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ALD. FLEMING'S LICENSE BYLAWS BEFORE THE ALDERMEN.

A Five Hours' Discussion—The Chamber Filled With Ladies—The Action of the Executive Upheld—Incidents of the Debate.

It was 1.20 this morning when the City Council broke up in a rather noisy manner, after discussing for five hours Ald. Fleming's now famous bylaw for a reduction, by vote of the people, of the number of taverns in the city from 223 to 109 and the number of shops from 69 to 20, and increasing the licence fee to $600 and $500 respectively. All the members were in their places but Ald. Turner. It would be impossible, with the limited space at the command of The World this morning and the late hour of adjournment, to follow the long and tedious debate in all its bearings.

The session was a notable one in the history of the Council. Three hundred workers in the cause of temperance, representing nearly all prominent bodies in the city, found their way to the City Hall and filled the galleries and the space surrounding the members' seats. A deputation of fifty ladies also filed into the room and were given seats along the east side of the room. One-third of them remained till the meeting broke up. There was also a strong contingent of saloon-keepers present. The galleries were noisy and demonstrative at times, and more than once had Ald. Crocker (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole) to call them to "order."

It will be remembered that at the meeting of the Executive Committee last Thursday by a vote of 10 to 3 it was decided not to submit Ald. Fleming's bylaws to the people for approval or rejection. Therefore the temperance men and their supporters in the council turned out last night in the above numbers to overthrow the decision of the Executive and send the bylaws on to the people in spite of that body.

Before opening the ball it was decided that a majority vote of the council would be sufficient to override the Executive, although it was contended in some quarters that it would require a two-thirds vote.

At 9.30 the Council went into Committee of the Whole on Report No. 43 of the Executive, Ald. Crocker in the chair. Ald. Boustead said he wished to introduce Mr. F. S. Spence and Mr. C. W. Hoyles, Q.C., who would address the aldermen on behalf of the bylaws. Mayor Howland said if there were any gentlemen present representing the "other side" they would be heard also. This caused Ald. Walker to inquire what His Worship meant by the "other side," and he was informed the Licensed Victuallers. Mr. Spence spoke to the Council for fifteen minutes. He repeated the argument that there are now twice too many licensed houses in the city. One-third of the 223 licensed houses did not possess, nor were they ever asked to furnish the accommodation provided for by law. In the block opposite the City Hall there were ten licensed houses, only two of which had the necessary accommodation. The Legislature had left it to the different municipalities to limit the number of liquor licenses which should exist in their midst. All the temperance workers asked was that the people should be allowed to decide whether the number should be reduced or not. Mr. Spence then made a pathetic appeal to the Council on behalf of the boys and of the homes of Toronto to reduce the temptation by removing a large number of drinking places. [Applause.]

Ald. Baxter asked Mr. Spence if they had applied to the License Commissioners to cut the number down.

Mr. Spence—Over and over again. We have often asked them to cut off certain objectionable licenses.

Ald. James, as representing St. Lawrence Ward, in which the block complained of by Mr. Spence, is located, said the statement that only two of them complied with the law was incorrect. There was not one of them which did not provide the accommodation asked for by law.

Mr. Hoyles followed with a reputation temperance lecture, and then went on to speak of the matter of compensation. He said he was among those that favored a reasonable compensation to men engaged in the liquor traffic who were deprived of their business. He thought such a measure of compensation could beeasily provided for by the Council. There were not many among his friends, however, who favored such a scheme. He strongly urged in favor of Mr. Fleming's bylaws.

The debate that followed the addresses of Mr. Spence and Mr. Hoyles, as stated above, was long and roundabout. There were just so many for and so many against the bylaw, and if the aldermen had continued to talk till now it is quite probable a vote could not have been changed. Nearly every one present had his say, there evidently being an all-round aversion to giving a silent vote on the matter. The main reasons given by the opponents of the bylaw for their action were that it was too drastic and too sweeping and its framer did not admit the principles of compensation. Every man who opposed the bill did not forget to say, at some time during his speech, that he would vote for prohibition. The argument was also raised that a wholesale attempt was made to cut of the heads of tavern-keepers and deprive them of their means of subsistence.

Amid all the thunder of the debate Ald. Baxter rushed in with a compromising resolution. It was to the effect that the people be asked to vote on a bylaw cutting down the number of tavern licenses from 223 to 173, a reduction of 50, and that it be recommended that all holders of licenses who had violated the law be put in the same cut off. This would tend to a further reduction.

