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THE C. P. R. RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT LAST BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Two Opposition Amendments Defeated—A Toronto Deputation at the Capital—Immigration Statistics—Other Notes.

Special Despatch to The World.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—The immigration committe met this morning and Mr. Low, secretary of immigration, was examined. He said the number of immigrants that arrived in Canada last year, representing those who came to stay and those who went to the United States through Canada, was 245,893. There were 133,303 actually settled in Canada.

With a few amendments the bill providing for the union of the methodist church passed the sub-committee.

In the railway committee the act to incorporate the Lake Nipissing and James Bay railway was amended to increase the capital from $200,000 to $300,000 and the mount of bonds to be issued was restricted to $20,000 per mile.

Mr. Gunn's bill to allow the Kingston and Pembroke railway to issue bonds to the extent of $20,000 instead of $10,000, and to make its branch lines part of the railway for the purpose of issuing the bonds was passed.

Mayor Boswell, Ald. Turner and City Solicitor McWilliams of Toronto had an interview with Sir Hector Langevin regarding the Parkdale subway. The result is not known, as further consultation will be held in regard to the matter.

In the commons Mr. White's act to further amend the tenth chapter of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada respecting seditions and unawful associations and oaths was introduced, and the Canadian Pacific railway resolutions, were reported from the committee of the whole.

Mr. Watson, member for Marquette, Manitoba, movod an amendment that the monopoly clause be struck out the charter in consideration of the aid granted. He supported the amendment in a strong speech, saying it would be much better for Manitoba to have branch lines. He thought the province would reap little benefit from the rapid completion of the road.

John White replied, censuring Watson for his speech and commending Norquay for fighting for better terms for the province.

Mr. Casey followed, criticising the course taken by Ross and condemning the policy of the government granting such a large subvention.

Watson's amendment was lost by 49 to 112. Watson was the only Manitoba member voting for the amendment. Sutherland had a little shame left and sneaked out He is giving great offence to the opposition. He was a creature of Mackenzie's for years in the Northwest with considerable advantage to himself and great discredit to the party as the Fort Francis and other scandals bear testimony. Ross hopes by holding on to the skirts of the government and Canadian Pacific railway to gain some advantage.

Weldon moved an amendment providing that until the loan to the Canadian Pacific railway was repaid the company be not allowed to spend their money in building up a part of the United States. Lost by 43 to 104.

The resolutions were concurred in and a bill founded on them was introduced and read a first time.

Dynamite on Ice.

From the London Advertiser.

Wednesday Engineer Tracy, armed with a keg of powder and accompanied by an expert, visited the ice jam. Although several explosions were made, no effect was visible in the mass beyond the jumping up of a trifle of ice, and more or less jets of water. Yesterday morning Mr. Tracy and Mr. Platt left for the jam with a quantity of dynamite, but an expert in this city affirms that "dynamite won't do it." Nothing but glycerine will burst the barriers. As the railway and express companies have positively refused to carry, or to allow to be carried, any of this material on their lines, it is suggested that a supply be obtained overland from Petrolea. In the meantime the water is lowering fast.

Orange Grand Lodge, Ontario West.

ALLISTON, Feb. 22.—The election of officers resulted as follows: H. A. L. White, St. Mary's, grand master; W. W. Fitzgerald, London, D.G.M.; Henry Perkins, Gorrie, associate D.G.M.; Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Invermay, grand chaplain; grand treasurer, E. F. Clarke, Toronto; grand secretary, R. Birmingham, Toronto; grand D. of C., Arthur Robb, Stratford; grand lecturer, Wm. Douglass, Eglington; deputy grand chaplain, Rev. Bros. Walsh, Cascaden, Fisher, Ryan, Martin, McGregor, Rump and Webb; deputy grand secretary, Dr. J. A. Burgess, Listowel; deputy grand lecturers, Bros. J. L. Wilson, W. H. Murray and M. Nisbet.

Protest From Owen Sound.

OWEN SOUND, Feb. 22.—The following telegram has been sent to Sir John Macdonald: The board of trade of the town of Owen Sound protest against the proposal of the Grand Trunk railway to acquire from the Canadian Pacific the Ontario, Quebec, and other lines in this province, and hope the government will not yield to any pressure in that direction, as it would create a monopoly disastrous to the people of this province. The board also believe that the interests of the country demand a rapid construction of the Canadian Pacific, and that any temporary loan necessary to that end should be granted. S. J. Parker, president.

