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Is Not a Paramount Issue Whitney on Prohibition

Conservative Leader and J. J. Foy, K.C., Given an Enthusiastic Welcome to Owen Sound—Addressed 3000 People at Two Meetings.

Owen Sound, Dec. 30.—J. P. Whitney, M.L.A., Leader of the Conservative party in Ontario, met with a flattering reception at the hands of the people of North Grey here to-day. His arrival was not the occasion of a spectacular demonstration, as on his previous visit, but it was none the less warm and enthusiastic.

Farmers Out in Force.

Mr. Whitney made two telling speeches, one at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, which terminated in a sensation, and the other in the evening. The afternoon meeting was especially arranged to accommodate the farmers, who crowded the hall to the doors. The evening gathering was quite in contrast, the hall being jammed with a mass of good-natured humanity, divided about equally between ladies and gentlemen. The final meeting was, if possible, marked by an enthusiasm more intense than that in the afternoon, and if outward signs may be accepted as a criterion of the future, Mr. Boyd will be elected to represent North Grey by a large majority.

Donald Sutherland Speaks.

The afternon meeting was opened with a few brief remarks from Charles Gordon, candidate for the House of Commons, in the last general election. Donald Sutherland, the hero of South Oxford, was accorded a rousing reception,coming as he did from a riding in which the most astonishing criminal methods were adopted to unseat the Conservative candidate. He was listened to with intense interest as he told of the criminals imported to commit perjury by the Ross supporters. One of these criminals, he described humorously as a man who was doing a life sentence on the instalment plan. He told also of the approach made to him to induce him to desert the ranks of the Conservative party, and thus betray the constituents of both parties who had elected him to represent them as a follower of Mr. Whitney.

Affidavits Were Impressive.

The reading of the Chambers affidavit particularly created a profound impression, as under oath a gentleman told of how he was approached by a man from Ingersoll with an offer of money, saying: "You might as well have something out of this; money is no object." The affidavit was confirmed by other affidavits taken by William Smith and John L. Francis, who had been secreted in the cellar under the room occupied by Chambers and the witness, J. B. Jackson, who gave evidence in the South Oxford case The affidavit contained the following dialog: "How much do you want to give evidence to unseat Sutherland?" Chambers replied: "Five thousand dollars." "That is out of the question, I will give you five hundred down, and fifteen hundred dollars when Sutherland is unseated," said Jackson. "Do you want me to speak the truth?" "It makes no difference whether you say what is true or false, so long as Sutherland is unseated," said Jackson again.

Good Words for Boyd.

J. J. Foy, M.L.A., was also enthusiastically received, the storm of applause with which he was greeted not subsiding for several minutes. Mr. Foy had many flatterings things to say of George M. Boyd. In the House during the four years of his term, he had found him a valuable assistant, owing to his splendid business qualities and statesmanship. He was a man of unusual capacity as a legislator, and an ornament to the people of North Grey. He was a strength to the opposition, and would be a strong supporter of the government, which was about to change. Their opponents were a broken up and discredited party. He spoke of the Ross party, for he drew a well defined distinction between the Ross party and the Liberal party. He had departed from Liberal principles, and had substituted extravagance for economy.

"Whitney Will Win."

The welcome tendered Mr. Whitney defied description, the vast audience at both meetings twice created a scene of the wildest enthusiasm. Ladies waved their handkerchiefs and the men cheered themselves hoarse at both meetings, and in the afternoon sang "He's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Whitney replied to the Ross manifesto, scoring that pamphlet unmercifully. He charged that the government had no constructive legislation to its credit, with the exception of a plan for drainage, which was unnecessary, and a bill to extend the life of the legislature two months after it was constitutionally dead. He reiterated the charge that the government recklessly gave away the pulp lands, and dwelt at some length on the widespread plan to corrupt the electorate during the last general elections. He approved of government control and development of Niagara power for

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THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The supporters of Mayor Howland are now depending on the chance of Ald. Urquhart pulling away part of the business vote that Ald. Lamb would get if the man from the Fourth Ward had not made a bid for the Mayoralty. They admitted yesterday that their candidate would be beaten by Ald. Lamb but for this circumstance of the campaign. Ald. Urquhart told the press that his Mayoralty candidature is a serious affair. "I will surprise the doubters," he said, "by the run I will make."

