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MR. BALFOUR'S ELOQUENCE

AN EXHAUSTIVE REPLY TO MR. O'BRIEN'S ATTACK.

The Chief Secretary Declares It a Sickening Thing That Members of Parliament Should Deserve Imprisonment—A Question of Avoirdupois.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons last night Sir Richard Webster, Attorney-General, said that Mr. O'Brien's speech was doubtless animated by some real passion, but it was impossible to doubt that there was a deal of acting about it. At any rate if it was not acting it was neither more nor less than incitement to violation of law. Mr. O'Brien had said that the Conservative majority in 1885 was secured by foul means. That must mean an alliance between Mr. Parnell and the Conservatives. But that had been denied by Lord Salisbury, Lord Randolph Churchill and Baron St. Oswald, and also by Mr. Parnell himself in a letter dated Jan. 31 to the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General here read the letter to the House.

Mr. Parnell here interposed that the letter in question was correct so far as he was concerned, but he did not at that time know of the negotiations between Lord St. Oswald and Mr. McCarthy. The latter, said Mr. Parnell, had stated that Lord St. Oswald had informed him that if the Conservatives came into power coercion would be dropped.

Sir Richard then proceeded to defend the administration of the Crimes Act.

On motion of Mr. Balfour the debate was adjourned.

Mr. Balfour Makes an Eloquent Speech.

In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Balfour resumed the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech. He commented upon the vehement character of Mr. O'Brien's attack last evening, and said that it was nothing but what he (Balfour) is accustomed to from the same quarter in the weekly onslaughts in United Ireland.

He had been told that he took a strange pleasure in mere purposeless human suffering which to his languid life imparted a delicious excitement. He consoled himself with the reflection that attacks of even a worse character than had been made upon Mr. O'Brien's present allies, "United Ireland," Mr. Balfour said, "had compared Sir G. O. Trevelyan to a skunk, a cuttlefish and a hangman. Mr. O'Brien had likewise drawn a comparison between Mr. Gladstone and Judas Iscariot, and for continuous weeks United Ireland had insinuated, aye, more than insinuated, that Mr. Trevelyan and Earl Spencer had conspired to shield men guilty of the most horrible and nefarious crimes." [Hear! hear!]

Mr. O'Brien: "I never did; I stated that the result of their misguided action was to shield those persons, but I never alleged that they did so wilfully."

Mr. Balfour said he could refer to the words of United Ireland to prove his statement. [Cries of "Quote."]

Mr. Balfour replied: "Certainly not." He said he would never think of sullying his lips by repeating such language as had been used toward Sir G. Trevelyan and Earl Spencer in July, 1885. Blame from the source whence such fulsome proceeded was indeed the highest praise. ["Hear, hear."]

Referring next to the allegations that the Earl of Carnarvon favored a Dublin parliament and had opened negotiations with Mr. Parnell with the knowledge of Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour quoted the denials of Lord Salisbury and the Earl of Carnarvon.

Proceeding to compare the Crimes Acts of 1882 and 1887, Mr. Balfour maintained that the latter did not, while the former did, create new crimes.

Mr. O'Brien had boasted that his advice to the people of Mitchelstown, which was with a portion of public opinion in England, had saved the people from wholesale evictions. Government action, Mr. Balfour declared, had been modified by neither.

Mr. O'Brien rose to explain that his advice to the Mitchelstown people applied to a special case. He denied that he had in any other instance counselled resistance to the law.

Mr. Balfour, referring to the imprisonment of members of the House, twitted Sir G. O. Trevelyan with making a weak remark to the effect that it was a sickening thing for members of Parliament to be imprisoned. "It was a sickening thing that they should deserve it," said Mr. Balfour, "and it would have been much worse if the Government had given the insolent violators of the law a special privilege to defy it with impunity."

Complaint had been made of a letter he wrote during Mr. O'Brien's imprisonment at a time when Mr. O'Brien's friends were spreading every kind of calumny regarding his treatment, with the object of stirring the passions of the British democracy. All the letter stated was that Mr. O'Brien was suffering from weak lungs and an excitable disposition.

Lamenting the fortunes in the prisons he recounted the English prison inspectors to make a special inquiry with the result of showing that it was utterly untrue that there was any harshness in the treatment. As a matter of fact Mr. O'Brien's health improved in prison. Prior to his imprisonment he was two pounds heavier when he left than when he went in.

Mr. O'Brien: "That is inaccurate, I was five pounds lighter."