Killed by a Barn Door.

WALKERTON, Feb. 22.—During the windstorm yesterday a young man named David Best was killed on the outskirts of Walkerton by the blowing open of a barn door. He was loading peas, when the door blew shut and struck him on the head with such violence that he was killed instantly.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

John Brown's body lies mouldering in the ground, but his soul keeps marching on both sides of the ocean.

Sir Stafford Northcote is now lecturing on Everything. This subject gives him a good chance to indulge in glittering generalities.

President Salamon of Hayti, in passing through Jeremie, had several high functionaries court martialed and the majority of them were shot.

Francoise Bonheur, brother of Rosa Bonheur, died suddenly in a railway carriage at Paris yesterday. He was a painter of some celebrity.

A lot of hair and beard resembling a Fourth of July pinwheel struck by lightning is being published in the provincial papers as a portrait of Tennyson.

The pope has accepted Cardinal Von Hohenlohe's resignation of the see of Albano. The pope refuses, however, to approve of the appointment of the cardinal to the see of Posen.

Col. R. G. Ingersoll, his friend Dorsey, and John B. Alley are about to swing around the circle of New Mexico and Mexico, going as far south as the capital of the neighboring republic.

"The silent Von Moltke," it is said, was once seated in a railroad carriage with his aide-de-camp, when another officer, crowding past him to get out, said, "Pardon me," and a few minutes later, coming in and passing his chief, again said, "Pardon me," whereupon the field marshal, annoyed at such prodigal waste of verbiage, turned to his aide and growled, "That chatterer!"

A half-elderly married couple were looking through a "house for sale" up town. The good lady would not believe that the doors were solid black walnut and not veneering. She said, "Shakob, you take out your knife and cut a pieces out off dose doors, ahnd vee vill haf it axamint by a garpender down by dot Statham square already. You see, Mis Lady, I am shmart some more. My mowder'n-law she gomes yet, sometimes, to veesit uz in dree years, and if she had vound out dot ve pay doze prizes she voud faint avay, clean; so you hat petter take dot low cost, and maype she might lif through the summer."

Trotting at Welland.

WELLAND, Feb. 22.—Following is a summary of the races on the ice here to-day:

2.34 class, 2 entries:
H. D. Ernest's Flatfoot, pacer.....1 1 2 1
Flommerfelt's Lady Myers.....2 2 1 2
3-minute class, 2 entries:
Buckner's Nigger Baby, pacer.....0 1 1 1
Winslow's Hanlan.....0 2 2 1
Local, 3 entries:
Blackcloud.....2 1 1 1
Mack.....1 2 2 2
Jimmy.....3 3 3 3

Burned to Death.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 22.—A dreadful incident is reported from the village of Bridgewater. Mr. Buans' house and all the contents were burned. Mr. Burns and an adopted daughter, about 14 years old, were unable to escape and were burned to death.

OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

The firm of Emile & Cordier, shippers of Rochefort, France, with a branch at Bordeaux, have failed; liabilities five and a half million francs.

Sixteen persons, including the authoress Winnizakaja, have been banished from Russia since the beginning of January. The prefect of the district of Lischin has been arrested on a charge of socialism.

The duke of Marlborough will answer a subpœna in the Lady Aylesford alimony case next week, having been legally advised that if he should absent himself the court would take the severest measures against him.

The excitement over the Rue Royale club scandal at Paris continues to be intense. A general meeting of the members of the club has been summoned. Many of the members insist that the club be dissolved, as no further discoveries have been made.

Three survivors of the bark Ada Barton, who were landed at Queenstown, clung to the masts for five days and nights without food. On the third day the dog tried to devour one of them. When they were rescued they were casting lots to decide who of the three should die to furnish food for the others.

The Lasker Resolution.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Times in a long article upon the Lasker incident says: "At last Bismarck has obtained an opportunity to show his dislike of the country which annually robs him of thousands of conscripts. Congress was ill-advised in sending the resolution, but Bismarck was ungracious in returning it. Granting, however, that Bismarck was right in refusing to praise Lasker, his organs are wrong in reviling Minister Sargent. The latter was only obeying his government, and this is no reason why he should be held up in defiance of international courtesy, and almost international law, to the contempt of the German people."

