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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

THE ANCIENT COLONY AND THE DOMINION.

The World's Exclusive Announcement of the Details of the Monopoly Surrender Fully Confirmed—Curiosities of the Commons—Increase in Parcel Post Matter.

OTTAWA, April 2.—The exclusive announcement in to-day's World of the details of the settlement between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Government in the matter of the monopoly clause is fully confirmed to-day. The correspondents of the other papers are all wondering how The World got ahead of them.

The question of Newfoundland becoming one of the provinces of the Dominion has given rise to considerable talk in political circles here, and as the time of the arrival of the delegates, who are expected to arrive here the first of next month, draws near the subject becomes more and more interesting. The next great question which will occupy Sir John and his ministers is Newfoundland affairs. The general impression is that Newfoundland will enter the Dominion. It is well known that a large majority of the electors of that island now are ready to cast in their lot with the Dominion. The British Government desires that she may be admitted into the union, and Sir John likewise will be made happy and contented when the union is consummated. Not many days will now have to go by before the important question will be brought up for discussion in Parliament, and by this time next year no doubt exists that she will form part and parcel of this Canada of ours.

The House of Commons, with the consent of the Mace, will take on its official robes to-morrow (Tuesday) evening. Mr. Freeman, after routine, will resume the debate on Unrestricted Reciprocity. It has been arranged that the Fisheries Treaty will be taken up as soon as a division on this issue has been reached. There will come the consideration of the disallowance correspondence. It looks as though the debate might be dragged out until the close of the present week.

Invitations have been issued for private theatricals at Government House on Thursday and Friday evenings next. Lord Frederick Hamilton and Lady Evelyn Fitzmaurice will take part.

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The charge against James Miller for a breach of the liquor license Act was investigated at the Police Court this morning. Miller had a contract to supply the hospital with liquor and it is claimed by the prosecution that he has delivered whisky since his license expired, while he asserts that another firm has been doing the business and he has simply been acting as their agent. The Magistrate took the case under advisement until Thursday.

At St. Joseph's Convent this morning these sisters, having completed their noviciate, made their final vows: Sister Mary Arma (Miss Harte), Sister Mary Cuthbert (Miss E. Foster), Sister Mary Louise (Miss M. Malone), Sister Mary Bride (Miss E. Cleary) of Hamilton, and Sister Mary St. Thomas (Miss E. Flanigan), Dundas.

John Brass was at the Police Court this morning charged with stealing, about six weeks ago, a number of carpenter's tools belonging to John Black, a fellow-worker, which were found in Wright's shop, had been identified, and Wright had sworn that Brass sold them to him. Feb. 13, for 60 cents, the case was adjourned.

During March there were 107 births, 16 marriages and 55 deaths in the city, as against 117 births, 10 marriages and 62 deaths in March, 1887.

The ball and supper of the employes of The Times Printing Company took place in the new building this evening, and was largely attended.

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CHICAGO, April 2.—There was a row in the Northwestern yards this morning on account of the appearance of a Fort Wayne engine manned by Master Mechanic Ormsby as engineer and a "wiper" from the Fort Wayne shops as fireman. They hauled a Pullman car over to the Northwestern, but upon their arrival a lot of Northwestern switchmen jumped on the engine and threw Ormsby and his helper off and after subjecting them to considerable ill-treatment drove them out of the yards. The engine was then blown off and the fire damped.

It is stated here that unless the St. Paul switchmen are at their posts to-morrow morning ready for work they can never obtain employment on the road again. The suburban service of the St. Paul was resumed this morning. A number of the old passenger engineers here decided not to join the strikers.

This afternoon an attempt was made to get a train of twenty freight cars from the Q road to the Chicago and Alton. As the trains passed the viaduct at Sixty-fifth-street the engineers of other roads refused to allow the train to go by. They stopped its progress by crossing and removing the tracks which intersect the road at this point. These tactics were kept up for two hours, and the Q train was finally taken back to the Western-ave yards.

The Rock Island managers declined once more to-day to risk a tie up of their road by attempting to receive freight from the Burlington.