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While Mayor Howland's platform following have taken up a perfunctory sort of cry against Ald. Urquhart, the hard things in their mouths are reserved for C. C. Robinson. He was denounced yesterday as a lobbyist in his own interest for Mr. Fullerton's position, when the head of the city's Legal Department, offended by Mayor Macdonald's attitude towards him, announced his intention of resigning. The object of the denunciation was to show up C. C. Robinson in the light of a hungry seeker for some salaried position in the City Hall. The net result of this recrimination among the Conservative lawyers, whose chief care is to make their party provide for them, affects Mayor Howland and Mr. Robinson about equally. The Conservative party just now has no direct patronage to bestow that would suit the social position either of Mr. Howland or Mr. Robinson. Accordingly the importunate applicants propose to fight to a finish in the sight of the whole public over their rival claims to the spoils made available by municipal politics. The business men of the Conservative party must conclude that it is a mistake to regard either the Mayoralty or the position of counsel to the city as a boarding out branch of the party's patronage system.

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Ald. Daniel Lamb is a lifelong Conservative who has never asked a reward either for serving his party or for serving the city. He has a record in the Council which recommends him as a citizen whose highest ambition is to work for the good of the city. Before the days when membership in the City Council carried any salary, Ald. Lamb was as earnest in the work as the legal wards of the Conservative party profess to be when large salaries are in sight. Disinterested service deserves the honor which Ald. Lamb looks for at the hands of his fellow citizens. The honor will be bestowed upon a practical and energetic man, when it is bestowed upon Ald. Daniel Lamb, who is the most experienced man in municipal matters serving the city to-day.

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That was a good story Artie Denison told at Mayor Howland's little meeting yesterday in St. Lawrence Hall. He was contending that Ald. Lamb had opposed the St. Lawrence market project at the time when he (then Alderman) Denison had experienced his first shock of interest in it. "Why," said Artie, "Ald. Daniel Lamb told me then with his own lips that the reason why he was opposing the building of the St. Lawrence market was that he was afraid I might be the architect of it."

And after that broadside of candor A. R. Denison still remained under the impression that Ald. Lamb had some interested motives. Ex-Ald. Denison should get Dr. Lorenz to examine his head.

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Editor World: Amongst the old aldermen seking re-election in Ward 6 I notice the name of J. H. McGhie as a candidate for alderman for 1903. While not disparaging any of the other candidates I would say that the voters will not make any mistake if they elect Mr. McGhie as one of their aldermen. He is an honest, intelligent man of undoubted integrity, and from personal knowledge of him for 20 years, I would take his word before I would accept the bond of some.

18 Cowan Ave. W. H. Scott.

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A. E. Heustis, manager of the Bain Book Company, says: I have talked with a number of prominent young men during the past few days, and I have yet to find one who is not a supporter of "Danny" Lamb. I am sure he is going to be elected, for one can always feel certain when there is such unanimity of expression. Mr. Heustis is secretary of the Canadian Club, the representative organization of Toronto's young business and professional men.

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Said a Conservative in discussing the Mayoralty situation yesterday: I certainly think that Danny Lamb is entitled to the fullest recognition from the Conservatives of Toronto. He has been a lifelong member of the party, and never asked any favor of it. He is not now asking for the support of Conservatives, as Conservatives, but as against Messrs. Howland and Robinson, who have been always asking the Conservative party to carry them, and which has been carrying them for quite a while. He is entitled to the hearty support of the party now. What is more, I believe he is going to get it.

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The Mayoralty candidates have qualified all right.

Daniel Lamb, as owner of 156 Winchester-street, valued at $8000.

Oliver Aiken Howland, as owner of 596 Huron-street, value at least $1000.

Charles C. Woodley, as owner of 60 Gwynne-avenue, value at least $1000.

Christopher C. Robinson,as tenant of 118 Carlton-street, value at least $2300.

Thomas Urquhart, as owner of 636 Palmerston-avenue, value at least $1000.

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The Urquhart meetings for the rest of the week are: Wednesday, Brockton Hall, Dundas-street; Thursday, St. Paul's Hall, Yonge-street; Friday, Dingman's Hall, Queen and Broadview-avenue. Meetings 8 p.m.

The Howland meetings scheduled are: Wednesday, Wardell's Hall and Sampson's Hall, corner Dundas and Sheridan-avenue; Thursday, St. George's Hall, Ayre's Hall; Friday, Masonic Hall, corner Queen and Dowling-avenue, Euclid-avenue Hall; Saturday, Dingman's Hall, Victoria Hall.