Mr. Balfour said he could lay upon the table of the House the official records on the rise and fall of Mr. O'Brien's weight. [Laughter.]

Turning to the operation of the Crimes Act, Mr. Balfour contended that the condition of Ireland had immensely improved as compared with its condition during the period of the Gladstone Government.

The Parnellites had not altered their morality, although the Liberals had altered theirs. What a spectacle did the Liberals now present! Who, a short time ago, would have supposed that a single man on the front Opposition bench would advocate forcible resistance to the police? [Cheers.] He was pained at the progress of degradation in the Liberal party, the members of which now rose to the height of indignation only when denouncing judges, magistrates and the police. [Hear, hear.] Under great difficulties and much obloquy these officials stood between society in Ireland and utter ruin, and fearlessly executed their duties. And they had their reward in the respect and admiration of every true friend of liberty and order. [Prolonged cheering.]

Mr. Gladstone's Reply.

Mr. Gladstone followed Mr. Balfour. He said he found little in the Chief Secretary's speech that tended to assist them in getting at the truth of the questions before the House.

The Liberals, he continued, were called Separationists because they wished to give effect to the natural aspirations of Ireland, while having supreme regard for the unity of the Empire.

Mr. Gladstone declined to accept as authentic the Government statistics of crime under the Coercion Act until the cases cited were thoroughly investigated. The only case given in detail had been met with a point blank contradiction.

The Irish nation and the growing English popular feeling were on the side of Home Rule. To delay the settlement of a question of this kind was dangerous in the extreme.

"Let the Government betthink themselves and consent to legislate for Ireland, as they did for England and Scotland, in accordance with the constitutionally expressed wishes and permanent convictions of the people, and thus at last present to the world the blessed spectacle of a truly and not a nominally united Empire." [Loud cheers.]

The Amendment Defeated, 317 to 229.

A division on the amendment was then taken. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 317 to 229.

The division was conducted on strict party lines. All the Liberal-Unionists present voted with the Government.

The Local Government Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The new Local Government Bill, in its final form, as unanimously passed by the Cabinet, creates new county boards on a purely elective basis. These boards are to have entire control of police forces within their jurisdiction, and they are also to issue annual publicans' licenses. The adoption of the principle of local option is accompanied with a provision for the compensation of publicans for the loss of their licenses, unless these privileges are to be annulled in consequence of violations of the law.

The Election in Southwark.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—An election for member of Parliament was held in the west division of Southwark to-day, resulting in the return of Mr. Causton, the Gladstonian candidate. The vote was: Causton 3638, Beddall (Unionist) 3441.

The German Anti-Socialist Bill Rejected.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Reichstag has rejected the Government's anti-Socialist Bill and prolonged the existing laws for two years. The vote on the last mentioned measure was by acclamation.

The Bank of France.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The Chamber of Deputies has rejected by a vote of 323 to 199, the proposal of M. Sans Leroy of urgency for his motion for the appointment of a committee to inquire into questions connected with the charter of the Bank of France.

FOUND IN THE HOUSE.

The Surprise Which Greeted Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Bathurst-street Last Night.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, of 396 Bathurst-street, went out, leaving their house unoccupied. On their return they found a difficulty in opening the front door. Finally they opened the door, which had been doubly secured by a knife inside, and were confronted by a man with a revolver in his hand. The fellow escaped from the house, but was afterwards captured by Sergeant Somerville and Constable Price, who were in plain clothes. He proved to be Geo. Honston, alias Shea, alias Larkin, a notorious character who was concerned in the burglary of Rev. T. C. DeBarres' house in Bloor-street one Sunday night a few weeks ago. The police took him to St. Andrew's Market Station, where he was locked up. He did not remove anything.

Tried To Kill the Inspector.

DUBLIN, Feb. 17.—A packet containing gunpowder, to which was attached a leaden ball, was thrown into the house of Inspector Kelley at Skibbereen to-day. An explosion followed, wrecking the furniture and filling the house with choking fumes, from which the inmates barely escaped with their lives.

The windows in the house of Mr. MacKay, the Crown Solicitor of County Donegal, were smashed by unknown persons on Wednesday. Mr. MacKay was in Falcarragh at the time of the outrage, prosecuting the case against Father Stephens, who was convicted of inciting tenants not to pay rent.

