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MR. MOWAT'S FAT FEE-DERS.

A SYSTEM DESIGNED TO KEEP A CLIQUE IN POWER.

Without "Fat Fee-ders" There Can Be No "Big Workers"—Two Glaring Crimes—The Payers of Fees are Defrauded—What Does the Inspection of Fee-Offices Amount To?—Many Advocates of Reform Coming In.

I do not believe in a Reform Party than can find nothing to reform.—Edward Blake.

The World talked to a lawyer yesterday, a prominent Reform worker. He defended the system of the "office hog" and the "fat fee-der" on the ground that it was necessary to give these offices as rewards for active party work. "Peter Small, Peter Ryan, G. W. Badgerow, Sheriff Widdifield got their fat offices for party work in the past and to come. If these rewards were not in view," said the lawyer, "the party work would not be done." And the proof thereof lies in this, that any number of men were tumbling over one another in the late elections striving to get a record as big workers for Mowat in order to have a claim for "an office with fees," some thousands of which the Father of the Sheriff of Toronto has at his disposal. Mr. Mowat, by controlling these splendid rewards in the shape of 'offices with fees" thinks to keep himself in office for the balance of his life. While these offices have always been paid by fees the control of them, until Mr. Mowat developed a fine acquisitiveness for them, was vested in county councils, county judges, quarter sessions, etc., and therefore no harm was done to the province generally. Now, by means of their centralization in one ring or political junta in Toronto, that junta is enabled to do what it pleases in provincial affairs. The crime of paying these "fat fee-ders" such unnecessary and exorbitant salaries is only a patch to *the political crime of keeping a party perpetually in power by means of them.* People begin to see now how the Meredith platform was defeated in the late election.

The Fee-Paying Public Defrauded.

One of the best arguments against paying officials by fees is the following:

[From The St. Thomas Journal (Reform).]

In arguing against the continuance of the fee system of paying county officials it is not proposed that fees be abolished and the salaries of the officials paid out of the public purse. That would be forcing the public to pay the costs of private litigants in the case of work performed in the offices of the sheriff, clerk of the county, the crown attorney, and to bear an additional share of the expense incurred in transferring and mortgaging land. People who invoke the aid of public officials to carry through their private affairs should be made to pay a fair sum for the services rendered. The sums so paid should be handed for the benefit of the county, and if there is any surplus after paying a fair salary to the public officers the county, not the officers, should receive it, or,

better still, if the sum collected is larger than necessary for the payment of the officers, the fees can be reduced. When one sheriff can net nearly $9000 in one year it is clear that the fee-paying public are paying too much.

What salaries should be paid the various officials is a mere matter of detail, not at all difficult to be determined. Counties of certain population might pay certain sums or a fixed and uniform salary might be paid in each rural district, the county sinking clerical help where the pressure of work demanded it. The mode of payment can be very easily settled as soon as the principle for which we are arguing is recognized.

Return the Money to the Municipalities.

[From The Chatham Planet (Tory).]

Is it any wonder that many Reform journals are advocating the change proposed by Mr. W. R. Meredith in the mode of appointing and paying many of these officials with such an example of the evils of the present system as the case of Mr. Ross affords? Were such a change made as would reduce the pay of these men to reasonable limits and let the balance go to reduce local taxation, then there would not only be a gain directly, but it would not be so easy to purchase party subserviency to the detriment of public interest. What labor does a registrar, for instance, perform that calls for more than $2000? And yet many of them get by the fee system, three, four and even five times that amount, while in addition the clerks and deputies who do the work are paid at the expense of the taxpayers. To bring about a change in this direction is a worthy object and The Planet is glad to see such papers as The St. Thomas Journal taking a hand in the fight. More power to their elbow!

While The World does not disagree with The Planet's suggestion, that the surplus fees should go to the municipalities, we think the proper thing would be to reduce the fees. Why should the payer of fees support fat officials or help to run a municipality?

Is the Inspection Perfunctory?

[From the Newmarket Era (Reform).]

While the investigation is pending respecting the registrar of Waterloo county, we have no desire to comment thereon; but whether the registrar or his deputies are culpable, morally or legally, or not, it appears certain that irregularities have occurred. What we want to say is—what has the Inspector of Registry offices got to say about the matter? How is it that he did not discover these irregularities? The province pays him for the discharge of certain duties—to see that these offices are conducted according to law and good faith kept with the public. Where is the inspector, anyway? Is he still at Rat Portage?

In regard to this question of The Era's The World would suggest that the local papers themselves inspect the fee-offices in their locality and see if they keep the proper books, do the square thing by the county, etc. Some revelations might be forthcoming.

The Fee System Must Go.

[From The Barrie Advance (Conservative).]

