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OPEN LETTER TO HON. G. W. ROSS.

BY JAMES FINDLAY, PEMBROKE.

Dear Sir: You know that it is instinct of all manly natures to seek, and, if necessary, to force an opportunity of defending what one believes to be right. You would no doubt have felt yourself greatly wronged had you been denied an answer to my charges against you and your government, and you will, with every other generous nature, approve of my taking this means of making some kind of a reply to what you said at your Pembroke meeting, as your well drilled claquers would not allow me to get the short allowance of 20 minutes, which had been promised me.

As I have always professed, before this constituency, to have an absolute and neverfailing regard for truth,your call upon me to withdraw the statement that your government was guilty of electoral corruption strikes me on a new and sore spot, and I devote this paragraph to show whether it is I or you who should withdraw our statements.

In the first place The Toronto Globe, which is friendly to you, in trying to account for the defections from you,which have left you in a popular minority in a province as intelligent and level-headed as any people on earth, says it has come thru the "cooling enthusiasm and the slackening efforts of not a few Liberals," of whom I am one, caused **"by the discredited election methods sometimes resorted to, because of electoral corruption here, and the prominence of party heelers there."** So long as this is not withdrawn by The Globe, I do not see why you require me to withdraw an identical statement. But I had a special case in view when I made the statement, that of your own Commissioner of Crown Lands, who, to avoid the exposure and dreaded penalty of a loss of his seat and personal disqualification,was fain to resign his seat and pay $800 to his late opponent to induce him to allow him to resign. In your situation you may attempt to hedge, by pleading that your Crown Lands Commissioner's guilt has not been proved in court. No! Because he confessed it by his action, which, it is said, speaks louder than words. The wretch who pleads guilty, and pays his fine to the cadi, is never proven guilty, by legal process, but all believe him guilty nevertheless, and no man in his senses can believe your Commissioner innocent. Now, which of us is to withdraw from his statement, I, who said your government had been guilty, or you, who denied it?

As a lawyer you must know that the condonation of a felony is a crime. Perjury is a felony. Your contention is that Mr Gamey is guilty of perjury in swearing that Stratton bribed him, yet you left him at large. Does this arise from sympathy for crime, or have you some misgivings that there is more truth in his charges against your favorite minister than it would be safe to admit?

You denied your responsibility for the West Elgin election frauds on the ground that they took place before you were Premier. But it is an understood dictum that every member of a government is responsible for all the acts of that government, and you were equally responsible with your leader for that matter, which you unhesitatingly condemn. But, besides that, knowing of the participation and guilt, both the Returning Officer Brown and such men as Bole, you have continued to patronize them both. The one you have continued in his office, and continued to make him returning officer at elections, tho you are well aware that the judges who tried that case condemned him to pay half the costs of the inquiry. While of Bole, who was one of the chief instruments to accomplish the frauds, it has been well established that he was long after continued as the trusted agent of a company of which you are president. How, then, could you ask me to withdraw my statement that your government was guilty of electoral corruption?

Your explanation of the burning of the West Elgin ballots was misleading. While it is true that they had been examined by two barristers and a judge, it is not true that their production would not have disclosed grosser corruption than that which was then known, for there was no evidence on the face of the ballots indicating that a large number of ballots had been switched from one candidate to the other, and that coming to light would have been established by the production of the ballots themselves, which were conveniently, if indeed inadvertently, destroyed. More need not be added.

But perhaps the weakest point of your character seems to be a decided preference for what I may be permitted or justified in calling the rascally portion of mankind, as is too painfully shown by the characters of the men most generally employed and trusted by you. Now, if you, deliberately for your ends,employed men of doubtful character,are we not forced to suspect that it is because honest men would not so well serve your ends? A conviction of this was the first thing that destroyed my confidence and regard for you. If you have lain amongst the pots there is no promise to you without repentance that you will rise with the wings of a dove covered with silver and gold.

