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McCARTHY'S EXPECTATIONS

ARE THAT THE INDEPENDENTS WILL SWEEP THE COUNTRY.

The Third Party Leader Is Very Optimistic —"My Party" Or the Patrons Will Have a Majority In the Next Dominion House—Nova Scotia Liberal Leaders To Enter Dominion Politics.

Montreal, Sept. 7.—Mr. D'Alton McCarthy returned to-day from the Maritime Provinces. In an interview on the political situation he said:

"The Independents, either members of my own party or of the Patrons of Industry, will have the majority in the House of Commons after the next election beyond a doubt. No one who travels through Ontario can shut his eyes to the fact that there is a great revulsion of feeling against the Government. The farmers now appear to realize more fully that the trade policy of the Government operates directly against them, discriminating against them in favor of the manufacturer. The Patrons of Industry, which is a result of this revulsion of feeling, is one of the most remarkable cases of an awakening by the agricultural classes on record.

D'Alton Not a P.P.A. Man.

"When you concede a majority in Ontario to the Independents, do you mean the Patrons of Industry, the P.P.A. or your own party?"

"Well, whatever you do, do not connect me with the P.P.A., as I know nothing about them. I have a party of my own, and we expect to make a creditable showing in the elections. We have candidates in the field already, and we shall get other men out as soon as possible. To-night I leave for Winchester Springs, in Dundas County, where I speak to-morrow at a meeting which will probably bring another candidate out.

No McCarthy Candidates Where Patrons Run.

"In quite a number of counties we shall not bring out candidates, on account of the Patrons of Industry being in the field. Their views on the trade policy accord largely with ours, and in cases where the nomination of a candidate by us would assure the return of a Government candidate, we shall, of course, abstain from putting a candidate in the field. I consequently expect that a large majority of the Ontario constituencies at the next general elections will be carried by nominees of my party or of the Patrons of Industry.

Predicts a Tory Rout in the Maritime Provinces.

"What about the Maritime Provinces?"

"Well, as you know, I have just been in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and have addressed several meetings there. I found the people there just about the same as we are in Ontario, pretty thoroughly dissatisfied with the present Administration. This feeling is particularly marked in Nova Scotia, where a general Tory rout is predicted. Mr. Longley may enter Dominion politics, and so may their Provincial Premier, Mr. Fielding, who is by long odds the most popular who is by long odds the most popular and in every way the strongest man in the province. If these two men enter the contest they can easily carry Nova Scotia against the Dominion Government."

Claims That Hon. Mr. Foster Will Be Defeated.

"And in New Brunswick?"

"There those opposed to the Government are not quite so sanguine, but there will be some surprising changes. It is a foregone conclusion that the Hon. Peter Mitchell will carry Northumberland, while everybody expects Colonel Domville to comfortably defeat Hon. George E. Foster in Queen's. There will be a close and interesting contest in the St. John city divisions, with prospects, if anything, very dark for the Government candidates."

RAINY RIVER BUSH FIRES.

Many Settlers Reported Missing—Towns Threatened With Destruction.

Rat Portage, Sept. 7.—From latest reports it is learned that bush fires are sweeping the whole length of the Rainy River. Fort Francis was threatened, but the citizens have succeeded in checking the flames. At Barwick, Thomas Weston and Arthur Ion have lost their houses, barns, outbuildings and all the contents. The postoffice at Emo narrowly escaped.

Philip Dorton, James Robertson, William Dormer, August Hunsedorf, George Watts, Horace Thecker and others lost their houses.

The Indians at Sault and Manitou Rapids have lost their hay crops.

Mayor Savage of Rat Portage has called a meeting of the Town Council to devise means for granting assistance, and has wired the Ontario Government for help. Temporary relief goes by the next boat. The settlers had no fire insurance, and are homeless and destitute.

Forest fires along the Sault Rapids swept with fury on both sides of Rainy River. Millions of feet of pine were destroyed. All the crops, buildings, horses and cattle are gone.

No loss of life occurred on the American side, but the fire is still raging.

Hannaford was safe at last reports. Fort Francis had a narrow escape.

Twelve families at Grassy River-road lost everything and are in want. Rainy Lake City is safe.

Many Settlers Missing.