It is amusing to witness the earnestness of the Grit journals advocating now what they fiercely opposed two months ago when Mr. Meredith was urging it namely, that the system of paying public servants by fees must be abolished, thereby adding largely to the revenue of the province.

Mr. Meredith's policy was defeated at the polls by means of appeals to prejudice and widespread corruption, but that policy will triumph in the Legislature, and the people will have to thank the Conservative party for many valuable reforms.

The Agitation Must Be Kept Up.

[From The Gananoque Reporter (Tory).]

It will be well for those who have strongly urged that the "fee system" should be replaced by a "salary system" in the registry offices of the province to remember that there are yet some months to elapse before the House assembles and that if they wish to succeed in carrying the reform in the interest of the people, they must keep up the agitation. A salaried system, with an efficient audit, would be just to all parties. The advocates of it must face the opposition of all the registrars. The Globe, Hamilton Times and a host of other Grit journals, but to meet and offset this there is a very strong feeling on the part of the members of the House in favor of the movement. They may be quieted, that is, the Government may refuse to move in the matter and decline any resolution proposed in that direction a vote of want of confidence and thus bulldose them into voting it down, but unless such a course is taken by ministers the next session of the House will certainly see some action.

Another Advocate of Reform.

[From the Hamilton Herald (supported Hon. J. M. Gibson).]

The Toronto World has inaugurated a vigorous and timely campaign against Provincial and Dominion Government office hogs, making its stand against the principle of paying public servants by fees and percentages on fees, rather than directly. The World is quite right, of course. The system is bad in theory and worse in practice. The most joint to The World's moral is Mr. George Washington Badgerow, the County Crown Attorney of York. According to The World, Mr. Badgerow draws $6000 a year for doing very little work. The little that he does do he does badly. But almost the entire business of the office is handed over to subordinates. The World sums up the situation concisely and correctly when it says: "Reformers and Conservatives alike are disgusted with the present lessee of the County Crown Attorney's office. They do not hesitate to charge him with incapacity and inattention to business." Were public offices filled on their merits, and were public officials paid a salary based on the amount of work they do and the ability with which it is performed, instances where men would receive $6000 a year as a reward for their incompetency would be few and far between.

Art in Dress.

More artistic garments than those we get up were never worn. The materials of which they are made are also very handsome and the general effect is that of appropriateness happily combined with elegance. Taylor & Co., art tailors, 89 Yonge-street. 135

The success of the Order Tailoring Department at The Model Clothing Store, corner Yonge and Shuter-streets, has been phenomenal. 'Tis the prices do it.

TREY'VE SEIZED NO SEALERS.

The Rush Sent to Behring Sea For a Bluff—The Seal Catch.

VICTORIA, B.C., Aug. 22.—The United States steamer Corwin, Capt. C. H. Hooper, left here this afternoon for Sitka, Alaska. The Corwin has been quietly at anchor in Port Townsend harbor during the past two months, where every day passengers on steamers coming into port have passed close enough to her to toss a biscuit on board, and yet the enterprising reporters and correspondents have told stupid stories about her being in Behring Sea, just to keep alive the excitement on the seal question. The Corwin will make a two-months' cruise in the waters of Chatham Strait, Cross Sound, Lynne Canal and Chilcott region, but will not get to Behring Sea. She will cruise in the interests of the customs service of Alaska under instructions from Collector Max Spracht, with headquarters at Sitka. It is expected on her return she will bring down the members of the Brown exploring party who have been making scientific examination of Mount St. Elias this summer. The present cruise of the Corwin has no connection with the Behring Sea seal question.

Capt. T. E. Tanner of the United States fish commission steamer Albatross, writes under date of Unalaska, Aug. 1: "The new monopoly has succeeded in taking about 25,000 sealskins this season, and I fail to see where profits are coming from. We have find bed the examination of Bristol bay and find great coal banks to be along the north side of the peninsula from the northwest Cape of Unimak to Cape Constantine. Off Muskrayak we are going to the westward, and will do what we can during next month. The Rush has gone north, but the season is so far advanced I hardly expect any more vessels."

The Albatross will be in Port Townsend about the middle of September. No mention is made of any seizure of sailing vessels by the Rush, and there is no evidence that a single seizure has been made, except by the collector at Unalaska of a vessel that entered that port in distress.

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 22.—The flagship Charleston of the Pacific squadron arrived here from Honolulu to-day and left for Port Townsend, whence, it is believed, she will go to Behring Sea.

FRAUDS IN WRAPPING PAPERS.

How Consumers Have Been Imposed Upon by Dishonest Manufacturers—John Taylor's Allegations.

