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The Event in France.

The event of the day is the election of a new President of the French Republic, and it is the unexpected that has happened. M. Sadi-Carnot is the man elected, and that by a pretty large majority. But, be it noted, that in the preliminary conference or caucus of his own party—the Republicans—he got only 69 votes out of 550, which looks as if he had not been very strong at the start. And yet he must have had the proverbial luck of the "dark horse," for afterwards he pulled up remarkably, and at the caucus of his own party he had at the fourth ballot (the last) 185 votes out of a total of 253. The falling off in the total vote was owing to the withdrawal of the supporters of MM. Ferry and Freycinet respectively, who retired when they saw that neither of these candidates could be elected by Republican votes. And after that came the last act in the drama of electing a President.

By the letter of the constitution the National Assembly of France must meet as soon as the office of President becomes vacant. The National Assembly is made up of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies together, and in a full assembly there should be 550 ballots, of which the Republicans claim to have 430. At the first ballot, total 849—Sadi-Carnot had 303, Ferry 212, and Freycinet 76. On that Ferry and Freycinet both withdrew in favor of Sadi-Carnot, and the impression rapidly spread that the latter must be the man. On the fourth ballot the vote was as follows:

M. Sadi-Carnot	616	M. de Freycinet	5
General Saussier	126	General Appert	5
M. Ferry	71	M. Pyat	1
Total	849		

The new President is variously spoken of. None venture to call him a man of phenomenal ability, while by a good many he is designated as just a respectable mediocrity, and no more. If not a genius, he is at least accounted an honest man, and of good character. "Officially," so it is said, he is a Roman Catholic, while in private opinion he is a Deist; a conjunction which is nothing remarkable in a Frenchman, especially one in political life. Of what we may call official or administrative ability he must possess a considerable share; for as Minister of Public Works he for a time controlled a large staff, and with marked success. At school and college he had taken high honors in mathematical studies, and later he made himself a name as a man of figures and calculations. He has been twice Minister of Finance, first in 1882 and again in 1886. He has always been efficient in the performance of official duties, always popular, and seems to have escaped making violent enemies at any time. His wife has taken high position as a leader in society; and his family record is unimpeachable. All which, we may well believe, counts for something.

And still there need be no doubt that he owes his present high position largely to the fact that he is the grandson of his grandfather—Lazare Nicolas Carnot—the great War Minister of the French republic, 1793 to 1797. The ability of the latter in directing operations of war reached the level of genius; and so successful was his management that he was called "the organizer of victory." If we mistake not, indeed, it was Napoleon himself who first called him by this title. His son, Lazare Hyppolyte Carnot, was a Liberal Deputy, or of "the Left," from 1839 to 1848, and after the Revolution was Minister of Education. He retired from public life in 1875. So that the new President has a distinguished family record in his favor, and on the Republican side, too.

This event of the day, as we call it—is remarkable, chiefly because it shows that French Republicans are able at a crisis to act as patriots, to sink differences, and to unite as one man. Enemies of the Republic, either at home or abroad, will not rejoice because of what has happened. Already it is talked of that the new President is but a weak man, that he will merely fill the chief seat until the Orleans King gets ready to take it. Probably the wish is father to the thought. We will tell.

[illegible]ue's Apology.

The Thomas Journal, one [illegible]omas organ, The Journal, [illegible] the question of Mr. Blue's [illegible]al position to partisan [illegible] says that a man in the [illegible] whose bread is buttered [illegible]men of every party and of [illegible] no right to serve a faction or to [illegible]son to the flag beneath which he fares so well. Were the slightest excuse for such misconduct in either Whig or Tory possible The Journal would hasten to put forth an appropriate apology for Mr. Blue, instead of doing which, however, it resorts to violent abuse of The World, as though that sort of thing could either disturb the equanimity or lessen the popularity of this organ of Canadian opinion.