An effort towards a compromise of the strike on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy was made this evening by the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen. A card embodying a concise statement of the situation from the men's standpoint, and giving no new facts, was issued by them. The gist of the document is the concluding paragraph which involves a fresh offer of arbitration, this time on an entirely new basis. They ask that the arbitrators instead of coming partly or wholly from outside roads or other professions be selected from among the Burlington's own employes. They also made to such it the trouble to three railroad presidents or general managers. Marvin Hughitt, President of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, is named as a man who would be an acceptable arbitrator to the Brotherhood, the Burlington Company to name a second arbitrator, who, in conjunction with Mr. Hughitt, should choose the third.

St. Paul Men Laid Off.

MILWAUKEE, April 2.—The St. Paul Company has laid off 5000 yardmen and switchmen along its lines until the present trouble is over. The yards in this city are deserted and no business is being done.

Recruiting for the Burlington.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—Capt. Dougherty of the Pinkerton Detective Agency of this city, who is recruiting for the Burlington Road, today engaged fifty men and will send them west at once. He says he can get all the men he wants. These men are going to Chicago to Reading strikers and are experienced men.

The Boycott at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, April 2.—The boycott on Burlington freight went into effect in the yards here promptly at noon. A Fort Scott switch engine had just backed up to some Burlington cars, but 19 switchmen in the yard at once left the job and refused to haul it. Orders were issued by the Fort Scott road this afternoon that Burlington freight must be treated the same as any other freight. This will probably precipitate a strike of switch engineers and firemen and switchmen on that road.

President Depew Interviewed.

NEW YORK, April 2.—President Depew, of the New York Central, was asked yesterday whether he thought the railroad strike would extend to his road. He said: "I see no reason why it should. There are no circumstances existing, so far as I am aware, that would seem to warrant such a step."

"If it should become general, or extend to the eastern road, what, in your opinion, would be the effect?"

"It would depend upon its extent, character and causes. There are no two strikes alike. Still, some of its effects would be this: Coal and iron would give out, everyone would be out of employment and the working class would be the greatest sufferers. Chicago could be starved to death in that way, for it would be shut off from supplies of fuel."

"How do you regard strikes generally?"

"As a very poor way of reaching results."

"Do you favor arbitration?"

"I do. That is, unless the strikers want to get the entire management of the road. Then you can't arbitrate."

"As a railroad man, what course do you think would be the best to adopt under the present and in similar circumstances?"

"I don't like to advise others, but my way is to keep my door constantly open to our employes, see their grievances when it is possible to do so, and, when the demands are reasonable. The main elements of success in this world are good sense, good temper and minding your own business. That's how we kept out of the fight in 1887."

"What is your opinion of the Brotherhood of Engineers?"

"I always found them a very intelligent body of men, and Arthur I look upon as a man of good sense and courage, to whose wisdom the Brotherhood owes its present strength."

Notes of the Fray.

CHICAGO, April 2.—A westbound Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train was derailed between Western and Oakley avenues shortly before midnight. The wreck is believed to have been caused by strikers.

Last evening a special policeman patrolling his beat at the Wood-street crossing of the Baltimore and Ohio was assaulted and severely beaten by three men who he says were strikers.

Chas. Green arrived in Chicago yesterday with twenty four new switchmen for the Burlington. At Lima they were set upon by the emissaries of the strikers. The contingent showed up at Chicago in pretty bad shape, some of the men having their eyes blackened.

All the freight brakemen on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Road struck yesterday. They assign as a reason, danger to their lives in working with "scab" engineers.

General Passenger Agent Carpenter of the St. Paul Road has sent this despatch:

MILWAUKEE, April 2.—No passenger trains on our line have been discontinued on account of any strike. Nor do we anticipate any trouble with our through trains. A. V. H. CARPENTER, G.P.A.

Sympathy from Canadian Brethren.

Representative locomotive engineers and firemen met at Occident Hall on Sunday, and declared themselves as follows:

Whereas, at a union meeting held in the City of Toronto, all the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen of all the roads in Canada deem it advisable at the present time that, owing to the unfounded rumors at present published in the public press of dissatisfaction with reference to the course pursued between the orders we represent and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad of Chicago; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we express to P. M. Arthurs and Grand Master F. P. Sargent that we have implicit confidence in them as our chief officers.

Resolved, that we express the sentiments of our constituents when we say that we have implicit confidence in their honor and integrity, and that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Firemen have attained their present standing by the manly course they have always pursued.