Ald. Baxter's proposition met with considerable favor. Ald. Carlyle (St. Thomas) wanted to compromise at 200, and attempted to get in such a resolution without success.

The debate brought out some curious statements. Mayor Howland stated positively that there were but twenty unlicensed liquor dives in Toronto. Ald. Shaw said the License Commissioners would not recognize any bylaw the people might pass. Ald. McMillan said it was an act of simple justice that the people should be allowed to vote on the number of taverns they should have. Mayor Howland said further that the council was trying to burke the will of the people. He denied emphatically that saloonkeepers had any vested rights. There was no such thing as compensation for saloonkeepers. Their licence was but a yearly privilege and could be chopped off at any time.

When voting time came things began to get pretty well mixed up. An amendment by Ald. Boustead to strike out the report of the Executive was voted down by 22 to 12. Ald. Sweet's amendment in effect to compromise at 173 met a similar fate. Then a whole batch of amendments were sent up to the table, and amid much noise, either declared out of order or voted down.

Finally Ald. Baxter moved that the committee rise and report progress. Before this was done, Ald. Fleming got in a straight vote on the principle of his bylaw, but the wording of his resolution was not very well understood by the meeting. It was in effect to submit his bylaw as proposed to the Executive. The strength of each party would seem to be indicated by this vote:

Yeas—Mayor Howland, Ald. Fleming, Galley, Macdonald, Carlyle (St. Thomas), Carlyle (St. Andrews), Denison, Boustead, McMillan, Roaf, Elliott—11.

Nays—Ald. Allen, Barton, Baxter, Defoe, Drayton, Frankland, Hall, Hunter, Irwin, James, Johnston, Jones, Lamb, Low, Maughan, Pepler, Piper, Saunders, Shaw, Steiner, Verral, Walker, M. J. Woods, M. Woods—24.

The Committee of the Whole then rose and the Mayor adjourned the Council for two weeks, unless otherwise provided for.

The effect of this vote may not be generally understood. The Council will have to take up the report where it left off, and any number of amendments may be moved at the next meeting. The report has not yet been adopted in Council, and the Council will have to go back into Committee of the Whole again to deal with the other clauses of the report. The vote, however, is a pretty good indication of the feeling of the Council on the matter of reducing the licences for 1887. It was frequently hinted that Ald. Fleming would have met with more success had he not been so sweeping in his bylaw. Apparently a large number of the aldermen were prepared to reduce the number of saloons all the way from 1 to 50.

The only other business transacted by the Council was, after a long debate, to pass the report of the Executive recommending that the present engineer be continued as the City Engineer, with full control of all streets and lanes in every department, at a salary of $3000, and that the Board of Works be instructed to make such changes in the Engineer's Department, by way of appointing an Assistant Engineer of experience and ability, and such other reorganization as is necessary to place the same in a thorough state of efficiency.

THE MOEN SCANDAL.

Affidavits to the Effect that Wilson is Moen's Son.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 6.—Interest in the Wilson-Moen case is again at fever heat through the publication of an affidavit from Miranda and Jeremiah Young of Danielsonville, Ct., declaring that they were present three weeks before Jonas Wilson's death and heard him make the statement alleged by Levi that he was Philip L. Moen's son. Miranda is Wilson's sister and Jeremiah her husband. "Wilson's" mother denies that he is Moen's son and says he is a son of Jonas Wilson.

THE WINTRY SOUTH.

The Snow Storms Forsake Canada for Lower Latitudes.

COLUMBIA, S.C., Dec. 6.—For the last sixty hours the heaviest sleet storm ever experienced in this city has been in progress. The whole surface of the country is covered from three to six inches. The city street railway has been obliged to suspend operations. All the trains are delayed. In some places in the State snow has fallen instead of sleet and is ten to fifteen inches deep. It is feared that if the sleet and snow storm continues great numbers of cattle will perish.

Cave-in From Weight of Snow.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 6.—The roof of the stock house of the Dayton Iron Furnace Company caved in Saturday night on account of the heavy fall of snow. The building is 200 feet square; and more than half the roof caved in. Usually there are 100 men in the house, but at the time of the collapse only a foreman named Kerner and half a dozen negroes were at work. They were all badly injured, and two of them will die. Kerner was fatally injured.