Death of a Well Known Actress.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Lizzie Kelsey, the well known actress, is dead and buried. She came to this country in 1865 with Pauline Markham and Lizz Weber and other famous beauties. Their first appearance was in "The Black Crook," which took the country by storm, under the management of Jarrett and Palmer. She was for many years a favorite ballet dancer in New York and other cities, where her beauty attracted a train of admirers. Of recent years she has been playing leading parts in melodrama. She made quite a sensation years ago by offering an impromptu prayer over the newly-made grave of her aged mother in the presence of many noted members of the profession.

A Runaway Train.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Feb. 17.—Last night a copper train of thirty cars on the Duluth and South Shore Railroad got out of control of the men at the Prince mine, five miles above this city, and came thundering down the heavy grade at a rate of over a mile a minute. Nine cars of heavy timber were in the train, and at the third crossing the timbers began to fly, and shot through the air like lightning. Buildings were demolished and cars thrown from the track in every direction. The engine dropped 250 feet from a sharp curve. The engineer and fireman stuck to their posts. The conductor and brakesmen cut loose the caboose and escaped.

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A Bad Indian.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 17.—Deaf Bull, a sub-chief and medicine man of the Crow Indians, who was captured with seven others by Gen. Ruger last fall, made an attack on two of his companions yesterday that may prove fatal. The eight captive braves occupied a large room in the military prison at Fort Snelling, when Deaf got hold of a large knife and made an onslaught on the entire party. He caught two of the braves, Cowhitchee and Mahwhiokoon, in the kitchen, and laid open their throats and stabbed them in the arms and sides. He was finally overpowered after having slashed his own throat with the knife.

England and The Triple Alliance.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Tribune's London despatch says: The exact relation which England occupies to the powers composing the Triple Alliance may be defined as not an engagement but an understanding. Lord Salisbury has given both Prince Bismarck and Signor Crispi assurances which they regard as satisfactory. They may be called personal, but they are binding on the Prime Minister, so longe as he remains Prime Minister. Should Italy be attacked an English fleet will protect Italy's coast.

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The Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to Dun, Wimes & Co., number for the United States 236 and for Canada 37, a total of 273, as compared with a total of 229 last week and 279 the week previous to the last. The failures for the corresponding week last year were 267 failures—231 in the United States and 36 in Canada. The failures in Canada still seem to be unusually numerous.

A Domestic Tragedy.

COVINGTON, Ky., Feb. 17.—James Taylor, aged 13, has been jailed with his mother on a charge of murdering his father at Independence on Monday last. Lansing Taylor, the dead man, and his wife were engaged in a fight, and upon the mother asking her son to assist her he aimed a gun and struck his father with it. The gun was discharged and Lansing Taylor was killed.

Customs Seizure at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—Officer Stephens of the customs at this port has made a seizure of dry goods on the ground of undervaluation. Among the reasons reported for such action is that other importers of similar goods pay duty on the proper value, could not sell them in competition without a loss.

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Prince Edward County Election.

PICTON, Feb. 17.—The Conservatives of Prince Edward County meet in convention on Feb. 21 to select a standard bearer. Mr. McCuaig, ex-M.P., has issued an address to the electors and was endorsed at a mass meeting here last night, but whether or not he will be the choice of the convention remains to be seen.

A Manitoba Official Skips Across the Line.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—Gideon Bordeau, Queen's Printer and Deputy Provincial Secretary, skipped across the line Wednesday. The defalcation is about $250 and he leaves $2000 private debts. Bordeau is a brother-in-law of Hon. Mr. Larivierre.

Daniel Wilson's Trial.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The trial of Daniel Wilson began before the Correctional Tribunal yesterday. Not one new fact was elicited. The trial was concluded to-day.

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An Improvement Visible.

SAN REMO, Feb. 17.—Dr. Mackenzie and the other physicians made a laryngoscopical examination of the Crown Prince's throat to-night, which showed great improvement in the larynx since the operation of tracheotomy was performed. The Prince passed a better day.

The Opium Smugglers.

WATERTOWN, N.Y., Feb. 17.—W. F. Holihan, a special agent of the Treasury Department sent from New York City to investigate the opium smuggling cases, has secured evidence which is believed to indicate that the smugglers have confederates in New York, and which possibly involves one or more Government officials on the Pacific coast.

Happy Sir Hector.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—It is rumored here that Sir Hector Langevin will shortly lead to the hymeneal altar the widow of an ex-government employe.

Result of the Manitoba Bye-Elections.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—Attorney-General Martin's majority is 128, and Mr. Prendergast's 164 with one small poll to hear from.

Killed by a Horse Thief.

