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## **BOLT FROM BELLEVILLE**

Frank J. Reilly Did Not Appear For Trial When Called.

Man Indicted for Conspiracy in Bogus Ballot Box Case Disappears from Canadian Eyes-Another Sensation Furnished in Already Notoriously Sensational Investigation of Ballot Frauds-Who is Responsible?

Belleville, March 17.—Something in the nature of a "bolt from the blue" struck this city yesterday morning, when it became known that Francis J. Reilly, of Kingston, the man who had been the vade mecum between W. J. Shibley, of Frontenac, and the Watertown tinsmith who made the bogus ballot boxes, for use in Frontenac and West Hastings, had disappeared. Reilly had been out on ball since last November. For the past two days he

West Hastings, had disappeared.
Reilly had been out on ball since last November. For the past twe days he had been in this city, and Wednesday night was in the rotunda of Hotel Quinte, discussing his case with many people, and giving no indication that he meant to do otherwise than face the music. The funny part is that no one seemed to suspect for a moment that Reilly would skip.

Hamlet Without the Dane.
Reilly's trial was to have commenced yesterday morning, and, in fact, it did commence, for his lawyer, E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., of Toronto, objected to certain clauses in the indictment, the objection being taken under consideration. The judge asked him casually how his client pleaded and Mr. Johnston said "not guilty," subject to the objections. Mr. Justice MacMahon, still in a casual way, said Reilly might as well be placed in the dock, so that he could make his own plea, and then people began to look for Reilly. He was not to be found.

Mr. McCammon, one of his counsel, telephoned to the hotel for him, and Detective Chamberlain, of the Dominion Secret Service, went to the hotel to look for him, and came back with the story that Reilly left the hotel about 12

look for him, and came back with the story that Reilly left the hotel about 12 esday night and had not been

No Response When Called. The judge and the prosecuting at-torney, Mr. Hellmuth, of Toronte, con-ferred together, and the court crier was ordered to call Rellly and his bonds-man, James H. Smith. There was no

man, James H. Smith. There was no response.

The judge then said that as Reilly had evidently left the precincts of the court's jurisdiction, he would order the ball estreated and proceed, in the afternoen, with the trial of Ed. G. Ruttan of Harrowsmith, against whem a true bill had been found for conspiracy! W. R. Riddell, K. C., of Torento, who appears for Ruttan, objected to so short notice, and the judge consented to wait till this morning before proceed as with the trial of Ruttan. In the me actime, he issued a bench warrant for Reilly. The petty jurors were dismissed for the day, and the court wene on with some civil cases.

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The disappearance of Relly made, as seen be imagined, a profound impression in the city; and people began to ask where the responsibility lay for letting a man escape against whom a true bill had been found.

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"Will you kindly tell us where the responsibility lies for the fact that Reilly was not arrested when a true bill had been returned against

responsibility lies for the fact that Reilly was not arrested when a true bill had been returned against him?"

Mr. Porter replied: "The responsibility is wholly that of the sheriff and the Dominion Secret Police, who we're both notified by the County Crown Attorney that they should take Reilly into custody as soon as a true bill was found. It was not part of the duty of the Crown Counsel Helimuth to look after this."

As te Reilly's whereabouts at present it is a fact that a telegram was received in this city, yesterday afternoon, from a lawyer at Cape Vincent, N. Y., stating that Reilly was in Watertown and would be back on Friday to stand his trial.

The people of this city will believe if when they see him.

Reilly's Last Appearance.

Enquiry at Hotel Quisite elicited the information that Reilly left that hoselry by the front deer Wednesday might about 12, in company with Rope McGinnis, of this city. The latter states, it is said, that the only went as far as the corner with Reilly, and left him there.

It is surmised that Reilly went to the station on leaving the hotel and took the 12.40 a. m. train for the cast. Should the above surmise be correct, and had Reilly made the connections messary, he could have landed in Uncle San's dominions at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

Reilly's bondsman is J. H. Smith, stock broker, of this city. It is stated that Mr. Smith, in company with a Mr. Riddell, Reilly's Kingston legal adviner, Wednesday called on the County Crewn Attorney, P. J. M. Anderson, and requested that the \$2,000 which had put up as ball for Reilly, should be refunded, as he was here present at the cent.

Why lie is Pleased.

