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INDEPENDENCE OF IRELAND.

A NEW POLICY FORMULATED BY PARNELLITE PARTY.

"England Has Forfeited All Claims to the Confidence of Irishmen" the Gist of a Resolution Passed—Ireland Confronted With a Serious Condition of Affairs and Put in the Background.

DUBLIN, April 4.—The convention of the Irish Independent party, more generally known as the Parnellite party, was called to order yesterday in the Rotunda.

Several causes led to the calling of this convention by John E. Redmond, the Parnellite leader. In brief, they may be summed up in the statement that the change in the leadership of the Liberal party resulting from the resignation of the Premiership by William E. Gladstone and the accession of Lord Rosebery to power have necessitated a new departure upon the part of the Irish Parliamentary party, and the dissensions existing in the ranks of the McCarthyites, Dillonites and Healyites have led to so much protest upon the part of the rank and file of Irishmen generally that it was determined to turn over a new leaf, as it were, and map out a new policy to be followed by those who have the independence of Ireland at heart.

Among those present were the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Mayor of Cork, John J. Clancy, M.P., Joseph E. Kenney, M.P., Luke P. Hayden, M.P., Timothy Harrington, M.P., William Redmond, M.P., William Field, M.P., and many other distinguished members of the advanced Irish party, as well as representatives from other sections of the Irish party in Parliament.

John E. Redmond presided.

A Change of Conditions.

Mr. Redmond, in his address to the convention, said that the situation in the history of Ireland rendered a convention such as the one which he had been asked to call absolutely imperative in view of the changes which had taken place in the Government and in view of the fact that it was necessary that a new departure should be taken by the representatives in Parliament of those who had the welfare of Ireland at heart.

The political situation, said Mr. Redmond, was so changed that the leaders felt that they could not continue to bear alone the responsibility for the future policy of the Irish Independent party.

Ireland in the Background.

At the present moment, the speaker continued, they were confronted by a most serious state of affairs. The fruits of 15 years of labor, sacrifice and suffering were endangered. In fact, they were confronted by something worse than mere danger. Irishmen all over the world were abandoning in disgust the so-called constitutional agitation because it was evident that the cause of Ireland had entirely receded into the background.

They were confronted almost by the ruin of the cause of Ireland, and this state of affairs was brought about owing to the selfish jealousies of the men who, under the name of "Anti-Parnellites" (groans), were slavishly subservient to the English Government and hindered the cause of the people they represented by their petty disputes and shameful jealousies.

English Measures to the Detriment of Ireland.

These men, said Mr. Redmond, had degraded Ireland in the eyes of the world. [Cheers and hootings, mingled with cries of "Down with the traitors!"] They had excited the contempt and ridicule of their ancient and hereditary enemies in England—[groans], and had delayed Home Rule for a generation.

The policy of Lord Rosebery, according to the Parnellite leader, would be a concession to the Unionists in order that the Government might seek for new supporters among the English masses by passing through Parliament a number of English measures to the detriment of Ireland, and with Home Rule placed so high upon the shelf that it was an open question as to whether it would ever be taken down again. This was the state of affairs, and he did not care a rap what the so-called "antis" did.

When Lord Rosebery, the speaker continued, said that Home Rule was shelved until the majority of Englishmen were converted to it these Anti-Parnellites sat silent in their subservience and left the Independents to take the Premier by the throat. [Cheers.]

Rosebery's Alleged Explanation.

It was true that Lord Rosebery had attempted to make a weak-kneed apology for his statement that the English must be converted to Home Rule before Ireland could enjoy that measure of independence, but this alleged explanation had not altered the case in any way, and there was no doubt as to the real meaning of the Premier's words uttered in the House of Lords so soon after he became Prime Minister.

Evicted Tenants.

Touching upon the question of the evicted tenants, Mr. Redmond said that he had entered into negotiations with the Government in order to pave the way for a discussion of the situation of these poor people, and, if possible, to cause the introduction of an evicted tenants' bill which would be of some real benefit. But, the speaker claimed, Mr. McCarthy interfered—[groans]—and delayed the matter, and their only chance of doing good to the evicted was now lost.

A General Election Necessary.

