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DINED LIKE VICTORS.

It Was a Big Night for the Young Liberals.

BUT ENTHUSIASM IS PAST,

Having Gotten Over the Excitement of Their Leaders' Success.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick Talked on the School Question — Separate Schools in Manitoba Impossible at the Present Time— Brother Lount Calls Himself a Big Head—Premier Hardy Throws Little Light on His Proposed Mining Policy.

The Young Men's Liberal Club held their thirteenth annual banquet at the Rossin House last evening. About 150 sat down to an enjoyable menu. The gathering partook largely of the nature of a celebration of the victory which the Liberal party won on the 23rd June last, and the fact appeared to somewhat overwhelm the Young Liberals with the importance of the occasion, so much so that there did not appear to be that exuberance of enthusiasm that has characterized previous gatherings. This may be accounted for probably by the fact that the novelty of the cares of state government is unduly weighing upon the minds of the members. The notable exceptions were the outburst of enthusiasm which greeted Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick and the ovation which Hon A. S. Hardy received.

MR. ROSS IN THE CHAIR.

The chair was occupied by Mr. George Ross, president of the club, who was supported on his right by Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General, and on his left by Hon. A. S. Hardy, Attorney-General Davis (Provincial Secretary), Wm Lount, M.P., Andrew Pattullo, M.L.A., Hon S C Biggs, S H Janes, Robert Jaffray, H E Sheppard, Dr Chamberlain, Aid John Hallam, John Flett, B B Hughes, F B Polson, Lieut-Col R B Hamilton, Hugh Miller, J.P., D B Thomson, J B Clark, Fred Denton, H M Mowat, H H Dewart, J W Curry, Peter Small, Peter Ryan were also among those present.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

The chairman, on giving the first toast, congratulated the club upon the unique feature of the thirteenth annual dinner in that there were present representatives of both the Dominion and Provincial Governments. He referred to the high position occupied by Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick in the sister Province of Quebec, and extended to him a cordial welcome; to Hon A. S. Hardy, who, since the last annual banquet, had been elevated to the Premiership of the Province, he extended the congratulations of the club, and conveyed similar expressions of pleasure to Hon. E. J. Davis, the youngest member of the Cabinet, and to Andrew Pattullo, the youngest member of the Local Legislature.

The toast to "The Queen" was received with loyal enthusiasm.

Mr. Adam Ballantyne, in the absence of ex-President Elliott, proposed the toast of the Canadian Parliament, a duty which afforded him the utmost pleasure, from the fact that on previous occasions they had been compelled to drink the health while the Liberal party was in the cold shades of opposition, and, although at the last annual banquet they were in a leading member of the party from the Province of Quebec that at the ten pending elections the Liberals would be returned to power, there were very few, if any, present who believed the statement. He paid a high compliment to Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Lount, whose names were coupled with the toast.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick expressed his gratitude to his brothers in arms in the Liberal ranks for the cordial reception extended to him, and which he believed was intended rather for one who occupies a humble position in the counsels of their great leader, who stands before every Liberal in the country for all that is best and noblest. The Dominion Parliament as it is at present constituted is flourishing, in deed, and as long as it continues in that condition the better it would be for the country. He at once plunged into the topic most interesting to the audience, that of the Manitoba school question. It behooved him, speaking in the interests of one-half of the Government he represented, to say a few words to declare that the Liberal party has no quarrel with the Roman Catholic clergy, or with any clergy or body of men in the Dominion of Canada. The Liberal party has no desire to do anything except to see that the rights of every element, every body in the community, are fairly and honorably respected, and honorably and fairly dealt with. In this connection, he desired to call attention to the fact that in so far as the Province of Quebec is concerned, higher education from a Roman Catholic standpoint is entirely under the control of the Roman Catholic clergy. But it might be a surprise to them to learn that the higher educational institutions of that Province are entirely maintained on the exclusive system of the Roman Catholic clergy, free from state aid. Laval University is equipped and maintained exclusively at the cost of the Catholic clergy of Quebec. Their classical colleges are equal to-day to any that are to be found in the Dominion of Canada. In the Quebec seminary the students get their board and education at a cost of $100 per annum, which is practically gratuitous. He mentioned these facts in order that his hearers might understand the conditions prevailing in the Province of Quebec, and to show that the people there are not as retrograde as they are thought to be. As far as the Catholic clergy are concerned, the Government has no quarrel with them.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS IMPOSSIBLE.