The charge of fraud in the sale of wrapping paper made by Messrs. Taylor Bros. of the Don Paper Mills against certain rival manufacturers caused a stir yesterday among paper consumers. Mr. John F. Taylor made the following statement to The World: "Some time ago we discovered that several of our best customers left us without any apparent reason. Upon investigation I found that some paper-makers had secured our business by a deliberate swindle upon the consumer. The paper was invoiced by these concerns to contain so many reams, but each ream, instead of containing 480 sheets, contained only 400, and in some cases fell as low as 320 sheets. The fraud was perpetrated principally in brown and rag wrapping papers of the sizes between 15 by 20 inches up to 44 by 60 inches, and to a less degree in manilas. One merchant who was in the habit of purchasing from us paper of 175 pounds to a full ream was offered by another manufacturer a thicker paper of 190 pounds to the ream and naturally took the latter. To his amazement and indignation the paper, though invoiced at so many reams, was found to contain only 400 sheets to the ream.

"In another establishment it was discovered that brown express paper, ordered and invoiced to be of the size 40 by 52 inches, was a couple of inches shorter. To show how deliberate was the swindle I may point to the mode in which the short-count paper was put up. Paper is put up in half quires only when it is very thick; in other cases it is put up in quires. But these manufacturers put up this class of paper in half-quires, making it such a difficult and tedious job to count it that consumers could not be bothered doing so.

"However, consumers who take the trouble to count the sheets of paper invoiced by the ream can undoubtedly compel the fraudulent manufacturers to make up the shortage. We are not afraid of honest competition, but I think it is to the interest of consumers as well as ourselves that these practices should be shown up. If these manufacturers want to continue selling short we would suggest that they sell by the bundle and not by the ream."

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Mrs. Beavis, an Old Hamiltonian. Granted a Pension by the U. S. Government.

HAMILTON, Aug. 22.—In 1862 Edward Beavis, known among his friends as "Ted," who lived with his parents in King William-street, near Ferguson-avenue, crossed the border, and going to New York enlisted in a regiment of New Jersey cavalry. A number of letters were received from him by his relatives after his departure until a battle in which he participated, when communication ceased. His friends heard, however, from those who had seen him that he was lying dangerously wounded in a southern hospital. About 19 months ago his aged mother, who resides at present in London, Ont., consulted with ex-U. S. Consul Roberts and steps were taken towards securing a pension. U. S. Consul Monaghan of this city also interested himself in the matter, and the result was that after accumulating a quantity of evidence, a few days ago Mrs. Beavis received about $300 pension money from the date of the application and will continue to receive $12 per month during her life.

John D. Dent, whose hack was cut to pieces by some malicious person the other night, has offered a reward of $100 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

WAS THE OCCUPANT DROWNED?

An Empty Skiff Picked Up Out in the Lake—Two Boys Upset.

At 6 o'clock last night a man was observed sailing a small shooting skiff on the lake shore between the bell buoy and the Lighthouse. An hour later the skiff was observed to be capsized and the occupant missing. George McKay of the waterworks pulled the boat in. An empty beer bottle was found in the locker and the craft was painted blue in the inside and varnished on the outside. It is supposed that the occupant was drowned.

Charles Henderson and William McLaughlan, small boys, were upset in the lake near the bridge's bay yesterday. Henderson narrowly escaped drowning. McLaughlan was a good swimmer and managed to right the boat in a minute or two and got into it to go to his companion's assistance, who was some distance from him. They were both saved.

Van Every's Last Excursion of the Season to New York.

Excursion will leave Toronto via steamer Chicora at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, connecting at Suspension Bridge with a fast express train for New York City without change, giving excursionists a grand view of the Hudson River by daylight. Wagner buffet sleeping cars have been engaged for this excursion, and their handsome parlor reclining chair coaches will run through free of extra charge. The return fare is only $11 from Toronto; $9.50 from Suspension Bridge. Berths should be secured in advance. This will be a grand trip and the time of year to visit New York. Van will personally conduct this excursion. Call and see him at his office, 5 Adelaide-street east.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership existing between Messrs. Beeton & Playtner as watch specialists has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Beeton continuing the business alone at the old stand, 39 Leader-lane. 246

Through Pullman and Dining Car Attached via the Erie Railway.

You can leave Toronto at 4.55 p.m. for New York and step right into a magnificent sleeper and have your breakfast next morning at 8.30 in one of the finest dining cars in the United States. This is the only line leaving Toronto that gives this luxury. You can also leave Toronto at 12.20 p.m. and 11 o'clock p.m. and by the palace steamer Empress of India at 3.40 p.m.

