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IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Ministerial Measure Introduced and Vigorously Denounced by Liberals and the Irish Party.

Some of its Salient Points—Morley says it is Monstrous—"A Birmingham Bill."

Tolerably Live Talking Indulged in—Remarks of Redmond, McCarthy and Tim Healy.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Right Hon. Mr. Balfour laid his Irish Local Government Bill before the House of Commons, to-day, and explained its provisions. He said it was the purpose of this Bill to provide for the establishment of District as well as County Councils, the functions of which were to be solely administrative. Grand juries were, as heretofore, to perform judicial and quasi judicial functions. The Councils would have full powers for the regulation of sanitary affairs and would have the right to appoint half the members of the lunatic asylum boards, the Viceroy appointing the others. The franchises for the county councils would be similar to the Parliamentary franchises, except that, in the new houses, peers would be excluded. The counties would be divided into electoral districts, and the bill would give the minority a chance, by adopting cumulative voting. In addition, a certain number of ex officio members would be nominated: those members to be in addition to the elected members of the councils, and would afford a further safeguard.

It was proposed that twenty taxpayers might apply to a judge to remove a councillor deemed guilty of persistent disobedience of the law, maladversion and oppression. The judges so applied to could try the accused; if the latter was convicted, remove him and a nominee of the Viceroy would replace him. Power would be given for a joint committee—the nominees of the county councils—and to grand juries to vote on any oppressive acts of the minority. Mr. Balfour announced that he did not share the fears of those who predicted disastrous political effects from the bill. In his opinion it would slowly but surely, remove the grievance complained of by the Irish people. In this vein Mr. Balfour spoke for about ten minutes amid Liberal and Irish laughter, which was to a certain extent drowned by cheers from the Conservatives. Rt. Hon. John Morley then rose amid frantic cheers on the part of the Liberals, and began by remarking that he was scarcely able to find words to describe the "Monstrous Proposal" to the effect that [illegible] latter's action was objectionable to a minority of any 20 taxpayers. The Liberals, Mr. Morley continued, would like nothing better than that the Government should dissolve Parliament on its Irish Local Government bill. The country, continued Mr. Morley, would not fail to see through this monstrous imposture.

John E. Redmond said that the bill was absolutely beneath contempt. Justin McCarthy urged Mr. Balfour to take the bill home and put it in the fire, remarking that the thing was grotesque. Mr. W. G. E. McCartney, member for South Antrim, and Mr. Thomas Russel, member for the South division of Tyrone, supported the measure with certain reservations. Mr. Timothy Healy was of the opinion that a more contemptible measure had never been placed in the House of Commons. Sir William Vernon Harcourt said that he would not oppose the introduction of the bill, because he wanted it to be published throughout the length and breadth of the country. It was, he added, "a Birmingham Bill." He then asked the Government whether it was really worth wasting a session in trying to pass it.

Mr. Balfour, in reply, defended the bill, saying what the Liberals wanted, was to enable the County Councillors to oppress the minority. The Government did not fear the threatened obstruction. Henry Labouchere, member for Northampton, taunted the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, member for Birmingham, with being the author of the Government Irish Local Government Bill. Mr. Chamberlain denied that he was answerable in the slightest degree for the measure referred to, and said that he could not even express an opinion upon it until the Bill was printed. The debate was continued at some length. The Tories and Liberal Unionists supported the measure, while the Liberals and both factions of the Irish party denounced it. It was formally read, and the second reading fixed for March 3. The Bill was ordered to be printed.

A WOMAN SCORNED

Wreaks a Fearful Vengeance Upon Her Rival in Her Husband's Affections.

