented by Mr. Cockburn, and from Local Assembly No. 5743 K. of L., Toronto, by Mr. Denison.

MARITAL INFELICITIES.

Some of the Domestic Woes That Will be Aired This Session.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The divorce petitions of which notice had been given were presented in the Commons to-day.

David Philip Clapp of Harriston, Ont., asks a divorce from his wife Alice Mae Clapp, nee Macdonald, to whom he was married in 1870. In his petition he alleges that in March, 1887, his wife deserted his home in his absence and proceeded to Detroit and there lived with one Frederick W. Pingle of Harriston as his wife. He alleges also other instances of adultery.

Emily Walker, nee Herald, of Hamilton asks that her marriage with Alfred Percy Walker be declared null and void. Her petition states that they were married on Nov. 1, 1884, by Rev. George A. Forneret, but petitioner never lived with or cohabited with Walker either before or since the ceremony. She was under 21 years of age at the time of marriage, having been born on May 3, 1864, and Walker was also under 21, being born on Dec. 1, 1863. The petitioner's father was dead and the marriage was without the knowledge or consent of her mother. Soon after the ceremony Walker went to Guelph, Belleville, and subsequently to Texas. He is now believed to be living at Brooklyn, N.Y. The marriage was not made known till about ten months after it took place, and Walker has always refused to live with petitioner.

Hughes Forbes Keefer of Vancouver, B.C., formerly of Thorold, asks divorce from Rebecca Ann Keefer, nee Tisdall, to whom he was duly married in March, 1871. His petition alleges adultery with one Frank Simpson at Thorold in 1888 and on divers occasions since.

Christiana Tilman Glover of Burlington, Ont., nee Tilman, asks divorce from Christopher Columbus Glover, formerly of London but now of Michigan. They were married in April, 1874. Petitioner said they lived together only three days, when he sent her home to her father's house and that shortly afterwards he was discovered to be living in open adultery with one Hattie Glover, now living with him in Michigan as his wife. The petitioner asks custody of a male child born as the issue of her marriage with Glover.

THE RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Applications Disposed Of—The Niagara Central's Extension.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—There was a batch of applications on the list before the meeting of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council which took place this afternoon. Sir John Macdonald was in the chair, and there were also present Sir John Thompson, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Adolphe Caron and Hon. John Carling. The application of the Winnipeg Transfer Company for connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway in the city of Winnipeg was refused on account of objection raised by the latter company to the point at which connection was requested. An application from the Canada Southern Railway to build a branch line from Oil Springs to Eadies Mills was granted. The application of the Ontario & Quebec Railway for approval of a point of crossing over the Erie & Huron Railway at Chatham was held over for the report of Mr. Schrieber. The Kingston & Pembroke Railway Company and the Napanee & Tamworth Railway asked for proval of plans covering the same ground for a branch line from Sydenham to Harrowsmith on the Kingston & Pembroke. The matter was taken into consideration.

The Niagara Central Railway Company made application for a permit to build a line of railway through Hamilton, crossing such streets as may be necessary in going from an eastern entrance to a western exit, said streets to be crossed at the most advantageous points and in a manner least calculated to do damage to property. Leave was granted, subject to a favorable report as to the scheme by Collingwood Schrieber, Government engineer.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

An Important Meeting of the League—The Hofmeyer Scheme.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—A meeting of the Imperial Federation League in Canada was held in the tower room this morning, there being over 30 persons present, half of whom were members of Parliament. Dalton McCarthy occupied the chair at the beginning but had to leave for the Supreme Court. The annual report which was read showed that there were 26 branches of the League in Canada.

A lengthy discussion took place on a resolution of Mr. Hamilton Merritt for the appointment of a committee to urge on the League in England the advisability of adopting what is known as the Hofmeyer scheme, a 2-per cent. discriminatory tariff on all foreign goods entering the empire, the revenue derived therefrom going towards imperial defence. Among the speakers were Messrs. Gilbert, St. Thomas; Cockburn, M.P., Col. O'Brien, M.P., Archibald McGowan, Montreal, and T. J. Alexander, Ottawa. Some of the speakers objected to the tariff.