Regarding the amnesty question, the Parnellite leader asserted that the Home Secretary, Mr. Henry Asquith, had declared that so long as the present Government was in power the Irish political prisoners would never be released. [Hisses.]

"If Mr. Balfour were in power," said Mr. Redmond, "he would govern Ireland by quite as constitutional methods as Mr. Morley and, therefore, any further patience upon the part of the Irish members will be a betrayal of the interests intrusted to them. A general election is necessary before any national measure is adopted.

"Instead of the passing of English bills facilitating Home Rule, as the Government contended, it would have a directly opposite effect. The Registration bill, for instance, would probably be a compromise bill agreed upon between the Government and the Unionists, by which Ireland would lose 20 seats in Parliament."

Resolute Independence Necessary.

Referring to constitutional agitation, Mr. Redmond remarked that he decidedly believed in it when it was conducted by fearless men, but if this class of agitation were allowed to sink into farce and sham, as it had in the hands of the Anti-Parnellites, then it were better that it be abolished and that men of stern methods and resolution come to the front as soon as possible. [Loud and prolonged cheers.]

Ireland's only hope, Mr. Redmond exclaimed, was a return to the late Charles Stewart Parnell's path of resolute independence of the English parties. [Enthusiastic cheering.]

Forfeited All Claims of Irish Confidence.

A resolution was then offered by the Mayor of Cork declaring that the Government had forfeited all claims to the confidence of Irishmen and calling upon the Irish members of Parliament to strive for an early dissolution of Parliament.

The resolution was carried with loud cheers.

Mr. Redmond then urged that subscriptions were necessary to maintain the Independent newspapers, declaring that if these newspapers ceased to exist he would immediately retire from Irish politics.

A resolution pledging the delegates to strive to raise funds in their various localities was then passed.

Mr. Redmond concluded his remarks by saying that the electorate of Clare demanded that he should not support the Government, as the latter had refused to release the Irish political prisoners, and when he (Mr. Redmond) returned to the House of Commons, he would tell Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, the Liberal leader, that the latter intended to kill John Daly in jail, and if the Registration bill preceded the Evicted Tenants' bill he would advise the evicted tenants to return to their homes and to stop there. [Loud cheering.]

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BRITISH-AMERICAN MAILS.

Time of Transatlantic Steamers to Be Inquired Into by Parliament.

LONDON, April 4.—Sir John Long, member of Parliament for Dundee, has given notice of his intention to move in the House of Commons that the Government make a return to the House of the comparative time occupied in the voyages of mail steamers between Queenstown and New York and Southampton and New York, inward and outward bound, during the year 1893; also furnishing the names of the steamers not under contract upon which the mails were carried.

He has also given notice that on Friday he will ask Sir Ughtred J. Kay-Shuttleworth, Secretary to the Admiralty, to inform the House of the exact knotage or distance traveled and the routes taken by steamers between New York and Liverpool via Queenstown, and New York and Liverpool via Moville, according to the Admiralty chart.

Sir Ughtred Kaye-Shuttleworth, Secretary to the Admiralty, announced that the Government would grant the motion.

THE NEW HOME RULE MOVE.

Wales Will Ask for a Standing Committee of Welsh M.P.'s.

LONDON, April 4.—The Welsh members of Parliament have decided to ask for a Welsh grand committee, to which shall be referred all Welsh legislation. It is expected that this action would be taken when it was proposed to appoint a grand committee for Scotland.

It is believed the demand of the Welsh members will be seriously embarrassing to the Government.

Soudanese Attack a French Party.

PARIS, April 4.—The Government has received information that a French reconnoitering party in the southern part of the Soudan was recently attacked by a band of natives of the village of Nsaps and Lieut. Leucerf and three soldiers were killed and six other of the French party were wounded. The chief of the village apologized for his act and said it was a mistake.

Fraudulent Trading in Foreign Meats.

LONDON, April 4.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons as to whether the Government had taken measures to enforce the laws against fraudulent trading in American and other foreign meat, the Right Hon. Herbert Gardner, president of the Board of Agriculture, said the existing law was sufficient to prevent such fraud.

England's Naval Expenditures.