Snow Storm in Virginia.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 6.—Snow has fallen almost continuously since Saturday morning and now measures fifteen inches in depth. This is the heaviest fall since 1873. No street cars have run since yesterday.

Snow Twenty-six Inches Deep.

ASHEVILLE, N.C., Dec. 6.—Snow has fallen to the depth of twenty-six inches and is still falling. Traffic and travel of all kinds is suspended. The weight of the snow crushed in the roof of the Asheville Tobacco Works and a large stock of smoking tobacco was ruined. The loss is heavy. The Old Shelton factory, with a large stock of tobacco stored in it, was crushed to the ground, also the wholesale provision house of Dickson & Watson.

Snowing for Sixty Hours.

HARRISBURG, Va., Dec. 6.—The most remarkable snow storm experienced here for years is now prevailing. Snow has been falling continually for sixty hours and it is still snowing. A stiff northwest wind has prevailed throughout, causing heavy drifting. The snow is now from twelve to fifteen inches deep.

THE ROCK ISLAND EXPRESS STEAL.

Brakeman Schwartz Who is Suspected of Having Been Concerned in it.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—In an interview last night Henry Schwartz, the Rock Island brakeman who is suspected of complicity in the express robbery of last March, denied that he had confessed to the railway officials that he was a bigamist. The woman with whom he has been living, he claims, he never married. He also says that at no time did he admit having ever been in possession of a certain lot of $50 bills, which the Rock Island officials had shown him. Schwartz still refuses to make an explanation of the manner in which he procured the money he has recently spent. He has been spent by him in the past few months.

It is believed the Rock Island officials have a good deal more evidence bearing on the case that they are willing to disclose. It is not at all unlikely that other arrests will follow speedily. The story told by Newton Watt, who acted as bagman during the time of the robbery, has never been accepted by the authorities as a satisfactory one, and he, too, has been under close surveillance. His relations with Schwartz are very intimate.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

It Deals Very Briefly with the Fisheries Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Congress met at noon to-day, when the President's message was read in both Houses. The message, after speaking of the friendly relations existing between the United States and all other powers, says that the questions involved in the fisheries dispute are of long standing and grave consequence, and the action of the Canadian officials during the past season towards United States fishermen has been such as to seriously threaten the continuance of mutually beneficial and friendly relations. However, efforts were being made to secure a satisfactory settlement of the question, with the reasonable hope that before the close of the present session of Congress the announcement may be made that an amicable conclusion has been reached. The message then deals with the subject of taxation to the effect that the present condition of affairs continues to point to demand that by the revision of the revenue laws the receipts of the Government shall be reduced to the necessary expense of its economical administration. The remainder of the message refers to nearly all the topics of public discussion, principally to the labor question and the silver question, regarding the last of which it advocated suspension or restriction of coinage.

A TROUBLED LIFE ENDED.

Suicide of Hamilton Best Hickson, Once a Swell in Buffalo Society.

BUFFALO, December 6.—Best Dickson, a society swell whose mesalliance with a policeman's daughter about two years ago created such a sensation in the best circles of Buffalo society, suicided by taking a dose of potassium cyanide. The young man was barely 20 years old, and it is presumed his troubles must have culminated in this murder. His family at one time had him placed under medical care in a retreat to cure him of his infatuation for his Bridget. He got out and subsequently married her. Later on he separated from his wife, and last summer was arrested at Niagara, Ont., for wife desertion and tried at St. Catharines on the charge. His widow has a suit now pending against his mother for alleged alienation of her husband's affection, damages being placed at $20,000. No modern romance writer has equalled the perfectly true story of the love, life and death of this man, and critics would pronounce the story correctly told as an exaggeration of fact.

Michael Davitt at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—Michael Davitt addressed a large audience in the Boston theatre last night upon the present crisis in Irish affairs. Hon. P. A. Collins presided and the theatre was filled with prominent Irish-Americans. Among them were Mayor O'Brien, John E. Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Donoughue, John Boyle O'Reilly and others. Mr. Davitt held the closest attention of the audience for two hours, being frequently applauded.

Mysterious Disappearance.

READING, Pa., Dec. 6.—Willie Arnold, a bright lad of 12 years, disappeared from his home last Wednesday morning, since which time no trace of him has been found. He is the son of William A. Arnold, reputed to be the richest man in this city. The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the lad has created great excitement. Detectives have been set at work, but thus far have obtained no clue.

