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Japan Orders Five New Warships From Britain.

The President of the B. N. A. Bank Disappointed-Nazrulla Kahn Leaves England-New York Customs Troubles.

TRADE IN CANADA. London, Sept. 4.-President J. H. Brodie, in his address at the halfyearly meeting of the shareholders of Bank of British North America, said that the anticipations of an improvement in trade had not been real-

NEW WARSHIPS FOR JAPAN. Glasgow, Sept. 4.—It is reported that the Japanese Government has ordered the construction of five warships in shippards on the Clyde. The war-ships, it is said, will cost \$25,000,000. The report has not been confirmed, but it is generally credited.

HUMBERT TAKES A TUMBLE. Rome, Sept. 4.-King Humbert reviewed the troops and witnessed the military maneuvers at Aquila, after which, accompanied by Queen Margherita, he started for Monza, his Malesty being on horseback. The horse on which the King was riding stum-bled and fell, throwing the rider with some violence to the ground. The King, who was fortunately unhurt, remounted his horse and proceeded on his journéy.

GOOD RIDDANCE. London, Sept. 4.—Shahzada Nazrulla Khan, second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, who came here on the invitation of the Government in the latter part of May last, and who has given no end of worry to those com-missioned to entertain him, has at last terminated his visit to England. He departed for Paris Tuesday afternoon. The leave-taking was an affair of considerable pomp, being attended with a full state ceremonial.

CUSTOM HOUSE HINDRANCES. London, Sept. 4.-In the House of Commons Mr. Robert Hiscroft, Conservative M. P. for Oldham, asked whether the attention of the Government had been called to the difficulties ex-perienced by British shippers of goods in satisfying the customs officials in New York as to the true value of their consignments.

Under Secretary Curzon, of the Foreign Office, replied that this was the case, and that they had been brought to the notice of the Foreign Office, and that inquiries were now in progress concerning the house of Kay & Co., of Lancashire, whose goods, it is alleged, were confiscated.

## TRADES UNION CONGRESS.

Lively Discussions at the Session at Cardiff.

Cardiff, Wales, Sept. 4.-At yesterday's session of the annual Trades Union Congress, President Jenkins delivered his inaugural address. He de-nounced the independent labor organizations, amid constant interruptions. He declared that the anti-labor and anti-trades union party had been privately subsidized by the opponents of organized labor, and challenged them to produce their accounts showing where they got their funds.

J. H. Wilson, M.P., of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union, moved a vote of thanks to President Jenkins. but Delegate Potter objected. He therefore moved that it was the sense of the Congress that such expressions were a departure from precedent, and that offensive passages in the address

be stricken out. Mr. David Holmes, vice chairman, ruled that Currie's motion was out of order, and the vote of thanks moved by Wilson was carried.

Mr. Wilson challenged the action of the parliamentary committee in excluding certain delegates and offered a motion declaring that such action was unconstitutional.

Delegate Curran denounced the intrigues which had preceded the meeting of Congress against men who had grown gray in the service of the workingmen and whom the new rules were especially framed to exclude.

Ben Tillet, of the Dock, Wharf and River Side Workers' Union, threw blame upon Mr. John Burns for dictating a policy tending to ruin trades

Henry Broadhurst, M. P., charged that the parliamentary committee in their action had gone beyond their in-

Mr. Wilson, having made the closing speech of the debate on the question. the president announced that a vote would be taken in accordance with the committee's resolution, which provided for the exclusion of delegates who have ceased to follow the trades they are alleged to represent.

This announcement caused a great uproar, but a vote was finally taken, which resulted in favor of the action of the committee. The vote showed a representation of 604,000 trades-unionists in favor of the committee and 357,-

# HAS OVER A SCORE OF WIVES.

A Man Who Makes No Secret That He

Has a Passion for Marrying. Dublin, Ga., Sept 4.-J. E. Barber, who left this city last night, has had 22 wives. Barber, accompanied by a woman and child, arrived at Lothair, in Montgomery county, about a year ago. Barber procured employment with a naval store firm as chief farrier. Recently he came to this city. Today he was married to a widow of this town. Immediately after the performance of the ceremony Barber called the justice outside and said: "Judge, this makes the 22 d woman I have married and in a few days I am going to have another." The official was astonished and at once made known the startling news. The woman at Lothair claims that she was under the influence of a drug when married to Barber. She is left in a destitute condition. In Orange county, Florida, Barber has three living wives. He has several more in dif. ferent parts of the State who would be glad to hear from him.

