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THE TROUBLE AT TRINITY.

A LIVELY MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION LAST EVENING.

The Trouble Between Mr. Sanson and Rev John Gillespie Talked Over in an Emphatic Style—The Rector Upheld by a Vote of 40 to 29—An Interview with the Deacon.

There was a decidedly lively meeting in the school room of Trinity Church last night. The congregation had never been a large one, but it was evident that this time a special effort had been made to drum up a big attendance. Ladies predominated in point of numbers, but they very wisely left the talking to the gentlemen, and from the hot words which were flung around during the meeting, their silence was a standing reproach to the male members of the congregation. It is safe to say that the forty-three-year-old walls of Trinity never before were startled with such strong language as that which emanated from the lips of some of those present.

The meeting had been called for 8 o'clock, but it was not until half-an-hour later that a sufficient number had gathered to make a representative one possible. It was just 8.30 when Mr. J. B. Rogers popped up on the platform. He said: "I move that Rev. Mr. Sanson take the chair." "Carried," was the response, and the venerable Rector of Trinity at once assumed charge of the meeting.

The Rector States His Case.

The Rector began by expressing his pleasure at seeing the large number present, expressing the hope that whatever diversity of opinion might exist now, all would separate with the best of feelings for each other. "Now," continued the pastor, "I want to explain to you what occurred between myself and the Rev. John Gillespie. Some time ago he came to me and expressed the wish that a meeting be called for the purpose of defining his position in the church. I asked him if he was prepared for it, and if he had all the papers and vestry business in proper form. He replied that he had not, and I then told him that he had better postpone his intention of a meeting. He did so, but afterwards renewed it, telling me that the church was in splendid shape, and that he thought he should have $1000 a year salary. I said: 'You told me when you came here that all you wanted was to be ordained and that you were willing to work for nothing, having an independent income.' I really do not want to say all that occurred, because I do not want to have it said that I carried my quarrel. I wish to spare him.

The Church Couldn't Stand It.

"I told him," continued Mr. Sanson, "that the church could not raise $1000. It would take a $20 collection each Sunday, and out of that would have to come the salary of the organist and janitor. You must know that I had been given to understand by members of the congregation, people in whom I placed implicit confidence, that Mr. Gillespie was objectionable to at least one-half of the members, and would sooner have somebody else for assistant minister. [Applause.] I said so to him that he should go on working on the same lines and wait a while. The sacrifice was not aon his side. I have had to devote considerable time to prepare him for ordination, and I insinuated upon him the advantage of not calling a meeting, telling him at the same time that at the end of the year, if there was anything to spare over and above the church expenses, he could have it. We parted, he promising to think it out.

Deacon John was Out.

"He did not visit me for three or four days after that, and I then called upon him, but he was not in. I wish here to state to you that since last June, when Mr. Gillespie was ordained deacon, we have been without a rector's churchwarden, and before the meeting is over I propose to appoint one. By the very act of being ordained a deacon, a man, it he holds the office of churchwarden, ceases to be one. I now wish to read you Mr. Gillespie's letter of resignation."

Mr. Sanson then read this communication:

The Bill of Complaint.

TORONTO, Oct. 19, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. SANSON,—On reflecting over our recent conversation I have resolved not to appeal to any of my friends in the congregation but to tender my resignation as assistant churchwarden and Sunday school superintendent. No doubt I kept at too great distance from the people, but this was out of pure loyalty to you. I worked hard to serve both you and the congregation faithfully, and to be forced to take this step at such a critical period awakens in my heart such a sense of injustice I am quite unable to express. Must leave those responsible for it to their own reflections and to the judgment of Him that judgeth righteously.

I have requested Mr. Whitesides to have the books audited and taken over without delay.

JOHN GILLESPIE.

The meeting was silent as the grave while the letter was being read. On its conclusion Mr. Sanson resumed: "At this point I would like to refer to the complaint made by Mr. Gillespie's friends that in refusing him a salary he was being debarred from the priesthood. There is no truth whatever in the story. The canon law provides no such condition to ordination, and he who asserts to the contrary is not a peacemaker but a mischiefmaker. On receipt of Mr. Gillespie's letter I wrote him the following reply:

The Rector's Reply.

TORONTO, Oct. 22, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. GILLESPIE,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in which you tender your resignation as assistant churchwarden and Sunday-school superintendent. I regret very much that such a letter should be necessary, but after much very serious reflection, take it to be the best thing that could be done under the circumstances. It required a great effort and no little suffering on my part to tell you the real state of the case, nor am I yet fully recovered from the effects of the effort. Your efficiency as superintendent is generally allowed and claims from me thankful acknowledgment. The services you rendered to the church as churchwarden will never, I trust, be forgotten. Your assistance in the church as reader, and on one occasion when I had the opportunity of hearing you as preacher, were creditable to yourself and satisfactory to me.

