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THE TICHBORNE CASE REVIEWED.

THE ACTORS, THE EVIDENCE, AND THE OBJECTS OF THE SUIT.

A brief sketch of the history and leading points *pro* and *con*, on which depends the issue of this extraordinary case, may not be uninteresting to our readers. The singular circumstances of its origin, the enormous mass of evidence, in many respects strangely conflicting, and the length of its course hitherto and to come, together with the personal peculiarities of Roger Charles Tichborne and the claimant, be they one or two, mark this as the most extraordinary case that has ever come before a Jury. More than seventy days have already been devoted to its hearing, but the end is not yet, nor even at hand, the evidence in support of the claim being only just concluded and the case for the defence opened; and we should think Judge, Jury, Counsel and all concerned have had more than enough of the feast, to the lawyers engaged therein actual, to the claimant prospective. The interest in the case, which can scarcely be said to have flagged from the commencement of the trial, has been still further deepened by the speech with which the Attorney General of England opened for the Defence, and the bold and defiant tone adopted in the interests of his clients. A review of the History of the suit may therefore not be inappropriate at the present moment.

THE REAL SIR ROGER; HIS DEATH.

In the year 1829 there was born to Sir James Tichborne, Baronet, the representative of an old Hampshire family, and to his wife Felicite (name of happy omen!) a son who received the names Roger Charles. Exactly ten years thereafter, oddly enough to a day, was born their only other child, Alfred James. The career of Roger Charles presents little interest until the year 1849, unless scantiness of education and abundance of stupidity are interesting. Such as it was, his education was conducted mainly at home and at Stoneyhurst Roman Catholic College under the auspices of Priests of that faith to which the Tichborne family belongs. In that year he received a Commission in the Carabineers, and we find him shortly afterwards with his regiment at Cahir, in Ireland, and elsewhere. Conspicuous for little beyond being the butt of the regiment, our subaltern remained in the service until 1853, when, his reckless and extravagant habits incurring the wrath of Sir James, he sold out, and left home for foreign parts, father and son parting in anger. From this time nothing was heard *from* him, or with certainty *of* him; and eventually his relatives accepted the belief that he had gone down with a sailing ship wrecked off the coast of South Africa in 1854. In this belief Sir James Tichborne died in 1862, and was immediately succeeded in the title and estates by his son Alfred, who had recently married a daughter of Lord Arundel of Wardour, the head of one of the oldest and most influential Roman Catholic families in England.

SIR ROGER REPORTS HIMSELF ALIVE.

This marriage was distasteful to the Dowager Lady Tichborne, who, distrusting the story of the lost and favorite son's death, from time to time inserted in Australian papers advertisements which resulted in "The Claimant's" arrival in England, in 1867, and in the legal drama, of which he is the prominent *persona*. The Dowager was at this time in Paris, in what proved to be her last illness; and thither her *soi-disant* son immediately hastened. The dying lady acknowledged him as her son, but her death, which occurred shortly after this meeting, even in the face of her affidavit of acknowledgement of identity, has strongly militated against the substantiation of the claim. About the same time Sir Alfred died, leaving no issue, his only son having predeceased in infancy. The succession, however, remained in abeyance, pending the delivery of his widow, then *enciente*, until, in due time, she gave birth to a posthumous son, who, as heir of his father, at once stepped into the family honours and estates, and is known as Sir Henry Alfred James Tichborne, now in the fourth year of his age. Despite flat and unhesitating repudiation of the claimant's pretensions on the part of the Trustees, he assumed and has ever since borne the style and title of Sir Roger Charles Tichborne, under which he is wont to figure in the Gun Club, of which he is a prominent member, and has more than once passed through the Bankruptcy Court.

THE LEGAL TALENT ENGAGED.

The preparation of the claim, entrusted to lawyers of high standing and *acumen*, involved the consumption of years before the mass of evidence, which has been obtained, could be gathered, and a firm basis of operations established. This done, the ponderous machine was set agoing which bids fair to solve the vexed problem of perpetual motion. The leading Counsel for the plaintiff are Sergeant Ballantine and Mr. Giffard, Q. C., both first-rate men, the former, in some respects, unrivalled at the bar; while the defence is supported by the great ability and legal learning of the Attorney General, Sir John Duke Coleridge, and Mr. Hawkins, Q. C., one of the astutest lawyers of his time. It is, perhaps, not much to be wondered at that unusual acrimony has been displayed, and not infrequent sparrings have occurred between the leaders, while the patience of Lord Chief Justice Sir William Bovill has been pretty sorely tried. Great men are after all but men, and even high legal dignities may lose their temper.