Kindness will soften the heart of the most obdurate, if patiently persevered in. Even an enemy may be won over by oft-repeated acts and words of real sympathy and love. Our own happiness greatly depends upon our endeavvors to promote the happiness of

### EXPLODED ONE MYSTERY.

Little Foundation for Port Alma's Mystery.

Bones Found in the Merlin Woods Evidently Deposited There by a Medical Student—Provincial Detective Investigates.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 4.-During the past fortnight the provincial papers have published several columns with reference to what is known as the Port Alma mystery.

Some weeks ago the skull and thigh

bone of a man were found in the woods near Merlin, in Kent county, and the residents at once scented a diabolical murder, and communicated with the Attorney-General's department. Mr. John Murray, chief of the Provincial detective force, was sent up to investigate the facts in connection with the case, and promptly upon his arrival at Chatham, several columns of alleged information were wired to the metropolitan papers, giving the supposed details of one of the most gruesome tragedies ever com-

mitted in Western Ontario. LEFT BY A MEDICAL STUDENT. As a matter of fact, the bones found were in all probability deposited there by a medical student, after he had finished with the "subject." An effort was made to prove that the bones were remnants of the body of Joseph Walker, who disappeared from Merlin at about the time the tragedy was supposed to have been enacted. Detective Murray found, however, that Walker was alive in Romney, working for a man named Church in Talbot Then the disappearance of street. John Rollit was broached as a possible solution of the find. Rollit, how-

ever, has turned up at Peterboro. The medical men in the vicinity. who examined the remains, expressed the opinion that neither the skull nor the thigh bone had ever been through the fire. The fact that they were found in close proximity to the burned stump of a tree alone gave rise to the murder theory.

### HIS NECK BROKEN.

### Expert Swimmer Tries to Show His Wife His Tricks.

Chicago, Sept. 2.-Wm. Kline had his neck broken in a pecular manner. He was an expert swimmer, and had taken his wife to the lake to see him do some fancy swimming and diving. Donning his bathing costume, he ran to the edge of the embankment, where the water was about seven feet below, and jumping into the air, came down head first into the lake. The water was but two feet deep, and his head struck the botto gain his feet, but as he did so his head fell to one side, and a second later he was lying on his face in the water. Mrs. Kline screamed for help, and in a short time the man was brought to the shore. Then it was found that his neck had been broken and that life was extinct.

# Sparks From the Wire.

Eighty-six thousand men and 15,00s horses will take part in the German army'0 autumn maneuvers.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree, the actor, fell and dislocated his shoulder while performing in the last act of "Fedora" at Hull, England, Saturday.

Actor Willard produced Augustus Thomas' "Alabama" at the Garrick Theater, London, Monday night. The papers praise

it as a wholesome and charming story. The London Chronicle says that the Government is contemplating the appointment of a small committee of experts to assist Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, in the development and extension of the resources of the colonies.

CANADIAN. Hon. Edward Blake will be in Toron-

to for a month or so. Rev. E. A. Welch, the new provost of Trinity University, has arrived in Toronto. The Harty election trial occurs Sept. 16 before Judges Osler and McLennan. There are 193 charges.

Rev. E. Ashurst Welch, of Cambridge University, the new provost of Trinity University, has arrived in Toronto. At Toronto on Tuesday Judge McDonald

sentenced Robert McCorkell, the River Cottage burglar to seven years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

It is understood that the Banque du Peuple may resume business on the 1st of October with a capital reduced to half its original, thus making it \$600,000. The report of the examiners is said to be very favorable.

MODERN "PIED PIPER." New York, Sept. 4.—Adolph Popper, a recent arrival, gave a startling performance of "the pied piper of Hamelin" at Proctor's Pleasure Palace. Holding in his hand a cage containing white rats he sang and subsequently played on his pipe, when, from different parts of the stage, about 100 white rats appeared, all of which were allowed to run about his body, and he made an exit with the rats clasped in his arms.