I do not believe, as you seem to think, that any injustice was for one moment intended, or has been done to you, for however deserving the material work which you did so very much to accomplish it cannot be regarded as giving a right to the curacy. Besides you have attained the object which you had in view in coming to me, and I would suppose that when you gave yourself to the work of the ministry you were prepared to work for God wherever you might be called to do so, work for Him being in fact the only thing in your mind.

I trust you will come to look at the matter in this light, and hope that some opening will be provided for you, where your talents will be appreciated, and under the Divine blessing you will labor with ever growing acceptance and true comfort.

ALEXANDER SANSON.

"In conclusion I have just to state that I was averse to calling this meeting in the first place, but considered in doing so I withdrew from all responsibility. Mr. Gillespie was licensed here, not as a curate but simply as a reader."

The Reporters Remain.

Up to this point Rev. Mr. Sanson had had it all his own way. It is true that there were a few hisses and a few angry groans, but the majority of the meeting was with the chairman and cheered down the opposition. Mr. James Colter proved himself a determined Gillespieite. He was the first to reply to the pastor. He wanted first the sense of the meeting as to whether the reporters should remain or not. He was backed up by Mr. T. R. Whitesides. Mr. S. Heakes opposed them. He got up, and waving a copy of The World in his hand said that since the press had published one story they ought to publish all. He would like The World's young man to tell who had given him information about the trouble, and wound up a hot speech by advocating the presence of the press. The matter was put to a vote, and the meeting decided, "by a large majority," the reporters should remain. Mr. Heakes, when this point was settled, put in a vigorous denial that the church was in debt when Rev. John Gillespie took hold of it. The fact was it had $56,000 to the good.

A Broadsider from Mr. Whitesides.

Mr. Whitesides then attacked Mr. Heakes. "Is it not a fact that you told me three weeks ago to strike your name off the roll of membership, as you were moving out of the parish?"

Mr. Heakes: "That is all right. But I paid my subscription all the same."

Then it became very lively for several minutes; half-a-dozen members tried to speak at once, until the chairman intimated that until order was restored he would recognize no one. When quiet was restored Mr. Heakes returned to the charge. He got in a few more cuts at the opponents of Rev. Mr. Sanson, and was succeeded by Mr. Whitesides. He moved, seconded by Mr. E. Barber, "That Mr. Gillespie be requested to withdraw his resignation as curate and that he receive $1000 a year salary if the revenue of the church afford it."

The Chairman declared the motion irregular. It was the privilege of the rector to recommend a curate to the vestry, and not the vestry to the rector. Mr. Gillespie was never curate of the church, and he therefore could not resign a position he never held.

Here Mr. Whitesides marched up to the Chairman and requested him to read a letter he handed to him. It was from Mr. J. Marks, who, excusing his inability to attend, denounced the Chairman for his conduct towards Mr. Gillespie.

"Why," said Mr. Sanson, "this is the very man who told me three weeks ago that if I appointed Mr. Gillespie curate he would denounce me to the congregation."

The $200 Never Was Paid.

The letter, among other merits, extolled Mr. Gillespie's generosity in contributing $200 towards church furniture.

"Yes," interjected Mr. Sanson, "and he has not paid it yet."

At this there was a storm of laughter, groans and hisses. Mr. Whitesides got up and denounced the chairman for "his mean insinuation."

"That is all right," replied Mr. Sanson, "but I have reasons for what I say." When the letter was finished Mr. Sanson remarked: "Mr. Gillespie is getting a lot of credit, there is nothing said about me. Have I not been drilling Greek and Latin into him for the past three years, and let me tell you it is no easy matter to teach a man over 50 these languages?"

Mr. Whitesides charged that the meeting was a "packed" one, and he wanted it adjourned so that Mr. Gillespie might be on hand to defend himself.

The chairman would not hear of it, holding that a settlement now would put a stop to idle rumors and heal the breach. He held he had the right to appoint the curate.

Carried by 40 to 29.

After a number of motions had been proposed but never put, Mr. Claude Boulton moved that it be the opinion of this meeting that it is inadvisable to appoint a curate at present. This carried by a vote of 40 to 29. When the result was made known cheer after cheer went up from the Shamrockites. The ladies waved their handkerchiefs and the men their hats. Mr. Sanson could scarcely conceal his satisfaction and his face broke up into a big smile. He then appointed Mr. Claude Boulton his churchwarden.

Those who took a prominent part in the proceedings were J. R. Lee, Duncan Cameron, Ross Cameron, Joseph Davies, Samuel Heakes, R. D. Sanson, John Rogers, E. Strickland, E. Barber, John Marks, Jr., C. Chambers, A. Boyd, Mr. Metcalfe, James A. White besides, T. R. Whitesides, A. H. Lye, J. G. Lye, A. H. Major, Claude Boulton, Norman Sanson and James Coulter.

