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THE DOMINION'S FINANCES

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR DECEMBER.

Statement for the First Six Months of the Fiscal Year--The Public Debt--The Railway Committee's Decision on the Manitoba Crossings Applications.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The statement of revenue and expenditure for the month of December shows that the former continues to go up and the latter to go down in the most satisfactory manner, the receipts for the month being $2,885,497, an increase of $134,915 over the same month last year, and the expenditure $2,080,799, a decrease of $216,513 from the preceding December. The revenue for the first six months of the fiscal year shows as follows:

Customs	$11,719,313
Excise	3,617,734
Postoffice	1,044,700
Public works (including railways)	1,812,306
Miscellaneous	685,011
Total	$18,859,064
Expenditure	14,688,158
Surplus	$4,170,906

Compared with the same months in 1887 this shows an increase of $1,518,642 in revenue and a decrease of $409,922 in expenditure, a sufficiently satisfactory result to please the most exacting critics. It must be borne in mind, however, that the semi-annual payments in advance of subsidies to the provinces, amounting to nearly $2,000,000, were made on Jan. 2, and that over $1,225,000 interest was due in January, so that the next monthly statement will show a considerable reduction of surplus, but it must also be borne in mind that this finishes the payment of subsidies for the year.

Every item of revenue, with the exception of miscellaneous, shows a large increase for the six months, the amounts being:

Customs	$704,913
Excise	642,409
Postoffice	65,597
Public Works	215,495
Miscellaneous (decrease)	109,774

The Public Debt.

The following is the statement of the public debt on Dec. 31:

Gross debt	$239,187,290
Assets	55,199,541
Net debt	$233,987,749

This shows a decrease of $397,592 during the month and an increase in the net debt since June 30 last of only $543,629, while the expenditure on capital account during the same period has been $2,786,122, as follows:

Public Works	$2,422,075
Railway subsidies	301,070
Dominion lands	48,401
Northwest Rebellion loss	4,576

THE CROSSING CASE.

Decision of the Railway Committee on Attorney-General Martin's Applications.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The Railway Committee of the Privy Council this morning took up the applications of Railway Commissioner Martin of Manitoba for the crossings of the Pembina branch, the Manitoba and Southwestern branch and the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Portage la Prairie. After some discussion, which was followed by a private conference of the committee, Sir John Thompson made this announcement of the decision arrived at:

"As regards the crossing of the main track in the village of Portage la Prairie by the Portage extension of the Red River Valley Railway, that will stand over for further consideration. As regards the other two crossings of the Pembina Mountain branch and the Manitoba and Southwestern Railway, we have come to the conclusion that the crossings should be put in by the Canadian Pacific Railway at the expense of the Railway Commissioner of Manitoba; that the crossings shall be maintained at the expense of the Commissioner, that the semi phores shall be put in and maintained and the lights maintained at the expense of the Commissioner; that the Canadian Pacific Railway have precedence of trains. We decline to allow any rental and have nothing to do with the costs. The works to be executed under the supervision of officers to be appointed by the Minister of Railways."

The application of the Canadian Pacific Railway for permission to cross the street railway at London was postponed until Jan. 15, as was also the application of Attorney-General Martin for approval of the plans of bridges crossing the Assiniboine River.

On Mr. Gormully asking approval of the application of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway to cross the Canadian Pacific Railway at Brandon, Mr. Clark objected on the ground that the company applying had no existence. Under an agreement with the Manitoba Government the Northern Pacific Railway Company was constructing a railway to the international boundary to connect with the Duluth and Manitoba Railway. The railway was being constructed to a point not within the province, but under the British North America Act such a road could only be sanctioned by the Dominion Parliament. He therefore asked that the case should also be referred to the Supreme Court for an opinion. After some discussion the committee reserved its decision on this application.

The Globe yesterday stated editorially that the fifth volume of the Canadian census had not yet been issued. There is no fifth volume. The census was taken April 3, 1881, and the return is comprised in three volumes, the last of which was published in 1883. In 1884 a small supplementary volume containing an introduction and index was issued and that finished the matter.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

City Solicitor Biggar's Application re Telegraph Poles, etc—Militia Orders.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain the **return** of Mr. Dickey for Cumberland.

C. R. Biggar, City Solicitor of Toronto, gives notice that the corporation of the City of Toronto will apply to Parliament for such legislation as will enable or authorize said corporation to compel the removal of all poles and the placing underground of all wires, erected or put up within the municipality or within any definite area or areas thereof, by any telegraph, telephone or electric light company.