The Manitoba school question is one that deserves serious consideration. The Government was called upon to do what? To re-establish a system of Separate Schools in the Northwest at the present time. He desired to put the question to his hearers as it really exists. Constitutionally, legally and practically is it possible to restore the system of Separate Schools in the Northwest? He was enabled to say that, taking the two judgments of the Privy Council, one declaring that the law of 1890 was constitutional, and the other that all they could do was to allow those laws to continue in operation and to supplement them by introducing provisions which would have for their effect the removing of some of the inconveniences to which the Roman Catholics have been subjected, constitutionally and legally, the Roman Catholic Separate Schools cannot possibly be brought into existence in the Northwest. Outside of that, if they took the physical conditions existing into consideration, was it possible to restore Separate Schools? Of a population of 151,000 in Manitoba, 20,000 were Roman Catholic. Of this number there were supposed to be 5200 of school age, of whom in 1890 there were only 2000 enrolled, and only 2200 in attendance at the schools. He would go further, and say that the restoration of Separate Schools meant of necessity not only a dual system, but a triparite system. They had the English Protestant, the English Roman Catholic and the French Roman Catholic people, each of whom would want Separate Schools. What would be the result? How could such a system be possibly brought into existence in the hope that the children would, under such conditions, receive the education to which they are fairly entitled? Passing to the way in which the Laurier Government had dealt with the question, he declared the Government had been hounded to death, criticised, cursed by Catholics, and every possible word of contempt had been applied to them by some Roman Catholics of this country.

BETTER TERMS GIVEN.

He then referred to the attempt made by the late Government to settle the question with the Manitoba Government, and reviewed the terms which were offered by the Dominion Government at that time. That settlement was not by any means a fair and favorable a settlement as has been accomplished by the present Government. In saying this, he was speaking as a Roman Catholic. The settlement which the present Government had achieved extended to municipalities which previous offer the privileges which previously offered to the towns and villages and cities only. In an impassioned peroration, the speaker appealed to his hearers not to be carried away by cries raised for the purpose of awakening religious passions in the people.

ARE THEY ALL "BIG HEADS"?

W. Lount, Q.C., congratulated the association that at its thirteenth annual gathering there was a cordiality about the gathering that had not existed on previous occasions. They had formerly assembled and gloried in the fact that they were Liberals, but their faces bore evidence of an almost blank and dismal glory. On this occasion they were radiant with the glory of the victory won June 23. He referred to the services rendered to the party by Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Hon. Mr. Hardy, and expressed his pride in the ability and sagacity of Hon. Mr. Laurier in gathering around him a galaxy of noble, honorable and big-headed men, of whom none were bigger headed than his hon. friend to his left (Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick). (Loud laughter.)

Mr. L. V. McBrady, in proposing the toast of "The Provincial Parliament," referred to the history of the Liberal Government for the past 20 years, and expressed the opinion that the Liberal party will continue for 20 years hence to occupy the proud position that it now occupies in the Province, notwithstanding all the endeavors of their opponents.

ONTARIO POLITICS.