CABLE NOTES.

Herr Klotz, of the new German party, has been elected to a seat in the Reichstag.

Miss Booth of the Salvation Army will be married to Captain Clibborn of Paris in January.

Major Von Brandts suicided in Berlin yesterday while insane. He shot himself to death in the street.

The faster Merlatti is going it on pure grit, without his liquor, and is trying to commit a most dangerous suicide.

Three out of five Cork magistrates have decided to Police Inspector Mulling for assault upon Commoner Tanner.

A society has been formed at Murden, Germany, to promote mixed marriages, especially between Christians and Jews.

A number of Quareks have captured the fortress at Ghatin, Sahara, and massacred a hundred members of the garrison.

The eighty-six Parnellite members of Parliament have determined not to consider other business till Dillon's case is settled.

The Burmese rebels are reported as rapidly submitting to the British and there is a prospect of the campaign terminating shortly.

The Princess Beatrice is in good health and is able to enjoy company. The baby is very red, a sign that he will be fair, and he rarely cries.

The students of St. Petersburg on Nov. 30 tried to hold memorial services at the tomb of the liberal M. Dabrolibboff, but were prevented by the police.

Judge Hartwich of Dassendorf, Prussia, accused Capt. Von Ardonne of writing amatory letters to his wife. The result was a duel in which Von Ardenne was killed.

Gen. Owen Williams has been sued for a year's tailor's bill for his 17-year-old boy at Eton. The bill included thirteen coats, sixteen waistcoats, eleven pairs of trousers and other things in proportion. The General did not pay the bill.

Emperor William, Crown Prince Frederick William, Gen. Von Schellendorf, Minister of War, Generals Waldersee and Stickie were at the sitting of the Frontier Defence Commission yesterday in Berlin. It was practically a council of war.

The following are the presents wherewith Queen Victoria recognized the Sultan of Muscat's present of six beautiful Arabian stallions: A gold watch and chain, a hall clock, a tea service, and a few odds and ends in the way of rifles, etc. The unsophisticated Sultan will believe Her Majesty has gone in for unredeemed pledges.

THE FIRST GUNS FIRED.

OPENING OF THE ONTARIO ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN TORONTO.

A Rousing Ratification Meeting of the Labor Party—The Conservative Ticket in St. Matthew's Ward.

The Ontario election campaign as far as Toronto is concerned opened last night with meetings in the interest of the Labor and the Conservative candidates. From the feeling and spirit displayed at both meetings, the indications are that the fight will be hot and heavy, and that the candidates are running for all they are worth and will continue to run until they get there, or thereabouts.

Ratification of the Labor Candidates.

All Toronto's prominent advocates of labor reform were in the audience that filled Temperance Hall last night to ratify the nominations made by the Labor Convention a week ago. Mr. Sam McNabb—everybody calls him Sam—was in the chair, and he made a great chairman. He has an off-handed but pointed way of putting things, as for instance when he told the meeting it was work they wanted, not wind; later on in denying the report that K. of L. Assembly No. 125 had withdrawn its delegates from the Trades and Labor Council. Mr. McNabb pronounced it an emphatic lie, and the man who manufactured it a damnable liar.

The gathering was thoroughly representative of the "bone and sinew" of the city, the ground floor and gallery being filled with earnest, enthusiastic and intelligent workingmen. The conspicuous figures on the platform were the candidates. Mr. John Roney and Mr. Charles March sat to the right of the Chairman, and Mr. E. E. Sheppard and Mr. A. F. Jury were on his left. On elevated chairs in the rear were R. Glockling (Secretary of the Convention), Bryan Lynch, Phillips Thompson, A. W. Wright, D. J. O'Donoghue, Thomas Moore, W. J. Whitton, George Beales, R. L. Simons, David Hastings, F. W. Strange, Wm. Fraser, S. Dunbar, S. Stevenson and other labor workers. The Chairman stood up in his comfortable-looking pea-jacket and told the business that this was the first organized effort on the part of the Toronto workingmen to elect representatives to Parliament. The effort four years ago was not organized and the circumstances were altogether different. At Mr. McNabb's request, Secretary Glockling read two letters. One was as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 6, 1886.