ROME, Feb. 18.—The details of a tragedy growing out of jealousy have been revealed by a trial in a provincial court, which has just resulted in the sentencing of Senora Morelli to two years imprisonment for stabbing and attempting to kill her supposed rival, Signora Azani. The latter's husband emigrated some time ago to Australia and her "grass widowhood" was comforted, according to rumors which reached the ears of Signora Morelli, by Signor Morelli's attentions. The suspicious wife dressed herself in male attire and waylaid Signora Azani, as she was returning from Mass at Triangia, her path leading her along a lonely road in the mountainous region of Vallellina. Springing upon her victim, the woman stabbed her in a savage manner inflicting eleven wounds and cutting off her ears and nose as well as most of her scalp. Signora Azani recovered from her terrible injuries though deprived of her good looks. She recognized her seeming male assailant as Signora Morelli and caused her arrest. The trial resulted in a conviction for assault only, as the intention of murder could not be proved, and the light sentence of two years' imprisonment was all that could be imposed. It was clearly shown by developments, since the stabbing took place, that the jealousy of Signora Morelli was unfounded, and that the crime in which her passion involved her had not even the slight excuse which affection between her husband and Signora Azani would have afforded.

EARL DERBY ON IMMIGRATION.

He Sees No Reason to Justify the Exclusion of Jewish Settlers from England.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A letter from the Earl of Derby is made public, in which the Earl discusses the project of immigration. He declares that he does not deny or doubt the right of every state to exclude immigrants, if it deems their coming a source of danger or even of serious inconvenience to its citizens. But, up to the present time, he declares he has seen no evidence to justify the exclusion from England of such immigrants as are at present settling here. They are in most cases capable of earning their own living. He believes, indeed, that it is the general experience of all countries, that Jews rarely become paupers. The Earl analyses the evidence bearing on the question, and reaches the conclusion that there is no danger of London being swamped by the influx of foreigners. The addition to the city's population by foreign immigration, he avers, is absolutely insignificant as compared with the increase due to natural causes.

FRENCH CABINET CRISIS.

Premier Freycinet Resigns on the Rejection of the Association Bill.

Said to be Directed Against the Roman Catholics—The Pope on the Position of the Republic.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—A vote was taken in the Chamber of Deputies to-night on the Association Bill, and resulted in its defeat. M. Freycinet, the Premier, at once offered his resignation. The vote was 340 against 212 in favor of it. Great excitement prevails. The bill was said to be directed against the Roman Catholics. The Government said, in the first article, that the right of association may be enjoyed without any previous authorization; but the second article begins by enumerating the conditions under which associations will be tolerated. A declaration must be made as to name and object of association, its list of members and headquarters, and a full statement must also be forthcoming as to its foreign and corresponding members. The points, however, which especially effect religious associations are these:—

"Every member of an Association shall have the right to withdraw at any time, and to demand [illegible] his contributions be paid back, and to this demand the Association shall not have the right to offer any opposition. The law also enjoins that no real estate shall be owned except such as is absolutely necessary; that hospitals shall not have a larger fund than is needed for their maintenance, and shall not be used to house the Association. Foreigners are further prohibited from acquiring any kind of property and from receiving gifts and heritages.

For every infraction of law the offender is to be punished by imprisonment. Liberty in France still maintains her old reputation, and the bill was coldly received. The victory over the Government was hailed with enthusiasm by the Catholics and all but the Radicals. The Pope's recent utterance in favor of the Republic is believed to be largely responsible for the triumph of the Church over its enemies. The Pope, as stated in the Petit Journal, spoke of France and flattered the pride, both military and civil, of the nation. After speaking of the liberty of conscience enjoyed in the American republic, His Holiness declared that his wish and the wish of the Church was that France should be happy.

He said: "She is a nation whose religious mind and generous character, though they may not always keep her fast in the straight path which is best suited for her interests, soon repair all faults and show her the clear truth. I pray—and I act in accordance with my prayer—that, notwithstanding the resistance, there may come an end to the dissensions and the sterile quarrels, which weaken her. All her citizens should meet upon the ground of legality. Each individual may cherish his own preference; but when in the domain of action, nothing else exists but the Government, which France has chosen. The Republic is as legitimate a form of Government as any other.

"Thanks to her strong constitution," His Holiness added, "France will rise to her ancient greatness, notwithstanding her enemies, I learn with joy that, though she possesses such military resources, and such valiant sons, France has not faltered in her prudence and patience, if she will but free herself from the dissensions that check her development and paralyze her influence. If she will but abstain from vain persecuting, she will soon regain her lost place and glorious rank which in the world belongs to her." These utterances, made public just at the time when the Government was proceeding to introduce the bill to efface the independence of the religious community, made a profound impression, and disarmed all who were not radically hostile to the church and resolved to degrade it.

