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A BUSINESS DAY AT OTTAWA.

THE HOUSE RUSHES THROUGH CONSIDERABLE WORK.

That Little Account of Caspar Rett of Berlin—The Criminal Law and the Newspaper Correspondent—Proposal to Curtail the Imagination of the Special Fakir—Capital Chat.

OTTAWA, May 3.—This has been a quiet business day in the House and quite a good deal of work has been done in supply, a very considerable slice being taken out of railway and canal items.

Before going into committee there was quite a little discussion on the payment of $218 to Caspar Rett of Berlin for an immigration pamphlet in German, in connection with which Mr. Somerville read a letter from John Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, the other night, in which Lowe showed Rett how to get the amount which the Queen's Printer would not allow in his bill.

Mr. Carling read a long statement by Lowe, in which he said that Rett included in his bill the copyright of his book and cost of stereotyping, which the Queen's Printer could not allow and for which he was afterwards paid.

The Opposition, led by Messrs. Somerville, Mulock and McMullen, charged that the explanation was rather thin, but after a little sparring the matter dropped, and the House got into supply and passed items very comfortably until 11.30, when it adjourned.

Aimed At the Fakir.

The select committee on the Criminal Law Act met this morning and made excellent progress, getting through with 125 clauses out of the thousand and odd which comprise the bill. There was a good deal of discussion over the clause which makes it an indictable offence, punishable with one year's imprisonment, to publish any false news or tale whereby injury or mischief is occasioned to any public or private interest.

Mr. Mulock and other Opposition members represent this as a great attack on the liberties of the press, and the clause was laid over for further discussion. It is apparently aimed at the authors of yarns such as the one about Prince George of Wales sent from Montreal, and the celebrated fake about Madame Anger's diamonds manufactured here. If this clause remains in the bill the occupation of the Ottawa liar will be gone and he will be forced to emigrate to Chicago or some other place where newspapers do not have to be very particular about publishing the truth.

Col. McNeill, M.P., is highly elated over the reception in Great Britain of his resolution in favor of reciprocity with the Mother Country, and there is a general feeling of satisfaction at the cable letter of Member of Parliament in last Sunday's New York Herald on the subject.

C. N. Armstrong of Baie des Chaleurs Railway fame was in the Railway Committee room this morning looking after the Ottawa Valley Railway Co., in which he is interested.

There is some fear of another strike of the Chaudiere mill hands. At the opening of the season the lumbermen increased wages $1 per week and reduced the length of the day by a quarter of an hour, making it 11 hours, but this does not appear to satisfy the trades' unions, who want a 10-hour day.

The Medical Service of the Militia.

The following circular has been sent out by Surgeon G. Sterling Ryerson, Royal Grenadiers:

It is proposed to form an Association of Medical Officers of the Militia of Canada, having the following objects:

1. The bringing of medical officers in closer personal relation and the development of a departmental esprit de corps.
2. For discussion of matters relating to the medical department of the militia.
3. For the discussion of military matters from a medical point of view.
4. For reading of papers on military medicine and surgery, hygiene and equipment.

If you are in favor of the formation of such an association kindly let me know at your earliest convenience.

Answers favoring the formation of this association have been received from medical officers in every province of the Dominion. There is no doubt that the organization has a useful and prosperous future before it. The meeting for organization and election of officers will be held at the Canadian Military Institute, 94½ King-street west, on Monday, May 9, at 8.30 p.m., and the first annual meeting at the same place on Thursday, June 2, at 2 p.m.

Toronto's Separate Schools.

The regular monthly meeting of the Separate School Board was held last evening in De La Salle Institute. Rev. Father Rooney, V.G., occupied the chair. Those trustees were present: Rev. Chancellor McCann, Rev. Dean Cassidy, Rev. Father O'Reilly, Rev. Father Rohleder and Messrs. James Ryan, M. O'Connor, T. O'Counor, John O'Connor, M. Walsh, Boulton, M. Kielty, William Frazer and C. T. Long. The report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of accounts amounting to $215 was adopted. It was decided to appropriate $400 for the purpose of purchasing prizes for the successful pupils at the midsummer examinations. The question of increasing the accommodation at St. Patrick's School was introduced by Mr. Walsh. He stated that the school was overcrowded with children from other parishes, and he thought that some steps should be taken to provide extra accommodation. The matter was referred to the School Management Committee.

The Cream of The Havana Crop.

We beg to notify the trade, and more particularly those customers whom we have kept waiting for several months for our La Cadena and La Flora brands of cigars (owing to the Havana crops not having been at that time in fit condition to use), that we are now commencing to manufacture the above mentioned brands, our buyers, who has just returned from Havana, having purchased several lots of Tobacco, which were picked from the cream of the crops regardless of price. We make no idle boast when we state that our clear Havana cigars are equal in every respect to the highest class of imported Havana cigars and at much less figures. We wish particularly to impress upon smokers the fact that these brands are not made in competition with the great majority of rank, cheap Havana cigars that are offered to the public as fine goods. S. DAVIS & SONS, Montreal. 136

East York—Maclean's Central Committee Rooms — 25 Yonge-street Arcade, near Victoria-street.