The County Attorney demurred. It was a bad thing to give up money, he said, in his jeyoular way, and, anyhow, it would be Jime to give up the money when Reilly had been surrendered into the custody of the court. Now Mr. Anderson, is shaking hands with himaelf. It is said that a point has arisen in cognection with Reilly's ball and his Yondaman is alleged to claim that the ball can

sions last December. A gentleman learned in the law, when spoken to about this point, said, "But did they, last December, ask to be relieved of their obligations? If not, the ball still

Whalen, Ruttan and Harryett.
The Grand Jury returned no bill against Thomas Whalen, of Prescott, and true bills against Ruttan and exMagistrate Harryett.
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Magistrate Harryett.
Up to last evening no steps had apparently been taken by the authorities to guard against the escape of Ruttan and Harryett, who were walking around the hotel nonchalantly.

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The judge yesterday afternoon, just before court closed for the day, addressed the Grand Jury in regard to the criminal libel case of E. Gus Porter.

M. P., v. Carman. After explaining the law in regard to criminal libel, he closed by stating that he could not see uned by stating that he could not see, un-der the circumstances, how they could do otherwise than bring in a true bill against Carman.

### GLEANED IN QUEEN'S PARK.

Premier and the University-No Can-

Toronto, March 17.—Premier Whit-ney promises to outline the Govern-ment's intentions towards the Univer-

ment's intentions towards the University in the speech from the Throne.
The guns of the Field Battery being unavailable, there will be no Royal salute at the opening of Parliament. The Grenaciers will furnish a Guard of Honor and the R. C. D. the escort for the Lieutenant-Governor.

An amendment to the present act regarding the development of power at Niagara Falls for the benefit of municipalities is probable, in accordance with the Premier's opinion that the power should be developed by the Government and all municipalities share alike in the benefits.

The Temiskaming Railway Commis-

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The Temiskaming Railway Commissioners met yesterday for routine business.

Col. Clarke, clerk of the Legislature, has received 64 applications for private bills. The necessary \$100 fee was sent with 33 of the applications.

#### PASSED BAD CHEQUES.

Three Young Men at Petrolea to Tried for Bold Work.

Petrolea, March 17.—A bold piece of work was attempted here Wednesday, when three young men, whose names are Forter, Seymour and Humford, seare Forter, Seymour and Humford, secured some blank cheque forms and forged the name of John Kerr to them. They went to the store of Mr. McDermaid and bought a pair of boots and handed one of the cheques in payment. Mr. McDermaid, thinking the cheque was perfectly good, took it, giving them their change. They then proceeded to the Ford's millinery and drygoods store and tried to pass another for the amount of \$18.56, but the clerk did not think the cheque was good and had it taken to Mr. Kerr, who said it was not his.

The police were quickly notified and succeeded in getting Seymour easily.

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Porter and Humford tried to escape,
but Chief of Police Ferguson arrested
them. Their trial comes off this morn-

### SHOCKING EVIDENCE.

Inquiry Into Finding Child's Body at Miligrove at Dundas.

Hamilton, March 17.—At the enquiry held by Corener Ross at Dundas last evening on the body of the infant dug up under the barn of William Marshall, Miligrove, the evidence was of a shocking nature. ing nature.

Martha Roberts, the mother of the

Martha Roberts, the mother of the child, is only 16 years of age, and is a step-daughter of Marshall. She took the stand against him. She swore that he was the father of the child. She said it was born on Friday, and died

the following day.

Testimony was given by a little girl that the family were looking for laudanum, but she thought Marshall wanted it for himself. The enquiry lasted until about midnight, and was adjourn-ed until next Monday.

### DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, March 17.—Yesterday in the House passed without the remotest reference to the Schoel question, beyond the presentation of petitions. Marine and Fisherier estimates to the amount of \$633,756 were passed.

The Canada Atlantic.

Ottawa, March 17.—The conditions under which the Grand Trunk Railway Company is to take over the Canada Atlantic were the subject of a brisk discussion in the railway committee today. Two bills were before the committee, both having the one object of facilitating the transfer. The bill was passed, but the other was held over to enable the Gevernment to make a statement in connection with running rights for the Intercolonial over the Canada Atlantie Railway.

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Weston, March 17.—J. Gilchrist, a sheemaker, living on Main-street, a veteran of the Indian mutiny of 1857-58, and who served more than 21 years in the famous 88th Royal County Dewn Regiment of Ireland, is mourning the disappearance of his adopted child, Manrie, whose mother's name is Kelly. Mamie is 9 years old, and has been attending the Weston Public School. On Tuesday, after dinner, she left for school and has not been seen or heart from since. She has been one of his family since she was six weeks old, and her loss is greatly mourned. The child's mother is a domestic, and stayed with the Gilchrists until Tuesday. It is believed that she took the child with her.