Bargains

In summer goods of every description during the remainder of this month. Ladies' camping, bowling and tennis hats, a choice line of ladies' fine straw boaters in black, white, brown and navy blue colors. A large assortment of children's fine straw sailors in plain and combination color. Full styles in gentlemen's felt hats now open. Grant & Co., 77 King-street east. 246

The cutters are thoroughly experienced. The tailors the best money can procure and you'll save money by ordering your clothing made at The Model Clothing Store, corner Yonge and Shuter-streets.

She Carried Choice Literature.

The World was passing down Simcoe-street yesterday morning when it met a young lady coming from the depot with a valise in one hand and a paper in the other. The latter she dropped by accident, and in restoring it to the owner The World was surprised to find that it was a copy of last week's Police Gazette.

Yonge-street Arcade Gallery—Finest Cabinets $1.50 per doz., any style. 246

THEY RODE DOWN TO DEATH.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ON A GRAVITY RAILWAY AT READING.

A Car Runs Away and Carries Its Living Load Down the Mountain at 80 Miles an Hour—Four Persons Killed Instantly and Many Injured, Several of Whom Will Die.

READING, Pa., Aug. 22.—A horrible accident occurred this forenoon shortly before 11 o'clock on the Mount Penn Gravity Railway, a mountain route encircling Mount Penn 800 feet above the city of Reading. The road was opened five months ago and has been doing good business ever since. The cars were taken from a point on the outskirts of the city to the top of the mountains, a distance of five miles. On returning the cars were allowed to go down the mountain by gravity, by way of another route, to the point of starting. This forenoon at 10½ a car containing about 18 passengers was taken from the station to the top of the mountain. This consumed about 30 minutes. On top of the mountain there is a huge stone tower where the passengers were allowed to alight to enjoy the scenery for 30 miles around.

There are different stories as to the cause of the accident, but it appears that when the tower was reached, the point where the gravity portion of the road commences, the engine was detached and the car ran away while the passengers were still on board. The distance to the point of starting is five miles, and it is estimated that this was covered by the runaway car in three minutes, the car attaining a fearful speed estimated at 80 miles an hour. It remained on the track to the foot of the plane going around all the curves, while the passengers shrieked in their fright and several jumped off.

When the car reached the station at the foot of the plane it jumped off the track and rolled down a 50-foot embankment where it landed upside down with the passengers imprisoned inside. The greatest excitement prevailed and a large crowd gathered. Doctors and the ambulance were sent for and the dead and injured removed. Four were taken out dead. They included Charles Rettow, conductor of the car, and E. M. Lavan, a lawyer of this city.

Norman B. Wilsher of this city, who was standing at the foot of the plane when the car came crashing down the mountain, says he first heard a distant roar as of thunder and looking up saw the car coming down the mountain—but sticking to the track—at the rate of about a mile in 45 seconds. The car had broken in two and when the car like a lightning flash dashed past the station and down the embankment 50 feet below, Mr. Wilsher was the first on the ground. He says he found the turned upside down with the passengers all thrown into a confused mass and that with the assistance of others who arrived he helped to extricate the dead and injured. There were about a dozen of the latter with broken limbs and battered heads, their clothing being covered with blood. Mr. Wilsher said as the car fell the united shrieks of twenty voices added terror to the scene. In addition to Edgar H. Lavan and Charles Rettow the two others killed were Miss Rosa Pfeiffer, a young lady of this city, and Miss Harriet Hinckle of Philadelphia. The following will die: Mrs. Hiram Schittler and Mrs. W. A. Schmel. Among the injured are Sallie Bye and Mary Guthrie of Wilmington, both badly hurt, and Willie Schmel of this city, both legs broken.

The correct list of the wounded includes: Mrs. William A. H. Schmel, badly cut and suffering from concussion of the brain. Fatally injured expected: William Schmel, both legs badly fractured, will probably die; Miss Katie Hamer, seriously injured about the head, recovery doubtful; Mrs. Smith, Allentown, skull fractured and will die. Nearly a dozen others were more or less injured but will recover.

CANADA AND THE BAHAMAS.

Governor Shea Trying to Obtain Steam Communication With Canada.

HALIFAX, Aug. 22.—Sir Ambrose Shea is here endeavoring to obtain steam communication between Canada and the Bahamas. He tells a glowing story of the purchasing power of the colonists and their increasing exports. Their whole business is practically with the United States and their sole communication is with New York. Sir Ambrose thinks Canada could supply the Bahamas with cattle, potatoes and dairy stuffs, while the Dominion would obtain its supply of fibre there. Sir Ambrose will go to Ottawa to urge this upon the Government.