Island News.

Islanders, remember that the cheapest and quickest way to get moved to and from the Island is by employing W. A. Clark, the Island Grocer, who will supply you when you get there with the following goods at city prices: Groceries, bread, milk, ice, vegetables, fresh and salt meats, coal oil, wood, coal, etc., all guaranteed of the best quality. W. A. Clark, 601 Yonge-street. 136

Whispers From the Wire.

No tariff legislation will pass the United States Senate this session.

For killing Edward Cain Lyman Purdee, colored, was lynched at Raleigh, N.C.

Ironworkers on the manufactures' building at the Chicago World's Fair have struck for 35 cents an hour.

Despondent because she had to separate from Mrs. J. D. Meeks, her constant companion, Miss Kate Tipton of Nashville, Tenn., sent a bullet crashing through her breast.

A Kansas cyclone last night killed a farmer named John Hill and destroyed numerous buildings near Levis, a village 10 miles southeast of Topeka.

DEEMING IN THE DEATH CELL.

He Will Imitate Birchall and Write His Biography.

MELBOURNE, May 3.—After Deeming was conveyed last night from the court room in which the sentence of death had been passed upon him and returned to jail his clothing was taken from him, and he was compelled to don the attire worn by convicts in the prison. He was then placed in the condemned cell, and heavy irons were locked upon his wrists to prevent him from committing suicide.

He is writing an autobiography, and it is believed he will in it confess to and describe all his crimes.

He is in good spirits, but evidently has no hope of clemency, as he is hastening to complete his book. He says he will bequeath the book to Miss Rounsevell, the young lady to whom he was engaged when arrested.

The execution will take place probably in the first week in June.

When the judge pronounced the words "to be hanged by the neck until dead," Deeming gasped and tottered, but recovered himself enough to nod with assumed indifference. Then he sank back in his seat.

Deeming told one of his turnkeys: "I suppose you think I am in a tight fit. Well, I presume I am, but I may cheat the gallows yet."

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Pope Decides Against Separate Schools For the United States.

ROME, May 3.—The Pope has confirmed the decision of the propaganda in favor of the plan advocated by Archbishop Ireland, of allowing American Catholic schools to be taught by state teachers, religious instruction being given after school hours, the object being to relieve Catholics of the burden of the expense of separate schools.

The Stamford Earldom.

LONDON, May 3.—A case of the legal succession to the Earldom of Stamford, which has been before the House of Lords for some, time was decided to-day in favor of the present Earl, the ninth holder of the title. The eighth Earl, who died in June, 1890, left a son whose mother was a negress of Cape Colony. The Earl married the negress, but this son was born prior to the marriage. The House of Lords' decision declares that this son is illegitimate and therefore has no claim on the title. The son made no contest to establish his legitimacy. The present Earl is William Grey, son of the late Rev. William Grey, brother of the late Earl.

Sparks From the Cable.

The man who caused the bomb explosion in Tours on Sunday is a wealthy and pious grocer.

Anna Panelic, a seamstress, has been arrested at Czermovitz on suspicion of being a Russian political spy.

The dissemination of Anarchist pamphlets in St. Petersburg is on the increase. A reward of 100,000 roubles has been offered for the apprehension of the printers, but so far the police have failed to discover them.

Ravachol, the Paris Anarchist, who has recovered from his recent fit of dejection, now laughs at the way in which he scared the jury.

An English grand jury found true bills against Charles Wilfred Mowbray, publisher, and David John Nichol, editor of the Anarchist paper Commonweal, for "soliciting and encouraging certain persons, unknown, to murder Right Hon. Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and others."

BAPTIST JUBILATION.

Close of the Closing Exercises at McMaster—Degrees and Diploma.

The interesting series of meetings connected with the closing exercises of McMaster University was continued yesterday.

At 2 o'clock the Foreign Mission Board met in its semi-annual session. Rev. S. S. Bates was in the chair. Over 20 members were present. Some time ago the Board offered two prizes of $200 and $100 for essays on "The history of Baptist Foreign Missions for the last Century." A very pleasant feature of the business was the presentation of the first prize to Rev. F. K. Dayfoot of Strathroy, the second prize having been won by Rev. J. E. Stillwell, who is now in India as a missionary.