LONDON, April 4.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that a complete program of the Government in the expenditure for the ensuing financial year of £17,366,100 in the naval establishment, as announced in the naval estimates, involves the construction of 13 ironclad war ships, 37 cruisers, 64 torpedo destroyers and six sloops. The estimates of 1894 exceed those of 1893 by £3,126,000.

15 German Officers Drummed Out of the Army.

BERLIN, April 4.—The Court of Honor, before which army officers implicated in Hanover gambling scandal have been tried, has sentenced 15 of the offenders to periods of enforced retirement from military life. The scandal involves more than 100 military officers of all grades, from a major-general to a lieutenant.

Wrestling With the Currency Question.

LONDON, April 4.—Lord Rosebery to-day stated that the currency question was now engaging the attention of the Government.

CANADA TO BE A SOVEREIGN STATE

But to Bear Its Share of Imperial Burdens.

Hon. David Mills has come out in a most remarkable and erudite article in the April number of The Canadian Magazine, with cogent reasons why Canada must and should assume the position of a sovereign state, equal in powers to Britain and yet a part of the British Empire and taking a share in Imperial defence. The article will attract attention all over the English-speaking world. The magazine is sold by John P. McKenna, bookseller and newsdealer, 89 Yonge-street, near King. It is a live, racy, bright and most entertaining monthly, equal in interest to any in the world.

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Adams' Horehound and Licorice Tutti Frutti cures coughs and colds. It is a delicious remedy.

Local Jottings.

The Macassa will commence her trips between Hamilton and Toronto on Saturday.

John Kerr, charged with counterfeiting, was remanded until the 9th.

Seventy-five families from the Parry Sound district left last evening for Edmonton, where they will establish a colony.

Willet Dame, charged with defrauding sundry tailors, was yesterday sent to jail for 60 days by the Police Magistrate.

The employed of Wyld, Grassett & Darling presented Assistant Cashier Kiroy with a marble clock as a wedding present.

On Thursday evening, the 19th inst., Prof. Clark will lecture on "Gustavus Apolphus, His Life and Times" in St. Luke's school room.

The Local Board of Health met yesterday afternoon, passed accounts, and granted Dr. Sheard a fortnight's vacation.

Anne McBean, aged 60, was knocked down by a bicycle at Yonge and Shuter-streets yesterday and so badly injured that she had to be removed to the hospital.

The regular monthly open meeting of the Socialist League will be held in Room No. 4, Richmond Hall, this evening, when Mr. F. F. Titus will give an address on "The New Socialism."

A combination of a high wind and a weak awning resulted in the complete destruction of a large plate glass window at the tailor shop of H. Horne, Yonge and McGill-streets, yesterday afternoon.

G. S. Booth, 1322 Queen west, had every spoke broken from the wheel of his dogcart by a collision near Dundas-street yesterday. The rig went down on the axle and the horse ran away. Mr. and Mrs. Booth were being dragged along at a rapid rate, when P. C. Clark, 238, succeeded in stopping the runaway.

The Transfer Committee of the Methodist Church will meet to-day. Rev. J. V. Smith of the Metropolitan has received a call to Hamilton. Mr. Allen is named as his successor. Rev. Mr. Hope of Guelph has been extended a call to McCaul-street Church.

William Ferguson was convicted in the Police Court yesterday of having burglarized the residence of Judge Street, 26 Walmer-road. He was sentenced to four years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

The students of Victoria University intend holding their annual complimentary dinner to the graduating class at Webb's on Friday evening, April 6. His Honor Judge Rose will take the chair, and a large number of old graduates are expected to be present.

St. Elmo Encampment No. 78, Knights of St. John and Malta, at their regular convocation held in the Pythian Hall, Queen and Victoria-streets, last evening, had a very successful and prosperous meeting. These officers were installed: Em. Com. J. J. Coulter; lieut. com., J. H. Bennett; capt. guards, Charles Tansley; prelate, George Adams; chancellor, A. W. Clare; asst. chancellor, W. B. Scoffer; almoner, Frank Brewer; herald at arms, James Doughty; sword-bearer, R. J. Chambers; marshal, W. Farley; first guard, Thomas Mishaw; second guard, A.W. Linkey; warder, Walter Meldrum; musical director, J. W. Pratt; medical examiner, Dr. Thomas Verner; sentinel, A. Scriver.