Winnipeg, Sept. 7.—Rainy River advices state that a large number of settlers are still missing, and friends are searching the burning districts in hopes of securing their bodies or finding them alive.

A New Auctioneer Firm.

Our advertising columns announce the formation of a co-partnership between Messrs. C. M. Henderson and R. A. Smith, under the firm name of C. Henderson & Co. This will undoubtedly be the strongest auctioneering firm in Canada. Everybody knows "Charlie" Henderson, and his superior business abilities in all branches of commerce. It is an undisputed fact that he has never yet had an equal in his line, a testimony to this being found in the circumstance that he is and has been for many years offic al auctioneer for for the Imperial and Dominion Governments.

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HID THE CORPSE IN THE RIVER.

Killed In a Field at Midnight Mrs. Lafrance's Body Was Dragged To a Swamp and Thrown In the River.

Hogansburg, Sept. 7.—Two weeks ago three people mysteriously disappeared from the Indian reservation at St. Regis, and the discovery of a blood-stained axe and signs of a desperate and sanguinary struggle in a field, led to the conclusion that a murder had been committed. Sufficient ghastly evidence was found to show that the disfigured corpse of some one of the three missing people was lying at the bottom of the St. Lawrence. The affair occurred in what is called the Racquet River-road, about four miles from St. Regis village, and two from Hogansburg.

Yesterday the mystery was cleared up by the finding of the body of Mrs. Mary Anne Lafrance, the missing woman, in the river below here terribly mutilated.

An Indian named White, who lived with her and the suspected murderer, has been arrested.

The Triple Disappearance.

The murdered woman was a squaw, who was very good looking, and had many friends among the men of the tribe, and this added to the fact that she had more than her share of matrimonial troubles caused much talk. Lately her husband, Frank Lafrance, who had been absent from home for a considerable time, returned. Mrs. Lafrance lived with her two little children in a two-story frame farm house. A near neighbor was Mrs. Louis Paul, who had matrimonial troubles and male friends of her own. Mrs. Paul's husband Louis was generally supposed to have been one of his wife's neighbor's particular friends. The best of feeling, however, existed between the two women, notwithstanding this incident. The disappearances were three in number. First, there was Lafrance, who said he was going to look for work around the neighboring towns. He was last seen on Tuesday evening. Then there was Paul, who was last seen on Tuesday evening. To complete the trio there was Mary Anne Lafrance, who was also last seen on Tuesday evening.

Killed and Dragged To a Swamp.

Neighbors assert that late on Tuesday night they heard screams and moans from the field, where the murder is supposed to have occurred. Then came the finding of the blood. The Indian, who happened to go early in the morning through the fields behind the house where Mrs. Lafrance lived, found a spot of considerable size, which showed evidence of a severe struggle between two or three people. All around was the blood still wet in places, leaving no doubt someone had been killed there after making a desperate fight for life. A broad track, which showed evidence of a heavy body having been dragged along, led a hundred yards back to the swamp. The track was marked with blood. In the swamp the body had been allowed to rest for some time.

Carried to the River in a Buggy.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. Bero took charge of the official investigation, and came to the conclusion that the corpse was carried in a buggy back across country to the edge of the river. The wagon tracks were there fresh, and between them a track of blood. The buggy had evidently been driven right into the river, unloaded and then driven back. Wednesday morning a man named White was met driving the vehicle, the wheels of which seemed to have been recently washed, but blood was smeared at various places on the left wheels. White, on Wednesday, went to Mrs. Lefrance's house and brought the two little children to St. Regis, where he left them with a family named Bock.

Incriminating Evidence.

The same man White was seen early on Wednesday morning in the act of covering up the bloody spot in the swamp with weeds. He told people that Mrs. Lafrance had gone to Massena late on Tuesday night.

This man, towards midnight after the day the murder is supposed to have been committed, called on a woman he knew. She, however, refused to see him, as she was afraid of him. He left bloody finger marks on the door and the window blinds against which he knocked. A search in his house revealed hidden in a corner a big ax. It had recently been washed, but was covered in various places on the handle and head with splashes of fresh blood. In the stove, which was hardly cold, were found the burned remains of a shawl, which from the pattern was proved to have belonged to Mrs. Lafrance, a buggy blanket and a pair of shoes.