To Vote on the Tariff About Sept. 5.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The committee appointed at the Republican Senatorial Conference last night to arrange an order of business, fixes the place of the Quay resolution met to-day and reached a conclusion upon the order of business, but some details remain to be settled. The Tariff Bill, after a date to be fixed, is to be considered under the 5-minute rule until a vote is taken. The date of this has not been settled, but it is understood and agreement with the Democrats. It is expected that the vote will be reached about Sept. 5. After the Tariff Bill is out of the way the resolutions named in Quay's resolution are to be taken up and disposed of. The election bill will come up the first thing after the reassembling of Congress in December, but the time at which a vote shall be taken is reserved for future consideration.

To Determine the Respective Values.

The special committee of the City Council in the matter of a business tax convened yesterday. There were present Ald. Hallam (chairman), Boustead, Graham, Gillespie, Graham. The committee took up the tax roll of St. Lawrence Ward, and after a cursory examination resolved to request the Assessment Commissioner to furnish a report detailing the different classes of values of the buildings and the lands on which the buildings stand in the different wards in the city.

The Cold Dip.

Overcoats and straw hats are a strange combination, but that was the order of things on the streets of Toronto last night. It was as cool as a night in October, and men wearing light overcoats hurried along the thoroughfares. People evidently are not as mindful of their heads as they are of the rest of their person, for while the overcoat undoubtedly came in handy the uncomplaining, modest straw dicer continued to hold his own.

An Old Farmer's Violent Death.

The remains of the late William Street were interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery a day or two ago. Deceased was descending a hill near York Mills when the hay began to slip and finally overturned in the road. The old gentleman went over backwards, struck on the hard road and fractured his skull. He was 67 years of age.

Ald. E. A. Again in the Field.

Ald. E. A. Macdonald has sent a whole cloud of notices in the matter of street car matters to the City Clerk which he wants placed on the order sheet of the next council meeting. One of them calls for a new street railway committee and another arranges that 15c an hour be the minimum rate of wages to be paid street car employes under the new arrangement.

To Meet at Hamilton Next Year.

WATERLOO, Aug. 22.—The Saengerfest closed to-night, the events of the day being a procession and picnic, winding up with a ball this evening. The attendance was large and the affair has been a grand success. It was decided to hold the next Saengerfest at Hamilton.

Who Owns the Child?

The police last night found a female child comfortably wrapped up in a shawl and apparently about a month old bawling its life out on the doorstep of Mr. Few, 205 Gerrard-street east. The waif was taken to the Infants' Home and the mother is being diligently searched for.

Ontario Mutual Life.

It is a fact widely known and generally acknowledged that among Life Insurance Companies in Canada The Ontario Mutual has no superior in providing the cheapest possible insurance consistent with a due regard to safety. Office 32 Church-street.

Sir Thomas' Last Day in Office.

Sir Alexander Campbell is expected to return and assume his duties early next week. The administrator, Sir Thomas Galt, will sign his last papers to-day.

The Nipissing all Right Again.

GRAVENHURST, Aug. 22.—The steel steamer Nipissing is running all right again. She was only grounded for eight hours.

To Aid in Cardinal Smith's Defence.

BRANTFORD, Aug. 22.—James McKenzie of Brantford has been engaged to obtain evidence for the defence of Cardinal Smith, charged with the murder of Mary Colville near Bloomsburg, Norfolk county, in December, 1884.

Leader 25 Lane,

Complicated and intricate watch adjusting my forte. E. A. Becton, high grade watch specialist. 246

Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered),

5 Yonge-street, below King, will sell goods retail at wholesale prices. We only keep the best goods. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

BROKE THE BANK.

Toronto Turfites' Big Winnings on Bledsoe in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Aug. 22.—A party of "dead game" turfites from Toronto put up a lot of money in the pool rooms here yesterday on Bledsoe. The odds were 6 to 1 against the Canadian horse, and when his victory was announced the West Eagle-street place closed its doors. The "bank was busted." Two other places lost $4500 each, but paid up and looked pleasant.

This is the second time that Canucks have "broken the bank" within a few months. The first occasion was when Echo pulled off a big steeplechase at Brighton.

Cardinal Smith's Woodstock Experience.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 22.—Cardinal Smith, the man now lying in Simcoe jail charged with the murder of Mary Colville in 1884, says The Standard, four years ago, in company with a woman he called his wife, opened a house of ill-fame at Woodstock. When he came here he made no secret of his intentions. He went to Chief of Police Smith, and taking him into his confidence asked for protection in opening out a high-class establishment. The chief allowed him to go on, and when the house was opened he arrested the whole crew. They were brought before P.M. Field and he sentenced Smith to the Central Prison for six months, and his wife, who went by the name of Rena, to the Mercer Reformatory for 23 months. They did not serve out their terms, however, as through the efforts of a Woodstock solicitor and affidavits of certain parties alleging that Smith and his wife were committed to jail before conviction (although such was not the case) they were released after a confinement of only a couple of months. Smith, as remembered here, was a cold-blooded scoundrel.

