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THE RULES SUSPENDED.

THE ESPLANADE BILL READ A SECOND TIME.

The Grand Trunk and the North Shore Railways—What is in Hansard—That Shooting Story at Rideau Hall.

Special Despatch to The World.

OTTAWA, April 18.—The rules of the house were twice suspended to-day for the purpose of allowing bills to be referred to the railway committee in time to allow a report on them to be received by the house.

Just after the speaker took the chair Mr. Colby introduced a bill to authorize the Grand Trunk to extend their traffic arrangement with the North Shore railway for fifty years. The bill was read a first and second time and referred to the railway committee.

Just before the adjournment Sir Hector Langevin proposed that the rule be suspended to admit of the second reading of the bill to increase the harbor accommodation of the city of Toronto, to extend the Esplanade, and to provide for the control of the use thereof by railway companies. This was agreed to and the bill will come before the railway committee on Tuesday.

Mr. Casgrain called attention to the fact that some remarks of Mr. Tyrwhitt's on the orange bill, to the effect that, if orange incorporation would prevent Irish immigration to Canada it would only have the effect of keeping away from our shores a class which he would be sorry to see come here, were omitted from Hansard. A long discussion ensued, in the course of which the opinion was pretty freely expressed that Hansard reported what members after mature consideration thought they should have said, and not what they did say.

Mr. McLelan's bill respecting certificates to masters and mates of inland coasting vessels, was after a long discussion read a second time and passed through committee, after which the house adjourned at 11.45.

Parliamentary Points.

OTTAWA, April 18.—An evening paper has been informed by an official of the government house that the four reports of gun shots heard by the police last night were occasioned by boys shooting muskrats on the small creek in rear of the residence of Lieutenant-Colonel De Winton. The boys' names, however, are not given. As an evidence of the rapidity with which the news of the affair was spread over all parts, it may be mentioned that a cablegram was this morning received from her majesty the queen asking for full particulars. The reply was to the effect that the facts of the case did not warrant the suspicion and anxiety that had been created by the report.

A Toronto detective to-day stated that they had one man under surveillance and that an arrest might be effected within the next twenty-four hours which would throw light on some mysterious movements. There is great excitement at Rideau hall, and the matter is said to have been discussed at the cabinet council to-day.

SAD STORY OF A BROOM.

How a Little Girl Was Drowned in a Creek.

OTTAWA, April 18.—James Peterkin, is a farmer residing in the township of Gloucester, about three miles from this city. On Saturday Mrs. Peterkin, while busying herself about the house, was accosted by her daughter, who asked her mother for the broom. Giving that article to the child, the latter went out in the field in the direction of a creek. The mother thought the little girl was merely going to play and paid no attention to her. A few minutes afterwards Mrs. Peterkin went in search of her daughter, but could not find her anywhere. The broom was floating on the surface of the creek and from this it was surmised that the poor little girl had accidentally fallen in and was drowned.

CANADIAN TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

A trainmen's union has been formed by Grand Trunk employes.

A number of resignations are reported from various causes along the line of the Grand Trunk.

Hanlon's saw stave mill at Essex Centre has been burned down. Loss $25,000; no insurance. Sixty men are out of employment.

Work was commenced on the new Canada Southern bridge across the Niagara river yesterday morning. It is stated that the contract price for the structure is $800,000.

George Allen, who was struck with a poker in a bar-room fight at Thamesford on April 7 by James O'Brady, is dead. The latter, who is under remand, will now be charged with murder.

John and Thomas Murphies have been acquitted of the murder of Stewart Cotter, Canada Southern operator at St. Thomas, whom they struck over the head with a loaded whip, inflicting fatal injuries. The evidence showed that the assault was the result of Cotter's conduct.

Ontario Pork Packers.

HAMILTON, April 18.—The regular annual meeting of the Ontario pork packers' association was held to-day. Among those present were Wm. Monteith, R. H. Ramsey, R. Thompson, Jno. Young, Jas. Park, J. Herson, and J. E. Baillie from Toronto; F. W. Fearman, Thos. Lowry, and Angus and Alex. McKillop from Hamilton; C. H. Slawson, Ingersoll; John White, Mitchell, and J. Mathews, Lindsay. The election of officers resulted as follows:—F. W. Fearman, president; Jas. Park, vice-president, and James E. Baillie, secretary.

PERSONAL.

Customs Collector Patton is in Ottawa on official business.

George Stephen is expected to sail for Canada on the 28th of this month.