The Prince Speaks.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The house of lords to-day agreed to the motion to appoint a commission on housing the poor. The Prince of Wales addressed the house on the subject. He said he had been impressed, as all classes had been, regarding the condition of the poor. He was gratified that a royal commission had been appointed to look into the matter. He took the liveliest interest in the question, and felt flattered at being appointed a member of the commission. The prince's speech was received with cheers.

The Black Flags and the Chinese.

PARIS, Feb. 22. — Tricon, formerly French minister to China, has just arrived here from Saigon. He says the Black flags always place Chinamen in front of them in battle and massacre them if they refuse to fight. Four hundred Chinese were killed in that way in the battle of Sontay.

Strike of French Miners.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The strike of the coal miners at Ause is assuming large proportions. Of a force of 11,400, only 4600 are working. The police dispersed a crowd of strikers armed with sticks, who were preventing the other workmen from entering the pit.

The Ameer Friendly.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Sir Chas. Dilke said in the house of commons to-day that E. Ayoob Khan was not going to leave Persia. The ameer was entirely friendly to England.

A Big Failure.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 22.—Francis McGinity in the corn trade, has failed with liabilities of £35,000.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Washington's birthday was yesterday celebrated more generally than usual.

The funeral of the Jeannette victims took place at New York yesterday with imposing ceremonies.

Cliff Wade, who murdered a man in Missouri a year ago, was torn to death by bloodhounds in Texas.

An official call for the national greenback labor party to meet in Indianapolis May 28 has been issued.

Coal miners of the fourth pool have resumed work, the operators agreeing to pay them three cents a bushel.

The Reading, Pa., hardware company, whose moulders have been on strike six weeks against a reduction in wages, announce that they will resume in a few days by introducing moulding machines.

Dr. Rufus W. Peacock, who was indicted with three others for conspiracy to defraud the American Legion of Honor and who pleaded non vult, was sentenced Wednesday in the Hudson county (N.J.) court of sessions to serve two years.

Two Strange People in Georgia.

Georgia is just now interested in two most peculiar personages. One is a living skeleton residing near Keno, Habershaw county. He is 22 years of age, is fully six feet in height, and only weighs fifty-six pounds in his clothes. The skin clings so closely to his bones that it has taken their shape and configuration in every part of the body. He is in perfect health, and has never had a day of sickness. At the age of 15 years he only weighed thirty-two pounds. He eats with avidity, but his food is half digested. He has a perfect horror of himself, and never leaves his home. He is the son of an excellent citizen, and his father and mother humor him in his every wish. The other erratic individual lives in one of the upper counties of the state, and always feels as if he were in the frigid instead of the temperate zone. Even in the hottest days of summer he wears all the clothing possible to protect him from the imagined cold. He was never wet by a rain in his life, and never goes out at night without sheltering himself with an umbrella from dew. No part of his food is ever eaten cold, and he often remarks that it is all he can do to keep himself from freezing. He is always seen on the streets clad in a heavy overcoat.

A Scare From Dakota.

FARGO, D. T., Feb. 22.—It has been ascertained, in connection with the secession movement in Manitoba, that there is a secret organization in the States, scattered from the Atlantic to the Rocky mountains, with which many prominent Irish Americans are connected. A secession convention will be held at Winnipeg March 5. Already many leaders of the movement from the eastern states are arriving and making their headquarters here.

Cool Under the Circumstances.

TOMBSTONE, A. T., Feb. 22.—John Heith, sentenced yesterday to imprisonment for life for complicity in the Bisbee murders, was lynched to-day. Heith took the matter coolly, saying: "Boys, you are hanging an innocent man. You will find that out before the other men are hung." While his eyes were being bandaged he said, "I have a favor to ask: don't mutilate my body by shooting into it after I am hung."

Duty on Glass Bottles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A Philadelphia manufacturer was arguing to-day before the ways and means committee against the existing duty on glass bottles. He said glass bottles of the same size and quality can be imported from Bremen at $5.60 per gross, while the cost of production here is $5.75 per gross.

A Rooster Row.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. A cocking main for $250 a side and $50 for each battle was fought at Long Island city last night in the presence of about 250 spectators, between Paterson, N.J., and Long Island birds. Seven battles were fought, the Long Island winning the first, third, fourth, fifth and last and taking the main.

The Last of Salmi Morse.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The body of a man was found in the river to-day. It is supposed to be that of Almi Morse, author of the Passion play.

The body has been fully identified as that of Salmi Morse. It is thought to be a case of deliberate suicide.

A Lunatic's Crime.