THE CLAIMANT'S CASE.

The Plaintiff's story is that, the ship in which he sailed from England being wrecked, he was picked up by another vessel bound for South America; that there in various places he followed a menial calling for some time under more than one *alias*; and that eventually going to Australia he remained there, in the Bush, still under an assumed name, until, his attention being directed to one of Lady Tichborne's advertisements, he made known to various people his identity with her son, and notably to a Mr. Gibbs who acted as the medium of communication between him and her Ladyship. What appears the weak part of this story is that which relates to the "Bella" and the "Osprey," the wrecked and the saving ships, and the evidence on this point is somewhat conflicting and unsatisfactorily incomplete.

REJOINDER OF THE DEFENCE.

The defence is that the claimant is not Roger Charles Tichborne at all, who was actually drowned in 1854, but an imposter who, presuming on likeness to the deceased, and "coached" and "posted" in his family and other matters by a black man named Moore, long in the Tichborne service and an important witness in the case, has conspired with Moore and others to represent the defunct, and to perpetrate one of the most gigantic frauds the world has ever seen.

HOW THE CLAIM IS SUPPORTED.

In support of the claim the most important elements are the acknowledgment of the claimant by Lady Tichborne—his familiarity with facts and circumstances which the real Tichborne alone could in all probability know—personal peculiarities such as, *inter alia*, a twitching of the eye, a malformation of the thumb of one hand, and scars on the head and other parts of the body, all of which are proved to have existed in Roger Charles Tichborne, and are found in the plaintiff,—and the strong phalanx of evidence, to a great extent free from the charge of interest or complicity, corroborative of identity. Fellow officers and others of unimpeachable integrity pronounce him Simon Pure—and among these notably and oddly enough is Colonel Lushington, the nominal defendant in the suit as lessee of a portion of the Tichborne property. Despite the change from a slight stripling to a corporation no mean rival of Captain Van Buren Bates', recognition, if not immediate, speedily followed "reviewing," being based on the personal peculiarities and familiarity with circumstances and events, often insignificant, already alluded to.

THE DEFENCE'S THEORY.

On the other hand the defence meets Lady Tichborne's acknowledgment with the allegation of her dislike for Sir Alfred and his wife, and on this ground of *motive* strives to annul the force of one strong element of claim. The plaintiff's utter ignorance of French in the face of proof that young Tichborne spoke that language well, while his English was broken and imperfect, seems a good card against the claim; but on this point, as on most others, doctors differ, and cases are adduced where, in similar circumstances, a language has been wholly lost. Much stress is laid on plaintiff's lively remembrance of certain facts and events, albeit often of no great importance, as contrasted with the utter blank which his mind presents on subjects of at least equal consequence and of more recent occurrence. Great weight is attached to the identity of various photographs, as also to the similarity existing between claimant's handwriting and that of one Arthur Orton, the son of a butcher in Wapping, London, and with whom the former admits having been on terms of intimacy and implicated in certain nefarious transactions.

THE LATEST THEORY.

That the claimant and this Orton are one and the same is the theory which has most widely obtained, and on which the defence has seemed mainly to proceed. It now, however, appears to have given place to another theory mentioned lightly before, but now confidently asserted to be capable of irrefragable proof, viz., that the claimant *is the son of Sir James Tichborne, but illegitimate*, and has conspired with Moore, Baigent (whose cross-examination lasted eleven days) and others to represent his deceased *legitimate* brother Roger Charles Tichborne. By this solution of the mystery some of the personal peculiarities referred to would seem accountable and natural. In anticipation of leading evidence to establish this position, it is presumed, the Attorney General in the opening sentences of his speech on 15th inst branded the claim as an imposture of unexampled audacity.

INCIDENTS OF THE TRIAL.

Some elements in the case remain to be noticed. In its early stages great stress was laid on a packet of papers left by young Tichborne in the custody of one Gosford, a friend of the family, at the date of his leaving England, and whose contents the claimant was alleged to be able to describe minutely. Such description has not been given, and the point seems to be tacitly dropped on both sides. It is possible, however, that this may be a good trump for the odd trick.

