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HIGH CANADIAN MINISTERS

Is What Sir Richard and Mr. Davies are Called,

MISSION TO WASHINGTON

As Explained by the Newsmongers in New York City.

Sir Richard Cartwright Gives Out an Official Statement Regarding the Objects of the Present Visit to Uncle Sam's Capital—First They Will Call on Sir Julian Pauncefote—After That Mr. Dingley and Other Leading Men Will be Tackled.

New York, Feb. 4.—Two high Canadian Ministers arrived in this city today from Ottawa en route to Washington, where they expect to meet prominent leaders of the Republican party and try and bring about closer trade relations between the Dominion and this country. They are the Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, K. C. M. G., Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. They are members of the Canadian Privy Council and their coming here was by order of a resolution of that important body. They are prominent in the Liberal party of the Dominion, which set have always advocated freer trade relations with the States. The Liberal party had been out of power for eighteen years up to last June, when they again gained the reins of government, routing the Conservatives, who have always frowned down any attempt to promote commerce with America, looking upon all advocates of it as disloyal subjects of the Crown.

THEY HAVE NO POWER.

The visiting Ministers have no power to negotiate any conclusions. They came here to lay before the country the ideas of the Liberal party upon the tariff and to learn the opinion of the coming administration upon the subject. The two Ministers, accompanied by their secretaries, left for the National Capital on the 3.30 train over the Baltimore and Ohio this afternoon. Their stay there will be indefinite, depending upon how much progress is made in their search for information. They will call upon Congressman Dingley and will try to get a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee. Before departing Sir Richard sent the following statement to the United Associated Presses:

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

"Our object in coming to Washington is, in the first place, to see Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, and to confer with him on several important matters affecting Canada and the United States. While here we propose to take advantage of the opportunity to see as many of the public men as possible and discuss with them the existing trade relations between Canada and the United States and the possibility of making these trade relations broader and freer. The Liberal party, which came into power in Canada last June, has always favored the freest possible trade relations between the two countries, consistent, of course, with their own fiscal independence, and intend introducing our tariff at the next session of Parliament we desire to ascertain, as far as possible, the views of the American people, through their representatives, with respect to these trade relations. We propose to discuss the matter with them very frankly and very fully, because we believe it is a business matter which should be approached and disposed of in the best way. We see no reason why the difficulties which heretofore stood in the way should not be overcome, nor why the discussion should not embrace such questions as the coast trade and Canadian fisheries."

THEIR INAUGURAL MEETING.

Chairman Macpherson's Program—Cullings From Inspector Hughes' Annual Report—Still Talking Amalgamation.

The inaugral meeting of the Public School Board was held last evening, with Mr. R. U. McPherson in the chair.

The retiring chairman, Mr. W. W. Hodgson, was presented by his successor, on behalf of the board, with an address, accompanied by a few complimentary remarks from Mr. McPherson. Mr. Hodgson fittingly thanked the board for their kindness.

AGAINST THE ANNUAL GAMES.

The chairman, Mr. R. U. McPherson, read in interesting inaugural address, dealing with several important questions, among them being teachers' salaries, the new reading course issued by the Minister of Education, and the amalgamation of the High and Public School Boards. He recommends that the annual games be discontinued, and that greater powers be given to the committees of the board.

FIGURES THAT SPEAK.

The annual report submitted by Inspector Hughes showed the number of pupils registered in the City Public Schools during the year to be: Kindergartners 4581; in other classes 28,983; 1194 of whom were promoted from the kindergarten. The average daily attendance in the kindergartens was 2142; in other classes 21,387. The average monthly attendance registered was 26,074, an increase of 338 over the previous year. December showed the best average, October the largest number, 27,289, and June the smallest number, 25,503. The registered numbers in attendance during the year in the different classes were, first book 8799, second 6672, third 6312, fourth 5095, fifth 2107.

Compared with last year the difference is: Kindergarten decrease 35, first book decrease 141, second book increase 243, third increase 150, fourth decrease 264, fifth increase 57. There were 996 teachers and 112 kindergartners employed in the schools during the past year, in addition to the special teachers, two music teachers and one drill instructor.

