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HEAR BOTH SIDES The pending struggle for control of the Hamilton and Northwestern railway is an affair that primarily concerns the people of the "ambitious little city," which is now a good deal bigger than it was when that title was first conferred upon it. But it is none the less truly a matter which greatly concerns the people of Toronto, and ot all Ontario besides. In these times of contest between the two gigantic railway powers that now divide with Sir John's and Mr. Mowat's cabinets the government of both dominion and province, the result of Hamilto us all. And we take leave, therefore, to suppose that, even outside of Hamilton, the matter must be one of genuine public

report of Monday's night's meeting at nities compose each a house for the sged, day's resume, was mostly on the Canadian Pacific side of the question at issue. This bishop or the rector of the parish in which stance that the force of oratory and the the sisters is as striking as the obsequeis it pressure of popular feeling on the occasion was against the Grand Trunk "by a large majority," the mayor, as chairman, evideutly bearing the same way, though the of St. Mary the Virgin. In the chancels of actual vote of the council in committee the church stool the catafalque wherein of the whole was the very close one of eleven rested the coffin. At either side of the cataboth sides," we quote now part of what the Times has to say on the subject :-

the Times has to say on the subject:—

"We differ from the majority of their decision, though we respect the motives which influenced some of them. As Messrs. Stuart, Chariton and Laidaw put the case—holding up the bugber of Grand Trunk monopoly—they could hardly fail to e icit support. None of us want Grand Trunk monopoly—they could hardly fail to e icit support. None of us want Grand Trunk monopoly—they could hardly fail to e icit support. None of us want Grand Trunk monopoly—they could hardly fail to e icit support. None of us want Grand Trunk monopoly—they could hardly fail to e icit support. None of us want Grand Trunk monopoly—they could hardly fail to e icit support. None of us want Grand Trunk monopoly. The fines has said all along that, when the question came to be one whether the Canadian Pacific or the Grand Trunk should have the Northwestern road, the decision should certainly be in favor of the Canadian Pacific and the maintenance o compe ition. But we do not believe that was the real question at issue last light. Mr. Stuart simply put it in that shape to carry his point.

"And now, what have we got? An alliance with the canada Pacific. A board of directors, representing, not their owo, but Canada Pacific on morey. And where is the Canada Pacific? At Montreal, at Brockville, at Callander, but not at any point fouched by our Northwestern railway. Until the completion of the Ontario & Quebec road, a year or two bence, Hsmilton will still have to depend for transportai in upon the Grand Trunk, the road our aldermen have declared their anxiety to fight.

"All this, because the council was doubtful of its own virtue snd power of resistance against the wiles of Mr. Proctor and the encroachments of the Grand Trunk. We think the aldermen surrendered too easily. They should have held the balance of pow. The two we invite the hestility of the Grand Trunk, and the Canada Pacific is not yet in a position to afford us relief. The workshops, equil rates with Toronto to all Grand Trunk points, and similar advanta

nothing have." The men who voted in indepthe ence are no more favorable to monopoly than the men who voted for the Cana a Pacific a lance. They simply refused to be frightened by the sh dow which Mr. Stuart pointed out for lack of argument. And we think it is unfortunate that Mr. Stuart obtained a majority in the committee. Ham It in secures something that is better than Grand Tunk monopoly, but loses several things that would be better than Canada Pacific alliance." Mr. Stuart's

speech we take the following figures:new board would be all but "solid" against the struggle will be watched with interest the fear of eternal punishment by reason of

all over the country. THE GREAT AMALGAMATION IN VIEW. The possibility that the swallowing up of the Great Western by the Grand Trunk Sun, the special organ of Sir Leonard Tilmight be follow d by the still greater event ley, there is a striking article, which will of practical amalgamation or alliance between the Grand Trunk and the Canada Pacific, must have occasionally presented itself of late to the minds of people who have taken the trouble to observe the drift of railway opinion in Canada. A cable despatch to the Globe, date i London, April 3, gives us the latest on the subject thus:

A rumor is current in railway and financial circles. The inferior position given the subject thus the inferior position given amale, on Sir Charles retirement. The one of that paper has resolved to throw Sir Leonard overboard; but which, on careful perus il, will be found to be pregnant of other significance. There are two deductions to be drawn from this only ministerial s'atement, so far made, on Sir Charles retirement. The one object thus:

A rumor is current in railway and financial circles.

The great amalgamation event of the day, for Canada, is therefore fairly in view; and may become a real, live topic of the time ere we know what we are thinking about it The people of Canada, of Ontario above all, may soon be called upon, as Desdemona was, to say where most they owe obedience Shall it be the dominion government, the provincial government, or the gigantia railway despotism, that we must recognize as the ruling power? The question may be upon as in a political shape sooner than

most people would be apt to imagine.