Trinity's Vestry.

The vestry of Trinity Church is composed of 32 members: James Aikens, William Adamson, Miss Bright, J. Barber, Adam Beatty, W. Boyd, R. Cameron, G. Chambers, James Coulter, Joseph Davies, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Fee, George Gooderham, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Kettles, Mrs. Lee, J. Laycock, Thos. Marks, Thos. Molloy, Alfred Metcalfe, Thos. Murphy, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Offer kuck, R. Paul, Lewis Reford, John Rogers, E. Rawes, E. Smith, T. R. Whiteside, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Wright.

He Looked Up to Him As a Father.

Rev. John Gillespie boards at the Rossin House, and it was there that The World found him last night about 11 o'clock in close consultation with Mr. James A. Whitesides. He expressed the utmost astonishment at the stand taken by Rector Sanson. He had looked up to him as a father and the guide of his life, and not for a moment did he think that he had anything against him or any fault to find. He had no misunderstanding with Mr. Sanson until three Sundays ago, when he took away from him that portion of the service he had always been accustomed to conduct. Had Mr. Sanson only hinted to him that he was displeased with him he would have resigned without a moment's hesitation. He had no wish to figure in a church quarrel, and particularly under the present circumstances when he was preparing for the priesthood.

Mr. Whitesides was mad when The World talked to him. "All I have to say," he remarked, "is that to-night's meeting was a farce and illegal. The meeting was supposed to be a vestry one, but Rev. Mr. Sanson changed it into a congregational one and then made a house to house canvass. The request calling for a meeting was signed by members of the vestry for a vestry meeting, and Mr. Sanson knows that, too."

THE LATEST BOODLER.

The Cashier of the Chicago and Illinois Railway Arrested in Toronto.

There is an American boodler in town, and he is in the hands of the police. His name is Louis Helm Slonaker, and until a few weeks ago he was the trusted cashier of the Chicago and Illinois Railway, at Sioux City, Iowa.

On Oct. 13 he left that town with $4000 of the company's money and came to Canada. Arriving in Toronto he registered at the Palmer House under the name of "Louis Helm." From there he removed to a house in Portland-street, where he was arrested last night by Detectives Slemin and Davis on the charge of forgery.

Slonaker was bonded by the American Surety Company of New York to the extent of $7000. When that company learned of his defalcation they started two men on his track. These men were Detectives Abel S. Dongan and B. K. Sharrette, of New York, who reached here on Oct. 24 and located their man. They claim to have a good case.

A Service of Praise.

The first monthly musical service of praise by the choir of the Church of the Redeemer takes place this evening at 8 o'clock, and will embrace the anthems "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," "Praise the Lord," and "O, Give Thanks." Organ solos will be played by Mr. Greenwood, organist of All Saints' Church, and Miss Morgan will sing "Hear Us, O Father." Mr. Coleman will sing "There is a Green Hill," and Mr. Schuch will sing "The Lost Chord." A collection will be taken up in aid of the choir fund.

The Berkeley-street Methodist Church Sunday school anniversary services were concluded last night. Addresses were delivered by Pastor Manly Benson and Superintendent Wilson. An excellent program of readings, recitations and singing was rendered.

The Workingmen's Society of St. Mark's Church, Parkdale, had a crowded house at their concert last night in the schoolroom.

To Inspect the New Busses.

A special committee of the City Council meets this morning at 10 o'clock at the City Hall to inspect and report upon the merits as a means of public conveyance of the new patent side-door coaches of the Toronto Passenger Transport Company.

Cathro Captured Himself.

William Cathro, the contractor, was arrested last night by Detective Cuddy at 168 Wilton-avenue, on a charge of embezzling $2.00 from his partners, Joseph Kent and Joseph Rogers. He is the same individual who some few days ago had his mistress and her brother arrested on a charge of stealing $8500 from him.

R. P. Davies, the mile champion bicyclist of Canada, referring to Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum says: I have been using your Tutti Frutti Gum during my training and racing, and I can safely recommend it to all athletes as beneficial in keeping the mouth moist, as well as aiding digestion.

THEIR SECOND DIVIDEND.

CENTRAL BANK DEPOSITORS GET MORE OF THEIR MONEY.

By Order of Mr. Justice Robertson the Liquidators Will Again Pork Out Seventy-five Per Cent. Will Probably be the Maximum—The Checks All Ready.

The World dropped into the Central Bank's new quarters in the Queen City Buildings, Church-street, yesterday afternoon and there found Liquidators Howland and Lye. They had something very new and welcome to say. It was that, in all accordance with Mr. Justice Robertson's order made yesterday morning, they were ready to pay the second and long-looked-for dividend to depositors with that unfortunate institution.

