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D'ALTON WILL TAKE A HAND.

THE EMINENT EQUAL RIGHTER WILL LIVEN UP THE CAMPAIGN.

A Dearth of Life Amongst the Politicians and Parties in the Queen City—Mr. Meredith's Meetings this Week—C. C. Robinson (Con.) Will Oppose Mr. Davis in North York—Political Pointers.

Two weeks from next Thursday, or about 17 days in all, will be held the provincial elections. The campaign in Toronto, whatever it may have been throughout the province, has been flat and lifeless up to date. The only gathering that has been held so far around which any interest has centered was Mr. Meredith's Pavilion meeting a couple of weeks ago. The city conventions are all over, and still the inertness continues. What is the matter with the parties and the politicians?

It is not because there are not enough of parties, factions and candidates in the Queen City!

There are seven candidates, four parties and a score or more of factions.

But it is probable that the advent of D'Alton McCarthy in the field will stir somebody or other up, and it may be expected that something will drop that will be heard as far east as Cornwall and as far west as the Detroit River. Mr. McCarthy, it is understood, is to take the stump at once, about Wednesday. He will probably deliver his first address in North York, where the candidates are Mr. Davis (Lib.) and Mr. C. C. Robinson (Con.) Many other meetings are being arranged for Mr. McCarthy, and he is expected to deliver three speeches in Toronto immediately preceding polling day.

The Reformers are to have a rally in the Pavilion on Thursday night, at which Mr. Mowat and Mr. Hardy are billed to appear.

The Equal Righters will have a meeting to-night at Mallandine's Hall over the Don

SATURDAY'S CONVENTIONS.

North York Conservatives Nominate Reeve Robinson of Aurora.

NEWMARKET, May 17.—The Liberal-Conservatives met here to-day, Reeve Anderson of Georgina presiding and Reeve Woodcock of Newmarket secretary. Seven candidates were proposed and seconded. All withdrew, however, in favor of C. C. Robinson, reeve of Aurora, and a son of ex-Lieutenant-Governor Robinson, whose name was made the unanimous choice by a standing vote.

Mr. Mowat's Opponent.

WOODSTOCK, May 17.—Mr. Charles Wilson has accepted the Conservative nomination and will oppose Mr. Mowat in North Oxford.

Will Support the Conservatives.

BELLEVILLE, May 17.—The Equal Rights Association met last night and after considering the replies of the party candidates in East and West Hastings to their manifesto decided to support the Conservatives.

Mr. Meredith's Meetings This Week.

Mr. Meredith will address meetings this week as follows:
Monday, May 19—Port Elgin.
Tuesday—Lucknow.
Wednesday—Wingham.
Thursday—Glencoe.
Friday—Strathroy.
Saturday, 2 p.m.—Watford.

A SIGNIFICANT INTERVIEW.

The Mowat Government Arraigned by Rev. Dr. Laing of Dundas.

[From The Hamilton Spectator.]

Rev. Dr. Laing of Dundas is known all over the province as a life-long Reformer—a Presbyterian divine of the old stock who took the Bible in the one hand and The Toronto Globe (in the days of George Brown) in the other and gauged every public question on adjacent lines. When in recent years The Toronto Globe passed into other hands the venerable gentleman got disgusted with it and now he has soured on Mr. Mowat and his administration.

To a Spectator reporter he said yesterday: "Mr. Mowat's inconsistency is preposterously ridiculous on this school question. He said in 1886 that a Protestant tenant may agree with the owner that his taxes shall go to separate schools, although a Roman Catholic may not agree that his taxes shall go to public schools. Mr. Mowat said this was not so and that it was all right, but since that he has had to back down and alter the clause so as to cover the point I raised. It has been the same in all the other points that I raised at that time and which he then declared unnecessary, but he has since been forced to remedy the defects. Then take the so-called Ross Bible question. At last election Mowat claimed it had not a fault, but since that he has quietly withdrawn the selections and a new book has been substituted from which every objectionable feature has been eliminated. There is the biggest backing down I ever saw."

"Do you think the Meredith platform should prove satisfactory to the Equal Rights party, doctor?"

"I think the Meredith platform is satisfactory as far as it goes. Of course there is the clause about the abolition of the separate schools, but I do not think that is an important matter in this contest. We cannot expect to accomplish that for some time, though I am satisfied it is coming. It cannot be done in a day."

"What other features in Mowat's administration do you object to?"