The certificates of the teachers are as follows: First class 77, second class 422. Two new kindergartens opened in 1896, in Bathurst-street and children's shelter, making 42 kindergartens in all. Total number of registered kindergartens during the year was 4581; the average of monthly registered numbers was 2552. The total amount paid the kindergartners for salaries in 1896 was $29,554; total amount paid for kindergarten supplies $2534; cost per pupil on the basis of total enrolment for salaries and supplies $7. Salaries of caretakers amounted to $25,011; fuel cost $20,272; total $45,284. Cost per pupil in the kindergarten, on the basis of total enrolment, was for salaries, supplies, fuel and caretaking $7.74.

BUSINESS IN PROSPECT.

The following notices of motion were made:

By Mr. Clarke, for better accommodation for Key Beach Ward District, and a new four-roomed school near Pape-avenue and Gerrard-street; also for the establishment of a branch of the Boys' Brigade in connection with the schools.

By S. W. Burns, for a special committee to consider amalgamation with the High School Board.

By Dr. Buck, that a male principal be put in charge of all schools of eight rooms or over; also that the office of solicitor of the board be abolished, and the City Solicitor Department be asked to do the work; also for the enlargement of Brock-avenue School and the opening of a fifth book class in it; also for the weeding out of teachers who are inefficient.

By Mr. Fitzgerald, that a Canadian patriotic song be sung each day as part of the opening exercises.

By Dr. Noble, that no class, save in the kindergarten section, be dismissed before 4 p.m.; also that the board petition the local Legislature to abolish the Public, College, Library and Technical School Boards and place the educational interests of the city under a Board of Education, to be elected on the same franchise as the Mayor; also for the discontinuance of weekly examinations in the schools and the establishment of uniform promotion examinations.

By Mr. Kent, for the appointment of a Committee of Legislation.

By Mr. Roden, for the enlargement of Dufferin School and a new Winchester-street School.

By Mr. Burns, for a new school on the site of the present Bathurst-street one, and enlargement of Clinton-street School.

By Mr. Jones, for a play ground for McCaul-street School.

By Mr. Baird, for a new salary scale, and that $5000 yearly of the amount saved by the change be set aside as a retiring allowance for teachers on condition that the teachers contribute not less than $10,000 yearly themselves.

By Mr. Douglas, for a new salary scale, based upon the size of the school and the grade taught; that maximum salaries be as follows: For principals of six rooms and under, $700; six to nine rooms, $1000; nine to twelve rooms; $1100; twelve rooms and over, $1200; that assistant male teachers be paid as per the present schedule; that female assistants be paid a maximum salary of $450 for teaching first and second books; $475 for the third; $500 for the fourth, and $550 for the fifth.

By J. C. Clarke, that the Management Committee be requested to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a downtown school for the accommodation of newsboys and bootblacks.

MAY APPEAL UNTO CAESAR.

Mr. S. W. Burns moved that the following members be a committee to consider the question of amalgamation of the Toronto Public and High School Boards; to confer, if possible, with representatives from the said High School Board in regard to the matter, and interview the Minister of Education, if necessary, upon the question: Messrs. Kent, Baird, Starr, McPherson, Dr. Noble and the mover.

Mr. Baird's scheme was discussed, and it was finally decided to refer all matters of salaries to the Finance Committee. All the other notices of motion were referred to the various committees to be dealt with.

The following motion by Dr. Noble was also referred to the Finance Committee: That the maximum salary for male teachers be $1200, for female teachers $1000, for assistant male teachers $750, for assistant female teachers $600, and that the initial salary for male teachers be $500, for female teachers $300; also that no concerts, tableaux, theatricals or other entertainments be held by or under the auspices of the teachers or pupils of schools, except by consent of the management.

Mr. Hambly was elected Public School Board representative to the High School Board. Messrs. Douglas and Roden were elected to the Industrial School Board.

The Management Committee's report, as published in The World, was carried, with an amendment by Mr. Starr to clause 5, that the appointment should not exceed six months.