Mr. Blue was at one time editor of The St. Thomas Journal and we remember how that paper in those days denounced, and with justice, the Conservative party for maintaining men in office as public servants when in reality they were party agents. And yet we find Mr. Blue now in the same business. He is a bitter partisan. But it was quite possible for him to collate his statistics without drawing inferences therefrom. The public pay Mr. Blue to collect the statistics; they reserve for themselves the right of deduction therefrom. When Mr. Blue attempts to do this for them he lets his partisanship run away with his judgment and his duty to the people who maintain him.

The American Consul occupied a seat of honor on the platform at the St. Thomas meeting of Commercial Annexationists, and appropriately so. Every representative and lover of the Stars and Stripes in this country favors the fad, and wherever the faddists foregather the representatives of the Stars and Strips are entitled to a front seat. They know that trade follows the flag, and they govern themselves accordingly. Their pretence that they are laboring to strengthen Anglo-Canadian connection is enough to make an undertaker's horse laugh.

After the burning of the Commercial Hotel at Guelph last Saturday many of the unhoused found shelter in the Union Hotel. This sort of C. U. enjoys The World's distinguished consideration. The other sort is too jug-handled for even an hotelkeeper.

The Cornwall Freeholder indignantly denies that "Mr. Patrick Purcell, M.P., will give the Government an independent support." But there is such a thing as "moral support," and Mr. Purcell is a contractor.

The Globe: "We do not propose to advocate this great scheme to-day and oppose it to-morrow." Then you must have changed what you call your mind since you advocated the hanging of Riel one day and denounced it the next day.

The attempt to explain away the increase in the number of Police Court cases during the current year by attributing it to the strikes of last summer was effectually quashed yesterday by the Acting Magistrate, Ald. Baxter, who declared from his personal knowledge that the implication was baseless. His associate Magistrate, Mr. Miller, concurred, and Mr. Meyerfey, Police Court Clerk, clinched the argument by testifying that not a single striker or K. of L. had been arrested during the troubles referred to. Toronto's good name is valuable, but it must not be sustained at the expense of the workingman. If Toronto proves to be not quite so good as she has been represented to be by some enthusiasts the reasons of the disappointment can be found elsewhere. This is a large and growing city, and will naturally not grow in grace alone.

Buffalo News: "It is reported that Mr. Bayard has put in a claim to the Mexican Government for that eminent nuisance Cutting. If Mr. Bayard is so anxious to put in claims why doesn't he take up the case of the Canadian fishermen whose vessels were seized by the American authorities? In that he might have the backing of the people." Little doubt of it. The Canadian representatives have probably by this time taught counsel for the other side that there cannot be one law for the Atlantic and another for Behring Sea. The World is well informed that this is among Tupper's strong points.

It is announced that there are twenty-seven red-headed men in Congress, which is probably why Washington is so often pictured as riding upon a white horse.

The Lancet discourses upon "How to lie when asleep," but how to tell the truth when awake is what troubles a large constituency.

Winnipeg Norquay got back from the Quebec conference to find that he had lost his best Holt, and was in some danger of also losing his sessional subsidy.

What has Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., done that The Globe should have extended to him its extinguished patronage, as it did yesterday in its leading article? The pathway of that journal's friendship is strewn with the skeletons of public men who might now have flesh upon their bones but for its anaconda caresses. Cave canem!

The Halifax Herald characterises as an absolute falsehood the despatch to the American press emanating from the Annexationists of that city to the effect that an extra-official deputation therefrom would visit Washington for the purpose of bettering the instructions of the Anglo-Canadian Commissioners. The World said all along that the idea was ridiculous, and could never have been seriously entertained by any man who knew anything of civilized diplomacy. Our Halifax contemporary may rest equally well assured that the talk of sending a similar deputation from Toronto has ended in talk upon the one hand and laughter on the other. This trick of "Lo! here" and "Lo! there," the alleged facts being always located thousands of miles apart, is played out, and no man with all his shingles on any longer indulges in it.

"CRAZY PATCH" & "WHITE SLAVE."

Attractions at the Grand and Toronto Opera Houses.