"I think the taking of Mr. Fraser into his cabinet as a representative of the Roman Catholic minority is wrong, and I hold that they should not be represented as such. I object also to the statement made by Mr. Mowat, Mr. Ross and by The Toronto Globe, that the archbishop, as the head of the church, ought to be recognised in our educational institutions. I object to Archbishop Duhamel's statement that in our public schools where teachers and trustees are Roman Catholics they ought not to make appointments or dismiss a teacher without the priest's consent. In separate school matters I think it wrong that a priest, who is not a ratepayer, should by law have the power of sitting as trustee, or that the members of religious orders should be deemed competent teachers without examination. The separate school law gives both these powers. I believe in equal rights in regard to the ballot in school elections. Protestants have the right to choose between open voting and voting by ballot. Roman Catholics should have the same right. I don't think either should be forced to use the ballot, but I do believe that at the present time the Mowat Goverment at the dictation of the priests are forcing them to open voting.

"I think there will be a considerable splitting up of parties in this election," continued the doctor, significantly.

"Do you think the Equal Righters will support the Meredith platform?"

"Some may not vote either way, but where they have confidence that the nominee will carry out his promises they will likely do so. A great deal depends on the man. For my part I would rather support a Tory who differs from me in some points than a mere blatant Reformer that I have no confidence in. I decline to say how I will vote in this election, though I have made up my mind which side I will support."

Will Pacaud or Cleary Withdraw?

[Windsor Cor. Detroit Free Press.]

Hotter and hotter grows the political fight and the different candidates and their friends have been holding meetings and very exciting ones, too, all over the county. There is lots of mud-slinging and personalities are receiving more than usual attention. A rumor was started yesterday and was reiterated by Col. Whitehead at this meeting, that either Cleary or Pacaud would pull out and the manner in which these gentlemen spoke showed plainly that something was on the tapis. They are both in the field as the representatives of the Mowat administration, and it is only reasonable to suppose that White, with a three-cornered fight, had all chances in his favor. But neither Pacaud nor Cleary would waver, and they have been calling each other all the names imaginable at public meetings. Yesterday a complete change was seen, as they only alluded to each other in kindly terms. This makes knowing ones think that the government has stepped in and either Pacaud or Cleary will withdraw.

White's meeting in the opera house yesterday was a very large one, every seat being filled. George Luther was made chairman and called upon Mr. White to open the meeting. The speaker outlined the policy of his platform and said he was an independent candidate. He differed with Mr. Meredith on the separate school policy and he was not in accord with the policy of Mr. Mowat on that question. He alluded to the railway policy, the license system and the local Government system of voting.

Mr. Cleary and Mr. Pacaud both vigorously defended the policy of the Government, the former reading a number of extracts from journals, wherein it was stated that Mr. White was satisfied with Canada's present relations, but if a change was to be made let it be political union. Mr. Pacaud gave an account of his stewardship.

Mr. White replied and Mr. D. B. Odette made a speech in French, which was considered one of the best made in Windsor for years. Mr. White held another meeting in the evening.

Political Pointers.

Ald. O'Farrell (Con.), who is running for the Assembly for Ottawa, has been endorsed by the local Knights of Labor.

Hon. A. S. Hardy addressed a meeting at Cobourg Saturday night in the interest of C. C. Field, the Government candidate in West Northumberland.

Ald. McDougall and Mr. Tait, the Reform candidates, delivered addresses Saturday night in Robinson's Hall, Dundas-street, for the edification of their friends in St. Mark's Ward.

J. C. Rykert (disgraced Con.) and W. K. Pattison (disgracefully nominated Ref.) were nominated for the Lincoln vacancy in the Commons Friday. The electors will choose between the devil and the deep sea next Friday.

Heliographing Extraordinary.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., May 18.—The greatest achievement made yet in heliographing was accomplished during practice in the department of Arizona yesterday by Lieut. Wittenmeyer, who signalled a message by a single flash 125 miles from Mt. Reno, near Ft. McDowall to Mt. Graham, near Ft. Grant, where it was received by Capt. Murray. The latter by turning his instrument flashed the message to Ft. Huachuca, a distance of 90 miles, making a total distance of 215 miles with a single interviewing station. The longest distance heretofore was made with a single flash is said to be about 70 miles.

The Brazilian Insurrection.

MONTE VIDEO, May 18.—A telegram received here says that on the occasion of the recent rising at Puerto Alegre, Brazil, the troops, after firing a volley and killing and wounding many, joined the citizens in deposing the Governor. Advices have been received confirming the report of disorders throughout the provinces of Rio Grande du Sul. The populace, it is stated, will reject by force of arms if necessary the new banking laws of Dr. Barboza, the Brazilian Minister of Finance.

Six Seamen Drowned.

BOSTON, May 18.—The steamer City of Macon, from Savannah, on Friday last, rescued Charles Polaski, who was adrift in a waterlogged dory. Polaski was the cook of the schooner Hattie S. Clark of Gloucester, Mass., bound for Key West. He says the schooner capsized last Thursday in a squall off Frying Pan shoals. He believed all on board except himself were lost. The victims are Captain Sargent Lane and five seamen.