We have no hesitation in saying that Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial is without doubt the best medicine ever introduced for dysentery, diarrhea, cholera and all summer complaints, sea sickness, etc. It promptly gives relief, and never fails to effect a positive cure. Mothers should never be without a bottle when their children are teething.

It is a bad coat that will not bear brushing.

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House. THERE IS NOT a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oila pulmonic of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back; and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial claims to public confidence.

Splendid Gathering Under the Auspices of Lambeth Masons.

An Inspiring Address by Hon. G. W. Ross.

Supper and Illuminations-A Fine Pro gramme-Interesting Address-A Hospitable Host.

The beautiful orchard lawn which fronts the fine farm of Mr. D. Burleigh Burch, near Lambeth, was last night the rendezvous of the good people of that vicinity for miles around. Chinese lanterns hanging from the trees, the house a blaze of light, the gay dresses of the ladies, and above all the loveliest kind of a harvest moon, made a very charming spectacle. It was a garden party under the auspices of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, A., F. and A. M., that brought the brave and the fair of the township under Squire Burch's hospitable roof and umbrageous trees. The weather had all the mildness of a midsummer night, and amid such surroundings it was a pleasure to simply exist, apart from the diversion afforded by local and imported talent. Long, tastefully spread and handsomely decorated tables on the lawn were covered with samples of Westminster cookery, which several hundred people, after a thorough test, pronounced the finest in the land. Additional relish was given the eatables by the presence of attentive lady waiters. Indeed, the large attendance of the fair sex was one of the pleasantest features. The genial host threw wide open his doors and his home was as free to the guests

as the spacious grounds. The presence of Hon. G. W.Ross, Minister of Education, aroused expecta-tions which were realized by a brilliant address, replete with humor and sound advice, and delivered with characteristic eloquence and fervor. The audience sat on benches in front of the veranda, which was used as a platform. The chairman, Dr. Routledge, opened the programme shortly after 9 clock by a neat speech. Between vocal and instrumental numbers addresses were delivered by Bro. Robert Boston, M.P.; Bro. W. S. Calvert, of Napier, ex-warden of the county, and by Hon. G. W. Ross. The Routledge Band played splendidly at intervals; Messrs. Alf. Morphy and Ward Sutherland, of London, delighted the crowd by banjo and guitar selections; Mr. Will Skinner, of London, in popular songs, was re-peatedly encored; Messrs. Tappin and Nixon gave a capital violin duet; and olos by Miss Macdonald, Miss Lottle Poole, Mr. Ezra Hunt, Mr. F. Bennett, Capt. Thos. Robson and Mr. H. Poole completed an entertainment of rare merit.

MR. R. BOSTON, M.P. The popular member for South Middlesex was warmly received. He spoke a few cheerful words. He was delighted at the splendid turnout. St. Paul's Lodge had in its membership an M. P., an M. P. P., and, he understood, the whole council of the township of Westminster. It was a good institution. It taught men to be better to their wives, though he did not know whether it taught those who had no wives to get

This reference to the speaker's bachelordom was merrily appreciated. Referring to his brother-in-law, Mr. Ross, he said that he recollected him from his boyhood days as a lover of his country and a great friend of the British Empire. (Applause.) BRO. W. S. CALVERT.

Bro. W. S. Calvert, P.D.D.G.M., who is a polished speaker, made a pleasant address, bristling with humorous points. He saw so many nice young ladies that he was surprised to see Mr. Boston living in single wretchedness. (Laughter.) He was in Lambeth a year ago January on Masonic business, and enjoyed the visit so much that he was delighted when he received an invitation to come again. Mr. Calvert alluded in complimentary terms to the Minister of Education. When some time ago a band of Canadians attended a convention at Lexington, Ky., at which Mr. Ross spoke, he heard Conservatives and Liberals alike say they were proud of the Minister of Education. (Applause.)