Rev. Mr. Bates was appointed a delegate to represent the Board at the Congress of Missions to be held in Chicago during the World's Fair. Rev. Mr. Upham, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Thomas, Toronto; Rev. R. D. Boville, Hamilton; and Rev. Jesse Gibson, St. Catharines, were elected delegates to the Carey centennial meeting of the American Baptist Mission Union, which meets in Philadelphia this month. Dr. Smith, a medical school graduate of this city, was appointed a medical missionary, and will go to India next year under the auspices of the board. In the meantime Dr. Smith will take a course in theology at McMaster Hall. The Rev. John Grey, a very successful missionary of the board, is now on his way home, returning by China and Vancouver.

From 4 o'clock in the afternoon till 7 in the evening a collation, with addresses, was on the program. A very pleasant time was spent. An address was given by Hon. John Dryden, who occupied the chair. Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, Prof. Bates, Woodstock, and Miss Smiley of Moulton Ladies' College responded to the toast "McMaster University." "The Senate and Board of Governors" elicited responses from Rev. D. E. Thompson and Rev. E. W. Dadson. Mr. Alex White spoke for "The Graduates," and Messrs. E. Norman and W. Pocock for "The Undergraduates." "The pastors of Ontario" were represented by Dr. Thomas and Rev. O. C. S. Wallace. Rev. Dr. Rand, who was expected at the banquet, was unable to be present owing to the sudden illness of Mrs. Rand.

A large crowd was present in the evening, when the diplomas and degrees were conferred. The program of the meeting was very interesting. The proceedings opened with prayer by Rev. G. B. Davis. Addresses were given by A. P. Macdonald, G. J. Bennett, L. H. Steinhoff and A. White. The graduating class sang a hymn written by the late Principal McGregor. T. J. Bennett, L. H. Steinhoff and A. White received diplomas. The degree Bachelor of Theology was conferred on J. E. Chute and A. P. Macdonald of the graduating class and on Rev. D. Reddick, B.A. Rev. H. C. Speller, a graduate of Woodstock, was admitted ad eundem gradum. Rev. W. J. McKay, B.A., received the degree D.D. The honorary degree D.D. was conferred on Rev. J. McLaurin, Bangalore, India.

The University Senate will meet at 9 o'clock this morning. The Baptist Young People's convention commences at 2 p.m. in Bloor-street Baptist Church.

A Good Time For That.

This may be an unseasonable time for wearing furs, but ladies who visit Dineen's, corner King and Yonge-streets, and examine the styles and quality of the sealskin jackets and shoulder capes and learn the exceptionally low prices at which they are being cleared out will admit that this is a most seasonable time for making a purchase. The garments were all made on the premises for the past winter's trade and represent all that is left over in stock. Some sizes are gone and the sales every day are reducing the chances of finding just what you want. If you have the time to spare you may find profit in a visit to Dineens' sale of fine sealskins and maker's cost prices to-day.

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TWO VERY GOOD MEASURES.

A BILL TO EXEMPT THE WAGES OF WORKINGMEN FROM SEIZURE.

One Against Libel Sharks—Both Introduced Into the Quebec Legislature by Mr. Stephens—Some Interesting Information Coming With Reference to Mr. Mercier's Trips Abroad.

QUEBEC, May 3.—Mr. Stephens will shortly introduce two very important measures. The first of these is to exempt from seizure the wages of workingmen. It reads as follows:

Section 1.—The wages and salaries of workmen and laborers paid by the day, week or month, including those who perform manual labor in factories and workshops, are exempt from seizure.

To Protect Newspaper Proprietors.

The second bill is being presented in the interest of newspaper proprietors, who are looked upon as fair game by a certain class of lawyers and blackmailed under the cloak of the libel law.

Under the present law a newspaper proprietor is sued and, having won his case, finds very often that the plaintiff cannot pay costs and has taken the action in expectation that the defendant would bleed rather than go to the trouble and expense of defending the case. Mr. Stephens' bill provides that some little measure of justice should be rendered to newspapers. It reads as follows:

Sec. 1.—Every person who brings or institutes an action, suit or proceedings in the courts of the Province of Quebec against newspapers published in this province for slander to give the opposite party security for the costs which may be incurred in consequence of such proceedings.

Sec. 2.—Such security must consist of unencumbered real estate or cash deposited with the prothonotary of the district in question.

Judging from the questions asked to-day and the motions presented the public will shortly have an opportunity of learning how much they have had to pay for the holiday trips of Mercier and his friends.

Count Mercier's Trial.

QUEBEC, May 3.—The investigation into the charges preferred against Mr. Mercier took place before Judge Chauveau this morning within closed doors. The principal witness heard was Mr. Marcoux, manager of The Caisse D'Economie.

Robert H. McGreevy has taken out an action against J. C. Langelier for $416.90, value of a promissory note.