Cutting Western Passenger Rates.

CHICAGO, May 18.—The Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road yesterday gave notice that it would reduce the rate between Chicago and Des Moines from $10.15 to $3.85. This is cutting into the local territory which has been so jealously guarded by some of the Missouri River lines and will prove a particularly hard blow to the Rock Island, which has advanced its Missouri rates in order to protect the revenue on interstate local traffic.

Bishop Blais' Consecration.

QUEBEC, May 18.—The consecration of Mgr. Blais as Bishop of Germanicopolis and Coadjutor to Bishop Langevin for the diocese of Rimouski took place at 9 o'clock this morning in the quaint old Basilica. Cardinal Taschereau presided, and there were present the Bishops of Chicoutimi, Rimouski, Sherbrooke, Ottawa, Nicolet, Three Rivers and a great number of priests of different orders.

Psycho will Beat Nellie's Record.

NEW YORK, May 18.—George Francis Train arrived here to-day on his race around the world against time. His journey ends at Tacoma, Wash. Train started from Tacoma March 18, and has therefore been 61 days on the road.

Train expects to complete his journey in 65 days, thus breaking the record. He starts for Chicago to-morrow.

Hon. C. H. Tupper's Illness.

OTTAWA, May 17.—Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine, arrived here this afternoon from Washington, where he has been seriously ill with inflammatory rheumatism. The minister is somewhat better but is very fatigued after his long and tiresome journey. It is not expected that he will be able to resume his duties for several months.

Touched a "Live" Wire.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Bastino Spoldo, an Italian employed in washing windows upon the second story of the Interstate National Bank, this evening placed his hand upon a "live" wire of the United States Illuminating Company. He gave a shriek and a moment later fell to the sidewalk dead.

Reconquering the Republic.

QUINCY, Mass., May 18.—An English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of the granite business of this city. It is said $2,000,000 is involved. The granite strike is ended and the cutters, polishers and blacksmiths will resume work to-morrow.

The Propeller Roanoke Burnt.

BUFFALO, May 17.—The propeller Roanoke lying at her dock caught fire at 7½ this evening. She was towed out near the life-saving station and scuttled. She was valued at $45,000.

Mr. Whitney Mockridge will sing "The Death of Nelson" and "Come into the Garden, Maud," at the Sons of England Concert in the Pavilion on Queen's Birthday.

Ho! for the Races.

For years past great interest has been taken by our citizens in the great jockey club races. The one that takes place on Friday and Saturday next bids fair to outstrip them all. Races are good for business. Many merchants are benefited. W. & D. Dineen, the hatters, are getting their white plugs in shape and several other "racy" hats are being opened up in Derby, slouch hats, soft hats, etc. Dineen's store is on the corner of King and Yonge-streets.

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SWEPT BY WIND AND FLAME.

TERRIBLE DISASTER IN WESTERN SIBERIA'S CAPITAL.

Tomsk Visited by a Conflagration and a Cyclone — Hundreds of Lives Lost — The Inmates of the Hospital Roasted Alive—Homeless Thousands Pierced by Stinging Cold.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—Horrible scenes are reported as having occurred during the burning of Tomsk, the capital of Western Siberia. The place was visited by a conflagration and a cyclone, the result of the combined disasters being the destruction of three-quarters of the buildings, which were of wood, and the loss of hundreds of lives.

The cathedral, situated in the High Town, is in ashes. The walls in falling crushed the adjacent hospital, burying the inmates, who were subsequently roasted alive. The garrison brutally refused to render the least assistance in saving lives and property on the plea that they had enough to do in protecting the barracks and other government buildings. They also added that they had no time to assist "worthless exiles." In strong contrast to this action of the troops was that of the bishop and his assistant priests, who went about the streets succoring the wounded and blessing the dead.

Much of the suffering might have been averted had there been the slightest effort at organised relief. The storm was followed by a sudden fall in the temperature and soon the devastated city was buried beneath a mantle of snow that added stinging cold to the sufferings of the thousands of men, women and children that were without shelter.

CONQUERED BY CUPID.

Explorer Stanley's Approaching Marriage the Social Topic in London.

LONDON, May 18.—The approaching marriage of Stanley with Miss Tennant is the social sensation of the day. It is understood that after the marriage Stanley will practically retire from the arena of active exploration of Africa, but will accept a governorship or some position of direction and command in that country, which is undoubtedly to be the theatre of some of the world's most startling events during the next two years. It is also stated by Stanley's friends that in case he receives the honors and rank befitting him and returns to Africa in the capacity referred to, his wife will accompany him. This is not so much a sentence of banishment from civilisation as it would have been a few years ago, and will rapidly become less so.