The Militia General Orders contain the following appointments:

District Staff Captain Alexander Roy, 65th Battalion, to be brigade major, with the rank of major, of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Brigade Divisions from Dec. 12, vice Lieut.-Col. Hughes, resigned.

Major G. L. Dogherty, R.L., to be paymaster and superintendent of militia stores, Military District No. 12, from Nov. 23.

Lieut. E. H. T. Howard, A Cavalry School Corps; Lieuts. D. D. Young, and T. D. R. Hemming, Infantry School Corps, to have rank of captain from Dec. 21.

Governor-General's Foot Guards—To be major, from Dec. 3, Captain Fred Toller, vice Tilton, promoted. To be captain, Lieut. H. H. O'Gray, vice Toller.

Queen's Own Rifles—To be lieutenant, Second Lieut. Theobald Colman, vice McLeod, resigned.

First Regiment Cavalry—To be Second Lieutenant provisionally Sergeant Thomas Combs, vice Higgins appointed quartermaster.

Thirteenth Battalion—To be lieutenants Second Lieuts. A. E. Carpenter and W. W. Osborne.

AFTER THE C. P. R.

The American Customs People Bothered About Certain Freight Cars.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The collector of customs at Detroit recently applied to the treasury department for information as to the dutiable character of certain empty cars belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company brought into the Detroit district by the Michigan Central Railroad and which have entered into use in domestic traffic within the limits of the United States. Assistant Secretary Maynard has written the collector in reply that foreign built cars used in international traffic are not regarded as importations within the meaning of the law, but there is no record that the department has ever permitted the importation free of foreign built cars for use wholly within the bounds of the United States, except in cases of certain postal cars. If the cars in question were brought in for the express purpose of being used between points in the United States via Canadian territory, they are liable to seizure wherever found. He suggests, however, in the absence of satisfactory evidence, that if these illegal importations were intentional, the proper course would be to demand payment of duty from the officials of the railway company on all the cars so used which have been brought in at Detroit.

Japanese goods cheaper than ever at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east. Inspection invited. 246

HIS EXCELLENCY'S CIGAR.

He and Lady Stanley "Do" King-street—Is the Cigar "Good Form"?

King-street's sunny side had its usual large turnout of promenaders yesterday afternoon. Among the throng was an easy going couple, well but quietly dressed, the gentleman wearing dark clothes and a silk hat and carrying an umbrella, while the lady wore a very plain dress of black cashmere, short seal coat and black bonnet with red wings. They walked slowly and took in all the sights. They attracted but little attention and were only recognized by a few, who remarked, "There go Lord and Lady Stanley."

Their Excellencies had been out for a stroll. What was freely commented upon was the fact that His Excellency was contentedly smoking a cigar, which many claimed was "not in good taste; while a few averred that it was quite common in England for a gentleman to smoke while walking in the street with a lady.

Great reduction in prices at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east, Jenkins, direct importer. 246

WHITEWASHED BEE HORSE.

The Troubles of a Thornhill Woman With the Small Boys.

Justice Wingfield yesterday investigated charges against a number of boys residing in the village of Thornhill. The charges are made by Mrs. Mussulman, who says she has been greatly annoyed by the boys. On the night of December 12 she was subjected to a considerable amount of petty persecution. On Hallowe'en her house was bombarded with stones, one of which struck her husband, inflicting an ugly wound. On another occasion her horse was whitewashed and the word "Sambo" painted on each side. Mr. Wingfield dismissed Jno. Clapham, Jno. Emon, Wm. Cogswell, J. Dean and Harry Barnard. Jas. Mulock, Joe Kelly, Mason Cogswell and Thomas Seiger will appear again next Friday.

What magazine are you going to take for 1889? Try "The Century" $4.00, Harper's Monthly $4.00, "Scribner's" $3.00, Leisure Hours $4.00, St. Nicholas $3.00. Subscribe at once at Winnifrith Bros., 6 & 8 Toronto-street.

New Firm.

The old established gents' furnishings house of I. J. Cooper, corner Yonge and Adelaide-streets, has passed into the hands of Messrs. D. B. Chittenden and R. H. Cornish. After 15 years of deserved popularity Mr. Cooper retires from the business and the aforesaid young men are "in possession." Messrs. Chittenden & Cornish have had some 8 or 10 years' experience in this line of business and are well capable of judging of the wants of the public. They are energetic and painstaking and therefore will assure custom, while the fact that this house is the only one in Yonge-street that imports direct from the Old Country is sufficient guarantee of the excellency of their goods. The latest styles in shirts, collars, gloves, neckwear and the numerous other indispensable articles of gentlemen's wearing apparel will be kept on hand and the proprietors trust that by a careful attention to business and a watchfulness of the needs of the trade as well as by the system of "lowest price for cash" they will continue to enjoy the public goodwill and patronage that have so marked this place in days gone by. Chittenden & Cornish, 109 Yonge-street, south-east corner of Adelaide.

