

Our Ottawa Special

The Old Ladies of the Senate
Heard From.

Clarke Wallace's Bombastic Utterances at Kingston Revived.

Mr. Charlton Takes a Crack at the Alleged Industrial Census-Quarantine Accommodation Discussed.

[Special Correspondence of the ADVERTISER by Telegraph.]

OTTAWA, Ont., March 17.—In the Senate to-day the act respecting the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway, was read a third time and passed with certain amendments. Mr. Boulton inquired if the Government have taken any steps towards acquiring a port of call between Canada and Australia at the Hawaiian Islands, in the event of the foreign relations of those islands undergoing a change—the independence of the islands was a question of importance to us—or failing that to secure a port of call. We had the same reasons for preserving intact our communication with Australia as California had with the State of New York. Mr. Boulton promised to forward a copy of the debate to her Majesty's Government. The discussion might, by showing how important these islands were to the empire, induce the United States Government to take possession of them.

Senator Power had the following notice on the paper: "That he will call attention to a speech reported in the Kingston News, as having been delivered by Mr. N. Clarke Wallace, M. P., at a meeting of Orangemen held in the City of Kingston, on Friday, the 10th of March instant, in which he is reported to have used the following language, with respect to what is generally spoken of as the Home Rule measure for Ireland: 'To this our friends over there will never submit. Britain may cast them out, but if she does, she has no right to look for further allegiance. They are preparing for action. Their unutterable determination is never to submit to home rule, and they will have the sympathy of the Orangemen of Canada; aye, more than sympathy, they shall have our active aid, if that active aid be necessary. We shall be unworthy of our ancestors if we fail in our duty in such a crisis.' And that he will ask the leader of the House whether or not Mr. N. Clarke Wallace, M. P., the Controller of Customs, disavows the use of the language so attributed to him, and if he does not, what action, if any, the Government propose to take with respect to the conduct of the said officer, in using such language on the occasion in question?" Mr. Boulton thought this might be allowed to stand in the absence from the city of Mr. Wallace, and especially he added, on this auspicious day when they might try and forget the difficulties which existed across the water. The honorable gentleman, he said, might bring it up again on the 12th of July. Mr. Power consented to let it stand till Tuesday.

Mr. Boulton secured a first reading for a bill to change the system of measurement of logs from board to cubic feet. This is considered expedient, owing to the diminishing size of the logs. Mr. Boulton is also putting through a bill to compel packers of all canned goods, when sold for home consumption or exportation, to stamp their names on the tin.

St. Patrick's day compelled the House of Commons proceedings to-day so that there was but a remnant of interest. Mr. Mills, of Bothwell, drew attention to the certificates necessary under the regulations of the American Government for Canadian exporters to procure from the American consuls. The practice had grown up, that the certificates were actually required by law, not, but as a rule the exporters found that the certificates were not required, and the case was asked if the Controller of Customs had returned to Ottawa. Mr. Foster: "I am not my brother's keeper; I will try, however, to get the information."

Mr. McMillen, on the motion to go into supply, called attention to the fact that the portfolio of Agriculture had been transferred to the Senate and given to a lawyer, Mr. Foster, who was a member of the House, and a lawyer being put in charge of the interests of the farmers. Mr. Coatsworth replied that Mr. Cleveland's new Secretary of Agriculture was a lawyer and saw no reason why the Minister of Agriculture should not be a lawyer. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried.

On an item respecting the census, Mr. Charlton drew attention to the character of the industrial returns as disclosed by the particulars given to the House within the last few days. They found that a small oblation was put down as an industrial establishment and a girl who did a little dressmaking was classed as an industrial establishment; also a man at the crossroads who was engaged shoeing horses, also milliners and bakers. By agreement the discussion of this subject was deferred until further papers were brought down.

After recess discussion on the quarantine was continued. Mr. Oulmet stated that the accommodation had been provided at Grosve Isle for 200 to 500 cabin passengers and 2,000 intermediate passengers. The only recommendation made by Dr. Montgomerie which had not been carried out was the erection of a deep-water wharf, which was not considered necessary.

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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Roe's Report and Its Recommendations.

Contracts Awarded for Street Watering, Market Cleaning and Relict Wood.

The business of No. 3 committee last night consisted mainly of matters relating to the fire department. There was considerable discussion over the matter of increasing the number of men in No. 2 station to five and the number in No. 3 to four.

