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ELEVENTH YEAR. FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 18, 1890. ONE CENT.

WHITE-WINGED PEACE

59 Members of the T.V.S. in Solemn Session.

A PROPOSAL TO SECEDE HALTED.

The Troubles Discussed for 3½ Hours—The Members of the Committee Hauled Over the Coals in a Lively Fashion—A Motion Passed to Discuss the Advisability of Forming a New Society—Then Mrs. Walsh Moves That the Whole Thing Should be Delayed to See if President Musson Would Oblige the Members by Calling a Meeting Next Week—A Quiet Ending to a Lively Gathering.

TORONTO VOCAL SOCIETY.

TORONTO, July 15, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—I have received a requisition, numerously signed by members of the above society, requesting me to "take immediate steps for its re-organization."

In compliance therewith I beg respectfully to ask your attendance at an emergency meeting, which has been arranged to be held on Thursday evening, July 17, 1890, at the Association Hall, Yonge and McGill-streets, at 8 o'clock.

It is earnestly requested that, in the interests of the society, you will make every effort to be present, as business of the utmost importance will be brought before the meeting.

Yours sincerely,
W. ELLIOTT HASLAM.

In answer to the above circular exactly 59 members of "The Toronto Vocal Society," if such an organization is now in existence, met at Association Hall last night and continued in session for 3½ hours. There were 35 ladies in the gathering. The existing troubles in the organization were discussed in an enthusiastic manner, and at one time it looked as if nearly the whole of those at the meeting would break away from the control of the Executive Committee and form a new society, but better counsels prevailed in the end and an effort will now be made to induce President Musson to call a meeting of the whole society a week from last night.

Nearly everyone at the meeting was not only a friend but a strong personal admirer of Mr. Haslam, and no matter what the ultimate result of the dispute will be they seemed determined to "follow the leader," or *his* lead at least. After the meeting had almost unanimously decided to secede a lady lifted her voice with such magical effect that a white winged messenger of peace will float towards the committee to-day and ask for a reconciliation, and it is yet within the range of possibilities that harmony will once more reign in the Vocal Society, Toronto's crack musical organization.

The whole matter in dispute seems to be this:

Did Conductor Haslam resign as the Executive Committee claim he did?

Is the committee acting within its constitutional limits in appointing a new conductor?

Has the committee the right to choose a conductor whom a majority of the members won't serve under?

Does the society cease to exist as an organization at the end of the season?

Can a member claim to be a member until a certain "regulation" is complied with, i.e., have his or her voice re-tried by the conductor?

Is the society a corporate body under any of the acts of parliament?

Mr. Haslam is the Pet.

No matter how any of these questions may be finally settled, there does not seem to be any doubt at present that a goodly majority of the ladies and gentlemen who sang under Mr. Haslam last season want him continued as conductor the coming season, and they will insist on having him continued in office, any alleged resignation to the contrary notwithstanding.

It may be mentioned that the society is limited in its membership to an even 100. Fifty-seven at least of the 59 members present last night are in favor of Mr. Haslam; half a dozen of sympathizing letters were sent in, and it is said many members who are out of town and who do not know that affairs have reached a crisis are his friends and will stick to him through thick and thin. Of this there does not seem to be any doubt, if The World is any judge of humanity, as expressed at last night's meeting.

It should also be mentioned again that Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., the hon. president of the society, is in England and that the secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Bourlier, is in San Francisco. The full executive is composed of:

Hon. President—J. K. Kerr, Q.C.
President—George Musson.
Vice-President—David Kemp.
Secretary-Treasurer—Henry Bourlier.
Committee—R. Tinning (assistant secretary), M. J. McNamara (librarian), James Hedley, F. W. Ball, A. Ross, Mrs. (Dr.) J. B. Hall, Mrs. G. R. Baker, Mrs. T. Donnelly.

The point is raised that Mr. Hedley is not legally either a member of the society or the committee, in that he has not paid his dues and that his voice was never submitted for trial to the conductor, that he was nominated on the committee by other members of the committee to fill a vacancy without his name coming before the society. Therefore it is claimed that any action the committee may have taken when Mr. Hedley was present was ultra vires of itself.

Calling the Meeting to Order.

Mr. H. English, one of the baritones of the "first choir," was called to the chair and Mr. William Fahey, one of the basses of the "second choir," was made secretary. Copies of the circular were sent to all the members of the committee, but only Mrs. T. Donnelly put in an appearance. Among the others present were: Mrs. R. Walsh, Miss McKay the pianist, Mrs. D. E. Cameron, Miss May Donnelly, Miss Bolte, Mrs. J. Fraser Macdonald, Miss Clara Lugsdin, Mrs. H. English, Miss McGrath, Miss Hodgetts, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Dunn, Miss Bessie M. Dick, Miss Barr, Miss A. L. Clarke, D. E. Cameron, J. A. Macdonald, J. F. Macdonald, J. Kidner, R. N. Agnew, W. C. Fox, Thomas Crighton, W. S. O'Connor, Charles Clarke, Mr. McCloskey, G. H. Lugsdin, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Haslam was heard first. He made a lengthy explanation of his position, such as has already been given in The World. Mr. Haslam said that if the committee, as they claimed, had construed his letter of Jan. 30 into a resignation then they did so wilfully. The committee had published in the newspapers *portions* of letters only. What he wanted them to do was to publish his letters and their letters in full side by side. What he really wrote on Jan. 30 was that he "could not continue under the present basis as conductor of the society." He was responsible to the public for the programs, and it was but right that the committee should not interfere with such programs. On one occasion during his absence they added three numbers to the program. He could not, with respect to himself, with respect to his art and with respect to the public tolerate this interference with his program, as the public held him alone responsible therefor. He did not care to mention the members of the choirs at the time that had disagreements with the committee, but as musical conductor of the society he claimed supreme control of the program. The additions which the committee had made to one of the programs had really jeopardized it. He had told the committee if they objected to his contract that he had been brought to the city under false pretences. Besides he had worked for six months in a so-called ladies' college. It took the committee [illegible] months to answer his letter of Jan. 30. He got the reply only on June 8. And then they only published portions of the correspondence just to suit themselves.

