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IN A HEAVY SNOWSTORM.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT AT OTTAWA.

The Speech From the Throne—Lively Times Promised Over the Northwest Rebellion—A Bad Lookout For the Government Printers.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The fourth session of the fifth parliament of Canada was opened amid a heavy snowstorm this afternoon. It goes without saying that such a contingency in the country adjacent to the capital is nothing new.

There was nothing unusual about the evening, outside of the fact that the handsomely appointed senate chamber was crowded to such an extent that it was almost impossible to breathe.

On account of the raging storm outside, everyone who could by hook or crook manage to squeeze inside did so. This jam of spectators left an abundance of reserved seats outside the main entrance, where only a very small audience was assembled.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the vice-regal carriage, drawn by a spanking four-in-hand, the wheelers of which were two beautiful bright chestnuts, dashed through the eastern gate, and were not long in landing his excellency and his aides at the front door of the parliament buildings.

The faithful commoners had already assembled and anxiously awaited the summons from Mr. Black Rod to attend in the senate chamber.

At 3.15 the three well known knocks of note vibrated through the commons department, and that grotesquely clad individual was admitted. Rod has evidently been practising his bowing manœuvres since last season, for it was admitted on all sides that he never before made his curtsies with so much grace and precision. I have never yet seen on the stage an acrobat or a contortionist who could have excelled Rod in his "doublings-down" to-day.

A visit at half a dozen or so of openings of parliament has made me quite familiar with the dresses and faces of the feminine occupants of the senators' easy chairs during the opening ceremonies. It seems to me to be the same old collection over and over again—the wives and daughters of cabinet ministers, senators, members and some of the high officials in the civil service. True, the ladies got themselves up very jauntily, and the scene, even if it does grate on the democratic notions of young Canada, is one to be remembered if not cherished.

Sir John in the gorgeous uniform of a queen's privy councillor and grand commander of the bath, with his trusty sword belted at his side and his white beplumed hat in his hand, looking as usual fresher than ever, and for all the world like *un grand* young man, took up a position to the right of his excellency during the reading of the speech from the throne.

Beside Sir John stood Gen. Middleton with the breast surface of his scarlet tunic resplendent with medals, and Col. Rzowski, A.D.C., the staff of Rideau hall. In front of the throne the judges of the supreme court, clad in their ermine robes, lolled in easy chairs and cast admiring glances at the ladies on either side of them. Sir Alexander Campbell and Hon. Frank Smith were arrayed in their Windsor uniforms.

The public galleries were packed in the most approved manner and a couple of hundred or so of showsheers, who are visitors to the capital from Montreal and Quebec, usurped the space outside the bar allotted to the members of the house.

In both English and French his excellency read the following address:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

On meeting you again I have the pleasing duty to perform of congratulating you on the sufficient harvest of last year, and on the prosperity and substantial progress of the country.

Since the suppression of the insurrection in the Northwest territories peace and order have been restored and now prevail. After so serious an outbreak some disquiet and apprehension of the recurrence of those disorders may naturally be expected to linger, and it will be the duty of my government to make such precautionary arrangements as will assure the present inhabitants as well as intending settlers of efficient protection against all disturbance.

I warmly congratulate you on the practical completion of the Canadian Pacific railway, and on the announcement that it will be open for the daily carriage of passengers and freight from ocean to ocean in the month of June next. This great work, so important alike to the empire and the dominion, cannot fail to cause the trade between British Columbia and the other provinces to ensure the early development and settlement of Manitoba and the Northwest, and greatly to add to the commercial prosperity of the whole country.

Should the negotiations between Her Majesty's government and that of the United States for the appointment of a joint commission to adjust what is known as "the Fishery Question," and to consider the best means of developing our international commerce, fail to secure any satisfactory result, you will be asked to make provision for the protection of our inshore fisheries by the extension of our present system of marine police.

The measure submitted to you last session for the consolidation of the statutes, and for the introduction into the Northwest territories of a more simple and economical system for the transfer of land, will be again laid before you for consideration and legislative action. The acts of the last session will be found to be included in the first of those measures. You will also be asked to consider the expediency of improving the judiciary system of the Northwest territories.

Your attention will be invited to the propriety of amending the law relating to the business of the office of the Queen's Printer, and of providing for the more satisfactory working of the present system of government and parliamentary printing.