Chief Roe's report was submitted and recommended: (1) That another man be appointed at No. 3 station; (2) that the old brick shed in the rear of No. 1 station be removed and rebuilt at the back of the lot; (3) that the walls of No. 3 station be painted the same as those of Nos. 1 and 2; (4) that legislation be secured for exclusive use of top cross arm on all telephone poles for use of the fire department; (5) that all fire alarm boxes be made uniform; (6) that on the amalgamation of London West three new boxes be placed in that village; (7) that steps be taken to have the telephone and electric wires on Richmond street, between G. T. B. and Fullerton street, and in Dundas between Ridout and Wellington streets, restructured or else placed underground; that electric wire cutters be purchased for the department; and (9) that all electric companies be asked to send a lineman to all fires to shut off the current.

In reference to clause 7, Ald. Fitzgerald said it was a much-needed change. The present appearance of the streets was a disgrace to the city and was also very dangerous. In Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa the poles used were 60 feet high and it improved the appearance of the streets. The present condition of the wires also endangered the lives of the firemen.

A tender for market clearing was opened. M. Donohue was awarded the contract at \$223. The engineer was instructed to report on the standing of his securities. Relief wood tenders were also on the list. There was a great variety of prices, ranging from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per cord. Thomas S. Wall was awarded the contract at \$4.64 per cord north of Dundas, and \$4.78 per cord for south of Dundas.

James Fitzgerald tendered his resignation as a member of the fire department. Accepted. Several applications were received for positions on the fire department, and it was decided to admit them to the chief, who will select three from the list to be recommended to the council at its next meeting. The matter of defective chimneys in the market house was dealt with, and it was decided to call for tenders for the repair of same.

It was also decided to appoint a man at No. 2 station in place of James Fitzgerald, resigned.

Present, Ald F. J. Fitzgerald (chairman), Stevely, John Heaman, Scarrow, Pritchett, Jones, Mayor Esery, Secretary Bell and Engineer Graydon.

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT.

The Opera House Crowded to Overflowing—A Financial Success—The Programme.

The "Standing Room Only" sign was hung up at the outside entrance to the Opera House last evening before 8 o'clock. St. Patrick's concert was the attraction and every seat was occupied. Large numbers were standing. Financially it was a grand success. The audience was very enthusiastic and the encores were as numerous as the numbers on the programme. Mrs. Keltie fully sustained the high reputation she has won in London. Mr. Bert Leys' selections were well rendered and loudly applauded. The dancing of a number of members of Miss Alice Galbraith's class was most creditable, reflecting credit on both instructor and pupils. Master Tray Morkin's dances were also well executed. The programme included the following numbers:

- Opening chorus—St. Patrick's Day.
- Choir and Band.
- March—Irish Reel, "The Warren."
- No. 1 Company, R. L. B. B. B.
- March—Castle Arran.
- No. 2 Company, R. L. B. B. B.
- Solo—The Emigrants' Lament.
- Mrs. C. V. Keltie.
- Sextet—The Sisters of the Rosary.
- Misses Murray, Bergin, Connor and Dobb.
- Messrs. Miller and Connor.
- Solo—Slattery's Light Step.
- Mr. D. D. Lebel.
- Dance—Sham Treva.
- Miss Galbraith's pupils.
- Patton and G. G. G. G. G.
- Galbraith and G. G. G. G. G.
- Tray Morkin and G. G. G. G. G.
- Mrs. Keltie and Messrs. Miller and Watt.
- Solo—There's a Dear Spot in Ireland.
- Mr. D. D. Lebel.
- Dance—Irish Jig.
- Master Tiny Morkin.
- Selection—Instrumental.
- Paladino Brothers.
- Quintet—The Crooked Lane.
- Messrs. Lebel, Lockhart, Miller, Watt and Connor.
- Duet—Master and Pupil.
- Miss Ella Murray and Mr. B. B. B.
- Dance—Selected.
- Chorus—Nightbirds' Whisper.
- White Choirs.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

John Doidge, aged 30, was killed while felling a tree near Jerseyville, Wentworth county, Friday morning.

The clothing of the 3-year-old son of A. McKee, of Strirling, caught fire from a stove and the child was burned to death.

The master tailors and journeymen of Winnipeg have decided to submit their troubles to arbitration for settlement.

There was an exciting scene in the court room at Winnipeg on Friday, when the decision was given in Bushy vs. Bushy, a case of husband against wife for the possession of a child. The judge gave the father the possession, and the child had to be forcibly taken from the mother by the sheriff.

PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE.

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Report of the Directors for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1892.

The annual meeting of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada was held in the company's building, Notre Dame street, Montreal, on Friday, March 10, 1893. There was a large attendance of gentlemen interested, including not only many Montrealers, but others from distant cities. The president, Mr. Robertson Macaulay, occupied the chair.

The following report and financial statement was submitted:

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR 1892.

The directors came before you this year with a report which they know will command satisfaction. The results of the year's work, both in magnitude and profitability, greatly exceeded what had been their most sanguine expectations.

The life applications received were 4,480, covering \$8,566,457 10, and policies to the number of 4,304 were issued for \$7,991,193 54, the balance being either declined or still in abeyance at the close of the books.

