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BREAKWATER CAN BE CUT

IN ORDER THAT ASHBRIDGE'S BAY MAY BE DRAINED.

This Is the Result of an Appeal to the Minister of Public Works by a Deputation of Members of Toronto City Council—A Review of the Work of the Session.

OTTAWA, March 30.—The session of the Dominion Parliament for 1893 is practically over. It has not been an eventful one. Very little legislation has been passed. But what has been done has been done in a business-like way. There has been no unnecessary debating; the House got to work on the very first day, and this spirit was maintained to the end. There was no exaravagant voting of public money for railways, public works or the like. Mr. Foster is proving a prudent keeper of the public purse, and any of his colleagues who have a project that involves expenditure have to make out a good case to get it in to the estimates. Prudence and economy are becoming common every-day virtues at Ottawa and members are rather surprised to see them so generally practised and upheld in the public service.

Sir John Thompson has proved himself to be the ablest man in his party and a competent leader of the House and an exemplary and judicious Premier. He works day and night in the public service. He has not a single prejudice that he consults, and he never makes a mistake. Had he consented to a ratification of the French treaty he would have made a mistake. But he withstood all pressure to that end. The new ministers have all proved industrious in their departments. The two new comptrollers are excellent officers, though it must be admitted that the system, in so far as it covers the relation of the controllers to the Privy Council, has yet to prove its efficiency. Mr. Daly has done good work in the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Foster is a strong lieutenant of the Premier, and John Haggart of Railways has made the best record in a department of any minister since Confederation. If anyone asks for the common characteristics of the Thompson Government they are: First the industry of the several ministers and next their economy and regard for the public interests. The morale of the House, of members, of ministers is, The World is glad to say, steadily improving.

The Opposition has now its opportunity if it wishes to avail itself thereof. In some respects they have made headway. They have dropped their annexation tendencies and they have, it must be admitted, their trump card in tariff reform. All depends on how they play it. The Government are committed to tariff revision, while abandoning no substantial part of the National Policy, and the fight will be wide tariff reduction versus the National Policy thus revived. But The World believes that manufacturers have nothing to fear. Next session will be the battle scene of the tariff issue. By that time we may know what the Democrats are able to do in this direction in the United States.

The McCarthy episode must be left to work itself out. Mr. McCarthy has made no headway in the House, and will not make any in the country until he defines accurately whether he is a Conservative and an National Policy, or whether he is merely an anti-Thompson man. He is suspected by the Conservatives of being only the latter, and using the tariff and the school questions to feed the flame of his antagonism to the Premier. Mr. McCarthy, as The World has already told him, must spend his time and his money and himself in organizing and stumping the country if he hopes to break up the Conservative party or make himself its dictator. But no such irregular attendance to Parliament as has characterized his past, or so erratic a line of amendments as he has suggested will ever bring him to the front. The World says this in all fairness to the member for North Simcoe. There is room for independent high-minded men in Parliament, but they must prove themselves such.

Mr. Boston Introduced.

The three sittings of the House to-day have been busy ones, but the business transacted at the morning and afternoon sittings was almost entirely the formal passing of bills through their final stages.

The principal event of the morning session was the introduction of Mr. Boston, the newly elected Grit member for South Middlesex, just in time to vote on Mr. Davin's amendment to the motion for the reading of the Senate's amendments to the bill relating to witnesses and evidence.

Mr. Davin moved that the amendments be read this day six months, giving as his reason that the bill took from the Northwest Territories the control of witnesses and evidence given them by the act of 1891.

Mr. Boston knew nothing about the question, but he was sitting next to Jim Sutherland, who prodded him at the right moment and he voted like a little man for the amendment, which was lost by a vote of 40 for to 87 against.

The evening session was opened by two questions of privilege, raised by Mr. Lister and Tarte. The first gentleman complained of an editorial reference to him in The Empire, and the latter gentleman was grieved at something said about him in The Montreal Gazette. Each gentleman stated his little grievance and had a tilt at the editor, and then the matter dropped. The remainder of the present bills to be put through this session were then put through their first stages, and at 10.15 the House got into concurrence, and will run through the supply bills to finish up all business for Saturday prorogation.

Toronto's Aldermen.

The deputation from the Toronto City Council waited on the Minister of Public Works to-day and after several conferences between the minister and his chief engineer and the deputation, assisted by Messrs. Maclean, Cockburn and Denison, an agreement was arrived at by which the minister agrees to allow the breakwater to be cut through in order to drain Ashbridge's Bay, the city undertaking to be responsible for any damages to Toronto harbor that may ensue.

WELL-KNOWN IN TORONTO.

A Former Popular Actress at the Old Lyceum Killed.