To the Chairman Executive Committee Labor Candidates, City of Toronto. I am unable to be present at your meeting to-night, having to preside at the meeting of Council. I regret this, as I should have desired to have expressed my heartiness approval of the nomination of two Labor candidates for the city, believing that it is a party for the cities, towns, whom alone the great body of workingmen can obtain representation, to grant them this privilege, especially when they are such men as the gentlemen named, honest character, pledged to sustain and promote all beneficial legislation in the direction of morality and temperance.

Sincerely yours, W. H. HOWLAND.

The other letter was from Secretary Stone, of the Bricklayers Union No. 2, of Ontario, to the effect that the said Union had withdrawn their delegates from the Convention, the reason being that it is contrary to the constitution of local by-laws. "Although we have withdrawn," said the letter, "your body may rest assured we are with you in your undertakings to advance the cause of labor."

Both letters were received with loud applause.

The candidates spoke first. Their speeches were short, practical and telling. The keynotes were "no splitting of the ticket," and "we're bound to get there." There was an air of determination about the speakers that filled the listeners with enthusiasm and made them cheer in anticipation of the coming fray.

Mr. Roney said party workers were already trying to split the ticket. "I want to declare myself right here, said he, looking at the reporters. "I am not a Conservative and never was; I am not a Reformer—a Grit you understand—and never was. I am straight Labor party, always was and always intend to be. We have built our platform on honest independent principles and we want the party politicians to know it. The friends of the workingmen are the men who support the candidates; every man who opposes them is their enemy." For Mr. Roney closed with a reference to the prohibition question. "I know, said he, "a good many of you like your glass of beer, but if there is any business on the face of earth to-day born of hell it is the whisky business. [Great applause.] Now you know where I stand on that question."

"You have heard," said the Chairman, "one of your future representatives. Now I will call on his partner." Mr. March came to the front in good style, and the applause that had subsided took the gathering that he and Mr. Roney were painters and intended to paint the town red. He was pledged to the platform of the convention, and would support it through thick and thin. Mr. March would discuss the planks of that platform at future meetings. "All I will say now," concluded he, "is that I am in the hands of my friends of all classes of the community, always bearing in mind the source from which I received my nomination, and that I am with the workingmen first, last and all the time." [Great applause.]

The Chairman read a despatch just received from Hamilton:

Chairman Labor Convention: The Hamilton wealth-producers send congratulations to their brethren in the Queen City. We are having a rousing and enthusiastic meeting here to-night. Hope you are working the same. PAUL WATSON, Chairman.

"Bully for Hamilton," shouted a Knight on the front row. The telegram was appropriately answered.

Mr. Sheppard told the brethren that their first duty was to elect Roney and March. The Titan critics spoke of them as common painters. "True they were painters, and" continued the speaker, "they'll be the red hottest painters this town ever saw before the year is out." [Loud applause.] Becoming eloquent, Mr. Sheppard said that by the great gods I remember from whence I sprung, and by all the scars of labor I'm with you"—a declaration that took with the meeting immensely. Referring to the prohibition question, Mr. Sheppard said: "I am not a teetotaler and never pretended to be. I am in favor of submitting prohibitory measures to the people. While drink is a great evil, I do not believe Parliament should prohibit it. I think I am a temperate man, and yet if it is the will of the majority that none of us should drink I will acquiesce to their decision." [Cheers.]

"Wind her up," cried a Knight. The meeting whooped accordingly.

Mr. Jury hoped that the word "failure" would be erased from their vocabulary in this campaign. He dwelt on some of the planks in the Labor party's platform, and said the workingmen had their parliamentary representation in their own hands. He was accorded a very hearty reception.

Bryan Lynch offered a resolution that the meeting pledge itself to support the candidates. Mr. Lynch made a red hot speech and touched Mr. Sheppard up on the temperance question. "If," said he, "Mr. Sheppard is an advocate of prohibition, he should be a Prohibitionist in every sense of the term. The moderate drinker should be frowned down. I hope it will not have to be written of Mr. Sheppard when he dies:

Here lies Edmund Sheppard, who long was a newspaper hack.
He died such a damnable life in this world
That I don't think he'll wish to get back.

The meeting whooped him up again.

Mr. Phillips Thompson, Mr. A. W. Wright and Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue also spoke to the resolution, which it is almost needless to say was carried amidst great cheering. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Beales spoke in support of the following, which was also adopted:

That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that Tuesday, the 28th day of December, the day set for the election of representatives for the Ontario Legislature, be proclaimed a public holiday, that the workingmen of Toronto may have an unrestricted opportunity to exercise their franchise, and that a petition signed by ratepayers be presented to the City Council with a view to that end.