Pocket and office diaries 1889, Canadian Almanac 15c, Grip Almanac 10c, Judy Almanac 10c, Century Magazine January, N. Y. Cutting Cards, Gents' Visiting Cards, etc., etc., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 & 8 Toronto-street.

Picks and Shovels Against the Contractors.

The Pick and Shovel men held a meeting last night in Tecumseh-street Hall for the purpose of organizing against the contract system. They contend that the city should employ the men directly, without letting the jobs to contractors. Several of the aldermanic candidates have pledged themselves to support the men, if elected. The meeting was addressed by A. F. Jury, A. W. Holmes, S. McNab and others, pointing out the benefits that would accrue to the men if they were properly organized, and urging them to form a union without delay. It seems that a large number of the men belonged to No. 5087, K. of L., but had dropped out, and it was decided that a meeting should be held next Friday, when all who could be induced should join No. 5087, and it was further stated that all back dues should be forgiven those reentering.

The Sheffield House Importing Co. (Registered), 65 Yonge-street (below King). Best English silver plate suitable for wedding, complimentary and birthday gifts. C. E. Robinson, Manager. 246

The City and the Street Railway Co.

At the Court House yesterday morning Judge Rose, on the application of City Solicitor Biggar, heard a motion on behalf of the City of Toronto to settle the form of the Appeal Book on the appeal of the city from his adverse judgment. His Lordship heard the objections of Mr. Shepley, the Street Railway Co.'s solicitor, to the Appeal Book as proposed by the plaintiff and made an order settling the statement of the case.

The Appeal Book is now in the hands of the printers and the appeal will probably be set down for the present sittings.

Heavy rich silk Turcoman Curtains for holiday gifts can be had in great variety and very cheap at W. A. Murray & Co.'s. They are offering the finest qualities at prices that will interest intending purchasers.

Capt. Sears Has Gone.

Capt. Sears, lately attached to "O" Co., Infantry School, and who made many friends during his stay in Toronto, started yesterday for England en route to Gibraltar, where he will re-join his regiment. The officers and men of the Company accompanied him to the station, where he took the 8.25 G. T. R. train. The band played "Auld Lang Syne" and his late comrades cheered as the train moved out.

Lord Stanley's Omission.

It was noticed with regret that Lord Stanley in his speech at the Board of Trade banquet did not refer to the new English neckties that quinn the shirtmaker displayed for the first time yesterday. In his serene enjoyment of the occasion his lordship overlooked this event of almost national importance.

Ancient Time Pieces.

Valuable watches, no matter how old, remodeled and modernized, by inserting the most perfect escapement and compensation balance known in horology. E. Beeton high-grade watch specialist, opposite Post-office. 246

AN EPIDEMIC OF MURDER.

THE ENGLISH NEW YEAR'S GRUESOME BEGINNING.

Another Atrocity Follows Close Upon the Heels of the Bradford Butchery—A Little Girl the Victim—Redoubled Vigilance of the London Police.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Times' London special says: The English new year begins with a gruesome epidemic of murder which fills the newspapers and forms the most frequent topic of conversation. The frightful murder and mutilation of a little boy at Bradford last week, with attendant atrocities copied from the Whitechapel fiend, and which will certainly be fastened upon a local milkman, was followed by the news of the terrible murder of a little girl in a field close to a village road in Somersetshire with much the same general details. In the same paper, which gives two columns to these, is another column narrating the hanging of two lads under 20 years of age for a murder at Tunbridge Wells, and giving the facts regarding an inquest on the body of a woman found mysteriously murdered at Poplar. The whole subject of murder has become so familiar during the last couple of weeks and has occupied such a prominent place in the public mind that another Whitechapel murder now would throw the community into a frenzy of excitement. The police are watching the whole east end of London with redoubled vigilance, but now as heretofore the crimes there have almost invariably happened during a new moon.

One Mystery Cleared up by Another.