Hon. A. S. Hardy, in replying, referred to the difficulty he experienced in speaking on Provincial matters, after the larger and broader questions of Dominion politics had engrossed their attention. He congratulated the club upon the excellent work it had done during the past 12 years as a missionary organization for the Liberal party throughout the Province. He referred to the changes which had taken place in the Ontario Government as a result of the transfer to Ottawa of Sir Oliver Mowat. A review of the history of the Ontario Government led him to remark that recent changes had shown that the success of the Liberal party did not depend upon any one man or body of men, but upon the Liberal principles of the party. A kindly tribute was paid to the ability of the late Hon. W. D. Balfour, a man of rugged virtue but poor health, of penetrating mind and keen intellect, whose native ability was materially strengthened by his journalistic training, and whom they were called upon to mourn, all too early, after his admission to the Cabinet. Their opponents in the Legislature were a little weak in the past, and he did not know that they had been strengthened. Mr. Whitney, who was a personal friend of his own, an excellent man, with very bad politics, in fact, he did not see how so excellent a man could have such bad politics, had been chosen leader. He believed that Mr. Whitney would at all times give his assistance to the Government of the Province in matters that were not purely political. They sometimes heard the cry, "We want a change in Ontario!" A similar cry had been heard in reference to the Ottawa Government prior to the 23rd June, but the Conservative party was then shattered and broken because of the dissensions in its ranks. That cry would not have any effect as regards the Provincial Government until the same conditions of corruption and fraud and dishonesty existed in the Liberal party as were practiced by the late Dominion Government. Another grievance they heard was that the Liberals had adopted the policy of "To the victors belong the spoils." Judging from the efforts of the late Government to load up the civil service with their political friends, after their defeat at the polls, they would appear to have espoused the policy of "To the vanquished belong the spoils."

THAT MINING POLICY.

After referring to the valuable services of the journalists of the Province, the speaker said an eminent journalist had enquired what the Ontario Government were going to do with respect to their mining policy. If there was not a boom in gold mining it would be a dry subject to discuss. Other minerals had their boom, and now it was the turn of gold to attract attention. The man who is selling mining shares is not in it to-day, and the man who is selling them is more than in it. (Laughter.) Their critics were asking for a policy, and wished they would say what policy they wanted. The Government was not sitting at the feet of the newspapers, but would be very much obliged to them if they would say what they mean, say something more than "Give us a policy." The Government has a mining policy, and mining laws; mines are being operated, and mining lands are being sold; miners are prospering, and the department cannot make out patents fast enough to supply the demand. The Government had done much to encourage mining in the past, and would do all that could be done in the public interest, and having due regard to the administration of the funds of the Province. What is needed is private capital to develop our mines. The Government would not be justified in using public funds in active mining operations, but he indicated that the Government would, if necessary, purchase another diamond drill and open up means of communication with the mines.

Hon. E. J. Davis, Provincial Secretary, congratulated the City of Toronto upon sending a Liberal to the Dominion Parliament, and expressed the hope that at the next Provincial election she would send three or four Liberals to the Legislature.

Andrew Pattullo, the newly-elected representative in the Legislature for North Oxford, also responded. He believed that it is the supreme duty of the Legislature at the present time and for some years to come in every possible and legitimate way to assist in the development of the mining industry.

"Canada," proposed by Mr. N. W. Rowell, and responded to by Mr. Peter Ryan and Mr. S. H. Janes.

"Young Men's Liberal Club," proposed by Mr. Thomas Reid and responded to by Mr. G. E. Bruce.

"The Press," proposed by Mr. Joseph Walsh of The Globe and responded to by Mr. E. E. Sheppard.

"The Ladies," proposed by Mr. M. J. Kinsman and replied to by Mr. W. O'Connor.

PORT ARTHUR IS OPEN.

Lighthouse Keeper Rowed in From Thunder Cape—Sawbill Mine Continues to Show Richness.

Port Arthur, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Port Arthur as an open harbor was never better exemplified than to-day, when Captain William Craig, lighthouse-keeper at Thunder Cape, crossed in a rowboat from the Cape to the town, 16 miles. He claims he had a most enjoyable trip.

News from the Sawbill mine to-day is to the effect that the vein in the bottom of No. 1 shaft is 7 1-2 feet wide, and continues rich. The drifts are in 50 feet, and no difference in the rich quality of the ore. A large number of extra men are being sent in, now that the roads are good, to Sawbill, Lake Harold and Hawk Bay.

