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COUNT MERCIER'S TRANSACTIONS AS SPOTLESS AS HIS BREECHES.

Judge Jette's Minority Report States That the Ex-Premier is Fanoplied With the Virtues as With a Garment, and That He Has Been Made the Victim of the Pacauds, the Armstrongs, et al.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—The great Baie des Chaleur commission has completed its task, and the two reports, that by Judges Baby and Davidson, and the minority one by Chief Justice Jette, have both been submitted to the public. The majority report is one sweeping denunciation and condemnation of Mercier, Langelier, Pacaud, Robidoux and the other ministers, but in a lesser degree.

The document bears on it the impress of care and study.

The Jette or minority report on the other hand is diametrically opposed to the findings of the majority one, and exonerates not only Mercier, but his whole crowd, except Pacaud and Armstrong, whom it condemns in a half-hearted kind of a way. The Chief Justice has started out by taking it for granted that Mercier and his ex-colleagues spoke the truth before the commission, and taking their explanations for gospel truth finds them as white as angels. He acknowledges that the proposition that an interim report be furnished the Lieutenant-Governor came from him, and afterwards he changed his mind on seeing the draft of it submitted to him by Judges Baby and Davidson. The closing findings of the Jette reports are as follows: Summing up the facts concerning Mr. Mercier, I find as follows:

1. The note signed by Pacaud and endorsed by Mercier and other political friends for electoral purposes and contestations of elections were paid out of the $100,000 received by Pacaud from Armstrong, but the repayment was made in Mercier's absence without his consent and knowledge, and the responsibility can in no wise be imputed to him. 2. The $5000 sent to Mercier on May 15 were on deposit for that purpose with Pacaud at that date and were not taken, as far as Mr. Mercier was concerned, from the Baie des Chaleurs money. 3. The sum of $5000 sent to Mr. Mercier July 3 was advanced by Pacaud out of the funds arising from a source quite foreign to the Baie Des Chaleurs affair. As far as Mr. Mercier was concerned it ought to have been raised by means of the signed blanks given to Pacaud by Senator Pelletier, and it was in fact subsequently covered by a note written on this blank form when Mr. Pacaud judged proper to have it discounted. Messrs. Turgeon, Carrier, Pinault, Deschenes, Desmarais, Tessier and Lemieux—the names of these gentlemen, who are all members of the Legislative Assembly, have been mentioned during the enquiry in connection with certain sums received by them from Mr. Pacaud. It is only just to say that none of the facts concerning them can justify the slightest suspicion against them.

Taking the evidence on the whole I find the following facts to be established:

1. The Pacaud-Armstrong agreement is proved and even admitted, but it was made solely between Mr. Armstrong and Pacaud and neither Mr. Thom nor Mr. Cooper knew anything about it.

2. There is no proof that any of the ministers knew of this agreement prior to revelations made before the committee of the Senate.

3. None of the Ministers except Mr. Charles Langelier profited in any way from Mr. Armstrong's money.

4. Mr. Langelier does not seem to have known the source of the money that he received from Mr. Pacaud.

As Strong the Other Way.

The Baby-Davidson report takes issue completely with the Jette findings and is just as pronounced in the opposite direction.

In a carefully worded editorial to-day The Star, while not exactly condemning Judge Jette for his findings, inclines to the opinion that his deductions are wrong in principal and fact. It says:

The most astonishing feature of Judge Jette's report is the admission that the suggestion of an interim report first came from him. Months ago Judges Baby and Davidson were publicly accused of taking advantage of the illness of their colleague to make an interim report to the Lieutenant-Governor, and for months those two learned judges have been subjected to almost daily abuse for so doing. That Judge Jette could keep silent under such circumstances is, to say the least, remarkable. That Judges Baby and Davidson have also kept silent speaks volumes for their patience and dignity. The feeling in political circles here, both Liberal and Conservative, is one of intense astonishment at the Jette report. While it was generally believed that it would be a little favorable to Mercier, yet it was not expected that it would give the coat of whitewash it did.

The Conservatives are feeling sure of carrying the province as things look at present and are conceding about 25 seats only to Mercier. It is by no means certain that he will be able to carry his own county of Bonaventure.

THE ELECTION APPEALS.

The Grand Trunk Ticket Cases Before the Supreme Court.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—In the Supreme Court this morning Mr. Walter Cassels, on behalf of the appellant, made a motion to adjourn the appeal of German v. Robery, so as to give him time to get the papers in the case printed. Mr. Blackstock opposed the motion on behalf of the respondent. The court refused to grant the motion, and Mr. Cassels consented to go on with the argument in the appeal and file the papers afterwards. This was also opposed by Mr. Blackstock, but the court decided that he had no right to complain, as it was the appellant and the court who were placed at whatever disadvantage there was. The case involves the disqualification of Mr. German of Welland, against which he appeals, but does not in any way affect the seat.