GRANADA, Col., Feb. 17.—Deputy Sheriff Bill Thompson, of Las Animas County, was shot in the neck and killed yesterday by Jack White, a horse thief, whom he was trying to arrest.

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An International Greeting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—At the twenty-second annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. of the State of New York to-day a telegram of greeting was read from the Canada Y.M.C.A. College Association of Toronto.

Lord Dufferin Will Go to Italy.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Lord Dufferin has accepted the post of Ambassador to Italy.

THE FISHERIES TREATY.

AMERICAN REPORTS NOT CREDITED AT THE CAPITAL.

It Is Believed That an Interpretation Has Been Placed Upon the Treaty of 1818 Which Will Prove a Source of Satisfaction to Both Countries.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The American reports from Washington regarding the text of the fisheries treaty are regarded here as altogether misleading when it is made to appear that the concessions granted by the British and Canadian plenipotentiaries sacrificed Canada's interests.

The statement made by The New York Herald and other American papers that "it is practically an American victory, inasmuch as the main point of contention, the right to touch and trade, has been conceded to the United States," should be taken cum grano salis.

When the terms of the treaty come before Parliament for consideration it will not be surprising to find that the provisions have been improperly interpreted, and the same may be said of the reference to the headland question and the three-mile limit.

As to the question of supplies as a basis of operation there is also, it is understood, a misapprehension.

As already stated it is, therefore, manifestly unfair to discuss the results until the final report of the plenipotentiaries has been made public. That report will in all probability be presented to Council by Sir Charles Tupper on Monday next.

It is safe to presume, however, that the terms of the treaty of 1818 have been carefully defined and an interpretation placed thereon which cannot but prove a source of satisfaction to the people of both countries.

Sir John will say nothing more with reference to the matter than was stated in my despatch last night. He thinks it advisable to await the presentation of Sir Charles Tupper's report.

Lord Salisbury's Promise.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Salisbury promised to submit the fisheries treaty just signed at Washington to Parliament as soon as the Government receives it.

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ECHOES OF THE CRASH.

Further Particulars With Reference to the Collision at the Junction Cut.

HAMILTON, Feb. 17.—When the Chief of Police was instructed yesterday as to how the fatal accident at the Y had been caused, he thought it would be wise to detain the trainmen of the freight here until after the inquest. Driver Robinson and Fireman Howe reported at the Grand Trunk station and were told that they must remain here, but Conductor Vance, who is the one wanted more particularly, could not be found. After leaving the wreck he walked along the track in the direction of the city, and, it is said, he was afterwards seen to branch off the track and disappear. Chief McKinnon wired to all stations to look out for him and detain him, but no word has yet been heard of him. The city officers have been on the look out too, but think he is not around here. The Grand Trunk Railway officials think he has left the country.

The funerals of Archibald and Peden will take place on Sunday.

Driver Thomas Hutchison is getting along nicely at his home, and will be able to be about before long.

Brakeman Peacock, who is at the Hospital, is also doing well. It is better to-day than it was thought he could be. The injuries to his head are very serious, but it is thought they will not prove fatal.

The loss to the company is estimated at $50,000.

The work of clearing away the wreck was completed at 5 o'clock this morning.

An Ottawa Abraham.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Mr. Thomas Cundell, a well-known contractor, was driving with his wife and little girl on Rideau-street to-day, when all at once he seized the child with both hands and commenced choking her. The agonized outcry of the child and mother speedily attracted a crowd, and the latter had to release the petitioning liquidators had made against him. He said he was still considering whether he should again be a candidate for the vacant post, but would for the present reserve his decision. He is satisfied with the Chancellor's decision that the chief point to be argued was one of law, the details of winding-up. From what he said, and the general talk about town since the judgment was delivered, he will have a large majority of the business men behind his election. Messrs. Howland and Gooderham have not budged an inch and, whilst leaving the choice of their colleague to the creditors, are firm in their determination to resign should Mr. Campbell be re-elected. No official intimation has been given to the creditors, and the election will probably take place the week after next. In the meantime it may be gratifying to the creditors to know that amounts due to the bank are being paid in a highly satisfactory manner. The first dividend to depositors of twenty-five cents on the dollar next month is already assured.

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SHORTAGE IN THE GUELPH BRANCH

Accountant Webster of the Central Bank Astray in His Cash.

The latest development in Central Bank affairs is the discovery of a shortage to the extent of nearly $4000 in the books of Accountant Webster of the Guelph branch. Of this amount $3000 was appropriated in one swoop. The entries in the books were altered by Webster so as to cover up his transactions, and only came to light the other day when an examination was made. Webster is well connected in Guelph. His father was the late Registrar of the County of Wellington.