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WHO WILL WIN THIS FIGHT?

Trouble at Niagara Falls Over the Taxes.

PEOPLE DIDN'T PAY IN TIME

And are Now Asked to Whack Up an Extra Five Per Cent.

The Business Men Declare the Council Have Acted in a High-Handed Way and Will Go to Court About It — According to the Bylaw All the Delinquents Are Disfranchised—The New Gas—Slaughter Among the Canal Employes — Other Notes From the Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Early in the present year, at one of the first meetings of the Town Council, when the estimates were put through and the rate of taxation struck, a bylaw was passed fixing July 14 and Dec. 14 as the last days on which the two respective instalments of taxes could be paid. Those who failed to pay on or before that day would have 5 per cent. added, and furthermore be disfranchised at the municipal elections for 1897. Many of the prominent men of the town and all heavy taxpayers considered this very high-handed work on the part of the council, and, in their indignation, decided to join hands and force the council to back water or go to the courts. The matter was almost forgotten, until last night, when the hour for receiving the second instalment passed, and it was discovered that a majority of the business men had failed to pay either the first or second instalment. According to the bylaw 5 per cent. will be added, and all the gentlemen will be unable to vote at the elections next month. These ratepayers have secured legal advice, and unless the bylaw is withdrawn there will be a big legal fight.

THE NEW GAS.

The new acetylene gas seems to be enamored of the Niagara district, and its development to practical use is interesting the mechanical men who live about the Falls. The only two factories now producing the carbide are situated at Niagara Falls on the American side and at Merritton on the Canadian side. An American inventor has produced a cheap bicycle lamp, which promises to be the ideal, and two or three men are working on new ideas. Carter of this town has just completed a generator for the gas which will, in all probability, be adopted by the manufacturers of the carbide. The water supply for the generators at present in use is regulated by the gas pressure, but this will not keep the pressure normal. Capt. Carter's generator, besides covering this difficulty by giving a practical automatic water supply, also removes the waste of the generated gas from the carbide. The new gas producer is also considerably cheaper than the one now in use.

A GREAT SLAUGHTER.

Word was received here to-day that all the employes on the Welland Canal had received notice of their dismissal on the closing of the canal to-night. The notice is to the effect that canal business has been suspended and all employes are dismissed pro tem. If their services are required in the spring they will receive due notice, but in the meantime they had better look for another job. There are over 150 lockmen and bridge-tenders and considerable less than a third of these are on the superannuation list. Those who are not will not be taken on at the opening of navigation in 1897. It is not known whether the order includes the section men and officials or not. At any rate the slaughter is great, and the Reformers throughout the two counties are jubilant.

MINOR MATTERS.

William Mullen, sr., the man who fell into the sewer excavation a week ago, was buried at Fairview Cemetery to-day. The funeral took place from the family residence this morning.

Screaming, the burglar who pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking into Ward's drygoods store, has been sentenced to four years, and was taken to the penitentiary yesterday.

Mr. Boultbee, inspector of Customs, was in town to-day.

The manager of the Street Railway is experiencing considerable difficulty in running his horse cars according to the time-table. A great many of the horses which compose the ancient power of locomotion are on the sick list, and only enough remain to keep one car on the route. It will be some days before sufficient horses can be put in commission to run on schedule time.

At the monthly meeting of the Horticultural Society, held at Niagara Falls South last evening, Mrs. Laird was presented with a handsome rocking chair by the society, in recognition of her services in advancement of its interests.

Every person is invited to the Christmas opening of Fine Toys and Parisian Novelties at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W

SOLEMN FUNCTIONS.

Unveiling Ceremony at Fredericton, N.B.—Funeral of Governor Fraser.

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 15.—This morning the monumental effigy of the late Bishop Medley was unveiled and an oration delivered by the Venerable Archdeacon Brigstocke.