Resolved, that we inform our Grand Chief Arthur, and Grand Master Sargent, that we endorse the stand taken by them in all matters pertaining to a settlement of the trouble on the C.B. & Q.R.R., and that we stand ready and willing to assist them in their efforts to maintain the dignity of our brothers, and also the brotherhood at large against the action of management of C.B. & Q.

A Printers' Strike Ended.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 2.—The printers' strike here, both against the job and newspaper offices, was declared off yesterday and the men will go to work wherever they can get a chance.

The Queen Compliments Sir Charles Tupper.

Her Majesty has graciously and very justly complimented Sir Charles Tupper on the ability and judgment which he displayed as plenipotentiary to Washington. The Queen is not the first person by any means to discover the wonderful sagacity, keen intelligence and diplomatic judgment of Sir Charles. We believe that few men have ever lived who combined such a number of statesmanlike qualities, to which is added a dogged determination that never swerves from its object, and a courage which nothing can daunt. We are not eulogizing Sir Charles for party purposes, and we hasten to say so. We are simply advertising "The Dineen Hat" and all the English and American Hats at the corner of King and Yonge streets.

JOS. COOK OF BOSTON.

He Eulogizes W. H. Howland and Refers to the Beecher Scandal.

Joseph Cook lectured at Association Hall last night to a large audience. Prof. David Wilson introduced the lecturer. On the platform were the Bishop of Toronto, Dr. Castle, Principal Caven, Rev. G. M. Milligan and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell. The lecturer began with a short dissertation on municipal misgovernment in America. He praised the municipal government of Toronto and remarked that it was relatively perfect compared with that of many cities south of the line.

He introduced the name of Mr. Howland and referred eulogistically to the good work of that gentleman. He requested the audience to sing the Doxology in honor of what the ex-Mayor had done to put down municipal misrule. The audience rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The lecturer recommended as remedies for municipal misgovernment reform in the family and carried on to the church. "We must learn to vote as we pray." Another remedy he recommended was the introduction of secret balloting in voting, denying the suffrage to the illiterate, compulsory voting and enlarging the voting powers of women gradually.

The speaker announced as his lecture a reference to the lives of the great trio, "Phillips, Gough, Beecher." Mr. Cook did not come off last night as successfully as he has in his former efforts here. His lecture was read from a book, and the speaker was apparently bothered with the flickerings of a coal oil lamp that shed a lurid glare on his manuscript.

A chair was elevated on the table, a book placed on the table and a lamp on the book. Behind this eccentric combination the speaker was seen reading his lecture. When the lecture was nearly finished one of the audience handed up an impromptu shade, which, being placed on the lamp, partially shielded the lecturer's eyes from the glare of the coal oil illumination. After that his elocution proceeded more smoothly.

His remarks on Beecher formed the most interesting part of the lecture. He alluded to the notorious scandal with which the name of Beecher was associated, and said that Beecher was a great preacher and reformer and in my judgment it is possible he was also a great martyr. He is innocent of the accusation laid at his door he is the most pathetic figure that has ever been nailed to the cross of slander; if the victim of slander he was also a martyr. If he was innocent he has been! I am willing to listen to all sides of the question, and my great hope is that when correct biographies of the eminent dead are published, they in a few years will be the clouds that hang over his memory will be dissipated. Evidence will be given which will one day which will for ever set at rest this point." He alluded to Mr. Beecher as the Shakespeare of the modern pulpit, although he had to admit that his theology was Shakespearian in its tone. He held loose views on inspiration; believed Christ had no human soul; held that a man who died in sin had a second chance after death, as he believed there was a probationary period in which the unsaved on earth had another chance of salvation.

Against this last view the lecturer protested. He protested against the statement that it might be better for a man to die in sin, and he rejoiced that Spurgeon had so emphatically protested against the same pernicious doctrine.

KING OF THE WIFE'S SOUL.

Dr. Fulton Holds Forth on "Why Priests Should Wed."

