

MATTER OF FUEL.

The first division of the present session of Dominion Parliament took place last week, on a motion of Mr. Herron, Conservative, of Alberta.

Some of Mr. Herron's constituents, with the great body of settlers in the Northwest, have suffered much and are in danger of suffering more from the coal famine caused by strikes at the mines at Lethbridge and elsewhere. Eastern people not wholly dependent on coal for fuel can hardly understand what it means to be without a fuel supply in the prairie region during the winter. The mines in Alberta can easily supply the whole demand if they are worked, and immense unworked coal areas are held by private individuals. The Government also owns large coal deposits. Wherefore Mr. Herron moved a resolution declaring that Government coal lands should hereafter only be sold or leased on conditions providing for an immediate supply of coal sufficient for the requirements of the people, at a reasonable price, and that respecting coal lands already granted the Government should prevent such regulations as would prevent the loss and suffering of the people for want of fuel.

Mr. Herron and other speakers pointed out that coal lands had been sold by the Government for \$7 to \$10 an acre, that coal was shipped daily to United States from Alberta by American mine owners, that one foreigner had bought a productive mine and closed it up, that hundreds of thousands of people living on the open plains, hundreds of miles from fire wood, were suffering from the cold, and that where coal could be had the price was four times what it ought to be. His view was supported by the other Conservative members from Manitoba and the West and the conditions of affairs above described is not disputed by the Government.

But Mr. Oliver raised many excuses. He said the trouble was lack of transportation and labor difficulties and the Government had no power to do much about it. Finally he put up a private member to offer an amendment setting forth that the suffering in the West did not arise from defect in our legislation but from transportation and labor trouble.

This amendment did not go very far to protect the Western people from freezing, but served to shelve the question for the time. It was carried by a straight party majority of thirty-seven.

Even though labor troubles brought on the coal famine, it does not follow that nothing should be done by the Government which owns coal lands and is constantly selling them to individuals and companies that fail to furnish coal when it is wanted. Mr. Herron's motion showed the way to meet the difficulty even though existing mining companies could not get along with their men.

Moreover, when the Government pleads that labor troubles cause the fuel famine and the suffering some remedy for labor troubles should follow. In the discussion compulsory arbitration was suggested only to meet the sneers and scorn of ministers. Yet, as Mr. Borden pointed out, compulsory arbitration is the law of New Zealand and some other countries, and it might be better to try it in Canada than to have the people perish for want of fuel. Mr. Borden considers the matter so far practical that he has a motion on the order paper for an inquiry into this method. He asks for a committee of nine members to take evidence and consider whether some such system of arbitration may be enacted and operated in this country. They are to report on this question and specify other amendments to the conciliation law that they may find necessary.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF THE TOP

The haze is on the woodlands, And the frost is on the moats, But this don't phase Tom Scullard, Who is out to get the votes.

France has a religious war. One wonders where they ever scraped up enough religion in that country to quarrel over anyway.

Messrs. Stone and Scullard will likely tell you that it is impossible to estimate the number of babies in the city till you start out to kiss them all.

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half way. The man who originated the saying may have got his inspiration through accidentally stepping on a banana peel.

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Not only outside, but inside as well, your body must be frequently cleansed. Otherwise it becomes loaded with waste that clog up the wheels of health. Much better to act in time. Use Mr. Hamilton's Pills; they strengthen and regulate the bowel, assist digestion, enrich the blood and thereby fortify the nerves and lay the foundation of lasting good health.

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The Bike Grind Ends.

New York, Dec. 17.—The honors of the annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, which came to a close Saturday night shortly after 10 o'clock, fell to the lot of the American team, Folger and Root, the former making the winning ride for his team. The entire distance covered was 2,292 miles and 2 laps. Downey, of Downey and Moran, was second, and Rut, of Rut and McFarland, third.

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Sultan Will Help.

Tangier, Dec. 17.—The representative of the Sultan of Morocco, Mohammed El Torres, Saturday notified the diplomatic corps that the Sultan had instructed the Minister of War, who is expected to arrive here shortly from Fez at the head of a body of troops, to co-operate in the carrying out of the reforms provided for by the Algeiras convention.

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Winning Pastor Dies.

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MUSICAL

MacINTYRE-BADGLEY RECITAL.

To say that the MacIntyre-Badgley musical recital was a great success is putting it very mildly. It was a brilliant triumph for one of Chatham's most talented musicians who returned from successes abroad to give her first recital in her own home.

For some time, Chathamites have heard a great deal of Miss Carmen MacIntyre. Four years ago she went abroad to study the violin, and three years later she added to her exceptional accomplishments by studying voice culture and the art of singing. Local lovers of music have followed her career with great interest and have read from time to time in the established musical journals of her repeated successes in recitals in Germany. Naturally when she returned home and announced that she would give her first recital in the Maple City, much was expected and everyone was anxious to hear this talented girl of whom the foreign critics spoke so highly. Those who expected the most were not in the least disappointed last evening. Miss MacIntyre came up fully to the highest expectations of everyone in the Opera House, and she acquitted herself throughout the whole evening in a manner which immediately stamped her as a true artist of the very highest type. Her numbers, especially on the violin, were a surprise to many, and they were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. It is a long time since a recital of such true artistic merit has been given in Chatham, and the audience was not slow in showing its appreciation of the excellent evening's entertainment provided for them.