Sir Alexander Galt received the degree of LL D. yesterday from the Edinburgh university.

Alderman John T. Moore, managing director of the Saskatchewan land and homes and company, arrived home yesterday on the noon train from his long trip to the company's district in the Saskatchewan valley. Mr. Moore says the trip was one of the most pleasant and delightful that could be desired.

WILL BISMARCK SUBMIT?

A Question for France to Consider before Going to War with Annam.

LONDON, April 18.—The News says in the event of war with Annam involving war with China, it is understood that France will confine herself to blockading Chinese ports, as she is well aware of the difficulties of an expedition to Pekin. The News adds it will be a very serious matter to stop the trade between China, America, England and Germany, and it will be worth the while of France to consider whether Bismarck will submit to such action.

TOULON, April 18—The gunboats Lynx and Viper have been ordered to Tonquin.

The appointment of Peng Yaling as Chinese minister of war denotes that China is determined to resist French aggression in Annam.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

What Might Happen if the Monarchy were Restored in the Former Country.

BERLIN, April 18.—The Nord Deutsche Zeitung replying to the comments of the French press, says if the monarchy be restored in France it is not likely Germany would declare war forthwith. She would probably await the attack by France, which would soon be made. Under the circumstances the restored monarchists could be induced to declare war on Germany without warning.

A CLOSE DIVISION.

A Conservative Motion Negatived by Only a Dozen.

LONDON, April 18—In the house of commons last evening a motion introduced by Mr. Pell (con.) in favor of immediate reform of local taxation, was only negatived by 217 to 229. An amendment was accepted by the government postponing consideration of the reform measures until the whole question of local government could be dealt with. The closeness of the division on Mr. Pell's motion was loudly cheered by the tories.

FOREIGN CABLE NEWS.

Five hundred dwellings were destroyed by fire at Kataw, Iwanoskoi, Russia, yesterday.

The Russians are preparing to make an experiment in growing cotton in Central Asia.

Kettle, an ex-suspect, has seceded from the Parnellite party.

Edward Sheil has become whip of the Irish party and not O'Connor as previously announced.

Louise Michel has been held for trial at the next assises on a charge of inciting to riot. She will conduct her own defence.

Two hundred university students at Warsaw yesterday called on the rector and demanded an explanation of the arrest of their comrades. The rector refused an explanation and summoned the police and military who dispersed the students and occupied the college building.

The Tewkesbury Barbarities.

BOSTON, April 18—In the Tewkesbury almshouse examination, Mary Bowen, formerly an inmate, and mother of an illegitimate child, testified that thirty women bathed in the same water, many of the patients having had skin disease. Many were infested with vermin. Carbolic acid was at one time poured on the heads of such patients. Rats were so abundant that patients would call on the nurses to drive them away. A consumptive woman, unable to call for help, had her feet badly bitten every night until she died. A large woman died and the body was crowded into a box by men standing on it. She had on a bonnet worn when alive. Another occupied the bed on which this woman died that night, no change of clothing being made. An old insane woman was beaten with sticks and bed ropes.

An Extraordinary Murder.

TAUNTON, Mass., April 18.—Ellen Hassey, aged 65, was found dead in her house in East Taunton this morning with her head in a tin basin, surrounded by pools of blood from a hole in the forehead. William Flinn was found in an adjoining room severely cut in the forehead. He says Timothy, aged 19, and John, 22, her sons, murdered the woman, when he interfered, and was struck by Timothy in the head with a chair. The boys put him in bed. The last he remembered was the old woman standing over him, trying to quench the flow of blood. Both sons say they were away from home all night, but tell conflicting stories as to their whereabouts. All the parties have been arrested.

A Peppered and Much-Abused Husband.

WATERBURY, Conn., April 18.—There has been a gossip here about the intimacy between Mayor Kendrick and Mrs. Wm. Clark. Yesterday Mrs. Clark threw red pepper into her husband's eyes, and, it is alleged, beat him with a club. It is reported that Clark had accused his wife of infidelity. The uproar attracted a crowd. Mrs. Clark accused her husband of breaking into her room. The officer took Clark to the station-house. Clark demanded that the mayor be summoned. The latter came hurriedly to the station, and Clark was released on bonds furnished by the mayor. The affair is the chief topic of conversation here.