The claimant's deposition on oath as to his (Tichborne's) improper intimacy with his cousin, Miss Kate Doughty, now Mrs. Radcliffe, who, with her husband, was then present in Court, is doubtless remembered; nor is it forgotten with how great reluctance, real or admirably acted, the statement was wormed out of him by the pertinacity of the Attorney General. Sympathy cannot, in the circumstances of difficulty of refutation, be withheld from Mrs. Radcliffe and her husband; but the fact remains of the deposition being made, not only unwillingly but under compulsion.

PERSONAL.

The plaintiff was married in Australia, and has several children. His enormous bulk has been adverted to, and his free-living, and, in the less invidious sense, sponging attributes are generally known. We have omitted to mention one circumstance which is viewed with jealous suspicion by the defence. We refer to the coincidence of the meeting between the plaintiff and the man Moore at the door of an hotel in Melbourne. The smartness of the claimant's answers during his long and trying examination, and his manner and tone throughout, occasionally amounting to dignity, elicited remark,—sometimes admiration,—and did not seem to indicate the degree of stupidity attributed to Roger Tichborne. At the same time it is hard to reconcile these with the large and ludicrous display of ignorance on many points.

THE EXPENSES: CONCLUSION.

The cost of the trial is estimated at £250,000 sterling, equal to one half of the entire value of the estates. The Tichborne Promotion Company and Tichborne Bonds are sufficiently familiar to the public to render nothing beyond passing mention necessary.

We have thus placed before our readers the main features of this extraordinary case, and in doing so we have been careful to observe the recent *dictum* of the presiding Lord Chief Justice that "the law is "that, while a matter is under discussion "in Court, parties outside are not at liberty "to discuss it. The best thing for us all "is that we should observe the law,—the "newspapers and everybody else." If the claimant be really Roger Charles Tichborne, then his story surpasses anything in fiction: if he be an impostor, the perjury that has been committed is awful to contemplate, while his audacity and ingenuity entitle him almost to be accredited with genius, albeit perverted and misapplied.

Sleighing in Saint John.

Current Horse events for the week.--Matches made and talked of.

The present week has been an eventful one amongst the supporters of the turf. The thaw adverted to in our artitle of Saturday last "used up" the sleighing until Wednesday, when there was a plentiful fall of snow. While the trotters were idle their owners and friends were busy discussing their comparative merits, and a number of gentlemen who dispute the supremacy of Mr. Barker's famous horse "Crown Prince" to the title of best and fastest trotter have finally mustered sufficient courage to back Mr. Furlong's roan gelding "Andy Johnson" against him. The latter horse is the hero of many victories and defeats in Boston and New York, but "Crown Prince" is as yet unbeaten, having won both the races in which he took part with ridiculous ease, viz., at the Exhibition races, Fredericton, in October, 1870, and the $500 purse at Moosepath Park last season, beating "Eastern Boy" and "Nellie Locke," the "Boy" having previously obtained a record of 2·32 at Mystic Park, Boston, equal to "Andy Johnson's" best time, which was made on the same course also. But it is quite probable "Andy Johnson" would beat "Eastern Boy" on the Moosepath course, as he trots fast and works well in making the turns, having trotted a fourth heat in 2 33 on a half mile track at Troy, New York, last season, which is in our judgment his best public performance, taking precedence of his second heat in 2.32 later in the season at Mystic Park, which is perhaps the best and fastest trotting course in the United States. With these particulars the public will be able to arrive at something like a fair estimate of the respective horses. But to come back to

