We are making a spread in Spring Suits for men and boys. We never before felt so much pleasure in showing our new stock as this season. Why?

Because there is no better stock in Toronto. The cloth—the fit—the shape—the stitching is the best.

Air, sun and rain combine to ruin cloth—but ours comes only from the most reliable mills and can be depended upon.

How many "make-to-wait" tailors can honestly say this of their clothes?

Fine tweed business suits, 8.00, 10.00 and 12.00.

Blue and black fine suits, 10.00, 12.00 and 14.00.

Flannel suit, coat and pants, 5.00, 6.50 and 7.50.

Skeleton coats and vests, 3.50 to 7.50.

Unlined odd coats, 1.00 to 5.00.

Tweed trousers, 1.50 to 3.50.

Worsted trousers, 3.00 to 5.00.

Oak Hall Clothiers,
115 to 121 King St. E. and 116 Yonge St., Toronto.

OTTER WOUNDED IN THE NECK.

The Gallant Commander of the Canadians, However, Kept in the Fight to the End.

Ottawa, May 29.—The diary of Lieut.-Col. Otter was received at the Militia Department this morning, covering the period from April 21 to April 25. On the first-named date the regiment left Bloemfontein, marching to Springfield, and thence to Boesman's Kop and Klip Kraal on the 23rd, the mounted infantry in advance occupying the waterworks, altho the enemy shelled them about 5 p.m.

On the morning of the 24th the regiment marched out and accompanied the divisional force under Gen. Ian Hamilton to the waterworks and kops east of them, the Gordons attacking the kops on the north, while the Royal Canadian Regiment moved on one further to Mamama Kops. The the enemy was seen in both kops referred to, and a few shots fired from guns and cannon, no stand was made by the Boers, and by noon both points were occupied.

When Col. Otter Was Wounded.

On the 25th the battalion formed the advance guard of the brigade which left for Mamama Kops. A large body of the mounted infantry were in advance. At about 1 p.m. the enemy was discovered on several kops to the front, right and left. Our guns opened on them for an hour or so, when the order was given for the Royal Canadian Regiment to move straight to the front while the remainder of the brigade of mounted infantry moved to the left, advancing with the Royal Horse Artillery firing over our heads. The first line came under fire just as it reached a wire fence, about 700 yards from the kops. The men, dropping to the ground, returned the fire. About three minutes after the firing began Lieut.-Col. Otter was wounded in the neck and Pte. Defoe, H Company, killed. Subsequently, Ptes. Culver and Burns were wounded. After about half an hour's firing the first line was reinforced, and the whole battalion advanced and occupied the kops, from which the Boers retired, Col. Otter remaining in command till the last.

The general officer commanding the 19th brigade expressed to Col. Otter his appreciation of the conduct of the regiment, which had carried out his orders and ideas exactly.

Dalley's Perfect Coffee is put up in 1 lb., 10 lb. and 25 lb. tins, whole or ground. Try a lb. tin.

The Money is Ready.

Lisbon, May 29.—The Portuguese Government has informed the committee representing the parties to the Delagoa Bay Railway arbitration award that the Minister of Finance is ready to pay, and desires to know where the money will be received.

Hot Wave.

If you want to be prepared for it, see that your order for ice goes to the Grenadier Ice & Coal Company. They handle Lake Simcoe and Grenadier ice exclusively. Rates same as formerly—$1.50 per month for a big 10-pound piece daily. Deliveries to all parts of city. Telephones 217 and 5103. Special rates to large consumers. Office, 49 Wellington-street east—Grenadier. ed

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There's not a hat in the house that isn't a standard for quality the world over—could you successfully dispute the right to the "top round" as famous makers of such names as—Youmans—Christy—Tress—Hawes—Woodrow—Roelof—Stetson—Mallory and others—these are the lines we sell—and to-day we're emphasizing the range of hard hats we're showing in blacks—tawns—browns—greys and pearls—the very latest fashions of these makers—and from amongst them you can pick as good a hat as any man need wear at

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HAMILTON NEWS

IN THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Good Work Has Been Done by the Society Instituted For That Purpose.

VIOLATIONS OF LORD'S DAY ACT.

P. C. Barrett Has a Batch of Alleged Offenders — Methodist Stationing Committee—News Notes.

Hamilton, May 29.—(Special.)—The sixth annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held this evening in the Y.M.C.A. lecture room. Adam Brown, the president, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of supporters of the society, and William Hunter, secretary, presented the annual report, which showed that good work had been done during the year. Twelve girls and five boys had been placed in homes, and 24 applications to adopt children had been received. Details of the visits, etc., of the officials were given.

Mrs. Urquhart presented the report of the Foster Homes Committee.