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HEWING A ROAD THRU THE CIVIC TANGLE.

A job which should be entrusted only to an old and experienced axman.

Company Blamed For Employing Boys No Censure Passed on Carson or Kerr

Wanstead Jury Finds That After No. 5 Had Left Wanstead by Issuance of Wrong Orders the Accident Could Have Been Averted Had the Company Had More Experienced Operators at These Points.

Wyoming, Dec. 30.—The following verdict was returned at 11.40:

"We find that Arthur W. Ricketts was killed in the collision at Wanstead on the evening of Friday, Dec. 26, 1902.

"That said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford. Responsibility for this issuance of wrong orders we are not agreed upon as between Operator Carson and Despatcher Kerr.

"That after No. 5 had left Watford by the issuance of wrong orders, we consider that the accident could have been averted by the operator at Wyoming or Kingscourt Junction had the railway company had more experienced operators at these points, one being but a boy of 16, at each of which places the despatcher, having ample time to do it, endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped."

The jury was engaged in a warm discussion of the evidence for three hours. The main point considered was whether Agent Carson at Watford, or Despatcher Kerr, was responsible for letting No. 5 get away from Watford on improper orders. There was a flat refusal to cast the blame on Carson, and he was vigorously defended by different jurors as a victim of persecution. Then the question of Kerr's responsibility came up, and the members could not agree to censure him. They were a unit, however, in blaming the company for employing two such youthful and inexperienced men as Watson and Tryer, and some of the jurors were determined to insist on hot censure for the company and the lax methods proven.

The jury was a unit in the opinion that the accident could have been avoided with experienced operators at Kingscourt Junction and Wyoming. Some of the jurors wanted to include in the verdict a recommendation to the company against such long hours and multiplicity of duties for those men in whose care are the lives of so many people.

One version discussed in the jury room was that Kerr, being told by Wyoming that the extra was slow to leave Wyoming and then by Watford that No. 5 was approaching, concluded that the freight could not reach Wanstead before the express, and that the original order for passing would delay the Flyer, and decided to change the order and hold the freight at Wyoming for No. 5. In pursuance of this sudden change of program he did tell Watford to "bust it" and then at once told Wyoming to hold the extra. Wyoming then announced that the freight was moving thru and he would try to catch her; and Kerr, seeing this new plan impossible, hastily called Watford with the intention of reviving the order, only to find No. 5 already gone and that then, and not until then, did he change the phraseology of his famous message from "Bust it" to "May bust it." This view was not forced into the verdict, however, and between the conflicting views it was determined not to censure any individual.

W. W. Pope, solicitor for the company, to-night, after the verdict, said: "If the crown takes any further action they will have to prosecute both Agent Carson of Watford and Despatcher Kerr."

THE INQUEST CONCLUDED.

Wyoming, Dec. 30.—(From our own man on the spot.)—There was a dramatic conclusion to the coroner's investigation into the Wanstead wreck to-night when Assistant Superintendent Costello declared under oath his opinion that the disaster would have been averted if Andy Carson had delivered proper orders to the express train at Watford. The statement was made with such great deliberation and emphasis by the Grand Trunk official as to create a decided sensation in the crowded hall. When the jury adjourned to discuss the evidence and officially place the responsibility there was every indication of a spirited conference. The evidence adduced at the last day's session of the jury was even more sensational as relating to the circumstances culminating in the collision than that on Monday.

The most significant story was related by James Tryer, operator at Kingscourt Junction, in explanation of his failure to stop the flyer after despatcher Kerr had testified that he had called Kingscourt seven or eight minutes before receiving a reply and then got it only to be told that the train was coming into the station too fast to be stopped.

Freight Lost Two Minutes.

The other equally important feature of the day's developments was the declaration of James Smith, head brakeman of the freight, that when he sprang forward to open the switch at Wanstead the train ran past two or three car lengths, and in overcoming the momentum and backing the train of 28 cars they lost about two minutes. Had the freight been stopped as was usual a few yards east of the switch it would have glided into safety on the switch at least a minute before the express would have dashed past. In spite of the loss of these two precious minutes Smith said he had thrown the switch and Engineer Gillies had grasped the throttle for the forward movement when the headlight of the No. 5 glowed red in the darkness, and the next moment the flying express struck the freight train. Again the remarkable element of mischance that is clearly traced thruout the whole disaster was injected into the investigation.