PROTESTENT SISTERE DODS. In view of the efforts being made in Toronto towards the establishment of a protestant sisterhood, a glance at organization and methods of similar bodies in New York city and elsewhere may not be uninteresting. In New York city protestant sist rhoods are increasing, and find a wide field for their lives of noble self-sacrifice They teach and care for the sick, visit the poor and assist in general works of piety and charity. The sisterhoods are formed somewhat after the Roman catholic model. The women are unmarried, wear a regulated costume, live together in community, obey a prescribed discipline approved by the bishop of the diocese to certain duties, and devote their lives to the course of religion, charity and good works. They may leave the community when they choose, but while remaining within it can not marry. The idea of the sisterhood communities originated about thirty years ago with the late Dr. Muhlenberg, the founder of St. Luke's hospital, New ton's railway battle may be of importance York city, and formerly pastor the church of the Holy Communion in that city. The idea was eagerly caught up in England, and the number of communities there exceed those The matter contained in the Spectator's in the United States. Some of the commu-Hamilton, from which we made our yester- an orphanage and a hospital. The sisterhoods are generally under the charge of a followed naturally enough from the circum-

the church of Rome. The New York Herthe church stool the catafalque wherein rested the 20flin. At either side of the citafalque stood three massive brazen candlesticks, bearing tapers that burned dimly.

Candles burned on the altar, their lights flickering on the brass and marbles. The priests were in while surplices black beretta and black cassock. The officiating clergy man wore a black stole: the altar hards as the day upon which to plow the flet and sow the seeds of grains—the opening of the spirit of grains—the opening of the spirit of crue in the flet and sow the seeds of grains—the opening of the spirit of the emperor of opening of the spirit of a farmer and rolls up his sleeves and plunges into the mysteris his sleeves and plunges into the mysteris his sleeves and plunges into the mysteris of husbandry with all the spirit of true in the delay when naiversal husbandry is declared open: "from now until fail not an inch of valuable soil is to be left untilled."

And this is also the day to invoke bleas. to ten. It being the fair thing "to hear falque stood three massive brazen candle-

St. Catharines the other day on the permitting of agnostics to give evidence will be shared in by all intelligent people. As his lordship rightly pointed out, the refusal to receive the evidence of an agnostic was not so much an injustice and indignity cast upon him (although no doubt it is both an injustice and indignity which he keenly felt) displayed as it was an injustice done to the public at large and individuals charged with crime. As crime may be committed to which an individual known as an agnostic may have been the sole witness. Suppose the man who is really guilty of the crime is indicted therefor. Then he must be acquitted because the law does not allow this peculiar objects. The he must be acquitted because the law does not allow this peculiar cause the law does not allow this peculiar which is a witness to testify what he saw.

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We may see a weak point was not heart and accountable of the first way down to foot of Catherine street, there to way down to foot of Catherine street, there way down to foot of Catherine street, there was an in St. Catharines the other day on the per-In this case, then, the public at large are From the Times report of Mr. Stuart's the losers; crime will become more frequent because less liable of punishment, He divided the stock of the rood as fol. On the other hand, suppose an innocent lows: Grand Trunk (held in trust by Mr. man is charged with a crime, the circum-Proctor), 5500 shares; Grand Trunk prestances of which point to him as the perpe-4000 shares; directors of the Northern railway, 1720 (preference stock); Stuart, Turner and Osler (in trust for the C. P. R.), S111 shares; City of Hamilton, 2029 shares; Capada Pacific, 6830 (preference stock); be allowed to give ovidence. When the sole individual who is abla to prove the suspected party. Yet the law says that he shall not made graves of the two Moy brothers who Sill shares; City of Hamilton, 2029 shares; Canada Pacific, 6830 (preference stock); and there are 500 or 600 shares scattered about. He claimed that, with the support of the city, the Canada Pacific had a majority of 1300 shares. It further appears that, as we mentioned yesterday, the H. and N. W. board is composed of eight directors, two of whom are directors, two of whom are directors of the city of the law says that he shall not be allowed to give evidence. Who suffers the more, the agnostic or the person charged with committing the crime? The tendency of modern law is to get all possible tendency of modern l directors, two of whom are directors, two of whom are directors of the county of Simcoe respectively. The six directly elected members of the present board are Messrs. Stuart, Gurney, Leggatt, Hendric, Proctor and Dayfoot. The resolution carried in the subject as possible. The judge and process of the present board are mental and the county of Simcoe respectively. The six directly elected members of the present board are Messrs. Stuart, Gurney, Leggatt, Hendric, Proctor and Dayfoot. The resolution carried in their own behalf. That custom has long ago been denounced as stupid. In England prisoners in the dock can make their state ment, and a bill is before the dominion parliament with the same end in view. In the trial of cases, as much light should be thrown on the subject as possible. The judge and three directors of the subject as possible. The judge and some process of the purple part of small stature, slowly advanced, taking hold of a bunch of curiously out yellowish paper in one hand, and lit it by a burning candle and threw it before the ment, and a bill is before the dominion parliament with the same end in view. In the trial of cases, as much light should be thrown on the subject as possible. 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The resolution carried in committee, but yet remaining to be adopted by the council in regular session, instructs the mayor to vote for the removal of the latter three who are supposed to be on the Grand Trnnk side, and the putting in their places of Messrs. Turner, Roach and Charlton. Supposing this to be carried out, the new board would be all but "solid" against More will be deterred from periory through More will be deterred from perjury through the Grand Trunk. The father progress of fear of two years imprisonment than from