Prices down to a laughable lowness for spring overcoats and suits at the Army and Navy Stores.

RATIFY THE FRENCH TREATY.

PARLIAMENT WILL BE ASKED TO DO SO THIS SESSION.

A Quiet Day At Ottawa—French Members Speak On the Tariff—A Grant For a Fast Atlantic Service To Be Asked For—Agricultural Delegation re Duty On Pork.

OTTAWA, April 4.—A large number of questions were asked in the House this afternoon, most of which were of no general interest.

Sir Richard Cartwright asked whether the Government intended taking proceedings against the party who guaranteed the original deposit of the Government in the Exchange Bank and was informed by Mr. Foster that a case was being prepared for submission to the Department of Justice.

A Grant for a Fast Atlantic Service.

Sir Richard Cartwright asked whether, in view of the fact that the Minister of Finance has declared that he expects a deficit in the revenue for the current and succeeding fiscal year, the Government intend to ask Parliament during this session for a vote of $750,000 for a fast Atlantic service?

Hon. Mr. Foster said that if the hon. gentleman meant that he had said he expected a deficit as between revenue and expenditure he was mistaken. The Government would ask for a grant for a fast Atlantic service.

In reply to a question by Dr. Landerkin as to the number of seals caught in Behring Sea Sir C. Hibbert Tupper read a statement giving the number and value of the catch since 1885.

The French Treaty.

Sir Richard Cartwright asked whether it was the intention of the Government to ask for the ratification of the French treaty.

Sir John Thompson said the Government would ask for a ratification of the treaty.

French Members on the Budget.

The debate on the Budget was then resumed by Mr. Belley, who spoke in French, confining himself mainly to a consideration of the workings of the National Policy in the Province of Quebec, which, he considered, had been satisfactory, and to an attack on Mercier's administration, which he styles "the abomination of abominations."

Mr. Bruneau replied in French and was followed by Mr. Campbell (Kent), who spoke up to recess.

After recess the Budget debate was continued by Mr. Amyot, and Mr. Mills moved the adjournment of the debate at 10.30.

Desire a Specific Duty on Pork.

If the representations made to-day to the Premier by an influential deputation from Carleton County have any weight the new tariff on pork will be altered to a specific duty, and there is good reasons to suppose that the points made by the delegates will not be forgotten when the tariff changes. The deputation consisted of Mr. Hodgins, M.P., Mr. Reid, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Graham and Mr. Bearman, and they were accompanied by Messrs. Taylor, Macdonald (Assiniboia), Boyd, Davin, Cochrane, Smith (Ontario), Fairbairn, Sproule and Carpenter. The representation of the spokesmen were to the effect that while an ad valorem duty as proposed would afford ample protection while pork was at the high prices which recently prevailed with prices as low as they frequently are in the United States. A specific duty would alone afford adequate protection to the Canadian farmer. It was said by some of the delegates that the farmers would be satisfied with even the Borevised tariff so long as their products were protected, for those who had visited the United States last summer ascertained for themselves that they could get agricultural implements in Canada as cheaply as on the other side of the line.

Printing the Insolvency Bill.

The insolvency bill will not be printed for a few days. It is being carefully revised by the law officers of the Senate. Many applications have been received for copies, but they will have to await the printing of the bill and they will not be completed for another week.

Notes.

After the D. R. A. meeting to-day Col. Gibson, president of the association, entertained His Excellency, the Governor-General, and about 100 other guests at luncheon in the Senate restaurant. Amougst those present were Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and Hon L. H. Davies.

Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve, president of the Kingston, Smith's Falls and Ottawa Railway, is at the Russell. He states that the construction work, which was begun at Kingston last summer, has been continued through the winter, but the heavy rock cuts had prevented the work progressing with any degree of rapidity. The line, he said, would be pushed on to Ottawa with all possible speed.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen have accepted an invitation to the annual convocation of Queen's University, which will be held on 25th inst.

Important To Hotelkeepers.

No hotelman should leave town without calling on Mr. Michael McConnell, wholesale wine merchant, 46 Colborne-street. Mr. McConnell at present is offering some choice brands of wines at low prices. He is agent for some of the most celebrated houses in the wine trade, and can offer special inducements as to price, etc.

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Grand's Repository.