The details of the crime for which the two boys above alluded to were hanged, are as follows: On July 20 a workman at the Baltic saw mills, Tunbridge Wells, whose name was Lawrence, was at home with his wife and two children, when he was called out by some voice unknown to the family. The wife, as if some instinct warned her of danger, doubted the message which she heard delivered to her husband to induce him to come out, and she afterwards sent one of the children after her husband. The boy found the two conversing, but unhappily his father sent him back on some errand to the house. No more was heard of Lawrence's mysterious messenger, but Lawrence himself was found dying from a pistol shot, and he never rallied to tell what had happened. His assassination became known as the Tunbridge Wells mystery. Two months afterwards a lad asked a boy to deliver to The Tunbridge Wells Advertiser a letter. The epistle was a boastful representation that the writer was Lawrence's murderer. The most striking passage was the following:

"Lawrence was very talkative when he was out of doors, little thinking of the death he had so shortly got to die. The last word he spoke when in my company was when he caught sight of the pistol sticking out of my pocket. He said: 'What do you carry them sort of things about with you for? My answer was: 'To shoot down dogs and curs like you.' 'What,' said he, 'would you shoot a ——.' Bang! and once more Tunbridge Wells was startled by another mystery, which is never likely to be found out."

There was no feature in this letter that betrayed right feeling, except one sentence designed to exonerate a man on whom some suspicion had wrongfully fallen. The letter was signed "Another Whitechapel Murderer," and it was open to any one to conclude that the document was but a silly effusion due to the unhealthy excitement caused by events in the east end of London. It only attained its full and unmistakable significance by the act of confession. A moulder named Gower, 18 years of age, and his friend, Charles Dobell, a plumber of 19, attended the Salvation Army meetings, and were apparently much moved by what they heard there. The moulder visited the captain, and made the startling confession that he and his friend, who was "true as steel," were the authors of the Tunbridge Wells mystery. Lawrence had been denounced by Gower to Dobell as a master's man who had further been the means of getting him fined because he kept the time at the sawmills, and had to mark Gower late. The friend "true as steel" and Gower himself drew lots who should kill Lawrence. The lot fell on Dobell, who, playing the friend "true as steel" all through, calmly executed the diabolical purpose. These accusations could only have one result. The police were called in. The steel-true comrade, after a brief hesitation, confirmed his friend's story. The revolver was found. A boy identified Dobell as the writer of the letter to The Tunbridge Wells Advertiser. In a word, the Tunbridge Wells mystery was cleared up by that other mystery—the working of the human mind.

Conservatory of Music Examinations.

Following is the result of the Christmas examinations of pupils in the theoretical department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, Arthur E. Fisher, Mus. Bac., being the examiner:

First year examination: First class—Miss Alice A. Smith, Ancaster; Donald Herald, Toronto; J. D. A. Tripp, Toronto. Second class—Miss Lodemie White, Springfield.

Second year examination: First class—Miss Annie Johnson, Toronto; Cyril E. Rudge, Toronto; Miss Helen M. Moore, Caledonia. Second class—Miss Anna M. Lewis, Toronto; Henry J. Holden, Toronto; Miss May A. Bean, Oshawa. Third class—Miss Constance Lee, Toronto.

The papers were marked by a high average of excellence.

Hello Boys, Whisper.

A Christmas box for nothing. They are giving away hand-sleighs and drums to every purchaser of a boy's overcoat or boy's suit. Boys' overcoats or suits from $2.50 up. The British Arms Clothing store, 221 Yonge-street, corner Shuter-street. R. Baker & Co.

The Fur Trade.

We are very busy notwithstanding the mild weather, said Mr. Dineen to a World reporter to-day. Fashion is everything throughout the whole civilized world. The demand for furs has been extraordinary. Styles and fashions change; and this season the changes are more marked than usual, which causes an unusual activity amongst the fur dealers. Just now goods are sold very low. We are having a clearing sale of all surplus stock, and from now till first February the public can expect bargains in all classes of furs from Dineen.

Mrs. Parsons Fined.

Col. Denison yesterday concluded the hearing of the case of Mrs. Parsons and her two boys charged with having cruelly beaten little Katie Woodhouse. The evidence went to show that the child's hands had been tied, and that she was severely beaten with a strap on the bare body. Mrs. Parsons said she had been advised by ladies of the Girls' Home to treat the girl as she would one of her own, but she had never tied her children's hands or marked them. The boys were dismissed, and Mrs. Parsons was fined $2 or ten days for common assault.

Special Announcement.

Wishing to place a Williams Piano in my house, I will sell a Chickering Parlor Grand—in use four years—at two-thirds the manufacturer's price. The instrument is in perfect order. L. W. Johnston, George-street, Fredericton, N.B.

Natural Wool.

The world renowned German doctor, Dr. Jaeger, has revolutionized the underwear trade in that he has aroused the public to a sense of the great danger (especially in this northern latitude) of wearing anything next the person that apertains to cotton, linen, etc., and the healthful effects of wearing pure, natural undyed wool goods. We keep all sizes from 34 to 44 inches. A. White, 65 King-street west.