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Smoke Derby Plug Smoking Tobacco—5, 10 and 20-cent plugs. Take no other. Union make.

Two Toronto Opium Smugglers Caught.

St. Clair, Mich., Sept. 7.—John Jacobs and John Gree of Toronto were arrested early this morning just after landing from a row boat, in which were two trunks, containing 600 lbs. of opium, which was seized. The prisoners had previously arranged for a horse and wagon, which was in waiting to carry away the trunks.

Hear lecture on the "Accident of the Cradle," Forum Hall, Yonge-Gerrard, Sunday night. T. C. Jackson, speaker.

Fort Erie Pool Rooms Raided.

Fort Erie, Sept. 7.—The policy room here is closed. The chief of police and detectives made a raid on the policy room this morning and arrested one of the employes and closed up the place. The principals escaped to Uncle Sam's domain.

Smokers are to get special prices during the Fair. Alive Bollard.

Hamilton Steamboat Company Fined.

Hamilton, Sept. 7.—This morning the Hamilton Steamboat Co. was fined $50 for running the steamer Mazeppa to Toronto for running in the Bay only. for running in the Bay only.

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A MAGNIFICENT BANQUET.

PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT TO MAYOR KENNEDY.

Words of Praise For the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York—150 Prominent Citizens Foregather and Testify To the Worth of Its President.

It may be said without exaggeration that for elegance of appointment, attention to details and completeness of arrangements the banquet of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association held last night at the Queen's Hotel equals, if not surpasses, anything of the kind that has ever taken place in Toronto before. The banquet was in honor of the presence in Toronto of President Edward B. Harper, Counsellor Frederick A. Burnham and Vice-President J. D. Wells, and close upon 150 guests, consisting of prominent men and officials of the company in Canada were present.

Advantage was also taken of the occasion to present Mayor Kennedy with a life-size portrait of himself in oil by J. W. L. Forster, as a mark of appreciation on the part of the Association of his untiring zeal on behalf of the Association in Canada.

The banqueting hall was a sight well worth beholding. It was most tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and with the artistically-arranged tables, presented a most picturesque appearance. Behind the chair of the president for the evening, W. J. McMurtry, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were festooned with the artistically-arranged tables ed together, as showing the international character of the gathering.

The dinner itself was of a nature to please the most fastidious epicure, and the menu was worthy of a Lord Mayor's banquet.

During the evening a fine selection of music was provided by Glionna's orchestra, and the "Virginian" quartette rendered a number of plantation ditties. Altogether, what with the dinner, the music, the speeches and Mumm's extra dry, of which there was an unlimited supply, the guests passed a most enjoyable night's entertainment.

Toasts and Speeches.

After the toasts to the Queen and the President of the United States, which were honored with the singing of "God Save the Queen" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," Chairman McMurtry introduced President Harper.

President Harper, who on rising was greeted with loud applause and the singing of "He's a Daisy," said: Many pleasant duties have befallen my lot since I became President of the Mutual Reserve, but none have given me warmer satisfaction than the reception which I have received here to-night, and the beholding of your beautiful city this afternoon. But one of the most charming events of my life is about to take place now. It is friendship that brings me here to-night to do honor to a gentleman with whom I have had the great pleasure of being associated for a great number of years, the Chief Executive of this great city, Mayor Kennedy. In all these years I have watched his incoming and his outgoing. I have beheld his devotion to principle, his attention to duty, his desire to do right, his opposition to wrong, his independence of character, and above all his love for his fellow-men. Men who love you, Mr. Mayor, men who adore you, men who bow to your manhood, dedicate this picture to you to-night and ask that you and your family may retain it as an heirloom for all time to come.

The Mayor's Portrait.

The portrait, which, up to this time had been covered up, was exposed amid loud applause.