Mrs. Molyneux St. John, whose death occurred at Montreal on Wednesday last through a runaway accident, was well known to old Toronto theatre-goers. Five and twenty years ago "Kate Ranoe" was a popular actress at the old Lyceum. She was a most estimable lady, much admired in private life and had many warm personal friends in this city. Her sister is married to Mr. Frank Burnaud, editor of Punch.

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ONE PINK DRESS TOO MANY.

Bella Le Verde and James J. Corbett Differ as to Why "Gentleman Jack" Disbanded in Pittsburg.

A week ago Miss Le Verde was an important member, although not the leading lady, of the James J. Corbett company, which will appear at the Academy next week in "Gentleman Jack," the play in which Mr. Corbett stars. Miss Le Verde was accustomed to disport herself in a pink silk dress to the delight of large audiences. Both young lady and dress were noted attractive features of the show.

Miss Lee Leman, the leading lady of the company, did not share this enthusiasm so far as the young lady was concerned, but she tacitly admitted the beauty of the pink silk dress by promptly providing herself with a duplicate. The new pink silk dress cast the old pink silk dress in the shade.

Questions of High Art.

Miss Le Verde was a young lady of spirit, however, and lost no time in appearing in still another pink silk dress more gorgeous than any yet seen in "Gentleman Jack." Miss Lemar paid her rival's new dress a great compliment. She declared that one pink dress on the stage was enough and Miss Le Verde might dress herself in any color of the rainbow except pink. Mr. Corbett, she explained, liked to see his leading lady in pink, and two pink dresses were too much of a good thing.

Miss Le Verde was indignant, but powerless. Manager Brady, after consultation with his star and his leading lady, decided that for artistic reasons Miss Le Verde ought to wear some other color, and he clinched his argument by posting a notice to the effect that the season would end at Pittsburg last Saturday evening. This was a surprise to the company, as the tour was expected to last a year.

The true inwardness of the move came out, according to Miss Le Verde, when, as the company disbanded on Saturday night, all the members with the exception of three, of whom she was one, received notice that the company would reorganize in a week and that their services would be needed.

Corbett Laughs and Denies it.

Corbett was seen last night with his wife and asked if there was any truth in the story. He laughed and said it was absolutely untrue.

"The change in the company," he said, "is for the best. The places of those discharged will be filled by more competent people."

At this season of the year, he explained, there are many capable actors out of employment anxious to secure a summer engagement at a reasonable figure. The management merely availed itself of the opportunity of securing the best talent in the market to take the places of those persons discharged.

THE MILTON FORGER

Is Sentenced To Serve Five Years At Kingston.

MILTON, March 30.—Charles H. Davidson, the member of the Burlington nursery firm of that name, who was lodged in the county jail here on Wednesday of last week, after being brought from Mexico, via England, by Government Detective John Murray, was brought before County Judge Snider this morning. Davidson was arraigned on three charges of having forged names to notes, by which the Bank of Hamilton was swindled out of a large sum of money. He pleaded guilty to all three charges. Government Detective Murray was present and gave evidence.

Judge Snider sentenced Davidson to five years in the Kingston Penitentiary on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

An Old Man's Miraculous Escape From Instant Death.

HAMILTON, March 30.—About 7.30 this morning an old man named William Brads was found lying near the Grand Trunk track between Dundas and Harrisburg. His clothing was torn to shreds and his face covered with blood. He was picked up and taken to Harrisburg, and from there brought to the city by the 9 o'clock train for the east. The ambulance was in waiting when the train arrived, and in it the injured man was conveyed to the hospital.

On being put to bed he soon regained consciousness and stated that he was walking along the track when something struck him, and after that everything was a blank. He is supposed to have been struck by the west bound train which leaves here about 6.30 a.m.

The hospital physicians examined him and discovered that besides having his left arm broken in three places, his head badly cut and his body bruised the injured man had sustained a terrible shock, which militated strongly against his recovery, particularly as he is a man well up in years.

THE NEW BRIDGE.

Further Comments—It Will Be a Great Improvement.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Commenting upon the proposed expenditure by Toronto citizens to have the New Bridge in April, it will be well to take into consideration the number of people that will be in direct opposition to its progress, but like all new ideas when they first come in, what is old cannot last long, and when it is found that in New York the bridges made last year were too narrow it has opened the eyes of the designers, so that should the people in Toronto finally decide to allow of its intrusion from the city to the island ample width should be insisted upon, and at the Easter opening of hats at dineen's, corner king and yonge-streets, on Saturday the New York ideas will be seen to advantage.

"Reveries of a Bachelor" and "Dream Life."

By Donald G. Mitchel (Ik. Marvel): Small cheap cloth edition: John P. McKenna, eighty Yonge-street, Toronto.