Mr. McTavish intends making application to the court to have the appeal of Mr. Hargraft of West Northumberland replaced on the list. In his absence it was dismissed by the court without argument.

Mr. Osler then proceeded with the argument in the appeal against the return of Mr. Grieve, Liberal, for North Perth, dealing principally with the Grand Trunk ticket cases. The court below dismissed a petition giving the seat to Mr. Grieve. In the court to-day Mr. Osler argued that the requisition of Mr. Preston for tickets and the issuing of the accounts some months after the election showed that the tickets were expected to be paid for and was therefore a corrupt act.

The case is in progress.

EAST YORK CONSERVATIVES.

Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers—The Resolutions Passed.

The annual meeting of the East York Liberal-Conservative Association was held yesterday at Markham and brought representatives from all parts of the riding. The attendance was so large that an adjournment was effected from the council chamber to the town hall. The new constitution was adopted. The treasurer's statement showed over $50 cash in the treasury and the utmost harmony and unanimity prevailed. A vote of sympathy with Mr. Mackenzie in his illness was passed and the following officers elected: Representative to the Liberal-Conservative Union of Ontario, William Milliken; president, William Milliken; vice-president, Thomas Humberstone; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Sumerhayes; executive, the officers and the presidents and secretaries of local associations. The following motions were unanimously carried:

That this association desires to express its confidence in Senator Abbott, Premier of the Dominion, leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, and worthy successor of Sir John Macdonald, now of venerated memory.

That we view with satisfaction the manner in which his Government has answered the charges made against it, and congratulate him and the Liberal-Conservative party generally on the result of the bye-elections.

That we trust that having answered the charges made against them the Government will now be free to bring forward measures for the improvement of our country, the development of our resources, and the encouragement of home manufacturers, and our home markets.

That the Liberal-Conservative Association of East York hereby tender its thanks to W. F. Maclean, our candidate in the late election, for the splendid fight he made therein, and for his substantial services during the past eight months in looking after the revision of the voters' lists, and further that we hereby express our confiden c in him as a champion of our party.

Another resolution was carried asking the Government not to change the composition of East York in any measure of readjustment they may have in view.

Laurier at Dungannon.

DUNGANNON, Ont., Feb. 17.—The largest meeting ever held in this village was held here to-day. The meeting was in the interest of M. C. Cameron and the Agricultural Hall was packed to suffocation. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Cameron, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, W. T. R. Preston and D. McGillicuddy. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed from start to finish. Meeting closed with cheers for Laurier, Cameron and the Queen.

Political Notes.

The official count in South Victoria gives Fairbairn (Conservative) 228 majority.

In North Victoria the official count gives Hughes (Conservative) 239 majority.

GREEK MET GREEK.

And There Was the Tug-of-War—Pity the Poor Bachelor Boarders.

Edward Betts, the well-known restaurateur, has had rather a checkered career in Toronto. He has moved from one stand to another; his last landing place was 96 King-street west. For about six months he contented to a large number of nice young bachelors. But not being satisfied with the profits he sold out about a month ago to C. J. Wilson of Toronto Junction.

The consideration was $300, divided into three monthly payments of $100 each, and Mr. Betts took a bill of sale on the fixtures.

On Monday last the first note fell due and was protested.

Edward Was on the Alert.

Mr. Betts then began to hustle to get even. He had been watching the place and alleges that Wilson had not been attending to business.

Mr. Betts, armed with the bill of sale, swooped down on the place last night and moved everything out. Wilson made no very strong objection, stating that Betts would have to answer to the authorities for his action.

Incidental to the above rackets there was a good deal of fun. Betts and Wilson came in contact several times and a policeman was compelled to interfere.

Wilson says the reason he did not pay the note when due was that he had been garnished by a railroad advertising company for an account owed them by Betts amounting to $45.

The Gage of Battle.

Wilson further said that he was an American and in a polite manner asked Betts to meet him in the street and be prepared for slaughter. Betts said he could take care of himself.

The greatest sufferers are those who supped soup daily at this place; they are now in the soup, as the rule of the house was "pay strictly in advance."

While the fixtures were being moved a heavy counter tumbled over and crushed the foot of Miss Violet Cooney, who gave her address as 17 McCaul-street.

FASHIONABLE FURS.

A Few Reasons Why This is The Time to Invest in Them.