Cheers for the candidates closed the meeting. Ward committees were subsequently organized.

The Conservatives Over the Don.

The meeting held in Poulton's Hall, over the Don, last night, in the interest of Mr. H. E. Clarke and Mr. E. F. Clarke, was largely attended, and was enthusiastic in its reception of the candidates. There was a misapprehension as to the place selected for the meeting, but the faithful were alert and directed the unposted to the proper place. Mr. W. Woodcock was called to the chair.

Mr. H. E. Clarke briefly explained the alleged misdeeds of the Mowat Ministry, and claimed that it had never initiated any of the labor legislation to be found on the statute book; the policy of that Government was to vote down the measures first introduced by the Conservatives, and later on to bring them in as their own. He condemned the present Government for its action in bringing on the election at this time, and argued that the Government was not pursuing the constitutional practice as contended, inasmuch as the newly enfranchised voters would not be enabled to cast their votes at the forthcoming election.

Mr. E. F. Clarke contended that the Local Government was not as economical in its management of the country as the Conservative Administration had been under the late John Sandfield Macdonald, and that they got only $50,000 interest on their boasted big surplus, whilst the Macdonald Government received four times that amount for interest. He endorsed each plank in Mr. Meredith's platform, and denounced the school-book monopoly and the introduction of the abridged Bible in the schools. He advised earnest work, and warned his friends against plumping for either his colleague or himself.

Mr. S. R. Heakes, who claimed to have been knifed by the leaders of the labor party in the Local election for East Toronto in 1883, said these leaders would adopt the same course towards the nominees of the Labor party in the present contest. Two-thirds of those who were at the Labor nominations were also conspicuous personages at the Grit convention when Mr. Leys was brought into the field. If he had consented to support Mr. Mowat when he was nominated, he would have received the support of these leaders, but he was too independent to satisfy these gentlemen. He said Mr. H. E. Clarke was a large employer of labor, had always assisted legislation for the laboring classes, was well pleased when a K. of L. organization was formed by his employes, and he was the first in Toronto to provide his men with a library. Of the other candidate, it was well known that he had been for years—and still is—actively identified with labor unions, and was therefore entitled with his colleague to the support of the labor vote. The Reform party had not to his knowledge first introduced into the Legislature any measure for the betterment of the laboring classes, but had stolen from the Conservatives all their measures.

Vigorous speeches were delivered by Mr. W. Morton, Mr. A. Boulter and the Chairman, when the meeting adjourned, first pledging its support to the Clarkes.

Christmas Graphic, Illustrated London News, Yule Tide, Holly Leaves, Puck, Girls' Own, Boys' Own and Harper's Bazar; also Figaro Illustre, Grip's Comic Almanac and a number of other beautiful holiday papers and Magazines for sale this morning at McAinsh & Ellis', opposite the Postoffice.

HAMILTON NOTES.

The Missing Steamer Sylvester Neelon—Narrow Escape from Death.

HAMILTON, Dec. 6.—Ex-Constable John Williams started for Australia to-day, and before going was presented with a well-filled purse by the men of the force. There are thirty-five applicants for the position he leaves.

Captain Zealand of the steamer St. Magnus fell on the dock at the shipyard yesterday and broke his leg.

The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. John Downie, B.D., of Morpeth, to be rector of East Woodstock and Beachville. The bishop offered the parish to Rev. Mr. Gemley; but that gentleman declined.

On Saturday while a milkman named Smith, who lives near the waterworks on the beach, was driving home his wagon he got struck by a train at the railway crossing. The cans were strewn along the road and the horse was badly cut about the legs. The driver escaped without injury. Veterinary Surgeon Dunn was called to attend the animal, which was badly cut up.

Between Saturday night and Monday morning the Osborne-Kelley Manufacturing Company's office on Barton-street east was entered by burglars, who, however, secured only a few notes and postage stamps. The detectives are investigating the case.

No news has been received of the missing schooner Sylvester Neelon, of which Messrs. Flatt and Bradley of this city are part owners. The vessel sailed from Oswego, N.Y., with a cargo of corn for Collingwood, and reached Cheboygan, Mich., on Nov. 25. She left Cheboygan on that day, but had to put back again. When the weather moderated she again set out, and has not been heard of since. She was manned by Capt. A. Milligan of St. Catharines and a crew of eight men. She may be ice-bound in some of the small ports along Lake Michigan, but the general belief is that she has been lost.