The funeral of Governor Fraser was the largest procession which ever passed through the streets of this city. The various societies and citizens marched four abreast. Preceding the hearse was the Royal Infantry Regiment Band, followed by a guard of honor, furnished by the regiment, composed of 100 men, with reversed arms. In the procession were a delegation of Indians, headed by their chief.

"Full Crystal" is the quality of the cut glass water bottle for $2.00 at the Pantechnetheca—makes a useful Xmas present.

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SLAVE TRADE STILL FLOURISHING

Half a Million Lives Sacrificed Every Year in the Hideous Traffic in Africa.

New York, Dec. 15.—Hell Chatelain, a traveler in the Dark Continent, lectured before the American Geographical Society at Chickering Hall last evening on "The Internal Slave Trade in Africa."

"If anyone thinks that slave trading is a thing of the past," he said, "he is mistaken. Among the 200,000,000 of people in Africa, at least 50,000,000 are slaves." If a British estimate, to which he referred, was correct, Mr. Chatelain said 500,000 lives were sacrificed every year in the traffic. In a large part of the interior slaves were the regular currency. Parents sold their children.

"In Morocco," the lecturer added, "slave trading is carried on under the protection of our Stars and Stripes. Moroccan Jews, who are prohibited by law from holding slaves, place themselves under the protection of our flag in order to carry on the traffic." He showed pictures of slaves who had been abandoned to die along the caravan roads. According to the report of a German Consul, strangers who knew not the road to one city had only to keep in the middle between the two lines of bleaching bones of slaves who had been left there to die, and they could not miss their way.

MRS. STERNAMAN'S CASE.

Judge Coxe Heard Arguments at Utica, But Will Not Give Decision for a Few Days.

Utica, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Before Judge Coxe in the United States District Court in this city this afternoon are being heard arguments on a writ of certiorari in the case of the Dominion of Canada against Mrs. Olive Sternaman. She was arrested in Buffalo and taken before United States Commissioner Fairchild, who decided that it was a proper case for extradition. Upon application to Judge Coxe a writ of certiorari was granted to review the proceedings before the commissioner. Assistant United States District Attorney W. F. Mackey and Charles J. Thomas of Buffalo, appeared for the Canadian authorities, and Frank C. Ferguson and Wallace Thayer, both of Buffalo, in behalf of Mrs. Sternaman. Commissioner Fairchild is also present.

Mr. Thayer opened the argument at 2.40 p.m., claiming that there was no evidence that the defendant had committed a crime, or that any crime had been committed in the premises. He then quoted authorities, holding that to come under the extradition laws there must be reasonable cause to believe that the party arrested had committed an extraditable offence. He quoted from the treaty between the United States and Great Britain to the effect that the case must be one in which the party would reasonably be convicted under the laws of the place where apprehended. Mr. Thayer next claimed that evidence such as that taken before the commissioner was not sufficient, and held that defendant had done everything consistent with the duties of a faithful and loving wife. He said that with two exceptions—as to the evidence of the undertaker and of the insurance expert—everything alleged before the commissioner was conceded; that, therefore, the question before the court became a matter of law only. He would, however, review the evidence before the commissioner and proceeded to do so.

NO DECISION YET.

Judge Coxe said there were two questions to be decided: First, whether or not the facts before the committee were sufficient for him to hold the defendant. He was to say whether a prima facie case had been made out. Counsel for the defendant had conceded that Sternaman died from arsenic poisoning. There was absolute want of motive for the poisoning of Sternaman by his people in Canada. Certainly it could not be said that the commissioner's act was unjustifiable. Had this been a case which had come under his jurisdiction he would have submitted it to the grand jury to say whether an indictment should be found. The court had to decide whether, owing to the insufficiency of the complaint, the commissioner acquired jurisdiction in the case. The court said he could announce his decision in a few days.