Special attention is called to the sale of Mr. J. Taylor's horses and carriages to-morrow, Friday 6th, which includes his entire stable outfit, also one carload of driving and express horses from Mr. Bush, Walkerton. Special attention is called to the harness and saddles, they all being by the best makers and in perfect order.

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Academy of Music.

There will be a change in the program at the Academy at to-day's matinee and for the balance of the week, when the Western romantic melodrama, "The Cattle King," will be produced by James H. Wallick and his company, introducing at each performance three of his highly-trained blood horses and his extremely comic mule. Don't fail to let the children attend the matinees and see Mule Pete in his funny antics. Prices only 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

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Important Notice.

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HOTELMEN IN SESSION.

Eight Hundred of Them Assemble and Discuss Matters of Interest to the Trade.

The License Holders Protective Association of Ontario opened its first annual session at Victoria Hall yesterday afternoon. There are about 800 delegates in attendance, and collectively they are about as fine a body of men as ever assembled in Toronto. They were not made welcome by the Chief Magistrate. Mayor Kennedy was seen last evening and said that Mr. James Haverson, solicitor for the hotelkeepers, in company with Mr. Joseph Powers, Mr. Al Devaney and several other gentlemen representing the Hotelkeepers' Association called upon him on Tuesday evening and asked him, as Mayor of Toronto, to meet the association and deliver an address of welcome. The Mayor at once declined, but the delegation were not satisfied with the first refusal and asked the Mayor to reconsider his decision. On Wednesday morning the Mayor wrote Mr. Haverson a letter again declining to accede to the request and stated more fully his reasons for so declining, to the effect that on account of his well-known principles it would be folly for him to deliver such an address of welcome to people engaged in the liquor traffic.

During the past winter, the Mayor said, he had taken a prominent part in the prohibition meetings and was opposed to the liquor traffic, consequently he could not conscientiously welcome the hotelkeepers. The Mayor further stated that he did not consider it part of his duty as mayor to welcome any party of men to whose principles he was opposed.

Very little business of importance was transacted at yesterday's meeting, the time being principally taken up in appointing committees.

Mr. Maxey of Hamilton was the chairman and he ably discharged the duties of his important office.

At the evening meeting it was decided not to send any deputation to the Local Legislature.

The election of officers will take place to-day and it is said Mr. John Wright, manager of the Walker House, is almost sure to be the next president.

A motion will be introduced at to-day's session to change the name of the association to that of the Ontario Traders' Association, with a view to include other branches of trade in the membership.

NEW RIFLES FOR THE MILITIA.

Annual Meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association.

OTTAWA, April 4.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association took place in the tower room this morning. It was stated by Gen. Herbert that 9000 of the new Martini-Metford rifles will be here in a few days for the use of the Canadian militia, and further that the whole of the present rifles in use would be made over into the new style. He also announced that private individuals owning the old style of rifle could have them sent over to England with the Government rifles to be changed. Gen. Herbert also stated that rifle practice in Canada could not be satisfactory till better ranges were procured. It may be stated that the new rifles are sighted for two miles. Subsequent to the meeting Col. Gibson entertained a number at luncheon in the Senate restaurant.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson was re-elected president of the association.

AD VALOREM DUTIES BEST.

Mills of Texas Denounces the Specific System as Unjust.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—In the Senate today Mr. Allison said a great objection which he had to the new Tariff bill was that it uprooted and uptorned the reciprocity treaties, and would naturally produce trouble with European nations and nations on this side of the ocean.

Mr. Mills (Dem., Texas), replied to Mr. Allison's argument, and contended that the specific system of duties extolled by the senator from Iowa was the anti-American, un-Democratic and an unjust system, while the ad valorem system was fair and just.

An Invasion of Hotelmen.

Our fair city will be honored this week by an army of worthy men who are noted the world over for their justice, fairness, liberality and jollity. These gentlemen are banding together to protect their business interests, which are now being meddled with by theorists and fresh legislators. Let Toronto bring forth its golden fleece in royal style and the hotelmen and let the hotelmen carry home reminiscences of our cordiality in their hearts and some of quinn's new Buckingham ties and English Oxford shirts in their satchels.

Wreck of the Propeller Minneapolis.