The writ of certiorari taken against Mr. Dechene, M.L.A. for I'Islet, by Mr. P. B. Casgrain, the defeated candidate, was dismissed with costs in the Superior Court, Quebec, yesterday. This action sustains Mr. Dechene as representative in the Local Legislaiure for I'Islet.

WOMEN AND MISSIONS.

The Good Record the Presbyterians Produced Yesterday—News From the Home and Foreign Fields.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church opened their sixteenth annual meeting yesterday morning in Westminster Church, Bloor-street east. The meeting began with devotional exercises, after which the president, Mrs. Ewart, read her address. After welcoming the visitors, she alluded to the inspiriting and profitable nature of the annual meetings, and reminded her hearers of the society's object, the doing of work for the Master's sake. They met, not as friends and acquaintances for mutual pleasure, but as a band of Christian workers anxious to get information that would further the cause of missions. Their interest embraced both home and foreign missions, and they could record an advance everywhere. To render themselves more worthy of this favor and to ensure a continuance of it much prayer and a consecrated zeal were needed.

Mrs. Ewart then turned to the practical details of the work in India and China, reporting an advance everywhere.

The reports of the presbyterial societies were read, all but two reporting a distinct advance. Letters of greeting were also read from numerous sister organizations both of the Presbyterian Church and other churches. A reception of delegates closed the morning session.

Gratifying Reports.

The receiving of the annual reports was the chief item of business for the afternoon. Mrs. Harvie presented the Foreign Mission report. There are five fields, Central India, China, the Canadian Northwest, Trinidad and the New Hebrides. In Trinidad the work is mainly educational and has been very successful. In the New Hebrides, where the race of natives is rapidly dying out, it is partly active evangelization, partly education and regeneration. China has two departments, Formosa, where Rev. G. L. Mackay, D.D., is carrying on his wonderful work, and has, by this time over 50 native teachers and preachers. Dr. Mackay reports one most gratifying piece of progress, the fact that there are whole families that now need no supervision. In Honan the year has been one of great alarms, but of some steady progress. Dr. Smith is in Indore, where he has been especially successful. In Indore, the work has been satisfactory, though Dr. Elizabeth Beatty's health continues very precarious. The medical mission is doing most excellent and effective work. The Northwest work has been successful, mostly on educational lines.

The Field at Home.

The home secretary's report was fairly encouraging, the executive having worked very faithfully and the work of the presbyterial societies encouraging. There are in all 25 presbyterial societies, 193 mission bands and 493 auxiliaries. The auxiliary membership is 11,771. The mission band membership 5255. Mrs. Shortreed was the secretary of this branch.

The supplies to missions report was presented by Mrs. Jeffrey, showing that 42 shipments weighing 22,000 lbs., valued at $10,000, had been sent to the Northwest. Much good has been done by these, and many persons have participated in the benefits gained by contributing to this object.

The publication report was read by Mrs. Telfer, and proved interesting and encouraging. The Letter Leaflet has done great good and has now reached an issue of 9105, an advance of 1705 upon last year; its promoters hope for an issue of 15,000. In other departments of missionary literature a great advance has been made, the sales amounting to 35,337, 18,102 over those of last year. To this must be added a free distribution of 10,568, making a total of 45,905; 19,000 leaflets were printed and 8 have been added to the list during the last month alone, while 49 maps have been made and sent out. The receipts amount to $1,341.94, the disbursements to $989.71, and the balance to $352.22.

Mrs. McLennan read the treasurer's statement. The total receipts, contributed by some 25 societies and many private individuals, amounted to $29,141.10, the disbursements to $26,63.53, and the balance to $36,977.59. In addition to this amount the Indore boarding school account showed a balance of $2500.30.

The ladies of Westminster Church gave a reception and tea, many of the members of the presbytery attending and an enjoyable time being spent.

A public meeting was held in the evening, Mr. Hamilton Cassells, convener of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, presiding. Stirring and practical addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Currie, Rev. A. Gandier of Brampton, Rev. Professor MacLaren and others.

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The Haslam Vocal Society.

Plan for the magnificent concert of this society in the Pavilion on Tuesday evening next opens to the public this morning at Nordheimers'. Every arrangement has been made for the seating of the immense audience which will be present to hear Scalchi, the world's greatest contralto, in three of her best selections and the Schmidt-Herbert string quartet, whose work is said, by press and public alike, to be incomparable. Secure your seats to-day.

The Army's Services.

The Salvation Army continued its special services yesterday. Three meetings were held during the day. In the evening a crowded "Rescue Anniversary" meeting was held in the Temple. A "Hallelujah Wedding" to-night will close the series of meetings.

Madame Vermilyea's Artistic Corsets to order, fitted to the form while you wait, 338 Spadina-avenue.