"Again," said Mr. Haslam, "I deny that I resigned my position as conductor."

Mr. Haslam's remarks were frequently applauded.

Met With Parliamentary Procedure.

Mr. D. E. Cameron, the Assistant Provincial Treasurer, was the next speaker. Mr. Cameron handled the committee without gloves, and he hurled parliamentary precedents and constitutional citations at them to prove that their position was not tenable. He charged the committee with having wilfully insulted the members of the society and with having ruthlessly trampled on their (the members') wishes under their feet. "At the meeting on April 28," proceeded Mr. Cameron with warmth, "the committee were emphatically given to understand that Mr. Haslam was to be continued as conductor. What did they do? After they found out that they had been worsted they threw down their papers in high dudgeon, walked out in a body and declared they would not have anything further to do with the society. I went to Mr. Musson and told him he was not a child but a man of business, and that he could not resign his office in such an informal manner. The committee now take advantage of a few technicalities and declare that they are not members of the Executive Committee but the Vocal Society itself. Such insolence I never heard of. Insolence is the only word I can use. ['Oh, my!' from some of the ladies.] I personally asked Mr. Musson yesterday if he would call a meeting of the society, discuss the whole situation and see if an amicable settlement could not be arrived at. Mr. Musson said he had received an invitation to to-night's meeting. I also sent a letter to Mr. Musson requesting him to call a meeting.

Mr. Musson Puts Himself on Record.

"What was the reply I got to my written request. Here it is:

TORONTO, July 17, '90.

MY DEAR CAMERON,—Yours of the 16th received, asking whether I would call the T.V.S. together upon the receipt of a requisition to that effect, signed by those of Mr. Haslam's friends who are to meet this evening.

I beg to say in reply that, while I in common with the other members of the committee desire most earnestly the well-being of the society, I cannot perceive that such a meeting would result in any good.

The committee believes itself not only legally but fairly the T.V.S. Its members are strong in the conclusion that the society must be carried on by a committee and must not be managed by the conductor alone. Besides I am not clear that under the constitution I have any authority to call the members together before September.

GEORGE MUSSON, Pres. T.V.S.

"I believe," continued Mr. Cameron, "that Mr. Musson has the welfare of music at heart and is anxious to promote its influence, but he is not treating the members of the society fairly. Then there is the question of the annual statement. Although the constitution calls for a financial statement I have never seen one. Mr. Hedley, I claim, is not a member of the society, and therefore can not be a member of the committee. He never had his voice submitted for examination."

Mr. Cameron then referred to Mr. Buck having issued cards declaring that he was conductor of the T.V.S. This was an unwarranted proceeding on the part of Mr. Buck, whoever he was.

Mr. Cameron proposed as a line of action that they could wait until the September meeting and carry the amendment to the constitution which was given notice of by Mr. Fox at the meeting on April 28, that the executive committee have the power to choose the conductor subject to the approval of the society, or they could form a new society, there and then elect their own officers and treat the so-called executive committee as though it did not exist.

It seems that a meeting was held at Mr. Hedley's home last Monday night and the question was asked how many members in the room were invited. Five stood up and said they were.

Mrs. Donnelly Was Not Invited.

Mrs. Donnelly of the Executive made a few remarks. She said that at the meetings which she had attended she had insisted that Mr. Haslam be the conductor, in accordance with the wishes of the members of the society. She also remarked that the committee had held two meetings this week to which she had not been invited. [Smiles and "Oh my!" from several quarters.]

Mr. Fahey was opposed to taking any such decisive measures against the committee. He was a friend of Mr. Haslam, but he was sorry to see the overzeal on the part of some of that gentleman's friends. Mr. Cameron's request to Mr. Musson to call a meeting was not a request from the T. V. S. The present meeting had no legal status. It should have been called by the president.

Mr. Cameron: "But he absolutely refused to call a meeting. What were we to do then?"

Mr. Fahey: "I claim that the committee has the power to engage a conductor every season. I do not think because the committee added these three pieces of music that it was a breach of their powers. I am not here in the interests of anybody or to oppose anybody, but I do not think this meeting is legal."

Mr. Cameron: "The dissolution of Cromwell's long parliament was not legal, but it was effective all the same. The committee was elected under false pretences. Had the society known their intention of interfering with Mr. Haslam they would never have been chosen."

Several ladies: "Certainly not!"

Mr. Fahey: "About that audit of accounts. I am one of the auditors, an audit has always been made, and the secretary gave a condensed report of it in his annual statement."

Mr. Fox: "To whom?"

Mr. Fahey: "To the members of the society."

What's in a Name?

Mr. Cameron again got the floor, and stated that he had heard that the committee were making a move to protect the name "The Toronto Vocal Society." He had made enquiries at the office of the Provincial Secretary, but could not learn that any such move had been made under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies' Act.

Mr. James A. Macdonald, "the rising young Canadian barrister," who is a shining example of how a young man can live by his wits, then gave the meeting the benefit of his legal knowledge. He advised caution and moderation. He referred to the trouble as a "strike," and advised the members not to attempt to cross bridges before they came to them. If the meeting waited till September he had no doubt the committee, if they were obnoxious to the members, could be dethroned and the constitution be so amended as the society saw fit.