THE FAD DISCREDITED.

If ever a fad, a political conspiracy, was discredited, repudiated and rejected it was last night at the Board of Trade banquet, when the annexation movement of The Globe and Mail and Laurier and Cartwright was disowned by every one. No one spoke so severely of it as Mr. Mowat. He simply scorned it.

Dare The Globe now get up and tell the people that Mr. Mowat favors its project of discrimination against Great Britain, or dare The Globe come out and say it favors such a policy?

And what for that other ill-favored journalistic bird, The Mail! Does it still favor annexation? Does it think the people of Ontario favor it? Why was not Mr. Bunting at the table last night?

Where was Sir Richard? Where was Mr. Laurier?

No, annexation won't go in this community, and by this time The Globe and The Mail and the other annexationists have certainly found it out.

No Decision as to Sixsmith's Death.

The inquest into the death of George Sixsmith, the victim of the Christmas-day explosion in the works of the Toronto Ammonia Co., was continued by Coroner Duncan, last night, in the Police court room. It commenced at 8 o'clock and lasted until near midnight, when an adjournment was made until next Wednesday evening. There were only two witnesses examined, an ex-engineer of the works, who said he left because he was afraid that something might happen, and Charles Steinmeyer, the foreman in charge of the factory. The latter could not speak a word of English, and Mr. Ignatius Kormann acted as interpreter. The evidence up to date was purely technical in its character. Steinmeyer was three hours in the box.

The "Gov" and the Benchers.

The Governor-General paid a formal visit to Osgoode Hall yesterday and was received with due honor by Mr. Huson W. Murray, the chairman of the Reception Committee. After being conducted through the building His Excellency held an informal levee in the library, and after a pleasant chat with distinguished members of the bar partook of luncheon in the Law Society's spacious dining room. These gentlemen were of the party:

Sir Alex Campbell.	Sir Thos Galt.
Attorney-General Mowat.	Mr Justice Burton.
Mr Justice Proudfoot.	Mr Justice Falconbridge.
Hon A S Hardy.	Æ Irving, Q.C.
J K Kerr, Q.C.	Chas Moss, Q.C.
Hector Cameron, Q.C.	Dr W Smith.
Z A Lash, Q.C.	Jas Beaty, Q.C.
W R Meredith, Q.C.	J J Foy, Q.C.
E Martin, Q.C.	G F Shepley.
H W Murray.	J H Ferguson.
J H Morris.	Nichol Kingsmill
D Guthrie, Q.C.	J H Eaton.

Read "Secular Thought."

To-day's Number commences Vol. 5. First Instalment of the debate between Rev. Dr. Sexton and Charles Watts, and other interesting reading. Now is the time to subscribe. Price 5 cents or $2.00 per year. Address Secular Thought, 31 Adelaide-street east, or for sale by the principal news-dealers.

Mr. Hall in St. George's.

Mr. Wm. M. Hall, one of the candidates for St. George's Ward, should be elected. He is thoroughly competent, and well versed in municipal affairs and the routine of council business. It is well to introduce new blood into the council. Many of the old members get into a rut out of which it is impossible to move them. Mr. Hall is energetic and pushing, and has a scheme for remodelling the civic administration in such a way that a great deal of the ward grabbing will be abolished and the business of the city run upon a proper and economical basis.

Mr. Best Has Not Resigned.

Use is being made of the fact that Wm. Best, who was nominated for alderman in St. Patrick's Ward, had resigned. This is, no doubt, to injure the candidature of Wm. H. Best, who is running for school trustee in St. James' Ward. The latter gentleman intends remaining in the field.

Vice-Regal Visits.

Lady Stanley yesterday paid a short visit to the Home for Incurables, and expressed her appreciation of the good work carried on in the institution. She also visited the studio of Mr. L. R. O'Brien and examined the work of the artist. The vice-regal party leave for Ottawa this morning at 8 o'clock.

New Year's Mementos.

S. Davis & Sons, the big cigar firm of Canada, are sending out New Year's mementos in the shape of silver match safes of handsome design carrying the monogram of the house. The World now lights its El Padre from one of these elegant boxes.

The Law School Junior Class.

Mr. Kingsford's lectures on "Evidence," with special relation to contracts, will commence on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 8.45 a.m.

A Cure for Toothache

Ask your druggist for Givens' toothache gum. It cures toothache instantly. Price 15c. 246

The Dead.

James Spedding Halliwell-Phillipps, F.R.S., the Shakespearean biographer, is dead. He was born in 1820.

Personal Mention.

It is reported that John Ruskin is desperately ill, and that there is small hope of his recovery.