Close buying of furs and close figuring in the manufacture of fur garments enables us to sell at very close cash price, even when furs are in greatest demand and when there is occasion to hold prices. It is the high quality, the style and the low prices that have given the firm of W. & D. Dineen the leading place in the fur trade of Canada. But our usually very close prices are trimmed down considerably below even the best inducements that we have heretofore been able to offer. An opportunity for purchasing at these special reductions is confined to this month only. In about two weeks we shall begin to pack the furs away for the season. This involves expense and ties up the money that we have invested in furs for fully nine months. To avoid that we have marked down ladies' fur jackets and capes in seal, persian lamb and other furs to prices that just barely cover the actual original cost to us. Similar great reductions in prices are also made for muffs, storm collars and caps for ladies, and in men's fur coats and fur-lined coats, collars and caps. A visit to our fur parlors will prove that this is an exceptional opportunity for purchasing furs at a time when the establishment in the city or province is able to offer such inducements as may be had at W. & D. Dineen's, corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

A guardsman to defend you against coughs and colds, Adams' Wild Cherry and Licorice Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners; 5 cents.

Ald. Orr a Benedict.

St. James' Cathedral was yesterday the scene of a very happy event. This was the marriage of Dr. J. O. Orr to Miss Georgina Platt, daughter of the late John Platt, Jarvis-street. Owing to a recent bereavement in the bride's family only immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. Canon DuMoulin officiated. The bridegroom was attended at the altar by Mr. Neil McCrimmon, barrister, as his best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served at the Jarvis-street residence, and later in the day Dr. and Mrs. Orr left on a honeymoon trip to Cincinnati, St. Louis and New Orleans amid the warm congratulations of a host of friends.

A Minister's Opinion.

In very few words, and to the point, the Rev. T. G. Hawkins, pastor Baptist Church, Fenelsville, Mo., U.S.A., expresses himself. February 7, 1890: "St. Jacobs Oil is without a peer for pains, bruises, aches, etc."

Frederick Perkins' Will.

At the Surrogate Court yesterday the will of Mr. Frederick Perkins was entered for probate. The estate is valued at $215,240, apportioned as follows: Household goods, $6000; mortgages, $600; shares and stocks, $80,000; cash, $4000; other personal property, $35,000; realty, $150,000.

It is surprising how cheaply people live who own their own homes and have no rent to pay. Now in the east and northeast end of Toronto nice comfortable solid brick and brick front houses are to be bought very cheaply on such easy terms as would suit any employed person. Call on John G. Harvey, 670 Gerrard-street east. Telephone 2388. 246

The Dead.

Mrs. Dunn, wife of City Weighman, Robert Dunn, died yesterday morning from pneumonia following la grippe.

Messrs. Millichamp & Sons have in their show window a remarkable specimen of the carver's art in the shape of a mantel. It is very rich and elaborate and executed in the style in vogue in the time of Queen Elizabeth. The peculiarity of the work is that everything is left rough as from the carver's tools and the effect is wonderfully good. 246

A LIVELY NIGHT PROMISED

WHEN THE IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL IS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Sexton Looming Into Prominence in the British House of Commons—He Promises That Mr. Balfour's Irish Bill Will Not Be Received Without Contest—General Cable News.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons to-day the bill introduced by Thomas J. Condon, M.P. for East Tipperary, extending the municipal franchise in Ireland so that municipal authorities in that country will have powers similar to the same class of officials in England, passed its second reading.

The Government did not oppose the measure.

Mr. Sexton expressed regret for the absence of W. L. Jackson, Chief Secretary for Ireland, during the discussion of the first Irish bill of the session, and said Mr. Balfour's Irish Local Government bill would not be received without contest when it is introduced. He promised the Government a lively night.

John P. Nolan (member for North Galway) moved the second reading of the bill to enlarge Irish laborers' allotments and to empower local authorities to purchase land for the erection of laborers' houses.

In making the motion Mr. Nolan said the bill would enable the laborers to improve their position as they had done in the colonies and the United States.

Mr. Balfour opposed the motion. He said the bill would take the money provided by his own (Balfour's) Irish Land Purchase Act for the creation of small holdings in order to purchase cottages a very little cheaper than they could otherwise be obtained.

Mr. Balfour denied that his land act was a failure and declared that it was yet too soon to judge of its operation.

Mr. Sexton said he did not see why a small portion of the land act funds should not be devoted to the present scheme.

Mr. John E. Redmond demanded the application of the cloture, but the Speaker refused to close the debate.

BALFOUR ON IRISH QUESTION.

The First Lord of the Treasury Addresses the Constitutional Club.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Constitutional Club gave a banquet to-night in honor of Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury.

Mr. Balfour, in a speech, said that besides their inability to define their Irish policy the Gladstonians were in a dilemma.