Mr. Cameron: "*How* can we do that? The committee will say *we* are the Vocal Society!"

Several ladies sotto voce: "So they will."

Mr. Macdonald: "This meeting is not properly convened. There is no earthly use in inviting the hostility of the committee. There are members on that committee who are renowned for their amiability and uprightness, and whose views we should respect. If the committee find out that they are not the representatives of the Vocal Society they will certainly resign. These little technicalities can easily be sat upon. If we are not careful we will be met with legal proceedings and restrained. The society is incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act. It is a corporate body and if you infringed any of its rights you would certainly be restrained. I believe that under the present constitution the committee have power to appoint a conductor annually. But in September we can change that if we wish."

It was suggested that if they were prohibited in using the name of the T.V.S. the seceders could call themselves "The Toronto Glee Club."

Better Counsels Prevail.

There was some more enthusiastic talk, but all in good nature, among the male members. Then Mr. Fox and Mr. Cameron prepared a resolution to the effect that a provisional committee be appointed to prepare a new constitution and to report at a meeting a week from to-night. The resolution was carried amid enthusiasm, Mr. Macdonald alone voting nay. Several ladies and gentlemen were suggested for the provisional committee and the discussion was re-opened. It looked now as if the whole of the members present were ready and anxious to break away at once.

Then Mrs. Walsh quietly arose and addressed the meeting. "I am," she said slowly, "strongly in favor of retaining Mr. Haslam as our conductor. But after all we should be cautious and not make too sweeping a move. I think after all that it would be much better that a joint effort be made to have Mr. Musson call a meeting of the society at once. I do not see how he could refuse so reasonable a request. It would be nothing but fair and proper to all."

Mrs. Walsh's words had a magical and sudden effect on the entire meeting, who said amen to her every syllable.

It seemed as if no one in the room could resist so sensible a view of again endeavoring to avert the calamity which may yet overtake the T.V.S. and split it into fragments.

A petition was drawn up at once. Forty-two of those present signed it at once. Others who thoughtlessly left the room were as strongly in favor of it as those who remained to attach their signatures.

It is now hoped that if Mr. Musson calls such a meeting everything will be settled.

So much for a lady's timely intervention after an evening of heated though decorous discussion.

In a list of the bass members of the second choir published on Monday, the name of Mr. W. R. Moffatt appears. It is needless to say that Mr. Moffatt is not now a member, nor is he likely to come up in September to have his voice re-tried.

THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

John Ross Robertson Elected Grand Master—The Other Officers.

KINGSTON, July 17.—By a practically unanimous vote R. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson of Toronto was elected Grand Master. Hon. J. M. Gibson of Hamilton was elected deputy grand master. These district deputy grand masters were elected:

No. 1 District—James Birch, Chatham.
No. 2 St. Clair District—J. P. Whitehead, Strathroy.
No. 3 London District—A. B. Menson, London.
No. 4 London District—William White, Mitchell.
No. 5 District—William Telfer, Walkerton.
No. 6 District—D. H. Hunter, Woodstock.
No. 7 District—John Fox, Orangeville.
No. 8 District, Hamilton—C. W. Mulligan, Hamilton.
No. 9 Georgian District—D. F. McWatt, Barrie.
No. 10 Niagara District—A. B. Hurrell, Amigari.
No. 11 Toronto District—G. J. Bennett, Toronto.
No. 12 Ontario District—W. Mills, Omemee.
No. 13 District—T. J. Lightburn, Cobourg.
No. 14 Frontenac District—A. R. Dargavel, Elgin.
No. 15 St. Lawrence District—Colonel W. H. Jackson, Brockville.
No. 16 Ottawa District—John Hurt, Bothwell.
No. 17 Algoma District—J. A. Fraser, Port Arthur.

The other Grand Lodge officers elected were:

R. W. Bro. John Kinghorn, Kingston, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Bro. George C. Davis, London, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, Deseronto, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, Simcoe, Grand Registrar.

Toronto was selected after a spirited contest for the next meeting place of Grand Lodge.

WANTS $50,000 FOR A SUICIDE.

Haeberle Claims Beyer Drove Mrs. Haeberle to Kill Herself.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—John Haeberle, a soap manufacturer, whose wife, Johanna, committed suicide on June 28, 1889, brought suit to-day against Charles Beyer for $50,000 damages, alleging that Beyer caused the suicide and thus not only robbed him of an affectionate wife but deprived him also of her services, which he deemed very valuable both in his home and in his wholesale soap store. Haeberle alleges that because his wife had refused in a civil action to testify against him and in favor of Beyer, the plaintiff in that action, Beyer had sworn in the hearing of several persons that he would bring Haeberle's wife to the ground and trample her under his feet. Proceeding to elucidate in detail his ground of action Haeberle in his complaint says:

"The plaintiff says that his wife, although strong of will and of physical powers sufficient to cope with the advocations and necessary duties of life, was of a nervous and delicate temperament, easily worried, harassed and annoyed, and that the defendant, knowing these things and trying to worry her and destroy her peace of mind and drive her to madness and death, accused her before him and other persons of having stolen and secreted $5000 and upwards of moneys belonging to her husband, and that she had deposited money with strangers with the intention of driving her husband to bankruptcy and financial ruin; that Beyer gave utterance to these false rumors to destroy the marital relations and felicity existing between them, and that, knowing the timid, nervous nature of Mrs. Haeberle, he informed her in person of these accusations, declared he would find people to substantiate their truth and demanded of plaintiff's wife $500 as hush money or blackmail. Mrs. Haeberle thereupon became distracted with grief and trouble and was so worried and annoyed at these relentless persecutions that on June 28, 1889, she was driven to take her life and terminated her existence by poison.