The popular feeling on the African question is growing more marked every day among the British people. The general impression prevails that England is letting other nations grab all the choice portions of the Dark Continent, though by priority of settlement, by discovery, by exploration and financial investments, England would naturally be entitled to a share of the territory. The newspapers are earnestly demanding that Lord Salisbury adopt a policy of activity and aggressiveness in that direction. It is declared on all sides that Germany in particular is using the dilatory methods of diplomacy to defer action on the part of England, while she is quietly but rapidly extending her sphere of influence in all directions in Africa.

Moltke's Speech Makes for Peace.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The Tribune's London cable from Mr. Smalley says: Count von Moltke's speech on the Army Bill on Wednesday in the Reichstag is more important than any other event on the Continent during the week. So deep is the impression which this discourse has made that it may be said it will do not less to preserve the peace of Europe than all the new legions which Germany is preparing for. Count von Moltke has stipulated once for all the situation that the next war is likely to be a short war. The powers of Europe, he tells the world, "are armed as they have never been armed before. No one of them can be shattered in one or two campaigns so completely as to confess itself beaten and to conclude peace on hard terms, or not to recover in a year or two and renew the conflict. It may be a 7-years' war; it may be a 30-years' war. Woe to him who sets fire to Europe."

There is no nation, there is perhaps even no Emperor who, after such a warning as that from the first soldier of his time, can enter upon a war with a light heart. Till Count von Moltke spoke the common idea was that the next contest would be sharp but short. No idea did more to make war possible and probable. Count von Moltke said many other striking things. It is the speech of a man who thinks much and speaks seldom. The era of Cabinet wars, he believes, is over. "We have now only people's wars," of which the consequences are incalculable. What is wanted is a strong government, strong enough to resist popular impulse. "For long time past only the sword has kept the sword in its sheath." It will be long before the echo of these peaceful phrases, with the ring of steel in them, ceases to reverberate throughout Europe.

The Queen's Visit to Waddesdon.

LONDON, May 18.—The Queen's visit to Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild at Waddesdon, announced last year but then abandoned, was duly made on Wednesday. So seldom does Her Majesty enter any subject's house as a guest that her short railway journey from Windsor to Aylesbury gives rise to comments on the manifestation; questions are asked. Why does she go to the Jews? query some of the discontented; and they complain, not without bitterness, that the Queen leaves her greatest nobles unnoticed while bestowing this signal mark of favor on Hebrew financiers. All which may be set down to pure jealousy. Baron Ferdinand has no business connection with Messrs. Rothschild, Lord Rothschild, the present head of that house, as long stood high in the Queen's esteem. Baron Ferdinand's Waddesdon chateau is modern; is, in fact, of his own creation, but one of the finest in England, and is filled with a collection of various works of art which would be difficult to match anywhere. The Queen can hardly be blamed for wishing to see Waddesdon, or for signifying in this public way her regard for its distinguished owner and for the family of which he is a member.

Russia Threatens the Porte.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 18.—The Porte has not yet replied to Russia's claim for the payment of the arrears of the war indemnity. M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, in an urgent note to the Porte demands the payment of the arrears from the new loan. Otherwise he adds Russia will reserve the right to take further measures.

Another Trans-Atlantic Race.

LONDON, May 18.—The Anchor Line steamer City of Rome sailed from Queenstown at 12.30 p.m. to-day for New York. The Guion steamer Alaska sailed at 1.20 p.m. and the Cunard steamer Aurania at 2 p.m. All went ahead at full steam "directly" they cleared Queenstown harbor. There is heavy betting on the result of the race.

Bismarck's Talk to a French Reporter.

PARIS, May 18.—The Matin publishes an account of an interview had with the French journalist, Des Soux, who recently spent a few days at Friedrichsruhe and was entertained at dinner by Bismarck. The conversation was devoted principally to political reminiscences. Bismarck referred to his resignation as a first-class funeral but added that he was quite alive still. He did not understand the French law compelling retirement from public service at 60 to 65 years of age. He had been forced to retire at 70 but he was too young to do nothing. He was accustomed to politics and now felt the lack of political business. His resignation was absolutely final. He defended himself against the charge of barbarity in having caused the bombardment of Paris. He declared that Germany would never attack France or provoke France to attack her. Germany well understood that Russia would intervene to protect France if attacked, just as Germany would aid Austria if Russia attacked her. He professed high admiration for President Carnot, M. de Freycinet and M. Constans.