They had made one set of promises to the English electors and another to the Irish electors. The question was: Who would be elected? Who would be the dupes? He believed that the general election would show that the patience of the English electors had been exhausted. If the Home Rule bill was carried the Irish members would be so many soldiers of fortune supporting any government willing to extend the already undue limits granted by the bill to an Irish Parliament. The Gladstonians brought no pressure upon the Government to dissolve Parliament. In fact they dreaded nothing more than a return to power with a majority dependent on the Irish party.

A Suit for a Pound of Flesh.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—At Frankfort a professional nurse allowed a piece of flesh to be severed from her arm by a surgeon and transplanted into an open wound on the body of a wealthy patient. She now claims that the surgeon cut too much away, and she is suing him for damages on the ground of unnecessary injury to herself.

Death of the Man Who Shot at Bismarck.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Kulmann, the journeyman cooper, who shot at Prince Bismarck, July 13, 1874, at Kissingen, slightly wounding him, died last night in the penitentiary at Arneburg in Prussian Saxony.

He had been sentenced originally to 14 years' penal servitude, but his term had been several times increased as a punishment for his unruly conduct while in prison.

Suicide of Matthew Arnold's Nephew.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—Dr. Howard Arnold, the nephew of Matthew Arnold, has committed suicide while temporarily insane from the effects of influenza and insomnia by taking prussic acid.

Chat from Over the Sea.

Plots to kill President Montt and Gen. Canto of Chili have been discovered and thwarted.

Riots in which several persons were severely injured occurred during the elections in Japan.

The snowfall in the Eastern and Central Alps has been incessant since Friday, and it now lies to a depth of from 12 to 16 feet.

Seven Arabs, who had sought shelter in a grotto at Kouba, a village near Algiers, were all killed by the collapsing of the roof of the grotto.

The British ship Soudan, which left Tacoma in November for Antwerp, has been wrecked at Ascension. The crew were saved.

Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption. A stream of lava issues from the base of the Great Cone and flows into the Atrio del Cavello.

Terrible snowstorms are raging in Galicia. The snow is piled up in immense drifts and traffic on the railroads is almost wholly suspended. Wagon roads are also badly blockaded.

Trains bearing doctors, medicine, disinfectants and everything that can be used in combating contagious diseases have been despatched to the Russian provinces in which typhus fever is raging, and every effort will be made to stamp out this disease and smallpox.

A despatch from Coleraine in county Londonderry says that Mrs. Anna Margaret Montagu, daughter of Robert Montagu, was committed for trial on the charge of causing the death of her daughter, Mary Helen Montagu, a child only three years of age, whom she fastened to the wall by a chain and padlock and left to perish.

It is believed a number of vessels bound to or from European ports were lost in the storm that prevailed yesterday and the night before last, and that their loss will be only positively known when they are posted at the various maritime headquarters. Some fishermen report that they passed at sea the body of a woman on which was a life buoy.

Another popular idol fell to the ground and was smashed to-day. Miss Daisy Hopkins, the "Cambridge heroine," was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly and for using obscene language and assaulting the police. Daisy Hopkins will be remembered as the heroine of the Cambridge "Spinning House" outrage.

Catching Up.

At this season there is always a slackness in business. J. Fraser Bryce, photographer, 107 King-street west, claims that for months past he has not been able to keep up with his orders, but will now be as usual, all promptness. 246

Pin Tickets.

A full line of pin tickets and string tags always in stock. H. M. Blight, 51 Yonge-street. 246

IT MAY BE A MURDER.

Tragedy in an Orillia Hotel Last Evening—A Bullet Lodged in an Inoffensive Man's Lung.

ORILLIA, Ont., Feb. 17.—The barroom of the Queen's Hotel was to-night the scene of a shooting tragedy, by which A. B. Tudhope nearly lost his life, and William Hood lies in the lockup under a charge that may yet be murder. Hood, who came to Orillia last spring, from Streetsville, and erected a shooting gallery near the lake, was a hard drinker, and for three days prior to this evening had not drawn a sober breath. He was in the Queen's bar about 7 o'clock, when Tudhope came in and began chaffing him, ultimately in play throwing Hood on the floor and sitting on him. Hood suddenly turned over, whisked a 32-calibre revolver from his hip pocket, and pointing it at Tudhope's heart sent the ball on its errand.

Tudhope was carried into the sitting-room and medical aid at once summoned. The ball entered the body immediately below the heart from the back, and it is presumed lodged in the lung. To-night the wounded man is resting fairly easily and has a chance, though a slight one, for his life.

Hood was placed under arrest.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Ran Through His Money and Found a Pauper's Grave.