FIVE DROWNED.

A Yacht Run Down by a Steamer in the St. Lawrence.

UTICA, July 17.—The steamer St. Lawrence collided with the pleasure yacht Catherine in the St. Lawrence River near Alexandria Bay to-night. Of a party of 12 on the yacht five were drowned. They were:

EDWARD PEMBERTON.
MRS. EDWARD PEMBERTON.
MRS. W. D. HART.
MISS MARGARET HENRY.
ENGINEER JOHN SENESCAL.

They are all from Bradford, Pa., except Senescal, and are people well known in social circles there.

The Champion Hose Company.

GARDINER, Me., July 17.—A race to-night for the challenge cup originally won by the Continental Hose Company of this city for beating the world's best record resulted in this company retaining the trophy by a record of 53 1-5 seconds for a run of 1050 feet, being much better than any time ever before recorded in a firemen's contest.

"Queer" Shovers Arrested.

NEW YORK, July 17.—A gang of counterfeiters have been flooding the country with an excellent counterfeit $2 silver certificate. Two of its members were arrested here to-night and it is expected that several others will be apprehended to-morrow.

Short in His Accounts.

DENVER, Col., July 17.—Frank Villerman, secretary of the German and the Centennial Building and Loan Association, is short in his accounts about $30,000. He has turned over to the association about $10,000 worth of property and resigned. He has not yet been arrested.

Voice culture—Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum improves the voice, 5 cents.

Losses Caused by Flames.

PITTSBURG, July 17.—A fire in Allegheny City to-night destroyed the Pittsburg box factory, the National Lime and Cement Works and the lumber yards of Enos Bros. and Ewers & Barrak. Porter's machine shops and Bradley's woolen mills were damaged. Loss $50,000.

BUDA PESTH, July 17.—At Rosenau, Hungary, to-day, the parish church, the synagog and 70 houses were burned. Several firemen were injured.

Something delicious and healthful to chew Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum, 5 cents.

The Chicago Brewers' War.

CHICAGO, July 17.—For some weeks the breweries of this and adjoining cities have been engaged in a war among themselves, and the price of beer by the barrel has been cut in two in the middle. At a meeting of brewers last night an agreement was formulated for the final settlement of the war.

CHOLERA IS ON THE MARCH.

THE INFECTION SPREADING IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS.

Bulgaria's Demands on the Porte—Servia Asks Reparation from Turkey—Destructive Storms in England—A Family of Eight Suffocated by Charcoal Fumes—The Mid-Durham Election.

LONDON, July 17.—In the House of Commons to-night Mr. Gourlay (Lib.) asked whether there was any truth in a cable despatch stating that President Harrison, replying to Lord Salisbury, had declared the intention of the United States Government to deal summarily with British sailors in the Behring Sea.

Sir John Gorst replied that the Government had not received any report that such a statement had been made by President Harrison. He said the negotiations on the Behring Sea question continued.

W. H. Smith intimated that the negotiations with France regarding Zanzibar proceeded in a perfectly friendly spirit on both sides.

Shooting at Bisley Butts.

LONDON, July 17.—The annual matches of the National Rifle Association opened at Bisley on Monday. The Canadian team arrived here on Saturday evening and found that Lieut.-Col. Prior, commandant, had made the most complete arrangements for their welfare. Sunday was spent quietly in camp and Monday the team fired in the Alexandra match, range 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range, Martini-Henri rifles. Staff-Sergeant Ogg of the First Brigade Field Artillery, Guelph; Private Hutcheson of the 43rd Battalion, Ottawa; and Color-Sergeant Henderson of the 62nd Battalion of St. John, N.B., each won £3; Corp. H. Marris, 13th Battalion, Hamilton, won £2. This is not so good a record as the first day last year, when the team's winnings amounted to £25.

Yesterday the team fired in The Daily Graphic match, range 200 yards standing, when Pte. C. A. Windatt, 45th Battalion, Bowmanville, and Capt. H. H. Gray, Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, each won £5. Sergt. C. M. Hall, 79th Battalion, Waterloo, took a prise of £3.

Cholera Spreading.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 17.—Cholera has spread from Mesopotamia to Lake Van. Nomads are spreading the infection.

An extraordinary meeting of the Ministerial Council to-day discussed Bulgaria's demand for the recognition of Prince Ferdinand as ruler of Bulgaria.

Quarantine Measures Adopted.

SOFIA, July 17.—The Bulgarian Government has adopted quarantine measures against arrivals from Spain.

Cholerine in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 17.—Cholerine is prevalent in Kowno and Vilna and is spreading. Many fatal cases are reported.

The Austrian Floods.

VIENNA, July 17.—The floods at Kustendel have caused much damage.

The McKinley Bill.

PARIS, July 17.—M. Dupuy will question the government in the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow in regard to the result of negotiations with the powers aiming to minimize the effect of the McKinley Bill, whether it is possible to appeal to international law to prevent America from pronouncing condemnations, and whether the common law tribunals cannot settle customs disputes.

Minister Ribot will reply to-morrow or Saturday.

Reparation Demanded.

BELGRADE, July 17.—The Servian Government has sent a circular to the powers with reference to the recent murder of the Servian consul at Pristina. The circular says the murder was not due to personal vengeance but to religious fanaticism and demands special reparation from Turkey.