"Dream Life" (a fable of the seasons) is an exquisite production, the like of which the press has not produced in this country or in England. This book is especially welcome as appealing to all the finer feelings of the heart.

Potomac Shad at Chivrell's to-day.

Emigration To the Northwest.

WINNIPEG, March 30. — Seventy-five farmers of Nebraska left there to-day, having secured farms in this country. They bring a large amount of stock and implements with them.

Three hundred English immigrants arrived here this morning and were forwarded to various agricultural sections in Manitoba and the Northwest. There were 60 English lads for Dr. Barnardo's home in the party.

Clow's hot X buns Friday.

A Charcoal Combine.

BINGHAMTON, March 30.—A scheme is on foot to corner the charcoal industry, whose centre is in this neighborhood. The price will soon go up.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

EXPERIMENTAL FRUIT FARM.

A NIAGARA DISTRICT DEPUTATION WANT ONE ESTABLISHED.

Farmer-General Dryden Promises to Bring the Matter Before the Government—The Deputation Also Wait Upon the Property Committee With Respect to the Establishment of a Fruit Market.

A deputation of fruit growers consisting of Messrs. A. M. Smith, St. Catharines; James Shepherd, Niagara; Andrew Haynes, St. Catharines; W. B. Rittenhouse, Beamsville; L. Woolverton, Grimsby; G. W. Cline, Winona; J. Ward, Welland; W. W. Hilborne, Leamington; W. N. Pettit, Winona, waited on the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday morning and asked the farmer-general to bring before the Government the establishment of an experimental fruit farm in the Niagara district.

Mr. Dryden promised to consider the matter and lay it before the Government.

Want a Fruit Market.

A deputation composed of Messrs. McWilliams, of McWilliams & Everest; Clemes, of Clemes Bros.; H. Dawson, of Dawson Bros., and W. H. Smith, representing the wholesale fruit dealers of the city, and Mr. James Shepherd of Niagara, Mr. Haines of St. Catharines and Mr. George Cline of Winona from the Fruit Growers' Association, waited upon the Property Committee yesterday with respect to accommodation for a fruit market in proximity to both the railroads and the boats.

Ald. Crawford stated that the G.T.R. were thinking of giving the freight shed of the old Yonge-street station for that purpose. The only difficulty about this was that the fruit would have to be carted there from the boats.

A site just west of the foot of Yonge-street, property owned by the city, is spoken of as the probable location for the market, which would be controlled by and yield a revenue to the city.

Mr. George Cline was positive that the creation of a central fruit market would be conducive to the sending of a far better class of fruit to Toronto, as if large quantities were sent to the same place the poorer qualities would not find a sale beside those of the higher grades and the producer would soon find this out and consequently send a really first-class article to Toronto.

By the representations of other members of the deputation it was shown that a great deal of fruit is shipped to Buffalo and the Northwest on account of the poor facilities which Toronto affords for the handling of the produce.

DOYLE NOT GUILTY.

Tried on a Charge of Manslaughter in North Bay.

PEMBROKE, Ont., March 30.—The court was crowded this morning to hear the case of the Queen v. Doyle. Alexander Findlay Doyle was arraigned for manslaughter, in that he did slay and kill Alexander Pouliot on Nov. 14 last.

The evidence for the prosecution endeavored to show that the prisoner struck Pouliot in the barroom of the Winnipeg House, North Bay, which was owned by Doyle, but on the cross-examination of the numerous witnesses serious discrepancies were shown. The medical testimony for the defence would not positively say, in the absence of a post-mortem examination, that the blow, if given, caused death.

The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

FORGOTTEN IN THE CONFUSION.

An Old Lady, Partially Insane, Cremated At Port Stanley.

PORT STANLEY, Ont., March 30.—A fire broke out in the engine room of Shepherd's planing mill at 2 o'clock this morning and before 3.30 the factory, Volna's bathing house and T. J. Orme's dwelling house were in ashes. Mr. Orme's mother, Mrs. Sifton, was burned to death.

The deceased has been for some time partially insane and was kept locked in an upstairs bedroom. In the hurry and confusion of the fire she could not be rescued. County Crown Attorney Donahue has ordered an inquest.

THE YOUNG CASE.

A Large Crowd Disappointed Because the Trial Went Over.

ST. THOMAS, Ont. March 30.—Mr. Osler, Q.C., senior counsel in the Young murder case, arrived in the city last evening and thought the case was set for this morning, consequently when the hour for the opening of court arrived the building was packed to the doors with eager spectators, among whom were a large number of ladies. Disappointment was keen, however, when Mr. Osler arose and asked for a postponement of the case, as two material witnesses, the father and mother of prisoner, were ill. After some discussion by counsel, the case was set down for next Assize Court.