Dr. Fulton spoke to about 1200 people in Horticultural Pavilion last night on "Why priests should wed." He claimed that even the vows of the Roman Church could not remove the nature of man. It was everybody's right to love. Many priests had wives in secret. He gave instances of priestly marriages. If Roman Catholic priests were permitted to marry they would have an interest in the country, a home to pray for and would become patriotism to Italy. They looked abroad for their instructions. Hence it was that regardless of all honor in the world they were ready to do anything to the highest bidder at election times. Dr. Fulton denounced auricular confession as an institution which was the ruin of the age, and which crept into the sacred precincts of home like a horrible thing. It separated husband from wife, it took the king's place in the wife's soul, her inmost life; the husband was obliged to be content with a corpse.

Fire in The New York Tribune Building.

NEW YORK, April 2.—At 3 o'clock Sunday morning fire was discovered in the city editor's room of The New York Tribune. Not ten minutes before the night city editor and his assistants had left the room without being conscious of a fire beneath them. In less than half an hour nearly the whole of the city editor's room was gutted, together with half of the reporters' room, which adjoined it. Every combustible was burned up, including the desks of the city editor and his assistants, the desks of several reporters, the letter boxes in which was standing the mail of the whole city, and an oil portrait of Horace Greeley. The financial loss was not, of course, heavy, but the inconvenience to the paper and the city editor's office of no value except in a newspaper office can hardly be estimated. This property included the "blotters," "assignment books," reports and library of the city editor, numberless blue pencils, pens, paper, letters from a "Constant Reader," "Subscriber," and other cranks; passes issued by the railroads; invitations to banquets and balls; poems on Spring; bottles of ink and mucilage; scissors, revolvers and the innumerable other things which go to make up original and only solution of the Keely motor.

Women Suffragists Address Senators.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—One hundred and fifty women suffragists assembled in the ladies' reception room of the Senate at 10 o'clock this morning, where they were given audience by the Senate Committee on Woman Suffrage. Miss Anthony, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Frigor of Finland, Mrs. Chant of England, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Merrick of Louisiana, Mrs. Keefer of Vermont and Mrs. Willard in turn addressed the committee in favor of woman suffrage. The remarks were stenographically reported and will probably be presented as a public document for distribution.

The Mills Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—In the House to-day Mr. Mills, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the Mills Tariff Bill, and it was referred to the committee of the whole. Mr. McKinley submitted the minority report. The committee amended the bill this morning by the addition of provisions slightly increasing the sugar duties so as to equal a net reduction of twenty per cent. on the existing duty, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to classify as woolens worsted cloths, and guarding against interference with existing treaties.

Making Every Effort to Convict Sharp.

NEW YORK, April 2.—It was rumored to-day that District Attorney Fellows had entered into negotiations with one of the boodle aldermen in Canada, with a view to securing his testimony to be used in the trial of Jacob Sharp. Col. Fellows refuses to speak of the case, except to say that he is making every preparation to bring Sharp to trial on evidence that will render a conviction certain.

Flood and Fire.

VIENNA, April 2.—Several more villages in Hungary have been flooded and the inhabitants are starving. At Hethrarus 120 houses have been burned and seven hundred persons are homeless. Two lives were lost. The villages of Mezod, Bereny and Hundsdorf have also been destroyed by fire.

Attempted Burglary at Dorchester.

LONDON, April 2.—Burglars entered the store of Capstick & Rossiter at Dorchester early Sunday morning, and were drilling the safe when discovered. Mr. Rossiter fired his revolver at them as they were escaping, but with what effect is not known. Nothing is missing on the premises.

Hog Products Excluded.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Danish Government has issued an order forbidding until further notice the importation into Denmark of pork or other raw products of hogs, including bladders and steam lard.

Died from Dyeing.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Samuel C. Doty of City Island hanged himself with a necktie last night. An excessive use of hair dye is thought to have affected his mind.

Arrested for Larceny.

Grand Trunk Railway Constable Shields at a late hour last night arrested a 18-year-old lad named John Macdonald in the Union Depot on a charge of larceny. He was lodged in Agnes-street station.

A Grand Moving Sale.

—The public of Toronto have not had such a chance to buy household goods, baby carriages, cutlery and everything pertaining thereto as is now offered at 170 Yonge-street. Messrs. Strathern & Co. are going to move in a few days to their new premises, 203 Yonge-street, and the firm must and will reduce their enormous stock of goods, and will sell at fabulously low prices any article in the store. This is a chance seldom met with and housekeepers and especially those just commencing will find that they can buy goods here at a price lower than any house in the city. Ladies will do well to go early and avoid the rush. 2

FOR EARLY CLOSING.