HON. G. W. ROSS. The Minister of Education was loudly applauded on rising. His voice had all its old time ring and could be heard at the farthest end of the grove. He told two or three capital stories, which made the audience roar. It was one of the rules, he believed, of the Masonic order, that brethren should dwell together in unity. Not only had they dwelt together on this occasion, but the sisters had, as well, judging by the social manner in which every one had deported himself. He had been accustomed to take a great deal of pleasure out of his political addresses, though he did not know that his op-ponents did-(laughter)-but this was much more pleasant. He was like the old Scotchman who said he never drank whisky except on two occasions -when he ate haggis and when he didn't eat haggis. (Laughter.) So he (the speaker) took pleasure when making a political address and when making a non-political one. Of course every good Mason told his secrets to his wife. For instance, every Mason's wife knew that her husband was the best in the world. (Laughter.) That was the highest degree of the order-a degree to which no bachelor could attain. (Laughter.)

"That is my only objection," said Mr. Ross, "to my hospitable host, Mr. Burch. (Laughter.) He is not up to the highest degree of the order, and I move that we initiate him tonight.'

Voice-We have the material. Mr. Ross-I move that Mr. Burch qualify and forthwith be initiated to that honorable degree to which every sensible Canadian should aspire. (Laughter.) It is the rule of Masonry that the brethren shall be kind to one another, without regard to their politics or religion. It was announced that I should speak tonight on "Canada," but to do justice to such a big theme would keep me here until after midnight. I will merely say that we should endeavor to foster in Canadians a sincere regard not only for this land but for this land in its relation to the mother country. I have always asked Canadians to take the most hopeful view not only of the present of this country but of the future. No Canadian can say that my fellow citizens have less fortitude, less integrity, less force of character than the citizens of any other country. (Applause.) We have room for a population of 30,000,000 of 40,000,000 people, act man,

Then why should we not rejoice in the great future that lies before us, in the varied resources and in the geographical area of this great land? Where can you find a land where citizenship occuples a higher plane? Is there any freedom within the limits of public safety which you do not possess? Are not law and order administered as honestly and faithfully as in any land under the sun? Are not life and property as safe? Are not your homes as pleasant and your young men as vigorous? Are not your institutions as progressive? What is there in all this that stirs the ambition and rewards the power of the young Canadian that he cannot find under the constitution and within the citizenship of this land? (Applause.) It is our duty to cultivate that strong love of our land which will consecrate its resources to its develop-

ment and progress. (Applause.)
Mr. Ross alluded briefly to the education advantages of Canada, referring to the triumph of its system over those of the world at the Chicago Fair. Canadian parents might rest assured that their children at school were being taught by methods pronounced second to none on the earth. Speaking of Canadian unity, he said there were two or three duties that must be discharged. They must abolish all distinctions of race and creed. Some wondered that there was not greater harmony between the Provinces of Canada, but the speaker thought that, considering the youth of the nation, the degree of harmony existing was remarkable. In the American Union they were many years before they ratified the principles laid down by the first Congress. It cost many lives and millions of dollars to consolidate the Union into one harmonious nation. In Canada they hoped to unite the various provinces by mutual respect and forbearance. The Canadian was freer than the Englishman under the shadow of Windsor Castle or the Irishman in his

beloved isle.
"With the English, Scotch, Irish; French and German elements, we represent the dominant races of the world. They represent all the progress and nearly all the wealth of the world. Are we to admit that with all these races we cannot make a people in Canada that will be as progressive, as powerful, as independent, and as civilized as the roots from which they sprang? (Applause.) Are we to forget the rock from which we have been hewed? Are we to forget the old race whose blood flows in our veins—the blood of the Plantaganets, of those who fought at Waterloo? Are we to merge all these national elements of pride and sit somnolent upon our benches and say that we Canadians will never amount to anything? That is not the spirit of young Canadians today. (Cheers.) Be true to yourselves. Develop within you a most excellent spine-fortitude and firmness of character that will not yield to temptation in any form; that will defend the right under all circumstances. We do not want people here who are waiting for an uncle to die to get a farm. Get the farm for your-selves. The men who made this country came without a shilling, many of them, but at the back of them were industry, perseverance, unflagging energy. Mothers, sisters and brothers worked with a will. A man, who seemed inebriated, was found leaning against a church. "Are you a member of the church?" someone asked him.
"No-no," replied he, 'but I le-lean that way.' (Laughter.) Don't be a leaner;

help to bear the burden." Mr. Ross concluded in an eloquent passage in which he besought his hearers to heed the voice of conscience and discharge the highest duty to country by preserving unsullied reputation and loving fellow-men. He was loudly applauded throughout.