You will not be surprised to be told that after 40 years' profession of being in favor of prohibition great hopes were entertained by all temperance people that you would be true to the last, until our long agitation and struggles were crowned with success. And how lamentably you disappointed us! You told us that some eminent English statesman had said that the people of England became sovereigns once every seven years, but with the marking of the ballots their sovereignty passed to their representatives. Yet, when the question of prohibition was urged upon you you refused to recognize the sovereignty of the representatives, but reverted back to those who delegated their sovereignty to the others in the matter. Against the English dictum you appealed to the popular vote, but in your own case, where some 7000 of a popular majority is against you, you held on to office when you had a solitary majority of one in the legislature, and not even that, if the speaker is to be considered neutral or impartial.

In the Gamey matter you refused to submit it to the House, which has been the practice invariably insisted upon by the Liberal party, but appointed your own judges, whose report to my mind is defective as well for its evident partiality as for the misreport of some evidence offered. The policy of vilification against Mr. Gamey can not satisfy the popular mind that your minister is necessarily innocent. True, there are oaths against oaths, but one side or the other is necessarily false. A discriminating public is not safe to pass judgment in favor of one or the other, but will allow the circumstances and the setting of the whole case to decide its judgment. And this I confidently submit is all against a belief in the innocence of your minister.

Taken all together, I know the history of no man in America to whom Whittier's lchabod more fittingly applies.

FIRE QUERIES AT GAMEY NOW PLAN OF LIBERALS

"Did You Paint the Horse's Face?" One of the Hard Ones for Manitoulin Man.

Pembroke, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Gamey is admitted by the Liberals to be the largest factor in the campaign. His speeches have aroused the electors. On Saturday a council of war was held by the party workers here, and it was decided to draw up a list of questions to be fired at him wherever he speaks.

The list of questions, ten in all, was printed late Saturday night, and the proof read on Sunday. The World obtained a copy of the circular, of which 5000 will be printed and distributed. Gamey is asked among other things: "Why did you steal the deposit slip and forge another?" The last question is: "Did you paint the horse's face?" A foot note to the circular says: "There are 98 members in the legislature—one Gamey and 97 other men. How far could you trust them if there were 97 Gameys and one other man? Mr. Gamey is in North Renfrew on the invitation of Mr. Dunlop, and will tell you that a vote for Dunlop is a vote for him. Will you vote for Gamey?"

The Liberal organizer is to-night turning things upside down to find those where Gamey purposes to speak during the coming week. At those places the henchmen of the party will be present in force to annoy him with interruptions and interrogations. There is a band of bright young fellows here who are at the beck and call of Duncan Marshall, and will do what he orders. No one doubts that trouble will meet Gamey before the week is out.

The Liberals are divided into three camps on the question of how to combat the force of Gameyism. One element is most anxious to continue the campaign without regard to the member for Manitoulin. Another is in favor of having Stratton face him, and a third element desires that Gamey be got rid of by having the government arrest him on the charge of forgery. The Conservative organizers will probably revise their schedule of meetings in order to foil the Liberals if they attempt to make trouble for Gamey by sending him to meetings where he is not billed to speak.

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GREEN XMAS IS EXPECTED WHAT PAST RECORDS SHOW

Law of Averages Rules Against Prospects for Sleigh Bells Here on Friday.

Winter officially begins to-day. Most people have doubtless been laboring, or in some cases resting, under the idea that it began some time ago. If you have any doubts look up the almanac. The sun arrives at the winter solstice on the 21st, then shortly begins to travel northwards, and the winter season properly begins with that event.

Five days ahead is too far for the astute weather prophets to have any opinions about, but they are agreed that the law of averages is a pretty fair indicator. The last fifty years shows a mild record for Christmas day, and at least half the Christmases had no snow. A green Christmas is well within the probabilities, but winter weather is exceedingly changeable, and two days may bring any sort of a meteorological phenomenon.

Toronto is a somewhat milder spot than the province generally, and the average temperature for half a century past at Christmas is between 23 degrees and 24 degrees. Sleighing was to be had only once since 1884, and that was in 1897. Besides these two years the sleighs were out in 1855, 1864, 1872 and 1876. It is safe to bet against sleighing weather.

A gentleman who has figured out some calculations on weather cycles connected with the changes of the moon, solar spots, and other recondite arrangements of nature, declares that we should have exceedingly severe weather, if not for Christmas day itself, for this winter season generally.