Substantially Correct.

LONDON, July 17.—The Press Association understands that the American version of the Behring Sea communications between Lord Salisbury and Mr. Blaine, although in substance correct, is couched in stronger terms than Lord Salisbury used.

Injured the Crops.

LONDON, July 17.—Thunder storms and torrential rains in the Southern and Midland counties of England have had a destructive effect upon the crops.

War Rumors Denied.

PARIS, July 17.—The Guatemalan Legation here denies that war is imminent between Guatemala and San Salvador.

A whole family consisting of father, mother and six children was suffocated by charcoal fumes in a room on the Rue Aveon to-day.

Attempted Assassination.

TANGIER, July 17.—A number of prominent residents of Fez have been arrested for an attempt on the Sultan's life.

Liverpool Dock Improvements.

LIVERPOOL, July 17.—The Mersey Dock Board will expend £500,000 in deepening and improving the docks.

The Mid-Durham Election.

LONDON, July 17.—Mr. Wilson (Liberal) has been returned to Parliament for Mid-Durham by a majority of 2000.

New Ironclads for Russia.

LONDON, July 17.—The Russian Government has ordered the building of four new ironclads.

An Answer Demanded.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 17.—The agent of Bulgaria here has demanded that the Porte answer his Government's recent note whatever the nature of the reply.

Acquitted the Rioters.

PRETORIA, July 17.—A jury of Boers has acquitted the Englishmen charged with rioting and with insulting the Transvaal flag on the occasion of President Krueger's visit to Johannasberg.

Cable Flashes.

M. Ribot, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has notified the powers that treaties have been concluded whereby the native chiefs on the Upper Niger agree to a French protectorate.

Count Conrad Stolberg, heir to one of the richest land owners in Germany, was accidentally shot and killed while duck shooting.

Heavy rains prevail in the Darjeeling district of India and part of the country is flooded. Bridges have been carried away in many places and the only means of communication between the planters is by boats.

A tablet in memory of the late Mr. Daley, an Australian statesman, has been unveiled in St. Paul's Cathedral by Lord Rosebery. His lordship made an address, in which he called attention to the fact that the tablet was the first memorial erected in the cathedral to a colonist, and said it was therefore a milestone in the path of those having faith in the federation of the empire.

The success of the Order Tailoring Department at The Model Clothing Store, corner Yonge and Shuter-streets, has been phenomenal, 'tis the prices do it.

Tonkin's are selling Straw Hats at cost corner Yonge and Richmond-streets.

Kansas' Corn Crop a Failure.

KANSAS CITY, July 17.—A paper says advices from Kansas state that the condition of corn crops grows worse day by day. In some sections the farmers have about given up hopes of harvesting any crop at all. In many sections the farmers are marketing their hogs, fearing they will have no corn to feed them.

You can get a fine Silk Hat, latest style, for $4.00 at Tonkin's.

COLLISION IN DETROIT RIVER.

The Steamer City of Detroit Cuts the Steambarge Kesota in Two.

DETROIT, July 17.—This evening as the steamer City of Detroit with three excursion parties aboard came within the city limits her steam steering apparatus gave out unaccountably and she sheered about and ran into the steambarge Kesota owned in Cleveland, cutting her completely in two amidships. The Kesota's cargo was iron ore, and it slid into the river, holding the severed parts under water, leaving the bow and stern above water with the City of Detroit directly over her. Captain Fick and a crew of 17 were rescued by row boats and yachts.

The aged mother of the steward, name unknown, was drowned. The captain's wife was saved by a seaman diving after her as she was sinking. Judge Nichols of Batavia, O., an excursionist on the City of Detroit, was quite severely injured by the breaking of some shrouds, and his son and three or four other passengers were slightly hurt. All except the judge were able to continue their trip.

The damage to the City of Detroit is $20,000, and she will be on the dry dock for three weeks. The Kesota was valued at $120,000, and is a total wreck.

WAS THE MAYOR SLIGHTED

A Talk Going on Because He Was Not Asked to Orate on the Glorious 12th.

The last 12th of July will be remembered in more ways than one by the brethren of the city, and the one particular reason why it will be remembered is that the committee of management are charged with deliberately insulting one of the highest Orange officials on the ground on the afternoon of the grand celebration. Mayor Clarke, it appears, was not invited to speak to the assembled Orangemen in the main building, and it is this alleged slur on their beloved chief which has worked his friends into a fine frenzy of wrath. So far as The World could discover yesterday the duty of securing speakers was delegated to County Master Ald. Bell, H. A. E. Kent, Deputy County Master; ex-Ald. John McMillan, Centre District Master; Ald. Bailey, Western District Master, and W. J. Barchard, Eastern District Master.

It is claimed by those behind the scenes that Messrs. Bell, McMillan and Bailey, acting together, prevented the wishes of Messrs. Kent and Barchard that His Worship be invited to the platform after the procession had filed into Exhibition Park. There is no doubt of one thing, and that is that Mayor Clarke, although Deputy Grand Sovereign, did not speak, and some of the comments on his absence were far from complimentary to the committee on speakers.

The World asked the Mayor the reason why he did not put in an appearance. "You ought to know why I did not speak," His Worship replied. "It was simply because I was not invited."

"Is it not the usual custom to invite a dignitary of your status in the order on occasions like this?"

"As to that you can draw your own inference. All I know is that I am not complaining."

Ald. Bailey vigorously denied that he had had anything to do with closing His Worship out. "The committee met," said he, "and I was sent out to invite Rev. John Madill. I did so and there my duty ended."

"Was it not an act of courtesy to invite the Mayor?"