Suicide of a Toronto Real Estate Dealer.

Edward Gordon, who for some time past had conducted a real estate business in this city with an office at 35 Adelaide-street east, died at his home in Oakville, Wednesday afternoon, under circumstances which lead to the belief that he committed suicide. The deceased was a bachelor and resided with his sister. During the latter's absence the domestic, hearing what she took to be a pistol shot, ran to Gordon's room and found him unconscious. Dr. Urquhart was summoned, and the discovery of a bullet hole over the heart explained the sudden death.

Deceased had been in poor health since recovering from an attack of grip and had seemed able to attend to business. In consequence, it is said, he sustained heavy losses and recently made an assignment. He had been despondent ever since.

The Four-in-Hand at Scugog.

PORT PERRY, Aug. 22.—Inspector J. L. Hughes, Walter D. Grand, W. G. Murdoch, F. W. Roberts, C. C. McGlashan, Isaac Silver, Frank Brown of Toronto and J. W. Gates and W. B. Rennie of Buffalo drove a four-in-hand yesterday after a cross-the-country drive and a smashing four-in-hand of Grand. Their arrival here was announced by the continuous blast of a trumpet, which was sounded long and long by one of the party named Gabriel. Soon after they arrived they boarded the Mariouise, which they had previously chartered, for an extended tour through the back lakes. They intend to tempt Scugog for big fish. They will doubtless be successful in that, as it is to be hoped they will derive much from their excursion.

Guatemala and Salvador.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 22.—The Guatemalan Minister here says a treaty between Salvador and Guatemala was signed four days ago. A despatch from La Libertad states the treaty was rejected by Salvador.

THE MANITOBA CROPS.

Grossly Exaggerated Reports of a Frost—Mr. Hosmer's Denial.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22.—A cipher despatch received from Manitoba by a leading broker this morning was the topic of conversation on 'Change. The despatch was to the effect that a frost ranging from two to five degrees had prevailed over the whole portion of Manitoba and the Territories, and that about 75 per cent. of the crop had been injured more or less severely. All estimates of the extent of the damage must be purely conjectural, as it is not possible that investigation could have been made and detailed reports of injury collected so soon. It was generally believed that the report was a device to bull the wheat market.

Mr. Hosmer, manager of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph, was seen to-night and he affirms that the reports of damage to the crops are greatly exaggerated.

The Historians.

Editor World: You certainly picked out a dandy pair when you got Bob Bond and Charley Henderson, for what they did not know themselves they have had from old-timers. You certainly could not pick out a better pair in their own peculiar way. But do not have your young friends in doubt as to the age of my friends; neither one of them is very old. Bob is just what you describe—a fat, easy-going, well-fed boy, say about 41. How will that fit, Bob? Charley can tell his own age, or ask your walking encyclopedia, "Billy" Calger. Where does he come in? A resume of the lives of some of these young old boys would be interesting and instructive to some of the younger ones. Take Bob, for example—honesty, temperance and any amount of push have won for him a competence and the good-will of everyone. ONE OF THE BOYS.

Toronto, Aug. 22.

The G. T. R.'s Double Track.

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 22.—Several large gangs of men are working on the double track between here and Kingston. The large cut and deflection of the line just east of Napanee are among the heaviest portions of the work and these are being pushed forward at a rapid rate. Rails are being laid in sections between here and Napanee, and that portion it is expected will be ballasted and ready for use in a few weeks. The work all along eastward is being pushed rapidly and the contractors are reported to be doing a first-class job. Kilgour, Jamieson & Co. have taken 100,000 yards in six weeks 2400 yards of rock and graded 1¼ miles of road which is ready for the track.

To Re-Submit the Bylaw.

The sub-committee of the waterworks on tenders for the proposed new engine for the main pumping station met yesterday. Ald. Boustead was in the chair. It was resolved, in view of the distance apparently existing between the 90,000 gallons daily, not to open those tenders but to re-submit the $250,000 bylaw which, if carried, will be required to provide for the two new engines and the erection of an additional pumping station.

Attributed to an Accident.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22.—Oscar Malo, a young detective in the employ of the Secret Service Bureau, to-day shot and probably fatally injured Policeman Muckle. The affair occurred in the corridors of the police station. It is thought to be accidental, though there were no witnesses of the deed.

Another "Crisis" at Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 22.—Senor Lopez, Minister of Finance, and General La Valle, Minister of War, have resigned.