Miss Kate Castleton opened a week's engagement before a large audience at the Grand Opera House last night. The occasion was the annual benefit of the Toronto Theatrical Mechanics' Association, for which Miss Castleton kindly volunteered her services. The farcical three act comedy "Crazy Patch" presented gives the star and her comedians plenty of scope for their funny business. The play has little plot and no sense but is full of ridiculous situations which keep the audience in continuous laughter. Miss Kate Castleton as Sybilla Tubbs was fully appreciated and upheld her last season's reputation of the part and introduced several new songs. The company is even better than last season, Eddie Foy and James T. Kelly coming in for great applause. During the last act Manager Sheppard appeared on the stage with a handsome red plush toilet case which he gracefully presented on behalf of the Toronto Theatrical Mechanics' Association to Miss Castleton in return. In thanks the fair recipient said: "I suppose on this occasion I am expected to make a speech. This, however, I am unprepared for, but all I can say in plain English is, whenever I comb my hair or wig I will remember the Toronto Theatrical Mechanics' Association." "Crazy Patch" will be played all week and it ought to draw large houses.

Bartley Campbell's seven-act play, "The White Slave," held the boards at the Toronto Opera House last night. The thread of the play revolves on the old story of two children being raised together, one dying, and the survivor, until the denouement, appearing as the poor child, or as in this case, the "White Slave." The scene is laid in a Kentucky plantation before the abolition of slavery, and the incidents are enlivened by the characteristics associated with the negro, including a Commissioner and a cork of close on $3,000, one Miss Lila, is graceful and pleasing, though she is scarcely powerful enough for the part, and her indistinct utterance makes her almost unintelligible at times. The support was good. The rain storm scene in the fifth act was really good, and was made realistic by the downfall of real water. The same bill during the week.

Book Notes.

David Christie Murray, now a leading English novelist, has essayed difficult ground in his new story, "One Traveler Returns." It is no less than the introduction of a woman from that "bourn whence no traveler returns." The scene is laid in the Druid days of England. William Bryce is the Canadian publisher.

Opening in Toronto.

From The Belleville Intelligencer.

Following the impulse of his enterprising spirit, Mr. G. W. Tickell has branched out for himself and will in a few days open a large furniture warehouse, Nos. 108 and 110 King-street, Toronto, a few doors east of the Rossin House. Mr. Tickell is thrifty, energetic, remarkable and possesses good business tact, which qualities insure success. The three-story building which he will occupy has been remodelled throughout for his special line of business. The goods from the manufacturing firm of G. S. Tickell & Sons are already known in Toronto, and Mr. Tickell intends to direct his attention to the introduction of the best lines of Canadian and American goods. While aiming high he does not exceed his capabilities and we wish him success in the field he has chosen.

A Pointer for Inspector Archabold.

Editor World: Would you call the attention of the proper authorities to the number of houses of assignation on Victoria-street, between Queen and Shuter streets. They are a great nuisance to the neighborhood.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

For Xmas Work.

Ladies who are making up plush fancy work for Xmas presents, can get beautiful silk tassels and pompoms at McKendry's for 15 cents a dozen, that's cheap, sure it. 278 Yonge-street is a great place for the ladies. x

Dust from the Diamond.

Catcher Purvis is the latest acquisition to the Hamiltons.

Secretary White has received the contracts of Rickley, E. D. Burke and E. L. Thayer with Toronto and George Keefe with Troy.

The Jersey City club claim to have thus far signed Daily, Lang, Hofford, Firle and Corcoran.

Mapledoran has applied for a position on the International Association staff, and will doubtless be appointed. Mapledoran umpired for a short time in the International League last season, but was driven from the ranks by Buffalo's hoodlum element.

The Torontos have now eleven men under engagement, and two more pitchers are to be secured. Thyer, a catcher who played with Portland, Me., last season, and Burke the left fielder of the Scrantons are the latest acquisitions. Manager Cushman has had his eye on Burke for some time. He is a good batter, fair fielder and a great baserunner. Oldfield, Decker and Thayer will do the catching, the latter two also playing centre when not behind the bat; Harnett, Kearns and Rickley will be on the bases; McLaughlin of last year's Phillies and not of Newark as some papers stated, will cover short and Connors and Lally will look after left and right field, respectively. "Doc" Sheppard is one of the pitchers wanted and, as soon as he returns from his deer hunting expedition, will be signed.