A numerical census of the Northwest territories has been taken, and a measure based thereon for the representation of the people in parliament will be laid before you; and other measures will be laid before you, and among them will be found bills for providing for a better mode of trials of claims against the crown, for regulating the post office savings banks in British Columbia and the Northwest territories, for expediting the issue of patents for Indian lands, for the administration of the rights of the crown in the foreshores of the dominion, for the establishment of an experimental farm, and for the amendment of the Chinese Immigration act.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I lay accounts for the past year will be laid before you. You will find that the estimated expenditure has been fully realized, but I regret to say that the outbreak in the Northwest has added largely to the expenditure of the country. The estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted to you. They have been prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I commend these several subjects and the many others which may engage your attention to your best consideration, and I earnestly trust that the result of your deliberations may, under the divine blessing, conduce to the advancement and prosperity of Canada.

After the address had been disposed of, the senate chamber was speedily emptied and the house immediately went into session.

The four members elected during the recess, who are all conservatives, were introduced by Sir John Macdonald, Mackenzie Bowell, Charley Mackintosh and others. They are Hon. J. S. D. Thompson, M.P. for Antigonish, N.S., minister of justice; Dr. Barker, Q.C., for St. John city, N.B.; Mr. Everett, for St. John city and county, N.B.; and Mr. Ward for East Durham, Ont.

Hon. Mr. White, minister of the interior, and Prof. Foster, minister of marine and fisheries, who were re-elected after joining the cabinet, were formally introduced.

The house only sat for a few minutes to dispose of the usual opening day routine.

The address will be considered to-morrow, and will be moved by Mr. Everett, seconded by Mr. Ward.

The following shifts have taken place: Mr. McLelan, the new minister of finance, takes Sir Leonard's old seat beside Sir John; Mr. Thompson, minister of justice, takes Mr. McLelan's old seat, beside Mr. Pope; Mr. White, minister of interior, takes Col. Williams' old seat immediately behind Sir John and next to his namesake, Peter White, of North Renfrew; Prof. Foster, minister of marine, takes Mr. Woodworth's old seat next to Mr. Chapleau, and Mr. Woodworth has shifted to Hon. Mr. White's old seat.

Mr. Small, of Toronto, has been appointed government whip from Ontario to succeed the late Col. Williams.

The three Toronto members were in their seats to-day.

It is the intention of the government to establish a dominion experimental farm. It is not yet known what province it will be located in.

There has always been a good deal of dissatisfaction with the slip-shod manner in which the parliamentary and departmental printing has been executed. New tenders have been called for which will be opened to-morrow. It is, however, stated that the government intends to establish a bureau of printing and engraving. Rufus Stephenson is mentioned as superintendent of the same.

For 20 minutes before the opening, Sir John flitted through the reading-room, library and senate corridors in search of some one he evidently could not find, but he got over the ground remarkably spry for an "old gentleman" of 71. After the adjournment he was besieged by his followers, all clamoring at once for a "shake." They nearly shook the arm off the old man. The uniform and sword, however, saved him.

The commons chamber was illuminated to-day with the incandescent electric light, which worked remarkably well.

The so-called "bolters" were quiet to-day, none of them looking very fierce. It is said a large number of them have already returned to the fold. The names are: Desjardins, Bergeron, Amyot, Girouard, Desauniers of St. Maurice, Desauniers of Maskinonge, Gaudette, Coursol, Bourheau, Daoust, Cuthbert, McMillan, Lesage, Gigault, Dupont, Dugas, Guibault and Labrosse.

The attendance of members was exceptionally large. The only absentees on the reform side were Messrs. Watson, Marquette, Fleming, Peel, and Thompson of Haldimand. Mr. Thompson is very ill at his home in Haldimand.

In the senate Hon. Mr. Bolduc, who will speak in French, will move the address, and Hon. Mr. Clemow will second it.

The usual state dinner to the ministers, deputy ministers, etc., was given at Rideau hall to-night.

A CANADIAN PACIFIC DEAL.

The Traffic Arrangement Made With the Manitoba Road.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 25.—It is reported here to-day that a deal has been made between the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba roads which, if consummated, will make the Canadian road a formidable competitor of the Northern Pacific, and an active factor in Northwestern railroad affairs in the United States. By the terms of this reported agreement the Canadian road will abandon its policy of doing all its business through the dominion and will establish a Pacific coast line from St. Paul and Minneapolis, by way of the Manitoba line. After June 15 a daily train will leave the two cities named for Port Moody and run through without change of cars to the Pacific coast. In return for the use of its line, the Manitoba road is to receive from the Canadian Pacific, on every eastern through ticket sold by that road to any point on the Manitoba, the same proportion of the through rate that it would have received from the American roads turning over business at St. Paul and Minneapolis. This agreement, however, does not extend to local points south of Breckenridge and Fergus Falls.

No new agreement as to freight traffic is mentioned in this report, though one is said to be contemplated. Early in September last the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba roads entered into a freight agreement very similar to the one now reported in reference to passenger business. The agreement aroused a good deal of feeling in the Northwestern Traffic association, which had stood loyally by the Manitoba in its fight against the Canadian line. By the terms of that arrangement the Manitoba was to receive something like 12 or 14 per cent. of the rate from Canadian to Manitoba points on all business done by the Canadian Pacific. In return for this the Manitoba line agreed to practically prevent Canadian business for Manitoba going through the United States.