Rev. Father Brady brought up the question of having the newsboys licensed or uniformed. The society thought well of the proposal, and the Executive Committee will take steps to bring the matter before the proper authorities.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected: Adam Brown, president; Lt.-Col. Moore, W. H. Wardrop, P. D. Crerar, Dr. O'Reilly, J. F. Scriver, vice-presidents; W. Hunter, secretary; John McIlwemy, inspector; J. M. Burns, treasurer; Executive Committee, Lt.-Col. McLaren, George Rutherford, Hon. J. M. Gibson, the Mayor, J. F. Scriver, Mesdames Evans, Urquhart, Lucas, Beasley, Gibson, Zimmerman, Levy and Malloch, and Misses Lawson, Duff and McGiverin; Visiting Committee, Hon. J. M. Gibson, John Ronan and Mesdames Urquhart, Evans, Beasley and Malloch.

P. C. Barrett is Working.

At the Police Court to-morrow a number of druggists and cigar dealers will be charged with violation of the Lord's Day Act, by selling cigars on Sunday. Among them will be George Moore, A. F. Hurst, James Gilkinson, E. Pierce, James Kirk, R. Brett, W. A. Howell, W. D. Smith and Mrs. J. H. Babcock. The last-named will also be charged with selling liquor without a license. P. C. Barrett, a new policeman, is the complainant in all the cases.

Methodist Stationing Committee.

The Stationing Committee of the Hamilton Methodist Conference did not complete its labors to-night, as expected. Thirteen of the fifteen districts were arranged for, when the committee adjourned. It was decided to allow Rev. Mr. Adams of Gore-street Church to go to Brant-avenue Church, Brantford.

Sullivan Loses a Horse.

A horse belonging to John Sullivan, livery man, jumped in front of G. H. G. & B. R. car on Main-street to-night, and had two of its legs cut off. It had to be killed.

Burst a Blood Vessel.

Henry Ireland, a Central Market huckster, burst a blood vessel to-night, and was taken to the General Hospital in the ambulance.

A Little Blaze.

A frame shed in the rear of Dude Sullivan's grocery, Ferguson-avenue, was burned to-night. The fire department prevented the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

Cut His Head Open.

John Racey of Beamsville fell on the street to-night and cut his head open. He was taken to the General Hospital, where the wound was sewed up.

Nelligan Still After Leckie.

Alderman Nelligan is still hot in pursuit of the much-persecuted Engineer Leckie, despite the condemnation of his course by the press and aldermen. Said he this afternoon: "Whenever Mr. Leckie wants to hand in his resignation to the Sewers Committee there are five out of seven aldermen who will jump to accept it."

"What about Ald. Dixon?"

"Let Dixon look after the third main, his brother and the fireworks."

Said to Be "Shang" Clark.

The city detectives say that the man who broke his leg after burglarizing several east end residences a few Sundays ago, and who gave the name of Thomas McFarlane, Montreal, is none other than the notorious convict, "Shang" Clark. At the time he was taken to the City Hospital, some of the officers claimed to recognize him as Clark, but the matter was set at rest yesterday, the detectives say, by an inspection of a photograph of Clark from the Bertillon Identification Headquarters in Chicago, with the accompanying measurements.

Yesterday there was a rumor that Clark's friends would try to get him out of the hospital and a special guard was placed over him.

Clark was originally a printer and belonged to Toronto, but his inclinations were evil and he became an expert bank robber and an all-round thief. He is now 65 years old.

Clark was a busy man in Canadian criminal circles 25 years ago. After serving a term in the Kingston Penitentiary he went to the States, and, getting into trouble again, was sent to the penitentiary for 21 years, but succeeded in escaping.

Before the County Judge.

William Ross of Dundas came before Judge Snider this morning on the charge of stealing a honey knife from Inspector Jarvis of Dundas. He was allowed to go on the charge, as he had already spent a week in jail.

He was not so fortunate regarding the second charge, carrying a revolver. He was found guilty and committed to jail for one month.

H. C. Richardson, a middle-aged man, who claims both Toronto and Buffalo as his home, was charged with fraudulently obtaining money from Ancaster residents. He pleaded guilty, and will come up next Tuesday.

Died in Denver.

A telegram was to-day received by Inspector W. H. Ballard from Denver, Col., announcing the death of his nephew, Walter Ballard. The deceased lived in Hamilton for several years. He was a member of the Hamilton Football Club. He went to Dubois, and his health began to fail, when he went to reside in Denver, Col.

Some Wills.

Among the wills entered for probate today were those of the following deceased persons: Mrs. Eliza Osborne, city, $8678; John Dynes, Burlington Beach, $16,500. James Munro, city, $8470; Mrs. Fannie Broughton, city, $20,460, and Samuel Rendell, Barton, $11,273.

Mrs. Broughton, who was the widow of F. W. Broughton, for years manager of the Great Western Railway, leaves her estates to be divided equally between her five daughters and two sons.