The concluding feature of the evening was an enthusiastic vote of thanks to the host, Mr. Burch, for his sump-tuous hospitality. Mr. Burch replied fittingly. The committee in charge of the event were Dr. Routledge, A. Routledge, G. Thornicroft, D. Irvine and H. Poole. It was the most successful the lodge ever held and was supremely enjoyable to all. Among Masonic visitors present were Wor. Bro. A. E. Cooper and Bro. Alex. Findlay, of London; R. W. Bro. Phillip, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Bro. Harris, of Delaware.

# WANT TO BE TEACHERS.

Forty-Eight Pupils Attending London's Model School.

Where They Came From and Who They Are-School Opened on Tuesday Morning.

The London Model School opened on Tuesday morning in the Simcoe street school, with Principal R. M. Graham in charge, and 48 pupils in attendance. Of these 30 are from outside points, one being from Bruce county, but the larger majority are from Middlesex villages. The class contains 27 ladies and 21 gentlemen, 14 of the former living in London and 4 of

the latter. The city pupils are: Misses Jessie R. Howie, Jessie E. Mo Donald, Mabel A. Smith, Jennie Blundell, Alma Fleming, Mary F. Legate, Annie M. Lea, Ida Phillips, Evelyn Eldon, Ethel Martindale, Emma Cooper, Aggie M. Robertson, Laura L. Phœnix, Eugenie J.

Reynolds. Messrs. Clarence E. P. Brooks, Wm. R. Telfer, Wm. M. Brown, Robt. J. Colgrove and W. J. Spence. Those in attendance from outside points

Misses Jennie A. Fraser, Ailsa Craig; Laura Thompson, Lucan; Susie F. Heritage, Louisa Gahan, Sarah Lawrence, London West; Annie Nichol, Parkhill; Lizzie Macdonnell, Wallaceburg; Bertha Capstick, Dorchester Station; Josephine George, Port Elgin; Jennie G. Mitchell, Wynnie Ackland and Annie Sharp, Delaware; Helen B. Mc Coll. Glanworth.

Messrs. Vernon Weisbrod, Aylmer: Ernest A. Kerr, Hubrey; Emstein Simpson. Moorsville; John Carter, Clandeboye; John Bonnantyme, Tempo; John C. Elliot, Wilton Grove; Colin F. Munroe, Hubrey; Lean Bodkin, Rapier; Webster Braithwaite, Devizes; Edward McYougan, Glencoe; John A. Patrick, Ilderton; Geo. H. Tucky, Ferguson; Ernest Anderson, Arva; Wm. Henderson, Nilestown, and John Milne, Delaware.

### Steamship Arrivals. From At From Glasgow....Montreal London...Montreal Liverpool...Montreal Alcides .. abrador..... Laurentian.....Liverpool......Montreal

Tired women need to have their blood puri fied and enriched by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will give them strength and health. Reaping maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an ex-

The Labor Delegates Take a Trip to Springbank.

Guests of Mayor Little - His Worship Speaks in French.

A Very Pleasant Luncheon at the Water works-London Complimented.

At 3:30 p.m. yesterday the delegates to the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress were sitting on the saloon deck of the Springbank liner Thames, enjoying the beautiful scenery as it was unfolded to their gaze by the turnings and bends in the river. The spot where the Victoria disaster occurred was an object of curious interest to the delegates, all of whom remembered the terrible affair. Among those accompanying the delegates were: Mayor Little, R. K. Cowan (chairman of the water commission), Treasurer Pope, City Auditor Jewell, Ald. John Heaman, Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Skinner, Ald. Weld and Engineer Moore. At Springbank and hour or so was spent in drinking in the scenery and washing it down with water, after which the visitors ranged themselves around a long table at the Springbank Hotel, where an ample spread of good things was waiting.

POSTPRANDIAL. When the table assumed the appearance of having been struck by a small cyclone, the mayor arose, and, while deprecating the idea of formality, proposed the toast of the Queen. (Applause.)

The toast was loyally and enthusiastically received, the gathering joining heartily in singing the National Anthem.