Spots of Sport.

The Toronto Canoe Club Snowshoers will be captained this winter by D. B. Jacques, with W. B. Cooke as whipper-in and A. Shaw secretary. The club will tramp out two nights a week.

Sam Bittle has been offered liberal inducements to meet "Roddy" Gallagher of Cleveland in a six rounds fight. Bittle says he has retired from the ring but he may have a go at the Clevelander.

Harry Bethune has issued a challenge, through The St. Louis Sporting News, to run any sprinter in America 100 or 120 yards for $1000 a side, prior to his departure for Australia on Jan. 1, 1888. He offers to give Kittleman one yard in 100, or one and a half in 120. He accounts for his defeat at Ottawa by claiming that he was dosed. Just before the race he stepped into a bar room at the track and swallowed a mouthful of whisky, whereupon he got dizzy and could not get away from the scratch.

A VERY SWEEPING CHANGE

HOW THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN SHOULD BE ELECTED.

Ald. Boustead's Notice of Motion—Abolish the Wards and Choose Representatives at Large for Three Years—The Mayor Proposes a Second Collegiate Institute.

Mayor Howland called the City Council to order yesterday evening at 7.30. There was a full attendance of members with the exception of Ald. Drayton, Morrison and Rogers.

The Mayor's message deals with the establishment of a second collegiate institute in the city, the need of which is pressing, and will become more so when Upper Canada College is converted into a purely residential school. The procedure must be by bylaw, which must be submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for approval. His Worship would like that the bylaw should be passed by the present Council, and that two of the six trustees should be ladies. The following is an estimate of the income and expenditure, necessary for the establishment of the institute:

EXPENDITURE.

Five per cent. interest on sinking fund on initial outlay, for site	$10,000	
For building	30,000	
	$40,000	$2,000
Salaries		8,700
Fuel and caretaker		1,000
Sundries (maps, etc.)		500
		$12,200

INCOME.

Fees, 1800 pupils at $20	$9,000
Government grant	1,750
Municipal grant	1,750
	$12,500

Excess of income over expenditure $300

"I should propose," added the Mayor, "in order to make it an institute for the benefit of the whole people, that scholarships should be given for the common schools, say to the extent of twenty-five in the year, and that the fees for maintenance of these scholarships should be included in the annual estimate of the Common School Board of Trustees, and that the benefit of these scholarships should be limited to the children of persons not having an income of over $1000 per annum.

Ald. McMillan moved that the matter be referred to a committee to ascertain what steps should be taken under the amended High School Act to give effect to the recommendation. This course was unanimously agreed to.

Ald. Boustead gave notice that the Council petition the Legislative Assembly to grant special legislation amending the Municipal Act in so far as the same relates to Toronto:

1. To abolish the ward system as far as it relates to the election of aldermen.

2. To provide for cumulative voting in lieu of voting in wards, so as to give property a fair representation.

3. The Mayor and aldermen to be elected by a vote of the city at large.

4. The Council, including the Mayor and chairmen of committees, not to exceed nineteen; the Mayor and chairmen of committees to be elected for three years; the aldermen to be elected for three years, but after the first election six to retire at the end of the first year, six at the end of the second year, and the remainder at the end of three years, the order of retiring to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Council after the first election held under the new act.

5. The committees of the Council not to be more than six in number, to be known as Finance, Police, Waterworks, Fire and Gas, Property, Exhibition, Parks, or by such other names as may be hereafter determined, the mayor and chairman of the committees to be paid, and to constitute the executive committee of the council, and to devote their whole time to the service of the city.

6. No person shall be eligible as a chairman who has not served at least one term in the council, but this shall not apply to the first election.

7. The chairmen of the committees shall be elected by the vote of the electors at large, and each shall be nominated as a candidate for the particular position to which he aspires.