Sir William Pearce, who died recently in England, left an estate valued at £1,250,000. The property is to be divided between his widow and son.

$3000.

Editor World: What salary does the Mayor of Toronto get? W. W. N.

Steamship Arrivals.

Date.	*Name.*	*Reported at.*	*From.*
Jan. 4.	Westernland	New York	Antwerp
"	Queen	"	Liverpool

The Scandinavian, from Glasgow for Philadelphia via Halifax, arrived at Halifax at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday.

The Library Above.

When you've left the world unheeding,
And above are swiftly speeding
If you're very fond of reading
When you cross the golden sod,
You will look in vain, good gracious,
For the creed of Athanasius
On the shelves so high and spacious
Of the library of God.

Nary books on Methodism,
Whether orthodox or schism,
Not a "shorter catechism"
Will repay you for a search,
You will look in vain and stare
For a book of common prayer,
Because it isn't there
In that book-room of the Church.
—*The Khan.*

What They Are Saying in 146.

North of Ireland Man—That Frank Somers is a great man; I see his son Jimmy is aldy-kong to Ned the Mayor.

2nd N. of I. M.—Yes, and Frank'll be chairman of the board of School Trustees, and he's not forgettin' John when he's away in Varginny.

Art on View.

As a general thing what ugly looking things are the parlor suites one sees when shown into room of honor in friend's houses! Wood has grown expensive and the chairs, sofas and tables of our ancestors, which had at least the beauty of massiveness, are replaced by boards carved by a fret saw. To those desirous of viewing a really fine and artistic lot of furniture we would say visit Suckling, Cassidy & Co.'s auction rooms when down town to-day.

Cloudy, Local Rain or Sleet.

Weather for Ontario: Increasing east to north winds, partly cloudy to cloudy weather followed by local falls of rain or sleet, not much change in temperature.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

Calgary 34, Minnedosa 22, Edmonton 30, Toronto 34, Montreal 30, Quebec 28, Halifax 28.

DINING IN THE BIG GLASS HOUSE.

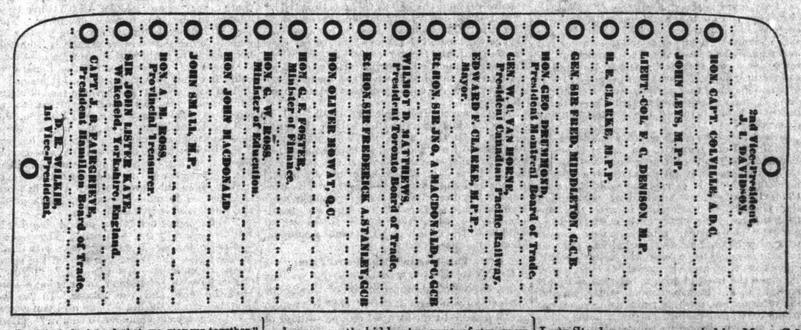
The Second Annual Banquet of the Toronto Board of Trade.

A GALA NIGHT AT HORTICULTURAL PAVILION.

Merry Merchants, Statesmen and Professional Men Thoroughly Enjoy Themselves.

A RIGHT ROYAL RING OF PATRIOTISM.

Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Oliver Mowat Make it Red Hot for the Annexationists---The Premier of Ontario Says He'll Have None of it in His---Some Sentiments that Set the Whole Crowd on the Cheer--Features of the Feast.



"To-night I do intend that we may sup together."—*Othello.*

Had the bronzed Moor of Venice who uttered the above sentiment, and which was printed on the frontispiece of the elegant menu card at the Board of Trade banquet, looked in upon the scene which animated the Pavilion last night he would probably have enquired: "Can such things be?" Certainly no banqueting hall, extemporized or otherwise, was ever conceived in Canada on a grander, a more brilliant, a more physical, a more substantial as to its banqueters, or on whom so many fair faces gazed down in admiration, that could vie with the many beauties of the Pavilion last night.

It was a banquet fit for the gods, a gathering of solid men of business of the town, and at the eight long tables which ran the entire length of the floor of the hall were seated nearly all of Toronto's successful merchants, men learned in the law, in parliamentary affairs, in medicine and in the various other professions. Then there were many visitors of substance and standing from other portions of the province, and all the way from Montreal came Hon. George A. Drummond, president of that city's Board of Trade. There was a guest from England direct, Sir John Lester Kaye of Wakefield, Yorkshire, who is en route to his ranches in the Northwest. The plan of the table printed at the top of this column shows how and where the distinguished guests were seated.