Herr Most at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—It was expected Herr Most would meet the delegates of the federation labor last night for the purpose of interchanging views on the labor question. Most waited at the hotel to be sent for, but a stormy debate occurred in the federation, starting from the bookbinders' union, some expressing fears that questions of dynamite and violence would be brought up should such a meeting take place. The discussion ended in disruption, caused by the outspoken expressions of knownothingism, the federation being about equally divided between native born and foreigners.

Whiskey Mason's Claim.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Geo. Albert Mason, recently released from the Albany penitentiary, to which he was sentenced on a charge of counterfeiting, has filed a claim against the United States with the British legation for $50,000 damages. Mason claims to be a Canadian, and his conviction at the instance of the United States secret service was malicious. The chief of the secret service says Mason's claim is preposterous.

THE WATERWORKS COMMITTEE.

The Reason why we are Drinking Muddy Water.

The waterworks committee met yesterday afternoon; present, Geo. M. Evans (chairman), Adamson, Maughan, Millichamp, Murray, Downey, Sheppard and Davies.

Alderman Maughan enquired the reason why the pipes for the Kingston road water main were laid on the north side of the street and thus outside the city's limits.

The chairman answered that it was necessary that the water mains should not be on the same side of the street as the gas mains, which were already laid on the south side of the street.

The city engineer was then asked simultaneously by almost every alderman present to explain the cause for the muddy state of the city water at present.

The engineer in reply stated that on Saturday he, in company with some others, went out to learn the cause. They found the water in the well at the engine house in a riley state, but outside the island the water was clear as crystal. The cause of the impure state of the water was that at the old intake at Hanlan's point is a wooden crib, in the interior of which is an iron—supposed to be waterproof—tank. The workmen in completing this portion of the contract last season did so in a very hurried manner on account of the severity of the weather, and in place of putting an iron top on the tank constructed a temporary wooden one, which the ice has broken and through which the muddy water of the bay is at present surging.

Ald. Maughan said that it throws discredit on the whole system of waterworks to allow a temporary arrangement, such as the one spoken of by the engineer, to pass, and that in all probability if this accident had not occurred Mr. Venables would not have made any mention of the matter.

Ald. Millichamp then moved, seconded by Ald. Sheppard, that the engineer bring in a full report as to the cause of the present bad state of the water at a special meeting of the committee to be called for Tuesday April 25. Carried. The engineer in reference to the question of increased pressure necessary in St. Paul's ward, and to the suggestion made at the last meeting of the water works committee, reported as follows: "The great part of the expense will be the cost of laying the main between the two reservoirs, and I would recommend that the work be undertaken at once. The pipe, as then laid, will serve in the future for the high grounds and will admit of connection with the cemetery and the Deer park when required. There is no other way that will serve summary ends and, at the same time, cost so little at first and in its subsequent maintenance." The report also recommends that the following pieces of main be laid down: On Abel street from Queen street southward for the supply of the water and fire protection of Abel's works, cost $200; on Glen road, from Howard street northward, 300 feet, for the supply of six brick houses to cost $300; on Allan street, for the supply of four houses, cost $200; on Czar street eastward from North street to St. Nicholas street, for the supply of eleven brick houses, cost $300; on the Toronto lacrosse grounds, Elm avenue, $270. The committee adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock, when a special meeting will be called to consider special pumping power.

THE GRAND TRUNK.

Giving a Poor Service—Every Train Late And Employees Overworked—The Public Convenience.

The Grand Trunk east of Toronto is giving the country a most miserable service. Nearly every train is late and business men are greatly inconvenienced thereby. The train from the east due yesterday at 11 in the forenoon was over five hours late. And it has been from two to four hours late almost daily for weeks back. As a consequence, brokers, bankers and all manner of business men are put to great inconvenience for want of their mail matter. Take many of the business men who expect remittances, and brokers who have stock transfers to make, and it is often after bank hours before the mail is distributed. And then the traveling public are delayed, and appointments are repeatedly broken because travelers are unable to keep them. How many years of people's time has the Grand Trunk wasted in its history?

It is said that the line is overcrowded with freight and that this is the cause of delay in putting the passenger trains through. There is some force no doubt in this, but the truth is there is something wrong in the management. The American roads are run on time; so was the Great Western; and so might the Grand Trunk be. But a habit of curing all difficulties that arise by holding trains back has crept into the administration of the road and somehow cannot be shaken off. Moreover there is good reason for believing that the men are overworked and underpaid. A brakeman stated yesterday that he had had three hours' sleep since Saturday last.