No English Engines for Them.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the house naval committee yesterday, it having been agreed to build ten vessels of four and six thousand tons, it was proposed to buy engines for the vessels in England for the reason that English constructors had succeeded in turning out engines doing the greatest speed with the least consumption of coal. Instantly the American spirit of the other members was roused to a feverish height, and it was claimed that our builders could turn out just as good engines as could be constructed abroad. Finally it was proposed that at least one engine should be bought abroad to serve as a pattern for the other nine; but that proposition was also rejected as repulsive to our people and not worthy of serious consideration.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

It is probable that congress will be asked to recompense the Chinese in Wyoming for the outrages to which they have been recently subjected.

At a conference of labor leaders at Pittsburg last evening it was decided to send a representative committee of workingmen to Washington to advocate the interests of the tariff before congress.

A thousand strikers of McCormick's reaper factory appeared in the vicinity of the works at Chicago yesterday morning and intimidated several employes. A large force of police was present and one arrest was made.

A National Welsh convention was held at Pittsburg, Pa., on Wednesday to consider the scheme to organize a Welsh colony for the purpose of colonization, to foster the Welsh traditions and institutions. Territory has been offered in Iowa, Oregon, Louisiana, West Virginia, Dakota and the Washington territories.

At the meeting of the Central Traffic association yesterday the "Chicago contract," which has been in abeyance since April last, was signed and sealed. This brings all lines connecting with the trunk lines east of the Mississippi under conditions like those governing the latter.

An order was filed in the county clerk's office at New York yesterday issued by Judge Hyatt, of the city court, appointing Ernest Harvier receiver of all the property of Bartley Campbell, the play-wright and manager. The order was issued upon an old judgment obtained by Bernard Brady against the dramatist.

Pneumonia is epidemic in Cass, Todd, Union and Oneida townships, Pa., and is becoming so violent that precautionary steps have been taken to prevent its further spread. Elderly persons are more generally affected, and in a majority of cases the sickness proves fatal. New cases and deaths are reported daily.

STRINGENT LIQUOR LAWS

HOW ONTARIO WILL DEAL WITH TRANSGRESSORS.

Lively Time in the Legislature over Sessional Clerks—A Speech in French—L. & S. R. Railway.

In the Ontario legislature yesterday the first business after routine was in the shape of a bill introduced by the provincial secretary to still further restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors. Mr. Hardy said it was proposed to make the penalties for breach of the statutes much more stringent. The government had decided to make the first offence against the law punishable by a fine of not less than $50 or more than $100 at the discretion of the magistrate; for the second offence four months' imprisonment, and for the third six months' imprisonment without the option of a fine in either case. The act gives the inspectors still further powers of search for liquor, and the provisions of the gambling act are adopted with some modifications. With regard to grocery licenses, the holders will be allowed to continue the business under the same roof, the separate portions of the store being partitioned off, but no means of communication are to be allowed, even so much as a hand hole, under penalty of a fine of $20 a day during the continuance of such communication. Toronto is to have an inspector-in-chief with two subordinates, one for each division. The practice of Sunday selling is to be restricted, so that if any person other than a member of the household be admitted to the bar on that day, both the proprietor and the person who obtains admission will be prosecuted for a misdemeanor. The bill also provides the same scale of fees for licenses as spoken of by the provincial treasurer in his budget speech.

After this bill had passed its first reading the house went into committee on the bill to amend the act respecting the Agricultural college, which, after some discussion, was reported with amendments. The house went into committee of supply shortly before recess, the item of $127,850 for legislation being the first under consideration. Included in this was the sum of $15,000 for sessional clerks, writers, messengers and pages, which brought the opposition to its feet in great force. The amount is $2500 more than was asked for last year. Mr. Meredith charged that the appropriation was made to provide an infirmary for the worn-out political hacks of the party. There were more people drawing pay out of this fund that there were members of the house.

After recess other opposition members took up the cudgels, and one of the sessional writers, by name Gaspard Pacaud, who occupied a seat in the reporters' gallery, was attacked by name. Mr. Robillard made a speech in French for his especial benefit, in which he charged him with little short of treason. Mr. Mowat defended the administration, and the item was passed after a stormy controversy.

The items of $56,504 for the supreme court of judicature, $17,675 for surrogate judges and local masters, and $296,153 for miscellaneous, criminal and civil justice, a total of $370,332 for the administration of justice, were passed, and the committee rose and reported.

The house adjourned at 9.35 p.m.