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Black bass at Chivrell's to-day.

Like An Ostrich.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 30.—The following articles have been taken from the stomach of a patient who died at the Insane Asylum here: Seventy-five stones, 38 nails, 15 staples, two screws, two buttons and a piece of glass. The total weight of the foreign substances was 21 ounces.

Clow's hot X buns Friday.

Local Jottings.

Monday being a legal holiday the offices at Osgoode Hall will be closed on that day.

At the close of the Lansdowne-avenue School for the Easter holidays yesterday the teachers presented Caretaker R. Kirk with a handsome dinner set.

At the Nationalist meeting last night Mr. D. J. O'Donohue gave a very interesting and forcible address on the immigration question.

The Property Committee of the Public School Board met yesterday, with Mr. Hodgson in the chair. Accounts amounting to $300 were passed.

The Supply Committee of the Public School Board met yesterday afternoon at 2, with Mr. Hambly in the chair, and passed accounts to the amount of about $2500.

Mr. Justice Meredith yesterday heard argument in appeal from the certificate of the master in ordinary finding the Farquhars liable as contributors in the Sun Lithographing Company. Judgment was reserved.

Dr. Bryce's lectures on cholera have been continued with unabated interest. The last one of the course will be given next Monday evening, April 3, and will be of general interest, the subject being "How the public may assist the health officer." The monthly business meeting of the guild will be held the same evening.

A public meeting of the congregation of Erskine Presbyterian Church was held last evening to discuss the proposal to establish a liquor store near the corner of McCaul and Caer-Howell-streets. The feeling of the meeting as expressed by the various speakers was decidedly opposed to the shop, and the Board of Management was instructed to take all legal means towards meeting the desire of the congregation. The managers will unite with the board of McCaul-street Methodist Church in opposing the application.

THE FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS.

President Carnot Has Persuaded the Members to Carry on the Government for Two Months.

PARIS, March 30.—Another crisis has arrived, but not on the Panama issue. The Chamber of Deputies to-day, by a vote of 247 to 242, decided to retain the liquor law amendment as a part of the budget, although the Government expressed itself as firmly opposed to the amendment, which increases the burdens of the liquor trade.

Upon the vote of the Chamber being announced, Premier Ribot adjourned the session until 9 o'clock this evening, in order to give him and his fellow-ministers time consider their position and whether they should regard the vote of the Chamber as a sign of want of confidence in the Ministry.

After a somewhat lengthy consultation in a committee room the ministers proceeded to the Elysee and tendered their resignations to President Carnot. The President had a long interview with the members of the Cabinet and urged them to reconsider their determination. His arguments were in vain, however, and ministers insisted that their resignations must be accepted.

It is rumored that M. Develle, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Ribot Cabinet, will be asked by President Carnot to form a new ministry.

At 9.15 o'clock this evening the deputies re-assembled. Signs of a Cabinet crisis were apparent in the crowded galleries and among the animated groups on the floor of the chamber. When M. Cassimir Perier took the chair all the ministerial places were vacant, but a moment later M. Tirard, Minister of Finance, entered alone. He announced in a few words that the Cabinet had resigned, but had been charged by President Carnot to carry on the affairs of state for a short period. He would therefore ask the Chamber for a vote on account to cover the next two months. The Chamber referred his request to the Budget Committee and then adjourned.

During the recess of 25 minutes the deputies remained in the corridors and lobbies and eagerly discussed the situation. At 10 o'clock, the hour set for re-assembling, not a chair in the whole House was vacant.

The disorder, which the President had been unable to quiet, was hushed the moment M. Lockroy stepped to the tribune to announce the decision of the Budget Committee. In a few words he stated that the committee felt it expedient to grant the request made by M. Tirard for two months' supplies, but would recommend a vote covering one month from the present date.

Shouts of approval greeted this statement. The brief discussion which followed was one-sided, as the difference in the Chamber practically concerned only the question whether supplies should be voted for one month or not at all. Eventually the report of the committee was adopted by a vote of 594 to 5, and the Chamber adjourned until Tuesday.

BURNED TO DEATH IN JAPAN.

Mr. John A. Peebles Loses His Life in a Hotel Fire.

HAMILTON, March 30.—A newspaper has been received in this city from Yokohama, Japan, containing particulars of the burning to death there of Mr. John A. Peebles, formerly of Hamilton, and who was well-known and highly respected from one end of the Dominion to the other.

Mr. Peebles, it will be remembered by old residents, was one of the most valued employes in Messrs. D. MacInnes & Co.'s wholesale drygoods establishment here for many years, and subsequently did business for that firm in Winnipeg, being almost the first representative of an Ontario house in the Northwest.