Mayor Kennedy, in assepting the portrait said that to him that evening would have ben a very pleasant one were he there under ordinary circumstances, but as it was he found his position one of great embarrassment. He called the attention of the chairman to the fact that the gentlemen he saw befor him were representative of the intelligence of the City of Toronto. There were present members of the legal and medical professions, college and university representatives and commercial men, in a word, the elite and the literate of the city. Nearly all these gentlemen were constituents of the Mutual Reserve Society of New York, interested in its success, prosperity and final triumphs. Nothing could have occurred more unexpectedly than the presentation of the portrait to him. Years ago he was induced to take out a small policy in the Mutual Life, but he had no idea then that it would result in this magnificent gathering, the very flattering remarks which their chairman had uttered and the presentation of his picture in oils. There was one thing of which he was conscious, and that was that he was totally undeserving of the complimentary remarks of President Harper. It was with a feeling of deep gratitude that he accepted the picture; he would be pleased to keep it in his humble home, and when he had passed away his children would doubtless look upon it with pleasure. Mayor Kenedy concluded his remarks with a patriotic address, in which he urged that the United States and the British Empire should work together in the Uinterests of peace. England and the United States should go hand-in-hand, not drawing blood, but traveling together in the walks of commerce and science and literature. These were the victories that ought to be achieved; they were bloodless and they would last forever. (Applause.)

Farmer-General Dryden's Reply.

Farmer-General Dryden proposed the toast, "The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York." The Association, he said, had now became world-wide, and it had gathered to itself friends everywhere. It had gone forward with leaps and bounds that were sufficient to startle those who endeavored to oppose it. It had met with vigorous opposition in some directions, but the Mutual Reserve had thus far been able to answer it with increased prosperity. The success which it had achieved had not come by accident. Brains and enterprise had been the guiding star of the ship. If he read correctly, the history of this association, its success had been largely due to one man, namely, President Harper. He welcomed Mr. Harper and his associates to Toronto and Canada. We could not show him many large cities, but we could show him now that Barnum was dead, the "greatest show on earth." (Laughter and applause.)

President Harper, in responding to the toast, "The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York," read a long statement, containing many convincing and interesting facts. He stated that with one exception the Mutual Reserve carried more insurance on its books than any other insurance company in Canada. He wished them to understand that the association did not ask them for their money, merely to take it into the United States. The association was an international body, embracing all countries and linking the people of the world together.

Counsellor Burnham, in an amusing speech, gave his hearers an idea of the duties of his office, and caused considerable laughter by relating the different methods adopted by swindlers to entrap the association, and showing how it was necessary for the counsellor of the company to be the possessor of a watchful eye. The Mutual Reserve, he said, was paying on the average three claims a day, and handing over its counters to the widows and the orphans at least $10,000 a day.

Vice-President Wells also spoke in this connection.

The other toasts on the list were: "The Legal and Medical Professions," responded to by William White, Q.C., Pembroke; "Trade and Commerce," responded to by Messrs. Willison, Sheppard and W. F. McLean; and "The Ladies," responded to by R. M. Wells.

The proceeding were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem at a little before 1 o'clock.

TWO DUCK HUNTERS DROWNED.

The Trip of Three Waiters Ends In the Death of Two of Them—A Desperate Struggle For Life.

At early dawn yesterday dawn yesterday morning John Minnis, waiter at the Toronto Club, and James Rivett, waiter at George S. McKonkey's, lost their by drowning in Ashbridge's Bay, and B. O. Furey, also a waiter at McKonkey's, escaped death only after a desperate struggle in the water, having sunk sseveral times in his efforts to save the life of one of his companions.

Early yesterday morning the three pushed off from the boat houses at Ashbridge's Bay, bent on a duck-shooting expedition. They had not proceeded far when their skiff grounded in the shore of one of the channels leading out from the marsh.

In their efforts to float her they all three crowded to the stern, one of them using an oar to shove off. The greaat weight in the stern and the breaking of the oar caused the boat tosuddenly overturn and precipitate the occupants into the water.

Although Minnis was generally supposed to be a good swimmer, when the boat keeled he sunk, and was never seen to rise. Rivett and Flurey rose to the surface, Rivett clinging to Flurey's shoulders. The latter is a powerful swimmer, and assured Rivett he would do his best to save him.

A Fight For Life.

Meanwhile the boat had risen, keel upward. Furey seized the keel, hoping thereby to gain some support, but the combined weight of two, with their water-soaked garments, was so great the boat kept turning beneath them.

They sank three times and as often rose again, Rinett still retaining the hold he had on Furey when they were first thrown into the water. But in rising the third time he released his grasp and, throwing his arms wildly into the air, shouted, "Good-bye, old man, I'm going."