Operator Only 16.

But when the youthful operator at Kingscourt took the stand and testified that he was 16 years old and had never had but four nights' experience in charge of a station the jurors nodded their heads in unison as if to intimate that the failure of the operator to reply to the despatchers' frantic appeal to stop No. 5 was no longer a mystery. He explained in his boyish way that he had been examined as a telegrapher by the officials one afternoon, after studying several months, and was then sent to the station at Strathroy. He was in charge there two nights and then was sent over to the station at Kingscourt to be the night man. At Strathroy he had taken four train orders, and the first night at Kingscourt he had received one or two. The next night was Friday and he had nothing to do. He was sitting in his office reading a timetable, he swore, during those eight minutes the despatcher said he was calling Kingscourt to stop the express after it had gotten away from Watford.

Called Several Minutes.

He said that his instrument was sounding something for several minutes. Then he made out his call—"KC" and he replied immediately, but as he did No. 5 rushed by. He then got the despatcher's hurried order,and threw his semaphore, but the train was beyond the danger signal, and in certain danger of destruction. It was not possible to avoid the suspicion that the boy of 16 did not readily know his office call, and that while he sat peacefully reading with his hand on the key Despatcher Kerr was sounding the alarm to save the flyer, and he was unable to distinguish. Undoubtedly the call came with a rush, for it was a rushing time with Kerr when he knew the few minutes intervening between the passengers of No. 5 and certain death, and with the last chance to escape gone with the passing of Kingscourt station. Young Tryer admitted that he did not understand his call very well.

Here, then, was another one of those singular factors which contributed to the wreck, forming such a complete link from one to the other as to force the conclusion that the disaster was in the nature of the inevitable. Young Tryer said he had never drawn a salary as operator, as he had then had but four days' experience, but he thought his salary was $40 monthly.

An Array of Errors.

This is the array of errors and circumstances which are responsible for the death of 28 and the maiming of as many more. Failure of Agent Carson to deliver proper order at Watford to No. 5, failure of Operator Tryer at Kingscourt to answer the despatcher's call and stop No. 5, negligence of Operator Watson at Wyoming in not turning the semaphore and blocking the freight as it was leaving the yards, Rear Brakeman Harkness ignoring stop signal and cry from Watson as the rear of the freight train passed the Wyoming station, the singular failure of Conductor Graham of the freight to investigate the meaning of signals of Harkness to stop at that point, negligence of Forward Brakeman Smith to investigate signal from Harkness, which he acknowledged observing, and, lastly, the inability of Engineer Gillies to stop his locomotive at the west entrance of the switch at Wanstead, instead of running past and losing two minutes in backing up to take the switch. The avoidance of either one of these several errors and circumstances would have made the wreck practically impossible.

Deserve Special Recognition.

The part enacted by two well-known Toronto people in the chapter of horrors surrounding the wreck developed to-day in the testimony of the physicians. It related to the action of Dr. Hamilton of Independence, Iowa, and his young wife in the work of rescue. They were en route to Iowa on their wedding tour from Toronto on the ill-fated train. Mrs. Hamilton is the daughter of Mr. Boyle of the Canadian Institute at Toronto, and is herself a skilled surgeon and physician. Side by side the young couple worked amid the dying and dead of

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Fight For Morton Estate Based on Divorce Claim

Former Toronto Man, Killed in Wanstead Wreck, Left a Wife in Toronto Who Claimed Body, Notwithstanding Demands of Hamilton Woman.

A legal battle for the possession of the estate of Wilson Morton, one of the victims of Friday's railway catastrophe at Wanstead, is one of the possibilities of the near future. Wilson Morton's wife lives at 28 Follis-avenue, but she is not alone in claiming the property, for Morton was married a second time about a year and a half ago in Hamilton to Miss Morley Mutter.

As soon as the particulars of the wreck were known to the family of Mr. Morton, they lost no time in making a claim for the body, and the Grand Trunk authorities gave up possession, together with any documents and baggage. The body was brought to Toronto, and the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from D. Stone's undertaking rooms to St. James' Cemetery, where the body was placed in a vault until such time as it can be interred in the family plot.