Nineteen years ago the temperature for Christmas ranged from 8.2 degrees to 1.7 degrees below zero. In 1892 it ranged from 18.9 degrees to 1.2 degrees below. From these and other data the cycle expert argues severity. Last year the temperature varied from 13 degrees to 35 degrees. The day was cloudy with a little light snow early in the morning.

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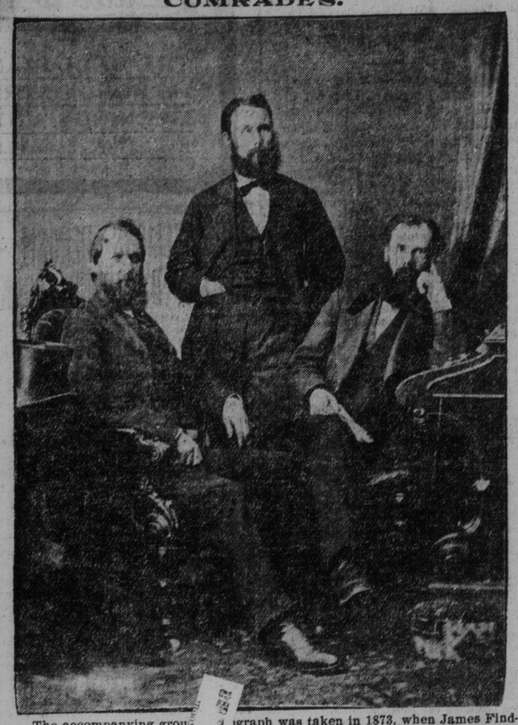

The accompanying group graph was taken in 1873, when James Findlay of North Renfrew rep d that constituency in the House of Commons. Mr. Findlay is on ft of the picture as it faces you. In the centre is George W. Ross Premier of Ontario), and the one on the right is William Paterson (now ster of Customs in the Ottawa government). They were comrades, and Mr. Findlay says, were "cramped" in the same boarding house. Mr. R appeared on the same platform with Mr. Ross in Pembroke the week last and charged his old comrade with departing from Liberal prin The photograph is interesting in view of the North Renfrew by-ele

Victory Swings to Dunlop Polling Not a Week Off Now

Nomination Saturday a Conservative Triumph and Liberal Wet Blanket.

Pembroke, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Nomination day on Saturday was a Conservative triumph and a Liberal wet blanket. The official nomination developed an ovation for Dunlop. Two Conservative meetings were held in the town hall. In enthusiasm and size they broke all records. There were no jarring incidents. The auditors were electors come from afar. The town was absolutely owned by Conservatives. The Liberals silently meditated on their opponents' extraordinary demonstration. The organizer of the gathering of the clans deserves credit. Gamey acquitted himself with vigor on both occasions. His story grows more forceful with constant telling. J. P. Downey and W. J. Hanna captured the evening meeting. The former eloquently arraigned the government. He spoke after 11 o'clock, yet received the best hearing of the day. He referred to Mr. Findlay's presence at the Liberal meeting as "Banquo's Ghost" and Mr. Stratton's departure as "Macbeth's Absence." Mr. Hanna arrived late, but spoke briefly, with much vim and humor. James Findlay was present, and in a lull before the addresses, arose and recited a verse of poetry descriptive of the grand array present. He was cheered.

Findlay Asked Questions.

The Liberal meeting in the court house in the afternoon was well attended, but not all were voters. It was constantly interrupted by a coterie of young men who tried to ridicule honest old James Findlay, who asked questions regarding Gamey and the government. The chair repeatedly appealed for fair play. Hon. Mr. Stratton left the riding early Saturday morning, and no outside speaker of prominence was present to hearken to the Liberals. No evening meeting was held. The Liberals acknowledged themselves beaten and yielded the town to their rivals.

Dunlop Gains Ground.