Furey turned and saw his companion's stomach become inflated as though it were made of rubber, and his face turning black, he dissapeared from view.

Although almost exhausted and weighted down by heavy clothing, with the courage and strength of desperation Furey managed to reach the shore. Too feeble to rise from his knees he shouted for assistance, and was soon rescued by a boatman who heard his cries.

George Platt, Alexander Day, 31 McGee-street, Benjamin Corson, 47 Booth-avenue, started dragging for the bodies. They found them shortly after 7 o'clock lying in ten feet of water. Patrol wagon No. 1 was called, and the bodies removed to the morgue. The condition and appearance of Minnis' body showed that he made a desperate struggle for his life while lying beneath the waves. His features wore even in death a wild determined look, while his hair had been almost completely torn from his body, and the blood flowed from deep wounds in his neck and shoulders. A watch found in his pockets had stopped at 5.15.

South Kilkenny Elects a Healyite.

Dublin, Sept. 7.—Samuel Morris was elected to Parliament for South Kilkenny yesterday without opposition. Mr. Morris belongs to the Healyite faction of the Irish party.

Lord Swansea On British Politics.

Montreal, Sept. 7.—Lord Swansea is in town en route for Sudbury. He is one of the "Radcliffes" created by Gladstone, and is chairman of one of the largest nickel mining companies in the world. In an interview he said:

"It is intolerable that a body like the House of Lords should be able to trample on the popular will. Its reform is absolutely necessary. I would not advise the total abolition of the Chamber, however." He thinks Mr. Gladstone, though an old man, will lead the Liberal party once more, although his leadership is not essential to the success of the party. Lord Swansea is a strong Home Ruler.

Great Horse and Cattle Sale.

Extraordinary interest is being manifested by visitors from all parts of the country in the sale of the horses, cattle, carriages, etc., belonging to the estate of the late George R. Hogaboom, which takes place at Grand's Repository on Tuesday next, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. The stock is all on view at the Repository, and includes several fast trotters and roadsters, among which will be found "May F," 2.29 1-2, and Sunbeam, 2.39 1-2; also the magnificent golden chestnut carriage mare "Indian Queen," the high-stepping bay colt "Brightlight" winner of second prize in dog cart class at the Industrial Exhibition this week, and many other horses of equal merit.

So closely were the points contested in the usual debate this week at Church's Auto-Voce School for the cure of Stammering that the chairman was unable to render a decision. The subject was: Resolved, "That Women Have Greater Influence Than Men." The speakers were all young ladies of the school.

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JAPAN OUTWITS THE CHINESE

CAPTURES AN IMPORTANT ISLAND NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

China Buys One-Half of Chili's Navy—The Bombardment of Wai-Hai-Wei Described By a British Naval Officer—China Evading a Decisive Meeting With Japan.

London, Sept. 7.—A despatch from Shanghai says that a strong force of Japanese troops has occupied an island in Society Bay, northwest of Port Arthur. The Chinese were taken completely by surprise and offered no opposition to the occupation of the island or the landing of the large quantity of arms, ammunition, provisions, etc., which are being stored there. Everything connected with the affair indicates the purpose of the Japanese to stand a siege until the force occupying the island shall have been reinforced sufficiently to justify an attack upon Port Arthur.

The Reported Bombardment of Wei-Hai-Wei.

Victoria, B.C., Sept. 7.—The steamship Empress of China arrived here Wednesday, 11 days from Yokohama, after a very uneventful voyage. She brings late news as to the Chinese-Japanese war. The anti-English sentiment in Japan is being fostered by the Government, and it daily grows stronger.