"I do not see it that way. It was his duty to be there without being invited."

Mr. John Farley, a prominent member of L.O.L. 140, could not contain his indignation when The World spoke to him about the matter yesterday. "It was a piece of petty spite on the part of those fellows, but it will not do them any good. They have not heard the last of it yet. This thing is coming up in lodge, and there will be trouble for them in it yet. In insulting the Deputy Grand Sovereign they have insulted every Orangeman in Canada. I cannot express myself too strongly about this matter."

Another Orangemen said that Mayor Clarke's friends were well aware weeks ago of the intended insult to their chief and wanted to force a meeting of the County Lodge in order to make the committee on speakers amend their action, but the Mayor told them not to bother about it, as if it pleased the committee he was quite satisfied.

AN AWFUL COUNTRY.

Disastrous Storms Reported From Various Portions of Blake's Paradise.

NORWALK, O., July 17.—A violent wind and rain storm struck Monroeville to-night, doing serious damage. Lightning struck Otto Goldner's house, killing three sons, Freddie, Willie and Otto, who were sitting on a lounge. Kate Smith was badly burned.

A Quaker City Blow.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—A severe storm passed over this city this evening. Considerable damage was done to property. The schooner Nellie and Mattie was blown from her wharf and capsized. A number of houses were unroofed. Two trees fell, crushing a frame store. The roof of the street car stable at Belgrade-street was blown off. A portion of it fell on a street car, killing the horses. No passengers were hurt.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 17.—The worst storm in 20 years struck here to-day. Buildings were unroofed and demolished, wires and poles torn and uprooted. The damage amounts to thousands of dollars.

ASHLAND, Pa., July 17.—This town was visited this evening by a rain and hail storm the like of which has never been seen here before. The loss to property will exceed $30,000.

The Worst Ever Known.

EASTON, Pa., July 17.—The worst wind, hail and rain storm that ever visited this section broke this afternoon. The new agricultural works at Hellertown were blown down, and John Freeman of Freemansburg was instantly killed. Supt. Barbara of the agricultural works was seriously injured. Many buildings were unroofed. The total damage at Hellertown is $25,000. Two passenger trains on the Lehigh between Bethlehem and Allentown narrowly escaped being wrecked.

An Illinois Cyclone.

PEORIA, July 17.—A small cyclone visited the country just across the river from this city this afternoon, wrecking a freight train and tearing down trees and small buildings. A man named Emerson of Auburn, N.Y., was struck by lightning while running from the cyclone and was instantly killed.

The 101st Victim.

LAKE CITY, Minn., July 17.—One body was found this morning, that of a little girl named Rosie Rander. This makes the 101st body recovered. No more people are reported as missing.

Jottings About Town.

Heintzman's band, under the direction of Mr. Thomas, will play a select program of music in Bellevue-square this evening from 8 to 10.

At 4½ yesterday morning fire damaged R. Kennedy's grocery store, Simcoe and Nelson-streets, to the extent of $250, and the loss otherwise amounted to $350; insured.

Liberati's famous military band gave its two concluding performances at the Pavilion yesterday.

The witnesses at the Sherbourne-street arbitration yesterday were H. W. Darling, J. Herbert Mason, Edgar Jarvis, J. Bedford. Mr. Darling estimated the value of the property to be taken at $26,500.

Toney Kenny, who robbed Miss Mary Kirkwood of 101 Gloucester-street, in St. Clair-avenue of $10 was captured by the county constables yesterday and brought before Mr. J. M. Wingfield, J.P. The case was postponed until to-day.

The will of the late George M. Lynn was proved yesterday. The estate amounts to $10,000, which is left to his widow and daughters under certain conditions. The late Prof. Boys left $7000 in real estate. It is to be converted into cash and invested. A sum equal to 4 per cent. is to be given to Mrs. Amelia Boys during life, and her children during the period of their natural life when their mother dies. The surplus is to be devoted to Trinity College, and when the last beneficiary dies the estate is to be handed over to the Corporation of Trinity College. Mrs. Boys is the wife of Mr. Henry Boys.

"WHO THE HELL IS M'KIMMON?"

How a Reporter of The Detroit Free Press Was Guyed by an Imaginary Canadian.

"The Hon. Hugh J. McKimmon of Toronto, a prominent Canadian lawyer, real estate owner and railway official," has been stuffing a reporter of The Detroit Free Press with a lot of guff about international subjects. The "interview" has been copied by all the leading American newspapers and especially in Chicago. In the first place there is no such person as "the Hon. Hugh J. McKimmon," with his various appendices of standing in the business community. He also tells the reporter that a large number of his Liberal followers in Canada have asked him to run for parliament at the next election and that he is considering the matter seriously.

The World has been forwarded by Canadians now living in the States several clippings from the American newspapers respecting Mr. McKimmon and his utterances at Detroit. One Chicago enquirer, who was evidently overcome with the heat which is now invading Chicago, excitedly asks of the editor of The World: "Who the hell is this McKimmon anyway?"