Sir Henry Parke's Leg Broken.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., May 18.—The Premier was thrown from a cab to-day while driving from Bolmain. His leg was broken by the fall. The accident was caused by the horse taking fright and bolting.

A Riot at Halle.

BERLIN, May 18.—An anti-Semitic meeting was held at Halle to-day at which Deputy Sonnenberg was the principal speaker. Rioting broke out between Socialists and anti-Semitics and the meeting was dissolved by the police. The Socialists stormed the platform and a free fight ensued. Many arrests were made.

The Russian Manoeuvres.

VIENNA, May 18.—The Russian manoeuvres on the Eastern frontier will be held in August and will last three weeks. The troops will be drawn from Poland, Lithania, Odessa, Charkoff and Moscow and will be commanded by Generals Gourles and Dragomiroff, who will be designated for high commands in the event of war. All the railways in the district will be placed under the control of the military authorities.

To Grow Cotton in the Crimea.

LONDON, May 18.—An attempt will be made in the autumn to cultivate American and other cotton in the Crimea and other places on the Black Sea coast.

Russia and France Not Estranged.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—It is semi-officially stated that the report of an estrangement between Russia and France is untrue.

Another Victory for Wissmann.

BERLIN, May 18.—Advices have been received from East Africa that Major Wissmann captured Mikindani on May 4, placing the whole coast from that place to Zanzibar in the hands of the Germans.

Boulanger Explains.

LONDON, May 18.—General Boulanger has informed a friend that the letter by which he dissolved the Boulangist National Committee does not mean that he is renouncing his claims, but that he desires the absence of any medium between universal suffrage and himself.

Gladstone on Siberian Outrages.

LONDON, May 18.—Mr. Gladstone speaking at Lowestoft yesterday said the English public conscience had been greatly shocked by the reports of Russian prisoners being ruthlessly shot without the form of a trial and by the fact that these outrages passed without the reprobation of the Russian Government. He had been asked why he did not denounce these outrages in the House of Commons, but he felt a scruple about asking the Government to take steps unless he could see the way to a favorable result. He desired to see the law applied in his own land whenever cruelty and oppression were found. He would be glad if the Government was in a position to expostulate with Russia, but he feared Russia might retort that a country where political prisoners and innocent Irish citizens engaged in a public meeting was hardly in a position to dictate how another country should treat its convicts.

The European Bourses.

LONDON, May 18.—On the stock exchange the past week business was active and prices in every department were well supported. The main factor in bringing about this prosperity continues to be the Silver Bill. American railway securities closed a shade easier yesterday on realisations.

PARIS, May 18.—On the Bourse the past week business was fairly active, prices were firm. At the trial of the chiefs in the copper syndicate it has been proved that M. Secretan as director of the Societe des Metaux, distributed fictitious profits for 1887 and used improper means to bull copper, raising the price of copper 11,000 francs per ton to over 2000 francs, and clearing within two months 10,000,000 francs.

Cable Flashes.

Nothing is known in Berlin or Vienna in regard to Russia's reported change of policy.

Prince Bismarck has declined numerous offers from English and American publishers for his memoirs.

The steamer Harold, bound from Bilboa to Glasgow, has foundered off the Irish coast. Six persons were drowned.

Thomas McCheane, consular agent of the United States at Portsmouth, Eng., has committed suicide. No reason for the act is known.

At the next consistory three bishops will receive cardinal's hats. Mgr. Sarthou, vicar apostolic of Western Chili, will be transferred to Peki in a similar capacity.

The Berlin correspondent of The London Times confirms the statement that no agreement has been reached in the East African delimitation negotiations.

At Marseilles Saturday one of the boilers of the steamer Ville de Tangier exploded. Three of the crew were killed and four badly injured. The steamer sustained much damage.

The ammunition factory of St. Etienne has received an order from the Russian Government for a quantity of cartridges loaded with smokeless powder equal to a supply for 1,000,000 rifles.

A Buenos Ayres despatch to The London Times says: "The Argentine Republic and Chili are firmly determined to reject Mr. Blaine's pretension, under cover of a delusive commercial convention, to dictate their internal and external policy."

Gen. Boulanger has written a letter from the Isle of Jersey, in which he says he no longer desires any intermediary between himself and his supporters, and he therefore dissolves the Boulangist National Committee. The Boulangist journals publish the letter without comment.

Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum is a delicious confection, pure and healthful.

Besant's New Paper.

LONDON, May 18.—A new paper appears, "The Author," to be published monthly. It is the organ of the Incorporated Society of Authors and is edited by Mr. Besant. It is founded, says Mr. Besant, as the organ of literary men and women of all kinds; the one paper which will fully review, discuss and ventilate all questions connected with the profession of literature in all its branches. Publishing and the ways of publishers will be a prominent topic. Many other features of practical value and much interesting literary discussion and literary news are found in this first number, which is excellently edited throughout.