The Central Bank suspended payment last November and the first dividend of 33⅓ per cent. was paid within four months from the suspension. Now comes another dividend of 33⅓ per cent., making a total of 66⅔ per cent. to the depositors within ten months from the time that the bank's affairs were placed in the hands of the liquidators, which is looked upon by them as a matter worthy of congratulation.

"It is something quite unique in the history of banking," said Mr. Lye—and Mr. Howland concurred—"that depositors should be paid two-thirds within ten months. We never heard of a similar case." They have redeemed all the bank's circulation, and by yesterday's announcement will have paid back 66⅔ per cent. of the deposits.

"What will be the total which the depositors will receive?" was asked of Mr. Howland by The World.

"We calculate upon paying 75 cents," replied the liquidator. "There will be another dividend, but of course a small one."

The first dividend amounted to about $550,000, and the present one will make the amount paid out full a million dollars.

This is the notice which the liquidators issued yesterday:

CENTRAL BANK IN LIQUIDATION.

The office of the liquidators is removed to the Queen City buildings, 24 Church-st. About 4,000 checks for the second dividend are now ready for distribution.

W. H. HOWLAND.
WILLIAM GOODERHAM
HENRY LYE.

THE HIDE INSPECTORSHIP.

Seven Applicants up Before the Board of Examiners—The Man for Galway.

Yesterday afternoon the Board of Examiners of the hide and leather branch of the Board of Trade catechised the applicants for the position of Hide Inspector. Outside the council chamber ex-Ald. James Pepler, T. M. Bills, S. M. Sanderson, Robert Waterhouse, W. J. Bickle, Thomas Murray and James Jones waited until the examiners, D. McLean, Mr. Davis, M. P. P., Walter Beardmore, Edward Leadley and D. W. Alexander would call them in to tell what they know of hides and leathers. Mr. Pepler was the first aspirant to pass through the ordeal. It took him half an hour to answer the innumerable queries of the tribune and before he emerged a couple of the waiting ones had disappeared.

The examinations were not concluded yesterday and will be continued to-day. This first examination is to judge of the theoretical knowledge of the weights, classification, trimming and relative values of hides and leathers, but if it is found necessary the seven applicants or as many of them as are not called out will be taken to a pile of hides, there to exhibit their fitness for the position.

Said Mr. Pepler to The World when he was released from the examiners: "It is a stiff examination and will knock some of the applicants out in short order. I know perfectly well that some of them cannot begin to answer the questions."

Mr. Pepler, all the little birds are whispering, is the man for Galway. It is understood that the three city members will endorse him. There is said to be little or no doubt that Mr. Pepler is eminently qualified for the position.

Ex-Ald. James, who was freely talked about in connection with the vacancy, said to The World yesterday: "I am out of the race; don't want it; wouldn't take it."

THE PRICE REMAINS STATIONARY.

The Consumers' Gas Company Shareholders Hold Their Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the best paying institution in this broad Dominion, the Consumers' Gas Company, was held yesterday. Of course the usual highly satisfactory statement was presented. The old board of directors were re-elected: James Austin, Dr. Larratt W. Smith, Samuel Nordheimer, Hugh Ryan, W. G. B. Bethune, Henry Cawthra, John Eastwood, James Gilmor, George Gooderham, Arthur Lepper, James Scott, Hon. Frank Smith. Mr. Austin and Dr. Smith were again chosen president and vice-president.

It was thought around town that the directors would signalize their re-election for another year by reducing the price of gas. The hopes thus fondly indulged in were doomed to disappointment, for nothing of the kind was done. Consumers must wait awhile for the era of reduction and reform.

High-Class Watches.

It is a great mistake to allow a fine watch to run 4 or 5 years without cleaning and fresh oil. The oil dries up and the resulting dry friction cuts and roughens the fine actions. Mr. Heeton, the high grade watch specialist, opposite the Post Office, gives his entire attention to the above class of work. 246

Diphtheria at Plumpton Settlement.

A gentleman who reached the city from the east last night told The World that a terrible epidemic of diphtheria was raging at Plumpton settlement, on Salt Creek, eight miles back of Brighton. There were 30 cases in the settlement. Alexander Austin lost three children and had two down, J. Montgomery lost two and had two down, Wm. Gunther lost one and had one down. Mr. Austin had to bury his own children. Dr. Clemensen of Warkworth, said The World's informant, who had been attending the stricken ones, was now down himself. Salt Creek, he said, was responsible for the outbreak.

Japanese Goods at the Mart.

The sale of Japanese goods which was commenced at the Mart yesterday was largely attended, and those who were present secured some excellent bargains, the prices being much lower than the goods offered should have realized. The sale will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock, when a number of choice articles not yet shown will be offered.

Russell's selling off, 9 King west. 246

A Parting Gift.