We hear nothing about the double-tracking of the line being pushed, or the Toronto and Ottawa being finished to relieve the line at the front. The talk and energy of the company is devoted to consolidations. And things will never be any better till the public begin to agitate for a reform and the press all along the line insist on a better service and show up the many things that are lacking in the present one. The Globe, from being the critic of the Grand Trunk, has become its organ and dare not raise its voice against the vexatious delays that are now experienced. Mr. Hickson, you must do better.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE QUESTION.

Separation of City and County Hinted at.

The controversy between members of the joint committee, which convened in the county council chamber on Tuesday, turned on an interesting point of law. Ald. Walker contended that the statute did not require the city council to assist in erecting another building for county purposes, and he held that while the present city hall, St. Lawrence hall, St. Andrew's hall and St. Paul's hall were available, there was no need of civic expenditure in that direction, except for better accommodation for the division and other courts and offices connected therewith. The chairman of the county committee rejoined that as the law expressly required the county council to meet in the court house, there could be no question as to the joint responsibility for the cost of the new building. Ald. Blevins thought that the city might with advantage ask for a separation. Warden Jackson assented, and spoke of Newmarket as the preferable location, so far as county interests went, his committee being quite satisfied with the prospect of assuming sole expense. Another conference on Friday, however, was agreed upon as already stated.

CURLEY CONDEMNED.

THE SECOND OF THE PHŒNIX PARK GANG CONVICTED.

Sentenced to be Hanged Four Days After Brady—The Jury Out but a Short Time.

DUBLIN, April 18—Adams, for the defence in the Curley trial, declared that the evidence of Kavanagh did not show that Curley was in Phœnix park on May 6. His presence was indicated by James Carey, who said Curley was in command of the assassins, but Carey so swore to save his own neck, and was doubtless himself in command. Porter, the attorney-general for Ireland, responded for the crown. The judge charged the jury, and the latter retired, but soon returned, and rendered a verdict of guilty. Curley was sentenced to be hanged on May 18.

Porter declared the evidence of Ford, given by the defence in support of an alibi, was worthless and conflicting. The judge's charge was strongly against the reliability of the evidence to prove an alibi. The judge said there could not be the slightest doubt the murders were perpetrated at the instigation of the secret societies with which the prisoner was indisputably connected.

The jury were absent but a short time.

The prisoner being asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, replied that he had not expected any mercy from the court. It was very unfortunate the Irish bench was never without a Keogh. He admitted he was a member of the Invincibles, but was not in the Phœnix park when the murders were committed. He loved his country and could suffer for her. He declared the witnesses for the crown perjured themselves. He also said he was a fenian. As the officers were taking the prisoner from the dock, he shouted "God save Ireland."

Explosive and Invincible Items.

A box said to contain explosives was found last night alongside the cathedral at Salisbury. The edifice is now guarded by police.

Eugene Kingston is said to be an invincible and to have been connected with the Phœnix park murders at Dublin. He has been arrested at Liverpool.

An explosion of dynamite occurred yesterday in a commercial establishment at Carballeno, Spain. Three houses caught fire and two persons were killed and several injured.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Nine Chinamen are under arrest at Philadelphia for playing faro.

The East river bridge at New York is to be opened May 24th.

The Niagara Falls park bill was carried in the New York state senate yesterday by 19 to 10.

The gamblers in New York are demoralized. There was not a den open in all the city last night.

The supposed dynamite found in a factory at Brooklyn, N. Y., proves to be glucose mixed with saw-dust.

Burglars on bicycles are a novelty. A gang of thieves so mounted entered Essex, Mass., on Monday night, robbed the houses, and escaped.

The first of the competitors' matches for entry on the team which shoots at Wimbledon next summer commenced at Creedmoor yesterday morning.

The stockholders of the Mutual Union telegraph company yesterday ratified the lease of the lines of the company to the Western Union company.

Annie Nutt, aged 15, yesterday threw a cobble stone at Assemblyman Dukes, the murderer of her father. The school children of Uniontown, Pa., hoot the man on the streets.

Yesterday forty-eight cities and towns in Illinois voted upon the liquor question. Seventeen declared for prohibition or anti-license and twenty one for licenses; of the latter six were for a high license.

Seth Kennedy, for many years the trusted clerk of M. S. Page and company, pawnbrokers at Boston, Mass., was arrested yesterday on a charge of embezzling $15,000 from his employers. Kennedy is well known, and his arrest created some excitement in business circles.