The toast set the ball in motion, and several delightful toasts and graceful little speeches followed. In a few appropriate and characteristic remarks Mr. R. K. Cowan proposed the toast of "Our Guests." The

Londoners present did the honors by

rising and singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." President P. J. Jobin made a capital impromptu speech in replying on be-half of the guests. Mr. Jobin is a Quebec French-Canadian, with all the complimentary grace and eloquence of the average French speaker. His short address abounded in well turned phrases calculated to tickle the pride In til

proposed in a very happy manner the toast "Our Hosts." Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Weld, Ald. Heaman and Ald. Skinner replied to the toast and turned the flow of compliment upon the visitors. Ald. Weld mentioned incidentally that those present were indebted to the mayor for the entertainment.

THANKS TO THE MAYOR. Mr. Marks then arose and returned thanks on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council to the mayor. "During the present year, since he has been in the mayoralty chair," said he, "we have received every assistance from him in shoving through the standard wage question and the 60 hour agreement. I have always found him easy to approach and ready to listen to all

that is placed before him." (Applause.) The mayor expressed himself as very much obliged to Mr. Marks for his kind words. He had simply done his duty. In conclusion, he proposed the toast "Success to the Legislative Congress." Such institutions as labor unions would not be necessary, said he, if everybody -employer and employed-observed the golden rule. (Applause.) He stated that he was a believer in the Saturday half-holiday for everybody, and that under the conditions of the present age any man ought to be able to earn enough in five and a half days to keep his family for the week. Before closing the mayor expressed his strong disapproval of Sunday labor of any sort

and was loudly applauded.
THE MAYOR SPEAKS FRENCH. Alex. McDonald, Ottawa; Felix Marois, Quebec; J. L. Langevin, Quebec, and D. A. Carey, Toronto, replied.

"I had no idea that I was coming to such a beautiful city as the city of London is," said Mr. McDonald. Felix Marois and J. Laforce Lange-vin spoke in French, and were applauded just as freely as though everybody understood what they said. Mr. Marois said among other things before he visited London he had an idea that French-Canadians were looked down upon in the western country. He was pleased and gratified to learn that he was mistaken.

Mr. Langevin said that he was afraid that the labor organizations here were not Knights of Labor, and urged them to combine together and become bro-

Mr. Carey, who is a reporter on the Toronto Telegram, made a clever speech and provoked liberal applause. The mayor said that the French speeches awoke tender memories of boyhood days. He said he was born in Quebec Province, and he surprised the Londoners present by speaking French and thanking sincerely the French-Canadians present for their kind words in French. The gathering then adjourned to the

boat and arrived home at 7:45 p.m.

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS. Movements of People Chronicled-Visi tors to London and Londoners Abroad.

Mr. Bart Cottam, city, is attending the Toronto Fair. Mrs. Delaney, Niagara Falls, is on visit to friends in London.

Miss Effie Brown, Aylmer, is again visiting relatives in this city. Miss Nellie Shea, London, is the guest of Miss O'Leary, at Brussels. Mr. Will Smith, city, was visiting

relatives, B. Ward's, Brussels, and J. Hills', Gray. Mr. Wm. Southcott, Exeter, is visiting at Mrs. J. Burridge's, corner King

and Talbot streets. Miss Essa Brown, Wortley road, left for Toronto yesterday on an extend-ed visit to relatives.

Miss L. M. Dewar, South London, who has been visiting relatives at Sarnia, returned home. Miss Charlotte Chaplin, St. Cathe-

rines, who has been visiting friends here, has returned home. Miss Stockwell, who has been the

guest of Miss Trethewey, Samia, returned to her home here.

Mr. C. W. L. Gill, city, has gone to St. Joseph's Club, St. Clair flats, for the opening of the duck shooting

WHOLE NO. 12289.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Adams, of Askin street, have left on a two-weeks' visit to Toronto, Belleville and other eastern points.

Miss Kennedy, Chicago, and Miss Minnie Kennedy, city, are visiting Postmaster Farrow and Frank Mc-Cracken at Brussels for a few weeks. Miss Mary Purdom, of Cartwright street has left on a visit for two weeks with friends

Miss Lizzie Clark has returned home after spending two weeks with her cousin Mrs. McNeill, Caradoc.