SPOONVILLE, Conn., Feb. 22.—Henry Ely, an insane man of Brooklyn, killed his attendant, Geo. Harding, while he was asleep. Harding's head was completely severed from his body. Ely made no effort to escape.

He Beat All Records.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—In the thirty-five mile race between Peter Golden and John Gassmann, at Williamsburg to-day, for the championship, the latter won, beating all previous amateur records, in 4h. 22m. 22s.

A Cold Day for St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The democratic committee selected Chicago for the national convention, the time being July 8.

Who Made the Globe?

From the Hamilton Spectator.

The Globe gained its commanding position through the efforts of three men—Mr. Brown, sr., Hon. George Brown and Mr. Gordon Brown. George was the prominent figure; he met the public eye; he was in parliament and his name was always associated with the Globe. But his father and his brother did more real work than he; and much good writing that passed as his was theirs. Probably more of the real work which made the Globe what it is was done by Gordon than by George.

The case of Brown v. Nelson is interesting in itself, and it is interesting in showing that the policy of the Globe, and consequently, the policy of the reform party of Canada, is dictated by a gentleman who lives 3000 miles away and knows nothing of Canadian politics. At his orders Mr. Brown was deposed from the editorial chair and Mr. T. W. Anglin was put in his place.

A National Calamity.

From the Pickering News.

It would be a national calamity if the Grand Trunk were allowed to absorb the Canadian Pacific.

The First Ba-Ba.

John Brandon of the 10th con. of Mara, Ontario county, on going to his barn on Jan. 16 was surprised to find a young lamb running about the yard. Come on with your spring lamb yarns.

SURRENDER OF TOKAR.

THE GARRISON PLACES ITSELF IN THE HANDS OF EL MAHDI.

Great Excitement in England—Special Meeting of the Council—The Latest News From Egypt.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Telegraph reports the surrender of the garrison of Tokar. The Times confirms the report.

SUAKIM, Feb. 22.—Five soldiers have arrived from Tokar, bringing news of the surrender. The rebels beset the town and kept up a constant fire of artillery and rifles. On Tuesday the garrison recognized the necessity of conferring with the rebels, and on Wednesday Yakoob and Maccavi Effendi, the chief of police, with a sergeant, went out and held a conference. On their return they informed the garrison that they must surrender their arms on Thursday. Many of the soldiers murmured, and a large proportion of them escaped during the night, but as the conference had arranged Tokar was surrendered. The garrison of Kassala is 1500, and has sufficient supplies for a fortnight.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—There was great excitement in parliament and throughout London at the news of the surrender of Tokar. And the account says that Maccavi the government and Yakoob with 150 soldiers left the fort Wednesday and had a parley with the rebels. When they returned they announced they were going to surrender themselves. This caused great commotion, as many of the garrison refused to give way, hoping succor would still reach them. Their protests were of no avail and the rebels' terms were accepted. It is not believed the population was put to the sword. It is understood the condition of the surrender provided that their lives should be spared.

Earl Granville has received a despatch stating that only those of the garrison of Tokar who had wives have surrendered. The remainder are trying to reach Suakim. Troops are being landed at Trinkitat with the utmost rapidity.

The ministerial conference on the fall of Tokar was of short duration. An adjournment was taken until to-morrow pending the receipt of further confirmatory advices. It is reported that Lord Wolseley advises the campaign to be continued against Osman Digma in order to prevent the rebels marching north upon Berber, and that a detachment will be sent to relieve the garrison at Kassala.

CAIRO, Feb. 22.—Twelve hundred British troops are now at Suakim and 3200 at Trinkitat. The governor of Kassala favors Mahdi and would rather evacuate the town than fight him.

Everything indicates that the Egyptian officers at Tokar preferred to surrender to the rebels rather than to the christians. A revolt has broken out at Massowah, and is spreading. El Mahdi has appointed his brother, Ali Yussuf, governor of Darfour, and o rdered him to levy 7000 men and march to Kordofan to reinforce the main body of El Mahdi's troops.

Another For Parnell.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Parnell's amendment condemning the government policy in Ireland was again the subject of debate in the house of commons this evening. O'Donoghue censured the Parnellites. He accused Parnell of having humbugged and gammoned the Irishmen with promises which were never realized. By such means, he said, had the Parnellites obtained power. Although he had separated himself from them he denied he had changed political opinions. O'Donoghue vindicated the action of the government in Ireland.

The amendment was rejected by a vote 81 to 30.