THE PROPOSED MATCH,

which did not emanate from Mr. Furlong, who, however, was willing to let his horse compete with "Crown Prince," and so set the matter at rest. The friends of "Andy Johnson" wished to make a race of mile heats on the ice, for $500 a side. The owners of "Crown Prince" declined to entertain the proposal of a race on the ice altogether, but expressed their willingness to make a series of matches for $1,000 a side, or one match of $2,000 a side, mile heats, best three in five, to harness (which is the general mode of proving the best horses) to be trotted next season in St. John, Woodstock, or any other good track mutually chosen. This seems to be a reasonable and fair answer, and if the gentlemen who have interested themselves wish to test the powers of speed and bottom possessed by those two noted trotters, the course proposed by the owners of "Crown Prince" is the proper and recognized means of doing so. Trotting on the ice is seldom practised. The summer is the season for first class race horses to show what they are composed of. In winter they obtain a rest, or what is expressively called a "let up." A New York contemporary of the 17th inst., says:—"Mr. Thomas P. Wallace's horses "Henry," (record 2.20½) "Triumph" (formerly "Joe," 2.25½) and "Heather Bloom," are having a nice let up this winter. They occupy commodious box stalls, which are covered with tan bark to run on in the day time, and at night strewn two feet deep with straw. They are all doing finely." This is the usual mode of caring for valuable horses.

To shew

THE DANGER

of speeding strong gaited horses on the ice, we may refer to the race of "Trotting Childers" against "Gun Cotton," (a horse brought from the States) which took place here seventeen winters ago. "Childers" won the race without being forced to his best gait, but as his way of going caused him to strike the ice with great force, he was permanently injured from the effects of the race. The owners of "Crown Prince" are shrewd and intelligent observers of horses and evidently will not race their unblemished trotter on the ice; and so the matter rests.

THE TRAINING FOR THE MATCHES

between Golding's "Bob" and Barnes's black trotter is progressing satisfactorily. The parties to it really intend trying the merits of their steeds; for $50 a side (half forfeit) has already been deposited in the stakeholder's hands. It will, no doubt make an exciting race if Golding's little horse can make the very speedy black gelding go all he knows how to keep out of the way. Yesterday the weather was very fine and

THE HORSEMEN

were out in full force. There is a great change in the number and quality of the road and driving horses of St. John, as compared with five or six years ago. The driving horses of business men show undoubted evidence of good breeding, which will increase from year to year, as several valuable stock horses have been recently imported. During the week we had only time to pay a visit to

GOLDING'S STABLES;

and in his Boarding and Private Stable, Dorchester Street, we looked over some very well bred stock for trotting or road purposes. Among them the following:—

A fine young Stallion of the Rysdyk Hambletonian stock:—he is a blood bay, coming three years old, and, judging from his points and action, he is going to make a very fast trotter. He is the cut of a handsome trotting and driving horse, and will no doubt impart speed and beauty to his stock. He was sired by "Jay Gould, (record) 2.22) the fastest trotting Stallion in the world, and a young horse called "Climax," by his dam, has trotted in 2.31½. He was imported by Mr. Golding last fall, and is now comfortably quartered in a roomy box stall. The next adjoining box stall on one side is occupied by Counciller Pugsley's gray driving horse. Little is known of his pedigree, but that does not detract from his speed. His driver gives a good many the go by on the road. The box-stall on the other side contains Dr. Jas. Christie's sorrel gelding, "Jeff"—trotting sobriquet, "Bismarck." Although he has never beaten 2.50 on the track, he makes tracks and gathers quick. The Doctor has got a gentleman's road horse, and both he and Mr. Pugsley have displayed great task in the selection of the fancy sleighs with which they have provided themselves. In the box adjoining Dr. Christie's we were shown a fine weanling filly,—bay, with two white heels,—dam by "May," and sired by, perhaps, the finest young stallion in the United States, viz, "Aberdeen," brother in blood to "Dexter." The colt is a beautiful bay, of good size, powerful quarters, strong back and loin, sloping shoulder, rangy neck, and altogether an animal of remarkable promise.

The stable adjacent is occupied by its dam the Young Messenger mare "May," by "John":—she was raised by Jas. Dunn Esq., and shows good trotting action, and was taken to New York by Mr. Golding in 1870.

In the next stall is citizen Clinch's grey driving horse, a good substantial looking family beast, probably of the Messenger blood. Further along we found the little bay gelding "Bob," which is matched to trot the Sackville wonder. He is in an ordinary narrow stall, but seems to be well cared for in hopes that this will help him to catch his fleet competitor. There are one or two other horses kept there whose history we did not learn. Mr. Golding seems to be an excellent hand with horses, those entrusted to his charge all looking well.

We have not space to-day to publish our notes of the Hack and Livery Stables, but will continue our sketches from time to time as before announced.

LOCALS.

Special Sessions.