A Feast at Scarboro Heights.

The luncheon tendered Saturday afternoon by a party of prominent residents of the eastern suburbs to a large number of invited guests was a unique success. A tent was pitched on the site of the old Scarboro Heights Hotel, of historical and happy memory. Sir Adam Wilson, who has a handsome residence near by, presided. The menu was a choice one, and those who partook of it evidently brought their appetites with them. The glories of the east as a summer residential locality were amply extolled by Sir Adam and his neighbors.

A Mass Meeting of Bakers.

Instead of the regular monthly meeting Saturday night Chief Assembly No. 3499, K. of L., journeymen bakers, held a mass meeting to which all journeymen bakers were invited. In response to the invitation their rooms in Richmond Hall were crowded. Mr. Harry Baker presided. About 20 new members were elected and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting augurs a thorough reorganisation of the bakers in the near future.

Cooking Ranges, No. 8, with water tank and warming closet $24; No. 9, $28, clean and new. Wheeler & Bain, King-street east. 138

FATAL EXPLOSION OF FIRE DAMP.

Two Men Killed at the Empire Colliery Near Wilkesbarre.

WILKESBARRE, May 18.—An explosion of fire damp occurred about 7½ last evening at the Empire colliery of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company, near this city. William Thomas and his helper, Robert Craig, were in that portion of the colliery doing their work, and it is supposed they fired the gas. Both were killed and their bodies have not been recovered.

The Colliery Disaster.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 18.—The remains of four more victims of the Ashley colliery disaster were recovered yesterday: Robert Pritchard, Michael Scully and Michael Henry, one body was unrecognizable. There are only two more bodies in the mine.

THIRTY-FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

By an Explosion of Powder at a Fire in Havana—The Injured Number Over 100.

HAVANA, May 18.—At 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in Ysasis' hardware store. In a short time the flames reached a barrel of powder in the building and a terrific explosion followed. The whole structure was blown to pieces and 22 persons were killed. Among the dead are four fire chiefs, Senores Musett, Zensovich, Oscar Couill, Francesco Ordorez and the Venezuelan consul, Senor Francesco Silva, who was in front of the building at the time of the explosion.

In addition to the killed over 100 persons are injured. The explosion caused the wildest excitement throughout the city and thousands flocked to the scene of the disaster. The Governor-General, the Civil Governor and all the principal authorities of the city were promptly on the ground and did everything in their power to aid the injured and calm the grief-stricken relatives of the victims.

Several houses adjacent to the wrecked building were damaged by the explosion.

Gangs of men are at work on the debris. Many human limbs have been taken from the ruins. The relatives of missing persons supposed to be in the ruins are gathered on the spot and as the bodies are brought out the scenes are most distressing. The conduct of the authorities is the subject of universal praise. The highest praise is due those who incurred personal risk in conducting the search for the dead and have offered the use of their own carriages to convey the injured to the hospitals. Yassi, the proprietor of the wrecked hardware store, has been arrested. It is feared that there are several more victims in the ruins.

Over the theatres and the Chamber of Commerce and many other buildings flags are hanging at half mast. Everywhere are signs of mourning.

Up to the present time the number of the dead is 34.

Other Fires.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 17.—The works of the Oriel Cabinet Company were burned last night. Loss, $150,000; insurance, $70,000. A few dwellings adjoining were destroyed.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 17.—Covington, the saloon town across the river, was entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. In January all the buildings on the lower side of the only street were burned, and yesterday's blaze took all on the east side. Nine buildings were burned, including 6 saloons. Loss $16,000. There is no probability that the town will be rebuilt.

LAKE PARK, Minn., May 17.—Carlson Ebeltaft's store was burned here early yesterday morning. Ebeltaft and his family lived in the upper story. Two of Ebeltaft's children were cremated, and the rest of the family had a narrow escape. P. Martinson's residence was also consumed and the business portion of the town was only saved by hard work.

ROCHESTER, Minn., May 18.—An explosion of dust occurred in John A. Cole's flour mill here yesterday and the mill was destroyed by fire, which followed. Loss $50,000.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 18.—Henry Dinwoody's furniture establishment was burned here to-day. Loss $125,000.

TOLEDO, May 18.—Early this morning fire broke out in the third floor of the Cresent Candy Company's establishment in the Hiett block, which speedily spread to the wholesale grocery of Wood & Manzy. There were 600 boxes of firecrackers and Roman candles in the stock of the Cresent Candy Company, whose explosion caused the flames to spread with great rapidity. All four stories of the candy company's store were gutted and the wholesale grocery is nearly a total loss. The loss is $107,250.