There were nearly 700 men at the banqueting tables, the galleries being filled with 500 ladies and a sprinkling of escorts. All but about 75 of the diners were members of the Board of Trade. There was a good representation of the solid outside members of the board.

There Was Lots of Loyalty.

It was a truly loyal gathering of Canadian sentiment. There was a conspicuous absence of the Stars and Stripes in the decorations. The Union Jack and the Dominion Standards held undivided sway. The speeches were as patriotic as the mottoes which adorned the walls and pillars of the great building. The veteran Premier of the Dominion and the Premier of Ontario came out in bold relief as the champions of anti-Annexation. [Mr. Mowat gave no uncertain sound as to his abhorrence of such a consummation as political alliance with the Republic. The loval sentiments of Sir John and Mr. Mowat were applauded to the echo, and a thousand throats shouted, "God save Canada and her people." Up in the galleries the ladies were as enthusiastic as the gentlemen with their cheers for our common country.

As to numbers there was never a larger gathering at any banquet ever held in the Dominion. As Mr. "Joe" Pope, the suave secretary of Sir John, remarked: "It beats the record, and I have been at nearly all the big feeds in the country."

The speeches were for the most part brief and many of them were quite breezy. No one was tiresome and the man with the bundle of figures was not very prominent among the talkers. Of course there was a good deal of regulation banquet talk, and here and there old-time anecdotes were worked in.

What more could be said than that it was a memorable evening in the history of social and mercantile Toronto, an affair which will always be remembered by those who were there!

How the Hall Was Decorated.

The Pavilion has been decorated time after time for dinners, balls and fancy gatherings, but perhaps it never was so handsomely decked out as it was last night. No pains or expense were spared, and the result was that the interior, which is fast becoming dingy in appearance, was brightened and made most handsome. The work was done under the supervision of Mr. Frank Smith, foreman of the Lombard-street Fire Hall, assisted by a staff of workmen. They were at it all week and much of the most difficult work was done by Mr. Smith himself. From the galleries the scene was a grand one, with flags, bunting, garlands of evergreen, shields and brilliant lights. The chief exertion was towards the ornamentation of the stage or north wall, in front of which sat the distinguished guests. On the lower part of the wall hung rich tapestry curtains the width of the stage, while above and right up to the top had been stretched white linen on which flags and several handsome designs in evergreens showed off to striking advantage. Around this was a border of evergreens. At the top and in the centre of the white space were the words "A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All" in evergreen. Below this was a British shield with the word "Canada" across it, and flanked on either side by gracefully draped British flags; and beneath this were festoons of green and a large elk head. At the upper corners were draped Union Jacks, while below them in strong relief were the mottoes "Our Queen" and "Our Country," under which were spread fan-shaped bunches of pampas grass. In front of the main tables was a bank of evergreen with the word "Welcome" worked in vari-colored everlasting flowers.

The ceiling's bare boards and gaunt iron rods were neatly hidden by scores of streamers composed of the colors of local yachts. From a point in the centre six lines of them diverged to the four corners and the sides. The side balconies were most tastefully festooned with ropes of evergreens, which materially also bordered the many mottoes. Handsome hanging lamps were suspended over the band gallery, and baskets of dried flowers hung between the pillars. The mottoes were most appropriate to the occasion, and with the exception of the first two named below were the selections of Secretary Wills from the works of Canadian authors, the first two being English. They were:

"Commerce diffuses the blessings of civilization to the remotest corners of the earth."

"Whosoever commands the sea commands the trade; whosoever commands the trade of the world commands its riches."

"Surely the lion's brood is strong to front the world alone."

"Shall not our love this rough sweet land make sure."

"Loyal to our native earth our own Canadian land."

"Odds lie not in numbers only, but in spirit too."

"Canada, a land of life's best treasures, plenty, peace, content and freedom both to speak and do."

"Our swift keels cleave the farthest seas."

On the pillars were handsome shields draped with small Union Jacks and bearing the names of these past presidents:

Wm. Elliot	1870-1	A. B. Lee	1878
A. R. McMaster	1872	R. W. Elliot	1879
Wm. Thomson	1873	John Morrison	1880
W. H. Howland	1874-5	W. B. Hamilton	1881
W. E. McMaster	1876	G. M. Rose	1882
A. M. Smith	1877	W. H. Darling	1883-4-5-6
		Wm. Ince	1887.

A Menu for the Gods.