> having broken their conscience. A SIGNIFICANT ARTICLE. In a late issue of the St. John, N. B, impress the careless reader that either the

made, namely, that Sir Charles has I forced out, and that when the time con for Sir John to lay the sceptre by, that Leonard will be in readiness to take his The other view, and it is the one which we take, is that in this article Six Leonard waves all protensions to the future premiership in favor of Sir Charles. The article tells us that Sir Charles "stands next to Sir John in the government," that

the ministry without him would be as "the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out," that the retiring statesman's ability ranks him almost an equal with Sir John; and, ab we all, that he has never promised an office to as supporter and failed to faifit his pledge."

It then goes on to say that
Sir Charle, health is much impaired by the turmoil of public that he needs a rest; that a respite away from the political hubbab will renew his vigor; and openly hints that all desirous for

the party's welfare will hail his feturn, when Sir John steps aside, not alone to public duty again, but to the leadership. Significant, we say, is this article in the light of the conservative party's future Many have predicted that the scrabble for Sir John's boots would be more than the headless party would withstand; but the chi-f danger, the rivalry between the two maritime province kuights being disposed of, Sir Charles being sent away to recou himself for the leadership, Sir Leonard which they are attached, are assigned to standing by and sounding the prospective premier's praises on a loud trumpet, alter the whole aspect of the future, presents fair issue for grit and tory to talk about and sets speculation at a final rest.

There is a careful letter in another col umn on the policical outlook that is worthy of the attention of thinking Canadians. I is signed R. R.

A CHINESE REPORTER.

How the celestials Greet the Spring. Ah Wong, a bright young Chinaman, ha en engaged on the reportorial staff of the New York Sun. Here is the fruit of his irst effort, the merits of which as a literary contribution cannot be denied ? REMEMBERING THE DEAD BEFORE THE FEAST IN HONOR OF THE FLUGHING

Sunday, April 1st, is the 25th day of the 2nd Moon of the Chinaman, and it is their National Holly day, in as much as it is the day fixed by their astronomers thousands of priests were in while surplices black beretta and black cassock. The officiating elergy man were a black stole; the altar boys were in cassock and surplice. A large cross was borne in the procession and the sign of the cross was frequently made by the pastor and congregation. The altar boys bowed down as they passed the altar, and the benediction closed with the sign of the cross.

THE COMPETENCY OF AGNOSTIOS AS WITNESSES.

The remarks made by Judge Burton at the local price of the cross was made by Judge Burton at the constraint of the graves of their dead, this preparation of the graves of their dead, this preparation having been in progress by many ever since Saturday; and consequently by 11 a.m. this [yesterday] morning they were ready for business.

The remarks made by Judge Burton at St. Catharines the other day on the permitting of agnostics to give evidence will store, 204 Chatham street at 11 o'clock this store, 204 Chatham street at 11 o'cloc for a camp meeting or picnic's getting up.
On our arrival at the destination of this On our arrival at the destination of this gorgeous religious celebration, about two hundred Chinamen were already there, who have evidently got ahead of us from other parts of Chinatowr, to participate in the

dezen or so neatly atdied Chinamen, for upon this occasion every Chinaman appeared

eludes his part of the ceremony. Then the hos's of other a'tendants, friends of the departed, came one by one to do homage, and respect to their dead friends. Afterward, the viands are again gathered and brought back home in the same wagon when a general feast will be given among themselves.

Second Fiddie. "What is that noise we hear, mother?"
"That is a man learning to play the violin, my child." Is he si:k, mother?" "No, he A gives us the latest on the subject thus:—
A rumor is current in railway and financial circles that an attempt is about to be made by interested parties to bring about more friendly relations between the Gradient the Canadian Pacific railways. It is urged by those who profess to Ruow, that an agreement between the two rival relivance whereby the railway service of the enire sominion, almost, would be virtually unterlander.

made, on Sir Charles retirement. The one led by the Li-Quor Tea Co. is perfection.

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