To Settle a Vexed Question.

Ald. Ten Eyck says that the Finance Committee will take up the question of Beach control at the next meeting of the committee, and endeavor to settle whether the Harbor and Beach Committee or the Board of Parks Commissioners has the most right to the government of the Beach.

Police Points.

James Reardon, bartender at Cooper's Hotel, was found guilty at the Police Court of assaulting William McAndrew, city storekeeper, by throwing a can of stale beer on him last Thursday. A fine of $5 and costs was imposed.

James Bigger, King-street west, was fined $10 for selling tobacco to minors.

Theodore Kreamer of Glanford, charged with seducing Lydia Patten, was allowed his freedom until the case is called again in two weeks' time.

The police have found that Charles Russell, the pickpocket, has a very bad record in Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo and other cities.

Street Car Accident.

This afternoon car No. 88 ran into a team of horses on West King-street, owned by W. Mellon, Market-street, a contractor. One of the horses was very badly cut, and may die.

Flannel Suitings.

Some of the handsomest suitings Henry A. Taylor, draper, the Rossin block, is showing are in fine fancy striped flannels, and, when made up and lined with Pongee silk, make a rich, dressy, hot-weather business suit or for holidaying in.

Presentation to Mr. Carpenter.

This evening Arthur Carpenter, Hess-st., the retiring financial secretary of Court Nicholson, C.O.O.F., was presented with a fine emblematic ring. The presentation was made by W. H. Wardrope, D.D.C.R., assisted by E. O'Dell, C.R.

Minor Matters.

W. Nicholson, P.G.M. of Ontario West, James A. Hutton, county master, and James Harper, district master, will attend the most worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of British America at London to-morrow.

Holland A. White, this city, district manager of the Sun Life Assurance Co., is a full cousin of the distinguished defender of Ladysmith, Gen. White. Mr. White's sister, Mrs. Despard, is also related to Gen. Baden-Powell.

Cigars—La Hamica, imported; Picador, domestic; reduced to four for twenty-five. Alive Bollard, 4 King-street, Hamilton.

The World on the Beach.

Commencing next Friday, June 1, The World will be delivered to any address on the Beach. Subscribers will kindly leave address at office, 19 West King-st., or telephone 964. ed

WHO LOADED SMALLEY ABOUT SIR CHARLES?

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be obliged to contribute in proportion to her population. Her contribution for army and navy alone would be $46,000,000. He had said the very reverse of what Sir Wilfrid had put in his mouth.

The Insinuation of Dissension.

Touching on the insinuation of dissension, Sir Charles said: "I cannot allow my right honorable friend to borrow his own irrelevant reference to my remarks to draw this red herring across the scent by referring to some newspaper stories which no doubt he has been reading with great glee and delight, concerning some imaginary disintegration of the Conservative party. I am not aware of any disintegration. I am aware of this, and the country is aware of it, that when a threat was held over my head, as the leader of that party, that unless certain claims were paid, that unless a certain amount of money was paid, over a certain party would put itself in communication with my right hon. friend, and draw his attention to the advisability of holding an investigation into the general elections of 1882 and 1896, I was in the proud position to be able to say to the person who sent me that threat that he might communicate anything and everything he knew. I think it was hardly worth while for my right hon. friend, knowing the prompt defiance that has been uttered by the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party to any man from any source who ventured to insinuate anything to the discredit of that party or myself personally; it was hardly worth his while going out of the record to bring the matter up to-day. It would be well for my right hon. friend if he were in the same position that I occupy. It would be well for him if he had exhibited in the past that readiness to have the most thoro investigation into the purity of elections and the maintenance of the purity of elections that I have always shown." [Opposition cheers.] There the incident ended.

How the Farmer is Robbed.

The next matter was a binder twine. Whip Taylor surrounded by a barricade of notes, opened fire on the Government, in order to warm to his work he recounted the numerous broken pledges of the Government, and held that it stood condemned before the public. His particular text book was a blue book issued under the hand and seal of Hon. David Mills. It is a fulsome defence of the Government's action in respect to the manufacture and sale of twine product by convict labor. It is unique in the annals of blue books. In times past blue books were the compilation of facts unadulterated with Governmental defence. This blue book twists facts so that Governmental defence is the main feature. Mr. Taylor pointed out that early, more or less to the discomfiture of the Government. He traced the career of the Minister of Justice as a philosopher, a professor and a prevaricator.

The Role of Prevaricator.

The last role was the one assumed in this blue book. The main criticism of the Government was that it did not do business on business principles. A combine, aided and abetted by the Government, for the control of the binder twine to the disadvantage of the farmers, was a strong feature of Mr. Taylor's speech. Many inaccuracies were pointed out in the blue book, and its references to Mr. Taylor shown to be highly partisan.