An item appeared in yesterday's paper that Mr. Barr saw the first canary of the year. Will Kelly says that Mr. Barr was mistaken. It, was

## WHERE IS TERMINAL?

That G. T. R. Will Have Nearer Than the St. Lawrence.

mportant Statement Made by the Chairman of the Allan Steamship Line at a Luncheon on the New Steamer Victorian-New Allan Liner Attains a Speed of Nearly Twenty

London, March 17.—(C.A.P.)—Though London, March 17.—(C.A.F.)—Though designed for a speed of seventeen and a half knots, the new Allan liner Victorian attained nearly twenty knots at her trials on the Clyde yesterday. At the luncheon on board, Mr. N. Dunlop, Chairman of the Allan Company, said he believed the Grand Trunk Railway contemplated having a great terminal he believed the Grand Trunk Railway contemplated having a great terminal point nearer the ocean than the St. Lawrence. Then the Canadian route would be the great waterway to the American continent, with steamers running at unequalled speed and safety. The Victorian left for Liverpool on Thursday with 1,300 passengers and mails for the other side.

#### BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

Lord Stanley Replies to Deputation re British Postage.

British Postage.

London, March 17.—(C. A. P.)—Replying to the deputation of members of Parliament yesterday afternoon, introduced by Sir Gilbert Parker, Lord, Stanley disposed of the hope of a reduction of postage on British newapapers and magazines to Canada, at least while he remained Postmaster-General.

General.

Sir Gilbert said the deluge of American magazines, many centaining 50 to 75 per cent. of advertisements, did a great deal to divert trade from Great great deal to divert trade from Great Britain to the States. He referred to the resolutions passed in Canada, and read a petition signed by the Fresident of the British Empire League, and the late Premier of Ontario, amongst others; and also commented upon the people becoming imbued with American ideas, and asked that the rate should be reduced from four pence to a penny a pound.

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Lord Stanley had great sympathy with the sentimental side of the question, but his business was to run his department on a business basis. The only method by which the matter could be remedied would be to equalize the Brigh rates with those of the United States, and that, he calculated, would mean a loss of revenue to the amount of three millions sterling. First Rhodes Dinner.

London, March 17.—The Canadian Press learns that the first annual dinner of the Rhodes' scholars will be held at Oxford to-day. It is understood that the dinner will be confined to the trustees, 80 scholars, the joint secretaries and Dr. Parkin.

### Favors the Yankees.

London, March 17.-W. Gilbert, Son London, March 17.—W. Gilbert, Son & Co., Limited, of Swanses, writing to the Canadian Press, say the action of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway, charging two cents per 100 pounds more for goods destined for all points beyond. Montreal, has the effect of discriminating in favor of American manufacturers.

Parsonage Burns Down,

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Wheatley, Man., March 17.—Early
yesterday morning the Baptist parsonage here was found to be on fire. Mr.
Davies, the minister, immediately gave
the alarm but before a sufficient number of people arrived on the scene the
fire had gained such headway that all
efforts to put it out were abandoned.
Most of the furniture was saved, but a
valuable set of dishes, a century old,
was lest. No insurance on the conwas lost. No insurance on the con-tents. The cause of the fire is un-known. Loss on the building about \$1,500; insurance \$550 in the Commer-cial Union.

Constable Shoots Laborer.

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Ottawa, March 17.—Bernard Britton, a laborer, 29 years of age, was shot in the leg early yesterday morning by Constable Graham of the Ottawa Improvement Commission. Britton and his brother were engaged in what Graham and another constable believed to be an attempt to steal lumber for firewood. The prisoner made a break for liberty, and when recaptured struck Constable Blanchfield with a hatchet he had intended to use in prying off the boards. Crown Attorney Ritchie is investigating the case.

Friends Take Body Home.

Toronto, March 17.—C. W. Marlatt, who shot himself in the Daiy House early yesterday morning, died in the Emergency Hospital at 6.45. Friends arrived from St. Thomas later in the day and took the body home. The woman, Edna Williams, (not his wife as stated yesterday), who was with him when he suicided, was questioned by Crown Attorney Curry and allowed to go her way. The note left by the dead man was considered sufficient to exonerate her from all blame.

Guillotine Passes.

London, March 17.—The House of Commons last night adopted Premier Balfour's "Guillotine" motion, 208 to 129. What is designated as the guillotine motion was introduced in the House of Commons on March 15, with the purpose of securing the sanctioning of the estimates before the close of the fiscal year, March 31. It is another term for closure.

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