If such an interview really took place the Detroit reporter was badly stuffed by some practical joker. But this is the "silly season," is it not? About a year ago a person who described himself as above got hold of a reporter of The St. Paul Pioneer Press and loaded him up in somewhat similar fashion. Here are some of "McKimmon's" utterances at Detroit:

England is in a position to-day where she does not dare to declare war against any formidable nation on earth—much less the United States, which is more powerful than any other two nations combined. This country can climb all over Great Britain with muddy and hobnailed boots, and she will smile only a sad, sweet smile and profess to believe that it's intended as a loving caress. Whatever the Government of England may be, those who are running things political over there are a long way from being fools. Suppose, for instance, that the worst came to the worst in this Behring Sea difficulty and blows were struck and war declared. This country, fighting right here at home and with everything in its favor, would thrash the jacket off of her. But that would not be the worst of it—from an English standpoint. After England was beautifully whipped and was loafing around the hospital feeling of her bruises, she would discover suddenly that Ireland was gone from her forever, Canada a portion of the United States, India a free government, and Australia and New Zealand consolidated and running things to suit themselves. Then England would limp back to her solitary little isle and attempt to climb back upon her throne, only to find the throne back in the woodshed of current events, and a free and glorious republic doing a rushing business at the old stand. O, no! England isn't going to war with the United States over a few stray seals—not this year.

THE SPOOK OF THE CROSSING.

The Apparition of the York-Scarboro Town-Line Is Still Creating a Great Deal of Talk in the East End.

The "Spook of the Crossing" is the great topic of conversation in and around Little York, and many and fearsome are the terrible stories passed from mouth to mouth in connection with the haunted spot. All concede that there is something mysterious about the affair, but just where to place the apparition makes the difficulty. Railroad men as a general thing are not superstitious, and those of Little York are particularly sceptical. All the same the boys would like to see the spook story exploded, and there is not an engineer, fireman or brakeman running east at nights on the Grand Trunk Railway out of Toronto who does not keep a sharp lookout in crossing the Scarboro-York town-line.

Yesterday afternoon The World's Commissioner on Spooks again visited Little York and found the excitement unabated. Since The World's article appeared parties of watchers have been organized. The crossing has been watched for the past two nights by more than a score of eyes until daylight, but without success. The tall thin man in tweed will not show himself. There was a story current yesterday that a Little York conductor and his brakemen had seen the spook, but the tale could not be corroborated.

Chief of Police Potter of East Toronto Village told The World that he had often heard about the haunted crossing, but he looked upon the matter as a mere figment of the imagination. He had been in the neighborhood for the past ten years, and it was no uncommon thing for him to pass the tracks at this point at as late an hour as 11 o'clock, but unfortunately he could not bear testimony to the existence of His Ghostship.

The Melon Trust Smashed.

CHICAGO, July 17.—A statement was published some weeks ago that a trust had been formed on the Georgia watermelon crop. The melons were shipped to accredited agents in all the large northern cities to be sold at wholesale by auction. The plan did not suit the ideas of the local dealers here, and they quietly formed a counter combination. Accordingly, when the first Georgia melons were put up for sale there was only one bid—a wickedly low one—for the whole lot and the melons had to go at that. Then the purchaser divided up the shipment with his fellow-conspirators and they charged full prices to the small dealers and the public, thereby making immense profits. The plan was adopted elsewhere with the result of smashing the Melon Trust.

A Great Scarcity of Straw Hats.

Said Dineen to a World man while remarking about the recent hot weather: "If this hot spell continues much longer there won't be a straw hat in the city next month. We have telegraphed to nearly all the best factories around New York and can't find anything in stock, and they take no orders, being closed down. The warehouses in New York, Montreal and Toronto have less straw goods on hand just now than ever known at the same season. Those that have not already purchased need not wait expecting to get them any cheaper, for present appearances indicate a great scarcity of the most desirable shapes. It is fortunate for us," said Dineen, "that this warm wave came at the proper time; it helped us very much. Our store at the corner of King and Yonge-streets has been crowded with people looking for straw hats."

The cutters are thoroughly experienced. The tailors the best money can procure and you'll save money by ordering your clothing made at The Model Clothing Store, corner Yonge and Shuter-streets.

The Panic at Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, July 17.—The President has sent a message to the House of Deputies asking it to authorize the issue of $6,000,000 in small paper currency. This move has alarmed the money market. Gold is quoted at 201 premium.

Strange experiences come to these whose vocations and duties call them into the slums of even so good a city as Toronto. The paper of "An Old Mission Worker" in The Canadian Advance of this week tells a touching tale of the depths to which three women fell, residents of this city. This excellent paper is sold by all newsdealers, 3 cents a copy. Office of publication, 48 Yonge-street Arcade.

Struck For an Increase.

TRENTON, N.J., July 17.—The 800 paddlers, roughers and heaters employed by Cooper, Hewitt & Co. struck to-night because of a refusal to grant a 10 per cent. increase in wages. The mill, employing 2000 hands, will shut down Saturday.

Tonkin's make the nobbiest Clothing in town. 155 Yonge-street.

Personal Mention.

Mr. John Cameron of The London Advertiser was in town yesterday.

Dr. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman of Walkerton are at the Queen's.

W. B. Rogers of the Michigan Central, Niagara Falls, is in the city, the guest of Mr. N. Murphy, Q.C.

Mrs. Buchanan (widow of the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan), accompanied by her son Peter and Miss Buchanan, visited Toronto yesterday.

MARRIAGES.

FREEMAN—CARGILL—At Cargill, on July 16th, by Rev. D. Campbell assisted by Dr. James, W. F. Freeman, M.D., Walkerton, to Carlotta J., eldest daughter of H. Cargill, Esq., M.P. No cards.

HE KEEPS THE DOCUMENTS.

HARRISON IGNORES THE REQUEST OF CONGRESS.