It is easy to predict, but if the election was held to-day, every sign points that Dunlop's popularity would make him an easy winner. He has gained ground within the past ten days. Gamey has lost him no friends, but he has warmed up all Conservatives and converted not a few Liberals. But the shadow of the Liberal machine falls over all as a blight on Conservative hopes. The subtle means used to win votes and defeat the electors' honest intent are forces it is hard to circumvent. There are those who declare the riding can't be bought against Dunlop's personal popularity. The fact seems to be that if the riding is corrupted it will require many thousands of dollars. The question is, is it absolutely necessary for the government to win North Renfrew? If so, it will be bought at any price.

In the Home Stretch.

The campaign is in the home stretch. Twenty meetings will be held all over the constituency by Conservatives, and as many by Liberals. Mr. Whitney comes in on Monday, and will speak Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Stratton returns to speak three times. James Findlay will meet him in Pembroke Wednesday. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Thomas Crawford, and very possibly J. S. Willison, will enter the fight. Hon. John Dryden and M. K. Cowan, K.C., are billed for early meetings. The oratory stiffens the party men even if it does not win votes. From now on it will be "hooray," as they shout in North Renfrew. The 1500 lumbermen will begin to return from the camps on Tuesday and "rough house" will be the order of the day and the night. Free fights in the bar rooms and in the streets are of daily occurrence now, what will it be then? This election is being run with both boodle and booze.

The sensation of the town on Saturday night was The World's story regarding the probable arrest of Gamey by the government. Conservatives were incensed that such a move should be contemplated. On both sides it is believed it would be a false step, for public opinion would be aroused and no matter what the charge was, sympathy would be extended to the victim. One Liberal said to The World: "It would make North Renfrew everlastingly Conservative."

Would Not Surprise Gamey.

Mr. Gamey said he knew of no plan to arrest him, but he would not be surprised at anything the government did. It would not stop at murder. He believes he had several times nearly been poisoned by minions of the government, and declared he could name a man who was given $500 by the government to entice him into a house where he could be arrested. He did not care to say more, but if anything untoward occured he was prepared to startle the world with a statement. The organized attempts to prevent him getting a fair hearing thruout the riding, made in Pembroke by recognized Liberal organizers, and his hints at "The Awful Things" the government is prepared to do to discredit him, have set the Conservatives thinking. As a result when he is in this town he lives with Mr. Dunlop, and when out in the country in strongly Liberal communities, is housed with friends. On Saturday evening he said "the members of that gang are liable to do something serious before the election is over. The government will buy the riding, steal it or get it anyway a thief can get it." He looks considerably older than he did a week ago, and apparently is worried over something.

From Conservative headquarters comes the word that 12 strange men came up from Ottawa yesterday and got off at Douglas, twenty miles away. They came originally from Buffalo. One of the number is named "Skin the Goat." President John W. Coy of the Conservative Association of St. Catharines wired on Saturday that Cap. Sullivan had gone to Buffalo, and the entrance of the 12 strangers is looked on as the result of his trip. This morning R. R. Gamey and E. A. Dunlop attended the local Methodist Church, where a former newspaper man preached.

The chief of police has at his call ten men, but when the shanty men begin to return he will be given four more. He describes an election in Pembroke as riotous and requiring the firm hand of the law. He has received no mandate from Toronto to move against Mr. Gamey.

SUPPORTS DUNLOP.

Pembroke, Dec. 20.—Another stalwart Liberal of North Renfrew is out in opposition to the nominee of the convention and is supporting the popular Conservative candidate, E. A. Dunlop. He is Dr. Channonhouse of Eganville. Dr. Channonhouse was mentioned a year ago in connection with the Liberal nomination. He was the seconder of the nomination of Thomas Mackie, M.P., in 1900, and has considerable influence in his section of the riding.

REAL TRAGEDY ON STAGE.

Leading Man Suicides Just Before Curtain Rose for First Act.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 20.—Wilbur Lodd, leading man with a comedy company playing at the Gas City Opera House, placed a cartridge in a "property" revolver last night, turned the weapon on himself and pulled the trigger, dying soon after. The tragedy occurred on the stage and in the presence of the members of the company, but before the curtain had risen on the first act.

Prompt service at Nasmith's.