FRESH MEAT DUTIES.

A Movement for the Benefit of Farmers—Orange Incorporation.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—A number of members representing rural constituencies held a meeting to-day to discuss the duty on fresh meat which it is desired to have increased. There were present Messrs. Coughlin, McKay, Carpenter, Marshall, Brown, Roome, Smith, Pope, Davis, Cimon and others. While advocating an increase for both pork and beef, they are specially interested in the pork duty which they desired to have raised to 2 cents per pound on all descriptions. It is now 1 cent per pound on heavy mess and 2 cents on other descriptions. A vast quantity is imported, chiefly for the use of lumbermen, and these latter have always opposed an increase in the duty on the ground that Canada could not produce the grade of pork desired in sufficient quantity for the lumbermen's purposes. In the belief that our farmers are quite capable of supplying the demand the members above named agreed that a deputation should wait upon the Ministers of Customs and Finance at an early day to press for the change desired. Not only would farmers benefit by profits on hog raising, but this if developed would enable them to dispose of vast quantities of coarse grain not now in demand.

The Orange Incorporation Bill introduced to-day is, as far as the circumstances of the case will permit, a copy of the Foresters' Incorporation Bill which passed the House last year without any trouble. Mr. Wallace states that provisions involving questions of provincial or Dominion jurisdiction which wrecked the bill on the former occasion have been carefully evaded this time, so the House has a simple matter to decide upon. He expresses confidence that the bill will pass. Unless called for by opposition offered those promoting the bill will not take up time in its advocacy beyond simply explaining the situation, but if challenged they are prepared for an exhaustive debate.

Mr. McMillan (Huron) gives notice of a resolution favoring the expediency of placing on the free list grains which do not ripen in Canada but are largely imported and sown for the production of food for cattle under the system of ensilage.

Dr. Wilson of Elgin will move for the repeal of the Franchise Act and reversion to the use of the provincial voters' lists.

Mr. Purcell will reintroduce his bill for the protection of persons employed by contractors in the construction of railways against being defrauded of their wages.

Families leaving the city or giving up housekeeping can have their furniture carefully stored at moderate cost with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

Fur Bargains To-day.

A magnificent lot of seal muffs is offered for sale at $12 and $15 each at Dineen's clearing sale of furs. Ladies' beaver muffs, capes and storm collars are greatly reduced. Children's grey curly fur caps, muffs and collars very cheap. Men's Persian lamb caps, first quality, only $6; men's fur coats at $15, $18 and $25. Ladies' fine astrachan mantles, $25, $30 and $35. Short seal jackets, $75 and $100; grey robes at $6 and $7. The goods that are offered are all of this season's manufacture and can be recommended by the firm. The store is on corner of King and Yonge-streets.

Manufacturers, by warehousing their surplus stock with Mitchell, Miller & Co., receive negotiable warehouse receipts.

Battle of Gettysburg.

This great cyclorama continues to draw large numbers of visitors. It is one of the finest attractions in Toronto. The artist has invested his conception of this memorable battle with a realism that conveys to the beholder a vivid impression of the desperate struggle for the supremacy at the Round Tops.

NEWS OF THE OLD WORLD.

Imperial Penny Postage—Gladstone at Barnum's Circus.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—A strong movement is starting to induce Mr. Goschen to devote two per cent. of the four million surplus to the introduction of imperial penny postage. It is regarded by many as an excellent chance to consolidate the living foundations of imperial unity. Henniken Heaton, the author of the scheme, writes a letter to the public saying it is the most popular and least expensive gift England can confer on her children and on her children's children in Australia, Africa, Canada, Indies and the United States.