On Saturday night, at the Granite Rink, a gold watch was presented to Mr. W. H. Black, a popular member, who is leaving for New York. Mr. C. A. B. Brown made the presentation in a felicitous speech. About 40 of the members were present and expressions of goodwill towards Mr. Black were heard on every hand.

Officers of Toronto Lodge I. O. G. T.

Toronto lodge, I. O. G. T., last evening elected these officers: C. T., T. E. Robertson; V. T., Miss Jessie McLean; Sec., J. P. Howe; F. S., Geo. McGregor; Treas., Miss Kate Watson; Chap., E. J. Walsh; Marshal, A. A. Daniel; Guard, Miss E. Jones; Sent., W. K. Tanner.

Watch sale, 9 King west. 624

Information Wanted.

All have heard the saying—"That accounts for the milk in the cocoanut."—Some one was once about to tell us the origin of this, when he was suddenly called away; we had to leave before his return and consequently never heard the explanation. If any one happens to know the origin of this remarkable saying, kindly call in at A. White's, 55 King-street west, and should we not happen to be in please wait and say why passing the time get Mr. White to show you a suit of that natural wool underwear at 1.50 each.

IT MAY HAVE TO GO TO COURT.

A Talk With Treasurer Ross About Provincial Compound Interest.

The World was a caller on Treasurer Ross yesterday afternoon.

"Can you tell me anything about the conference at Ottawa?" he was asked.

"I don't know; the despatches from Ottawa, in this morning's papers, tell all there was about it. Briefly: In 1884 the Dominion furnished the Provinces with statements of account and the interest was calculated compound half-yearly. They were afterwards submitted to the Dominion Parliament calculated the same way. In October, 1884, we met to settle the claims and no question was raised as to the way the interest was compounded in the statements given the provinces.

"When the act of 1884 was passed, which relieved the province of interest on a surplus debt of $100,000, we asked that the accounts be recast, and also that the Indian claims included be struck out and left in suspense account. As our request they recast the accounts and they were made up with compound interest again."

"Were those last statements approved by the Finance Minister?"

"Yes; Mr. Courtney, who had charge of the matter, told us he could not send them to us until they had been approved by the Finance Minister."

"What reasons does Mr. Foster give for refusing to accept those statements?"

"Mr. Foster says that the accounts had been made up at compound interest at the request of the Provincial Treasurers and that the Dominion is not, therefore, legally bound to allow it. I argued and urged strongly the claims of the provinces; that the statements with interest compounded had not been questioned, and that the Dominion had, by those statements, acknowledged a calculation of compound interest."

"How much does the compound interest in dispute amount to?"

"I do not know."

"Have you estimated the amount?"

"No; we have not made any calculation."

"I suppose you and the Treasurer of Quebec were of one mind in this dispute?"

"Yes, Mr. Shehyn and I were united and the provinces stand together on the question."

"With what understanding did the conference close?"

"We came away with the understanding that nothing was to be done by either province toward a settlement until our contention is allowed."

"How can it be settled?"

"It will have to go to the courts if it is not amicably arranged."

Diamond sale, 9 King west. 246

THE CONTEST OVER THE DON.

Prospects That There Will Be No Election Until January.

The death of Deputy Returning Officer Elliott will in all probability act as a bar to the opening up of St. Matthew's Ward for an aldermanic contest. The by-law appointing a successor to the late Mr. Elliott will be submitted to the Council next Monday. The law permits it to be read and passed on the same night, provided the third reading is passed by a two-thirds majority. There is a strong feeling among a number of the aldermen that St. Matthew's Ward should lie fallow until the end of the year, and when the by-law is up for the third reading its thought that they will be strong enough to prevent its passing.

If they should send the bylaw over for two weeks before it becomes law. The new returning officer would in all probability be appointed three days afterwards, and the nomination of candidates held in the following week. Seven days have to elapse between nomination day and election day, and thus if under these circumstances the friends of Messrs. Macdonald and Leslie press the fight to an issue, the successful candidate would only sit about twice in Council, not long enough to warm his seat. Under these circumstances it is not likely that ex-Ald. Jones's place will be filled before January next.

Japanese Goods. 108 Queen east, 3 doors east of Jarvis. Jenkins, direct importer. 246.

ONCE MORE TO THE FRONT.

The Board of Works Investigation to Proceed To-day.

Ald. Gillespie wore a jaunty air yesterday afternoon when he stepped into the City Hall to attend the meeting of the Waterworks Committee. The cause of his evident satisfaction was at once manifest when it became known that Judge McDougall had ordered the Board of Works investigation to be proceeded with to-day at 11 o'clock. Before leaving the hall Ald. Gillespie informed his brother members of the Waterworks Committee that James Hardy, Mr. Godson's ex-bookkeeper and companion of John Thomas Cooper, had been induced to come to Toronto from Chicago to give evidence against his old master and that he was to be examined to-day. He then departed, laughing at the surprise depicted on the countenance of his hearers.