London and Southeastern Railway.

The railway committee met at 11 in the library, Mr. Pardee in the chair. The subject under discussion was the bill for the incorporation of the London & Southeastern railway company. The bill was opposed by a St. Thomas deputation, consisting of Mayor Smith, Ald. Martin, Gilbert, Wright, Screase, McCully, Cochran, Colin; Colin McDougall, ex-M.P., and Thomas Arkell, ex-M.P., and supported by a delegation consisting of Mayor Hodgens, Ald. Davis, Heaman, Taylor, Hook, Boyd, Garrett, Kingston, Brown, of the London city council; and C. S. Hyman, B. Cronyn, C. B. Hunt, John Green, James Mulrhead, Charles Murray, James B. Lindsay, J. W. Little, of the London board of trade.

Mr. Cronyn was the principal speaker in support of the bill. He pointed out that since the Grand Trunk railway had taken in the Great Western, the former company was without opposition, and London had in consequence an inefficient railway service. Mr. Meredith also raised his voice on behalf of his constituency. Mr. Bell, Q.C., solicitor for the Grand Trunk railway, said that the company's lease of the London & Port Stanley railway would expire in six years, and that he was authorized to say that the company was willing to give it up if the stock could be worked off. After some further discussion all the clauses were passed with the exception of those referring to bonusing the company, which were allowed to lie over till to-day.

Reduction of County Council Membership.

The county council committee met in room 16 at 10.30. Mr. Drury was appointed chairman. The clerk presented an analysis of answers to circulars sent over a year ago to county officials relative to the reduction in the number of council members. Out of the 1000 answers sent to the 4000 circulars a majority were in favor of a reduction.

A FULLER OF TEETH.

He Quarrels With His Wife and Fatally Shoots a Co-Professional.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Dr. Edward H. Coates shot and fatally wounded Dr. A. B. Keith on the street this morning. Both are dentists and jealousy existed between them for a long time. Coates has been endeavoring for a year past to procure a divorce from his wife but has been unsuccessful. Dr. Keith has in the meantime been a defender and a sympathizer of Mrs. Coates, and, although he is 65 years of age, he has been accused by the lady's husband of improper relations with her. Coates has been despondent for some time and this morning announced his intention of drowning himself and started for the river to carry out his purpose, but upon emerging from the house he met Dr. Keith, and after an interchange of some hot words, he accusing Keith of having caused all his unhappiness, and the latter denying it, a struggle ensued, both men falling to the ground. Upon Keith's rising and attempting to walk away his antagonist drew a revolver and discharged it with the above result. Dr. Keith was taken to the city hospital, where he died this afternoon.

An American Fisheries Convention.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—April 13, 14 and 15 have been fixed upon as the dates for holding the American fisheries convention. The committee also decided to give an exhibition of the different varieties of fish of the various states and territories at the exposition building. The United States fish commission will send the United States fish car and give a practical exhibition of the hatching of whitefish, while the Michigan fish commission will bring its fishing apparatus and give a similar exhibition. The exhibition is to be free to the public.

SHOT BY A SALVATIONIST.

A Drunken Rough at London, Ont., Catches a Tartar.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Last night Bill Shrimpton and several other roughs along with a couple of women became acquainted with a farmer named Neil Munro, and induced him to drive them about the city. They drove from one tavern to another and succeeded in getting well filled with liquor. About 11 o'clock they drove east on the Hamilton road to the house of William Monks, a member of the Salvation Army. Here a couple of the roughs alighted and knocked at the door, and in reply to the demand "Whose there?" answered "We've got some salvation lasses here." Monks refused to open the door, and Shrimpton kicked in a panel. The old man placed the muzzle of a gun through the aperture made in the door and fired, the charge entering Shrimpton's body. He dropped with a howl of pain. Dr. Gardner was sent for and pronounced the wound a serious, though not fatal one. Shrimpton was conveyed to the hospital. Monks came up before the police magistrate this morning and was bailed to appear on March 4.

Wm. Shrimpton was reported by Dr. Beeton, hospital superintendent, this morning to be in an exceedingly low condition. The flesh on the inside of the thigh was blown off for a space of five or six inches, leaving the bone and artery of the thigh perfectly bare. The wound was a horribly jagged one, and quite large enough to receive a man's fist.

Wm. Monks was handed over by the city police to the county authorities this morning, the shooting having been done in the township, and was at once brought before Squire Hannah at the county crown attorney's office. He is a man of fully 60 or 65, and lived all alone on the Hamilton road. The warrant charged him with shooting and wounding one William Shrimpton, but did not assert that it was done with felonious intent. Squire Hannah decided to remand Monks for a week and accepted bail for his appearance. Monks did not seem to regret shooting Shrimpton, and claimed that he was perfectly justified in doing so. He appeared, however, to be a little hysterical over the affair.