His Holiness Replies.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Some months ago an address, signed by thousands of Canadian Catholics, was forwarded to the Holy Father, thanking him for the advice tendered them and the Catholic world in his encyclical letter, Immortale Dei, and wishing him long life. His Holiness has forwarded a reply through the Papal Secretary of State and Cardinal Taschereau, thanking the signers of the address for their good wishes and assurances that they will remain faithful to the teachings of the Church.

Not Anxious to Testify.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—The merchants of this city do not manifest great anxiety so far to testify before the railway commission. On Saturday afternoon but one was present, making four in all examined, and the commission had to adjourn till to-day. Three were expected at 11 o'clock, but no witnesses were in attendance, and another adjournment had to be made.

Johnson, the Sprinter, Defeated.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 6.—Harry M. Johnson, champion sprinter of America, was defeated this afternoon by Geo. H. Smith of this city, in a 125-yard race, Smith crossing the line two feet in the lead of Johnson in 12 seconds. The race took place at Exposition Park and was for $500 a side.

Half-a-Million for Harvard.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—E. Price Greenleaf, a miser, who recently died at Quincy, Mass., has left half-a-million dollars to Harvard College.

A Cold Day in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Yesterday was the coldest day of the season, the lowest temperature being two degrees below zero and the highest ten above. To-day the weather is much milder.

The Unlucky Thirteen.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 6.—The schooner Edith, from St. Pierre, was lost on Sunday near Miquelon Island. The crew of thirteen men perished.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Dr. Cook is mentioned as the candidate for the Nepanee Mayoralty.

The managers of the Thousand Island Park have sued the Orleans assessors who returned the assessment at $80,000 instead of $60,000.

Alphonso Martel, the Aylmer beerslesper who was charged with robbing the late Charles Aylwin, has been honorably acquitted by an Ottawa court.

Alexander Mitchell of Aberdeen, Carlton County, N.B., has fallen heir to a fortune left by a relative in Ceylon. The amount is placed at half a million.

Mr. O'Brien of St. John, N.B., will fly a pair of his carrier pigeons against one of the fast express trains on the Intercolonial Railway next week, and the result is eagerly watched for.

Henry Hayht, who had been working at Brown's lumber camp, Township of Oakley, was killed at Bracebridge last Tuesday night by falling down a cellarway at the Railroad House. The death was purely accident.

Miss Alexander of Taylorsville, near Ottawa, fell dead while coming out of church where she had been attending prayer meeting. She had not complained of any illness and heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death.

The Yarmouth, N.S., Times says the schooner, which arrived from Boston a few days ago, brought over nearly a dozen Nova Scotia fishermen who had been fishing in New England vessels the past season. The captain of the schooner says he brought them over free because they had no money to pay their way, so had had been their season's work. The fishermen who sailed in our Nova Scotian vessels this year have done better than for the two previous seasons.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The temperature in Buffalo on Sunday was seven degrees below zero.

Parke Goodwin was yesterday elected President of the National Opera Company.

The colored coal miners imported from the South to Danville to fill the place of strikers, are themselves on strike for higher pay.

Prominent Irishmen in Philadelphia look with emphatic disapproval on O'Donovan Rossa's attempt to work up a Fenian agitation.

The lockout at the Excelsior colliery, Shamokin, Pa., which began a month ago, was ended yesterday through arbitration, the miners being conceded an advance of five per cent.

In Washington last night John Rowe, a New York gambler, shot Minnie Raymond and then himself. The woman had discarded him for another man. He is dead and she is dying.

Messrs. S. L. Barrett and W. W. Nelms of Houston, Tex., have invented a telephone which is said to be far superior to the one now in general use. It was tested on Sunday over a wire 830 miles long and conversations could be heard with great distinctness and steadiness.

On the night of Dec. 1 lightning struck the house of Caleb Willard, at Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, passing down a chimney, through a bed and out of a window, breaking several panes of glass. After the bolt had passed Mr. Willard was found dead in the bed where the lightning struck.

Take Time by the Forelock.

We have had a taste of winter sufficient to show us his quality, and there is reason to believe that we shall have an unusually severe season. We need scarcely remind our readers that quinn's shrunk flannel shirts are absolutely indispensable, as Jack Frost is no respecter of persons.