Blaine Was Ready to Present the Behring Sea Papers, but the President Locked Up the Correspondence—His Action Appears to Confirm the Recent Reports of Britain's Threats.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The President held a long conference to-day with Representative Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, with relation to the Behring Sea correspondence called for by Mr. Hitt's resolution. Representative Dingley of Maine, a member of the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and a close student of the Behring Sea controversy, also called on the President and conferred with him on the subject of the House resolution. It can be stated without violating the confidence of any one that the President has indicated clearly that he does not at this time regard it as a wise move to lay the correspondence before the House of Representatives and so make it public. He bases his objection on the ground that the threat made by Lord Salisbury regarding the protection of British sealers in Behring Sea by British war vessels must necessarily be confirmed by the publication of any material portion of the correspondence, and that such confirmation would tend to increase the present feeling of irritation and possibly defeat the purpose of the negotiations now again in progress.

This idea urges itself the more strongly on the President by reason of his great reluctance to make public any part of the modified instructions to our revenue cutters in Behring Sea. It would require the publication of these instructions to show conclusively that they have been rendered so inoffensive that Lord Salisbury will doubtless never have an opportunity to carry out his threat. Here again the President and Secretary Blaine are at odds. As already indicated, Secretary Blaine, through his intimate friend, Representative Hitt, has assured the House of Representatives that the documents will be forthcoming. The President now steps in and declares that he will not permit the papers to be made public at this time. Secretary Blaine was willing that the correspondence should go to the House to-day, and so notified the State Department officials.

The documents are now within the jurisdiction of the President, however, and will likely remain under seal for some time to come. The President does not intend that the secretary shall monopolize the applause for twisting the British lion's tail. A New York paper that recently devoted several columns to an attempt to establish the falsity of the announcement of the British threat, prints this morning the following paragraph as a part of the correspondence between Lord Salisbury and Mr. Blaine: "Then Lord Salisbury ordered a written protest to be delivered to Mr. Blaine, with a verbal statement that the British vessels in Behring Sea, if refused ordinary comity by the United States, would be taken care of in that common highway by their own Government."

The rumor is revived that Mr. Blaine will shortly resign the state portfolio.

Future of Iron Work.

There are no data now existing which will enable any one to predict what will be the size of boilers, engines, dynamos, steamships, bridges, cars, locomotives, office buildings and other structures 10 years hence. Everything in the engineering line seems to be changing at a more rapid rate than at any previous period. Certainly the limit to increase of size does not yet appear. When the single engine reached its limit in shipbuilding, the compound engine came in. When shafts and screws seemed to have grown as large as they could be made, twin screws and shafts were used, and at the same time facilities for making still larger shafts and screws were perfected. So it is in every branch of engineering; as soon as a limit is fixed some one finds a way of overleaping it, and the limit is placed further ahead.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Alleged Manslaughter at Sea

QUEBEC, July 17.—The alleged case of manslaughter at sea on the Polynesian is assuming a serious aspect. Five seamen were at the Police Court this morning to make depositions, but the case was adjourned on account of press of business. Two men were in the meantime ordered by the judge to go on board the vessel, and on doing so one of them, who was the first to set foot on board, was assaulted brutally by one of the mates. The sailor reappeared at the court in the afternoon all bruised and cut up. His deposition was taken and a warrant issued for the mate's arrest.

The Glashan Arithmetic.

Editor World: Our attention has been called to an item appearing in your paper of to-day headed "Another Text Book Bungle." Permit us to say that the statements contained therein, so far as they refer to us, are entirely incorrect. It is only within the last two weeks that a perfect copy of the book has been submitted to the Minister of Education, and as yet we have received no reply from him as to whether the work shall be authorized or not.

No differences of any kind have occurred between the Department and ourselves, and there has been no thought or talk of instituting action against the Department for damages. The only delay that occurred in the preparation of the work was caused through the serious illness of the author.

Trusting that you will give this letter equal prominence with the article already published,

HUNTER, ROSE & CO.,
Toronto, July 17. Per DAN. A. ROSE.

A Hustler Gets There.

[From The Mimico Craftsman.]

John Ross Robertson had an ambition to become Grand Master of the Masonic body, and he has in due course reached that eminence. The road was not an easy one, but perseverance overcame all the obstructions in the way. He gave his time, his money, he sacrificed his own comfort in not a few instances in looking after sick and poor members of the order, and he always had the square and compass painted on the lantern that he carried at his masthead. We therefore extend our best felicitations to the founder of the first lodge in this village. We had hoped that he would have laid with due Masonic honors the corner stone of the new factories in our midst, but for reasons unknown to us he became a bear on the lots and factory sites of Mimico.

The news of Brother Robertson's elevation will be hailed by Phaaroh in the Land of the Pyramids, and Solomon, the wise man who, in his day, sat in the East, will cause the same to be proclaimed from the steps of the Temple.

Again do we felicitate our Most Worshipful Sir, and trust that he will go about the land pouring corn, oil and wine on many a corner stone.

Housekeepers, see the Jewel Range, over 2500 in use in Toronto. Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 136

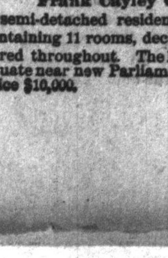
Grand Trunk Earnings.

The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending July 12 were:

	1890	1889
Passenger train earnings	$149,499	$147,412
Freight " "	241,258	250,671
Total	$390,757	$398,083

Decrease 1890, $7326.

Comparatively Cool.



Moderate to fresh winds, mostly northeasterly, fine and comparatively cool.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES.

Calgary 86, Qu'Appelle 76, Port Arthur 66, Port Stanley 88, Toronto 81, Montreal 72, Quebec 74, Halifax 78.

Frank Cayley Offers For Sale

a semi-detached residence in St. Albans-street containing 11 rooms, decorated, painted and papered throughout. The house is in perfect order, situate near new Parliament Buildings, lot [illegible], price $10,000.