This is the elegant menu that Caterer Harry Webb provided to tickle the palates of the festive banqueters:

Oyster Soup.
Mayonaise of Salmon. Bread and Butter rolled
Roast Young Turkey.
Jellied Turkey. Sugar cured Ham.
Jellied Tongue.
Roast Chicken. Roast Duck, Galantine of Jellied Veal,
Roast Lamb.
Spiced Beef. Boar's Head, stuffed.
Lobster Salad.
Chicken Salad. Salmon Salad.
Rolls. Pickles. Hot Potatoes.
Hot Tomatoes.
Madeira Jelly. Champagne Jelly. Chocolate Creams
Italienne Creams.
Charlotte Russes. Filled Meringues.
Spanish Pies. Macaroons. Fancy Cakes
and Pastry.
Strawberry. Vanilla and Lemon Ice Creams
and Ices.
Celery. Cheese. Biscuits.
Coffee. Lemonade.
Apples. Oranges. Grapes. Bananas. Pine Apples.
Almonds. Raisins.

An Orchestra of Sixty.

The music at a banquet is always an important matter and one that is generally paid much attention. But the musical adjunct of last night's affair capped the climax and was spoken of by all as being delightful. Instead of a band Mr. F. H. Torrington's orchestra of sixty pieces had been engaged. They were stationed in the second gallery and during the evening played their best. The vocal and instrumental solos were loudly applauded. The musical program was:

1. OVERTURE.....Le Roi des Diamants.....*Lavallée.*
2. MARCH.....Le Prophete.....*Meyerbeer.*
3. ROMANZE.....Awakening of Spring.....*Buch.*
MR. SMITH.
4. FLUTE SOLO.....English Airs.....*Lee.*
MR. ARLIDGE.
5. WALTZ.....Till We Meet Again.....*Bailey.*
6. EUPHONIUM SOLO. Fantasia.....*Nehr.*
MR. SMITH.
7. TURKISH PATROL.....—
8. SELECTIONS.....Scotch Airs.....*Cox.*
9. CORNET SOLO.....Whirl Wind Polka.....—
MR. CLARK.
10. GALOP.....Winter Frolics.....*Bernstein.*
11. WALTZ.....Glacier Garden.....*Keler Bela.*
12. SELECTIONS.....Bohemian Girl.....*Balfe.*
13. VOCAL SOLO. Canada the Gem
of the Crown.....*Torrington.*
MR. WARRINGTON.
14. VOCAL SOLO. Three Jolly Britons.....*Ware.*
MR. WARRINGTON.

Who Were There.

The World will not attempt to give a list of the gentlemen present. The lists furnished the press were very inaccurate and so badly written as to be totally worthless. The different tables, however, were presided over by the following gentlemen:

Table No. 1—S. F. McKinnon, Elias Rogers, chairmen.

Table No. 2—A. H. Campbell, W. R. Brock, chairmen.

Table No. 3—A. B. Lee, Hugh Blain, chairmen.

Table No. 4—Wm. Ince, Wm. Christie, chairmen.

Table No. 5—G. M. Rose, R. W. Elliot, chairmen.

Table No. 6—H. N. Baird, Robt. Jaffray, chairmen.

Table No. 7—W. B. Hamilton, Edward Gurney, chairmen.

Table No. 8—A. M. Smith, chairman.

THE FAIR GALLERY PHALANX.

Some of the Ladies who Graced the Banquet with their Presence.

An interesting feature of the banquet was the attendance of ladies. The finest arrangement for the accommodation was made. The galleries were filled to their greatest capacity, and from it no less than 500 ladies and a small proportion of gentlemen witnessed the festal feast and joined in enthusiasm of the banqueters below. Many of the ladies wore pretty evening dresses, but the majority were in ordinary costume. The Vice-Regal party occupied seats on the east gallery, and were surrounded by the wives and daughters of prominent members of the Board of Trade. Lady Stanley was accompanied by Mrs. Colville and Capt. MacMahon, A.D.C. She wore a black costume with diamonds and flowers. When the party had taken their seats Mr. Wills presented Lady Stanley with an exquisite bouquet. Lady Macdonald did not arrive until after 9 o'clock. She was accompanied by Mrs. Fitzgibbon, and they had only time to take their seats, when President Matthews arose to toast the Queen. Lady Macdonald was also presented by Secretary Wills with a bouquet. She was also dressed in black and wore diamonds. Mrs. R. C. Patterson, Commander Law, R.N., Col. Dawson, A.D.C., Col. Smith, A.D.C., occupied seats beside the Vice-Regal party on the eastern gallery.

Amongst the spectators were Mr. and Mrs. Cattanach, Mrs. Christie, Miss Christie, Mrs. Wm. Ince, Miss Ince, Mrs. W. R. Brock, the Misses Brock, Mrs. Gurney, the Misses Gurney, Mrs. Elias Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Campbell, the Misses Campbell, Mrs. W. H. Prouse