8. No person shall be eligible for, or be nominated as a candidate for more than one position.

9. Every elector shall have the right to vote for as many candidates as there are offices vacant at each election.

Mr. Henry Wade and Mr. Thomas Shaw, as representing the Agricultural and Arts Association, addressed the Council in favor of having a regularly established annual fat stock show in Toronto. Five years ago, Mr. Wade said, the first fat stock show was held in Toronto, which was a success so far as exhibits were concerned, but a failure as to accommodation. He had failed to secure from suitable place in which to hold the show in Toronto, it was held for the three following years in Guelph and Woodstock. Having secured free of charge, the honorary of Messrs. Grand's rink, Adelaide-street, it was proposed to hold a fat stock show on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The prize list was $1200 and short, a sum inadequate to what it would be made up at the gates. Such a meeting of cattle men and farmers would be of great benefit to the city and he desired to ask that the City be opened by the Mayor. He hoped that the Council should give a temperance dinner to the exhibitors, judges and officials of the show, and the members of the council of 1886 had signified their intention of doing so. Should the show prove a success it would probably become an annual event in the city. Mr. Shaw also spoke on the subject, which was referred to the Executive Committee.

The proposed trunk sewer, the construction of which was recommended by the Executive Committee at a cost of close on $3,000, created an animated debate. Several members objected to the details of the scheme, but were met by the Mayor's enquiry, why they did not submit their objections and suggestions long since. It was ultimately agreed to adopt the principle of a trunk sewer. The recommendation to entrust the carrying out of the work to a commission was also the cause of much discussion. It met with the most strenuous opposition from Ald. Baxter, who regarded the commission system as a failure and a fraud. He held that the City Council should not shirk its duty in the matter, but carry out the work under the supervision of competent engineers. He moved a resolution embracing his views, which was carried by a large majority.

Inspection of the Garrison Artillery.

The Toronto Garrison Artillery mustered last night forty strong under Capt. McMurrich, and were inspected at the Drill Shed by Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., and Brigade Major Gray. The corp was put through several company movements, under Capt. McMurrich, all of which were very creditably done. After the muster roll was called they were put through the thirty-two and forty pound gun drill under Sergt.-Major Spence and Instructor Sergeant Ward. This part of the work was done in very good style. The D.A.G. expressed himself well pleased with their movements and gun drill, and particularly with their neat and soldierly appearance. There were quite a few military and civilian spectators and in universal opinion was that it would be a great pity to see such a fine corps broken up for want of support from the Government.

After the men were dismissed Capt. McMurrich entertained the inspecting officers and the other officers present at supper at the Toronto Club.

Christian Work for the Women.

Mrs. M. P. Baxter of Michigan addressed a large meeting of ladies at Association Hall yesterday afternoon. After prayer and the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Baxter said it was a fact worth noticing that the first time Christ announced himself as the Messiah was to a woman at the well of Samaria. Men had commented upon this fact, but the only interpretation that could be given of it was that Christ was unlike mortal beings, who would probably treat such a woman with scorn or contempt. Again at the sepulchre, Christ first announced his resurrection to a woman. Mrs. Baxter quoted several women mentioned in Scripture, and commented on the influence for good they exercised, and argued that the mission of the women of this age should be to rescue the fallen and bring comfort to the comfortless.

Harry McKillop's Diamonds.

The restaurant of Harry McKillop, at Port Huron, was on Thursday taken possession of by a constable armed with a bill of sale and chattel mortgages amounting to $1100. Some time ago Sheriff Stellwagen of Detroit loaned to McKillop $600 to redeem certain jewelry in pawn at Toronto, taking a chattel mortgage as security. The money was claimed to have been lost in London by Mrs. McKillop while en route to that place, and Louis Cohen then advanced $500, taking another chattel mortgage. He is now in possession of the diamonds, which are valued at $2000, and Mr. McKillop is in the meantime endeavoring to satisfy the claim of Mr. Stellwagen. Mr. McKillop formerly kept the Dominion Hotel in Hamilton.

The Globe Rebuked in Court.

At the Police Court yesterday the attention of Acting Magistrate Baxter was called to a statement in that day's Globe that the great increase in drunkenness during the summer was caused by the men on strike. The alderman thereupon bore his testimony to the orderliness of the men on strike, during the continuance of which he acted as Police Magistrate. Clerk Meyerfey also stated that not a single striker had been arrested for drunkenness. This official testimony disposes of The Globe's slander on the unionists.