BUTLER DEATH LIST.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 20.—The typhoid fever death list was increased to a total of 69 by three deaths to-day. Three new cases were reported.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Dominion Marine Engineers, King Edward, 11 a.m.
H. T. White on University matters at Canadian Club luncheon, 1 p.m.
De La Salle School closing, 3.
South African Monument Committee, 4.30.
T. G. Williamson, C.A., addresses Chartered Accountants, Insurance Institute, 8.
Natural History Society, Canadian Institute, 8.
Combined choir concert, West End Y.M.C.A., 8.
Dominion Alliance meeting, Central Methodist Church, 8.
Carlton-street Methodist Church, temperance elocutionary contest, 8.
Ward 3 Conservatives' smoker, St. George's Hall, 8.
Kingston Old Boys, Confederation Life Building, 8.
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WIPED OUT WHOLE FAMILY NO MONEY FOR XMAS CHEER

Despondency Over Impoverished Condition of Family Purse Cause for Terrible Deed.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 20.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, about 45 years old, exterminated his family early to-day by shooting his wife, his three children and then himself. The crime is believed to have been due to despondency over the impoverished condition of the family purse and the near approach of Christmas.

The wife, Della, was killed first, while sleeping at her husband's side in bed. Two of the children, Harold, aged 8, and Alice, aged 7, were killed as they ran thru the house in the darkness of early morning, endeavoring to escape their merciless parent. The third child, Thomas, aged 5, was shot in his bed, after his elder brother and sister had been killed. Derby had been downtown as late as 11 o'clock last night, ostensibly shopping, but in all probability securing ammunition for his revolver. When he got home his wife and he talked with a neighbor who had been calling over the approaching festival. Shortly after his arrival at home the neighbor left and the Derby family went to bed.

The kitchen furniture had been thrown about in the struggle with the children. From the location of the bullets in his head, the boy evidently was caught by his father and held while the weapon was placed against the little fellow's head and the bullets sent into his brain. There was also evidence of a struggle on Alice's part. Thomas had remained in bed, probably asleep, and also received bullets in his head, dying instantly. After the extraordinary crimes had been committed, the perpetrator of them went into the bedroom where his wife had been killed, and lying down at her side, fired a bullet into his own brain with fatal results. A number of poolroom race checks were found about the house, showing that Derby has been trying his luck at betting.

The first knowledge of the crime was communicated in a letter written by Derby yesterday to a friend, to the effect that when it was received the Derby family would be dead.

KILLED BY A RUNAWAY.

St. Catharines, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Stott, an elderly lady who resided at the corner of Ottawa and Wiley-streets, was the victim of a runaway accident on the Market Square to-day, and which resulted in the old lady's death. Mrs. Stott was on the crossing of the square when a horse attached to a light market wagon and belonging to Mrs. Dodds of Grantham, which had taken fright and mad, a dash thru the crowded square, collided with her, knocking her to the ground and rendering her unconscious. The ambulance was called and the injured lady removed to the hospital, where she succumbed in half an hour from fracture of the skull.

FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD.

St. Catharines, Dec. 19.—Tobias Wismer, a highly esteemed and well-to-do farmer of Louth Township, was found dead on the road near his home at noon to-day. He had left home this morning to go to his brother's residence, a short distance away. Deceased had been subject to "weak spells," consequent on heart trouble, for some time. He was a son of the late Isaac Wismer, a descendant of one of the oldest, most highly esteemed Dutch families in the district.

TURNKEY DOWNEY DEAD.

Brockville, Dec. 20.—Jas. Downey died suddenly from heart disease Saturday morning on his return home from market. He was 60 years old, and for the past twenty years filled the position of turnkey at the county jail here.

Gun Accidentally Discharged.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Louis Kaulin of Lourdes shot himself accidentally while returning from Manitou with his father and brother. He died a few hours after the accident, which was caused by the discharge of his gun while jumping in the rig.

XMAS PRESENTS.
No more desirable present could be had than a box of Dunlop's Choice Flowers.

DEATHS.

BURNS—At the residence of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Somers, No. 144 Ontario-street, Nellie, the only and beloved child of Michael and the late Hattie Burns.