# The Salary Question

Causes a Breeze in the School Board Meeting.

Recommendations of the Audit Committee Voted Down.

Chairman Blackwell's Rulings Set Aside Crowded Condition of the High School-Large Kindergarten Attendance.

The closing scenes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education last night were of a most unusual character, and were more than a surprise to the majority of the trustees, who crowded themselves into the committee room, while the aldermen enjoyed the big easy chairs and the airy council chamber. Chairman Blackwell is. as a rule, master of the situation, but last night he was unable to control the turbulent spirits of the trustees. The cause of the excitement was the report of the audit committee, presented by Mr. Greenlees, the chairman. It read:

"Your committee objects to all resolutions whereby the total amount of salaries paid to the staff on April 13 last is increased on the ground that the appropriations in the estimates

for salaries would be exceeded.
"We recommend that all increases deemed proper should only be made to apply from Jan. 1, as the apparent surplus will be fully required for absolutely necessary expenditures, not sufficiently provided for in other sections of the estimates.
"A comparison of the expenditures

for the six months ending June 30 in 1894 and 1895 is presented: 1894. Collegiate Insti -

Public schools .. .. 34,030 37 35,155 57 Mr. Greenlees' motion to adopt the first clause started the ball rolling. Trustee Logan was up in an instant, and moved an amendment that it be erased from the report. "Mayor Little told me that if there

were any over-drafts he would not honor the checks," said Mr. Green-"But he does not own the city," quickly replied Mr. Logan. Mr. Jeffery—But the mayor does, in

the way of signing checks. The amendment was subsequently put to a vote, and received ten supporters, while seven opposed it. Chairman Blackwell declared it lost, holding that it required a twothirds vote to carry.

"I appeal against your ruling, then," said Trustee Logan. The appeal was backed by nine members, while six went with the chairman. A scene of confusion ensued, and the chairman was almost powerless to restore order. Trustees got up and had as many "says" as they wanted. Speakers were interrupted, and there were grumblings galore at the chairman's ruling.

Finally Trustee Anderson moved an adjournment. Trustee Griffin seconded, and the board broke up with the audit report unfinished.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE CROWD-Principal Merchant reported that in

the first four forms in the Collegiate Institute there was an overcrowding of pupils. The first contained 77, the second 54, the third 51, and the fourth 54. All the other forms were filled, but it was necessary that another form should be established in the lower school. The four over-crowded forms contained pupils who had passed the entrance examinations. Forty was enough in one form; 77 was out of the question, and could not be handled. The pupils in the first form were going to take the English course and the commercial work, instead of languages. Mr. Merchant said the increase was far greater than last year. "Does that mean a new teacher?"

asked Mr. Anderson. "Yes," replied Mr. Merchant. "W can do nothing else, as the forms no number more than the teachers, and we cannot stand two." The report was referred to No. 1

committee. Inspector Carson reported that Miss Millar, who was granted one year's absence on account of ill-health, had returned, and taken charge of her old class at Talbot street school. Miss Cannell, who was acting for Miss Millar, was placed in her former class in Simcoe street. Miss Macklin, Miss Winnett and Miss Thacker had not returned from their holidays, but their places were being filled by Mr. Reynolds. Miss Bapty, and Miss Graham. Mr. Carson called attention to the unusually large attendance at these kindergartens: St. George's, 77; Queen's avenue, morning 36, afternoon 36; Aberdeen, 50; Victoria, morning 49, afternoon 32. If night schools were to be opened as usual it would be necessary to deal with the question and to appoint teachers at the regular October meeting. The model school was opened with 48 students present. The report was referred to No 1

committee. Trustee Martin presented the report of No. 2 committee recommending the payment of numerous accounts. Some objection was taken to the way in which the committee transacted its business, but the accounts passed and the report carried.

The members present were: Trustee Blackwell (chairman), Campbell, Logan, Greenlees, Anderson, Keenleyside, Craig, Turner, Jeffery, Wilson, Griffin, Wilkins, Murphy, Hunt, Stephenson, Martin, Sanders, Inspector Carson, Pringipal Merchant and Scoretary McElher