THE EAST YORK CAMPAIGN

An Enthusiastic Meeting at Malvern Last Night in Favor of W. F. Maclean.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. W. F. Maclean was held last night at the big hall at Malvern, in the Township of Scarboro, famous for its being the locale of Mr. Edward Blake's famous speech on the trade question. There was a splendid audience, and speeches were made by the Conservative candidate, Mr. Maclean, Mr. A. F. Campbell and Mr. Morton of Toronto. The opposition was represented by Mr. Annis, who had little to say other than raising personal issues, for which he seemed sorry after being duly answered by the candidate.

A Treat in Store.

Hugh John Macdonald, member for Winnipeg, and J. D. Hazen, member for St. John, N. B., will address a meeting in St. Matthew's Ward on Saturday night. The electors of the ward will undoubtedly turn out en masse to give the two distinguished visitors a hearty reception. Mr. Macdonald is a credit to the name he bears, and Mr. Hazen is universally recognized as one of the most eloquent of the young men in Parliament.

North Toronto Meeting.

Great preparations have been made for the Conservative meeting at the Town Hall, Eglinton, on Friday evening next. Ample accommodation has been provided for the ladies and the hall has been suitably decorated. Dr. Montague and other leading speakers will be present.

EAST YORK.

Dates of the Conservative Meetings Throughout the Riding.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

Little York—1 p.m., nomination meeting.
Markham Township and Markham Village—At the Town Hall, Markham, at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

Thornhill—Yonge-street at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

North Toronto Town—At the Town Hall, Eglinton.

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

East Toronto and Coleman's Corners—Place of meeting later on.

MONDAY, MAY 9.

St. Paul's Ward—In Town Hall at 8 p.m.
St. Matthew's Ward—Dingman's Hall at 8 p.m.

East York—Markham Meetings.

Public meetings in the interest of W. F. Maclean, the Government candidate, will be held in the Township of Markham as follows:

Markham Village—At the Town Hall, Wednesday, May 4.
Thornhill—At the Town Hall, Thursday, May 5.
Unionville—At Webber's Hall, Thursday, May 5.
Richmond Hill—At Town Hall, Friday, May 6.
Brown's Corners—At Orange Hall, Friday, May 6.
Stouffville—At the Town Hall, Saturday, May 7.
Victoria-square—At the Schoolhouse, Saturday, May 7.

These meetings will be addressed by two or more of the following speakers:

James S. Fullerton, Q.C., William Laidlaw, Q.C., Charles H. Ritchie, Q.C., E. King Dodds, A. F. Campbell, M.L.A., William Smith, M.P., David Henderson, M.P., George Wright, M.P., N. C. Wallace, M.P., and the candidate, W. F. Maclean. Meetings will commence at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Reform candidate or representatives invited.

East York Liberal-Conservative Committee Rooms.

Central—125 Yonge-street Arcade.
St. Paul's Ward—Red Lion Block, 763 Yonge-street.
St. Matthew's Ward—726 Queen-street east, Telephone 2977.

What Yesterday's Lightning Did.

Residence of Charles Holland at Springfield, Ont., damaged $100.

W. J. Burroughs' barn at Blenheim, Ont., with 400 bushels of beans destroyed, involving $800 loss. House owned by Mr. Wetherford and Flater's carriage shop at Blenheim badly damaged.

The house of J. C. McNiven, Dorchester Station, Ont., was struck while the family were taking dinner. The lightning tore the chimney, scattering the bricks in every direction, passed down the pipe, through the floor to the cellar, returning back through the floor, striking Mr. McNiven, tearing the shoe and stocking from his foot, injuring his foot considerably. The house is considerably damaged.

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Canada Condensed.

John White, jailer at Brockville, has resigned in consequence of recent escapes.

Mrs. Duncan McArthur, aged 40, of Fingal, Elgin county, was found dead in bed; heart disease.

Patrick Dinan, ship laborer, aged about 70 years, died suddenly in Quebec yesterday.

The Acton, Que., boot and shoe factory has been destroyed by fire and 150 operators are thrown out of employment.

The body of Nicholas Morash of Walkerville, who had his eye removed as the result of an accident at Detroit hospital the other day, was washed ashore near the Tecumseh boat house, Walkerville. He had evidently tumbled into the river while drunk.

Experts have just returned from Souris coal fields and report that there is an enormous deposit of very best coal for domestic purposes. It will be sold in Winnipeg this year at about $4 per ton, which will settle the fuel problem in Manitoba.

At an informal meeting in Winnipeg of surviving Nile voyageurs who accompanied Col. Kennedy up the Nile, it was decided to take initiative steps in erecting a monument to the memory of the deceased Colonel.

Last week's storm appears to have been quite as severe in the Northwest Territories as it was in Manitoba. Advices received from Calgary state that two citizens of that place, who were out on the prairie during the storm, are missing and are probably lost.