Funeral on Tuesday morning, at 8.30 o'clock, to St. Paul's Church, and thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

CALGY—On Friday, Dec. 18th, Hugh Calgy.

Funeral from McCabe's undertaking establishment, Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Members of Bricklayers' Union No. 2 are requested to attend.

CALDWELL—On Dec. 19, 1903, suddenly, Hugh Caldwell, aged 31 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 83 Winchester-street, on Monday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this notice.

HOULE—At Oakville, on Dec. 19, 1903, Elizabeth Houle, in her 45th year.

Funeral from Union Station on Monday, Dec. 21, 1903, on arrival of 12.25 train, to St. Michael's Cemetery.

McKINLAY—At his late residence, 78 Hazelton-avenue, on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1903, Archibald Reid McKinlay.

Funeral private, Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m.

RHUBOTHAM—Suddenly, at the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas R. Jones (of the Toronto Fire Department), 101 Alexander-street, on Friday, Dec. 18, 1903, Ellen, relict of the late Richard Rhubotham.

Funeral Monday, Dec. 21, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

TUCKER—At his residence, 163 Pearson-avenue, Toronto, on Saturday, Dec. 19th, James Tucker, aged 32.

Funeral from Parkdale Station, C.P.R., to Owen Sound, 21st inst, at 8.35 a.m.

WILLIAMS—On Dec. 19, 1903, suddenly, William Scott Williams, in his 59th year, Methodist Church.

Funeral from his brother's residence, 318 Spadina-avenue, Monday, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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A SUGGESTION.

MR. ROSS: That man Gamey is a very violent man, John,—a very violent and dangerous man.

"CAP" (a faithful old servitor): You couldn't take the law on him for threatenin' the life of the Government—and then soak him with a Callaghan jury, could you, boss?

Minority Stockholders to Lend Clergue Helping Hand

Philadelphia Lawyers Here in Their Interests—Prolonged Litigation Expected.

A conference of much importance concerning the Soo industries was held at the King Edward last night. Francis Clergue had returned from his hurried trip to Philadelphia and New York. The conference was composed of Francis Clergue, B. J. Clergue, Solicitor Hamilton, James Conmee, three representatives of the Cincinnati syndicate and two Philadelphia lawyers, said to represent the minority stockholders opposed to the Speyer syndicate.

Francis Clergue said he had nothing he could report to the press except progress in a plan which he thought would prove the successful rehabilitation of the Consolidated Lake Superior properties. Further he could not speak.

The Philadelphia lawyers will look into some of the legal aspects of the case in the Canadian courts. To that end they will remain in Toronto several days. The Cincinnati syndicate is expected to supply the eight million dollars required provided these legal investigators make a favorable report. The plan Mr. Clergue is now working on is said to include a fusion of the interests of the minority stockholders, who reside mostly at Philadelphia, and the new blood from the Cincinnati syndicate.

Something Expected To-Morrow.

To-morrow the liquidator is expected to make a move toward the formal winding up of the defunct company as ordered. This is expected to take the form of a demand on Mr. Frackenthal, who is in charge at the Soo as the agent of Speyer & Co. From this move some important developments are anticipated. If the syndicate's representative refuses to give possession the liquidator must apply to the court for an ejectment order. It is not expected Speyer & Co. will permit the properties in which they have more than five million cash interest to be taken from their possession without a hard fought legal battle. The vast resources of the defunct company at the American Soo are, of course, not covered by the authority of the Canadian court, and will not be involved in this phase of the litigation. Retaining possession of the canal, power house, electric light, street car and ferry companies on the American side, Speyer & Co. will be in a position to maintain a show of possession of the Canadian properties.

Even the ever-sanguine James Conmee does not hope to see the momentous questions now in dispute settled without prolonged litigation.

Big Brewery for the Soo?

The brewing interests of Cincinnati are involved in the syndicate from the Ohio metropolis that hopes to get control of the properties at the Soo. Among the plans they have in view is the construction of a great brewing plant on the Canadian side, as a part of the rehabilitated company or as an adjunct, using the cheap water and power supplied by the canal. The territory offered for brewing stock in central and western Canada is said to be good now and practically unlimited as far as the near future is concerned. With the syndicate controlling this power and erecting a great brewing plant similar to those at Milwaukee, Cincinnati and St. Louis, it would render competition practically impossible.