The Pope and the French Republic.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, having declined to transmit to the French bishops the Pope's letter enjoining upon them a cessation of their opposition to the Republic, the Papal Nuncio has been instructed to perform that duty.

Insane Insult to the Kaiser.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Herr Schlinke, the insane preacher from Krossen, who interrupted the services at the Cathedral, last Sunday, while the Kaiser was present, and shouted meaningless words at the chaplain, has been removed to an asylum.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Important Improvements to Victoria Harbor Contemplated by the Government—B. C. Land Surveyors.

The North West, if it is Desired, Allowed Its Own Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W.

Cattle Disease in the Peace River District—Dry Dock Dues.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—The Department of Public Works proposes to ask Parliament for a further appropriation of $20,000, for dredging the outer harbor of Victoria. The order has been given for thirty feet of water. This is in addition to the appropriation voted last session. It is also proposed to ask for a vote of $10,000 to dredge the inner harbor of Victoria to a depth of fourteen feet at low water spring tide.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Land Surveyors' Association, the president read a report from the sub-committee of surveyors of British Columbia, asking the opinion of the Association on the question of offering resistance to several surveyors of that province, certifying to the correctness of their work, although the parties had never seen the work performed. In accordance with the report, the Association adopted a resolution, to the effect that the working affidavit required of Dominion Land Surveyors as to legality and correctness of their work, read as follows: "That this survey has been wholly made under my personal supervision, with all the necessary assistance, and I know it to be correct."

The Ontario Grand Lodge A.O.U.W. terminated its business to-day. The special committee on the Good of the Order recommended that it would be for the advancement of the Order in Manitoba and the Territories that the lodges of Manitoba be given permission to withdraw from the jurisdiction of Ontavio and form a grand lodge of their own, or in conjunction with the grand lodge of British Columbia, if they so desire, whenever ten or more lodges in Manitoba petition the Sublime Lodge or the Supreme Master Workman for organization as such grand lodge.

In the Supreme Court, to-day, Lawyer Riddel, of Cobourg, moved for permission to replace on the list of Appeals the case of Hargraft vs. Gravely, the West Northumberland election case, which was struck off on Tuesday, owing to the parties not being present. The motion was refused, the Chief Justice laying great stress upon the contempt shown toward the court by the non-attendance of counsel when their cases were called. The court had laid down a rule that all cases be dismissed when called and counsel were absent. He would not make himself ridiculous in the eyes of the public by going back upon his previous determination on this point. Mr. Hargraft's seat is therefore void.

Commissioner Chipman, of the Hudsons Bay Company, reports an outbreak of disease among the cattle on Dungarvan Ranch, Peace River district. Dr. McEachran, chief veterinary inspector, says that in his opinion the disease is tuberculosis and not pleuro-pneumonia. The department asked for a report upon the subject. The disease was taken to the ranch by a cow imported from Montana.

The capital invested in the manufacturing industries of Montreal is $47,750,000. The number of employes is 35,550; wages paid last year, $11,750,000. The value of their products was $62,500,000. The average in yearly wages was $332, or $21 less than Toronto, but an increase of $64 in ten years.

Premier Abbott attended the meeting of the Cabinet, to-day, although his health is far from good.

Connolly Bros. have been compelled to insure their Kingston plant, which has been given to the Government, to the amount of two-thirds its value.

The dockage rates at Kingston, will be lower than at Esquimalt, owing to the competition from the American docks on the great lakes.

Hon. Mr. Forster has gone to Western Ontario, to give a hand in the election contests.

MURDERED BY HER MOTHER.

The Child of a British Nobleman said to have been Killed by the Most Atrocious Treatment.

Beaten and Left for Hours in a Dark and Utterly Unventilated Room.