Vague Insinuation.

In a rather vague way Mr. Taylor insinuated that the selling of the Government binder twine to Bate & Sons, Ottawa, was in the nature of a favor extended by the Government for a favor received. The favor secured was in connection with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's purchase of a house. Sir Wilfrid has said in the House that he had paid $5000 down and had given a mortgage for the balance of the purchase money, $4500. Mr. Taylor read an abstract from the registry office, in which it was stated that the purchase price had been $9500. The mortgage was for $5500 and had been paid off by H. M. Bate, Robert MacKay and F. C. Edwards. Sir Wilfrid had told "a falsehood of a $1000." In the opinion of Mr. Taylor it was disgraceful that the Prime Minister had to give favors to H. M. Bate & Son, in order to get a favor in return. Other contracts were reviewed, the intent being to show that friends of the Liberal party had always obtained the lucrative monopoly of selling Government binder twine.

Mr. Taylor read a bewildering mass of figures, showing that in 1894-5 the farmers got the twine at 6¼c. The cost of production was 3 2-3c a pound. In 1896 the cost of production was 4½c, but the farmers paid from 12c to 15c a pound for it. In 1897 the fibre cost 3½c a pound, the twine was sold to Bate & Son for 4½c, and then to the farmers at 10c a pound.

"Soaked" the Farmers.

In 1899 and in 1900 the twine that cost the Government 6c to make cost the farmers from 12c to 14c a pound. For these reasons Mr. Taylor was justified in saying that business principles applied to this matter. In conclusion, he moved:

"That in the opinion of the House the system adopted by the Government for the past three years was unjust to the farmers, for they were charged from 100 to 200 per cent. more than the cost of production."

Twine, he said, should be sold at 7c a pound, for the cost was only about 6c. These high prices were due to the action of a combine aided by the Government.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied to Mr. Taylor and characterized his speech as slang-whanging. He claimed that twine was sold to dealers this year at 7c per pound. It was impossible for the Government to control the price of binder twine because the amount used yearly in Canada was 8000 tons, while the amount made at Kingston never exceeded 500 tons. How could 500 tons control the price of 8000 tons? The high price in 1899 and 1900 was due to the war in the Philippines. He claimed that the combine was aided more by the late Government than by the present one. He spent much time glorifying the present system to the detriment of the past.

Mr. Fitzpatrick declared he would have all matters pertaining to binder twine referred to the Public Accounts Committee and have the question thoroly threshed out.

Mr. Clancy replied to the Solicitor-General, and hammered home the fact that a combine did exist, aided by the Government. He went fully into the contracts given by the Government to show that they went by political favor rather than lowest tender.

Messrs. Frost, Davin, Rogers and Roche continued the debate till after 12.

Then Sir Wilfrid spoke and said that he had received no contribution directly or indirectly from the Standard Oil Company previous to 1896, as Mr. Taylor had insinuated.

Mr. Taylor replied that he was credibly informed that an arrangement had been entered into between the party and the Standard Oil Company by which in consideration of certain legislation re tank steamers, the company promise dto give the Government $250,000.

Hon. Mr. Fielding grew hysterical in declaring that Mr. Taylor's remarks were "an infamous slander." He demanded that proof should be produced.

But Mr. Bennett vigorously related history to show that that had not been the policy of the Prime Minister when he was in Opposition.

Mr. Puttee spoke a few words on binder twine, to the effect that the blue book had usurped the province of the House. This was not right.

Mr. Taylor's motion was put and the members called in.

A Straight Party Vote.

The result of the vote was 38 yeas, 71 nays; majority against, 33. It was a straight party vote, Patrons Ropers and Pettet going with the Government.

At 12.50 o'clock, Mr. Paterson presented an item of his estimates. It was $2000 for statistical collection, and would require a supplementary vote of $20,000. The item carried.

The House adjourned at 12.55.

METHODIST CONFERENCE OVER.

Educational Committee's Report Amended and Passed—Table Auctioned Off.

Chicago, May 29.—The report of the Committee on Education, which was under discussion at last night's session of the Methodist General Conference, was taken up for final action to-day. An amendment offered by Dr. Jordan requiring the University Senate of the Church to recognize certificates from students from other than Methodist colleges presenting themselves for examination for the ministry, caused considerable discussion. The report as amended was finally adopted.

The conference also approved the authorization of unordained ministers to perform the marriage ceremony. Reports of minor importance were received from the other committees and adopted.

An Auction Sale.

The delegates then indulged in a little amusement by auctioning off the table scarred by the bishop's gavel during the four weeks' session. The table was made by the boys of the Manual Training School at Venice. It was disposed of for $500.