Mr. Peebles afterwards became connected with the firm of Messrs. Stobart, Eden & Co. of Winnipeg, and in time was taken in as a partner. He was offered and accepted the position of manager of the Hudson Bay Company's stores in Winnipeg.

During the great boom in real estate he met with reverses and left the Northwest for Japan. For many years he acted as buyer in that country for Canadian wholesale houses, notably Eaton's of Toronto.

The Japan Gazette contains a column about the fire in Yokohama, in which Mr. Peebles met his death. It took place at 4 o'clock in the morning of March 8. The building burned was the annex of the Club Hotel, and besides Manager Peebles at the time the fire broke out there were sleeping in it Mr. John Herring, Mr. Mudgett and an officer of the United States steamship Petrel.

The fire broke out in the front bedroom, in which the naval officer was sleeping. Jumping from his bed, the officer called Mr. Herring to assist him in putting out the fire, but when they returned to the room everything was ablaze. They immediately awoke Mr. Peebles, and then had to bolt for their lives.

Mr. Mudgett had a very narrow escape. These men and several servants who were in the annex escaped with barely anything upon them. Nothing having been seen or heard of Mr. Peebles, a gang of men were set to work to rummage the ruins, in the expectation of finding his remains.

At about 1.45 p.m. their search proved successful. The body was found lying face downwards on the right side, and was utterly beyong recognition as that of the man who a few hours before had appeared in such robust health, as Mr. Peebles had been.

It was found directly beneath the bedroom, near the desk in the sitting-room of the hotel. One supposition is that he had reached the bottom of the stairs and then turned into the office for some purpose or another, while another is that he fell with the floor of his bedroom. An inquest was held and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts.

Mr. Peebles was about 50 years of age and leaves a widow, who is the daughter of Mr. David Hawkins, and sister of Mr. George Hawkins of Bay-street.

Deceased was son of the late Mr. Mathew Peebles, who for a great many years represented West Flamboro' in Wentworth Township Council, and brother of Mr. C. H. Peebles, grocer, MacNab street.

The Schirmer-Mapleson Combination.

The Ottawa Evening Journal says of the Schirmer-Mapleson combination which appeared in that city on Monday night and will be here for four afternoon and evening performances, to-day and Saturday: "Part 2 of the program comprised the whole of the second act of Gounod's Faust known as the Garden Scene, with scenery and accessories adapted to the comparatively small stage room. It is unnecessary to give details of the plot—that being generally known. Suffice it to say, therefore, that both from a musical and histrionic point of view it was a great success and an equally great treat. Mdle. Schirmer-Mapleson impersonated the heroine Marguerite clad in an appropriate costume specially designed for her by the president of the Royal Academy. Her interpretation of the guileless yet beguiled, vain yet modest, innocent yet guilty maiden was true to nature. She struggled bravely against the ardent blandishments so beautifully pleaded by Signor Berthald-Barren as Faust and the diabolical machinations of the omnipotent sophist Mephisto (Signor Sartori), but, as all the world knows, struggled vainly. Poor Marguerite! The whole scene created a deep impression—an impression that would have been immeasurably deepened by an orchestra, but what was possible in its absence was effected by the Chickering grand piano supplied by the Messrs. Nordheimer. To-night the program will be equally as good and interesting. Mdle. Mapleson should be heard by everybody who can possibly be present.

WHEN THE SONG BIRDS COME

THEY CAROL THE TRIUMPH OF WARMTH OVER COLD.

And When One Strolls in the Parks to Hear the First Trills and Whistling, the Fragrance of the Earth Enters One's Nostrils, and Life Seems Worth Living.

Everyone has read that dainty poem which describes the plight of the village forsaken by the birds and how the schoolmaster won the maiden by his eloquent defence of his feathered favorites. Perhaps one of the most welcome signs of spring better than the triumph of warmth over cold, of vivid green over cheerless white is the arrival of the feathered orchestra who make the mornings and the twilight merry with their music. If spring holds to its promise of an early coming the birds will be with us soon again. The citizen who would hear the birds to the best advantage and would delight his eyes with their brilliant plumage and quick motions must go forth in the spring to any of the parks where he will find some of the songsters already exercising their larynxes in timid trills and roulades. Of course, there are birds that stay the year around. There are the snow birds that chirp disconsolately in sombre garments over the grave of nature. The house or English sparrow, like the poor, is always with us. You will see him in the roadways and on the pavements picking out his precarious living, and strange to say, the hardy little brigand has been not at all inconvenienced by this long and vigorous winter.

But he is not a songster. He says nothing, but saws wood.