The other reports were adopted.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N.Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmalee's Pills than any other pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Charles A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmalee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her." ed

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Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Canadian Press Association—Who Were There—President Brierley Delivers His Valedictory Address Before Making Way for Major John Bayne Maclean—A Splendid Banquet at the National Club in the Evening.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Canadian Press Association opened yesterday morning in the Board of Trade Building.

Among others there were present: Messrs. James S. Brierley, Montreal; J. B. McLean, Montreal; John A. Cooper, Toronto; Sydney Stephenson, Chatham; A. G. F. Macdonald, Alexandria; T. Blackett Robinson, Toronto; Patrick Boyle, Catholic Register, Toronto; John A. Phillips, Gazette, Montreal; A. H. U. Colquhoun, The Printer and Publisher; R. R. Cromarty, Canada Law Journal; Rev. J. A. Macdonald, The Westminster; N. W. Ford, The Banner, Chatham; W. E. Smallfield, Mercury, Renfrew; W. H. Keller, Journal, Uxbridge; Frank Carroll, Daily Telegraph, Quebec; James Dickinson, Despatch, North Bay; R. C. Hocken, News, Toronto; William Douglas, News, Toronto; John H. Thompson, Post, Thorold; J. D. Reid, Arrow, Burk's Falls; W. Ireland, North Star, Parry Sound; Robert Holmes, New Era, Clinton; P. D. Ross, Journal, Ottawa; A. H. St. Germain, an honorary member; H. P. Moore, Free Press, Acton; A. F. Pirie, Banner, Dundas; W. F. Maclean, M.P., World, Toronto; John Cameron, Advertiser, London; T. F. McMahon, The Liberal, Richmond Hill; John Weld, Farmers' Advocate, London; Cameron Brown, Sun, Belleville; King, K.C., an honorary member; M. A. James, Statesman, Bowmanville; A. L. Lance, Times, Richmond, P.Q.; C. W. Talledge, Markdale, Ont.; A. S. Forster, Oakville.

The association, according to the secretary-treasurer's statement, is in a better position to-day than it has been for the past ten years, the deficit having been reduced at the end of 1896 to $65.

The Executive report recommended that the admission fee be reduced from $5 to $3.

President Brierley expressed the hope that in the course of next year the association would accept an invitation to British Columbia, which has been postponed on account of the general elections in June last. would be a reality, and the "revelations of W. Thompson, Central Press, Toronto; E. S. Sutcliffe, jr., M. Henry Richey and H. E. Stephenson, Canadian Advertising Agency; George A. Howell, Grip Printing and Publishing Co.; T. H. Best, Canadian Magazine; A. J. Jeffrey, Chronicle, Arnprior; W. H. Bunting, Mail and Empire; John A. Phillips, Gazette, Montreal; R. Holmes, New Era, Clinton; T. Jackson, jr., Clinton; A. F. Pirie, Banner, Dundas; J. T. Johnston, Toronto; C. W. Taylor, Globe, Toronto; James Innes, Mercury, Guelph; George Wilson, Guide, Port Hope; C. A. Wilson, North Euder, Toronto; S. Frank Wilson, Toronto; George H. Ham, Post, Lindsay; H. W. Laird, Cobourg; C. W. Rutledge, Markdale; J. King, Toronto; D. Creighton, Toronto; J. D. Reid, Arrow, Burk's Falls; J. F. McMahon, Liberal, Richmond Hill; A. B. Rice, Tribune, Toronto Junction; F. Diver, Central Press Agency, Toronto; George E. Smith, Scrogie News, Toronto; H. E. Smallpiece, W. and Thomas Galbraith, World, Toronto; Cameron Brown, Sun, Belleville; C. Blackett Robinson, Canada Press, Toronto; William Houston, Toronto; Joseph J. Cave, Express, Beaverton; George Tye, Times, Brampton; John Motz, Journal, Berlin; D. T. McAinsh, The Westminster; W. Copp, Canadian Almanac, Toronto, John H. Thompson, Post, Thorold; W. L. Edmonds, Herald, Toronto; A. H. U. Colquhoun, Printer and Publisher, Toronto; P. D. Ross, Journal, Ottawa; Rev. J. A. Macdonald, The Westminster, Toronto; Frank Carroll, Daily Telegraph, Quebec; W. C. Nichol, News, London; J. T. Clark, Hugh C. MacLean, W. K. McNaught, P. D. Macpherson, F. W. Sutherland, A. W. Campbell, F. J. Campbell, K. W. McKay, H. B. Donly, Reformer, Simcoe; J. Castell Hopkins, Arthur Lamoine, La Presse, Montreal; Sidney P. Palmer, D. McGillicuddy, Signal, Goderich; A. E. Bradwin, Standard, Blyth; G. H. L. Patterson, Toronto; H. J. Merry, Canada Daily Press, Toronto; W. L. Lance, Times, Richmond, Que.; S. McCutcheon, Toronto; W. S. Dingman, Herald, Stratford; Rev. Dr. Dewart, Edgar A. Wills, E. E. Sheppard, Toronto; David B. Boyle, Rossland, B.C.; John G. Palmer, Toronto.

The chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," departing from the usual formality, referred in eloquent terms to the long and honored reign of Her Majesty. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

THE EMPIRE.

The chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Empire," alluded to the rapid growth in recent years of the sentiment of Imperial Unity. Canadians had ceased to discuss the advisability of continuing connection with the Mother Country, and it was now admitted that the destiny of the Dominion was closer and more intimate connection with Great Britain than that which now exists. The noble picture which Lord Dufferin had drawn of Canada nestling at the feet of the Imperial Mother was being transferred into a reality.

THE PRESS AS AN EDUCATOR.

Dr. Parkin, in opening, referred to the great power exercised by the press. He regarded it as the business of the press to reflect public opinion. Accepting The London Times as the great example of lofty and patriotic journalism, he pointed out the responsibility of the press in guiding and in directing public opinion, as well as reflecting it. In like proportion to the degree of correctness with which the newspaper large or small, had guided or reflected public opinion, as the papers enabled, when the proper time arrives, to render valuable service in the interests of the country. The chairman had given the toast of "The Empire," but reading between the lines he thought it might more appropriately have been "The United Empire." There is no question that the press of the country is to be attributed the rapid growth of the idea of Imperial Unity, and it is the press of the country that has made a united empire possible.

JOURNALISTIC REMINISCENCES.

The speaker related a reminiscence of his own journalistic career, when he cabled a despatch to The London Times from Ottawa at 7 o'clock in the evening, and the next morning he had delivered at his door an Ottawa paper containing a resume of The London Times' leading article, founded upon the despatch he had sent. He paid a tribute to the enterprise and energy of the Canadian newspaper and the splendid facilities at the command of the press by pointing out that when anything of great national import or interest occurred the citizen of Vancouver in British Columbia knew the particulars of it as early as the resident of the suburbs of London. As an instance he referred to the occasion when the late Charles Stewart Parnell issued his manifesto on Saturday afternoon. The British people, when they read that manifesto on Monday, were able also to read all the opinions of the leading papers of Canada and the United States at the same time.

WILL NOT BE TONGUE-TIED.

He had been accused in some paper of endeavoring to arouse feelings which would lead to war if encouraged, and surprise was expressed that he, holding a position in a State-aided institution, should be guilty of such conduct. He disclaimed any intention of stirring up war, but didn't hesitate to declare that he would never for one moment hold any position in which his tongue would be tied upon matters of importance in connection with public affairs. The tremendous responsibility which rested upon the press of the country in the working out of the destiny of the country was eloquently portrayed, and the hope was expressed that the press would attain that standard which would offer such prizes as to attract the brightest and most profound minds of the Empire. He desired to see the idea of Imperial Unity strengthened and advanced by obtaining a pure, clean channel for the conveyance of British news to Canada, free from bias, by means of a Canadian cable. The most powerful influence for the dissolvence of this Empire is ignorance, and therefore the greater necessity for obtaining direct cable communication

NOT OUR ASPIRATION.

Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison declared that annexation, he was satisfied, the Canadian people would never have. It was contrary to all the traditions and aspirations of Canadian nationality. Annexation to the United States would be of no material advantage to the United States. Canadians had no desire to get tangled up with a nation that had great problems before them, but were prepared to stand aside and watch them dispose of their difficulties. The sentiment of federation of the empire must grow. It was not necessary to draw up any written constitution now for a united empire, but rather to allow time to evolve that which was necessary. He called upon the press to do what it could to urge upon the Government to accept the offer held out by Hon. Mr. Chamberlain for preferential trade. The cry had been raised for reciprocity, but he hoped that if it should become an accomplished fact, it would not be allowed to interfere with the proposition for preferential trade within the empire. The next point which he emphasized was that Canada, although the fifth mercantile power of the world, did not contribute one cent towards the cost of maintaining the Imperial navy which protected her commerce. Canada was asked to pay $750,000 per annum as her contribution toward a united empire.

This was not to be expended in the purchase of war ships, but in providing four of the finest vessels afloat to carry passengers and freight from the Mother Country to Canadian ports direct.

PATRIOTISM COVERS EVERYTHING.

In conclusion, he expressed his gratification and pride at the patriotism which, without a single note of discord, marked the utterances of the Canadian press a short time since, when the Venezuelan difficulty was causing some anxiety, although, as he good-naturedly remarked, part of the press had not failed to criticise rather severely some of his utterances. They were perfectly welcome to keep hammering away at him, and he would forgive them, so long as they were truly loyal.

J. B. McLean, president-elect, in proposing the toast of "The Dominion," referred to the growth of Canada as greater than the Canadian people were wont to imagine. Whereas a few years ago the United States outnumbered the people of Canada by 26 to 1, the proportion at present was only 13 to 1. He made a strong case for greater unity, confidence and hope in the future of the Dominion.

SAVED THE SEAT.

Hon. William Mulock could deliver as many bad speeches as any man, and thought he had about exhausted his stock during the past two weeks, but found that he had one more left. It was, perhaps, fortunate that he had not delivered it in North Ontario, or he might have wiped out the small majority of 12 which the Liberal candidate had. [Laughter.] He regretted the absence of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, whom he had had the honor of meeting in public life for many years. No man in public life had been more disinterested in his desire to serve the country. Outside of than Sir Mackenzie Bowell. The Government of Canada had recognized the imperial idea, insisting that every point of landing of the Pacific cable should be on British soil. What they required was a common bond of patriotism, which inspires in every man loyalty to his country. This was the only bond that would make a strong and united and lasting empire.

ENERGY MORE THAN RESOURCES.

Mr. David Creighton spoke briefly, emphasizing the idea that in speaking and thinking of Canada they sang in a key as a part of the British Empire: Canada had done, and was doing, her part toward building up a great empire in constructing the great trans-continental railway and establishing the fast line of steamships on the Atlantic and Pacific, by which British and Canadian people could travel from one part of the empire to another in British soil. The material resources of a country would never make a country prosperous and great, if they had not the people there with energy and ability to develop those resources and to build up the country. In this connection a great responsibility rested upon the men who directed the press, and they should exert their utmost powers to fulfil the important duties which devolved upon them.

Mr. James Innes, ex-M.P., referred to the rapid development from scattered Provinces and colonies into one consolidated Dominion, with one common hope and aspiration.

THE PRESS MUST BE FREE.

"The Legislators" was proposed by A. H. U. Colquhoun, and responded to by W. F. Maclean, M.P., who expressed his regret that, owing to the inability of Hon. J. Israel Tarte to attend, the members of the press were prevented from expressing to that gentleman their congratulations upon the stand which he was making for the freedom of the press in the Province of Quebec. He congratulated the press upon the growing number of newspaper men who had found their way into Parliament, and expressed the opinion that it would be better for the country if there were more newspaper men and fewer lawyers there. [Laughter.]