Merchants Approve Mr. Fraser's Bill—Stores Should Close at Seven.

"What time should the stores close?" was the question discussed for two hours yesterday afternoon at a well-represented meeting of tradesmen held in the office of The Merchant, 50 Church-street. The meeting, presided over by Mr. Robert Mills, was unanimous in favor of the principle of Hon. C. F. Fraser's bill in the Local Legislature limiting the hours of labor. Among others The World noticed present: E. J. Parkbridge, Frank Britton, J. H. McBrian, J. J. Follett, W. Mara, Wm. West, Robert McCleary, William Parkhill, R. W. Powell, Thomas Hardy, Robert Mills, A. J. Booth, F. X. Cousineau, Samuel Price, Wm. Foster, R. Mortley.

On motion of Mr. W. Mara, Mr. R. Mills was elected permanent chairman of the city merchants interested in the Early Closing Act. Its provisions were read and were fully discussed. This committee was appointed to draw up a petition setting forth the provisions of the Bill, to seek for signatures thereto by the various trades in the city, and to ask the City Council to submit a bylaw on the question: Robert Mills (for the grocers), T. Joliffe (furniture), J. McBrian (boots and shoes), Charles S. Botsford (dry goods), William Price (tailors.)

After considerable discussion the meeting agreed that 7 o'clock should be the hour of closing of shops, except on Saturday, the hour on that day to be 10 o'clock, and the same to be the case on all evenings preceding public holidays.

It was suggested that all ministers be asked to consider the bill and to preach on the subject of shorter hours and reasonable recreation for employes. Each trade will attend to a full canvass of its respective members. The act provides that three-fourths of the members of each trade shall be signatories to the civic petition to enable it to be introduced into the Council as a bylaw.

WATERWORKS AFFAIRS.

Against Semi-Annual Payments—The T. H. C. A. Cannot Get a Reduction.

The Waterworks Committee met yesterday afternoon. Ald. Boustead in the chair. Ald. Hallam appeared at the request of a number of ratepayers to protest against the semi-annual payment of water rates for the quarterly system.

The clerk of West Toronto Village sent in a letter suggesting that Wednesday be a proper date for the committee to visit that burg to investigate the question of supplying it with water. The committee will leave the Junction Depot on that afternoon, and visit the Junction.

The tenders for work on the storehouse and repair shop on Sobeski-street, Junction, for the contract was given to Mr. Thomas Phillips at $11,375.

Superintendent Hamilton's report was passed without amendment. It set forth that 417 tons of coal had been consumed, and 162,882,745 gal. of water had been pumped during the two weeks ending March 24.

A rather heated discussion arose on the application of the Y.M.C.A. for a reduction in the water rates for gymnasium purposes. It was reported it, but the other members would have naught of it.

When the clause in the Superintendent's report referring to water inspectors came up Ald. Hill charged that these officials had only succeeded in hauling up a few of wealthy and widows at that, but those who had friends got off. The chairman indignantly denied the statement, and when called on to particularize Ald. Hill remained silent.

The Coal Dealers in Session.

Last night the coal trade branch of the Board of Trade held a grand gathering under the chairmanship of Ald. Bell. The supper, which was there with a large clean shave and his hair highly oiled, Elias Rogers, J. T. Bailey, Mr. Gibson of the Conger Company, Mr. Crane and the other big importers sat in front seats. The action of the Knowlton Brothers in taking proceedings against The News for libel was endorsed. Quite a lively interest was manifested over a resolution to operate certain dealers who had been delivering short weight, and others who had taken a sack off loads after they had been weighed. This means that some of the smaller dealers had contracted to deliver coal at $6, and being unable to do so profitably had endeavored to get even on the weight. A committee of three was to investigate the charges fully and report at next meeting. Big Charley started up the doxology at the close. Over 50 members were present.

Easter at St. Alban's Cathedral.