LORD COLIN'S EVIDENCE.

HIS MEETING WITH AND HIS MARRIAGE TO MISS BLOOD.

When He Expostulated with Her on Her Behalf She Said if He Sought a Divorce From Her He Would Get the Worst of It.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Lord Colin Campbell testified in his suit for divorce to-day that he first met his wife in the month of September, 1880, at Inverary, the chief seat of the Argyll family, and the capital of Argyll County, Scotland. The acquaintance soon resulted in an engagement of marriage. He next saw Miss Blood in London during October. At this time witness was suffering from fistula. An operation was performed upon him, but it failed on account of the fever he had, and which was aggravated by anxiety respecting his engagement. He was not suffering in any sense from an infectious disease. Miss Blood frequently visited him. When he was sent away on a voyage Miss Blood sent him a letter in every mail. In April, 1881, another operation was performed and it was also a failure. His father's opposition to his engagement was at this time causing witness constant anxiety. Witness knew before he married that Miss Blood was acquainted with the Duke of Marlborough. She told witness once that she had been to the theatre with her sister and several others, including the Duke of Marlborough. Witness replied: "I don't think you were in good company." Witness had known Chief Shaw a long time, but not Gen. Butler and Dr. Bird. Witness was married to Miss Blood in July, 1881. In the October following his doctors released him from the prohibition he had been under because of his malady. Lord Colin, continuing, said he heard while staying at Argyll Lodge, his father's London residence, that the Duke of Marlborough had called at the Lodge. He then said he did not know the Duke. Witness remonstrated with the plaintiff for riding out with Chief Shaw and she became violent. When witness was ill at Bournemouth Lady Colin left him without assigning any reason. She usually directed and generally spent her time away. She never complained to witness that their relations had any ill effect on her health and witness had long talk with his wife in December, 1881, about the Duke of Marlborough and Chief Shaw. She then promised that they should not visit her any more. Witness and plaintiff ceased their relations in June, 1882. On the afternoon of the day that Lady Miles had the interview with defendant, Lady Colin came to witness room crying and she threw her arms about his neck. Then she burned before his eyes the letter he had sent her through Lady Miles, but made no mention of the fact that she had kept a copy of it. Witness had never advised plaintiff to use precautions against infection. In July, 1883, while witness was at the Zion House, witness asked plaintiff to spend the night in his company, but she refused. He upbraided her for her conduct with other men, and she became very violent and she said to him, "If you put me in a divorce court you will get the worst of it." The case was then adjourned.

Rent Trustees Liable to Indictment.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Government has obtained from the law officers of the Crown at Dublin opinions to the effect that both tenants, trustees and others conspiring to defraud landlords of due rent are liable to indictment under the common law.

Gen. Boulanger, annoyed at the assertions of Parnellite papers to the effect that he sympathized with the Home Rulers, has authorized a statement that he is not in favor of Home Rule, and that he is a staunch Unionist.

A New French Ministry Proposed.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—M. Floquet has made an offer to President Grevy to form a Cabinet. In order to avoid Russian enmity, M. Floquet is willing to take the Ministry of the Interior instead of the Foreign portfolio together with the Presidency of the Council. The rest of the Cabinet is forecast as follows: M. Labouluaye, Foreign Affairs; M. Rouvir, Finance; M. Goblet, Interior; Gen. Boulanger, War; M. Lockroy, Commerce.

Alexander's Visit to London.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Prince Alexander, who is coming to attend the baptism of the infant son of Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, will arrive in England to-morrow.

She Has Been Well Advertised.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Virginia Crawford, who was one of the defendants in the Crawford-Dilke case, proposes to make her debut in comedy shortly at a west end theatre.

Rioting at Cork.

CORK, Dec. 6.—Rioting was resumed here this evening. The police were hooted by a large mob. So far as known nobody was injured.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Eliza Mills, a lunatic, died at the Jail yesterday.

The stationary agencies of the city have formed an association.

Hereafter the 9 o'clock signal on the gongs in the different fire halls will be given from Court-street instead of Electrician Gibson's private residence.

Richard Barry, a Seaton Village laborer, was yesterday committed for trial by Detective Brown on a charge of obtaining a horse by fraud from Geo. McDonald.

Justice of the Peace Wingfield int