The adjourned Sessions will re-assemble on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at *eleven* a. m. See official advertisement in to-day's TRIBUNE.

Duke Street Chapel.

There will be preaching by Elder Garraty, to-morrow, Lord's day, at 11 o'clock, (D. V.) Theme: "The Inspired Preacher's Glory." Evening, "Converting Power," or "Pentecost." Mr. Garraty is an earnest and able expounder. Seats all free.

Charlotte County Circuit Court.

The Charlotte Circuit Court opened on Tuesday at St. Andrews, Judge Weldon presiding. Three civil and one criminal cause comprise the docket.

New Rolling Stock.

The changes in the Time Table of the Government Railways have been made possible only by the recent additions to the stock of locomotives. But for the scarcity and weakness of engines the improvements would have been made some time ago. The new Time Table, we believe, will have the effect of expediting the transit both of passengers and freight.

School Matters.

Clifton is in want of a Superior School teacher, and will pay, we understand, $600 a year. District No. 13, Botsford, Westmorland Co., requires a second-class teacher.

Central Norton School District has been represented as assessed for $4,000 for school purposes. The amount should have been stated at $400. The District has already a first rate school building. Saint George is credited by a cotemporary this morning with assessing itself for $11,000,—should read $1,100.

The First Mayor of Halifax.

The Moncton *Times* informs us that the late Mr. Stephen Binney was the first Mayor of Halifax. He was Past Master of Keith Lodge F. & A. M., and was held in high esteem by his brethren in Masonry, and by all classes of the community.

Earthquake.

A sharp shock of an earthquake was felt in Moncton about 6 o'clock on Monday morning last. About the same time a shock was experienced at Fredericton; and the previous Thursday at Quebec, River du Loup and other points in that locality.

Amusements.

The Theatrical bill last evening at the Institute was the "Ticket-of-Leave-Man," which was well received by a good audience. To-night, "Black Eyed Susan," and "Paddy's Duel" will be the bill offered, which, together with the songs of Jennie Vache and Frank Budworth, ought to draw well.

The Celtic Choral and Literary Club performed in Carleton last night to a large audience. Their efforts were well appreciated

The Author of "Bill Barnacle."

The editor of the New York *Sun* has written in reply to one of the Newfoundland editors, saying that the writer of the tales about the wreck of the *Albion* and the horrors of "Bill Barnacles' hut," is a Mr. P. F. Jordan. He is a native of St. John's, N. F., and a member of a respectable family who are much distresssed by his conduct. His father is a merchant tailor. The *Sun* editor says he means to have him arrested for obtaining money under false pretences.

Remembered.

A very worthy minister, laboring in a neglected field, was remembered by his congregation on Thursday evening, and a purse of $75, besides other valuable articles, donated. We refer to Rev. J. W. Titus, Pastor of the Pitt Street Baptist Church.

Important Omission.

A city correspondent who knows Mr. Hugh Davidson, of Petitcodiac, intimately, suggests an addition to our "personal" of yesterday:—You state that Mr. Davidson "will pay one seventh of the whole of the "School Tax assessed in his District. "Let me add that he will pay the "amount willingly, as a more enterprising, public spirited man I do not "know. What is more, Mr. Davidson "has neither chick nor child to be educated. I regret to say it,—for it is the "principal drawback to an otherwise well "rounded character,—but truth requires "that I should state that Mr. Davidson is "an old bachelor. Let me add, however, "in justice to him that he is old only in "years,—and not very old at that; in "energy, enterprise and business capacity "he is young as any of us." To all of which we cheerfully bow assent.

Disreputable.

The Sackville *Post* asked where Mr J. A. Humphries stands on the question, "Shall we have free, unsectarian schools?" The Moncton *Times* is utterly disgusted with the *Post's* bluntness, and remarks:—

"This is a business so utterly mean and disreputable that we cannot believe a respectable paper deliberately proposes to engage in it."

Of Mr. Humphries' attitude towards the Government the *Times* says:—

"If when the House meets, it appears that the Government have been extravagant, that they have not vigorously urged our just claims to 'Better Terms,' or for any reason are unworthy of confidence, Mr. H. may be expected to oppose them, but at present he is unwilling to restrict his usefulness by pledges for the special benefit of a few politicians whose interests may not be identical with those of the people."