At the three services held on Easter Sunday the attendance was large. At 8.30 a.m. the celebration of holy communion took place, also at the 11 o'clock service, there being twenty-two and forty-five communicants, respectively. Rev. J. G. Lewis, curate, conducted all the services, and preached morning and evening on the subject of Christ's Resurrection. The chanting and hymns by the surpliced choir was very good. The ladies of the congregation contributed the chancel part of the building very prettily.

Good News for the Taxpayer.

The World visited the City Treasurer's office yesterday and there learned that the taxes for 1888 will not go as high as those of 1887, although the estimates will be much higher. This is accounted for by the fact that the assessable property of Toronto has increased by $15,000,000 over last year's figures, this big increase being due to the extensive building operations and to the immense trade in property hitherto assessed by the acre, but now assessed by the foot.

Not Drowned But Almost.

A report was spread abroad over the Esplanade yesterday that a man had been drowned at the foot of Princess-street on Saturday afternoon while returning from the Island. The World discovered that Charles Walton, aged 16, while attempting to get on the Super Intendency wharf from the ice, fell through, and was pulled out by City Scavenger Richard Skinner. The boy had been in the water in the ice three minutes before he was rescued.

Methodist Ministers' Association.

The Toronto Methodist Ministers' Association yesterday forwarded a telegram of sympathy to the widow of Rev. John Boreland of Montreal, formerly of this city. Resolutions of sympathy were also ordered to be sent to Rev. J. C. Smith of Parkale and Mrs. Richardson, on the loss of relatives. The Toronto district meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Church on May 29 and 30.

A Badly Bruised Head.

Transfer Agent Scholes was checking baggage in the baggage car of No. 4 express from the east yesterday morning when the shunter banged against the train, throwing him and two other men to the floor. The sudden collision also loosened the heavy sliding door which parts the baggage compartment from the mailing room, and it fell on Mr. Scholes' head, bruising it badly.

Gone to Brampton.

Yesterday at noon Detective Davis, Chief Constable Fingland and County Constable Smith of Streetsville started for Brampton jail in charge of George Fare, William Backus, Edward Lake, Frank Mathew Carroll and Charles Davis, who will remain there until ready to undergo their trial for burglarizing Streetsville stores.

Looking for Licenses.

The Board of License Commissioners has received 61 new applications for hotel licenses in addition to the 150 persons who hold licenses at present. There are 15 new applicants for shop licenses. The commissioners will have their hands full this month trying to satisfy everybody.

A Young Printer's Mishap.

James Carnall, a young compositor employed in The Orange Sentinel Office, while roller skating in the Princess Rink on Friday evening last fell and broke his arm. He leaves for his home in Napanee to-night, where he will remain till he is able to work again.

An Important Sale

Opens to-day at 14 Bloor-street East, when Mr. C. M. Henderson will offer at auction the household effects of D. Mitchell McDonald. Mr. McDonald was known to be a lover of fine and valuable furniture, etc., so some big bargains may be looked for. Sale at 11 o'clock sharp.

The Water Very Low.

The water in the Bay is extremely low, beating last year's record by several inches. The ice still remains firm, and vessel men say that it will require a regular blow from the east to do anything towards driving it out. There is no ice on the lake shore of the Island.

Hackmen as Scavengers.

Yesterday the Grand Trunk Railway supplied the Union Station hackmen with shovels to remove the mud from around their hackstands on the south side of the station. Now they are waiting for the city to send along carts which they will fill with mud free of charge.

Toronto on Fire.

This morning at 4.30 nearly all the houses in the city had on a fire to get hot water for French Coffee. Ask your grocer for 25 cent bottle. 246

EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS

THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES RECEIVE THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS.

Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Delegates Appointed—A Little Breeze at St. James' Cathedral—Some of the Buildings to Be Enlarged—Financial Statements.

The annual vestry meetings of the Anglican churches took place last night. Things passed off quietly and on the whole the churches were reported to be making satisfactory progress.

St. James' Cathedral.

Rev. Canon Dumoulin presided at the annual meeting of St. James' Cathedral vestry. The total receipts footed up to $14,110, which was all expended except $215.59. Mr. W. R. Brock, who presented the report, stated that the revenue was $200 less than the preceding year, but expressed a hope that the increase in the rents of the leasehold properties of the Cathedral would prevent any further deficit. Canon Dumoulin appointed Mr. W.