During yesterday little blue squares of paper were served on Ald. John Baxter, A. W. Godson, Inspector Robert Wilson, Accountant W. D. Shutt, Foreman Robert Carlton and Inspector William Lackie, notifying them to be on hand when the investigation opens. The summonses are signed by Judge McDougall and countersigned by Lawyer Fullerton.

Visitors' expenses paid by taking advantage of the great tea sale now going on at Brazill & Co.'s, market grocers, corner of King and Jarvis-streets. 10 lbs. tea and upwards at wholesale prices. Also a call is solicited at their vanila, 165 King east, where the choicest brands of fine whiskys, wine, &c., are selling at reduced prices. 246

REDUCTIONS IN ST. JOHN'S WARD.

Opening Day of the Court of Revision—The Slate Cleared Off.

The Court of Revision for 1889 was opened by Chairman John Baxter yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. He was assisted in the work of passing upon assessment appeals by Ald. Irwin, Johnston, Verral and Swait. Assessment Commissioner Maughan watched the proceedings for the assessors and fought each appeal with a steadiness born of faith in his subordinates. St. John's Ward appeals occupied the court all day. There were 50 in number, of which 42 were disposed of at the morning session. The court adjourned to the Albion for lunch at 1 o'clock and resumed business at 2, winding up everything on the slate by an hour later. The reductions on the total assessment of the ward reached $20,000. There were no startling reductions, the highest being on the property of Elmes Henderson, St. Joseph-street. It was assessed for $33,025 and was reduced to $30,000. Ald. Fleming had been put down as a supporter of the Separate Schools, and was on hand to have his name placed on the proper roll.

Reserved seats for concert, Fisk Jubilee Singers, Horticultural Pavilion, Thursday evening, to be had at Nordheimer's. Secure your seats at once. General admission 25 cents, reserved seats 50 cents.

A Child of the Indians.

The New York Illustrated News of Oct. 6 (Canadian edition of The Police Gazette) contains a portrait of Mr. Sam E. Pettigrew, once commercial editor of The Mail. Sam wears a big sombrero and beneath his portrait is the legend: "The Omaha News-Gatherer, who is very popular among the Indians of the Rosebud Agency." Next to Sam is a picture of a bad-looking Indian labelled: "Swift Bear, the powerful chief, who controls 7000 Indians of the Rosebud Agency."

Call in at Wheeler & Bain's, King-street east, where you will see the largest assortment of stoves in the city. 624.

Big Time This Week.

Four great events take place this week. On Thursday evening at the Pavilion the Fisk Jubilee Singers warble, and on Friday they sing in Dr. Wild's church; on the latter evening the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society grand concert takes place, and every day during the week McKendry's sale of dry-goods and millinery will be in full blast.

THE CITY PASTORS.

They Meet and Discuss "Robert Ellesmere"—Mr. Jeffery Congratulated.

Hereafter the Toronto Ministerial Association will hold its Monday meetings in one of the large parlors of Association Hall. This was decided on yesterday. There was a meeting at which Rev. D. J. Macdonnell presided. Rev. J. E. Lanceley, of the new Richmond Methodist Church, and Rev. J. F. Ferguson, B.A., were elected members.

The association refused to confer with the Anti-Poverty Society over an alleged misunderstanding between the two bodies.

Rev. Dr. Stafford read an amplified version of his review in The Methodist Magazine of the religiously dangerous novel "Robert Ellesmere."

Rev. Hugh Johnston said it was well known that the "Prof. Grey" of the novel was Prof. Green, whose philosophy is the text book in use at Toronto University. He hoped that the authoress was not presenting the views of Prof. Green, because he did not think that a man who talks of "the fable of Christianity," and "the a priori impossibility of miracles" is a fit teacher for our callow youth.

Rev. G. M. Milligan ridiculed the stress that sceptics are wont to place on the value of trained observation. For microscopy this is doubtless necessary, but in ordinary affairs one may see for themselves.

Rev. Dr. Parker did not think it advisable to preach against its erroneous teachings.

Rev. Dr. Parsons complained that their Sunday school libraries were filled with this "dry rot." The writers take advantage of the emotional natures of the young people to impart the most mischievous doctrines.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell pointed out that if the book were a satire written by a Christian it was an extremely dangerous satire. He read from "Robert Ellesmere" an alleged quotation from another work and demanded that such statements should not be made without giving the book and page from which they were taken. To quote from imaginary books written by an impossible "squire" was a fraud and a forgery. He recommended "Ben Hur" as a good antidote for "Robert Ellesmere."

During the discussion Rev. D. J. Macdonnell addressed himself to Mr. Jeffery, who was present: "Mr. Jeffery, I am glad to see you. I may say for the association and myself that we are glad that you have been thoroughly cleared from an unjust imputation. We all know to what I refer. We would be glad to hear your views of 'Robert Ellesmere.'" [Applause.]