All the laborers employed on Winnipeg sewer construction have struck for higher pay, and as neither side show any signs of giving in sewer work is greatly retarded. The trouble was started by the Icelanders, who demand $2 per day.

The York Pioneers.

The regular monthly meeting of the York Pioneers was held in the Canadian Institute yesterday, with the venerable president, Dr. Scadding, in the chair. Owing to the downpour of rain, there was a small attendance and nothing important was done. D. B. Read read an interesting paper on the centennial celebration held in New Brunswick in 1883 to commemorate the landing of the United Empire Loyalists. The name of Jasper Gilkison, late superintendent of the Six Nations Indians, will be proposed for membership at the next meeting.

The Montreal Herald.

Under its new management, The Montreal Herald has been transformed into a newsy and readable sheet. Printed with new type on superior paper, if it continues on the lines laid down, it will speedily win a place in the first rank of popular and progressive newspapers.

THE MYSTERY IS UNSOLVED

AN OPEN VERDICT RETURNED BY THE CORONER'S JURY.

Inquest on the Death of Sarah Elizabeth Ridgers—Her Husband Says He Left Her Because She Drank—Where is Her Trunk?—Different Rumors as to the Cause of Her Death.

The inquest on the body of Sarah Elizabeth Ridgers, the woman who was found dead in the Don on Saturday morning, was held at the Morgue by Coroner Pickering last night. The first half dozen witnesses testified to the finding of the body and the removal of it to the morgue.

Charles Chapman, 126 Borden-street, sworn, said that he had known the deceased for ten years, and with his wife stood up with her when she was married to Frederick Ridgers. She was a pleasant woman, and he never heard of her having quarreled with her husband. She used to take a drink occasionally, but he never saw her drunk. He saw her on last Monday week. She stayed at his house for a few days. She seemed despondent about having been put in jail. On Thursday night last she called again and had tea. She left afterwards, saying that she was going for her trunk, which she said was down near the Don. When asked how she came to have the black eye, she said, that she had slipped and fell. She had been separated from her husband since last fall.

Thomas Pendergrace, 58 Tecumseh-street, said that the deceased was his wife's stepmother. She was at his home where her husband was staying, on Friday, April 22. She then had a black eye which she received by falling in his back yard. She was under the influence of liquor, and on this account was refused admittance into the house. She was a woman who would likely commit suicide, and had often said that she would find death in a watery grave.

Frederick Ridgers, the husband of the dead woman, was next examined. The last time that he saw his wife alive was on Friday week last. She came to his son-in-law's house, where he was staying, and asked him what he had done with the furniture. He told her that he had sold it to his son-in-law, Mr. Pendergrace. The night before she came to the house, but as she was intoxicated she was not admitted. She made a noise around the house and he went after a policeman, but did not find one. He had been separated from his wife since Aug. 18 last, and left her because she drank. About 11 months ago, he said, she tried to poison herself by taking laudanum. He had only worked four days since Christmas.

After hearing the evidence of Dr. Annie Pickering and Dr. Spencer the case was put in the hands of the jury. In a short time they brought in an open verdict that deceased had been found dead in the Don River. The inquest was admirably conducted, and, although 10 witnesses had to be examined, everything was finished in two hours.

The verdict was a vague one, and the case calls for further investigation. The post mortem examination tended to show that the woman had been strangled before being placed in the river. Very little water was found in the stomach and lungs, and it seems more likely that this small quantity was taken in by the feeble respiration of an unconscious person, rather than by the healthy action of a strong woman in perfect health. This opinion is also held by Coroner Pickering, who in private conversation last night said that he would almost swear that deceased had been strangled before being placed in the water. The matter now rests with the detectives, and the mystery should be cleared up. The woman said that her trunk containing her Sunday clothing was with some parties down near the Don. Now why don't these parties come to the front?

As is always so in such cases there are many rumors in circulation around the East End. One is that two men with a woman were seen to enter the little lighthouse, near the bridge, on Friday night. This may be false, but two facts should prevent its being scouted altogether. One is that the boathouse is not 50 feet from where the body was found, and the other is that on investigation it was found that the clay on the floor of the boathouse corresponded in composition with that found on the boots and clothing of the dead woman. Then there is another possible clue. On Friday night as W. T. Ramage, 182 Monroe-street, was passing over the King-street bridge on his way home he noticed a man and a woman quarreling in the passage on the north side of the bridge. He told The World last night that he did not look very closely at the couple, but might have known the woman if he seen her again. He went to the morgue on Monday morning to have a look at the corpse, but by the usual circumlocutive methods in vogue in that vicinity he failed to gain admittance, and was told that he would have to get an order of admission from the Police Department. He became weary of his fruitless work and went home without seeing the body.

The verdict is arranged that fresh evidence can at any time be taken, and further developments may be looked for in the near future.