At 12 o'clock all business was laid on the table, and the usual complimentary resolutions attendant upon closing sessions were adopted. The Venerable Bishop Bowman, now superannuated, then made a brief address of parting to the delegates.

The minutes of to-day's business were read and the roll was then called. A brief prayer by Bishop Warren followed and shortly before 1 o'clock the General Conference passed into history.

Important Business Done.

Among the important actions of the conference were the abolition of the time limit on pastorates; the ratification of equal representation as proposed by the Rock River conference, together with the seating of the provisional lay delegates; the adoption of a new constitution, subject to approval of the annual conferences, including the substitution of the words "Lay members" for the term "Laymen," thus permitting the seating of women in the general conference, and the election of two additional missionary bishops.

Of great interest to Methodists was the abolition, total and unconditional, of the five-year limit on pastorates. The thing the conference did not do was to modify paragraph 24 of the discipline, which, among other things, forbids attendance at theatres, circuses and dancing.

A QUEBEC RAILWAY DEAL.

Rutland Road Has Secured the East Richelieu Valley Link of 22 Miles for $125,000.

Montreal, May 29.—(Special.)—An important railway deal has just been put thru, the East Richelieu Valley Railway, 22 miles long, running from Iberville to Noyan Junction, Missisquoi County, having been sold to the Rutland Railway Company for $125,000. The road forms the connecting link between the United Counties Railway, which runs from Iberville to Sorel, and already owned by the Rutland people, and the Rutland Railway proper, which system extends from Noyan Junction to Burlington, and on to Bellew's Falls and Boston. It is stated that trains will be running between Montreal and Boston over the new road by Aug. 1 next. The road was built by Mr. P. H. Roy of this city, and was heavily subsidized by the Government. Hon. Mr. Tarte representing the County of St. John's and Iberville.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

St. Margaret's Minstrels.

St. Margaret's Minstrels, with a chorus of 40 voices, gave a clever and interesting entertainment in St. Andrew's Hall last night, the proceeds being in aid of the funds of St. Margaret's Church. There was a large attendance and the program thruout exhibited some good amateur talent. The soloists included Messrs. D. Hardy, J. Wilson, J. Bradley, C. Corton, C. Long, and C. Butler. The end men were very funny and a farce comedy entitled, "Tell Your Wife," concluded the event.

Last Melodrama of the Season.

"A Grip of Steel," with its many thrilling situations, its picturesque scenery and is marvelous stage effects, was repeated twice yesterday to large audiences at the Toronto Opera House, and will remain the attraction thruout the week, with matinees to-morrow and Saturday. Lovers of good English melodrama should not miss this, their last opportunity of the season, of witnessing a good play, well acted and staged with scenic accessories of an uncommonly high order.

Matinee at Princess To-Day.

The engagement of Miss Helen Byron at the Princess Theatre closes to-day with performances at 2 and 8 p.m. Miss Byron is at her best as Trixie Hazelmere, the Queen of the Vaudeville, in "Delmonico's at Six," and her own company which supports her gives a good production, which is well staged and deserves large audiences.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED

Dr. Henry G. Carroll, M.P., Kamouraska, Que., is One of Fifty Members of Parliament Who Have Successfully Used and Endorsed Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

Medical etiquette and conservatism makes members of the profession shy in bearing testimony to the efficiency of a proprietory medicine. Medicines that the doctors do endorse you may be sure are good. Dr. Henry G. Carroll, M.P., of Kamouraska, Que., tells over his own signature of the good qualities of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, not alone from personal use, but as a medical man. Upwards of fifty members of Parliament who have suffered from catarrh have used this medicine with success.

REV. WM. PATTERSON WEPT

Accepts Call From Bethany Church, Philadelphia, and Preaches There Next Sunday.

COOKE'S CHURCH IS VERY SORRY

Tearful Scenes at Special Meeting of the Presbytery—Chinaman's Appeal Was Futile.

Sobbing as if his heart would break and with tears rolling down his face, Rev. William Patterson, for 14 years pastor of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, left the special meeting of the Presbytery in Knox School House yesterday afternoon after announcing his intention to accept the call to Bethany Church, Philadelphia. His true, passionate Irish nature revealed itself and he completely broke down at the thought of leaving his flock, among whom he has labored so long and faithfully. He wept bitterly and there was hardly a dry eye among the large number of those present. The ladies, their eyes welled with tears, wept in sympathy and the men showed their feelings in their stern set faces. It was a touching incident.

Arguments on the Case.