The Dominion Government expects that Judge Coxe will decide against the prisoner, in which case extradition papers will at once be issued and Mrs. Sternaman will be taken to Haldimand County, Canada, for trial. Her counsel will use every effort to have her tried anywhere else than at Sternaman's home. Mr. Thayer says that Sternaman's mother has so aroused the people in the county that a fair trial of his client would be impossible there. He has tried to have her tried in Toronto without success. Her counsel, if the decision of Judge Coxe should be against her, will go to Secretary Olney at Washington to argue against the issuance of extradition papers. It is alleged that Mrs. Sternaman's first husband died six weeks after her marriage, his death being similar to Sternaman's.

"THE DEVIL MADE HER DO IT."

Little Colored Girl Commits Curious Crimes at His Command.

Newburg, N.Y., Dec. 15.—A few weeks ago the Associated Charities Organization here found a home for a colored girl of 14 years, named Rosa King, in the family of Rev. J. Wood, at Mountainville, this county. The family did what they could for her, but she proved incorrigible. One evening they noticed that their tea had a peculiar taste, and it was thrown away. The girl confessed that she emptied a bottle of medicine into the teapot, and it has been ascertained that the medicine contained arsenic. A few days ago Rev. Mr. Wood's barn was burned and the girl, upon being questioned by Marshal Perrott today, confessed she set fire to it. She said the devil told her to do it. At another time she built a fire on the floor of a room in the Wood residence, but failed to burn the house down. She will be examined in the Recorder's Court to-morrow.

Pember's Turkish baths, evening, 50c, 129 Yonge.

Full dress shirts, English style, selling 20 per cent discount, regular $1.50, selling $1.20. Treble's expiration of lease sale, 53 King-street west.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

The 'Frisco Fight Enquiry.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The prize fight inquiry was continued to-day. Dr. Lustig's testimony was all against Sharkey. He was medical examiner for the National Club, and was not allowed to see Sharkey until the afternoon following the fight, when he pronounced the wound on the groin insignificant. Sharkey, Lynch, Needham and Earp were examined and all denied a conspiracy. The court adjourned without giving a decision.

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RETALIATION.

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A LIGHT GRIST FROM OTTAWA.

Efforts to Get the Government to Buy the Baie de Chaleurs R. R.—Meeting of Medical Men—Notes.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A number of Quebec politicians were here today in reference to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway matter. The delegation was headed by Senator Thibaudeau and Mr. Prefontaine, M.P. The report of the two engineers who were deputed to go over the line is now under the consideration of the Government. The railway is about 80 miles long and extends from Metapedia Junction on the Intercolonial Railway, to Paspebiac, in Bonaventure County. It is ultimately intended to build to Gaspe Basin, 120 miles further east. Senator Thibaudeau and his associates want the Government to buy the line and operate it as a branch of the Intercolonial Railway.

BIG LAWSUIT LAUNCHED.

Alex. Fraser, the millionaire lumberman, has entered suit against the Hull Lumber Company to compel them to remove the power-house and sawmill off the northwest corner of the celebrated Table Rock at Chaudiere Succession, which is said to have been accidentally mixed with the potatoes while they were being prepared for the meal by the wife of the minister.

BRITAIN AND HER COLONIES.

Guelph Board of Trade Resolves in Favor of a Grand Consolidation.

Guelph, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade was held tonight, when an interesting paper on Canada's maritime provision and responsibility was read by W. E. Bransford. Subsequently the following resolution, moved by J. M. Bond and seconded by Mr. R. L. Torrance, was passed: "That in the opinion of the Board of Trade of the City of Guelph a scheme should be fully discussed between the Canadian and Home Governments by which lines of subsidized mercantile cruisers should be gradually established between the Mother Country and the colonies, to be manned and officered by naval reserve men, as a means of protection to our trade, the development of inter-Imperial and inter-colonial trade, and the consolidation of the Empire." The resolution is in accordance with the scheme recently proposed by the Toronto branch of the Navy League. The board also passed a resolution, signed by the chairman, Mr. James Watt, and the secretary, Mr. A. Scott, inviting the Dominion Tariff Commissioners to visit Guelph at an early date.

They Fined P. C. Brisbane.