Forthcoming Ball.

A ball will be given under the auspices of the Victoria Club on Wednesday, May 25. The presence of a large number of visitors, who will be in town for the races, will add eclat to the event, which will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General, who will be in Toronto for the races.

It is a Noble Charity Nobly Housed.

The formal opening of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children will be held to-morrow at 3 p.m. Short addresses will be given and the whole building thrown open for inspection. The chair will be taken by Mr. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Trust Board. The public are cordially invited.

Local Jottings.

"Jim" Daley was yesterday fined $30 and costs for breach of the liquor laws.

Carl Albrecht was yesterday committed to jail for 40 days for the theft of an overcoat.

The Collegiate Institute Board could not get a quorum last night. The few members who attended dispersed after 8.30 o'clock.

Surrogate Court proceedings took place yesterday in these estates: Samuel D. Shackelford $15,881, Mrs. Mary Freed $640.

The Kilties received yesterday from Auld Scotia another part of their equipment, the feather bonnets.

Yesterday morning a laborer, named George Taylor, residing at 55 Henderson-avenue, received serious internal injuries by the fall of a beam from the roof in St. Lawrence market.

There was a rush all day yesterday of spectators to the Federal Bank, Wellington-street, examining the list of assets now being sold by tender.

A youth named William Hunt, residing in Whiteside-place, fell on a circular saw at Scott's planing mill, River-street, where he was employed and mutilated his left arm.

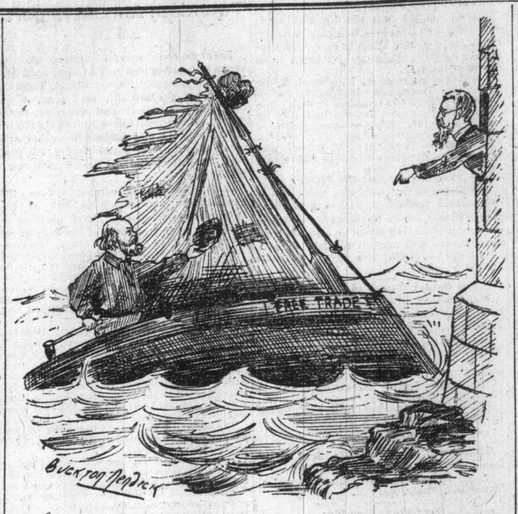
Mr. N. G. Bigelow, who was appointed Crown Counsel at London assizes, is debarred from acting in that capacity owing to his election as M.L.A. Mr. William Lount has now been chosen to conduct the Crown business. The assizes open to-day.

Yesterday Sergeant Varley arrested James Kettle of 11 Camden-street on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. Bella Lynn and Mary Wilson inmates, and Charles McCarthy, 109 Bathurst-street, and Edward Bradshaw, 25 Portland-street, as frequenters.

Patrick Smith, aged 48, whose home is in Newark, N.J., fell and broke his leg yesterday. The accident occurred at Oakville. After being attended by a local doctor, the injured man was taken to the General Hospital.

St. James' Ward Liberal-Conservative Association held a meeting at their rooms, corner of Yonge and Gerrard-streets, when it was decided to hold the banquet which was deferred on account of the recent election at an early day. The date of holding and other particulars will be determined at a future meeting.

An excellent entertainment was that given last night in St. Paul's Methodist Church. The affair, which was an evening of music and recitation, was under the auspices of the Epworth League. Those who took part were Mr. Owen A. Smily, Mr. C. Herbert Fielding, Mr. Jakeway, Misses Bridgland, Ronan and Lindsay and Messrs. Gorrie and Doherty, with Mr. Cork, organ soloist.



Lighthouse Keeper Foster: "Port your helm Sal, old man, and steer for the Zollverein Port!"

THE U.S. TARIFF AND CANADA

VALUELESS DEDUCTIONS BASED UPON HEARSAY.

A Senate Committee Prepare a Report in Which They Embody "What They Are Informed" Has Been The Effects and Results of The McKinley Bill on Canada.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on finance appointed to make enquiries as to the effects and results of tariff upon the trade between the United States and Canada submitted its report to the Senate to-day in order that it might be printed and re-submitted to the committee, the sub-committee visited Eastport and Calais, Me., Newport, Vt., Ogdensburg, Oswego and Buffalo, N.Y., Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich.

From the beginning to the end, says the subcommittee, "all the places visited by us in our own country were increasing in population, while on the other side of the line as we were informed the population was everywhere diminishing. St. John's opposite Eastport had 4000 less population in 1891 than it had in 1881. From the testimony taken it was clear that the United States offered better markets and higher prices for anything and everything that Canadian farmers had to sell than could be obtained in the Canadian Dominion, and the prices or value there of horses, cattle or sheep, hay, peas, beans, potatoes, butter, eggs and poultry, was invariably so much below the selling prices in the United States as the amount of duties imposed and the cost of the transportation.