The reported bombardment of Wei-Hai-Wei by the Japanese fleet of 21 ships early in August appears to have been for the purpose of estimating the ranges. According to the officers of H.M.S. Mercury, who witnessed the bombardment, the fleet consisted of 21 vessels, exclusive of torpedo boats, and was split up into three divisions. The Japanese approached a fortress from the south and maneuvred their ships about as the shots fell short or wide, so as to ascertain with the most deliberate accuracy the range of the guns on shore. A couple of dozen shots were discharged by the Japanese to keep up the play, after which two of the divisions steamed off towards Port Arthur. Saturday morning, Aug. 11, H.M.S. Porthorse left Che Foo for Wei-Hai-Wei to take on board the women, children and all others who desired to remove from the town. Four days later Admiral Ting became obtained a promise from the Japanese to give 48 hours' notice before bombarding Wei-Hai-Wei or Che Foo, so as to give all foreigners an opportunity to leave those places, if they desired to do so. At the time of the sailing of the Empress of China, the combatants were engaged in strengthening their respective positions, and estimating the strength of the enemy.

China Buys Half the Chilian Navy.

The first war loan of the Japanese, amounting to thirty million yen, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent., is being rapidly taken up. On the other hand China is said to have directed all her agents to bestir themselves in the purchase of first-class cruisers, battleships, arms and ammunition. China is also reported to have entered into a contract with Chili to purchase half of its navy. The Yokohama Advertiser says that half of the purchase price has already been paid, and that the ships are even now due to arrive in Chinese waters.

The Position of Affairs.

The North China Daily News on the 13th summarized the situation as follows: The Chinese navy is evading a trial of strength, which the Japanese appear to be seeking. Admiral Ting, recognizing the fact that if the fleet is destroyed just now, there is not very much to hinder the enemy from marching upon Pekin. Meanwhile Japan has enormously strengthened her military position in Corea. The Chinese force at Yashan has been entirely annihilated. Reinforcements have been landed at Fusan and Gensen, converging upon Phyongang, some distance to the north of Seoul, in readiness to meet the Chinese army, which is said to have crossed into Corea from Manchuria, but we learn that Corean troops were only three days' march from Seoul on Saturday.

The attitude of the European powers still is, and must remain, worthy of the utmost attention of the Oriental press. In discussing the neutrality of Russia The Kokeumin Shimbun states that the Czar's government has announced that it will observe neutrality so long as Russian territory is not interfered with. This practically amounts to a declaration of neutrality, as the war cannot by any means extend to the Russian territory. The British policy, next to the Russian, is a matter of the utmost concern to the belligerents and to all the residents of the East.

France Acting in Concert With Russia.

The British admiral, Fremantle, is determined to have a force in these waters sufficient to protect all British subjects and enforce the recognition of British rights. It is rumored that Admiral Fremantle has telegraphed for reinforcements from the Pacific squadron. It was known in Chee-Foo when the Linnet left that the French squadron on the China station was going to Vladivostock, and it is expected that they will act in concert with the Russian fleet in the event of any complications between the European powers arising out of the Corean war.

Japan Has 100,000 Men In Corea.

London, Sept. 7.—A despatch from Yokohama says that the Japanese Marshal Yamagata started for Corea on Thursday to assume command of the Japanese army in that country. The Japanese forces in Corea will soon number 100,000.

North American Life Assurance Company

The North American Life Assurance Company has had a successful year's business and improved its position in several particulars in 1893.

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Grand's Repository.

Mr. W. A. Weese of Lindsay has just arrived with a carload of first-class heavy draught and general purpose horses to be sold immediately after the Hogaboom estate sale on Tuesday next.

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SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY.

John Wilson Slashed With a Razor By An Alleged Highwayman—His Wounds May Prove Fatal.

A serious stabbing affray, which may yet prove fatal, took place shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Simcoe-street near St. James' Hotel, the victim being a young Englishman named John Wilson.

Wilson was walking south in Simcoe-street, when he was accosted by George Elliott, who made a demand for money. Wilson refused to comply with his request, when Elliott whipped out a razor, with the remark, "I'll kill you, then."

Wilson closed with his antagonist, who was slashing fiercely at his victim's face, and the two staggered into a lane, where the fight was continued until Wilson became weakened from loss of blood, and fell to the ground with many ugly gashes in his face and neck.

Elliott thought he had succeeded in carrying out his threat to murder Wilson, and pocketing the razor fled down Simcoe-street. Two newsboys who had been attracted by the fight gave the alarm. Detective Davis and Acting-Detective Macdonald, who were in the vicinity, were soon on the scene.