The liquidators of the bank, upon the discovery of the defalcation, called upon the London Guarantee and Accident Company, of which Mr. A. T. McCord is manager, and in which Webster was "bonded" for $5000, to make good the shortage. Manager McCord last night sent one of his officers along with Mr. Rose of the Central Bank to Guelph to arrange a settlement with Webster, whose friends, it is said, have agreed to come to his rescue.

Attractions at the Theatres.

The two last performances of "Hoodman Blind" will be given at the Grand this afternoon and evening.

The box plan for the comic opera "Dorothy," to be presented at the Grand all next week, is well marked up, an indication that Toronto theatre-goers will always support a good attraction. A New York journal says: "Not a little of the thorough success of the production was due to the excellent company provided for presentation of the work and to the elegant mounting, the scenes being very handsome."

McKee Rankin and his company produced "49" at the Toronto Opera House last night and gave a good performance before a large audience. The play is well known, and so is McKee Rankin. Mr. Gus Thomas, jr., of this city, who is known to have marked histrionic tendencies, and who, it is understood, is to travel with Mr. Rankin, made his appearance as Col. Broadstreet, Chief of the Vigilantes and did very well. "49" will be repeated at the matinee to-day and at to-night's performances.

Joseph Jowling will begin a week's engagement at the Toronto next Monday night in his new drama, "Never Say Die. Miss Nellie Pace, a pretty soubrette, who possesses a charming voice, heads the company in Mr. Dowling's support. The crowning novelty will be the introduction for the first time in Toronto of the famous realistic representation of a river in which a huge aquarium is placed upon the stage and filled with water.

Everything New and Fresh.

quinn the shirtmaker has his shears freshly sharpened, and is now converting the best English cotton and Irish linen into perfect-fitting shirts. He has cleared out all his old stock of neckties by auction, and will show to-day the most elegant stock of spring neckwear ever shown in the Dominion of Canada.

Same Again Remanded.

James H. Samo was before the Police Magistrate yesterday and pleaded not guilty to charges of forging these notes: Alex. Telfer $183, Thomas Thornton $125, Thos. Bartram $102. The Crown was not ready to proceed and Samo was remanded till next Tuesday.

A Police Magistrate For Carlton.

Mr. George Rochester of Hintonburg has been appointed Police Magistrate for the County of Carlton. He will be gazetted to-day.

THE TRADES PARLIAMENT

BUSINESS BEFORE THE LABOR COUNCIL LAST EVENING.

A Great Many Men Out of Work in the City—Immigrants Coming to Canada Who Cannot Obtain Employment—Labor Measures in Parliament.

Last night for two hours the Trades and Labor Council considered a variety of questions appertaining to labor and cognate questions. President Parr was in the chair.

The Legislative Committee reported that owing to the stringency in the money market, caused in a great degree by the failure of the Central Bank and the closure of the Federal, coupled with the severe winter, there was very little work going on in the city. Large numbers of wage-earners were in enforced idleness and destitution had ensued. Many recent immigrants had been unable to obtain work.

The committee had had their attention called to the fact that manufacturers in Montreal, before the Labor Commission, had maintained the right of a master to give moderate correction to his servants. The committee maintained that the punishment should depend on the circumstances and age of the employes.

In reference to the "Ontario Shops Regulation Act," the committee reported favorably on the same, but thought that 60 working hours per week, including meal time, should constitute the longest limit, and recommended that they wait upon the Government to urge the views of the committee.

The committee also recommended that it be brought before the Government the necessity of a clause providing that in shops for the use of young persons the above hours be insisted upon.

The committee approved of the bill introduced by Mr. Garson, providing that only qualified engineers shall be employed in running stationary steam engines, and trust the same may become law.

It was pleasing to record that while the sum voted for immigration purposes by the Provincial Legislature in 1887 was $16,900, the estimates for 1888 call only for $7700, or a reduction of $9200.

The sooner workingmen had their eyes open to the Government policy in connection with banks, the better would it be for the working people.

George Bradley urged that the Government should issue the currency; then the private banks would be as a discount very soon.

Robert Southwell advocated the earlier closing of shops and the general adoption of a Saturday half holiday.