A correspondent of THE TRIBUNE recently suggested that Mr. Humphreys was put forward by a firm of active, enterprising business men in Moncton, and that their objective point was some "short cut" or other in connexion with a new and improved Dock, for which a Patent has not yet been taken out; and that the member elect would be expected to secure Government assistance for this contemplated work. Now what has the *Times* to say about this Dock?

Home Again!

The three butchers who carried to Newfoundland the mutton originally intended for this market, got home yesterday. They had in all over a thousand sheep, whose meat they disposed of to advantage in St. John's, N. F., and whose skins they left in P. E. Island till the Spring.

Workmen's Strikes.

Seventy shoemakers—the whole force—struck work in Taylor's Shoe Factory, Halifax, on Tuesday. One of the hands had been discharged for reasons, by the foreman, but was immediately hired again by one of the sub foremen, employed in the Factory on piece work. The foreman ascertaining this, ordered him to leave the Factory, and the proprietors approved of the Foreman's act. The whole force then left work, some who are not Crispins alleging that they were obliged to join the rest.

In our own City a day or two since there was a strike in a Sail Loft. One of the proprietors noticed that one of his men was not sewing his proper quantum, and reprimanded him for it. The workman took umbrage at the remarks and knocked off; and the whole force, stating that "they went together," left work also.

Portland Police Court—Nothing Doing—A Delightful Calm.

The managerial Executive, who run the local politics in the Parish of Portland, have awed into complete submission the predatory bands that in olden times made the welkin ring with mid-night brawls, and tested, to the utmost, the bones and sinews of the guardians of the peace in their efforts to convey them to the domicile where Justice Tapley metes out justice, tempered with mercy. Now the occupants of the brilliant blue coats and glittering brass buttons can rest on their arms; a reassuring smile can play over their finely moulded features, and they can allow the suppressed exclamation of triumph to escape from their firmly compressed lips like a hero in one of Cooper's Indian novels. The now oft written, but expressive word, "nil," which graces so fittingly the pages of the Justice's Book, was there again this morning. The wife beaters, who are so fond of "putting a head" on their life companions, were conspicuous by their absence. Nobby Clark, whose autobiography has oft been given, was not there to supply food for a pointless moral. The recent absence of crime has had the effect of giving a youthful appearance to the benevolent features of Judge Tapley, on which the heavy calendars formerly often produced a look of care. The noble countenance of Queen Victoria in her robes of state, gazed from a small framed picture over the Judge's seat, and never before looked upon a more peaceful scene than Justices Tapley and Goddard as they quietly conversed about the late great fire in Chicago, content that the raging fires of discord at last bore the semblance of a calm in the belligerent parish of yore. The once proudly erect form of a stalwart policeman was engaged in shovelling snow which had fallen so heavily as to impede general progress; and though probably he would have liked to have vaulted on ambition's high horse of another kind, he devoted himself bravely to his present task. The inhabitants along the route deftly handled long armed shovels, old and young, pitching the result of last night's fall far out into the middle of the street and in the way of the horse cars—much to the disgust of the manly drivers thereof.

Musical Entertainment.

The Choir of St. Peter's Church, Portland, assisted by a few friends, propose giving an entertainment next week. A choice selection of pieces is being prepared for the occasion.

No admittance for our Delegates.

It was rather a sorry joke that was perbetrated in Ottawa last evening, when invited guests were not allowed at the Fancy Dress Ball because they did not appear in Fancy Costume! And yet we should have desired to look upon Messrs. Deveber, Berton and Lindsay, of St. John, in Fancy Dress.

Annual Festival.

St. John Section, No. 22, C. of T., propose holding their annual festival, in their Hall, Market House, Britain street, on Friday evening next, the 26th inst. There will be Singing, Recitations, Readings, etc.

The first of the season.

The first snow balling match of the season, took place between the Merchants of the North and South Wharf, this morning. Owing to the number of schooners which intervened the battle was not as spirited as on former occasions. The damage was not serious, only one window being demolished, and the poor schooner-men coming in for a pounding because their craft presented obstacles to anticipated fun. Captains Robertson and Smith distinguished themselves on the side of the North. The snow was in fine condition and plenty of it.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:—

Montreal, Jan. 19th.—Flour at Liverpool 26s. and 28s. Red Wheat 11s. a 11s. 7d.