The chair was occupied by Rev. J. A. Brown of Agincourt, moderator, and all the correspondence from the Philadelphia Presbytery in connection with the call was read, as well as the various resolutions passed at the congregational meeting of Mr. Patterson's church. The case thus being fully placed before the Presbytery, the arguments commenced.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, representing Bethany Church, and the commissioner of the Philadelphia Presbytery, was present to prosecute the call. He made an urgent plea for Mr. Patterson's translation. "I always like to have the sympathy of my hearers," he said, "but on this occasion I am sorry to say that I have not got it." [Applause.] I would like to tell you something about the church that wants your pastor. It has three ministers now, but we want Mr. Patterson and will appreciate it very much if you will allow him to come. There are 1500 active workers in Bethany Church, 5000 pupils in the Sunday School, and a Bible class of 1500, presided over by John Wanamaker. Recently the church has been enlarged at a cost of between $40,000 and $50,000. There is also a college in connection with the church. We want a minister and we would sooner seek one than have one seek us. Mr. Patterson once preached in Philadelphia and, unknown to him, our elders went and heard him. He made such an impression upon them that representatives were sent to Toronto, also without his knowledge, and when they returned they told the officers of the church that they did not know half about him, and he was just the man for the position. The feeling in this direction is most decided, and not a dissenting voice was raised against extending the call to Mr. Patterson."

In concluding, Mr. Thompson said that Mr. Patterson, in a letter, expressed his willingness to go to Bethany Church.

Objected to the Removal.

Mr. S. Wallace, representing the session of Cooke's Church, was sorry to have to appear in his present capacity. He gave the following reasons why he objected to the translation of Mr. Patterson: Because his work was not done in Toronto or Cooke's Church; he was looked upon as belonging entirely to Cooke's Church; he had done grand work during 14 years' pastorate, but the work was not done yet; there was not a Presbyterian minister in Canada that could work along Mr. Patterson's lines; the session was thoroly unanimous in the wish to keep him—there was no friction of any kind in this respect; it was a serious matter for such a large number of the best men to leave Canada for the United States.

Mr. Wallace also brought forward several other arguments why Mr. Patterson should not leave his present position, and urged him strongly not to do so.

Mr. Caswell Made a Kick.

Mr. Thomas Caswell said he would not have spoken, but he felt ashamed that any gentleman should read a letter from another. The letter should be kept strictly private and not made use of. He also was of the opinion that Bethany Church wanted a big man for pastor, and the present matter was a sort of a business enterprise. It was unfortunate too, Mr. Caswell added, that the call was not signed by the congregation, instead of by representative men.

An Incident Without Parallel.

A Chinaman, a member of Cooke's Church, in broken English, scarcely intelligible, next added his tribute to Mr. Patterson's sterling worth, and asked him to remain. The chairman in introducing the speaker, said that a Chinaman addressing the Presbytery was perhaps without parallel in the history of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. E. C. Close thought that Mr. Patterson's life work was in Toronto and not Philadelphia, and to his mind it would be a calamity if he left the city. He should not go, was Mr. Close's concluding remark.

Mr. James Allan told of the good work that Mr. Patterson had done while connected with Cooke's Church. He had succeeded nobly and under him the congregation had grown wonderfully, and the finances also had greatly improved. Mr. Allan asked the Presbytery to use their influence to induce Mr. Pattersoo to stay.

Not a Matter of Salary.

Mr. J. Martin said that he had expected to hear some Christianlike and valid reason why Mr. Patterson should leave. He thought the whole matter resolved itself into a case of grand larceny. It was like taking a mother from her babe or a hen from her chickens. "Arise! Presbyterians, up in your wrath!" he cried, "and show the world that you won't have your people taken away." The congregation would pay Mr. Patterson the same salary as offered to him by Bethany Church, and also pay an assistant minister if he would only stay, Mr. Martin added. It was funny, he thought, that with all the endowed colleges in the United States they had to come to Canada and take "our holy man. The next thing they will want," the speaker went on, "is a general, but thank the Lord there are no admirals in the country." Mr. Martin also remarked to the meeting something about wishing that he had a bottle in his pocket, that he could get at, so as to give nerve to speak more forcibly.

Dr. Thompson was given another opportunity of speaking. He said that after hearing all the glowing testimonials to Mr. Patterson, he was more than ever of the opinion that he was exactly the man that was wanted in Philadelphia.

Prayed for Guidance.

The moderator said that before formally placing the call in Mr. Patterson's hands, it would be fitting at this juncture to pray silently.

Mr. Patterson Accepts.

After prayers Mr. Patterson rose to speak, and in a trembling voice gave an account of his work. He held the meeting spellbound, and one could have heard a pin drop, and the ladies present were crying silently, with handkerchiefs up to their eyes. He said he had received many calls, but the one to Bethany Church was the only one that his heart went out to other than Cooke's Church, and he felt that he must accept it. Mr. Patterson at this point nearly broke down, and resumed his seat. He had hardly done so when his pent-up feelings burst out, and he commenced crying.

The rest of the matter was of a formal nature. The usual motion that he be released from his present charge was passed. Rev. Dr. Caven, in seconding the resolution, offered the congregation his sympathy, and in a kindly way spoke a few words of cheer.