There is a new-made grave in the potter's field in East Toronto Village, round which a sad story centres. Eight years ago James. C. Renshaw came to Toronto from England with a large sum of money left him by aristocratic relatives. He boarded with John Ryan, 149 George-street, by whom he was much esteemed. His landlady was much surprised when informed last night by The World that her boarder was dead. She said that Mr. Renshaw had left three weeks before, complaining that he was not well. A few days after a gentleman called and said Mr. Renshaw was very ill. He left the man's clothes, as the board bill had not been paid. The gentleman calling was Mr. Wiggins of East Toronto, who had known Renshaw in better days. He received the unfortunate man into his own home, where he died of rapid consumption. He was buried at the expense of the municipality.

IMPALED ON A SLEIGH STAKE.

Frightful Injury to a Farmer Near Sault Ste. Marie.

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Feb. 17.—Pere Johnson, a farmer of Tarentorus township, 65 years of age, was drawing hay from a neighbor's loft. As soon as sufficient hay had been thrown down to fill the weighing Johnson slid down upon it and assisted in weighing it. The sleigh was fitted with an ordinary cordwood rack, the stakes being sharpened to a keen point to admit a free passage through the hay. In making his descent from the loft to the load Johnson slipped and fell on the sleigh. One of the stakes entering the inner part of his thigh passed up through his body and out again in front of the abdomen. McGill was paralyzed with horror and bereft of strength for a time, but, recovering his self-control, he lifted Johnson off the stake. Doctors think the man may recover.

Judge Mathieu's Successor.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—Hon. Simon Pagnuelo, Judge of the Superior Court, has been appointed successor to Judge Mathieu in the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Mercier letters of credit and the Whalen charge.

A Toronto Crook Sentenced.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—Mark Lewis, alias Frank Williams, a well-known Toronto crook, whose picture decorates the Toronto rogues' gallery, was sentenced to six months in jail as a vagrant by the police magistrate to-day.

C.P.R. Double Tracking.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—It is officially announced that the Canadian Pacific will be made a double track line between Winnipeg and Fort William at an early date. The improvements to be made entail an enormous amount of work and expenditure.

A Well-Known Turfman Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Capt. William Conner, the well-known turfman, died to-day, aged 60 years. He was formerly proprietor of the St. James Hotel, New York, and the author of several articles on turf matters. He was also at one time manager for Messrs. McCullough and Lawrence Barrett.

Her Majesty's Vets.

The Army and Navy Veterans held a special meeting last night in Occident Hall, President R. Waterhouse in the chair. The purpose of the meeting was the discussion of ways and means in connection with the new Army and Navy Veterans' Club and Home. A committee was appointed and the matter was placed in the club's solicitor's hands. Several alterations were made in the bylaws and three new members. Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison, Thomas Pillor, 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade, and John Holgate, 13th Batt., admitted.

The annual concert will take place in March. Henceforth the meetings of the order will take place on the first Tuesday in each month.

North American Life Assurance Company.

At this season of the year those who are interested in life insurance, and that class may be said to embrace nearly every, wideawake man in the community, are on the watch for the reports of the various companies operating in our midst. The North American Life, which certainly occupies a very prominent position in regard to its progressiveness in every other direction, was, as usual, among the first in the field with its report. According to the statement presented at the annual meeting held on the 28th ult. the company shows a record almost unexcelled by that of any other company. Parties wishing to take out a policy of life insurance should at once communicate with the head offices of the company, Toronto, or with any of its agents, who will be pleased to give information as to the plans, etc., of the company. 246

They Wish Him to Remain.

Rev. W. F. Wilson has received a very flattering invitation from the Quarterly Official Board of the McCaul-street Methodist Church to return to the pastorate of the church for another conference year. The invitation, which was unanimous, has been accepted by the pastor. The board further evidenced their appreciation of his ministration by voting him a handsome increase of salary.

Taps From the Telegraph.

The N. Y. Assembly voted down Mr. Jones' bill to incorporate the Wolfe Island Bridge Co. to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence at the end of Lake Ontario.

Notice of Removal.

S. Corrigan, merchant tailor, late of 63 King-street west, has removed to 123 Yonge-street, where he intends carrying on a first-class tailoring trade, selling at prices which must attract all who require and appreciate good-fitting, well-made garments. Special lines in trowserings from $4 up. Imported suitings from $18 up. Overcoatings from $16 up. Call and inspect. No trouble to show goods. 246

Recovered the Boodle.

PETROLIA, Ont., Feb. 17.—All the property stolen from Township Collector Steadman on a G.T.R. train has been recovered.

Personal.

James Mooney, Brockville, is at the Walker.

Senator Clemow, Ottawa, is at the Queen's.