The plan for Sons of England Concert opens this morning at Nordheimer's.

The Railway Conductors' Officers.

ROCHESTER, May 17.—At the session of the railway conductors held to-day the election of officers was taken up. There were numerous candidates for each office. On grand chief conductor three ballots resulted in election. The officers elected were:

Grand Chief Conductor—E. E. Clark, Ogden, Utah.
Grand Junior Conductor—J. D. Shultz, Rochester, N.Y.
Grand Inside Sentinel—F. J. Dorsey, Winnipeg, Man.
Grand Outside Sentinel—F. S. Butler, Sioux City, Ia.
Member of Executive Committee—R. E. Fitzgerald, St. Louis, Mo.
Member of Insurance Committee—Sam Phipps, Philipsburg, N.J.

The next convention will be held at St. Louis. Grand Chief Conductor Wheaton declined to be a candidate for renomination on account of being opposed to the elimination of the strike clause.

Markham Votes for Two Improvements.

MARKHAM, May 17.—The Waterworks By-law for $10,000 and Electric Light Bylaw for $2000 were carried to-day by majorities of six and seven respectively.

Hear Mr. Whitney Mockridge at the Sons of England Concert on Queen's Birthday in Pavilion.

Art in Dress.

For an elegant spring business suit there is nothing nicer than one of those new drab shades of worsted with a two-button cutaway coat. Taylor & Co., art tailors, 89 Yonge-street. 136

The biggest sight in the city. See our immense display of $6.45 suits. The Model Clothing Store, 219 and 221 Yonge-street.

The Only Pullman Sleeper for New York Is Via Erie Railway, leaving Toronto 4.55 p.m.

Comfort is everything while traveling, and in order to obtain this little luxury you should purchase your tickets via the picturesque Erie. You can also leave Toronto at 8.40 p.m. by the magnificent steamer Empress of India. Solid train from Fort Dalhousie.

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The Galt Summer Carnival.

Now when the odor of young grass fills the atmosphere and a sweet pastoral charm envelops the cities of Hamilton, Brantford and Guelph, comes the news that the bristling town of Galt proposes holding a Summer Carnival on June 12 and 13. Of course it will not compare with Toronto's gigantic affair, but if quinn's carnival ties are worn it will make a creditable showing.

The C.P.R. Is on Deck.

To the Canadian Pacific belongs the credit of being the first to construct a building on the Esplanade west of the old windmill line. The company has put up a big wooden structure on that portion of the bay it has reclaimed at the foot of Yonge-street.

A Born Coquette, by the "Duchess," has been issued by the National Publishing Company. A most entertaining book. For sale by all booksellers

A "MODISTE'S" IMMODESTY.

MRS. ABBIE BURRELL FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.

A West End "Dressmaking" Establishment in Which Inspector Johnston and His Men Found a Very Funny Combination of Men and Women—The Fainting Racket Did Not Save Madame

Mrs. Abbie Burrell of 392 College-street, near Borden, spent Saturday night and part of yesterday in St. Andrew's-market Police Station with six companions, the result of a police visit to the above address. Mrs. Burrell was slated for keeping an irregular house, and Honora Adams, Maggie Smith, Lizzie McKie, Frank Thomas, George Robinson and Edward Corlett were arrested and entered as inmates and frequenters. In addition to the first offence, Mrs. Burrell will have to answer a summons for selling liquor without a license.

Mrs. Burrell's place has been long suspected by the police, but great difficulty was experienced in obtaining the evidence necessary to justify a raid. A dressmaking card was displayed in one of the windows, and so far as outward appearances went everything was eminently respectable. Mrs. Burrell had a trick of fainting whenever the police happened to make a call, and as the woman always opened the door herself her sudden flop in the passage generally obstructed the officers a sufficient length of time to put the inmates on their guard. On Saturday night Inspector Johnston, however, instructed Patrol Sergeant Watson and Sergeant Vaughan not to pay any attention to her but search the house with dispatch. When the posse arrived at the house Mrs. Burrell opened the door and as usual "flopped." Leaving one man in charge of her, the others sprang up the stairs, obtaining sufficient evidence to make the arrests.

The police of St. Andrew's market division are somewhat elated over this capture and the evidence obtained, more particularly Inspector Johnston. Mrs. Burrell has had a long and comparatively uninterrupted career in this city and she has worked the "modiste" racket for her infamous purposes in different parts of the city, notably in Seaton-street before she moved to College. Here is not by any means the only place of the kind that now flourishes in Toronto. Ex-Mayor Howland's crusade against fallen women in the down town districts, which Inspectors Archbold and Stephen have kept up ever since, has tended to drive many of these women of the ill fame to more quiet residential districts, and they now ply their trade under various "cloaks," the dressmaking racket being one much in favor. It would probably surprise the people of the North End to learn that the police of that district have good reason to believe that one of these palaces of sin is now carried on in one of the finest residential thoroughfares of the locality.