The claim of Mrs. Morton No. 2 is based on an alleged divorce obtained in Chicago two years ago. This was granted on the grounds of desertion, but, as wife No. 1 never received notification of the proceedings, her legal adviser holds that it would never be accounted a valid divorce by the Courts of Canada. Furthermore, the claim of desertion seems to have been rather a pecular one, inasmuch as Mrs. Morton has never resided away from Toronto since she and her deceased husband ceased to live together. This is the statement of T. C. Robinette, who is looking after the interests of Mrs. Morton.

The Hamilton woman was married to Morton in July, 1901, and it is probable that she will claim the estate, and also any damages that may be due from the Grand Trunk Railway, on the ground that she was the legal wife of the deceased. Carscallen & Cahill are looking into the matter in her behalf, and a letter from that firm was received yesterday by parties in Toronto asking for information concerning the family living on Follis-avenue.

On behalf of wife No. 1 and her two children, Mr. Robinette will to-day issue a writ against the Grand Trunk, claiming $25,000 damages for the death of Mr. Morton. The railway authorities were notified of the claim on Monday. The three claims are put into one. Besides this claim, there is the business carried on in Chicago by Mr. Morton, and an interest in the firm of Morton Company, Limited, cheque book manufacturers, at 46 West Richmond-street. This business was established by Mr. Morton, and he continued to have a considerable interest in it until nine years ago, when he went to Chicago to serve the Dominion government in the capacity of agent at the World's Fair. Since this time Morton had not lived with his wife, but he continued to contribute to the support of the family, and when he came to Toronto he saw his daughter, Miss Clara, who is employed in the Morton Company's Richmond-street establishment. Morton's son, Edgar, is in the newspaper business in Calgary, N.W.T., and will be in Toronto to-day to look after his deceased father's affairs.

Mr. Robinette has also applied for letters of administration of the estate.

Morton was about 32 years of age. The young woman whom he married in Hamilton is said to be quite young, her age being set down at from 20 to 22. She became acquainted with Morton while he was engaged in stalling one of his patent printing presses in The Times office, the introduction coming thru a member of The Times' staff. It is urged on her behalf that she was not aware that Morton had a wife living, and it is alleged that the ceremony was put off several times to enable the prospective groom to obtain a divorce. Even then she was not aware of the former marriage, and it was not until her husband's death that she was in possession of the facts, after the body had been claimed by wife No. 1.

The first marriage took place in 1874, Rev. Septimus Jones of the Church of the Redeemer being the officiating clergyman.

AWARE OF FORMER MARRIAGE.

Hamilton, Dec. 30.—The second Mrs. Morton, formerly Miss Morely Mutter, daughter of Phillip H. Mutter, was unable to be seen at her home at 80 Vine-street, being at present in very delicate health. Her sister, Mrs. McDonald, said that Mrs. Morton was married in July, 1901, by Rev. William F. Wilson, and was fully aware of the former marriage of her late husband, but was given to understand that he had started divorce proceedings from his first wife a short time before, in Chicago, Ill. Altho the first wife's claims may be lawful under the Canadian statutes, still the second wife intends to fight the legal technicalities to the bitter end. Morton had sent his wife home some time previous to his Christmas visit, she being none too strong physically. She has made no claim up to the present for the body of the unfortunate victim of the railway accident, being unable to do so in her present condition, but intends fighting for her rights thru her legal advisers, Messrs. Carscallen and Cahill, to the bitter end.

PARTICULARS IN SOO CASE FILED.

Every Form of Corruption Alleged Against Andrew Miscampbell.

The particulars of the petition against Andrew Miscampbell, the Conservative member-elect for Sault Ste. Marie, were filed at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Altogether ninety-nine charges are made against the return of that gentleman. Bribery, treating, hiring of rigs, intimidation and, in fact, all the forms of electoral corruption are alleged to have been committed by the candidate or his agents. There are in the list twelve personal charges of bribery, etc., made against Mr. Miscampbell.

The case will be heard on January 13th.

COMPANION'S AWFUL DEATH.

Port Austin, Mich., Dec. 30.—About 2 o'clock this morning, Joseph Underwood, 18 years old, and two companions returned from a dance at Underwood. When they reached home Underwood was nearly insensible. To conceal this condition from his parents, his companions took him to one of their barns, put him in a stable and covered him with blankets. When his companions went to the barn at 8 o'clock this morning he was dead.

Cigars—Japs, Arabellas, La Arrow, clear Havana, 5c each. Alive Bollard, new store 128 Yonge St.