The grand jury at Washington yesterday returned indictments against Wm. P. Kellogg for receiving money whilst United States senator, and Thos. J. Brady for receiving money whilst second-assistant postmaster-general for services rendered in relation to contracts with the United States.

Reduction in Freight Rates.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Railroad Commissioner Fink announces that as some roads insist upon a reduction, grain on the 8th class will be on a basis of 25 cents a 100 pounds from Chicago to New York. The rates on all other classes are unchanged.

She Thought She Saw the Devil.

From the Liverpool Mercury.

LONDON, March 19—A negro died in the penitentiary of Lancaster castle and a young doctor got permission to have his head. It was a windy night when the operation of removing the head was determined upon; but habited in his long cloak, then the fashion, and provided with a blue bag the comparative anatomist soon had the head safely stowed away. As he left the room in which the coffin lay, however, the wind slammed the door, caught his cloak and nearly threw him upon his face. Attempting to recover himself, he lost his hold of the bag; the head fell out, rolled with increasing velocity down a flight of steps, across a courtyard, and settled itself upon the neck, with one eye open and the other shut, in a room where two women shrieked. The professor rushed wildly after it, took no notice of the women, seized the skull, put it in his bag again, and ran from the castle.

Four or five years afterward he was attending a dying woman, who called loudly for a clergyman, to whom she had something to tell. The doctor begged her to tell him, as no clergyman was near enough to be called in time. At length she spoke. "Oh, sir, I had a husband, who was a negro, and I fear, a bad man. He died, sir, in Lancaster castle; and, oh, sir, I was standing one day in the rooms when my husband's head came out of the floor, and seemed to ask me to help him. And then, sir, the devil came through the door, snatched up the head, put it into a bag, and disappeared before I could do anything. And I have never done anything. Oh, sir, what can I do for my poor husband's soul?"

SIGNS OF THE SEASON.

Projected Summer Pleasures—Parks, Wharves and Bathing Houses.

The property committee of the city council met at 4 p. m. yesterday. There were present Aldermen Irwin, Bell, Blevins, Carlyle, Farley, Leslie, Saunders, Steiner and Walker. Messrs. Duff and Morse, a deputation of west end property owners, asked permission to erect a wharf at High park landing and the right to run a steamboat between Toronto and the Humber, touching at the Park wharf. Both would be built at private expense and they wished to enjoy exclusive control of the wharf. A written statement of outlay and expenditure were demanded by the committee. The latter promised to give the proposal due consideration.

The Hamilton Globe Lightning-rod company's propositions to furnish their appliances was referred to a sub-committee.

Mr. Ward, police officer on the island, personally requested an advance of salary, and it was granted, an increase of $160 be allowed, on condition that he should dissolve his partnership with Mrs. Ward as far as their saloon business was concerned. Ex-Mayor McMurrich appeared before the committee to advocate the new public park scheme, based on the Ontario park act recently passed. A petition of ratepayers, signed by 641 persons, had been presented some time ago. The act permits the city to set apart one thousand acres for public uses. Queen's, High, and Riverside parks already cover six hundred, and it is proposed to extend the space to the limit of the statute, connecting separate spaces by great boulevards. The act provides that it must be done under a by-law adopted by vote of the freeholders of the city. The value of parks and drives in beautifying a city and making it a desirable place of residence or resort from abroad, was enlarged upon by Mr. McMurrich, Sheriff Jarvis and other gentlemen of this deputation. A sub-committee was appointed to consider and report.

Ald. Farley presented a petition for the construction of a wharf at the west end. There was, he said, no wharf for the mile between Bathurst and Simcoe streets. At the foot of Brock street is the proposed location.

Ald. Blevins held that one was equally needed on the east side. The city commissioner was instructed to report on the subject next meeting.

Ex-Ald. Mitchell and others were present representing a bathing house company formed to erect public baths on a site at the west end of the island if permission can be obtained from the city council. The company propose to spend some $1500 or $2000 in their projected enterprise, which they claim will be a public benefit. The city commissioner had considered their proposal, but could not endorse their plans in toto. They wanted a much greater stretch of beach than was in his opinion advisable to grant to any one person or company.

Mr. J. G. Sword.

Our old friend J. G. Sword has turned up in Manchester, England, from which city he has issued a circular, partly in verse and partly in prose, "to his satanic majesty's unrecognerated offspring" announcing "the second coming of the king of kings." Mr. Sword was a well to-do Canadian from about Belleville who went crazy on religion, and ever since that time he has been travelling over the earth issuing proclamations of dire calamities just at hand. The opening verses of the Manchester edict tell how "Old Nick" pursued him at college and at home

Nick tempted me to build a mill,
Which I went at with all my will:
For four long years I worked my mind
Until the sheriff did me find.