A communication from the Bricklayers' Union brought before the council the question of pipe and drain that was being used at the present time in the city, more especially the outlying part. A good brick drain, it was maintained, did not cost more than a pipe drain, and it was a well known fact amongst those who were competent to judge that a brick drain properly built lasts longer, does better service, and all things considered is just as cheap in the end, apart from the fact that the money for the purchase of these pipes is taken abroad out of the country, whereas if it were built with brick all the material that would be needed would be bought among our own merchants, and that part of the money would be kept with us. It would also give employment to more men and do the city more good generally.

A discussion ensued and the matter was referred to the Municipal Committee.

The ambulance question was once more brought before the attention of the Council by Delegate Beales, who complained of the distortions of the present system.

Mr. Delegate McFarlane said the matter is being considered and he hoped that greater facilities would be granted for access to the ambulance.

Mr. Delegate Beales objected to the delay and said that if it cost the city a little more expense more facilities should be afforded them at present.

Delegate McCormick maintained that the Trades and Labor Council ought to send a deputation to Ottawa, not only in relation to the stoppage of immigration, but also for amendment to the Banking Act. It was right, he maintained, for workingmen to protect their interests. There was too much usurper and over emigration were put a stop to. A deputation, he suggested, should be sent from the council or the Knights of Labor on this question. The speaker was also in favor of an amendment of the Banking Act, seeing that hard-worked men might deposit their money in what they believed substantial banks, and be defrauded of the amount invested.

Delegate Beales enlarged on the hardship which working men suffered by such events as the failure of the Central Bank.

John Booth, Thomas Webb and George T. Beales presented credentials from the Builders' Laborers' Union and took seats in the council.

MILITARY MEN AT DINNER.

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Three Festive Gatherings—Last Evening—A Good Time—All Round.

Young men in Queen's Own uniform sat around a cosy table in the Q.O.R. sergeants' mess rooms last night. The occasion was the annual dinner of the sergeants' mess. Sergt.-Major Green occupied the chair, and among the guests were: Col. Otter, Col. Fred Denison, Col. Gray and Sergt. Bagley of the Mounted Police. Harry Webb set a bountiful table and after the dinner had been gone through a toast list of eight numbers was attended to. Col. Allan made a neat little speech in response to the toast of "Our Commanding Officer." The speech of the evening was made by Cpl. Gray, who got in various little digs at the cavalry and artillery. Ex-Staff Sergt. George spoke on behalf of the ex-non-coms. After the dinner the guests played billiards, sang songs and generally enjoyed themselves.

At the Armory Bugle Major Hurst presided over the annual dinner of the Grenadiers' drum corps. The company enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The dinner was over by 1.30.

The non-coms and men of "G" Co., H.G., held their annual dinner last night at the Criterion, Col.-Sergt. Curzon took the chair and Sergt. Judge the vice-chair. The staff was represented by Capt. Manley and the company officers by Capt. Bruce. The dinner was good, and the toasts were "The Queen," "The Staff," and "The Company Officers." Prof. Bohner presided over the music, and some good songs were rendered. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Capt. Bruce as President of the Rifle Association, of the cup won for three successive years by the company for volley firing at the annual regimental matches.

3500 Names in Favor of Gamble.

Mr. W. G. Murdoch left for Ottawa last night per Grand Trunk Railway to present to the Minister of Justice a petition for a commutation of the sentence of John Gamble, sentenced to die on March 6 for the murder of Lizzie Bray. The petition is an immense one, containing fully 3500 names. Mr. Murdoch says he has most important evidence outside of that heard at the trial to present to the Minister, and to show that someone else was concerned in the crime.

The Railway Accident.

Editor World: I see by this morning's paper that warrants for the arrest of the officers of the freight train that caused the accident near Hamilton yesterday have been issued, and I hope will be executed, and a searching enquiry made in the case. I thought then, and I still think, there was gross negligence somewhere, and the matter ought to be well sifted.

Toronto, Feb. 17. A PASSENGER.

An Old Resident's Correction.

Editor World: We see in your issue of today that you mention in "Old Toronto Residents" that only Mr. G. Harcourt is alive that was in business as far back as 1842. Our Mr. K. Dack is still alive, active and strong at age of 75 years, and has been in business on our present stand since 1835. E. DACK & SON.

Toronto, Feb. 17.

The Sheffield House.

Auction sale again to-day at 2 p.m. Some fine new jewelry will be offered. Goods by private sale up to 1 p.m. Ladies should not miss this opportunity.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Celtic, from Liverpool.
At London: Lydian Monarch.

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PATENT MEDICINE FAKIRS.