Macdonald took charge of the wounded man, and Davis went in quest of the would-be murderer. He came up with him in the Esplanade near Bay-street. Before Elliott was aware of his arrest Davis had slid his hands into Elliott's pockets and secured the razor with which the slashing was done. Elliott drew a knife and attacked the detective, but a blow from Davis' arm laid him out. He was sent to Police Headquarters, where he gave his address as Ottawa. Wilson was taken to the General Hospital in the ambulance, being very weak from loss of blood. His injuries may yet prove fatal.

UNCONSCIOUS IN A BARN.

The Sad Plight of An Elderly Man of Weak Mind.

William Murdoch, an elderly man of weak mind, was found lying in a semi-conscious condition in an outbuilding in rear of a store on College-street, near Bathurst, last night. He claimed to have been assaulted, and a wound on top of his head seems to bear out his story.

He was removed to the General Hospital in the ambulance.

HOW THEY TELL.

A Shre Index of the Number of Visitors in the City.

The condition of business at the corner of King and Yonge-streets—Dineens' corner—is a sure index of the attendance of visitors in the city. The Toronto trade is regular, and will continue regular throughout the season, but when a crowd of visitors arrives in the city, it is immediately known at Dineens'.

W. & D. Dineen and their business are well known all through the Dominion. This attested by the large percentage of visitors who purchase their hats and furs at the big store.

That there are big crowds in the city for the Fair is evidenced by the great increase in business during the last day or two.

There has been an extraordinary demand for the new fall hats, much greater even than the firm's expectations. Hundreds of silks, Derbys and fedoras in all the new blocks are being sold every day.

The $2 and $3 hats are taking likea $wiftfire. Already many hundreds of these $handsome hats have been sold, and the $tock is beginning to show signs of depletion.

High-class English and American hats—by the best makers on earth—are also in much demand, as the best men in the city invariably buy their hats at Dineens'.

Sunbeams Have Kissed Their Cheeks.

September, the sweetest of Canadian months, is here again. So is the summer girl and summer man. The former is proud of her achievements in the way of mahogany-tinted complexion and bewitching freckles. The summer man feels glad to be back again in his line to get rid of quinsis new and rich fall neckties. The way these ties are being bought up is a highly significant omen for returning prosperity. Very soon hard times will hardly be a memory.

Discovered in Broad Daylight.

While numbers of our city police were at home yesterday resting themselves, because they were up the day before, a clever work was being done. While digging through, and immediately over the main office in Gurney's foundry, we discovered the finest line of stoves in the world, and can be seen at the lightning plumbers and stove experts. Write, call or phone. 1820. Hallarn & Hayes, 204 Queen west.

Remember, we are the only organized union plug tobacco factory in Canada and only employ skilled labor. Try our Derby Plug Smoking Tobacco.

A Big Blow.

Passers by cannot fail to notice the cartoon in our window, illustrating Our Big Blow in Fifty Cent Scarf. They are the nobbiest and most stylish goods ever shown at the price. Open till 10 o'clock during Exhibition. Sword, 55 King east.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch Whisky as supplied to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Smoke Derby Plug Smoking Tobacco—5 10 and 20-cent plugs. Made only by D Ritchie & Co., the only organized union plug tobacco factory in Canada.

Hints To Exhibition Visitors.

To see and enjoy the Exhibition properly—go early, wear loose shoes; but above all, get up your strength and nerves to be able to hold your own in the crush, by taking "Manley's" Celery Nerve Compound, with Beef, Iron and Wine."—It never fails. All druggists sell it. 246

Hear lecture on the "Accident of the Cradle," Forum Hall, Yonge-Gerrard, Sunday night. T. C. Jackson, speaker.

Loans at Lowest Rates.

Owners of central productive properties can secure loans at most favorable rates by making personal application at the office of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, 5 King-street west. 6

Clarets, Burgundies and Hocks. Send for price list. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

Allays thirst and invigorates the entire system. Adams' Tutti Frutti, recommended by the highest medical authorities.

"Kennethene" extracts grease, oil and paint from all clothing. 246

BIRTHS.

GOODMAN—At 578 Sherbourne-street, on Wednesday, Sept. 5, a son to the wife of Henry Goodman of the Langmuir Manufacturing Co.

MARRIAGES.