Soon after Nick told him he "was quite insane with paralysis of the brain," and he was put in the asylum. He was released and determined to cross the ocean.

I came to city Dublin Bay,
And began my work the next day.
. . . . . .
One thousand bills on walls in paste
Which cost some gold did prove a waste.

I wrote to Gladstone and Parnell,
That God was here to reign and dwell;
God of Moses did them deceive,
Telling them they must not believe.

I wrote to the queen without effect—
A fool I was she did detect;
A man I am she will soon find,
For God will boil her brains and mind.

An English paper says that Sword was arrested for this reference to the queen, but was released when his true mental condition was learned. Mr. Sword then goes on to say that his battle with old Nick "cost me my lumber business, a pair of cherished driving ponies and a faithful dog, which Satan demanded I should surrender."

He then says that after his victory there was no devil to torture; no princes to feed; no mountains to tunnel; no land to reclaim; no ores to smelt; no frost to bite; no jails to build; no churches to steeple; no hogs to grunt; no wolves to howl; no teeth to extract; no pills to take; but acres of delicious fruit: "rivers" of sweet milk; "streams" of "new wine."

Mr. Sword states that he "wrote 'her royal highness,' offering her 'eternal life' in glory if she would accompany me to Canada. I am sorry that a lady on the threshold of eternal glory did spurn the crown of the universe with a laugh."

His experience of Canadian jails is thus put:

To the county jail we were brought
By Giant Chief and Judas Sot;
We were lock'd up in prison cell
And kept in jail till sent to hell.

For seven months I liv'd in hell,
The king of kings in me did dwell;
Satan's imps did us badly treat
And give us food not fit to eat.

We butter'd bread with cartwheel grease
And sometimes did eat boil'd hard pease
For medicine we got knock downs
And did behold some starry crowns.

Beware of Dynamite.

On the anniversary of the Paris commune the inhabitants of Stuttgart were surprised by a large blood-red flag hoisted on a tower in the middle of the town. It seems that this flag remained there till noon, when the police succeeded in removing it. The socialists, who had hoisted it the night before, had done everything to render the removal of the revolutionary banner as difficult as possible. The tower gate was found to be barricaded, as well as the windows of the first story, and the police had to scale the tower by a high ladder and enter through the windows of the second floor. The flag bore the inscription, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," and "In memory of the Paris Commune. 13th of March, 1871." At the entrance was posted a placard, "Beware of dynamite!" About five pounds of gunpowder were found strewn about at the inner gate.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at	from
April 18	Sardinian	Moville	Portland
" 18	State of Penna	Glasgow	New York
" 18	Caspian	St. Johns	Liverpool
" 18	State of Neb	New York	Havre
" 18	England	Queenstown	New York
" 18	Circassia	Glasgow	New York

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

New Buildings and Additional Rooms—Estimates for the Year.

The fortnightly meeting of the public school board took place in the board room last evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. E. Galley, chairman. Nearly all the members were present.

Mr. Mara, of the standing committee on finance, presented their report of the estimates of expense in maintaining the city public schools for the current year, recommending that the same be adopted and forwarded to the city council in order that the amount required might be duly provided. The school fund, including salaries, repairs, fuel, printing, insurance, etc., amounts to $140,665. The building fund sums up to $27,800. The amount of the annual government grant and the balance to credit of school account being deducted there remains $158,808 to be provided by the city council.

On motion the board resolved itself into committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the special report on sites and buildings, Mr. Mara being called to the chair. Dr. Kennedy opposed any present enlargement of the Hope street school on the ground of insufficient accommodation on Niagara street. Mr. Roden, of the building committee, said that while the opinion of eminent physicians were invaluables at times this was a subject that a good architect could best deal with. Mr. Crombie thought that two more rooms should b added to the Agnes street school. Mr. G. McMurrich called attention to the fact that the improvements recommended were based on a report of the committee on school management and on resolutions of the board. Hence the report in its present shape. There was a somewhat tedious debate in connection with the proposed purchase of a site for the new Parliament street school. The Palace street school building is not to be sold, but renovated to the extent of a coat of whitewash, some painting and repairs of stairway. Mr. McMurrich's amendment to limit the discretion of the committee in relation to the Parliament street site was lost, as also his motion to strike out the appropriation for that object.