BELFAST, Feb. 18.—Further details in regard to the death of little Mary Helen Montague, the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. A. Montague, wife of Lord Robert Montague, the present Duke of Manchester, show the case against the mother to be very black. Mrs. Montague was committe for trial yesterday at Londonderry, on the charge of causing the death of her daughter by locking her up in a dark room, after fastening her hand behind her back, and securing the string in tying the child to a ring in the wall. It was added that the child was stripped naked before being strung up in the manner indicated. It is said that the poor little girl, on the day she was subjected to this treatment, had been kept without food since breakfast, and that she was locked up in the dark room at seven o'clock in the evening by the governess. At two o'clock, it is added, the child was visited by the mother, who fastened its arms in the way described, in spite of the little girl's heart-rending cries. Nobody appears to have given a thought to the child until 5 o'clock the same evening, when, according to the mother's testimony, she unlocked the door of her daughter's prison and found her insensible. Without alarming the house, the mother says she carried the little girl to her room and tried to revive her, but little May was dead, and grave suspicion rested upon the mother. The room in which the poor child was imprisoned was only seven feet square, and had no windows in it. When the door was closed it was absolutely dark, and entirely devoid of ventilation. When questioned on the subject by the coroner, and by the magistrate, Montague admitted that she had, on previous occasions, submitted her daughter to similar treatment. When examined by the coroner the body was covered with old and fresh bruises; blood was issuing from the mouth and the child's whole appearance justified the suspicion that she had been treated with systematic cruelty for a long time. The utmost indignation is expressed against the cruel mother, who is likely to feel the full weight of the law.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Hon. Col. Rhodes Removed.

QUEBEC, Feb. 18.—Hon. Wm. Rhodes, ex-Minister of Agriculture in the Mercier cabinet, is dead, aged 70. The deceased was for some years in the British army, and, at the conclusion of his service, settled in the vicinity of Quebec. At the time of the organization of the Grand Trunk railway, he contrived to secure large quantities of public lands, over which the line of that road was to pass. His good fortune in this respect made him a wealthy man. When no other English Protestant could be prevailed on to accept a cabinet office on the platform of the Regina scaffold, Mr. Rhodes emerged from private life and was elected to the Legislature by the French Canadians of the county, the English vote being polled in considerable majority against him.

A Wealthy Man's Will.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—The will of the late F. W. Perkins has been entered for probate. The estate, valued at $315,000, goes to his only son.

Tuberculosis in Ontario.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—The Provincial Board of Health have passed a resolution calling on the Minister of Agriculture to make full inquiry into the prevalence of tuberculosis among the cattle of Ontario with a view of stamping it out.

"On no Wild Goose Chase."

WHITBY, Ont., Feb. 18.—In a speech delivered here, last night, Hon. C. H. Tupper, speaking of the recent visit of his brother ministers to Washington, said he was in a position to say it was no wild goose chase.

"A Mother in Israel."

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Feb. 18.—Mrs. J. Doyle, known as the founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Canada, died on Tuesday, at her home in Hudsonville, aged 63.

Jette's Minority Report a Bombshell.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—The Mail's Montreal correspondent says that Judge Jette's report, it is expected, will prove a regular bombshell for the Conservatives. Mr. Mercier and his friends, who, notwithstanding their boasting confidence, have been somewhat dismayed by the growing feelings against them, are jubilant, and claim that the report will be the means of creating a strong feeling throughout the province against Lieut.-Governor Angers and his Government. There is no doubt the report will be made the most of by Mr. Mercier during the remaining days of the campaign.

Shot by a Drunken Man.

ORILLIA, Feb. 18.—S. B. Tudhope was probably fatally shot, last night, by Wm. Hood, proprietor of a shooting gallery. Tudhope was fooling with Hood, who was drunk, when the latter pulled a revolver and fired.

Annexation Organ at Windsor.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 18.—A number of political Unionists of Essex have decided to start a daily organ, to advocate the annexation of this country to the United States, and have formed themselves into a joint stock company with that object in view. The capital stock of the company is $30,000.

A Fortunate Bridegroom.

HAMILTON, Feb. 18.—Jackson Sanford, son of Senator Sanford, is shortly to be married to a daughter of Col. Sanford, the millionaire of Knoxville, Tenn.

An American Opinion.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A cable despatch from the Times Philadelphia correspondent admits the complete failure of the Canadian reciprocity mission. It is felt that Canada has laid herself open to the rejection of her offers.