J. R. Stratton, Peterboro, is at the Rossin.

J. A. Halstead, Mount Forest, is stopping at the Rossin.

Mr. W. J. Shaw, J.P., of Brantford, is in the city.

James Conmee, M.L.A., Port Arthur, is registered at the Rossin.

The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier returned from West Huron last night.

Adam West returned yesterday from a tour of the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Armour and Dr. Comfort, St. Catharines, are stopping at the Walker.

William Adams, London, Eng., is registered at the Walker.

Mr. McKinley of Macfarlane, McKinley & Co. was out yesterday for the first time in two months.

A CAREY MEMORIAL FUND.

To Raise $10,000 for Missions in India—Close of the Toronto Convention.

The Baptist Convention in honor of Carey's centenary met for their second day's work yesterday morning in Jarvis-street church, gathering at 9.30 for an introductory prayer meeting, which was led by Rev. H. G. Fraser of Owen Sound. The celebration is of a solid and devotional character, as the regular prayer meetings that open and close each session and the daily sermons show.

Yesterday morning the sermon was from Acts xiii. 1-3, and the preacher was Rev. E. W. Dodson.

A Historical Sketch.

At 10.30 the first paper was read by Rev. J. W. H. Stewart, a historical sketch of "The Beginning of the American Baptist Mission." The speaker traced the influence of the English Baptists under Carey's inspiration upon their American brethren, who were already inspired by a careful study of the scriptures. Then Judson and Rice were converted, and the impetus resulted in the formation of a society in 1814, 33 delegates meeting at Philadelphia. In 1845 this separated into two parts, north and south; but progress has been unchecked until now the American Baptists have a missionary income of $500,000 and a work in proportion.

The Sinews of War.

Rev. A. T. Sowerby followed on the vital subject of "Money and Missions"—the commissariat of the missionary army. He enlarged upon the great need for the sinews of war and the importance of willing contributions. Another paper closed the morning work of the convention.

In the afternoon there was a series of short addresses upon "The Local Church's F.M. Work." Rev. D. M. Mihell took up the work to be done by the pastor, concluding that the pastor could best work by giving missionary information and promoting liberality.

In the brief discussion that followed the chief matter considered was the means of raising money. Rev. D. Spencer of St. Thomas spoke of the influence of the prayer meeting, advocating the giving of missionary information through that channel. Rev. J. D. Freeman of Guelph followed with a consideration of the missionary usefulness of the Sunday school. He thought good could be done in the lesson, in the library and in the contribution line. He cited the fact that the Baptist Sunday schools of the province have given this year $3600 for the work.

The Children and the Women.

Rev. O. C. S. Wallace considered the subject of young people's societies, holding that these exist to train young members and that missionary work would tend to keep them in the proper line, to mould them for the future and to supply the missionaries.

Mrs. A. H. Newman gave an able and carefully-prepared paper on "The Women's Organizations," in which she traced the development of women's work from the earliest date gave some idea of the magnitude of the present body, and outlined their proper relations to other bodies and organizations.

Rev. Prof. Farmer spoke of the proposals to establish a Carey centennial fund, and the need for new stations in India were clearly outlined and the proposal to establish a memorial fund of $10,000 to establish new stations in India.

The centenary memorial project was discussed, but not voted on.

Evening Addresses.

The large church was again filled in the evening. There were two speakers, Rev. T. L. Campbell of New York and Rev. Prof. T. Trotter, their subjects being the "History of the Canadian Baptist Mission" and "Our Present Missionary Problem."

Rev. J. L. Campbell was the first speaker, giving a fluent and interesting address, largely reminiscent on the origin of the missionary movement among Canadian Baptists. He drew a graphic picture of the convention at Beamsville in October, 1866, when the society was formed, and also of the memorable meeting at Ingersoll, when the most enthusiasm prevailed. He sketched the progress of the society, its separation from the American Society in 1873, and paid high tributes to the various missionaries who have gone forth to do battle for their Master in far-away India.

"Go Forward" His Motto.

Rev. Professor T. Trotter's address was an earnest plea for renewed and increased energy in missionary work. He drew a graphic picture of the Telugu country, the Baptist special field in India, and showed that the present staff of 10 ordained missionaries and 6 lady helpers means one worker to 200,000 souls. There should be one man to every 50,000. Let 20 men more. He strongly urged that these additional men should be sent out and the burden of the additional $50,000 needed be undertaken. It will mean but $2.50 per head for the Baptists of Canada, and while there are 7000 students in American and Canadian colleges volunteering the money should be got. "Go Forward" was the motto of the speaker, and will this exhortation upon his lips he left the platform, and after "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" had been sung, the convention was at an end.

Amusement Notes.

Remember the present distribution at the Muse to-morrow.