A BRIGHT BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The prospects for an active year's business are brighter now than they have been in many years. Ontario has grown to be an important manufacturing province, but the basis of its prosperity still rests in agriculture; and the agricultural interests being in an unusually good position, commerce, which depends so much on them, is certain this year of a great stimulus. According to the latest bulletin issued by the Ontario Bureau of Statistics the crops this year in Ontario will result as follows as compared with last year:

	1890.	1889.		1890.	1889.
Fall Wheat, bush	14,832,240	13,601,865	Rye, bush	1,617,535	1,431,676
Spring Wheat, bush	9,628,180	8,097,707	Peas, "	16,090,281	12,504,237
Barley, "	15,811,770	12,926,368	Hay and Clover, tons	4,305,915	3,793,515
Oats, "	56,574,613	64,846,301			

It will be seen from this that there will be a falling off in barley and oats, but this will be overbalanced by the increases in wheat, peas and hay. The latter is no unimportant item. It indicates that there has been abundant pasture, and that our great dairy interests are in a satisfactory condition. The crops in Manitoba, too, have an important bearing on the business interests of older Canada, and they are unprecedented. The total wheat yield will be about 22,000,000 bushels, as compared with 7,000,000 bushels last year. Large crops is an important fact, but within the last few weeks a fact has developed which is equally important. It is now definitely known that the United States wheat crop is greatly deficient. It is fully 100,000,000 less than last year's. The corn crop, too, is millions of bushels under the average. This shortage in the United States, and in Europe also, has sent prices of wheat up over 20 cents a bushel, and indications point to still higher prices ruling. The crop situation, then, is this, that we have enormous yields and that we will get high prices for what we grow. The increased yield and increased prices have fully *doubled* the purchasing power of the farming community.

Another condition exists which gives as much satisfaction to the trading public as good crops and good prices. It is the receptive condition which merchants all over the country are in. The questionable prosperity of the last few years has induced careful buying habits among both wholesale and retail merchants, which results in their being in a position now to overloading to amount to anything throughout the province.

Farmers will be in a position to buy; merchants are in a position and disposition to buy; wholesale men have been buying largely; and manufacturers are looking with zest on the active demand for goods. In fact, we take it, this is going to be a great year for buying and selling.

THREE NEW EMPRESSES

To Steam at Sixteen Knots and a Half Between Canada and Japan.

The three new steamers of the C.P.R.—the Empress of India, Empress of China and Empress of Japan—are approaching completion at the yards of the Naval Construction and Armament Company, Barrow-in-Furness. The Empress of India will be launched on Aug. 30. The other two vessels are to follow at intervals of two months. No expense has been spared and all the work is of the best character. The vessels are twin-screw steamers of 10,000 horse power, gross tonnage of 5700, and are contracted to do 18 knots on the measured mile, and 16½ knots on a 400 mile sea trial. The dimensions are: Length, between perpendiculars, 485; breadth, moulded, 51 feet, and depth, moulded, 36 feet. Each vessel will be lightly rigged with pole masts and fore and aft canvas, and the form, both under and above water, is of such symmetry and finish as to ensure propulsion at the high speed required. The greatest possible attention has been paid to precautions for the safety of the vessels.

The accommodation for passengers is extensive and luxurious. Each vessel will carry 120 first class, 50 second, and 800 steerage, as well as nearly 4000 tons of cargo. On the upper deck an extra promenade is provided for the use of passengers, while a good many special staterooms are also to be found on this deck. On the lower deck, which is 220 feet long, there is a covered promenade of 100 feet, where shelter and fresh air may be sought in wet weather; while the dining saloon, library, and other parts of the saloon accommodation are richly upholstered.

The cost of the three vessels will be between £600,000 and £650,000 sterling.

Home Circlers at Lindsay.

LINDSAY, Aug. 22.—The first annual meeting of Lindsay District No. 2, Order Canadian Home Circles, met here to-day. The meeting effected a permanent organization by the election of Frank N. Raines, M.A., Uxbridge, as chairman, and Mayor R. Smyth of Lindsay as secretary. Among those present were Sheriff John McLennan, J. L. Winters, John Kelly, Lindsay; E. A. Powers, Jacob Hoffman, Port Hope; William McGill, William Tummonds, Port Perry. The meeting recommended annual meetings of districts. Capt. R. H. Bunt of Hampton was elected district deputy supreme leader of the second district on the tenth ballot.

Hauck is Run to Earth.

Francis Hauck, the German who it is alleged so brutally stabbed Policeman Dewhurst, has been run to earth on a farm near Paris, where he has been working since Aug. 12, two days subsequent to the stabbing. Inspector Hall is the man who deserves the credit of the arrest, as he followed out every clue, no matter how trivial until finally he secured his man. Detective John Cuddy has gone to escort Hauck back to Toronto. Meanwhile his companion in the assault, Philip Gates, has been remanded for a week.