Mr. Jeffery thanked the association for their sympathy and confidence and said that he had not had much time to deal with "Robert Ellesmere." "I have had too much to do with real agnosticism and atheism," he said. His judgment of the book was that it was a huge satire.

Rev. Mr. Milligan said he had intended to move a resolution expressing the highest estimate of Mr. Jeffery's ability and character, which has not been at all impaired by the recent trouble. But a friend of Mr. Jeffery's had thought it not advisable, as the moral question had now dropped out and it has resolved itself into a church difficulty.

Note the dates, Original Fisk Jubilee Singers at Horticultural Pavilion, Thursday evening, Nov. 1, reserved 50 cents; Friday, Nov. 2, Bond-street Congregational Church, general admission, 25 cents; Saturday Nov. 3, Masonic Hall, Parkdale, tickets 75 cents, reserved, 50 cents. Plan for Pavilion at Nordheimer's, Parkdale, at Post-Office, 71 Queen-street. Secure seats early.

THE CHANCERY SITTINGS.

The Court Opens on Thursday With a Heavy Docket—The List.

The Chancery Sittings (the Chancellor presiding) commence on Thursday next with this list: Graham v Devlin, Barber v Barber (C P D), Hands vs The Law Society (Q B D), Cowling vs Leys, Hodgins vs Lake (C P D), Berry v Pease (C P D), Shannon v McMichael (Q B D), Dyer v Fleming (Q B D), Clarke v Walker (Q B D), Hardy v Prittie, Brock v Fleming, Halton v Grand Trunk Railway (C P D), Trenton v Gilmour, Carlyle v Bates, Close v Strangways (entered by defendant), Martin v Martin, Warren v Livingstone, Imperial Bank v Hallam (C P D), Hallen v Thomson (Q B D), Smith v Canadian Pacific Railway (C P D), Clarke v Hands (C P D), The Rathbun Co. vs The Ontario L Co (C P D), Butland v Gillespie, Macdonnell v Blake (entered by defendants), Ontario Bank v Robson (Q B D), Water v Carroll, West v Hughes (Q B D), Scott v Cornell, The Dominion Bank v Gummersons, Barker v Barker, Burns v Burns, Gooderham v Gooden, Hartnett v Canadian Mutual Aid Assn., Cook v Cook (C P D), Markle v Sylvester (Q B D), Wills v Taylor (Q B D), Trusten v Bell (C P D), Butler v McConkey, re Toronto and Hamilton N Co v Silcox, Markham v Markham, Western Canada Flour Mills v Grace, Kennedy v Close v Strangways, Loney v Olivier, Salter v City of Toronto, Innes v Lefevre, Smith v McPhail, Kannady v Oliver, Hickey v Buchan, McDulough v Field, Ontario Oil Co v Laird, Morden v Kester, Allan v Burrage, Boswell v Rankin, Cowling v Preston, Moore v Jackson, county Clerk v Cook, Ward v Burt v Ont. Bk, Truax v Bell, Christie v Howarth.

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The Y. W. C. G.

Mrs. Gordon presided at a social meeting of the Y. W. C. G. last night. Mrs. Harvie, the president, was heartily welcomed at the meeting after a lengthened illness. Mrs. Gordon stated that during the sale of work held on Tuesday last a lady had contributed $5 towards the Sick Benefit fund about to be established. Fifty dollars had been contributed towards the education fund, $20 of which has already been expended in that direction. A small sum has also been contributed by the Bible Class, which it was decided to forward for the benefit of the Inland China mission. Rev. Mr. Wallace, of the Bloor-street Presbyterian Church, addressed the meeting, taking for his subject the parable of the loaves and fishes. His remarks were appropriate and helpful for those present, impressing forcibly the lessons of order, continuity and economy. The concert on Saturday evening will be given by the College-street Presbyterian Church choir, Mr. John Alexander, conductor. A good program of music and readings may be looked for.

Just received, Yokohama drapes, embroidered on both sides alike, vitrage muslins, and another shipment of embroidered window shades, all for window decoration, by W. A. Murray & Co.

THE MORE MR. JONES CONSIDERS.

The Worse it is for the Small Army of Ward Foremen.

Street Commissioner Jones, since his appointment one week ago, has been puzzling his brains as to what to do with the ward foremen. He told The World on Friday last that four would have to go as being of no use to him in the work before him. Yesterday he added two more to the number of victims, one of them being the inspector for the east, Mr. Robert Wilson. The devoted ones are about evenly divided between east and west. The commissioner has a report prepared for submission to the Board of Works to-day and it is only natural to suppose that the aldermen representing the wards where the victims are employed will be up in arms to defend their own.