Promoters hostile to Francis Clergue assert that this very monopoly exercised by the Consolidated Company in the matter of exclusive power at the Soo, is one of the powerful levers against the growth of that section. Any other line of manufacturing is discouraged there, because all power is absolutely in the hands of this one company, rendering all big investments insecure unless dominated by the same element that controls the power canal. This was probably the mainspring of Clergue's action in originally getting the canal out of the hands of the municipality.

Won't Treat With Clergue.

Francis Clergue is evidently considerably exercised over the refusal of the Speyer people to negotiate with him, directly or otherwise, and practically refusing to give him a single chance to recoup his tottering fortunes. At the same time the Speyer syndicate are said to have offered Cornelius Shields some encouragement to keep himself open to re-engagement as the head of the reorganized company. This is largely supposition, based on Mr. Shields' alleged refusal to accept the position recently vacated by Mr. Fraser as the head of the Nova Scotia Iron and Steel Company, to go with the Dominion Steel Company. Mr. Shields is known to have observed that he could give his attention to no other industrial scheme until he had used every effort to put the old Soo properties on their feet. He has the utmost faith in the economic value of the Soo industries, and the Speyer people appear to be favorable to him, tho refusing absolutely to treat with Clergue.

IMPORTANT UNION OF MINERS.

Two Powerful Bodies, With 400,000 Men, Will Henceforth Co-Operate.

It has been learned from a reliable source that one of the most important steps that have been taken in the coal mining industry will occur when the Western Miners' Union in the United States and the United Mine Workers of America decide to co-operate in all future difficulties and in the arranging of their working plans.

This is expected to be formally declared by the two powerful labor organizations within the next few days.

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TRIED TO KILL MAX NORDAU.

Man Who Fired Shot Said He Had Been Chosen by Lot.

Paris, Dec. 20.—About midnight last night, a miserably clad man fired two shots at Max Nordau, vice-president of the Congress of Zionists, at a Zionist ball at the Salle Charras. One of the shots grazed Nordau, while the second wounded a guest named Assowedski.

The man who fired the shot was immediately arrested. He said he was a Russian, that his name was Chain Selik Louban, that he was 23 years old, a revolutionist, and had been chosen by lot to shoot Nordau.

Louban is one of the Zionists who insisted upon the acquisition of Palestine. He and his co-conspirators at Berne were antagonistic to the plan advocated by M. Nordau and others to establish the new Zion in Africa.

M. Nordau was standing at a window in the ballroom, talking to a friend, when he was shot, and owes his life to a man who, noticing Louban point the revolver, prevented him from taking accurate aim.

Smoker's Present—Pipes, B.B.B., 85c and upwards, also in cases. Alive Bollard, Yonge Street.

CHEQUE FOR MRS. CALLAGHAN.

The World has received a cheque for $25 in favor of Mrs. Callaghan. The sender says he is well acquainted with the Callaghan family.

Smoker's Presents—Cigar Cases, fine quality and low prices. Alive Bollard.

KINGSTON'S MAYORALTY.

Kingston, Dec. 20.—Mayor Bell has been renominated the Conservative Mayoralty standard-bearer. He will consider the offer.

W. F. MACLEAN CHOSEN BY S. YORK CONSERVATIVES

Convention Was a Representative One of New Riding and Utmost Enthusiasm Prevailed.

One of the striking features of the South York Conservative convention in the Town Hall at Eglinton on Saturday was the interest manifested in the Callaghan case. The subject was introduced in the form of a resolution condemning the abuse of the process of the courts for partisan purposes and the weakening of the safeguards provided in trial by jury. Several delegates made strenuous protests against the treatment accorded to Mr. Callaghan. One of them suggested that it was hardly safe to indulge in criticism. For his part, he said, no matter how innocent he might be he would not like to be tried as W. H. Callaghan was tried. Feeling ran high on this question, and a hat collection taken as the delegates were dispersing brought in a considerable sum for Callaghan's family.