Loyal Orange Brotherhood.

A special meeting of the royal arch members of the L. O. B. was held in their rooms Thursday night, Bro. Thos. Daniel in the chair. The meeting was called to consider the report of the sub-committee appointed to revise the ritual and lecture of the R. A. degree. The revised ritual was submitted, and leave was granted to sit again to complete the lecture. The committee recommended the immediate formation of a degree lodge, in which the higher degrees of the L. O. B. would be properly conferred. After careful consideration the report was adopted, and the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the new lodge, which resulted as follows: Thos. Daniel, W.M.; G. W. Whitely, D.M.; R. Reynolds, secretary; John G. Coleman, treasurer; Jos. Campton, John Yorston, lecturers; R. G. Harris, tyler. An animated discussion arose on the probable fate of the orange bill of incorporation, and the unanimous feeling was that the last had most likely been heard of it for a while, as far as its second reading was concerned.

A Pointer to Toronto Preachers.

From the Hamilton Spectator.

The Toronto preachers are probably right in their conclusion; but it is not surprisingly evident that the expense of funerals is a matter with which the ministerial association ought to meddle. The Toronto preachers would very likely be highly indignant were a convention of undertakers to pass resolutions denouncing the extravagance of expensive churches and high-salaried clergymen.

Embezzlement.

Last evening the police of this city were notified that Richard Prior of Hamilton had embezzled the sum of $592.64 from Robt. O. Mackay, his employer, in that city, and asking them to look out for him. Ten minutes after the receipt of the telegram Detectives Brown and Burrows nabbed him on King street. He will be held for an officer from Hamilton.

Knocked Out in One Round.

The following assignments have been reported: Ontario—Aylmer, Doolittle, S. L. & Co., manufacturers of furniture, assigned in trust; Hamilton, Naylor, J., dry goods, assigned in trust; Kincardine, Wright, John P., drugs, assigned in trust; Madoc, McLean, Murdoch, fancy goods, etc., assigned in trust; St. Catharines, Magness, Wm., boots and shoes, assigned in trust. Northwest territory—Medicine Hat, Gourlay, G. T. & Co., general store, assigned in trust. Quebec—Beauharnois, Pilon, L., hotel, assigned in trust; Montreal, Champaigne & Co., hats and furs, and Mayo, J. S. W., oils, etc., assigned in trust. St. Marie de Monnoir and Montreal, Beauchemie, C. F., straw hats, assigned in trust; St. Michel (Yamaska Co.), Loveille, Louis, general store, assigned in trust. Province of New Brunswick—St. John, Blanchard, W. E. & Co., fancy goods, assigned.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Defence of Apjohn—The Algoma Correspondence Brought Down.

At the Ontario legislature yesterday, in reply to Mr. Meredith, Mr. Fraser said an award had been made by the arbitrators appointed to determine as to the claims of Mr. John Elliott against the province in respect of the work done by him in the central prison. The arbitrators had found that the sum of $19,678.94 was due to Mr. Elliott, and the government would ask the house for an appropriation to settle the account.

In reply to Mr. Merrick, Mr. Mowat stated that the government had not undertaken, or agreed to undertake, the defence of the suit of Walton v. Apjohn, and that they had employed no counsel for the defendant. His attention had not previously been called to the fact that his partner in business was acting as counsel for the defendant, and if it had been he should have taken no action in the matter.

Mr. Pardee stated, in answer to Mr. Wood, that the government were about to bring in a bill to provide that railway companies shall not have power to expropriate mines.

Mr. Morris moved for a return of all correspondence in connection with the boundaries of Ontario and Quebec. Mr. Mowat contended that the provinces had a perfect right to agree upon the respective boundaries between themselves, and recited the fact that the agreement between the two provinces provided for a boundary. Considerable discussion arose on the matter, and finally, after Mr. Pardee had admitted it was desirable that a bill confirming the agreement by the dominion parliament should be passed, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Meredith, on the understanding that the correspondence should be brought down soon, allowed the motion for the adjournment of the debate in the Haliburton division court judge case to be withdrawn.

A number of bills passed the second reading, and Mr. Hardy laid on the table the papers relating to the instructions to the returning officer for the district of Algoma.

The house adjourned.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

The De La Salle Property to be Purchased—Sale of Richmond Street Property.