Miss Jarbeau, in "Starlight," is taking immensely at the Grand. There will be four more performances, including Saturday matinee.

"Cleopatra" and "Spartacus" drew large houses at the Academy of Music yesterday. The company is a very good one and the famous plays are capitally represented. A rising young actor in this company is Mr. W. S. Hart, who plays his parts studiously and commendably.

The Howard Athenaeum Company are playing to large and delighted houses composed of our best people. The ladies and children are delighted with the many novelties. Jacobs and Sparrow's popular House should be filled during the remainder of the week. There will be a matinee to-day.

Arrived in Time for Grippe Invalids.

Almoxia wine is the best wine for invalids ever offered to the public, and is highly recommended by the medical profession all over the world.

It is the only wine known to contain natural salts of iron produced by nature, on account of the ferruginous soil in which the vines are cultivated.

Nothing can surpass this wine as a restorative when the vital forces are exhausted.

It corrects and counterbalances the effects of the perturbation of the system. Gianelli & Co., 16 King-street west, sole agents for Canada.

Local Jottings.

The General Sessions will open March 1.

Ella J. Barton was yesterday committed for 10 days for shoplifting.

A horse attached to a Dovercourt and McCaul car dropped dead in King-street last night.

Mrs. Duck of the Humber was yesterday fined $30 for breach of the liquor laws.

Albert Hacking was yesterday committed for trial charged with the theft of milk at Downsview.

For burglary and theft at Mimico William Rose, Lionel Ling and Edward Murray were yesterday committed for trial.

The will of Elizabeth Lamoureux of Scarboro Township was entered for probate yesterday. The estate is valued at $2410.

The Knights of Pythias will hold their annual banquet of combined city lodges on Friday, the 19th, at the Gladstone House, Queen-street west.

The City Commissioner has approved the plans for new porches on the east and west sides of Dundas-street Wesley Church, to give better ingress and egress to the building.

Henry Ryder was trying to get into a cutter in King-street yesterday in front of the Red Lion Hotel. He was so drunk that he rolled out and fell under a street car. The car went over him, but being drunk he escaped injury.

There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren at the meeting of Lodge Launceston No. 154, S.O.E., Tuesday night. Bro. Doble, the president, was in the chair, and the business of the evening was pleasantly interspersed with songs and recitations.

By advertisement in another column it will be seen that tenders are invited for the various works in connection with the erection of the Toronto Athletic Club in College-avenue. Mr. E. J. Lennox is the architect. The time for reception of the tenders has been extended from Feb. 22 to 27.

EQUAL TO A $750,000 DEFICIT.

THAT IS WHAT THE PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS SEEM TO SHOW.

A Payment of $500,000 by the Dominion Government Comes in Quite Handy—The Expenditure Exceeds Last Year by Over a Quarter of a Million—Notes from the House.

The public accounts of the province were distributed to the members and to the press yesterday. They show that the expenditure for the year amounted to $4,183,381.07. This exceeds the amount estimated by Treasurer Harcourt last session by $652,354. This is all the more extraordinary as in the revenue account appear two special items amounting in all to $769,000. Half a million of this latter sum is derived from money paid by the Dominion Government as an instalment on the sums due the province which have remained unsettled since Confederation. The balance, $269,000, arises from the sale of annuities. The result of the whole year's transactions is that with an extraordinary income of $4,183,381.07 the balance in favor of the province is only $19,818. Were it not for the windfall from the Dominion Treasury and this sale of annuities there would have been a balance on the wrong side, or in other words a deficit of $749,182. This is not an unfair statement, for the Provincial funds in the hands of the Federal Government are part of the surplus of which we hear so much, and if that surplus is needed to supplement the normal revenue every year the day of direct taxation cannot be far off.

The following shows the total expenditures for the last four years:

	Expenditure.
1888	$3,536,248
1889	3,558,356
1890	3,936,324
1891	4,183,203

The following are the details of the expenditure:

For Civil Government	$ 221,126 28
" Legislation	123,001 08
" Administration of Justice	398,968 79
" Education	1,115 23
" Public Institutions Maintenance	520,516 68
" Immigration	6,022 94
" Agriculture	149,535 42
" Hospitals and Charities	124,992 89
" Houses of Refuge	32,750 00
" Repairs and Maintenance, Public Buildings	59,667 39
" Locks, Dams, etc	13,060 12
" Surveys, Inspections, etc	458 58
" Colonization Roads	98,312 31
" Crown Lands	197,888 50
" Miscellaneous	87,916 07
	$2,990,538 23

The expenditure on provincial buildings, railway aid, etc., totalled up $1,173,024.84, which, added to the above sum, makes the total expenditure. Among the larger items in the sum of $1,173,024.84 are new parliament buildings, $208,248; aid to railways, $352,179; University of Toronto, $100,000.