The Julia Bachle Inquest.

There were a number of witnesses examined by Coroner Johnson at the inquest last night upon the body of Julia Bachle, the girl who was alleged to have been poisoned. The testimony of Dr. Matthew Wallace and Dr Ball, who attended the deceased, and the post mortem made by Dr. Spencer, showed that death was caused by a disease dependent upon the puerperal state and the jury brought in a verdict to that effect.

AN ENGLISHMAN INSULTED.

The Difficulty of Rooting Up Prejudice Learned at the Mother's Knee.

One bright June morning, some years ago, a party of traveling men were gazing out upon one of the most charming landscapes in the Susquehanna valley.

In the party was an English gentleman, whose prejudices were stirred by the laudatory tone of the conversation. He grew restless, and exclaimed:

"This may seem to you rawther a pretty scene, but if you want to see really beautiful scenery, you must go to England, where the air is softer, the grass greener, and the flowers more fragrant than here."

As he finished, one of the party, whose ancestors were of good old revolutionary Yankee stock, turned to him, and with more candor than politeness, said:

"My friend, in childhood, at my mother's knee, I was taught three things: First, to revere the great Creator; second, to love the Stars and Stripes; and third, to hate a Britisher. This is one of the many occasions when I fully realize the beneficial influences of early training."

Among the obstacles that obstruct a man's upward progress in this world are the prejudices which, planted in the character-forming period of early youth, he finds have become firmly fixed in his maturer nature.

It is difficult to root them out. Men may battle as they will; they can seldom entirely overcome their early impressions.

The progressive man discovers that he must leave his prejudices behind, if he would "keep step" in the ranks.

The barriers in the way of the truth-seeker have been broken.

Do you doubt it? Wend your way to the sanctuary some Sabbath morning and behold! Universalist and Methodist clergymen occupying the same pulpit!

Do you doubt it? See, as may now frequently be seen, physicians of different schools joining in consultation over their patients. See eminent members of the medical profession like Dr. Robson of London and Dr. Gunn of the Medical College of New York, publicly recommending a proprietary medicine, like Warner's safe cure, the only sure specific for kidney disorders and the many diseases caused by such disorders, and their views attested by hundreds of regular practitioners of various schools.

Note the fact too, that the leading clergymen, like Rev. Dr. Rankin, ex-Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, and Rev. Dr. Kendrick of the Rochester University, one of the international revisers of the New Testament, and thousands less well-known, publicly recommended this remedy, Warner's Safe Cure, because it not only cures kidney diseases, but the many common-named diseases caused directly by them.

When medical men and ministers unite in such a course, who can doubt that intolerance has ceased to rule in the learned professions at least?

A BATTLE WITH MOONSHINERS.

Illicit Distillers in Tennessee Try to Beat Of Revenue Officers.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 5.—A terrible battle took place on Sand Mountain yesterday between several revenue officers and a dozen moonshiners. The officials had discovered an illicit distillery which they destroyed, and then hid to await the arrival of the owner. In due time he approached the distillery accompanied by nine men armed with shotguns. As soon as the moonshiners saw the officials they opened fire, and for a few minutes a terrible battle ensued. The revenue officers were armed with repeating Winchester rifles, while the moonshiners had breech-loading shotguns. Both sides fired from behind trees, and for a time the officers thought they would have to retreat. After using up all their ammunition the moonshiners fell back, carrying from the field one of their number, who had been mortally wounded. The revenue officials have gone to Collinsville, Ala., for reinforcements, and will raid the mountain again tomorrow hoping to find the wounded man and his comrades.

Cast Up by the Waves.

MANISTEE, Mich., Dec. 5.—The body of a woman was found on the beach six miles north of the harbor on Sunday, in a bad state of decay. She probably is a victim of the ill-fated steamer Vernon. She had two gold rings on her hand and wore a spaniel trunk link neck chain. She was five feet high, thick set and probably weighed 150 pounds, with dark hair, hazel eyes and about 35 or 40 years old.