He was glad to know that the position of the newspaper press of Canada was improving. They did not claim any heaven-born right to speak to the approval of the Deity, but they were right when they asked was that when they were right the people would acknowledge the fact and give them credit for it.

Dr. Ryerson, M.L.A., was proud to recognize his connection with the press in the capacity of associate-editor of several medical journals. He spoke briefly in a humorous strain of his appreciation of the kindly-meant efforts of the press on important occasions to improve his speeches.

"The Press," proposed by George Pattullo, elicited a number of able and humorous speeches by President Lance of the Eastern Townships Association, J. S. Willison, F. Pirie, E. E. Sheppard, W. C. Nichol, E. J. B. Pense and others.

ROSEBRUGH SHOT HIMSELF.

A Young Farmer Delivered a Load of Grain at Galt, Got the Money and Then Killed Himself.

St. George, Ont., Feb. 4.—Albert Rosebrugh committed suicide to-day while returning from Galt, where he had been delivering a load of grain. Before his return he purchased a revolver, and when about two miles from Galt shot himself in the forehead. The team he was driving came home alone, and on going back to seek him he was found dead on the road, with the money for the grain in his pockets. No one seems to have passed in the interim of an hour before his friends found him. Two chambers of the revolver were empty. Evidently one had been used to test the weapon. He is about 21 years of age, and is a son of Mr. William Rosebrugh, a respected farmer of South Dumfries Township. He had been suffering from ill-health for a few weeks.

At the Assizes,

The case of Coll, the newsboy, who is suing the Street Railway Company for being thrown off a car and getting his foot crushed, is proceeding slowly. Yesterday all the evidence was finished, and Mr. Laidlaw, Q.C., for the defendants, has addressed the jury. To-day the plaintiff's case will be summed up and the jury charged.

The cause list to-day is: Hurlburt v. Clark, Jamieson v. Mannell.

Toronto Male Chorus Club.

The plan for subscribers only opens this morning at 9.30 o'clock at Massey Music Hall, for the fourth annual concert of the Male Chorus Club. As the list is very large, subscribers are requested to be promptly on hand when their number is called.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

SEATS FOR SOTHERN.

The sale of seats for Sothern opens this morning. The prices have been arranged as follows: For the evening performances, orchestra $1.50, first three rows of parquette $1, balance of parquette 75 cents, first four rows of dress circle 75 cents, balance of dress circle 50 cents, gallery 25 cents. Wednesday matinee, orchestra and first three rows of parquette $1, balance of parquette 75 cents, first four rows of dress circle 75 cents, balance 50 cents, gallery 25 cents. The engagement is for three nights only, beginning next Monday, when Mr. Sothern will present his romantic drama "An Enemy to the King." The story is said to be romantic. The heroine's father is condemned to death. A pardon is promised on condition that his daughter will betray the hiding-place of the young Huguenot hero to the authorities. To save her father the girl consents to this odious proposition, but in the execution of her mission she is rescued from danger by and falls in love with the man whom she is endeavoring to betray. Then, fully realizing for the first time the baseness of her task, she visits the Governor at night to surrender her commission. The hero, alarmed about her motives, follows her. He falls into the hands of the enemy. The heroine, all her plans thus frustrated, is about to be forced into an uncongenial marriage, when the hero releases himself, fights a duel with his rival, and, in the end, obtains his liberty and his lady.

The period of the play is in France three centuries ago—1685. The first act is in a tavern, the second in a forest, the third in a ruined chateau and the fourth in the Castle of Glochonne.

THE TORONTO HAND-BELL RINGERS.

On Wednesday evening the Toronto Hand-Bell Ringers entertained their president, Mr. R. McClelland, and about 60 of his friends, at his residence, 69 Langley-avenue. The program consisted of several selections on their musical peal of 51 silvery-toned bells—tenor and baritone solos, duets, trios and quartets. The hearty reception which greeted each number was sufficient evidence of the pleasure and appreciation felt by everyone present. A vote of thanks and the National Anthem on the bells brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

"MY FRIEND FROM INDIA."