Guelph's Mayoralty.

GUELPH, Feb. 18.—Geo. Sleeman was elected Mayor to-day by acclamation.

A Florist Burned Out.

ALANDALE, Feb. 18.—The premises of W. Taylor, florist, have been burned; loss $6,000. No insurance.

Unknown Child Murderers.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—A verdict of wilful murder has been returned against the parties who caused the death of the child whose body was found in the Rosedale Ravine, on Sunday last. The skull was badly fractured.

An Ontario Deficit.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—The Provincial accounts for the year were discussed in the Local Legislature, to-day. The balance sheet shows receipts $413,381, and disbursements $413,563. The province used to show balances on the other side of the account.

London Nominations

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Messrs. Carling and Hyman were nominated for the bye-elections, in this city.

Attack on Principal Grant.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—Mr. Metcalfe, M.P. for Kingston, attacks Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, for supporting Mr. Harty, the Liberal candidate for the Legislature, attributing an unworthy motive for the support of Mr. Grant. He says the Principal wants to get a grant for a school of practical science from the Ontario Government. Mr. Metcalfe calls Principal Grant a political Barnum.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Female Chinese Leper Discovered at the Terminal City—Fraser River Fishery Commission.

MacLaren-Ross Co.'s Logging Railway—Sumas Land Improvement Scheme—Temperance Campaign.

Interesting Mining News from East Kootenay—Real Estate Movement in Nanaimo.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—J. M. O'Foote was awarded the contract for plumbing the new addition to the hospital.

Mr. Hepworth, of Leeds, is to build a brick block on Cordova, near Cambie street.

The Charter Revision committee met, this morning, and discussed the amendments, but no action was taken.

A female Chinese leper, in a house of ill-fame, on Dupont street, was discovered by Teng See, Chinese missionary in Victoria, to whom she applied to be taken to the Rescue Home, in that city. The Chinese knew of the disease, but sent white men to the house.

A large quantity of the finest granite that Keefer's famous North Arm quarries produced has been delivered on the site of the C.P.R. station and general offices, and a force of stonecutters is engaged trimming the pieces. The excavations for the bottom walls have been commenced, and the masonry will go on forthwith.

Mr. A. Q. St. George has instituted action against the directors and shareholders of the British Columbia Building Association for not complying with the terms of the act under which the association is incorporated. He charges that the directors and association "did make default in making a return of the assets and the accounts audited of said society to the Provincial secretary on or before the 14th day of January last past in compliance with the directions contained in the provisions of 51 Vic., chap. 63, B. C. statutes, under which the said society was incorporated."

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 18.—Joe Hess keeps up his temperance campaign, and 360 have signed the pledge at his meetings. He will visit Victoria after finishing with Vancouver, next week.

A syndicate of Vancouver people have purchased a hundred acres of land from L. A. Agassiz, at Agassiz, which they will convert into a hop ranch. The land is being ploughed and prepared for setting out the hop plants, and the syndicate expect to have a crop this year from the venture.

A Charleston is engaged in locating the line of the proposed logging railway for the MacLaren-Ross Lumber Co. The line will commence on the bank of the Fraser a short distance east of Sumas Mountain, and run south seven miles to the company's immense claim. All timber logged in this limit will be carried by rail to the Fraser, made into rafts, and floated down to the mills. It is expected the work of construction will be commenced at an early date. The farmers in the neighborhood of the proposed line are all in favor of the scheme. Three miles of steel rails have been ordered, and are due to arrive on the ship Argyle, which will reach here shortly.

Samuel Wilmot, superintendent of Fishery Culture, returned from Victoria to-day, and the Royal Commission to examine into the fisheries will hold its first meeting to-morrow afternoon. No evidence will be taken at this meeting. The object being to arrange the rules and procedure to be observed during the inquiry. On Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, in the Court House, the first regular sitting of the commission will begin. It will be open to the public, and every person having any evidence to give, or who wishes to explain his views on the salmon fisheries, will be heard.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 18.—A boy named Charles Vater, working in the Union brewery, while descending a ladder fell a distance of 14 feet, with his face downwards, into a wooden bucket. The boy was taken to a hotel, where medical aid was summoned. The doctor says the boy is injured internally.