These figures exceed those of the previous year by 1,188 applications for \$2,664,935 50. The new business was thus not only greater than that secured by the company during any previous twelve months of its history, but also greater than has ever before been secured by any Canadian company in any one year.

The life policies in force on Dec. 31 last were 14,718, assuring \$23,901,046 64, being an increase for the year of 2,107 policies for \$4,404,084 80.

As will be seen by the accompanying schedules, the income reached the large sum of \$1,134,867 61, equivalent to nearly \$4,000 for each working day of the year. This is an increase of \$214,693 04 over the total for 1891.

A corresponding advance will be noticed in the list of assets, which now amount to \$3,403,700 88, showing a surplus over all liabilities and capital stock of \$244,928 77. To grasp the full significance of this large surplus, it is necessary to remember that the company divided during the year nearly \$200,000 of cash profits among the policyholders, so that the present accumulation is, in the main, the result of one of the most important and gratifying in connection with the year's transactions.

A prime factor in the success of any life insurance company is the care with which it selects its risks. Any laxity in the admission of members is certain to increase the death rate, and to just that extent reduce the profits to its policyholders. It is worthy of remark that the death claims for the year were \$16,537 72 less than the previous year, although the sums assured had greatly increased, and the rate for 1891 had in itself been very moderate. While the death rate, and to just that extent, is a skill in dealing with applicants, it is yet a point to a careful and conservative agent of the business which not only augments the surplus, but should commend the company to intending assurers who desire a profitable investment of their premiums.

The total amount paid by the company to its policyholders during the year amounted to \$441,518 22, bringing the total amount thus paid in death claims, matured endowments, profits, etc., from the foundation of the company, up to \$1,983,601 78.

During the year 1,433 accident policies were issued, assuring \$4,055,681 72. The life department has, however, shown the desirability of concentrating the time and attention of the management on that one branch alone, and an arrangement has been consequently made with the Canada Accident Assurance Company to re-assure all the accident risks from 31st December last.

The utmost care continues to be exercised in the investment of the funds. A special committee of the directors, as usual, have critically all the assets of the company, and their report is attached hereto. An indication of the high quality of the mortgages and other securities will be seen in the small amount of interest overdue at the close of the year—\$10,345 34. This item is \$4,620 92 less than twelve months ago. The amount of real estate owned, apart from the company's building, is also very small. The directors do not hesitate to state that both as regards present financial condition and future prospects the company occupies an exceptionally fine position.

The retiring directors are Messrs. Alexander Macpherson, James T. Baker and Murdoch McKenzie, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

R. MACAULAY, president.

A. W. OGILVIE, vice-president.

T. B. MACAULAY, secretary.

Statements of Accounts for 1892.

INCOME.	
Premiums—Life	\$3,920,325 13
Annuities	2,650 00
Accident	\$1,187 18
Total premium income	\$3,924,162 31
Less paid for re-assurances	6,463 37
Interest	\$ 980,976 94
Rents	143,518 47
	4,120 20
Total income	\$1,134,867 61
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Death claims, including bonuses	\$144,834 38
Matured endowments	33,401 42
Annuity payments	2,023,919 23
Cash profits paid policyholders	180,252 84
Cash paid for bonuses	46,718 42
Surrender values	17,104 82
Accident claims	11,362 39
	\$ 441,518 22
Dividends on capital paid January and February 1892	8,457 50
Expenses—accountant	163,976 16
Commissions	29,866 51
Medical fees	18,126 12
	\$ 214,693 04
Total disbursements	421,518 60
Surplus over disbursements	\$1,134,867 61
ASSETS.	
Bonds and stocks market value	\$ 583,233 22
Loans on real estate, first mortgages	2,023,919 23
Loans on bonds and stocks	64,000 00
Real estate, including company's building	260,229 65
Loans on companies' policies (re-serves on same, \$100,000)	175,458 48
Cash in banks and on hand	12,154 99
Office furniture, petty cash, etc.	1,664 15
Interest earned	28,935 31
Outstanding and accrued premiums	48,624 00
	1,876 20

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216 Dundas Street, Cor. Clarence—Branch
Richmond and Piccadilly Streets.

Sum on policies in force..... \$298,504 00

Net assets..... \$3,403,700 88

Including unallocated capital (total assets are..... \$3,841,200 88

Life reserves (including..... \$1,134,867 61

of actuaries' Hm. table, 4 percent interest, the Dominion Government standard..... \$2,706,333 27

Annually reserve..... 11,869 50

Less reserve on policies re-assured..... 3,843 15

Death claims (died unpaid, repaid, reported but not proved, or awaiting discharge..... 27,760 00

Matured endowments awaiting discharge..... 3