The Song Sparrow.

The song sparrow is not a migratory bird. During the winter he remains concealed in the long grass of the marshes and meditates upon the operatic score for the coming season. Whe spring come he practises, timidly at first, but afterwards with the confidence of his art, the song he has evolved. He it is who welcomes all the other birds, extending to them a friendly chirp of greeting, a musical ode as it were upon their debut. The tree sparrow, too, is new, and gives his brother's song with variations of his own. In this he is not unlike his human brethren, who have been accused of pirating melodies from others' operas.

Also now may we see the bluebird, a brilliant bit of color in the vernal landscape. The lay of the song sparrow is Wagnerian, heavy, brooding, sombre and somewhat pessimistic. But the bluebird is one of the Italian school, something in the Donizetti style, jovial and optimistic. He has more to tell about than the song sparrow and says it better.

The Phoebe fly-catcher has a very flashy spring suit and is popular with the ladies on that account. But he is content to pose and does nothing more than give a quiet 'gluck' of satisfaction as he gobbles an early worm or an untimely fly.

The purple finch is occasionally seen all through the winter, although he is something of a southern tourist during cold weather. In any case, he comes back as early as February and chimes in with his fine tenor voice to help out the spring overture. He is a very handsome bird and does not depend on his voice alone to attract his lady love.

But Robin Redbreast, with the pretty legend of his crimson bosom, is before all these. He has a liking for the Canadian climate and leaves his southern hotel early in the year. Father McCann deprived The Globe of its hitherto undisputed privilege by discovering the first robin executing a pas de seul in the archbishop's garden early in January.

Robin Redbreast has no song at first. He contents himself with hopping about to see that everything is getting on well. He casts a critical eye on the buds and looks approvingly at the new grass. With his head on one side he watches the children playing on the walks. And so he occupies himself until he falls in love. And then he sings endless sonnets to his inamorata. He gazes sympathetically at the first lovers strolling about, and mounting the highest tree, pours forth the full flood of his eloquent wooing, the dearest and most harmonious that ever came from a tuneful throat.

The Wren Tribe.

In April come the wren tribe who execute duos, trios, quartets and operatic choruses with Robin Redbreast. At the end of April that primo tenore absolute of the violent orchestra comes before the footlights and wakes the echoes with his enchanting melody. The rosebreasted grossbeak keeps him company but needs the thrill of a grande passion to call forth the liquid gurgles of his lay.

During April the tribe of shore birds, none of whom are songsters, come as coryphees for the grand ballet that takes place every morning in the tree tops. They do not come in flocks at first. Each kind sends a few in advance, a few braver souls who press close upon the retreat of winter. The linnets are usually among the first to mingle their songs with that of Robin Redbreast. Before the month is far advanced, however, the grass finches, the plovers, the chewinks or ground robins, and that songless bird with the bass drum arrive and go into training for the season's engagements. A great number of singing birds of the sparrow warbler and swallow tribes arrive late in the month, and do not even need to wet their whistle before they tune their pipes. At the beginning of May migration is at its height.

The chimney swifts and swallows do not pack their valises until late in May. They arrive in time to celebrate the Queen's birthday, a display of loyalty on their part that shows that they have no annexation sentiment. They do not belong to the singing contingent; their short, "peep, peep," resembling rather a pizzicati movement, or a stringendo accompaniment by a highly-strung violin. If you want to see the swallows in hundreds, yes, in thousands, walk up to the Varsity and there at morning or at twilight you will notice them darting like living arrows among the eaves, gables, chimneys and cornices of that massive pile. It will be interesting to note their taste in architecture. Now that the new Parliament buildings are finished we shall see whether they will be true to their old love, the imposing Early Norman, or flit to the more barbaric and oriental Romanesque. Let some of our art critics look to this.

The Catbird.

The catbird sings only when the mood is on but makes up for his silence when he lets himself loose. Mid-May finds the golden robin or orioles with their orange and black plumage building their curious nests in the tops of trees.

Other birds there are, both regular and occasional visitors, but those above mentioned include almost all that the average bird lover who is not a student of birds will be likely to see and recognize. In the last days of May the orchestra will be full and may be heard morning and evening, the morning performance being far the better. There will be solos and duos and quartets at all times of the day, and the warblers will play the accompaniments. But at the two performances every throat will be tuned and will send forth its full complement of melody. It is these bird songs that give real and adequate expression to the joy of awakening nature.

TRYING TO DRIVE BRITAIN.

A Charge Made Against Premier Gladstone By a Bumptious Member of the British Parliament.