Distinguished Passengers on the Parisian.

Among those who arrived in the Parisian at Rimouski last evening were the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, Dr. Alan Baines and bride, Sir Alexander Campbell, A. H. Dixon, S. Fleming, M.P., Rev. Leroy Hooker, Baron de St. Julien, Prof. W. J. Pike, J. E. Smith, Rev. E. A. Stafford, Miss M. Stafford, Sir John and Lady Thompson, Miss Tinning, Comte de la Tourfonde, Jean Tourfondue, Prof. Ramsay and Mrs. Wright.

How to cure Indigestion—chew Adams Tutti Frutti Gum, 5 cents.

BOOMER COOLICAN IN JAIL.

The Well-Known Speculator Gets Into Serious Trouble at Boston.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Yesterday the police arrested the famous Canadian real estate speculator and boomer, James F. Coolican, the man who made Winnipeg well-known in Chicago. He came here on Sunday from Chicago with a 16-year-old girl, Hattie Stevens, and registered her as his niece at the Quincy House. The proprietor had him arrested to-day for abduction and adultery. The prisoner is now at headquarters awaiting bail.

Guilty of Carrying a Revolver at Least.

Nathan Wormworth, the Mountain Grove merchant who had an innocent man arrested in order to try to make his creditors believe he had been robbed of $600 insurance money, which was afterwards found in his hat, was at the Police Court yesterday remanded until Monday for sentence on a charge of carrying a revolver, to which he pleaded guilty. Wormworth begged to be allowed to go home and attempted to weep, but the tears came from a dry fountain and refused to trickle down his cheeks. J. W. Lang, the Front-street grocer, filed a $200 bond for his appearance Monday.

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The Holland's Victim Identified.

The man fished out of the Holland River at Bradford has been recognized as an escaped inmate of the York Industrial Home, having been sent there from North Gwillimbury. His name was Archie, and he was a well-known character in the municipality. Deceased was 70 years of age, and the left side of his face was eaten away by a cancer. It is supposed he committed suicide to end his misery.

The Senor Smitto de Smith.

Senor Felipe T. Smitto, who arrived a few days ago from Chili, returns to South America to-day. Mr. Smitto was formerly of Darlington, where he carried on a saw mill business for some years. He was there known as Mr. Smith. While here he purchased about $14,000 worth of machinery and a large quantity of furniture, hardware, stoves, organs, etc., for shipment to Chili.

Injured in the Melinda-street Sewer.

John Baker, employed on the Melinda-street sewer, was caught by a cave-in of earth opposite Jordan-street yesterday afternoon and buried up to the armpits. A falling "strutt" also alighted on his head. His companions dug him out and found that the man was seriously injured internally, the blood pouring from his ears in a stream. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to his home in Markham-street.

Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum purifies the breath and aids digestion

NO HOPE OF ARBITRATION.

POWDERLY IS WILLING BUT WEBB FLATLY REFUSES.

Another Offer Made by the State Board—The Replies of the Labor Leader and the Vice-President—The Latter Says He Fears no Trouble Except Violence—Why the Men were Discharged.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—State Commissioner Donovan this afternoon sent this letter to Vice-President Webb:

"Is having come to the knowledge of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration that another strike is seriously threatened on the lines of your company, I am instructed by the board to again communicate with you and invite a joint conference in the offices of your company between you and representatives of your employes with a view of devising some means either by arbitration or such other method as may be mutually agreed upon whereby the threatened strike may be averted and abrupt interruption of travel and transportation of freight be prevented."

A similar letter was sent to Mr. Powderly, who sent a reply to Mr. Donovan, in which he says:

"Our board is willing to comply with your request and hold itself in readiness to respond at a moment's notice. We hold ourselves in readiness to do any honorable thing to terminate the strike or avert another one and sincerely hope that either 'arbitration or such other method' as may be agreed upon will have the desired effect. Recognizing in you an officer of the state and assuring you that we have from the beginning been willing and anxious to submit the matter to you for adjustment, I am very sincerely yours."

In his reply to Mr. Donovan Mr. Webb expresses the belief that the efforts to extend the strike will fail and says: "The operating force of the company is full, the passenger service is regularly performed and there is no obstruction to its freight services except lawless interference and the apprehension thereof." He states that he is not aware of any difference or grievance existing between the company and its employes. He assumes the conference suggested has reference to the conference between the officials of the company and the officials of the Knights of Labor. These officials, he says, represent "not our employes but persons who have left our service and have not asked to be re-employed." The letter concludes as follows: "Of course we deprecate any interruption or delay in the transportation of freight and passengers, but the management of the company will take every means in my power to prevent such an occurrence, and if the constituted authorities prevent lawless