New York flour market dull without decided change. Common to Choice Extra State, $6 65 a $7.40.

Pork steady—$14.25 a $14.37 new; $13.25 a $13.37 old.

Grain freights lower—6½d.

Montreal flour market heavy—Western State and Welland Canal Superfine $5.90 a $6.

New York, Jan. 20th.—Gold opened at 9 1-8.

Property at Auction.

This noon, at Chubb's Corner, Messrs. Stewart & White sold at auction the brick building on Prince William St., at present occupied by Messrs. Barnes & Co., and owned by Messrs. D. & T. Taughan, for $8,100, L. H. Vaughan being the purchaser. One third of the property is freehold and the remainder leasehold. Also the leasehold property on Union St., at present occupied by Benjamin Goodwin. It was sold by the Administrators of the estate of the late Christopher Wilson. C. N. Skinner, Esq., on behalf of Benjamin Goodwin, protested against the sale as the property belonged to Mr. Goodwin, the same having been assigned to the late Christopher Wilson upon trust and part of which has been re-assigned Mr. Goodwin by the heirs. J. H. Crawford, Esq., M. P. P., was the purchaser for $100.

Shipping Notes.

The Port Wardens held a survey yesterday on the bark "Sarah Sloan," which arrived here some days ago, with a cargo of coal from Sydney *via* Bermuda. She put into St. George's leaky, and there made the necessary repairs to enable her to complete the voyage.

The ship "Josephine Oulton" (formerly "Golconda,") Oulton, master, which sailed from New Orleans 30th ult., for Liverpool, with a cargo consisting of 3,067 bales of cotton and 2,646 bags of oil cakes put into Havana 15th inst., leaking, and was put on the mud flats to stop the leak.

The schr. "M. L. St. Pierre," after a long and disastrous passage, has at last reached her port of destination, (Providence.) She sailed hence in the latter part of November with a cargo of lumber, and ran on the ledges near Jonesport. She was got off and towed to Boothbay, where she discharged cargo and repaired.

The Circuit Court.

The case of Firth vs McLeod is still going on, and for some time yet will take up the time of the Court. The lawyers have settled down to the conviction that it is good for the balance of the sitting. Huge piles of day-books and ledgers used for many years by Mr. Walker in his extensive business, lay around the Court Room, and the contents are being investigated. The Plaintiff, Capt. Firth, was on the stand yesterday afternoon and to-day. His examination will yet occupy considerable time.

Serious Row.

A tremendous row raged in a bar room on King Street last night, between four young men who were drunk at the time. A coachman named McDevitt was badly cut and maimed. Some "respectable young men" were among the fighters. A large crowd gathered outside, but the Police did not put in an appearance. The combatants exhausted themselves and separated after they had done considerable "gouging."

City Police Court.

Robert Smith, 40, N. B., drunk; fined $6.

—Barnum has a cannibal girl on exhibition in New York. Parties visiting her with the view of seeing her eat, are required to furnish the missionary themselves.—[Lou. Cour. Jour,

—A very intelligent bear went to a sheep pen in Sherman, Vt., untied the door-string, selected a sheep, tied up the door again, and made off.

—A man in Danbury discovered that powder fried in lard was good for boils. He tried it. The stove cover is in the second story now, though most all the rest of the stove has been collected. He was deceived in his lard, he says.—[Danbury News.

A cowardly fellow—elaborately got up as 'a gent,' viciously kicked a newsboy the other day for pestering him to buy the Evening TELEGRAPH. The lad's revenge was ingenious and complete. He waited till another boy accosted 'the gent,' and then shouted in the hearing of all bystanders, 'It's no use to try him, Jim; he can't read.'

A lazy fellow once declared in public company that he could not find bread for his family. "Nor I," replied an industrious mechanic; "I am obliged to work for it."

A gent lately caught cold by kissing a lady's snowy brow. Served him right.

"Jenny," said a landlady to her help the other morning, "Jenny, was there any fire in the kitchen last night, while you were sitting up?" "Only just a spark, ma'am," was the reply. The landlady looked suspiciously at Jenny, but the innocent girl went on scrubbing and humming "Katy Darling."

A delicate parcel to be forwarded by ail—a young lady wrapt up in herself.