The special meeting of the separate school board was held last night in St. John's hall, Bond street; present: Vicar-General Rooney (in the chair), Vicar-General Laurent, Rev. Fathers Bergin and Sheahan, and Messrs. Herson, Kelly, O'Connor, Wm. Burns, Murphy, Herbert, Chas. Burns, Louney, Ryan, Petley, Kelz, Gibson and Dr. McConnell.

A letter was received from his grace, Archbishop Lynch, in reference to the sale of the Jarvis and Richmond streets school property. On motion it was decided to purchase the De La Salle property for the use of the board for $25,000, payments to extend over ten years with six per cent. interest.

It was also resolved to concur in the application to the Ontario legislature for authority to sell the Richmond street property on condition that power was reserved to the school board to control the sale, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the archbishop.

Legislative Committees.

Bills reducing the capital stock of the English Loan company and a bill admitting John Robertson Miller to practice as a solicitor were passed by the private bills committee yesterday. A measure incorporating the village of Woodville was assented to with slight amendments.

At a meeting of the railway committee the Irondale, Bancraft & Ottawa railway was granted an act of incorporation, and after discussion it was decided to defer consideration of the bill chartering the Cascadilla railway company until next week. This company propose to build a six-mile line from Horning's Mills in the county of Dufferin to connect with the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway at Melancthon station.

A Handsome Present.

The late grand master of the A.O.U.W., J. R. Millar, was yesterday presented by members of the order at the Rossin house with a valuable silver tea-set, accompanied by an appropriate address. In addition to the committee of G. W. Badgerow, M.P.P., F. C. Irving, P.D.D.G.M. and P.M., W. Waltz, appointed to select the present and prepare the testimonial, there were present: Dr. Widdifield, M.P.P., past master, R. H. Ramsay, and several other prominent members of the order.

A Valuable Horse Drowned.

Yesterday morning four teams drawing loads of stone for the new church on the island struck the ice at the foot of Simcoe street. A short distance from the shore the ice broke through and all four teams and their loads were submerged. After considerable work seven of the horses were rescued but the eighth was forced under the ice in the struggle and was drowned. All the drivers had narrow escapes.

Rough Treatment.

Mr. Edwards, proprietor of the Parkdale News, has entered a complaint at the street car company's headquarters against the time-keeper. He stated that he was riding in a street car the other evening when the time-keeper boarded it and rudely ejected him and two others on the plea of over-crowding. In spite of this, however, three more passengers were taken up in a distance of two blocks.

The Merry, Merry Bells.

The Royal hand bell ringers of London, Eng., so well known to Torontonians, are about to visit the city to delight the ear of their patronizers. As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, they commence a week's engagement at the Gardens on 3rd March next. We feel sure they will have large audiences.

The Grangers.

Last night at 12 o'clock the meeting of the provincial grange was closed. The following lady officers were elected: Mrs. White, Chatham, Ceres; Mrs. Moffatt, Durham, Flora; Mrs. Nellis, Grimsby, Pomona; Miss Chambers, Grimsby, lady assistant steward. The following are the delegates elected to attend the meeting of the dominion grange: Messrs. Gifford, Robinson, Currie, Glendenning, Doyce, McLeod, Wilkie, McMardie, Servos, Moffatt, Nelles and Trull.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

Henry Irving and Ellen Terry at the Grand Opera House Last Night.

This drama stands in the very front rank of Shakespeare's plays for acting qualities, as well as for scenic display. That it was well put on the stage last night at the Grand opera house goes without saying, for each scene was as near perfection as skill and money could make it. After witnessing such tableaux one gets an idea of the extent to which Mr. Irving has made art contributory to his phenomenal success as an actor and manager. The costumes were, moreover, in keeping with the scenes, the most careful attention having been given to each detail of every figure however unimportant.

The Merchant of Venice has this great advantage over most of Shakespeare's plays that it gives room for two roles, neither of which can be regarded as inferior to the other in prominence. In this respect it surpasses even Macbeth and Hamlet, which come nearest to it. The roles of Shylock and Portia as nearly as possible offset each other, and each was played last night as neither was ever before played in Toronto.