Two neighbors of this district, Stark and Scannell, are in the police court again over a dog case. Scannell's dog was shot, some weeks ago, by some person. Stark was summoned, but, for want of evidence, the case was postponed. The parties have had frequent law suits within the past few years.

There has been more than the usual demand for real estate in this city during the past few days. Building lots have been eagerly sought for, and considerable property has changed hands.

The registrar of births was called upon, this morning, to register the following names: Francis, Henry, Alfred, Nicholas, John, Edward, Thomas.

Nearly $250 have been collected in this city for relief of widows and orphans in the Indian territory.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Thunder Hill Mining Co. have been vigorously pushing the work of opening up their mine during the winter months, and have met with most satisfactory results. The lode has been cross-cut about 175 feet, by an open cut from 10 to 50 feet below the surface. All through, quartz, carrying lead, copper, silver and gold ores, in seams, bunches and leads, or spotted through the solid quartz—showing, in the most unmistakable manner that an immense body of ore lies underneath. The total width of lode is not known, but a surface cross-cut extending about 300 feet beyond the end of the main open cut, shows mineralized quartz, wherever bed rock has been reached, and large outcrops of quartz, all carrying more or less silver and gold, show up on either side of the surface cut.

The ores thus far tested, taken from various points along the open cut, vary from $10 to $65 in silver and gold, and from 5 per cent. to 60 per cent. in lead and copper. Lateral cuts are now being run from points 50 and 100 feet in the quartz to develop the ore body lengthwise, or north and south along the lode.

The presence of ore (oxydized and solid) in all the seams, and in cross-leads cutting the main quartz lode in various directions, the wide distribution and comparatively high grade of the ore near the surface, and the great width of the lode, plainly indicate that the Thunder Hill mine when thoroughly opened up will prove one of the great mines of the world.

The company will continue the work of development, and as soon as navigation opens propose to erect concentrating works on the Upper Columbia lake. Machine drills will be used on the mine, and a tramway will be built to convey the ore from the mine to the mill. The ore will be concentrated to the value of $100, or more, per ton, and shipped to the best market.

The Canal mine, on the opposite side of the lake, has been purchased by parties in Winnipeg, and work will be commenced early in the spring, and other companies are being formed to develop mines on the Thunder Hill belt.

The Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Company are building a new steamer for the route between Golden, Windermere and Mud Lake Landing, and will place a small steamer on the upper Columbia lake, connecting the two and making a through freight line by means of a tramway about five miles long. This will materially reduce freight on machinery and supplies coming in, and on ores, etc., going out, and will be of the greatest benefit to the miners, ranchers and lumbermen who are rapidly increasing in that section of the country.

Three companies are prosecuting work on their mines in Vermont district and have met with most encouraging prospects and developments. Several others are waiting for the opening of navigation to commence, or continue, work on their claims in that district, and on Spallumacheen, Jubilee Mountain and other camps along the upper Columbia and its tributaries.

CHEMAINUS.

CHEMAINUS, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Palmer and family, who have been spending a few months in Victoria, have returned.

Messrs. J. A. Humbird and J. E. Glover, of the V. L. and M. Co., are in town.

The bark Agnes will finish loading by Saturday, when she will leave for Chili.

The Reporter, a three-masted schooner, arrived in port yesterday. She is being loaded with lumber for San Pedro.

The bark Colorado is five days due from Frisco.

Mr. Samuel Erb has been appointed foreman in the saw mill.

Mr. Jonas Bushell, P. G. C. T., of Seattle, who is sent out by the Grand Lodge of Washington, has been successful in organizing a lodge of the I. O. G. T. here. The way in which his lectures were appreciated, was shown by the encouragement he received at the close, as seventeen members have been enrolled.

A grand concert and ball will be given in Chemainus on the evening of the 22d inst. Refreshments will be served. The proceeds will be appropriated to the building of the new Roman Catholic church.

SUMAS.

The petition referred to in yesterday's issue reads as follows:

SUMAS, February 15, 1892.