80 CARTRIDGES IN 1 MINUTE.

Yokohama, Dec. 30.—Lieut. Hino of the Japanese infantry has invented an automatic pistol which will fire eighty cartridges a minute. The cartridges are inserted and empty cartridges thrown out by automatic reaction after firing. The range is more than a thousand metres.

Fresh Roses for New Year's, $1.00 per doz. All flowers reasonable. College Flower Shop, 448 Yonge St. Phone N 1192.

Six o'clock dinner at New Carlton Hotel

DEATHS.

COYNE — At Grace Hospital, on Wednesday, December 31, Sarah J. Coyne, beloved mother of Frederick W. and Herbert T. Coyne, widow of the late Samuel Coyne, in the 57th year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, 660 Bathurst-street, on Friday, Jan. 2, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

COATES — At 204 Sherbourne-street, on Dec. 30, 1902, Amelia Coates, widow of William J. Coates, and relict of the late John Scadding, in her 97th year.

The funeral will take place from the above address on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1903, at 3.30 o'clock p.m. Friends will please accept the above intimation.

GIBBONS — On Dec. 30, 1902, Henry Gibbons, aged 23 years, late of Gibbons Bros., grocers.

Funeral Thursday, Jan. 1, 1903, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., from 691 East Gerrard-street.

LEE—On Dec. 30, 1902, John P. Lee, at his late residence, 40 Arthur-street, aged 47 years, member of Middlesex Lodge, S.O.E.B.S.

Funeral on Thursday, at 2 p.m., from his late residence, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

McCLURE — Suddenly, at 10 Cobourg-avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1902, James Mack McClure, aged 6 months.

Funeral on Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m., to Prospect Cemetery.

Grand Valley papers please copy.

PATON—On Monday, Dec. 29, 1902, at 104 McCaul-street, James Paton, eldest son of the late George Paton of Ormley house, Ramsay, Isle of Man, aged 74 years.

Funeral from his son's residence, John Paton, 186 Ossington-avenue, to-day, the 31st December, at 3 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Montreal, London (Eng.), and Edinburgh papers please copy.

RADFORD — At 83 Oxford-street, Toronto, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, William Samuel, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Radford, aged 7 months and 26 days.

LANCERS IN RIOT.

Streets of Namur, Belgium, Besieged by Unruly Soldiers.

Namur, Belgium, Dec. 30.—There has been trouble between soldiers and civilians here recently and several clashes have occurred. Matters reached a climax to-night when a number of lancers began to act riotously. They broke windows in houses on several streets. The police and gensdarmes appeared on the scene, but were unable to suppress the disorder. Several of them were wounded. The burgomaster has sent in a requisition for troops to control the situation. All shops are shut.

NATIVES BECOME CANNIBALS.

Two European Prospectors and Others Murdered in New Guinea.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 30.—Advices from New Guinea say natives there have brutally murdered two European prospectors and many other persons. It is feared the drought has caused the natives to resort to cannibalism. Thousands are starving or subsisting on roots. Twenty-five nativese recently were killed in a tribal fight.

Alaska Sable Ruffs.

There's a splendid line of good Alaska Sable Ruffs now on sale at Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance streets, which were manufactured to sell at $7.50 each, but, owing to the proximity of a New Year, will be cleared out at $5 each. These are positive bargains, being made of good fur, trimmed with six or more tails and well finished throughout.

LITTLE LOWER TEMPERATURE.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 30.—Fair weather has been pretty general in Canada to-day, except that heavy showers have occurred in Nova Scotia. Temperatures have been high there yesterday, especially in Cape Breton, where 48 was recorded.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—48; Kamloops, 36—46; Calgary, 20—40; Qu'Appelle, 4—30; Winnipeg, 4 below—18; Port Arthur, 2—22; Parry Sound, 26—30; Toronto, 21—32; Montreal, 24—32; Quebec, 22—30; Halifax, 34—44.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh southerly and southwesterly winds; fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Southwesterly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh to strong westerly winds; generally fair; some snow flurries.

Maritime—Westerly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

Lake Superior—Fair and not much change in temperature.

Manitoba—Fair and a little milder.

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Dec. 30.	At.	From.
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Sicilia	New York	Odessa
Caledonia	Boston	Liverpool
Sagamore	Boston	Liverpool
Armenian	Boston	Liverpool
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DOES TARTE OWN LA PATRIE?

Caucus of Liberal Politicians to Get at the Truth Ends in Nothing.