The Police Commissioners met yesterday afternoon and transacted routine business. The row which occurred last Thursday between P.C. Brisbane and Detective Harrison was investigated. Harrison said Brisbane struck him twice, drawing blood. Brisbane's defence was that while dispersing a crowd he did not recognize Harrison. There has been bad feeling between the two men for some time.

The Commissioners fined Brisbane three weeks' pay and transferred him from No. 2 to No. 4 Division.

Sound digestion and as a result a good complexion follow the use of Adams' Tutti Frutti. See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each 5 cent package.

For Young Women's Benefit.

Dr. J. A. Verre lectured last evening to the ambulance class of the Young Women's Christian Guild. On Thursday an "at home" will be given in the parlors by the King's Daughters, in aid of their cot in Grace Hospital. To-night there will be a special business meeting.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

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TOOK ROUGH ON RATS.

A Methodist Preacher and His Family and Guests Had a Narrow Escape.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Rev. Barada McKane, pastor of the Rock Springs M.E. Church, and his wife and 6-year-old son, with Yampey Henry and B. W. Everett, friends of the family, were poisoned while eating supper last night, and the condition of Rev. Mr. McKane and Mr. Everett is critical. An examination showed that they were suffering from a dose of "Rough on Rats," which supposed to have been accidentally mixed with the potatoes while they were being prepared for the meal by the wife of the minister.

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MEETING OF MEDICOS.

Over forty of the medical practitioners of the city met to-night and organized an Ottawa branch of the British Medical Association. Similar branches have been formed in Montreal, Halifax and Winnipeg. The object is to assist in unification of the laws bearing on the practice of medicine throughout the British Empire. The formation of these branches in Canada is opportune in view of the approaching annual meeting of the parent association, which is to be held in Montreal next August. Dr. Roddick, M.P., of Montreal, president of the Medical Association, was present to-night, and spoke of the importance to Canada of the contemplated visit of 1000 British medical men next year. He mentioned incidentally that two of the Allan steamers, which it had been proposed to engage to convey delegates to Canada, were in the meantime chartered by the Spanish Government to carry troops to Cuba. Dr. Roddick is the first colonial president of this important body. The officers elected to-night were C. R. Church, president; L. C. Provost, vice-president; W. C. Cousens, treasurer; C. P. Dewar, secretary. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one. The local doctors are highly pleased at the prospective visit to Ottawa of this important body.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Fielding left for Montreal this afternoon to resume the tariff inquiry. The Controller of Customs leaves in the morning.

The Premier and Hon. W. R. Scott will address a meeting in Cornwall tomorrow.

Thomas P. Anderson of Napanee has been appointed collector of customs at that port.

Sir John Carling is in town, also Hon. Peter Mitchell.

The Marine Department is inviting tenders for the crib work substructure for Rainy River range lights. The plans will be on view at Rat Portage.

A free Dominion dairy school in the Maritime Provinces will be held at Sussex, N.B., from January to March. Last year 54 students attended a similar school.

A blue book, which will be of great benefit to settlers in the west, has just been issued by the Interior Department. It deals with the progress of irrigation in the territories.

Mr. Mara, ex-M.P. for Yale, was in the city to-day. He left for Toronto tonight.

Mr. Bostock, M.P., who was Mr. Mara's successful opponent in the last election, arrived from England today. He says there is a growing interest in England in British Columbia as a field for investment.

There are 10,399 voters on the Ottawa municipal lists.

Through trains between Ottawa and Parry Sound will commence to run next Monday.

Mr. Harwood, M.P., and Mr. Beausoliel, M.P., were in the city to-day. The investigation into the manner in which the recent fire on Sparks-street was handled by the brigade is being held with closed doors.

TOOK ROUGH ON RATS.

A Methodist Preacher and His Family and Guests Had a Narrow Escape.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Rev. Barada McKane, pastor of the Rock Springs M.E. Church, and his wife and 6-year-old son, with Yampey Henry and B. W. Everett, friends of the family, were poisoned while eating supper last night, and the condition of Rev. Mr. McKane and Mr. Everett is critical. An examination showed that they were suffering from a dose of "Rough on Rats," which supposed to have been accidentally mixed with the potatoes while they were being prepared for the meal by the wife of the minister.