McEWAN-GRINNELL—On Friday, Sept. 6, by the Rev. Mr. Barkwell, W. B. McEwan of the T.S.R. Co. to Annie, second daughter of Thomas Grinnell, coal and wood merchant.

DEATHS.

HOSREY — On the 8th inst., at her late residence, 236 Bloor-street west, Jessie Arnold, beloved wife of J. Haydn Horsey, Dominion Bank.

Funeral Tuesday next, 3 o'clock, private.

MINNIS—On Sept. 7, John Minnis, waiter at Toronto Club, accidentally drowned in Ashbridge's Bay, Toronto, aged 28 years.

Funeral private, from Mr. F. Rosar's undertaking establishment, 240 King-street east at 3.30 p.m. Saturday.

Monumental.

D. McIntosh & Sons, the leading sculptors, have best designs and most complete facilities for turning out best work in monuments, etc., in the Dominion. Showrooms, 524 Yonge-street; works, Yonge-street, Deer Park. 146

BECKONED TO HIS DEATH.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD ARTHUR KNOX KILLED BY A TROLLEY.

Completely Scalped By the Wheels of the Car and Otherwise Terribly Injured—His Mother Called For Him To Come Across the Street, and In Endeavoring To Do So He Met His Death.

Arthur W. Knox, the 5-year-old son of George Knox, 308 Queen-street west, dealer in second-hand furniture and books, was run down and instantly killed by a trolley car at Queen and Peter-streets at 5.40 Oclock last evening.

The little fellow was standing at the door of Petrie's drug store, when his mother appeared at the door of her husband's store, on the north side of the street, and called him. W conveyance was then directly in front of the Hewitt Hotel, on the corner of Peter and Queen-streets, opposite to where the boy stood, and was being driven rapidly eastward. A few yards behind the conveyance, and also eastward bound, was motor car 402, Conductor John Salen and Motorman John Foran, with a trailer in charge of Conductor R. Berrin.

Ran To His Death.

Eager to obey the call of his mother, the lad ran diagonally across the street towards his home, passing directly ahead of the rapidly moving wagon, apparently not noticing the near approach of the trolley. He succeeded in eluding the conveyance, and was immediately midway between the rails when he was struck by the motor. He fell in front of the car, and was dragged more than 30 yards before the car was stopped. When the car was brought to a standstill the body was lying beneath the motor. A bystander shouted to the motorman to pull ahead a little to enable them to reach the body.

The boy was dead when picked up by Thomas Hardie, 31 Widmer-street, an employe of the Soho-street branch of the watchmen. He was carried into the drug shop of Mr. Petrie, where it was found his skull had been fractured, the top of his head being almost torn off. A huge gash extended from the centre of the forehead around over the left ear to the back of the head, and the crown had been ground to a pulp. Both arms, both legs and many other bones were broken, and the body otherwise mutilated.

Police patrol No. 3 was summoned, and the remains removed to the undertaking establishment of H. Ellis, 283 College-street.

A Mother's Awful Shock.

When the accident occurred the mother of the lad was standing in the doorway, and when she saw her son fall beneath the wheels she dropped in a swoon. This was her only child.

William Weir, 52 Foxley-street, and Herbert Ralston, 19 Euclid-avenue, were eyewitnesses of the accident.

The motor had no guard attached.

Coroner Powell has issued a warrant for an inquest to be held this evening.

CANADA'S SOLID INSTITUTIONS.

President of the Bank of British North America Praises the Dominion.

London, Sept. 7.—Telegram special.—At the general annual meeting of the Bank of British North America to-day, Mr. Richard Glyn, the chairman, said that the result of the last half year's business had been disappointing. It had been found impossible to lend money at paying rates, that lent having been very low. The rates quoted had seriously affected the profits. The balance sheets reflected the great depression which affected the entire North American Continent. The earning power of the bank showed the same tale, but the institution's excellent position enabled the bank to take advantage of the business that was offered at paying rates. A high compliment was paid to Canada concerning the way in which her commercial concerns came through the depression. The banks were a credit to the Canadian banking system. Canada had an immense advantage in that she banked on her own capital, and had not, like other colonies, to borrow money in London on deposit, which generally fell due at inconvenient times. Not only did Canada lead in banking, but in everything affecting the welfare of the colonies.