MISS CARMEN MACINTYRE.

Every number on the program was enthusiastically enjoyed—the last as insistent as the first—and in each instance a reappearance was practically demanded. Encores were graciously responded to and as heartily received as the numbers. Miss MacIntyre was the recipient of two handsome bouquets of flowers, presented during the evening.

One of the big surprises of the evening was Miss MacIntyre's singing. She has a high soprano voice of great sweetness and remarkable range. She appeared twice in vocal numbers, and on each occasion she was heartily applauded and encored. Miss Helen Badgley—who by the way is Miss MacIntyre's cousin—was the eleventh of the evening. As an expressionist Miss Badgley is clearly in a class by herself. She is a talented graduate of Emerson College of Boston, and this institution needs no further recommendation than it has in the person of this bright young lady. Miss Badgley is a young girl of exceptional beauty, and commanding stage appearance, and after her first selection, she owned her audience. Her appearance, the stage was a signal for tumultuous applause, and she accepted with girl-like modesty, the hearty ovations tendered her.

Miss Nelly Rhody, who played the accompaniments of the evening, was indeed a very happy choice. Much of the success of any evening of music depends upon the character of the accompaniments, and a pianist of Miss Rhody's recognized ability needs no words of praise as an artist in this respect.

The evening was opened by Aid. Thomas Scullard, who made a fitting address, after which the following program was rendered:

1. Violin solo, Scene de Ballet..... Ch. de Beriot..... Helen Badgley.
2. Reading, "The Crash" from "When Patty went to College"..... Jean Webster..... Helen Badgley.
3. Aria, "Il Bacio" (The Kiss)..... Ardit..... Carmen MacIntyre.
4. Reading, Bobbie Unwelcome..... Helen Badgley.
5. Violin solo—
(a) Ave Maria..... Bach Gounod
(b) Gavotta..... D'Ambroise
(c) Causette..... Carmen MacIntyre.
6. Solo—
(a) Love the Pedlar..... Edward German
(b) The Rose in the Garden..... Niedlinger
(c) Scotch Song..... Selected..... Carmen MacIntyre.
7. Reading..... Helen Badgley.
8. Violin solo, Sonata..... Tartini..... Carmen MacIntyre.
9. Reading, The English Flag..... Kipling..... Helen Badgley.
10. Violin solo—
(a) Legend..... Wienawski
(b) Home Sweet Home..... Hartog..... Miss Nellie Rhody, accompanist.

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It would seem as if everybody attended—so phenomenal has been the interest aroused by this sale. It has been a wonderful occasion—and—with fresh new bargains revealing themselves each day, it holds much of economic value to our store friends. It tells below of just a few of the good things that will greet you here. Don't think they complete the list, the store is full to overflowing with extraordinary chances to save money—COME!

Fine Chinaware at Big Reductions.—Having bought up a big lot of "Samples" in Cups and Saucers, plates, bowls, bon bons, sugars and creams, fruit dishes, etc., at a fraction of their value. Fine Japanese goods, beautifully decorated. We have placed them on sale to night at prices that should clear out the entire lot in less than an hour. See them.

Another Big Shipment of Dolls.—Almost the entire stock of a Toronto Jobber, which we bought at a heavy discount. Here is the way we clear them to-night:—25c Dressed Dolls for 20c; 35c and 40c Dressed Dolls for 29c; 45c Kid Body Dolls for 35c; 65c Ditto for 50c.

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.—Beautiful Japanese lacquer finish, richly decorated, with lock and key, regular 25c Boxes for 15c; regular 35c boxes for 25c; regular 50c Boxes for 35c; regular 75c Boxes for 50c; regular 90c Boxes for 75c.

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3.25 White Wool Blankets at \$2.75 pr. full double bed size, white wool blankets, warranted unshrinkable, soft fleecy finish, regular 3.25 a pair.

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DECEMBER IS THE DIAMOND MONTH.

Thamesville, Dec. 17.—M. S. Stewart and Miss Kathryn Stewart spent Saturday in Chatham.

Mr. Boon returned to Bathwell to-day.

Rev. Father Brennan visited his home in Windsor on Saturday.

Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools are practicing each night for their Christmas entertainments.

The Ladies of St. Stephen's English Church hold a bazaar at the rectory Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Miss Sara Ferguson left for Chatham this morning. Mrs. Duncan.

Mrs. T. Spier continues very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have gone to Detroit, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

There will be mass in the Roman Catholic Church Christmas Sunday and Christmas Day, served by Rev. Father Brennan.

Miss Kate Mayhew is home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Pickard, Loretta Dillon and Louis Melnis have completed their Model School examinations and Practical Teaching, and return from Chatham to-day.

Nelson Johnson was host at a most delightful little birthday evening on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Mitton and family leave this week for Detroit, where they will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Mitton's mother, Mrs. L. M. Bentley.

Rev. Fulton Irwin gave a most interesting address Sunday night, being one of a course of sermons to young men. Special music was rendered by the choir, Miss Rose Causgrove presiding at the organ.

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