Mr. Shuttleworth's ink having given entire satisfaction, his tender at 60 cents per gallon was again accepted.

The defective heating apparatus of the Dufferin, Wellesley and Ryerson schools came under discussion at Mr. Lee's instance, and Mr. Boxall of the supplies committee stated that after five different experiments had been made it was finally decided to introduce Ruttan stoves and hot air ducts. Steam heating for the Dufferin would cost not less than $3000.

A BIG DAYS WORK.

Sneak Thieves Step Three Letter Boys and Two Bank Customers.

The city is infested with a gang of sneak theves, and during the past two days they have been unusually successful. Yesterday morning the boys in the employ of John Macdonald & Co., Beardmore & Co., and Willing & Williamson, who go to the post, went there as usual and signed and drew the registered letter addressed to their respective houses. When they got to their offices the letters of the three were missing. They had been relieved of them in the hall of the post office or on the street. It is believed that $800 was in one of the letters addressed to John Macdonald & Co. What was in the other letters can only be guessed at though the amounts are considerable. There is no clue to the thieves. The boys don't know when or how it was that they were touched.

In the afternoon two or three detectives were seen standing on Toronto street watching the postoffice, but for what purpose is not known. Last night they professed to know nothing about the robberies.

Sneak thieves are also infesting the banks and made two or three hauls yesterday. In the Dominion bank a lady came in, presented a cheque, drew several hundred dollars, and was going out, when a gentleman stepped up to her as if he came from behind the counter, lifted his hat, said he made a mistake in counting the money and asked to be allowed to count it over again. She handed it to him and that was the last she saw of it.

The day before a depositor in another bank turned round to talk to some one and missed his deposit. The thief was good enough to return the cheques to him through the post yesterday.

There are other robberies of a similar nature reported, but they are not fully authenticated, and it is hard to get from the police further details, though one would imagine that their first duty would be to warn the public.

Cruelty to Animals.

Yesterday morning as a number of fine hogs were being driven east along Wellington street one of the heaviest was seen to be completely done out, on passing Yonge. The accompanying express crib was rendered necessary, and the poor brute lifted by the drovers into the wagon. But it was impossible to witness the operation without a mingled feeling of pity and indignation, and there were many spectators. No quadruped's tail, it is safe to say, was ever used by any merciful man for hoisting purposes. It is neither a wrought iron trunk handle nor yet a manilla rope ring, despite its curling propensity. Such barbarity can be excused only on the ground of gross ignorance. Men who are insulted when their possible relation to apes is hinted at, can yet exhibit a callousness of feeling that is brutal and shameful.

Raiding A Ranch.

The police made a departure from their ordinary mode of raiding houses of ill-fame yesterday. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Sergeant Newhall, Detective Brown and a posse of police called at Louisa Howard's house in Albert street and demanded admittance. The unfortunate inmates concealed themselves in every corner possible. The police after a lengthened search brought the following prisoners to the Agnes street station: Louisa Howard, keeper; Minnie Johnston, Maggie Taylor, Olive Mitchell and Sarah McCumber, inmates; Richard Leonard, Tim Cochran and W. C. Bouncer, frequenters.

Crumpton's Jewelry House.

This enterprising house announce that they have just received their new spring stock. The clock advertised in another column is a marvel of cheapness, but as lowness of price is one of the mottoes of this establishment it is only one example of how low they sell their goods. Parties living at a distance can have their goods sent with as much care as if personally selected. Remember the address is 83 King street east, and also remember that Mr. Crumpton carries one of the finest stocks in the city.

EXPLOSIVES IN ENGLAND.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VIGILANT OBSERVATION.

Rewards For the Discovery of Illegal Manufacturers—An Explosion Under the Barracks at Dover.

LONDON, April 18.—The home office has issued a circular directing the attention of the local authorities to the importance of vigilant observation to prevent persons getting possession of explosives and materials from which explosives are made. A reward of a hundred pounds is offered for information leading to the discovery of any person engaged in the illegal manufacture of explosives.

An explosion, supposed to be of dynamite, has just occurred in a coal cellar under the barracks at Dover. The shock shattered the windows and tumbled down chimneys in every direction.

Extract From the Engineer's Report.

The report of the engineer and manager of the waterworks for 1882 is out for distribution. The report states that 1870 water services were laid during the year, and now the full number of houses connected with the works is 14,062.