Whatever differences of opinion there may be as to the merits of Mr. Irving's Mathias or his Louis XI., there can hardly be any as to his Shylock. The stage mannerisms which detract from some of his other impersonations seem in this one to fit into and form part of the character itself. His conception is not the common one of a decrepit old man bowed with infirmity and tottering with the weight of years, but rather of a venerable Jew of distinguished appearance and erect carriage who with undaunted front dares the highest tribunal in Venice to refuse him the bloody penalty of his bond. Throughout the great trial scene he never for an instant ceases to be the wronged and embittered usurer determined on having his revenge, until he finds himself deprived of it by the petty quibble that the shedding of blood is not implied in the cutting of flesh. It has been well said that the shock from which Shylock suffers is due quite as much to the sense of wrong and injustice as to the loss of his much-prized wealth, and this view of the situation was illustrated last night to the life. The Shylock of Irving will always remain one of the great creations of the Shakespearian stage.

The same may be said of Miss Terry's Portia. In the trial scene she takes her difficult part with ease, grace and dignity. Her elocution is perfect and her personal appearance fits her admirably for playing the part of the judge in male attire. The famous lines containing the vain appeal to the Jew to be merciful and accept payment of Antonio's debt are rendered in such a way as to reveal new beauties to those to whom they are most familiar. In the casket and ring scenes she played to perfection the part of the coy but love-stricken maiden and of the injured and indignant wife, giving such an impression of versatility as leaves no room for surprise that she should be unanimously adjudged by the critics to be the greatest Portia on the stage.

Death of an Old Pioneer.

The many friends of Mr. Jas. Mullin, one of the oldest citizens, in Toronto will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at his residence in Scollard street yesterday. Mr. Mullin was born in the county Monaghan, Ireland, in 1797, and was consequently at the time of his death nearly 87 years of age. In 1823 he emigrated to Canada, and in the following year came to Little York. He was for some time a clerk in Willard's store. In 1828 he married Miss Jane Robinson, and took up a farm of 100 acres in what is now known as the 2d concession of York west. He was subsequently appointed assessor and collector for York township, and continued to occupy that position for many years. He performed the duty of assessing and collecting on Queen street when known as Lot street. He was afterward elected councillor of York township, and was appointed a justice of the peace by the Baldwin-Lafontaine government, and continued to discharge the duties of that position till 1867, when he returned to Toronto. In 1837 he volunteered to defend the frontier against the rebels. He has been a member of the York Pioneers for many years. He leaves a family behind him, consisting of a son and four daughters, besides his widow.

Disease in the Province.

A number of important changes in the district prevalence of disease as compared with last week are noticed. In one it is the increased prevalence of diphtheria, in others of whooping cough, and in another of pneumonia. Amongst respiratory diseases, while bronchitis is not quite so prevalent, influenza is increased, and while consumption does not appear prevalent, pneumonia has very noticeably increased. Rheumatism and neuralgia show much the same prevalence as during past weeks. Amongst fevers, the continued high prevalence of intermittent is noticed, while the continued absence of typhoid from the list of the twenty prevalent diseases must be again remarked. Diphtheria has very considerably increased its prevalence over last week when it seemed to have become temporarily less in amount. Whooping cough presents no noticeable change in its percentage of prevalence. Mumps is still present, while scarlatina retains its position of last week.

The Cow Byres.

Yesterday a very large deputation waited on the attorney-general in re the removal of Gooderham & Worts cow byres. Mr. Moss, Q.C., Mr. Robinson, Q.C., and Mr. Blackstock, Q.C., appeared for defendants and Mr. McKellar for plaintiffs. It was first argued that the cow byres were a nuisance, and it was argued on the other hand that they were a source of large revenue to the province and that furthermore their removal would be striking a serious blow at the agricultural community at large. After hearing much evidence, pro and con, Mr. Mowat reserved the subject for consideration.

The Cells Last Night.

Detective John McKenzie of Hamilton came down last night and took charge of Richard Prior, the man accused of embezzling his employer's funds in the ambitious city. He took him to that city by the last train last night. Jas. O'Brien was locked up in No. 1 station on a charge of stealing an overcoat out of the Black Horse hotel. Anna O'Donnell, a fair L mhardian, was locked up for smashing the windows of Matilda Clark, 179½ York street. In No. 2 there were two drunks, in No. 3 the same number, and in stations 4 and 5 there were no prisoners.

CART LOADS OF CORPSES.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE BY SOUTHERN CYCLONE.

A Court House Converted Into an Hospital—The Country Knocked Out of Shape.—Forests Levelled.