On His Head With a Broken Neck.

HAMILTON, Feb. 25.—To-day Solomon Butler, 60 years of age, was found standing on his head in the cellar way of 117 Hughson street north with his neck broken. Butler had left his home in John street north Tuesday to look over the premises on Hughson street. It is thought he slipped and fell from the top to the turn of the stairs and died at once. The keys of the house were still in his hand. His housekeeper thought he had gone away on a visit and did not miss him.

Captured in a Hurry.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Feb. 25.—Last evening Chief of Police Fewings received notice from the superintendent of police at Cleveland, O., to be on the lookout for a lad named Putnam, a former resident here, who had stolen three hundred dollars in gold. Fewings succeeded in capturing the lad a few hours afterwards who had one hundred and twenty dollars of the gold in his possession.

Twin Sisters' Tragedy.

READING, Pa., Feb. 25.—Katie and Susie, aged 6 years, twin daughters of a miller at Shamokin Hill named Lillie, strayed to an upstairs room in the mill where a shaft was revolving. Their clothing became entangled in the shaft and they were drawn tightly around it and whirled with each revolution. After being thrown around for an hour they were found by an older sister. When the machinery was stopped their bodies were terribly lacerated. The skull of Katie was badly fractured and her body in other ways much mutilated, causing her death. Susie's body is more or less injured. She will die.

American Opera a Huge Success.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A business meeting of the stockholders of the American opera company was held this evening. Great enthusiasm in the purpose to give opera in English and by native artists characterized the meeting, while abundant indications were afforded that the new enterprise is already an assured financial success. Reports were presented showing that responsible parties in the leading cities of the country have asked for contracts for the opera at fixed dates extending for a year from the end of this season.

An Incident of the Sea.

Last month the Columbine fishing smack started from one of the smaller of the Shetland islands, having on board the captain, two sailors and an old woman, Elizabeth Mount. The weather was very stormy. The captain was washed overboard, and the two sailors launched the only boat in hopes of rescuing him, but, in the terrible sea running, they failed either to save the captain or regain their ship, which drove on under a double reefed mainsail through sleet and snow and darkness for seven days and seven nights, until it grounded near Lepso, Norway. The poor feeble old lady had only a pint of milk and two biscuits during that terrible voyage, and was unable to get on deck owing to the fearful rolling of the vessel and the weakness consequent on seasickness, yet she never despaired, but put her trust in God, and believed He would send her rescue. She says that she suffered more from wet and thirst than from hunger or cold. The only way of quenching her terrible thirst was by licking the drops condensed on the window. There is every prospect that the aged Scotchwoman will recover from the effects of her awful experience.

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OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Miss Sarah McGuiness of Hespeler was shot in the cheek and had her jaw bone fractured by a little nephew, who, like all others, "thought it wasn't loaded."

Delos Hinckley of Wolfe island drove all the way from Kansas, 2000 miles, to Wolfe island, for his wife and children. Now he is on his way back with them. He expects to be ten weeks on the road.

Wm. Dring and Jas. Miller, two wealthy farmers, were murdered in Miller's house at Somenos, in Cowichan, B.C., on the night of Feb. 14. The tracks of two Siwashas and a Klootchman were discovered leading from the house to the beach.

A raft 410 feet long, 55 feet wide and 35 feet deep, drawing 21 feet of water, is being built on a cradle at Joggin's Mines, N.S., and will be towed to New York during the coming summer. Should this novel method of water transportation succeed it will prove a boon to all those engaged in extensive lumbering operations.

The tide at St. John, N.B., on Saturday last rose higher by some inches than that of the famous Saxby gale, and hardly a wharf, with its warehouses and buildings, in the city, Portland or Charleston, but what was more or less flooded. The damage, however, was very slight, as the sea ebbed very quickly after reaching its highest watermark.

Walter H. Smith, on whom the mantle of Vennor has fallen, says: "Stormy March will vindicate its character this year by displaying the lion in its nature, but will be interspersed with lamb like terms of summer-like warmth—so much so that some parts will suffer from drought, while other places will be visited with floods." Mr. Smith prophesies for the whole world, and is probably right.

IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER

A STRANGER CREATES AN EXTRAORDINARY SENSATION

By Firing Several Bullets From the Gallery and Throwing a Letter Towards M. Clemenceau—What Did the Document Contain?

PARIS, Feb. 25.—A strange man in one of the galleries this afternoon drew a revolver, fired it twice with downward aim and then coolly threw a letter toward M. Clemenceau. The man was quickly seized and hurried out by the police. When the excitement had subsided a flattened bullet was found at the feet of the president of the chamber.