They Demand The Same Privileges on St. Lawrence Market as The Italians.

These gentlemen met at the session of the Markets and Health Committee yesterday: Chairman Johnston, Ald. Frankland, Verral, Hill, Hewitt, Woods, Gilbert, Harvie and McDonald.

County Councillors Richardson, Russel, Wood, Evans and Lundy, on behalf of the farmers who patronize the city markets, told the committee that the present arrangements were unsatisfactory. Mr. Richardson did the talking for the party. He said the farmers would like to have the street railway track removed from Frederick street eastwards to George-street. Their loads of hay were in danger of capsizing when going down Frederick-street. They also wanted the grain market shifted to Jarvis-street north of King. Ald. Verral, Gilbert, Johnston and Frankland will report on the matter.

A party of patent medicine fakirs filed into the committee room. They appealed to the meeting to fire the "Evetalians from de best corners." These gentlemen have, according to themselves, been "run off the market," while the peanut gentlemen, who are mere tradesmen, are allowed to remain.

Ald. Frankland said he had heard that some of these medicine men used bad language, which caused the gentlemen sitting around the room to look astonished and gaze sadly at Mr. Frankland. They evidently consider him an Ananias. A gentleman wearing a plug hat of ancient model and make, check suit of clothes, and green buff gloves, was "sherprised" to hear "de gentleman say dat we swear. I'd like him to understand we's gentlemen, dy'e see!" The sub-committee, to look after the St. Lawrence Market affairs, will enquire into the medicine men's lament.

Two Queen-street west shopkeepers objected to the express wagon stand near Simdinas avenue. The committee adopted a resolution ordering the expressmen to stand in couples one hundred inches apart.

Four new watering wagons, to cost altogether $1400, will be built for the committee.

On motion of Ald. Frankland it was decided to make arrangements for the expropriation of some land to the south of the West End cattle market.

The sub-committee appointed to look over the jail with a view to furnishing more accommodation for prisoners, reported these three schemes:

To devote the whole of the jail building to prison purposes, and build a separate residence for Governor Greenwood.

To build a new eastern wing.

To use the old smallpox hospital as a female prison.

The committee will consider the recommendation at its next meeting.

AGENTS AND CONTRACTORS.

An Employment Agency Loses a Suit Against a Firm of Railway Builders.

In the Assize Court yesterday Mr. Justice Falconbridge and a jury heard the case of Hurd v. Langdon. This was an action brought by Ralph Hurd & Co., employment agents, of Toronto, against Langdon, Henry & Co., railway contractors, of Minneapolis and Charles Colton, employment agent, also of Minneapolis to recover $2000 for alleged breach of contract. The claim of Hurd & Co. was that they had contracted with Langdon, Henry & Co. through Colton, to supply 100 navvies for work on a new railway near Escanaba, Mich., and that after some of the men had been shipped the railway contractors backed out and caused the plaintiffs much loss and injury. The defendants denied that there was any contract, and the case was dismissed. Lydon v. McGee has been fixed for to-day.

A cool smoking mixture, don't bite tongue, especially made up. Try it once. 25c. quarter pound. Alive Retail, 199 Yonge-street. 136

"Rotten Canadian Stamps."

The attention of Mr. Hickson was called to the fact that the conductors of the Wagner cars running over the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk turn up their nose at Canadian money. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, four Toronto gentlemen got on a Wagner car at Hamilton at 1.55 p.m., and were asked for their ticket money by a conductor "Canadian money," said the gentlemen. He objected to a $5 bank bill offered by one of the travelers, spoke insolently of "so many rotten Canadian banks," and wanted to know "you don't've got American money?" He even passed certain strictures on a $2 Dominion note tendered him by Mr. Thomas Marks of Port Arthur. This led to a lecture on "rotten money" and insulting remarks about Canadian banks was on a Canadian railway and in Canadian territory. When Mr. Conductor was told that he was on the Grand Trunk and in Canada he replied: "Oh, but this is a Wagner Company car, and I'm down to the Pullman office to-morrow to give change." The way these servants of U.S. corporations doing business in Canada speak of Canada and Canadians ought to call for some interference on the part of Mr. Hickson.

Wants a Government Grant.

The Mimico Industrial School Board yesterday decided to see Premier Mowat regarding the securing of a grant from the Ontario Government. Out of the 50 boys who are at the home 15 are from the province, and their sustenance is in no way paid for. The city and county both make grants to the home, thus paying something towards keeping them. The gentlemen intending to see Premier Mowat have calculated that in a few years the home will be self-sustaining, and the grant is now asked in order that the accommodation may be enlarged. A number of the property of the principal members of the board will interview Mr. Mowat next Tuesday or Wednesday.