One hundred and nineteen meters are in use by large consumers.

The consumption of water taken from the engine records shows a daily average for the year of 5,778,000 imperial gallons. The month of greatest daily average was July, in which period the daily rate was 6,700,000 gallons. The lowest was April, the daily average then being 4,854,000 gallons. The returns show that 63,644 people use the city water.

Police Court People.

Michael Gallagher was fined $20 and costs or 35 days by the magistrate yesterday for being drunk. The cases against John O'Connel, Edward Carley, Thomas Carley, William Sultan, David Emanan, Charles Lallaghan, Michael McGrath, John McInerney for larceny were remanded till Saturday. Mrs. McNamara, on a charge of fraud was remanded till Thursday.

A contemporary asks: "Do we want another gas war?" Being married, we are forced to say we do not.

John Brown a Spiritualist.

Queen Victoria's servant, the late John Brown, was a spiritual medium. This is the assertion of the Banner of Light. He was frequently controlled by the spirit of Prince Albert, and was the instrument used by the latter to communicate with his widow. The Banner of Light's editor is sure of this, because the prince told him so. "We remember particularly," he says, "an occasion when he requested that the spirit of our medium might accompany him to London, as the queen was quite ill, and he desired help to form a magnetic relation between her and the medium Brown, to enable him to throw off the incipient disease that was lurking about her system. The result was that our medium went in spirit with Prince Albert, and remained at Windsor castle at least three hours. She was gone so long that we asked why she did not return. 'Don't know,' was the reply of an observant Indian spirit. 'All I know is that she went over the big water with the Albert chief.' We willed that she return, and her spirit came back with astonishing rapidity. 'Why,' she said, on coming back to her normal condition, 'what's the matter? It seems as though I have been flying through the air at a rapid rate.' The next instant she was controlled by a spirit, who said, in a masculine tone of voice, 'England greets America! John Brown. Good night.' This was so extraordinary that we asked for an explanation from our spirit friends, to which answer was given that at the time the spirit of the medium was called back to her earthly body she was so closely en rapport with John Brown's spirits as to force him to accompany her to America."

SIR JOHN'S MEDITATIONS AMONG THE TOMBS.

ORANGES AND LEMONS.

By Justinian.

Ahem! It is supposed by many that the "orange" defeat will affect our position. Certainly it will; that's the reason I give the suffrage to women. (Ahem!) I don't want it now known so soon, and hope no "over zealous friend who is more dangerous than an open enemy" (Mail) will broach the matter for 999 days. Adorable Jerusha! but the fact of the matter is, the next election "cry" will I make "Prohibition." I am sure to win by a big majority on that, because the women will (every one of them) vote against the liquor. The grits always vote against the bill, they did when in power and MUST do next time.

I will bring in the bill just to please the ladies, bress theirittl 'arts, and as the "Prince of Tricksters" knows well enough to carry the thing out is impossible, so in a few months it will be declared inoperative and disallowed. Then I have another long lease, and that's the way I run the machine and fool the natives. I have nails and coffins ready always to bury the grit party.

(Red and blue fire tableau.)

THAT PLUG PARADE.

The parade of the plug hats on Saturday afternoon promises to be a unique affair. The hatters report an unusual sale yesterday of glossy beaver, and if the weather be fine, the display will be well worth seeing. The main procession will pass along King street about 5 o'clock, the time being fixed to suit the closing of the matinee. All the best young men of the city have signified their intention of thus showing their pleasure at the arrival of spring, and of their devotion to the fair sex. The ladies will be out in thousands and cabs will be at a premium. It is reported that a medical student sold his favorite skeleton last night in order to buy the desired plug. The only thing barred from the procession is a corduroy coat and a tall hat.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I was only five hours late yesterday—The G. T. R. train from the east.

I am going to have a say in this Canadian railway deal—Vanderbilt.

Why didn't I think of Vanderbilt before I entered Stephen's trap?—Sir Henry Tyler.

I wonder why Mac asked me so suddenly for the keys—D. W. Wise.

You must know that there are two dukes, or rather three dukes—The World.

There's His Grace of Manchester and me—The Dook (the C. N. W. L Co).

And I'm always called the Duke in Manitoba—W. B. Scarth.

Thus you see the three graces as it were—The World.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

TORONTO, April 19, 1 a. m.—*Lakes: moderate to fresh winds shifting to north and northwest; clearing, slightly cooler weather, preceded by local rains in the southern portions.*