The prisoner said he was a soldier who had been so ill treated by his superiors and ignored by the officers of justice that he had resorted to the desperate expedient of creating a sensation in the chamber of deputies to secure attention to his grievances. He gave his name as Poirier, and said he was an officer in the French army. He asserted that the letter which he threw toward M. Clemenceau contained an offer to give the government the names of the betrayers of Metz.

The excitement caused by the shooting lasted for a long time and affected the deputies as much as it did the occupants of the galleries. When the man who fired the shots was first seized he exclaimed, "I have written to M. Clemenceau. He knows what it means." This, of course, was not understood by those who heard it and but added to the general consternation. Investigation showed that both bullets were fired into the air, not at any person on the floor occupied by the deputies. The letter which the prisoner cast at M. Clemenceau was found and delivered into the custody of the president of the chambers.

SYMPATHETIC SOCIALISTS.

The French Send Out Their Hearts to Their English Brethren.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The socialist members of the chamber of deputies have taken an active interest in the case of the socialist leaders who incited the London riots. To-day these deputies joined in sending a telegram to the British workmen in the house of commons, proposing a joint international movement in the interest of laboring men. The main objects of the proposed movement are to be the securing of a reduction in the hours of labor; improvement in the sanitary condition of workshops; proper limits to the work contained from women and minors, and absolute prohibition against allowing children of either sex under 14 years of age to work at all in shops or factories. The telegram suggests that the British workmen join those of France in inviting the workmen of America and Europe to send delegates to a congress to be held next September in some place to be hereafter designated for the purpose of discussing means to emancipate the workmen of all countries.

Col. Henderson Summoned.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Burns, Hyndman, Champion and Williams, the socialist leaders, have subpœnaed ex-Chief Commissioner of Police Henderson to appear as a witness next Saturday, when their case is to be called for final hearing. They expect to obtain from Mr. Henderson testimony tending to show that the Trafalgar square riots owed their start and progress more to the insufficiency of the police than to any incitement contained in the speeches of the orators of the day.

HOT-HEADED BUT WISE.

Lord Churchill Declines to Commit Himself on Paper.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The reports that the Parnellites possess compromising letters from Lord Randolph Churchill pledging himself in favor of home rule are declared to be untrue. Lord Churchill, it is asserted, never committed his offer to writing. The Parnellites assert that Lord Churchill had personal interviews with the Irish leaders and offered them home rule.

Mr. Shaw Lefevre, ex-postmaster-general, in an article in the Nineteenth Century, advocates the federal principle for Ireland with large powers of autonomy, retaining representation in the imperial parliament. He indicates that this is Mr. Gladstone's scheme.

The home secretary said that he was unable to consider Lord Churchill's speeches in Ireland.

Mr. Sexton, nationalist, gave notice that he would move a resolution to the effect that the house condemned the action of a privy councillor in making speeches in Ireland tending to create a rebellion.

Lord Churchill, against whom Mr. Sexton's resolution was directed, stated that he would ask that an early day be set for the discussion of the resolution.

Either by Bribery or Fighting.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The government has approved Lord Dufferin's request that a strong expedition be sent against the Shans. The troops forming the expedition will leave Mandalay on March 7. The British commissioners in Burmah are authorized to secure the submission of the chiefs either by bribery or fighting them.

Compensation for Crofters.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—In the commons today Mr. Trevelyan's crofters' bill passed its first reading. It provides for fixture of the tenure for rents and compensation for improvements made by the tenants.

CABLE NOTES.

The Servo-Bulgarian armistice has been extended to March 10.

The Queen's proctor has decided to intervene in the Dilke case.

The Baltic canal bill passed its third reading in the reichstag yesterday.

The Hungarian diet has adopted a bill for the suppression of socialists.

The home secretary will introduce in the commons a bill to compensate the sufferers by the recent riots.

Howard Vincent, M.P. for Sheffield, has been offered the office of chief police commissioner of London.

Experts declare that there are autograph letters of Maiomet among the papyri acquired in Egypt by Arch Duke Renier.

At Mezo, Hungary, yesterday, the Protestant school teacher murdered his wife and three children and then committed suicide.

Three thousand strikers at Llanberis, Wales, have resumed work on the employers' terms. They have been idle nineteen weeks and are in terrible distress.

The loyal patriotic union of Ireland has issued a circular inviting interested parties to furnish authentic particulars of instances of boycotting and outrage in general.

At London yesterday the associated chambers of commerce unanimously passed a resolution declaring that the granting of home rule to Ireland would prove disastrous to the trade of both Ireland and Great Britain.

The Pope has promulgated a decree beatifying Father Hofbauer, a priest who died at the age of 70 years. This action has long been urged by the Austrian emperor on the ground that Father Hofbauer wrought many miracles.