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., April 4.—Wreckage and life preservers of the propeller Minneapolis, one of the grain fleet which left Chicago at noon Sunday, are being picked up along the shores of the island. She must have gone down last night in the straits.

The Minneapolis was insured with Buffalo agents for $83,750, of which the Western of Toronto carried $10,000 and the British-American $7500. Balance mostly placed with English companies. Her wheat cargo was insured for $36,000, the British-American having $7690 of it.

Bank of the Platte Suspended.

LONDON, April 4.—The affairs of the English Bank of the River Platte, which suspended on March 23, were wound up in the Bankruptcy Court to-day in compulsory proceedings.

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Burglars Give Up Non-Negotiable Plunder.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Police Captain Campbell of Brooklyn announced this evening that he had recovered the $70,000 worth of bonds and securities that were stolen on Dec. 1, 1893, from the safe of S. O. Burnett, hardware dealer, 397 Fulton-street, Brooklyn. Mr. Burnett had to pay a large sum for the documents, which were not negotiable. They were recovered in Philadelphia from a lawyer who acted for the burglars.

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PERSONAL COVENANTS BILL

LOST ON DIVISION ON SECOND READING.

Tilsonburg's License Scandal—Witness Fees—A P.P.A. School Bill Introduced—The Death of the Infant at Carleton Place and Dr. Bryce's Certificate.

Among the first readings yesterday in the Ontario Legislature was one which has been looked for for some time.

Mr. P. D. McCallum of Lambton, the solitary P.P.A. member of the House, who sits near the end of the second row on the Speaker's right, a fresh-complexioned young man with a heavy mustache and a curl on his forehead, was the observed of all observers when he rose in his place with a somewhat diffident air and introduced a bill to amend the Public and Separate School Act. This is supposed to embody the views of the much-talked-of organization to which he owes his election. The second reading is fixed for Friday.

A License Scandal.

Several bills, principally private measures, were read a third time, after which Mr. McCleary of Welland, a man of striking appearance, whose olive complexion and glossy black hair and mustache give him an Italian aspect, rose and moved for a return of correspondence in connection with the granting of a shop liquor license to Joseph Aspinall of Tilsonburg for 1893-4, and all documents relating to the license. He entered at length into the history of a somewhat involved case reflecting on the license inspector and commissioner of Oxford. It appears that the application of Aspinall for a license was challenged by Rev. Mr. Cooley on the ground that many of the names of the signers did not appear on the voters' list; that there were not enough signatures to constitute up a majority of the voters' list, and that many signatures were illegible; notwithstanding this the license was granted, and though the matter was the subject of investigation the inspector and commissioners were still in office.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt made a labored and rather lame defence, stating that the matter of sufficiency of signatures was referred to the town clerk, and that where informalities were in course of transmission to him they were tampered with, and a number of other names added making up the required number. The town clerk was to blame and not the department, and moreover the town clerk was a friend of the gentleman opposite. To which Mr. McCleary retorted that though nominally a Conservative, the town clerk had a habit of voting for the Ministerial candidates.

Dr. McKay of South Oxford came to the rescue of License Inspector Cook and the commissioners and stated that they had the confidence of the temperance people, reading several letters which gave them certificates of good character.

This brought Mr. Marter to his feet with a copy of a resolution passed by a Methodist conference at Tilsonburg strongly condemning the license officials as remiss in their duty. The motion passed.

Other Returns Asked For.

Dr. Ryerson moved for a return of evidence in an inquest on one Maton at Carleton village on Oct. 3 and correspondence relating thereto. It was, he said, a glaring case of official negligence, under which a newly-born infant was nearly buried alive under a certificate signed by Dr. Bryce. The Attorney-General stated that in opinion of the County Attorney there was not sufficient evidence to convict Dr. Bryce of any criminal offence. Several other members contributed their quota towards providing work for the sessional clerks and Government printers.

Mr. McColl wanted the correspondence between the Elgin County Council and the Government with respect to an increase of salary to the establishment of a House of Industry.

Witness Fees.

Mr. Whitney's bill respecting witness fees, which proposes to establish a scale of fees for witnesses of different avocations bearing some approximation to their daily earnings, came up for second reading. Its author explained that he wished to extend the principle already recognized in the case of professional men to farmers, mechanics, laborers, etc.