Three Years For Cracking a Safe.

Edward Stobor and Robert Sanderson were guests at Police Headquarters last night on their way from Parry Sound to Kingston, where they spend three years for burglary. Sheriff Armstrong of Parry Sound is chaperoning them.

Druggist Foote, who is also Town Treasurer of Parry Sound, was surprised Sunday morning, April 10, to find his safe open and $200 missing, belonging to the school fund. This money had been left with Mr. Foote for the purpose of paying the teachers to enable them to enjoy the Easter vacation.

On the Wednesday previous Mr. Macdonald, a prominent citizen of the Sound, noticed a couple of strangers in Foote's store. Their strange actions attracted his attention and caused him to take particular notice of them.

When the burglary was discovered Mr. Macdonald remembered these fellows and his accurate description of them led to their arrest a few days afterwards. They had been in the neighborhood of Parry Sound for a short time previous to the burglary and claimed to be agents for a Galt nursery firm.

The East York Voters' List may be seen at Maclean's Committee Rooms, Yonge-street Arcade, near Victoria-street.

Death Roll of a Day.

John Sutherland, town clerk of Cobourg.

Joseph Toland, ex-Warden of Frontenac.

Count Holsteinberg, the eminent Danish statesman.

J. Foxcroft Cole, the well-known landscape painter at Boston, Mass.

Peter Nicholson, a well-known Montreal merchant.

Pierre R. Chevalier, ex-registrar and sheriff of the county of Richelieu, Que.

William Rightstine, at Shepherdstown, W. Va., aged 85 years. Rightstine was foreman of the jury which convicted John Brown of treason in 1859 and sentenced him to be hanged.

Rev. M. L. Weakley, said to be the oldest Methodist minister in the United States, at Somerset, Pa. He was 95 years of age.

The Constables Honored.

At yesterday's sitting of the Police Commissioners an application was received from the city hackmen asking that the date for payment of license fees be changed from January to July. The application was refused. The commissioners granted marks of merit to Policemen McGregor and Gilks for stopping runaway horses.

East York—Maclean's Central Committee Rooms — 25 Yonge-street Arcade, near Victoria-street.

Personal.

N. K. Connolly, Quebec, is at the Queen's.
J. M. Taylor, Tilsonburg, is at the Palmer.
T. P. Coffee, Guelph, is at the Palmer.
J. J. Daly, Guelph, is at the Palmer.
D. Bentley, Montreal, is at the Walker.
J. S. Nesbit, Sarnia, is staying at the Walker.
Edward Coate, Montreal, is at the Walker.
E. P. Hannaford, Montreal, is at the Queen's.
H. S. Blackburn, London, is at the Queen's.
James Hay jr., Woodstock, is at the Rossin.
C. C. Woodworth, Rochester, is at the Queen's.
W. Kennedy jr., Owen Sound, is at the Rossin.
James Conmee, M.L.A., Port Arthur, is staying at the Rossin.
H. P. O'Connor, M.L.A., Walkerton, is at the Queen's.
L. Loughran has been appointed preventive officer in the customs at this port.

A delegation of 10 from Corinthian Lodge A.F. & A.M., Peterboro, are registered at the Queen's.

W. Young and G. E. Cavanagh, North Bay, are staying at the Rossin.

Thomas Pointon, Yonge-street Fire Station, has returned to duty after being confined to the house for four weeks. Pointon was very dangerously ill, but is now thoroughly recovered and will answer the bell, night or day, as promptly as of yore.

At the residence of the bride's brother, John J. Tonkin, clothier, a quiet wedding took place yesterday. Mr. William Booth, president of the Ontario Industrial Loan Company, Toronto, was married to Miss Rebecca N. Tonkin. Rev. T. Manning performed the ceremony. The newly-married couple left by the 4.53 train for New York, en route for a three months' trip to Europe.

THE CAMPAIGN LIE.

'I haven't time," said Mr. Maclean last night, "to answer the host of campaign lies that are floating in regard to East York. And when my friends come to me I say: All right, my boy, let the campaign lie fly abroad, but you go quietly and vote for me. A vote is worth 10 campaign lies."

"But they are saying you are an infidel, that you beat your wife, that you saw wood on Sunday and that you play cards with the Poker Gang in Adelaide-street east."

"And still I say: Never mind the campaign lies but go quietly and vote for me. That is the sufficient answer."

"But," said another friend, "the newspapers say that the lodges are going back on you, and that you are to be made to suffer for Kent's defeat."

"Never mind even the papers—they are vehicles for campaign lies to float in. Especially in two papers in the city. They kept a lie going from day to day that I wasn't to