The ministers of the London Wesleyan circle have formally recorded their conviction that Rev. Mr. Dyson was not an accomplice of Mrs. Barbett in the alleged poisoning of the latter's husband with chloroform and will raise a fund for Mr. Dyson's defence.

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THE FIRE INSURANCE MEN

Entertained by the President of the Toronto Fire Underwriters.

Last night in the small dining room of the Queen's there were gathered some thirty-five gentlemen, guests of Mr. Wm. Henderson, the respected and venerable head of the Toronto Fire Underwriters' association. Nearly all the fire insurance companies doing business in Toronto were represented; those who could not attend sent courteous notes expressing their admiration of the chairman and recognition of his services to the insurance interest. Mr. George F. C. Smith of Montreal, president of the Canadian board, also wrote a note eulogistic of Mr. Henderson. The lieutenant-governor occupied the seat of honor, made two or three capital speeches, recalling old-time reminiscences, his long and faithful friendship with the chairman and his brother George Henderson, and made every one laugh by his story how one season he was casting about him for the wherewithal to do Saratoga, when luckily a house of his, well insured, went up in smoke of a summer's night, and the trip came off the following week. Mr. Darling, president of the board of trade, who sat on the left, told of his experience, which had not been so satisfactory, viz., that he had had to fight the companies for five years in order to get a settlement of his claim. But that was up in Hamilton. Now things were better. Insurance, said he, calls for the exercise of the highest qualities in its managers: care that the companies are not defrauded, and a determination that when an honest man is burnt out he be treated with genuine liberality.

The toasts were out of the ordinary run, elicited short and pointed replies and all present seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Mr. A. W. Smith was an excellent vice-chairman, who made a number of happy hits when on his feet. Speeches were given by Messrs. Gooch, Maughan, Wood, Kenney, Harman and others, and songs sung by Capt. Geddes, Chris Henderson, and Mr. Sims. The hotel had been given a carte blanche order, and as a consequence everything was of the best and in profusion. The meeting broke up before twelve, and was pronounced by all who attended it as the most successful and pleasantest social gathering of the insurance guild ever held in the city. Those present were:

Wm. Henderson, president of the Fire Underwriters' association; Lieut.-Governor Robinson, H. W. Darling, president of the board of trade; Capt. Geddes, John B. Henderson; A. W. Smith, chairman of the board of underwriters; J. J. Kenney, manager of the Western; R. N. Gooch, North British & Mercantile; T. R. Wood, Ætna; W. A. Sims, London & Lancashire; J. B. Reed, L. & L. & Globe; S. B. Harman, Fire Insurance association; H. L. Moffatt, Phœnix of England; H. D. P. Armstrong, Guardian; E. Pearson, Northern; Wm. Adamson, British America; Geo. Graham, Queen's; W. S. Donaldson, Glasgow and London; Alex. Dixon, Norwich Union; S. F. Maguire, City of London; Robt. Maclean, secretary board of Fire U. association; John Maughan, Royal; C. M. Henderson, Hartford; R. L. Love, Lancashire; A. Walton, Caledonia; H. E. Evans, N. B. and M.; C. Robins, B. A. A.; R. L. Boomer, Western; W. L. Pyke, Quebec; G. Denoon, B. A.

Yonge Street Opera House.

This is the name by which Albert hall will now be known. The new lessee, Col. T. E. Snelbaker, of the Adelphia theatre, Buffalo, has improved and beautified the house, and promises good entertainments at low prices. Mr. James Geary is his business manager. The Leonzo Bros. will give the opening performance Monday night.

Ladies' Volunteer Committee.

All members of the Ladies' Volunteer supply and relief committee are requested to attend a meeting to be held at Mr. George Musson's office, 50 Front street street east, Monday afternoon, March 1, at 3 o'clock, when the final report and statements will be submitted.

A Big Failure in Simcoe.

The failure of N. C. Ford & Co., general merchants, distillers, etc., of Simcoe, county Norfolk, was announced yesterday. The liabilities are large.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Charles Platts, son of R. Platts, merchant tailor, left for Europe yesterday.

The total number of letters delivered by the carriers last week was 190,230; of these 5868 were registered. Total newspapers 50,233.

The police yesterday arrested Raymond Hamilton, a migrant; he had 25 cents in his pocket and had just arrived from Hamilton. Poor Hamilton!

Frances Armstrong was last night a prisoner at No. 3 station, having been arrested at the instance of her employer, Mrs. Switzer, 760 Queen street west, for larceny.

The Farmers' and Milk Dealers' association met in Temperance hall last night and discussed the recent raising of freight rates. Nothing could be pumped out of them.