Secure seats promptly for concert Original Fisk Jubilee Singers, Horticultural Pavilion, Thursday evening next. Reserved tickets 50 cents. Plan at Nordheimer's.

All Quarantine Withdrawn.

All the smallpox quarantines have been discontinued, the last one being that on the house on Francis-street. The watchmen were withdrawn from there yesterday. There is a large quantity of meat in the store below the Rogers residence, which with a quantity of furniture will have to be destroyed.

Changes in the Law Society's Curriculum.

The benchers have made these changes in the Law Society curriculum. In the first intermediate examination, R. S. O., cap 123 substituted for cap. 117. In the second intermediate the new rules of practice and R. S. O., cap. 44, are substituted for the Judicature Act. Cap. 100, 110 and 143 take the place of 95, 107 and 136.

GROVER'S GUARDED TALK.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS OF THE SACKVILLE INCIDENT.

The Interview at Secretary Whitney's House Was Mainly With Reference to the Extradition Treaty—The Government Has Done Everything is Consistently Could.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The Washington correspondent of The World called on President Cleveland at Oak View last evening and stated to him that great curiosity was felt by the public as to the exact status of the Sackville matter, particularly as to what had really passed between himself and Representative Collins of Boston and John Boyle O'Reilly, editor of The Boston Pilot, in the interview reported to have taken place in New York. He also brought to the President's attention the statement that he had taken occasion to assure these gentlemen that if Lord Sackville were not recalled within three days he would be given his passports.

The President laughed and then said: "That statement which I have read in the morning papers is all wrong—all wrong. I did see Representative Collins and Mr. O'Reilly at Secretary Whitney's house, and had some little conversation with them, but it was almost all devoted to another subject. These gentlemen called on me to discuss another matter, namely, the Extradition Treaty, which was postponed by the action of the recent session of the Senate. The letter of Lord Sackville was only briefly referred to. I brought the matter up myself and took occasion to assure them that they would have no fault to find with what had been done and the future course to be pursued in the matter. I told Mr. Collins and Mr. O'Reilly that I thought the people hardly regarded me as a coward in these matters, and when the facts in the case should become known the people of this nation would feel satisfied with the course of the State Department. Both gentlemen appeared gratified, and the subject was thereupon dropped."

"Can you say, Mr. President, what point of the Extradition Treaty was discussed?"

"It was represented to me by these gentlemen that it has been persistently asserted that the Extradition Treaty with Great Britain, which has been published, contemplated the surrender of persons charged with political offences. I do not understand how it is possible to so distort language. Anybody reading the treaty would plainly see that it contemplates no such thing. The treaty, as at first drawn, provided for the extradition of persons charged with injury to property whereby the life of any person is endangered, if a crime according to the general laws of both countries, and it was so amended as to make malicious injuries to property by use of explosives, also an extraditable offence."

"May I ask, Mr. President, if any demand has been made on the British Government for the recall of Lord Sackville, and, if not, whether you have received any assurances that his Government will order him to leave Washington?"

The President hesitated for a moment and then replied:—"I cannot tell you at this time just exactly what has been done. This is a matter of the greatest delicacy. It concerns our relations with a foreign power. We must do these things with all due dignity, and in accordance with the amenities that must prevail between two Governments on friendly terms with each other. There can be no unseemly haste. The people must be patient and they must be assured that everything has been done that we consistently could do. I never yet have discussed matters of state with the outside public, nor can I do so now."

The correspondent asked the President if he thought the publication of the Sackville letter would be likely to have any effect upon the result of the coming election.

The reply of the President is very guarded. "It is quite impossible," said he, "for me to judge accurately, but I have every confidence in the intelligence and good sense of the people of the United States, and I do not think they will be misled by an episode of this character."

"If it be a fair question, Mr. President, what is your opinion of the propriety of the British Minister's writing such a letter?"

The President paused a moment before replying, and then said, choosing his words carefully, "I do not think I care to criticise the action of the Minister in this case; our estimation of it is a matter which has been officially communicated by the State Department to the British Government."

"There is another question no less delicate that I should like to ask you, Mr. President. What motive impelled the British ambassador to so transcend ordinary diplomatic usage?"

The President paused some time before replying. He did not make a direct answer, but said: "I cannot comprehend how any one with the least intelligence could have failed to understand the full intent of the letter of Sackville-West, unless it contained a trap in every line. Compared to it the Morey letter was innocent. By the way," said the President laughingly, "I have received an intimation that another campaign trick is being prepared with the intention of springing it on the voters of the country on the eve of the election. While I do not give much credence to the rumor, yet it would be as well to head it off in advance. I have been informed that it is proposed that I shall receive a day or two before election a series of unsigned resolutions or some other acknowledgment of the sort, purporting to come from some English club of the Cobden order. This testimonial is to come in the nature of a compliment to the Administration for its course upon the tariff question."

**Sir Charles Tup