The Estimates of the Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to Congress the estimates of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889. The total amount estimated as required for all expenses of the Government is $326,530,793, which is $1,344,009 more than the sum called for in the estimates submitted last year, and $16,899,406 more than the aggregate of appropriations for the present fiscal year.

Great Suffering in Calabria.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The first shock was felt at 5 o'clock in the morning. The people at once fled from their houses, and this prevented an awful calamity. The second shock, which was much more violent, occurred at 7 o'clock. Bigagnano is almost entirely destroyed. Four thousand persons are rendered homeless and many others are missing.

Fire at Oshawa.

OSHAWA, Dec. 5.—To-night at 11.30 o'clock a fire broke out in the stables and sheds of J. D. Hoitt, William-street, and occupied by R. H. Hobbs, butcher, and in a few minutes three horses, harness and other valuables were burned. The origin of the fire is not known. The stable and contents were insured. The insurance will not cover Mr. Hobbs' loss.

Dealers in "Green" Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The police have aroused themselves to energetic action against the "sawdust swindlers" who have flourished in this city with comparative freedom for many years. Two well-known "bunco" men were arraigned this morning. An account book was found in their rooms, which showed they had made about $14,000 clear profits since June last.

Most Not Yet Sentenced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—It was expected that John Most would be sentenced to-day, but the case was postponed until Thursday to give Counsel Howe time to prepare his argument in favor of a new trial.

Ambrecht's Tonic Coca Wine.

Made from the best Peruvian coca leaves A powerful nerve stimulant; produces healthy sleep without bad effects. Strongly recommended by the most eminent physicians in Europe. Mara & Co., 280 Queen-street west. 246

Art Mantels.

At the showrooms of W. Millichamp, Sons & Co., 29 to 35 Adelaide-street east, can be seen the finest assortment of art mantels and over mantels in Canada. They are of all descriptions, mahogany, ebony, walnut, cherry and other woods. Parties building or re-decorating should see these mantels. They are low-priced, artistic and of latest foreign designs. In fact they take the lead. 624

Gentlemen save your money and improve your personal appearance by purchasing your clothing of Gibson. Overcoats of the finest beaver, melton or nap trimmed, first class at a reduction of 20 per cent. for cash. Workmanship and fit equal to any. Young men wanting to learn a profitable business can get a thorough course in cutting on easy terms. Gibson, Merchant Tailor, 5 Shuter-street. 246

Ladies, Attention.

Fresh sachet powders in bulk of the following odors: White Rose, Jockey Club, Cashmere Bouquet, Heliotrope, Violet and Pot-Pourri, at Osgoode Hall Pharmacy, corner Queen and York-streets. 624

Xmas Souvenir.

—On and after Nov. 26 until Jan. 7, 1888—in order to introduce our work—we will present to every person ordering a dozen photos a beautiful souvenir free. Shannessy & Hall, 253 Yonge-street. 246

To Those About to Build.

—If you wish your new residence to look nice, cosy, artistic and stylish you must fit it throughout with Millichamp's beautiful mantels and over-mantels. Latest designs in all woods, mahogany, ebony, walnut and cherry. See display at show rooms, 29 to 35 Adelaide-street east. All builders recommend them. x

Cigar Dealer Lowe Assigns.

Charles Lowe, cigar dealer at 483 Front-street east, has made an assignment to Donaldson & Milne. His liabilities are said to be $15,000, with uncertain assets. Mr. Lowe at one time represented a London firm.

A BRIEF SESSION LIKELY.

PARLIAMENT WILL MEET BETWEEN JANUARY 19 AND FEBRUARY 2.

Government Will Not Have a Large Amount of Legislation to Propose and Private Legislation Does Not Promise To Be Extensive.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—There is considerable activity in all the public departments at present. Annual reports are being hurried forward. Estimates are being prepared and all the indications of an early session are shown. The general impression is that the House will meet not earlier than Jan. 19 and not later than Feb. 2, unless something should occur in Washington to protract the sittings of the Fisheries Commission to a much greater length than is now considered at all likely. The usual prognostications of a short session are indulged in, and really it does not appear as if there would be much to cause a long session, even making allowance for the fisheries question and the discussion of any arrangement which may be made at Washington.