The argument in the Garrison creek sewer investigation was to have been heard yesterday, but as the evidence was not ready Judge McDougall adjourned the court sine die.

Last evening at the Toronto roller rink the Torontos beat the Adelaides at polo by three straight games. Davene's Specialty company will give two or three performances next week.

Failure to pay a fine for selling liquor without a license was the cause of Henry Dalton's arrest yesterday. Dalton was one of Tom Jones' stool pigeons and acknowledged that he ran the dive. If the fine is not forthcoming he will go down.

Doric's conversazione at the Pavilion Music hall to-night promises to be one of the masonic events of the season. Grand Master Murray and other high dignitaries of the craft will be received at 8.30, to be followed by speeches, music, dancing and other amusements.

Lodge Middlesex, No. 2, Sons of England, have presented their newly installed R. W. Grand Vice-President, Bro. Thos. R. Skippons, with a handsome and costly tea service, consisting of 15 pieces, as a slight mark of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge. Five candidates were initiated at the meeting and seven new applications received.

G. Douglas Ferguson of Vergus, Ont., has donated to the library of the University of Toronto, two valuable old title deeds of lands purchased by the donor's family. One of the deeds is dated Oct. 20, 1370, while the other bears date June 25, 1625. Both documents are in a very fair state of preservation, and will no doubt prove most interesting to archæologists.

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Hire a Philadelphia Lawyer.

Editor World: As a constant reader of your influential paper, I beg leave to ask you the following question to decide a little argument: An agent calls at my house with an article for trial, both parties being satisfied if article did not suit to return it and have also the option of returning it if it was as represented by agent. An express agent brings the article to my house and the lady signs for it, merely putting her name down. Could agent make me pay for the article, as having signed for it. READER.

Toronto, Feb. 24.

The Four Williams.

—William the Conqueror—William of Orange—William Shakespeare—William Dineen—the last named William sells the finest and cheapest furs, and the best and most stylish hats in town. Corner King and Yonge streets. x WILLIAM THE FOURTH.

The people who have money to spend read The World. The wise advertiser, therefore, wails himself of its columns.

MR. PARNELL'S HENCHMAN

THE MEMBER FOR LONDONDERRY OBJECTS TO MEDALS.

If Canada Chose to Fight With Riel She Should Pay for Her Own Medals, and Probably Mr. Healy is About Right.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—In the house of commons this evening, in committee of supply Mr. Healy, nationalist, opposed a grant of £1200 for medals for volunteers who took part in the campaign against Louis Riel. He said that if Canada chose to go to war with Riel she ought to pay for the medals.

W. H. Smith and Lord Randolph Churchill denounced Mr. Healy and praised the volunteers.

Mr. Gladstone urged that the rejection of the proposed grant might possibly create a bad feeling in Canada.

The sum for the medals was agreed to by a vote of 209 to 66.

The Parnellites are irritated at Capt. O'Shea's action in opposing Mr. Healy's position on the question of granting medals to the Canadian volunteers.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. T. Rice, proprietor of the North American Review, has sailed for England.

Hon. W. E. Forster is confined to his bed in his London residence in a very weak condition.

Many Happy Returns of the Day

To Baron Ernest von Heimrod, Imperial German Consul, Toronto, born at Koethen, Germany, February 26, 1833.

To Alonzo Wright, M.P., "King of the Gatineau," born at the City of Hull, Quebec, February 26, 1826.

The Dead.

Hon. Peter Gow, sheriff of Wellington county, died at Guelph yesterday. He was elected to the provincial legislature in 1867 and became provincial secretary under Mr. Blake in December, 1871. He did not retain office long, but continued to serve as a member of the legislature until his appointment to the shrievalty.

Wine and Imperial Measures.

Editor World: How much larger is imperial or standard measure than wine measure? What is the weight in ounces avoir. of a pint of water imperial and wine measure respectively? C. G. H.

[Ans.—Standard or imperial, 277.274 cub. in. to gal; wine measure, 231 cub in. to gal.; distilled water, temp. (2C°, 10 lbs. per gallon. Ordinary water would weigh slightly more, according to the quality of foreign matter it contained, and you have also in weighing water to take into consideration the temperature, but water being greatest in volume The ratio existing between imperial and wine measure is in the proportion of 5 to 6.]

You Must Pay the Tax.

Editor World: If I purchase a house for, say $800—pay $200 cash and the balance is covered by mortgage—who pays the taxes on this $800? Is it the person who holds the mortgage, or must I pay taxes on this $600 of property belonging to another man? If I must it's most unjust, and time the legislative Solomons amended as unchristian and unjust a law as stands on record, and not spend their time tinkering laws that are good enough already. R. KENNEDY.

St. Thomas, Feb. 23.

Comin' Thro' the Rye.

*Editor World