Why is the sun like a good loaf? Because it's light when it rises.

"Figures won't lie." Won't they? Does a fashionable woman's figure tell the truth?

A cowardly assault—to beat a retreat.

BY TELEGRAPH.

From Ontario.

The following was received too late for publication yesterday:—

TORONTO, Jan. 19.

Robinson, M. P. P. for Kingston, is to receive a complimentary dinner from the Orangemen here.

Centre Wellington Reform Association yesterday fully endorsed the new Local Government.

Some hack-drivers at Niagara, on the Canadian side, were sent to gaol yesterday for exorbitant charges.

A laborer, removing a bank of sawdust, was buried under the frozen mass and killed.

Scott will reply to-day, in the Assembly, to personal accusations made against him.

British and Foreign.

(*To the St. John Associated Press.*)

LONDON, Jan. 19.

A Bombay telegram reports the loss of a vessel off Surat and 35

NATIVES DROWNED.

The Principal of the College at Vitry Le Francais, condemned by the German Court Martial to three months imprisonment for the hostile demonstration of his students, causes much uneasiness in Paris.

The Government has demanded of Austria the extradition of Gambetta's

PRIVATE SECRETARY

M. DeEsenes.

The Assembly adopted resolution that the proposed

TAX UPON RAW MATERIAL

be resorted to, only upon the failure of other taxes to meet the expenses of Government.

Ministerial changes are expected in consequence of the vote.

At the Dominion Board of Trade meeting in Ottawa to-day, United States Consular fees and Customs charges were considered unjust to Canadian merchants and a Committee was appointed to confer with the Executive of the National Board of Trade at Washington.

Dominion Board of Trade.

[*Special Telegram to the Daily Tribune.*]

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.

Young's memorial on

CANAL IMPROVEMENTS

simply recommends the improvement of the navigation of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers and Welland Canal.

It recites the pledge given at the Quebec Conference, that Canal improvements would be among the first works undertaken, and urges, as the Treasury is now full, that the promises be immediately fulfilled.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the inspection fee for Petroleum be one dollar per barrel, instead of five cents per gallon as now.

2. Moved by Berton, seconded by Young endorses the Insolvent Act of 1869 as advantageous to the country.

3 Asks the Minister of Agriculture to consider the subject of liberal free grants in Manitoba to actual settlers.

4th. Recommend the Dominion Government in interests of trade, to lay a submarine cable across the Lower St Lawrence, to connect with the proposed telegraph line extending eastward seventy five miles along the North Shore of the St. Lawrence.

5th. Recommends passing an Inspection Law, making the inspection of butter, fish, fish-oils, petroleum, leather, hides, ashes, pork and beef, compulsory; flour, meal, grains, lard, and cheese, not compulsorp.

6th. Expresses the desirability of a uniform system of Guaging throughout the Dominion.

7th. Provides that the Boards of Trade at Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton should be empowered to appoint Average Adjusters for those parts.

8th. That the Board memorialize the Govt. to bring about a meeting of the leading meterologists of the different nations, and a uniform system of observations and crop reports.

9th. That the Govt. be asked to make free delivery of letters by carriers in cities.

Several other resolutions passed.

DINNER BY HINCKS.

In the evening a large number of the Board were entertained at dinner by Sir Francis Hincks at the Rideau Club.

The members of the Board were all invited to a

FANCY DRESS BALL

at the Russell House. Several went in plain clothes and were refused admittance, a body of police guarding the door.

An indignation meeting was held and resolutions passed strongly condemning the action of the Hall Committee.

The Ontario Parliament.

(*Special Telegram to the Daily Tribune.*)

TORONTO, Jan. 20.

The House had a long session last night, discussing the formation of the Cabinet.

Cameron made a long speech, declaring the Government to be a coalition, and condemning the inconsistency of Blake.

Coyne, a Conservative, gave in his adhesion to the new Government.

Wood, the late Treasurer, declared he had never allied himself with the Conservative party and never would, and intimated he would support Blake.

Cameron challenged Blake to deny that corrupt practices had been used to induce Wood to resign the Treasurership.

Blake emphatically denied.

Wood also denied it, and said no man, except Rykert, knew before he resigned that he was going to resign.

Cameron then moved for a Committee of Enquiry on the subject.

A row occurred at Gananoque at the