It is not understood that the Government will have any large amount of legislation to propose and private legislation does not promise to be extensive, as so far less than thirty notices of application to Parliament have been given, while at this time last year the number was nearly 100.

As already announced it is not probable that either of the Middleton divorce cases will come up on account of insufficiency of notice, and taken altogether, it looks at present as if the coming session of Parliament was not likely to be a long one.

There was another meeting of council this afternoon, which, it is understood, was mostly occupied with the discussion of matters relating to the fisheries convention, the Government being in constant communication with Sir Charles Tupper, but whatever the nature of the negotiations going on may be, no hint of the negotiations is allowed to leak out here.

The Kingston election trial has been fixed for to-morrow. Sir John will not be present, as no personal charges have been made and he has not been summoned, and it would be very inconvenient for him to be absent from the Capital at present, unless it was absolutely necessary that he should.

The Ottawa branch of the Imperial Federation League has now a membership of 140. The committee are making arrangements for holding a series of meetings to discuss various points arising out of the Imperial Federation question. The first of these will take place on Dec. 15, when Prof. Macoun will introduce the subject of "A British Customs Union."

Mr. Purcell, M.P., published a letter in tonight's Free Press denying the statement made some time ago that he intended giving the Government an independent support.

The Trent Valley Commissioners are engaged in the preliminary work by arranging for the taking of evidence as to the desirability of extending the canal to Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay.

Mr. John Lowe, Acting Deputy Minister of Agriculture, has returned from a trip to Southern Manitoba. He says the Canadian Pacific Railway is taxed to its utmost capacity to haul the surplus wheat crop of the provinces, which is claimed to average over twenty-two bushels to the acre. The country is fairly choked with grain, and farmers are jubilant over the immense yield and fair prices; wheat selling at 55 cents.

Advices have been received here that Mr. Kamper, the Parisian capitalist, will spend the coming session here promoting his scheme for the purchase of the Intercolonial Railway and the establishment of smelting works in Nova Scotia.

The Department of Marine has awarded to Miss Maria Collins, daughter of Mr. Thomas Collins of Collingwood, a gold chain and locket in recognition of her heroic conduct in rescuing drowning Mr. Manning Brown and nephew on Aug. 15last. Miss Collins rowed a mile to accomplish the rescue, and found Mr. Brown clinging to the nephew, a thick set lad, and holding up his nephew with the other, and brought them safely to shore.

Sir John Macdonald is the proud possessor of a handsome walking cane, a gift from Mrs. Cantley, sister of Sir George Simpson, which is as Canadian as the National Policy itself, besides having an historical element. It appears the veteran Premier during the holidays manifested a deep interest in a collection of agates and other geological specimens obtained by Mrs. Cantley on Lake Superior and the Thousand Islands. The lady evidently made a mental note of the fact and one of the most beautiful agates came to Sir John yesterday as the handle of a cane, the balance being a walnut march, embedded in a richly-chased silver knob surmounting a highly polished leopardwood cane.

Mr. Frank Turner, C.E., of Toronto, had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Pope, Minister of Railways and Canals, yesterday with reference to the Trent Valley Canal, and requested information be conveyed at once with the necessary investigation, with a view to making a report at an early date. Judge Weller and Mr. Kennedy (Montreal), the other commissioners, will shortly receive their instructions and meet Mr. Turner as soon as they conveniently can.

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DEATHS.

NURSE—On Saturday, Dec. 3, at his late residence, 376 Church-street, after a painful illness, George J. Nurse, son of the late Richard Nurse and brother of Edward Nurse, of Nurse Bros., in his 39th year.

Funeral Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 3 o'clock p.m. to St. James' cemetery. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

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$47—BOND, LANG and Dufferin sts.—Lot 150 x 100; terms easy.

$22 PER FOOT—Cor. Lorne and Dunn $22 ave., Parkdale; 160 feet; easy terms