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 22.—Details of the destruction wrought by Tuesday night's cyclone come in hourly, each one revealing new fields of devastation and death. Several wagon loads of dead bodies have been taken to Rockingham from the surrounding country. The court house has been converted into an hospital. The forests are levelled, so that the country can hardly be recognized. It is estimated that not less than 60 and perhaps 100 lives have been lost in the state.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 22.—Accounts from various parts of the state show that Tuesday night's tornado was far more destructive than supposed. The estimated number of persons killed is not less than 90, and at least 100 were injured. A vast amount of property was destroyed.

The Cottage Meeting.

Mrs. Johnson of Roundtown, Jamaica, addressed the cottage meeting on the corner of York and Richmond streets last evening on the subject, What Think ye of Christ? Her remarks were most earnest and affecting and went home to all her hearers.

The Granger's Cigar.

Last night the horse reporter came into the office and filled it with such an aroma that the religious editor called out, "Say, blue ribbon, have you been inspecting the sewers?" "No," replied the Khan, "I have only been to see the grangers." "Where's the smell from?" said the critic, fresh from the contemplation of the great actor. "I don't know," was the answer. At this moment the devil entered, and said, "Say, Khan, where did you get that bad cigar from?" "Oh," said the blue-ribboned horse reporter, "I went down to visit the grangers, and one of them gave me this. It is one of Jake's best. He lives in the fifth concession, so it must be good." All the same, the staff had to leave until it was smoked out.

ALWAYS SOUND.

From the Owen Sound Times.

In this connection the Toronto World, which has always been sound in its views on railway matters, has an article which puts the genuine situation so forcibly that we copy it entire.

PITY'S THE WORD.

In his two performances so far, in Mathias, a remorse-pursued murderer, and in Shylock, the exactful Jew, Irving so interprets the characters as to gain for them the sympathy of the audience. You are sorry for Mathias all the time, and instead of hating the Hebrew you feel rather that it is he that has been wronged, and that he has been cheated out of his due on a quibble.

TO ELLEN'S PORTIA.

Portia, thy glorious voice was full
Of music sweet to me,
Thy tones fell like a golden rain
Down on a silver sea.

And when you moved, the poetry
Of motion sweet was thine,
You had a splendid triumph, but
The memory is mine.

You showed how sweet, how true and good,
How loyal, brave and free,
How fond, forgiving, thoughtful, wise,
A noble girl can be.

TO HENRY'S SHYLOCK.

Jew! thine eyes, thy actions and thy words
Stirred feelings strange in me;
I hated, loathed, despised, admired,
And then I pitied thee!

TO THE BEAUTY IN THE AUDIENCE.

How sweet you looked in evening dress,
How bright your girlish beauty beamed,
How shone the jewels round your neck,
How white your snowy shoulders gleamed.

And Irving never had before,
In this or any other land,
A list'ner half so beautiful,
So queenly, graceful or so grand.

—*The Khan.*

HIS FINEST AUDIENCE.

Henry Irving is evidently satisfied with Toronto. He said that the audience of last night was the finest one he had played to in America. Toronto is to be congratulated on the compliment, Henry on his good judgment, Manager Sheppard on his enterprise.

THE KHAN UPSET.

Poetic Khan, World-famed immortal bard,
Yester a poet, now a weather card,
Stupendous fall! what witching power beguiled
The Attic muse's last and favored child?
He who makes mourner's smile, sad hearts rejoice,
He who wakes the echoes with Dame nature's voice,
Apt student in Walt. Whitman's wayward school,
Thy blazing genius scorned the settled rule
That chains the lines of those who would aspire
With Arctic verse to claim poetic fire.
"Yo-honk! yo-honk!" that famous wild goose chase
Mark'd thee a scion of Euterpe's race;
Thy "Father's Dinner Pail," sweet lyric lay,
Has brightened homes, when, at the close of day,
Hath curtains drawn, the ruddy evening fire
Reflects smiles of wife and child and sire.
Thy "Temperance Hen's" sedate and humorous grace
Would wreath in smiles the festive mule's sweet face.
Bright dream, 'tis but a broken vision now,
The hand of shame has sealed thy noble brow,
And stamped upon each clustering chestnut lock,
Great Khan, the Poet's, but a weathercock.

—*Porcupine.*

FINE AND FRESH.

TORONTO, Feb. 23, 1 a.m.—*Lakes: Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fine weather; slightly lower temperature.*

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at.	From.
Feb. 22	Island	Antwerp	New York
Feb. 22	Wisconsin	New York	Liverpool
Feb. 23	Cephalonia	New York	Liverpool
Feb. 23	Steinman	Antwerp	———
Feb. 23	Gallia	Queenstown	New York