PARTY HAS A CLAIM ON PAPER

And Mr. Prefontaine May Find the Key of the Plant in New Year's Stocking.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—"Does the Hon. Mr. Tarte or the Liberal party own La Patrie?" was the question debated at a caucus held this afternoon, presided over by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, and attended by most of the Liberal members of the Senate and House of Commons residing in this district.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries explained the absolute necessity of having a Liberal organ, as Hon. Mr. Tarte's present attitude rendered it impossible for La Patrie to fill that position any longer. The question then arose as to the real ownership of La Patrie, Hon. Senators Beique and Dandurand giving it as their opinion that the Liberal party had a well-grounded claim on Mr. Tarte's paper. This opinion, coming from such eminent legal lights as Senators Beique and Dandurand, appeared to clear the atmosphere very considerably, and it was at once decided to send a delegation and inform the Ex-Minister of Public Works that the Liberal party had a strong legal and moral claim upon his paper, and to ask him what he was going to do about it.

As a matter of fact, the delegation was composed of two senators, two members of the House of Commons and two members of the Legislative Council. This, however, was the end of it, for some one hesitated, and this proved fatal to the delegation.

Further discussion followed, which resulted in a second decision being reached, the sum and substance of it being that Mr Tarte is to be communicated with by letter. A great deal was said about the withdrawal of government patronage and the like, but nothing further will be done until Mr. Tarte is heard from.

It is not believed, however, that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine will find the key of the La Patrie establishment in his New Year's stocking.

SAXONY'S KING ILL.

Condition Grown Worse During the Last Few Days.

Dresden, Dec. 30.—Prof. Curschmann of Leipsic has been called here for consultation with the court physicians regarding the King's condition, which gives much concern to his family. Altho diagnosed as influenza, His Majesty's condition has grown steadily worse during the last few days, due to excitement over the elopement of the Crown Princess, which, in connection with his great age and weakness, had a depressing effect on the King's mental condition.

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REBELS CUT OFF FEZ WATER

Unless Kabyle Tribesmen Come to the Rescue the City Must Surrender.

HOSTILITY TO SULTAN SPREADING

He Has Been Foiled in Attempt to Get Away—Foreigners Advised to Flee.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—A despatch from Tangier, Morocco, to-day announced that the rebels have cut the aqueduct which supplies Fez with water, and added that the city is now practically without water. It was further asserted that unless the Kabyle tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez the place must surrender within three days.

The hostility against the Sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him arrayed in ridiculous garb. The Sultan yesterday assembled the notables of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring the chiefs that the Imperial troops ultimately will triumph.

It is reported here that the Sultan of Morocco has been foiled in an attempt to break out of Fez, by the rebels who are investing that city.

ADVISED TO GET OUT.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 30.—Foreigners in the interior of Morocco have been advised to make for the coast, as provisions are scarce and channels of communication are almost closed. The pretender himself is reported to be twenty miles from Fez.

WILL STAY OUT.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Great Britain and France have notified Spain that they have no intention of taking any advantage of the situation in Morocco, and that they desire the maintenance of the status quo even in the event of the Sultan being dethroned and his place taken by the pretender. These communications have reassured the Spanish government, which thus is relieved of fears of international complications.

WILL WATCH EVENTS.

Rome, Dec. 30.—From an authoritative source The Associated Press has received the following:

"Italy, not being interested in the Morocco question, will limit herself to vigilantly watching events."

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EDITORSHIP OF GLOBE.

It was stated last evening that Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of The Westminster, had been appointed editor of The Globe in succession to J. A. Willison, recently retired, but inquiry from Mr. Robert Jaffray and other members of the directorate of the paper, elicited the information that such is not yet the case. However, it is stated that there is some ground for the statement, and that Mr. Macdonald has been mentioned as a probable occupant of the position. According to some parties, Rev. Dr. Warden, ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, is interesting himself in securing the appointment for Mr. Macdonald, while efforts are being made in other circles to offset the appointment.

Sanderson's Mountain Dew Scotch. cd

VENEZUELA'S ANSWER TO-DAY.

Minister Bowen Communicates With Castro on Proposals.

Caracas, Dec. 30.—President Castro arrived here this morning. At 3 o'clock to-day United States Minister Bowen called upon the president and communicated to him the recommendation that the issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received to-morrow.

The victory gained by the government at Barquisimeto argues for President Castro's continuance in power.