LEGISLATIVE FESTIVITIES.

Speaker Ballantyne Entertains a Company of Distinguished Personages.

The Speaker's dinner, held last evening in the Legislative Assembly, was pre-eminently successful. The attendance was large and distinguished, the repast was of the most recherche description, and no untoward event transpired to mar the harmony of this pleasing affair.

The following were the invited guests: Sir Casimir Gzowski, Chief Justice Hagarty, Sir Thomas Galt, Justice Maclennan, Hon. J. Beverley Robinson, Hon. E. Blake, Hon. T. W. Anglin, Hon. A. M. Ross, Hon. S. C. Wood, Hon. Frank Smith, Hon. G. W. Allan, Sir W. P. Howland, Hon. David Mills, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Archbishop Walsh, Bishop O'Mahony, Bishop Sweatman, Rev. D. J. Macdonell, Rev. Manly Benson, C. H. Ritchie, Q.C., B. B. Osler, Q. C., Robert Jaffray, Peter Ryan, James Scott, Mayor Fleming, Sheriff Mowat, A. Manning, Major Delatour, W. H. Manning, W. R. McCleary, A. C. Campbell, J. Ross Robertson, J. S. Willison, D. Creighton, Col. Clarke and Sergeant-at-Arms Glackmeyer.

The following members of the Legislature were also invited: Hon. O. Mowat, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. R. Harcourt, Hon. John Dryden, Hon. E. H. Bronson, W. R. Meredith, H. P. O'Connor, J. T. Garrow, Charles McKenzie, W. H. Biggar, H. E. Clarke, E. F. Clarke, W. T. Lockhart, A. F. Wood, Dr. A. McKay, N. Awrey, J. T. Whitney, G. W. Monk, James Clancy, Thomas Gibson, Dr. Baxter, Dr. McDougall, D. Guthrie, W. C. Caldwell, Dr. McMahon, G. B. Smith, Dr. Gilmour and S. White.

Notes From the Corridors.

Uncle Richard Tooley is in luck. He holds a $2 bet that Cameron will be defeated in West Huron.

There is some talk among the members of presenting a round-robin to the Government in favor of better trunks to contain their sessional stationery. A similar one was started last session, but, after the signature of almost every member had been secured, it mysteriously disappeared. In this connection it may be remarked that the members are much pleased with the improvement in the contents of their respective trunks this session, and the Queen's printer, Lud. K. Cameron, is receiving numerous complimentary and appreciative assurances of the good taste displayed. This official, who is also paymaster of the House, has his hands full just now.

Uncle Tooley is after Charley Hutchinson County Attorney of Middlesex. The County Council has asked for his removal, and Uncle Tooley wants to know what they are going to do about it.

The House did not open up till 3.45 and was adjourned by 4.

In answer to a question of Mr. Clancy's Mr. Harcourt stated that the gross receipts from liquor licenses in this province were as follows: 1890, $602,560; 1891, $680,296, which were divided almost evenly between the province and municipalities, the former, however, having a little the best of it.

The estimates were not laid on the table yesterday and accordingly Mr. Harcourt's financial statement will not be made until Friday afternoon.

The Government will meet a deputation of mining men on Friday afternoon, Feb. 19, in the reception room after the House rises.

The Last Chance.

This week we will sell Natural Wool Shirts or Drawers, which we sell at $3.75 each, for $2.35; our $3.00 Natural Wool for $2.10, our $2.50 Natural Wool for $1.60, our $1.75 Scotch Lambs' Wool for $1.30, our $1.25 for 90c, our $1.00 for 75c. Try our Unlaundried Shirts at 50c, 75c and 90c; our 90c Unlaundried Shirts are equal to ordered shirts at $1.75 and $2.00. Try a sample one. Bonner's, corner Yonge and Queen-streets. 246

Death Roll of a Day.

Mr. Syerdrup, ex-Prime Minister of Norway, is dead.

The death is announced of Mr. Lawrence Stafford, for many years immigration agent in Quebec.

Hon. William Rhodes, ex-Minister of Agriculture, died at his residence, St. Louis-road, Quebec, yesterday. He was born in England, where he joined the army as an officer. He came to Canada with his regiment in 1847 and settled in Quebec.

White is still selling out, and you are missing it if you don't get there soon. Drop in and look at the prices—65 King-street west.

Best white shirt in the trade for $1; lined front and back in all sizes, at Treole's 53 King-street west.

Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

A Preston Dwelling.

PRESTON, Feb. 17.—This afternoon the house of Charles Clare was destroyed by fire.

AGAINST BAY ICE.

**The Legislature Will