The audiences at the Grand this week are being well amused with that delightful comedy-rama, "My Friend from India." It is certainly worth seeing. There are only three more performances: to-night, to-morrow matinee and to-morrow evening.

NEXT WEEK AT THE TORONTO.

"Kidnapped" is the attraction announced for next week at the Toronto Opera House. It is a romantic Bowery melodrama, and, speaking of one of its exciting scenes, an exchange says: "In the fifth act a realistic representation of the Haymarket riots at Chicago takes place. Amidst the howling of a murderous mob, the police patrol dashes on the stage, drawn by two spirited horses. A murder is being committed; the leap-frog police jump off, arrest the assassin, place him in the patrol wagon, and then dash madly off the stage."

A BIG AUDIENCE.

Throngs crowded the seating space and standing room at the Torontos "bargain matinee" yesterday afternoon to witness "The Bells of Shandon." Mr. Reagan, the star of the company, sang in a way that charmed the big audience and earned encore after encore. Only three more performances will be given—to-night, to-morrow afternoon and to-morrow evening. At the matinee, "bargain" prices—15 and 25 cents—will prevail.

AFTER MR. CAMPBELL'S SCALP.

Young Girls Swore That the Postmaster of Goderich "Apparently Attempted" to Embrace One of Them.

Goderich, Ont., Feb. 4.—The official enquiry of to-day before Commissioner Seager opened at 10 o'clock. The charge against Wm. Campbell, postmaster of Goderich, was taken up. Mr. Bishop appeared for the Postoffice Department and Mr. Garrow and Mr. Hays for Mr. Campbell.

Miss Jeckell and Miss Agnes Hays were called, and said that in the fall of 1894, while they were attending the Model School at Goderich, and went to the postoffice one evening to mail a letter, the wicket was closed, and Mr. Campbell came out to the public office and received the letter, and remarking that they were two fine model girls apparently attempted to put his arm around Miss Hays, which she prevented by stepping out of his way, and they left the office much offended.

Several witnesses were called in view of attempting to prove his interference in politics.

James C. McIntosh, Wm. McDonald and others were called, and gave evidence about certain letters being opened. Wm. Logan, R. Vanstine and Robert Bell were called in regard to alleged interference by Mr. Campbell to their detriment in the salt and marble business, in which he was a rival of theirs.

The case was adjourned at 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock Friday morning, no more witnesses being ready.

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Association Hall, Yonge and McGill-streets, presented a festive appearance last evening on the occasion of the annual conversazione. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags. The bicycle exhibition in the lecture room delighted everyone. Nine different companies were represented and each had several good machines on exhibition. Large numbers enjoyed the graphophone and the Regina music boxes. Three programs were given, as follows: In Association Hall, organ solo, H. M. Fletcher; contralto solo, Miss M. Magson; reading, Miss Ethel Shafer; cello solo, Signor Guiseppe Dinelli, accompanied by Mrs. K. Smith; soprano solo, Mrs. Scrimger Massie; instrumental, Ideal Mandolin and Guitar Club; soprano solo, Miss M. Doran; violin solo, J. H. McDunnough; baritone solo, C. F. Britton; reading, Miss E. Shafer; duet, Misses Doran and Magson. In the reading room the program was: Banjo solo, D. W. Newton; vocal, Miss A. Scarborough; reading, Miss E. Shafer; quartet (basso profundo). The attractions in the gymnasium were marching and wand drill, by young men's class, and a living game of checkers.

In the Surrogate Court.

Robert Anderson of Montreal had $68,000 worth of shares in the Bank of Commerce, 50 in the Bank of Toronto, value $11,950, and 75 shares in the Dominion Telegraph Company, value $4687.50. To administer the Ontario assets, probate has been applied for here. There is also an estate of $1,435,253 in the Province of Quebec.

To receive what is due from the estate of James Henderson, their late father, Mrs. Ellen Smith has had S. C. Smoke and Jas. G. Smith appointed trustees to receive $56,700, and Mrs. Mary Hebden has had J. T. Smith and E. T. Hebden appointed trustees to receive $58,000.

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