The undersigned landowners residing in Sumas, in the municipality of Chilliwhack, and interested in the laws subject to overflow from the waters of the Fraser river, which lands are proposed to be dyked and reclaimed under the provisions of the Act incorporating the British Columbia Dyking and Improvement company, Bill No. 22, 1891, to be cited as the Fraser River Dyking Act of 1891, beg to present to his Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, and to the members of the Provincial Government, to the Honorable the Speaker and to the members of the Provincial House of Assembly, the following memorial and remonstrance:

We pray for the immediate repeal of the above Act, and if it be not repealed, that it shall never be proclaimed under the provisions of section 56 of the said Act for the following, amongst other reasons:

1. Because its general tenor is at variance with our best interests.

2. Because the agreement made between ourselves and the representatives of the said company is not carried out in the bill.

3. Because, for instance, we were promised one year's cost of the proposed dyke, whereas under section 29 of the said Bill, the work shall, when completed, be passed upon by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

4. Because many of its provisions permit the company unduly to delay the beginning and the completion of this much needed and now too long delayed reclamation of fertile and valuable lands: For instance, under section 14, the company has *two* years after the passage of the Act to deposit a map, or plan, and specifications, while the Lieutenant-Governor is empowered, from time to time, to extend the time for depositing such map or plan and specifications, and *two* months after such deposit and *one* month's advertisement, actual construction MAY commence. And to crown all, the company shall commence actual construction within *two* years, and complete within *four* years after proclamation, leaving this large and valuable section of country, in its present deplorable condition for an indefinite period, and exposing the owners of these lands to a certain and very heavy annual loss, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

5. Because the map or plan, and specifications, shall be prepared by an engineer *or* SURVEYOR; and we submit, that no mere land surveyor should be connected with a dyking and reclamation scheme of such importance and magnitude.

6. Because under Section 21, the power given to vary, or alter from time to time proposed lines or dykes, maps, plans and specifications is unlimited, and therefore dangerous, imperiling our interests.

7. Because under Clause 2 of Section 29, the provision made regarding land covered by back-water is altogether insufficient to guard the interests of owners, for while dues shall not be assessed upon lands during cover by back-water, the owners of such lands shall be liable to further assessments when the back-water is removed in such manner that lands though injured and destroyed as far as fruitful use is concerned, are subject to additional assessments upon removal, putting the owner actually in a worse condition than the one he occupied without a dyke.

8. Because the owners of lands in Sumas are enjoined to pay an unfair share of the cost of protecting the lands of proprietors along the Luck-a-kuk.

9. And finally because under Section 54 ANY PERSON *interested in this act*, which would include *a* MEMBER OF THE COMPANY, may apply SUMMARILY, to a Judge of the Supreme Court for the appointment of A PERSON to act in the place of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, upon whom shall devolve all the powers and duties conferred by this Act upon the said Chief Commissioner, including the very grave and very responsible charge of declaring, immediately after the completion of the works, our lands well and effectually dyked.

We trust that it will not be accounted to us an inexcusable negligence, that we have not ere this presented this petition and remonstrance, inasmuch as until recently none amongst us had become aware of the grave dangers and perilous risks we incurred under the loose language used and the eminently unfair provisions contained in this act.

And we pray, that if it be possible, the said obnoxious Act be at once repealed, and if this be not possible, that it shall never be proclaimed as provided.

And your petitioners and memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, Feb. 19.—Senator Quay is dangerously ill, at St. Lucie. Mrs Quay has been summoned to his bedside.

MORE ABOUT THE MURDER

Edward Parker Deacon Denies That He Desired to Kill His Wife's Paramour.

He Only Wished to Mark Him—More About the Affair and the Parties.

PARIS, Geb. 19.—This morning Deacon was arraigned before the magistrate at Cannes. He said in substance that he was sorry he killed Arbeille, and only wanted to mark him as a proof that he had criminal relations with his wife. Mrs. Deacon corroborated her husband's story. Deacon will probably be bailed this evening.