Great interest was manifested in the convention from start to finish. In the new constituency of South York there are only 11 divisions of the old constituency of East York, while there are 22 divisions which formerly belonged to West York. For this reason a feeling developed that a candidate should be chosen from the west side of the constituency. Tho the contest was keen, it was conducted in the best of good spirit. The convention was certainly representative of the constituency, for of the total of 175 delegates entitled to vote, less than a dozen were absent.

Mayor Chisholm of Toronto Junction, Dr. Walters, Mayor of East Toronto, and John Fisher, Mayor of North Toronto, were among the delegates. Ex-Mayor Armstrong and ex-Mayor Bond of Toronto Junction and several other representative Conservatives from the old Dominion ridings of East and West York and the new constituency of Centre York attended.

Election of Officers.

W. J. Dalton, chairman of the executive, called the meeting to order and vacated the seat to Dr. Godfrey of Mimico, who conducted the election of officers in a most efficient manner. Several names were moved for the positions of president and first and second vice-presidents, and in order to simplify the vote it was decided the honors should fall in the order of the three highest votes. George Syme of Tory Glen, a representative from the west in York Township Council, and president of the West York Conserva-

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HUTCHINSON IN BUFFALO.

Completes Record-Breaking Trip Thru Ice From Detroit.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The steamer J. T. Hutchinson, Captain Smith, which left Detroit on Thursday for this port, arrived here early to-day under her own steam. The Hutchinson was on the rocks off Keenesnaw, Lake Superior. Her trip, a record-breaking one thru the ice to Detroit, was resumed on Thursday when she sailed from that port accompanied by the two ice-breaking which convoyed her to clear water in Lake Erie.

During the voyage her own pumps and two additional ones placed aboard at Detroit, were kept constantly at work, four of her compartments being filled with water. She carries a cargo of 150,000 bushels of flaxseed. Every craft with steam up gave her a hearty welcome as she entered the harbor at 7 o'clock.

COAL MINES CLOSE DOWN.

Restriction More to Keep Up Prices Than Because of Over-Production.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 20.—The Lehigh Valley Coal Company and the Wilkes Coal Company announce a suspension of work from Dec. 24 to Jan. 4, and it is likely that this move will be followed by other companies, altho officials of the Susquehanna Coal Company and the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company state to-night that they had received no notice yet of any suspension.

Those familiar here with the coal trade say restriction is more to keep up prices for the winter than because of any overproduction. The demand for coal is brisk.

Prompt service at Nasmith's.

Shop Early.
Shop early is the best advice we can give you this week. The Dineen Company, like every other company, has put in a busy past few days, yet their stock is as extensive as in the early season, having been reinforced by some new shipments. The big showrooms will remain open every evening until 10 o'clock. Pay them a visit to-night and make your purchase, you will get the benefit of a big selection.

Nothing but the best at Thomas'.

PARTLY FAIR.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 20.—(8 p.m.)—The disturbance mentioned Friday night has since developed into an important storm and moved across the lake region accompanied by milder weather and rain. It is now approaching the Maritime Provinces and the outlook there is very stormy. Mild conditions have been general in Canada today, except in portions of the Northwest Territories and in Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, zero—8; Victoria, 44—48; Kamloops, 34—40; Calgary, 14—36; Qu'Appelle, 10—30; Winnipeg, 6 below—14; Port Arthur, 20—24; Toronto, 34—38; Ottawa, 8—32; Montreal, 6—34; Quebec, 4—32; Halifax, 8—40.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Westerly winds; partly fair, with temperature near freezing point.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong northwesterly winds; cloudy, with some light snowfalls and about the same temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales, northeasterly to northerly; sleet or snow.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, southeasterly to southwesterly; mild weather with rain.

Lake Superior—A few light local snow flurries, but partly fair and a little lower temperature.

Manitoba—Fair and cold.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 20.	At.	From.
La Bretagne	New York	Havre
St. Paul	New York	Southampton
Minneapolis	New York	London
Cymric	Boston	Liverpool
Aurania	Naples	New York

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