The pulpit will be declared vacant on Sunday next by Rev. Dr. Gregg, a former pastor of the church.

Philadelphia Next Sunday.

Mr. Patterson leaves at the end of this week for his new charge, and preaches there next Sunday, and instead of preaching a farewell sermon he will have it printed and sent to his congregation.

The usual committees were also appointed to go thru the regular forms prescribed by the church for occasions of this kind.

After the meeting Mr. Patterson received the well wishes of some of his friends present, even if they were sorrowfully given.

The Presbytery also transacted several other items of business before adjourning, and decided to hold another special meeting on June 11 to consider the call to Rev. R. Martin of Markham to Hamilton.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS.

The Corner Stone of Hope Methodist Church, East Toronto, Laid by Mr. W. E. H. Massey.

PRESENTATION TO J. W. ST. JOHN

Of an Oil Painting by the South York Conservative Club Last Night.

East Toronto, May 29.—The cornerstone of Hope Methodist Church was laid this afternoon at the corner of Danforth-avenue and Main-street, by W. E. H. Massey. The ceremony took place at 4 o'clock, upon a platform erected near Dr. Waiters' residence, as the old church, which is to be turned into a schoolroom, has not yet been placed in position. Rev. J. W. Graham, pastor of the church, presided, after which Rev. T. E. Shore led in a hymn service. Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick followed with prayer, and Rev. J. F. Oakley, chairman of the Toronto East District, and Rev. D. Alexander of the Baptist Church spoke a few words. Rev. Dr. Potts gave the address of the afternoon, and spoke eulogistically of Rev. Dr. Carrol, the founder of the church, bespeaking for the new edifice brighter days than in the past. He spoke of piety, patriotism and influence of religion in this, the daybreak of the 20th century, and closed with the quotation, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Mr. W. E. H. Massey, who was presented with an engraved trowel by little Miss Nellie Walters, next proceeded to lay the cornerstone, and, in doing so, spoke of the prosperity of the district, which gave to the workingmen greater comforts than their forefathers knew, and which should be reflected in more handsome churches. Mr. Massey spoke at considerable length upon the precious friendships formed in church membership, and felt it a high honor to be called upon to lay the cornerstone, and to identify himself with Hope Methodist Church, which, for two or three months in the year, it was his privilege to attend. The hearty singing, the fervid demeanor and the heartiness of the members would always commend it to him. In the stone was deposited a sealed jar, containing coins of the realm, a brief history of the church, a list of the former pastors, members of the Quarterly Board, officers of the Epworth and Junior Leagues and trustees and officers of the church.

Yesterday Mr. Lambert of the Newmarket Hotel was fined $25, Mr. Evans was let off, and the remainder of the hotelkeepers summoned on similar charges will come up at the Fire Hall next Monday.

The York and East Toronto football teams will play a match to-morrow evening.

Toronto Junction.

Toronto Junction, May 29.—A special meeting of the Public School Board was held to-night, at which there were present, Dr. Mavety, chairman, and Trustees Constantine, Joy, Gilbert and Rice. Dr. Mavety opened the meeting by supposing that the members all knew what the meeting was called for, and stated that it had been called to reconsider the resolution passed at the last meeting of the board, instructing A. H. Royce to collect from the Township Council moneys due to the board. Mr. Harris was asked to turn up the minutes of 1895, in which it appeared that Trustees Rice and Bull moved a resolution by which Mr. A. H. Royce was appointed solicitor for the board, with instructions to do certain things. Mr. Rice should not say whether this resolution appointed Mr. Royce solicitor or not; but in view of the fact that he is only paid by fees a change could be made by the board if desired. This led to several members of the board reverting to opinions expressed at a previous meeting and nominating Mr. A. J. Anderson as solicitor for the purpose of forcing the Township Council to disgorge. Trustee Joy stated that a town official had instructed him that Mr. Royce's interests were in the township, and that he would not be the best lawyer to engage, which Mr. Rice thought was an aspersion upon the character of Mr. Royce, undignified and uncalled for. Trustee Dalton said the opinion in his part of the town was expressive of the idea that Mr. Royce, being a township man, might work in the interests of the township. Trustee Gilbert seemed very much annoyed at the insinuations floating about the hall, and said that Mr. Royce had far more interests in the town than the township. While his property was here. Whilst Mr. Rice was speaking, Trustee Gilbert left the room, thus breaking the quorum.

North Toronto.

Ex-Councillor George Lawson is dangerously ill at his home, the result of a bite from a dog, which occurred about two weeks ago.

Three bicyclists will answer to Police Magistrate Ellis to-night for riding along the town sidewalks.