Another result of driving these women from the establishments down town was to scatter them among tenement houses and other buildings where rooms are let. They parade the streets at night, and even in the afternoon, in search of victims, the latter being invited to the quarters of the woman.

Mrs. Burrell is known to have a bad record. She not only ran an irregular house of a somewhat novel pattern but she was always on the lookout for young girls to stock her place. The class she mostly sought after were eligible young women in poor circumstances, who might be inveigled under the pretence of learning dressmaking. Then if any of these fallen sisters reformed and were trying to lead a better life she would try to get them into their evil habits by threats of exposure. It will be recollected that the unfortunate girl Ada Torrance, who suicided last Saturday week, was twice an inmate of her place.

Her house was also run for assignation purposes and she angled and catered principally for the custom of married men who had cash to spare for such purposes.

Mrs. Burrell's husband was driven out of Yonge-street by Inspector Ward's men. He ran a joint of a very suspicious nature near Carlton-street; it was charged that he rented rooms over his store for questionable purposes.

The party arrested Saturday night, with the exception of two, did not secure bonds-men until late yesterday. They were released on the bail of a professional bondsman, who, it is said, gets $5 a head for his services.

Secure seats at Nordheimer's for Sons of England Concert in Pavilion May 24.

GUIN AND THE STOLEN BONDS.

Governor Morison Back From New York—He Says His Company May Recover the Entire Amount.

Mr. John Morison, governor of the British America Assurance Company, returned from New York Saturday evening, where he has been engaged for several weeks in connection with the theft of $30,000 worth of bonds belonging to the company by W. H. Guion, one of the trustees in whose hands they were deposited. Guion is a man of 75 years of age, and for fifty years held a position of trust and lived in affluence, being generally reported to be worth a million dollars. At an age before reaching which the majority of men pass from the land of shadows to the land of shades, he was tempted and he fell.

"It is a sad case, one of the saddest I ever heard of," said the Governor to The World yesterday. "The particulars, as published in The World, were true, absolutely so. How you obtained them I am at a loss to understand, but their correctness was remarkable. I do not care to say anything about the case."

The civil suit against Guion and his co-trustees, Mr. Booth, president of the Third National Bank, who is 84 years of age, and who, according to the despatches, was liable only because he was negligent, is still pending, and the probability is that the company will not lose much as the result of the defalcation.

Mr. Morison declined to speak with reference to the despatch intimating that Guion was mentally irresponsible for his act. The World was correct in stating that an insurance company desiring to do business in New York State required to deposit a certain sum with the Receiver-General at Albany. The Western Assurance has $200,000 deposited there. The extra $20,000 placed with the trustees in New York by the British America was left there in order that the company might have a larger surplus in the State.

Rev. Dean McCann at St. Michael's.

At St. Michael's Cathedral last night, on the occasion of Rev. Dean McCann's lecture and musical vespers by the large and efficient choir, assisted by several noted musicians from other churches in the city, almost every pew was occupied. The lecture was under the auspices of Branch No. 85, C.M.B.A., and the rev. dean delivered an excellent and appropriate address, concluding with an appeal to the young men of the parish to unite with this charitable and beneficial organisation. Dean McCann is one of Toronto's eloquent preachers.

A Cincinnati Failure.

CINCINNATI, May 18.—Rapenbrooke & Co., dealers in cloaks and notions, have assigned. Liabilities $60,000; assets $50,000.

The Award Stands.

Mr. Justice Rose has decided that the Leader-lane arbitrators' award cannot be disturbed and must be paid. The amount which the arbitrators decided should be levied to open up this street was $28,000, Huson M. Murray dissenting. The other two arbitrators were Hon. J. B. Robinson and James E. Smith.

MURDERER SMITH'S CONFESSION.

He Beat His Wife with a Bible, then with a Poker.

LONDON, Ont., May 17.—In connection with Henry Smith's confession of the murder of his wife, the prisoner says that he inflicted the bruises on the woman's head by beating her with the heavy Bible before he hit her with the poker. It is understood further that he accused his wife of improper intimacy with a soldier in the Old Country before their marriage, and this was the ground on which he was provoked into the crime.

THE REPAIRS TO ST. MICHAEL'S.

Nearly Ten Thousand Dollars Subscribed—An Executive Named to Arrange Details for Collection.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a large number of the parishioners of St. Michael's Cathedral met in adjourned session in St. Vincent's Chapel, Church-street, to discu