LONDON, March 30.—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Gladstone made a motion that after Easter the Government business have preference.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, said that the motion was calculated to deprive private members of their rights, and would be resisted by the Opposition. It was unprecedented for the Government to claim so early in the session the whole time of the House, and there was nothing so extraordinary in the present situation to warrant such a proceeding.

Mr. Goschen suggested that Mr. Gladstone's motion be narrowed so as to give precedence to the Government's Irish business.

Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied that the Government could not listen to such a proposal. The motion as made was the least the Government would accept.

William L. Jackson, Chief Secretary for Ireland in the last Cabinet, said that the Government apparently was inaugurating a Parliamentary policy of compulsion. The Prime Minister, instead of leading the House, plainly was trying to drive it. The Government had been unable to give one good reason for curtailing the rights of private members as was proposed in the motion.

He would therefore move an amendment that the operation of the motion be limited to the period between Easter and Whit Sunday.

After this amendment had been rejected by a vote of 172 to 83 other amendments were proposed and discussed at length until the Government moved and carried the closure. The vote on Mr. Gladstone's motion was 163 to 75.

LACROSSE MAGNATES IN TOWN.

The C.L.A. Annual Meeting To-day—The Financial Statement.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Lacrosse Association takes place to-day at the Rossin House starting at 2 p.m. The council meets at 10 in the morning. There will be delegates present from all over the province and much business will be transacted.

The representatives began to arrive yesterday. Secretary J. A. Macfadden reached the city from Stratford, and handed in the audited accounts, which certainly shows the C.L.A. finances to be in a most flourishing state. There is an actual cash balance of $173. Here are the figures:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from '91	$ 6 05	Sundry expenses	$31 65
Annual fees	99 00	Printing	14 00
Catalogues	13 00	Tel and postage	15 12
Arrears	19 92	Hunter, Rose & Co	33 00
Gate receipts	235 42	Balance to H. O'Laughlin	106 07
Total	$373 39	Total	$199 74

ASSETS.

Banners	$300 00
Outstanding accounts	33 57
Cash on hand	173 68
Total	$507.15

There will likely be a lively discussion over the proposal to compel all players to reside in their club's town. It is the intention to amend the rules so as to preclude the possibility of impersonation in championship matches. Then the election of officers will be very lively. There are numerous candidates for the important vice-president. The names of Messrs. H. O'Loughlin, St. Catharines, the old and popular secretary for many years, M. E. Mitchell of Milton and George Thompson of Orillia, are mentioned, and it is said there is a dark horse who will make them all hustle. It is likely that Mr. J. A. Macfadden will be re-elected to his present office, which he has filled with great ability and acceptance the past year.

WILL FIGHT FITZSIMMONS.

Alexander Greggains Deposits a Forfeit of $1000 to Bind a Match.

NEW YORK, March 30.—A despatch from Boston says that Alexander Greggains, the pugilist, has deposited with Captain A. W. Cooke of that city $1000 as a forfeit to make a match with Bob Fitzsimmons. Greggains claims the middleweight championship of America because no one in that class is willing to meet him, although he has had a forfeit up for some weeks. The Californian is now determined to make a try for world's championship honors.

Warren Lewis told a reporter last night that he would back Greggains for any amount.

"I think Greggains can whip Fitz," said Mr. Lewis, "and I am willing to back my opinion with hard cash. If Fitz really wants to fight and the clubs offer an appropriate purse, I will at once take steps to sign articles and bring about a meeting. I am looking out for Greggains' interests, and he will be governed by what I say and do. I will patiently wait Fitzsimmons' reply, which I hope will be immediate and to the point."

Big fish day at Turtle Hall.

Drowning Accident in North York.

A sad drowning accident occurred in the creek which runs through Aurora on Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock, by which a 3-year-old son of Mr. Richard Rose lost his life. It appears the little fellow followed a number of older boys who were playing on the bank of the creek which runs at the rear of his father's place, and accidentally slipped into the water unnoticed by them, and was carried down the stream by the current, which is very fast at that point. As soon as he was missed diligent search was made for him, and his body was recovered some 50 rods down the stream. Every exertion was made to restore him to life, without success.

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The Perfection of Canadian Whisky.

Old Canadian Ryes, matured in sherry casks, brand O.C.B., 7 years old, $3.00 per gallon; V.O.C.B., 10 years old, $3.75 per gallon. They are the finest old whiskies on the market for medicinal purposes. William Mara, wine merchant, 79 Yonge-street, third door north of King. Telephone 1708. Send for new wine price list.

Hot X Buns this morning at Chivrell's.

An Easter Feast.

Next Sunday, April 2, will be Easter. With this advent of spring, when the trees are trying to put forth their tiny buds and the birds on every hilltop are fairly bursting their throats with glad refrains, it is being whispered in Toronto and echoed throughout Ontario that quinn has prepared a feast of Easter neckwear that surpasses anything ever shown before in Toronto.