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Sound digestion and as a result a good complexion follow the use of Adams' Tutti Frutti. See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each 5 cent package.

For Young Women's Benefit.

Dr. J. A. Verre lectured last evening to the ambulance class of the Young Women's Christian Guild. On Thursday an "at home" will be given in the parlors by the King's Daughters, in aid of their cot in Grace Hospital. To-night there will be a special business meeting.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, cor. Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Proprietor. 125

Everybody is invited to the Christmas opening of Fine Toys and Parisian Novelties at the Harold A Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

Special.

1000 Leaf Letter Copying Books, half bound leather; $1 each. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

LADIES' FUR JACKETS.

Dineens are Making Some Special Offers This Week.

Some things very special and very nice being shown at Dineens' this week are handsome grey lambjackets for young ladies. These are very fine. Their length is from 24 to 30 inches and they are made up in the latest reefer shapes with large pearl buttons. In fact, they have been manufactured in the best style possible specially for the Christmas holiday trade. The prices now quoted by Dineen for these goods are $45 to $50, according to size, but a short time ago, before Dineens' sale commenced, such jackets readily fetched $65 or $70.

Dineens have the finest fur jackets in the country, and anyone wanting a sealskin or Persian lamb can save a lot of money by making her purchase at the big store on the corner of King and Yonge-streets.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

W. F. McCreary Elected Mayor in a Quinquangular Fight—Sifton Banquet a Big Success.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Winnipeg had an exciting fight to-day for the mayoralty. There were five candidates, Ald. W. F. McCreary heading the poll, but only a hundred or so ahead of E. F. Hutchings, Alex. Black was third, Alex McMicken fourth and Ald. Sprague last.

The Sifton banquet to-night at the Hotel Manitoba was a great success. A number of prominent Conservatives attended and made the occasion a jollification. Mayor Jamieson presided and Mr. Sifton made a splendid speech, declaring that population was the great need of the west, and to obtain population he would earnestly labor.

Mr. Sifton goes east to-morrow with Premier Greenway.

For $5.00 you can purchase a good-sized piece of rich cut glass at the Pantechnetheca suitable for Xmas presents.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.

The Conservatives Met at Lindsay on Saturday and Elected Officers—Sam Hughes Runs It!

A meeting of Conservatives for the Midland Counties, District No. 8, was held at the Simpson House, Lindsay, last Saturday. There was a good attendance. The following Executive was elected.

Hon. President—Hon. John Dobson.

Chairman and Executive Officer—Sam Hughes, M.P.

Executive Committee—William Smith, ex-M.P., Columbus; J. H. Carnegie, M.L.A., Coboconk; John Burnham, ex-M.P., Peterboro; J. Kendry, M.P., Peterboro; Capt. Birdsall, Birdsall's; A. C. Mackenzie, Kirkfield; Dr. A. E. Vrooman, Little Britain; John A. McGillivray, Uxbridge; W. H. Hoyle, Cannington; Dr. Gillespie, Cannington; Robert Miller, Broughan; J. L. Smith, Whitby; J. M. Burns, Whitby; Peter Christie, Manchester; H. Parsons, Port Perry Observer; George Brown, Seagrave; Dr. Wood, Kirkfield; W. Jordan, Fenelon Falls; William McArthur, Fenelon Falls; Dr. Cornwall, Omemee; T. E. Bradburn, Peterboro; A. McRea, Thorah; C. Kelly, Uxbridge; Hugh Wilson, Cannington; T. H. Walsh, Sunderland; Robert Bryans, Lindsay; Duncan Ray, Lindsay; James Hutton, Ops; Thomas Treleaven, Beaverton; James Glendinning, Vroomanton; A. J. Reid, Cannington; F. D. Moore, Lindsay. An additional representative from East and West Peterboro to be named by their respective conventions.

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