CANNES, Feb. 18.—The story is an old one—a handsome woman mated to a man she betrays, forgetting honor in her infatuation or fancy for another man, and bringing shame and sorrow upon her family. For a time Deacon has suspected his wife of being unduly intimate with Arbeille, and has kept a close watch. Last night he discovered Arbeille in his wife's chamber. He summoned the secretary of the hotel, and together they went to Mrs. Deacon's apartment and forced the door. Mrs. Deacon was alone. The husband proceeded to the adjoining room, and there discovered Arbeille attempting to hide himself behind a chair. Deacon drew a revolver and fired three shots, fatally wounding the Frenchman.

Another report of the affair says Deacon had gone up to Paris, but returned suddenly, and went straight to his wife's bedroom. When Deacon burst in, he found, the story has it, his wife in bed, and M. Arbeille standing by the bedside. After having reproached his wife, the American is said to have turned his wrath upon Arbeille, who had professed the utmost friendship for the confiding husband, and, after upbraiding him, fired three shots. The Frenchman screamed with agony and fell back and died on the mat in front of the bed. Deacon then turned to his wife and said: "Killing is too good for you. You shall be reserved for a worse fate. You shall live to have the finger of scorn pointed at you the rest of your life. Never let me see your deceitful face again." Mrs. Deacon, at these words, fell flat on her face in a swoon.

Mrs. Deacon is a most attractive woman. She dressed with exquisite taste, and was the object of considerable attention on the part of men. Nobody, however, for a moment imagined she engaged in anything more than harmless flirtation. M. Arbeille was an attache of one of the French legations, and a bachelor. He had been intimately acquainted with the Deacons for a long time. It is not expected that Deacon will remain long in custody. It is reported that United States Minister Reid has taken a personal interest in the case, and is doing everything possible for Mr. Deacon. The wife, on the other hand, is not the recipient of much sympathy.

CANADIAN POLITICS.

The Biggest Scandal of the Campaign to Burst in Montreal Centre Before the Election.

Hon. Thomas McGreevy Retires from Politics—More Election Protests—The London Contest

QUEBEC, Feb. 19.—The Liberal press is making much of Judge Jette's minority report on the Baie des Chaleurs scandal. George Chateauvert, president of the Board of Trade, will run for the Local House, in Quebec Centre, as a Conservative.

Hon. Thomas McGreevy, having decided to retire from the contest in Quebec West, Hon. John Hearn and Arthur H. Murphy were nominated to-day, the former in the interests of the Government, and the latter as a Liberal candidate.

SOREL, Feb. 19.—A protest has been filed against the election of Mr. Bruneau, M. P., for Richelieu.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—A great meeting of Mercier supporters was held last night, at the Bonsecours Market. The hall was overflowing. Mr. Mercier, who attended, received an enthusiastic reception. The Toronto Empire's correspondent says it is whispered in well informed circles that the greatest scandal of the entire campaign will burst in Montreal Centre between now and nomination day, and that at least one prominent politician will be swept out of the race.

TORONTO, September 19.—The Court of Appeals gave judgment, to-day, compelling the revising barrister, of London, to hear the Liberal objections to 600 new names which the Conservatives have added to the Dominion Voters list.

KINGSTON, Feb. 19.—It is stated that an attempt will be made to void the election of Mr. Metcalfe as Member of Parliament for Kingston, on the ground that the locality of one of the polling booths was changed the day before the election, although the house which had been first selected was publicly announced.

ORILLIA, Feb. 19.—East Simcoe Commons nominations were Bennett, Conservative, and Spohn, Reform.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 19.—The election petition against Mr. Burns, Conservative member for Gloucester, N. B., has been dismissed.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 19.—Josiah Wood, Conservative M. P. for Westmoreland, is dangerously ill of congestion of the lungs.

WELLAND, Feb. 19.—Joseph B. Wood, of Niagara Falls, has been lodged in jail here on the charge of perjury in connection with an election protest, and has been unable to get bail. It was mainly on his testimony that Mr. Norman, M. P., was disqualified.

Dismissal of Intercolonial Employes.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 19.—The employes in the Intercolonial Railway shops, to the number of 116, have received notice that their services will no longer be required after March 3. The list embraces old and young men, some of whom have been in the railway service for over 30 years. The blow is a severe one to Moncton, many of those dismissed being heads of families and property owners.