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A Word to the Ladies.

"Fair maidens, matrons, widows—all
We strive to please, to cheer. We call
Each morn,
And scorn
To lie. Are we not young and fair
Save where the snow land forgot our hair?"
—*Chris.*

Any merchant who desires success should never attempt to deceive his patrons. Keeping your word with those who deal with you means success in the end and an easy conscience through life. W. & D. Dineen always keep their word. They do as they advertise. To-day and all next week they will sell ladies' fur garments below cost price. No humbug about it. The goods must be sold to make room for big improvements and spring importations. W. & D. Dineen, corner King and Yonge-streets. x

Merchants Who Don't Keep Books.

The dry goods section of the Board of Trade will meet on Monday, and one of the matters for discussion will be the suggestion of Senator Sanford of Hamilton that creditors refuse a discharge to a bankrupt merchant who is found to have not kept books.

The committee of the Board of Arbitration of the Board of Trade, to which was referred the case of Chapman v. Hall, met yesterday, and because of a technicality referred the matter back to the board, which meets at 11 o'clock this morning.

Ruse's Temple of Music.

This commanding house in its line finds its volume of business still unabating in its steady increase. To keep pace with their rapidly extending trade, their present stock of pianos and organs is larger than ever. The extensive warerooms, the array of instruments, the piano parlor, reserved especially for lady visitors, the music by skilled attendants, pianists, altogether make Ruse's Temple of Music one of the most attractive places in the city.

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Seriously Injured.

A Dorchester farmer named McGaw, while entering the city by way of Victoria Bridge, met with a serious accident. His sleigh, loaded with wood, slipped down the embankment by the side of the road and the wood fell on him. He is in a very critical condition. Inquire in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co. of Toronto. x

She Began Her Descent Early.

Lizzie Orton, aged 13, who is without friends and has already begun to descend the downward path, was before the Police Magistrate yesterday on a charge of vagrancy by Inspector Archabald. She was committed to the Industrial Refuge for three years.

"Furnaces."

—To the Diamond Stove Co. Gentlemen,—"The furnace you put in my house year ago last fall will do all you guaranteed it to do, is in perfect order, has not cost one cent for repairs, is easily managed and economical in fuel. Would not quibble for all the hate Arkwrights in your state." Yours truly, James Clarkson, Grenadier-avenue. 16

STATEMENT OF IMPORTS.

THE DUTY COLLECTED DURING LAST MONTH WAS $1,443,565.

Applications for Situations in the New Printing Bureau—The Experimental Farm for the Northwest—C.P.R. Arbitration—Tenders for Indian Supplies.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The statement of goods entered for consumption during the month of January is:

Total dutiable goods	$4,778,481
Free goods	1,613,591
Coin and bullion	41,358
Total	$6,463,280
Duty collected	1,443,565

The Inland Revenue for the month of January reached $498,722.

The circulation and specie report shows a total note circulation of $15,826,979, excess of specie $3,853,881.

The Voters' Lists.

The work of setting up new voters' lists for the entire Dominion under the Franchise Act will be commenced in a few days. About a dozen printers will be employed at the outset. The number will be increased to eighty at the end of a year or so. Until then a dozen men can do the work, as the new type from the foundry is only coming at the rate of about 10,000 pounds a month.

The Secretary of State is having his life rendered a burden by daily applications for jobs in the new printing bureau. Mr. Chapleau wants the new bureau to be national in character, and he proposes to select the printers from the various provinces according to population.

N.-W. Experimental Farm.

The experimental farm for the Northwest, to be located at Indian Head, forms a portion of the great Bell farm. It consists of one section of 640 acres, fronting for a mile along the Canadian Pacific Railway track. The purchase price has not transpired. The land is said to be in a good state of cultivation, permitting Prof. Saunders to commence experiments in the spring. There are a number of buildings, including stables, on the farm, which also contains several small lakes.

C.P.R. Arbitration.

The arbitrators commissioned to investigate the claim of the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with the British Columbia section of the work met to-day at 11 o'clock in the Western Block. There were present: Chancellor Boyd and Messrs. Keefer and Gregory, The Canadian Pacific was represented by ex-Judge Clark, Q.C., their solicitor, and Messrs. W. Cassels, Q.C., and Blackstock. The Government case