Gladstone Sees the Greatest Show.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Mr. Gladstone and his wife attended Barnum's circus this evening. A large audience was present and became highly enthusiastic over the presence of the grand old pair.

Mrs. Langtry Seriously Ill.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Langtry's friends are greatly alarmed at her condition. She is considered to be dangerously ill, and the fact has become known that she is suffering from blood poisoning.

Cable Flashes.

The French Republicans have initiated a party organization and caucus system.

The Oxford-Cambridge boat race is to be rowed over the Thames course March 25.

The London School Board is preparing to petition Parliament to establish a system of free schools.

The conference for the formation of a confederation of the Australian Provinces has been postponed until Feb. 6.

It is semi-officially stated that a ukase will shortly be issued prohibiting German colonization in Southern Russia.

The Pelican Club at its meeting last night requested Abington to resign because of his conduct in connection with the Smith-Slavin fight.

Signor Crispi, the Italian Prime Minister, has conferred a medal of the Order of the Grand Cordon on Osmanich for his services to the Italian forces operating in Abyssinia.

The Novoe Vremya (St. Petersburg) advises Europe to check England's extensions in Africa. The article is believed to be of Imperial inspiration and has created a sensation.

Col. Stoppel, formerly French military attache at Berlin, who warned his Government before 1870 that the efficiency of the German army would make war disastrous to France, has published a sensational pamphlet advocating a Franco-German alliance and defensive alliance to check Russia. This alliance, however, he says, is only possible if Alsace-Lorraine is restored to France.

P. E. I. ELECTIONS.

The Government Probably Sustained by a Narrow Majority.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Jan. 30.—The general elections for the House of Assembly took place to-day. The Government has probably been sustained, but their majority will be a narrow one. Several seats are in doubt and the result will not be known until to-morrow. The indications are that the Government will have 17 and the Opposition 13 seats in the new House.

These officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P. Vice-Presidents—Ontario—Mr. McNeil, M. P.; Quebec—Hon. Mr. Joly; Nova Scotia—Archbishop O'Brian; New Brunswick—Sir Leonard Tilley; Prince Edward Island—Senator Carvell; Manitoba—Lieutenant-Governor Schultz; British Columbia—Lieutenant-Governor Nelson.

Treasurer—H. H. Lyman, Montreal.

Permanent secretary—Casimir S. Dickson, Toronto.

Executive Committee—Sanford Fleming, C.M.G.; Sir A. T. Galt, A. McGowan, Montreal; Col. Denison, Hamilton Merritt and J. Herbert Mason, Toronto.

Trowern, Jewelry Manufacturer, has removed from Yonge-street to 13 King-street west, south side, four doors east of Rossin House.

Losses Caused by Flames.

HAMILTON, Jan. 30.—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning did $200 damage in a restaurant in York-street, kept by Mrs. Evans and her daughter. The two women, who were nearly overcome by smoke, were rescued from a second-story window. Constable Johnston gave the alarm from the house of King William and James-streets, and was knocked down by an electric shock.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 30.—Fire this morning destroyed the two-story building occupied by the Langenan Manufacturing Company. Loss $25,000.

COVINGTON, Neb., Jan. 30.—Fire at 3 o'clock this morning burned eight saloons and three wholesale houses. Loss $20,000, fully insured.

There Should Be a Hanging There.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 30.—At Morgan yesterday 7000 people, mostly negroes, gathered to witness the execution of Polk Newton, a negro murderer. Interference by the Governor prevented the execution. The crowd lingered and there was much drinking. A riot took place, in which race lines were drawn. It was caused by a drunken negro striking a white child and the attempts of officers to arrest him. A great number of shots were fired. One white man was fatally wounded. One other man was injured.

A Trunk Line Conference.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—There was a conference here to-day between the trunk line freight representatives and the New England Freight Committee over a proposition to adopt measures toward securing the right quotation of west bound rates from New England points and doing away with misrepresentation of the same. The matter was referred for disposition to the executive committee of the trunk lines.

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