Hon. A. S. Hardy regarded the bill as impracticable in its present shape. It would greatly increase law expenses in the Division Court.

A Ridiculous Bill.

Dr. Barr, whose attempts at legislation have been sat on at times by his own side of the House, got his revenge by scouting the measure as altogether a ridiculous bill. The measure, however, ran the gauntlet of the second reading successfully.

The Personal Covenant.

Dr. Gilmour in moving the second reading of his bill to abolish personal covenants in mortgages pointed out forcibly the hardship and ruin entailed by its system. The measure was in the interest of the masses of the people, as the borrowing class comprised fully 97 per cent. No doubt the effect of the measure would be to lessen credit—which, in his opinion, would be a good thing, as there was too much credit. Even if moneylenders substituted a personal bond for the mortgage the borrowers would then realize the gravity of the situation and know what they were doing, whereas now men signed mortgages without any idea of the personal liability they incurred.

Hon. A. S. Hardy strongly opposed the bill from the standpoint of vested interests and was afraid it would tend to drive away capital and weaken confidence abroad in Canada as a field for investment.

As it was in the direction of repudiation, Mr. Meredith thought the proposal, instead of aiding, would injure borrowers. Lenders would insist on their giving bonds, which would increase the legal expenses. It was a blow at the sacred inviolability of contracts and would surely frighten away investors, and it would be madness to allow such a measure to pass.

Mr. White thought the covenant clause had been a source of much injustice and that the limitation to 10 years was a step in the right direction.

Mr. Balfour expressed himself as somewhat in sympathy with the bill, which, after Dr. Gilmour had again spoken, characterizing the remarks of Messrs. Hardy and Meredith as "hairsplitting," was declared lost on division. The yeas and nays were not taken.

Just before the House rose for recess Hon. Mr. Hardy introduced a bill respecting Algonquin Park. Hon. Mr. Harcourt, a bill respecting voters' lists.

After Recess.

Several bills received a second reading, including Mr. Gilmour's bill to incorporate the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company. The question of personal covenants in mortgages came up again with Dr. Barr's bill to amend the act respecting mortgages, which he explained was much upon the same lines as Dr. Gilmour's bill thrown out in the afternoon, with the exception that it was not retrospective, but only affected mortgages to be made in the future, so that some of the objections urged to the other measure did not apply. As he sat down he was greeted with cries of "Lost! lost!" and withdrew the bill.

Mr. McColl's bill to amend the Assessment Act by raising the exemptions on income from $700 to $1000 received a second reading.

Owing to the absence from the House of the Attorney-General and some other members of the Ministry the Government orders could not be proceeded with, and the sitting came suddenly to a close at 8.50, to the disappointment, no doubt, of a large audience of spectators, who occupied the galleries and had had a very short evening's entertainment.

Just before the adjournment Mr. Meredith asked when the Toronto Redistribution bill would be brought on. Mr. Hardy replied that it would probably be introduced to-day

PURELY LOCAL.

GEN'L McCARTHY: Wish to enlist my lad?
MR. DAVIN: No, general, I'm wid you when there's actual throuble. But this throuble seems to be purely local. It's in your mind, sor, instead of the West.

LAST OF THE POOL ROOMS.

To-Morrow Local Turf Commissioners Will Close Their Doors.

The legitimate turf commission business in this city ends on Friday. Such was Judge McDougall's decision at the County Court yesterday. He gave Messrs. Orpen and Plunkett two days' grace, and to-morrow the army of habitues of the establishments in Bay-street and Johnson-lane must plunge to retrieve their lost dollars or go farther "into the hole." It is just 26 months ago that Abe Cipes threw open his doors in Jordan-street under the style of A. N. Smiley & Co. His patrons gradually increased in numbers, and even his new Bay-street quarters and the second room in Johnson-lane, opened last spring by Bookmaker Plunkett of New York could scarcely accommodate the patrons. In vain did this idle public endeavor to beat the game, but the commissioners will quit to-morrow a long way ahead.