The Sabbath school pupils of the Davisville Methodist Church were entertained at the school house last night with a gramophone and other amusements, and afterwards pleased with enjoyable refreshments.

The South York Conservative Association met at Turner's Hall, Bracondale, last evening, and showed its confidence in Mr. J. W. St. John by presenting the former representative of the riding with an excellent oil painting.

Richmond Hill.

The Village Council met as a court of revision on Monday night. Only one appeal for over-assessment was made, viz., the Great North Western Telegraph Co., and a rebate of $50 was granted to the appellants.

Thomas Mackenzie and N. R. Doward, two Toronto residents, took too much alcohol, and as a consequence had to be taken before Magistrate Teefy. They were allowed to return home on promise of remittance of $1 and costs each.

A blaze in a chimney at the residence of Mrs. French gave a run to the fire brigade yesterday, but outside of damaging the wall paper in two or three rooms, no damage was done.

Rev. Fred Elliott returned home yesterday from attendance at a Tankard conference at Springfield, Ohio. He was surprised to find that almost universal sympathy was expressed with the Boers by those with whom he came in contact.

The directors of the Agricultural Society will meet at Lorne Hall on Saturday afternoon to close up matters in connection with the recent exhibition.

The ladies of the Methodist Church cleared $90 by meals supplied to visitors on the 24th.

Confirmation service will be held on the evening of the 31st inst. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Presentation to J. W. St. John.

The members of the South York Conservative Club turned out in large numbers at the presentation of an oil painting to Mr. J. W. St. John in Turner's Hall, Bracondale, last night. Mr. F. C. Miller presided, and there were with him on the platform, besides the guest of the evening, Dr. McNab, President of the South York Conservative Association; E. M. Dumas, President of the Toronto Conservative Club; Mr. Boggis, W. H. Edwards and others. Speeches were given by all these gentlemen, after which it fell to the lot of Mr. W. A. Edwards to do the honors of the evening, and unveil the portrait. Mr. St. John made a felicitous reply, in which he complimented the artist upon the work entrusted to him. Afterwards refreshments were served, and the evening closed happily. The portrait is an exceedingly lifelike and well finished one, and showed to great advantage as Mr. St. John stepped sideways across the platform to look at the gift. It was painted by Mr. Donald G. McNab, silver medalist of the Ontario Society of Artists, 1884, and graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Mr. McNab is a brother of Dr. McNab, President of the South York Conservative Association, and has just completed nine portraits for the Montreal Historical Society.

York County News.

The pastors of the Brampton Methodist district held a conference at Weston yesterday. To-day the laymen will be admitted and take part in the proceedings.

North York Farmers' Institute will hold their annual excursion to Sans Souci Island in the Georgian Bay on June 9.

Mr. Simpson Rennie of Kelvin Grove Farm, Milliken, on Tuesday last met with an accident while inspecting a machine in his barn. He fell thru an opening in the floor into the root cellar below, a distance of 10 feet, alighting on his head and shoulders. Luckily he escaped with a severe shaking up and several cuts on his forehead and face. The accident might easily have been a fatal one.

MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

First of the Four Matches of the Series Will Be Shot Off on Saturday Next.

PRIZES AND CHAMPIONSHIP BADGES

New Plan Has Been Devised for More Effectively Checking the Scores of This Year.

On Saturday next, June 2, the first of the Military Rifle League matches will be held. These matches, of which four will be held this season, are shot simultaneously all over the Dominion, wherever there are rifle ranges. The dates for the other matches are June 9, July 7 and 21.

The First Match.

For the first match the 48th Highlanders have entered eight teams, of ten men each, the Q.O.R. have entered eleven teams, the Grenadiers ten teams, and the 12th York Rangers, one team.

There are two series, viz., 1st, for Martini or Lee-Enfield rifles (ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards); 2nd, or cavalry series, in two sections, (1) for Lee-Metford or Lee-Enfield carbines (ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards), (2) for Snider or Winchester carbines (ranges 200, 300 and 400 yards).

Prizes and Badges.

Prizes as well as championship badges will be given by the League, also first and second-class marksman's certificates (suitable for framing) to those who make the necessary percentage of marks in the four competitions. These certificates are issued by authority of the Department of Militia and Defence, and are signed by the Minister of Militia and the Major-General commanding, as well as by the president and secretary of the League.

Ammunition for these matches will be furnished free of charge, and the matches will be shot, rain or shine. Lieut. W. L. Ross, Hamilton, is treasurer of the League, and Lieut. Albert Payne, 36 Merrick-street, Hamilton, is secretary.

Lots Have Been Drawn.

The regiments have drawn lots for the order of shooting over the ranges, and will shoot in the following order: Royal Grenadiers, 200, 500 and 600 yards; Q.O.R., 500, 600 and 200 yards; 48th Highlanders and 12th York Rang