Personal.

Mr. Charles P. Clemes, an old Port Hope boy, but now a full-fledged resident of Gotham, was in town yesterday. Mr. Clemes represents Messrs. Frederick de Barry & Co. of 41 and 43 Warren-street, New York, agents for G. H. Mumm & Co.'s extra dry champagne. Mr. Clemes bears out the old saying that Canadian boys make the smartest sales agents for U.S. houses.

THE SUBURBS.

From the Junction.

The Executive Committee (No. 1) of the council met last night, Councillor Laughton in the chair. Messrs. Pears, Wright, Gillespie and Hart and Treasurer Clemmer were present.

After declining to relieve Councillor Hart of his responsibility for the now famous baseball supplies, the report of No. 2 committee was adopted.

The recommendation of No. 3 committee that a water main be laid to Mr. Anning's house was thrown out. He will have to be content with a three-quarter service pipe.

The offer of the Toronto Incandescent Electric Light Company has been declined, and the City and Suburban have secured the contract for lighting.

The following estimates were passed on to the treasurer: Electricity and light, $6000; Police Department, $3000; Fire Department, $4600; Waterworks Department, $8000.

The committee approved of the Mayor issuing an order for two weeks' maintenance of Mrs. Wilson at the General Hospital. She is suffering from typhoid fever, and has been removed there by order of Medical Health Officer Clendenan. As she has been a resident of the town for a very short time and has already been in receipt of public charity, Mayor Pears will ascertain from the solicitor to what extent the town is responsible in cases of this nature. In the meantime an order is granted for two weeks only and the matter will come up again at the next meeting of the executive.

As the funds in the Mayor's hands for charitable purposes only amounted in the first instance to $100 and is now all spent another $50 was granted on motion by Councillor Hart.

Some two or three years ago Constable Coe deserted his wife, leaving her in somewhat straightened circumstances. There are taxes in arrears on her property and the treasurer will take no action in the meantime, as payment is promised by monthly instalments.

W. H. Banfield will manufacture the corporation dog tags at four cents for large and three cents for small. The usual posters were ordered to be put up.

Although the G.T.R. have sold a portion of their property and have not acquired any they confess to owning about three and a half acres more this year than they had last.

Messrs. Dewart and Raney, solicitors for the Bank of Commerce, pointed out to the committee that the establishment of a branch of the bank in the Junction afforded additional facilities for the transaction of the town's banking business. The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that a fair proportion of the new business of the town should be given to the commerce, but the present arrangements with the Molsons are not to be affected.

Chairman Laughton is not at all convinced that the town is indebted to the county to the extent of $1247, the amount of the bill the county rendered for their share of the cost of administration of justice last year. The town by agreement pays $1000 for this purpose on general account, $25 for their share of the Registry Office expenses and the cost of maintenance in the county institutions of prisoners sent up for offences committed in the town, and as but few of these were sentenced last year, Mr. Laughton wants to know how the amount is made up. The treasurer will investigate.

After passing a number of small accounts the council adjourned.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church held their monthly at home last night, Rev. James Grant in the chair. Misses Lyons and Essery contributed instrumental selections and Misses Goff, Shepherd, Springer and Mesdames Rice and Jackson assisted with songs and readings. A large number were present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Miss Dolly Peppiatt obtained the silver medal for general proficiency at the British American Business College, Toronto.

Druggist Holden's new sign was stolen last night.

James' Hall was the scene of the first at home of Portadown Lodge No. 10, Sons of Ireland, last night, President Wadsworth in the chair. Messrs. Blundell, representing the Sons of England, and Messrs. Haines and Gilchrist from the Sons of Scotland were present, conveying the greetings of their respective societies. After the refreshments were served a good program was rendered by Misses Eagle and Watson, assisted by Messrs. Christie and Watson. Grand President McFall gave a recitation and the proceedings terminated with a dance.

A similar gathering was held by Lodge Worcester S.O.E.B.S., President Raybould, in the chair. P. D. D. Drewitt and President Hollingsworth of Weston Lodge were present with a number of friends. Miss Blundell's singing and the character acting by Mr. E. Bain, comic, were the principal features. The hall was crowded, and the committee of arrangements and Mr. E. Ward, chairman, deserves great credit for a well managed entertainment.

The crossings of the City and Suburban Railway with the tracks of the G.T.R. and C.P.R. were inspected yesterday morning by Government Engineer Thomas Ridout. He was accompanied by Messrs. W. K. Thompson of the C.P.R., D. Morrice of the G.T.R. and R. H. Fraser of the City and Suburban.

The gates, signals and cross