Mr. Orpen is now generally considered a wealthy man and estimated to be worth all the way from $20,000 to $100,000, and he began the business a poor man. His winnings were of the checkered order. Some days he was $1000 ahead and he was behind an odd time; but this was rare indeed. On Tuesday his room cleared up so that he was under a very heavy expence, the chief of which was the telegraph bill, and the G.N.W. books will show that commissions over $40,000 in the 26 months from this room alone. The habitues were mostly local men of all classes and included clerks, members of leading actors, lawyers, etc. Both commissioners promised to close up to-morrow, but the reverse case will be fought out, and it is scarcely likely to result favorably to the rooms.

U. S. Lobbyists Rob Turf Gamblers.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 4.—Pool-room proprietors, book-makers and Jersey race track owners have been badly sold. After putting nearly $10,000 in the hands of the lobbyists, who largely run legislation in Maryland, to defeat the anti-pool selling bill, the measure was passed in the House by the decisive vote of 79 to 5, on this the last day of the session. The race track people say they were bled by the lobby, which promised a week ago that the bill would be beaten. Finally they were asked to put up a few thousand more, but refused because the lobbyists no longer seemed confident that the bill could be beaten. This action was a triumph of the moral forces of the state. On Sunday every minister in Baltimore denounced race track gambling from the pulpit and urged the sending of delegations to Annapolis to urge the passage of the bill. The result was that the racing element of Baltimore could not carry all the delegations this morning.

Cricket at Trinity.

Trinity University will have an exceptionally strong cricket team the coming season from all appearances. Mr. W. H. Wadsworth, the popular captain, says there are 18 men who have a good chance for the eleven. Among the new comers are Messrs. Cassels and Cartwright, two from T.C.S., Port Hope, besides additions from Lennoxville, Que., etc. Trinity will take another tour west this summer, playing Hamilton, London, Chatham and Detroit. Fleet will begin to coach the men on May 1.

Sporting Notes.

An effort is being made to organize a professional baseball team in Kingston the coming season.

Kolo of Cincinnati and Alec McLean of New Westminster, B.C., have entered for the professional race at the Austin regatta.

The Northamptonshire Stakes were won yesterday by Leopold Rothschild's Rodomont, Thursby's Fluke second and the Duke of Devonshire's Theseus third.

The Montreal Football Club favors the admittance of the Ottawa University and O.A.A.C. Football Clubs into the Quebec union. The union at present has only three senior clubs, Montreals, Britannias and McGills.

A meeting of the Toronto Junior Football League will be held on Thursday evening, April 5, at 68 Victoria-street at 8 o'clock. All clubs wishing to join are requested to send two delegates.

In the seventh game of the championship chess match between W. Steinitz and Emanuel Lasker the latter opened the game with a Ruy Lopez and won after 46 moves. The score stands: Lasker 3, Steinitz 2; drawn 2.

Generoso Pareso, the Italian champion swordsman, and Duncan C. Ross have signed articles to engage in a broadsword contest on horseback for $250 a side and the championship of America. The contest is to take place at Newark next Sunday.

The Toronto Bicycle Club having discarded the uniform cap worn for some years past, and adopted one of a very neat English design, its members are requested to attend at Dineen's, King-Yonge-streets, for measurement at the earliest possible date.

The Gore Vale Football Club at its annual meeting elected officers for the present year. The secretary and treasurer's report clearly showed that the past year had been the most successful in the history of the popular West End club. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, J R L Starr, B A, LL B; president, H Procter; vice-president, W H Dixon; captain, J E Little; vice-captain, T J Singer; secretary and treasurer, C F Bulmer, Parliament Buildings; intermediate captain, J Tyrr; secretary, W H Procter, 662 Queen-street west. It was also decided that a match be arranged with a club outside of the city for May 24. The Match Committee: J Johnstone, W Hall, J F Dale.

CRITICAL TIMES AT BLUEFIELDS.

Conflict Between England and Nicaragua Considered Unavoidable.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 4.—President Zelaya says he will send a Nicaraguan military force back to the Mosquito territory. British subjects here are signing a protest against the new law respecting foreigners resident in Nicaragua.

The tension of feeling between the English and Nicaraguans is hourly growing stronger. The British Minister protests against the conduct of Zelaya, who is criticized on all sides as being too hasty.

Gen. Ortiz will be in command of the forces to be sent to the Mosquito country. A conflict is considered unavoidable.

A Serious Problem for the U.S.