

**FITZSIMMONS' DEATH.**

**Charles Shipman Committed to Jail by the Coroner.**

**A NEW STORY OF FRIDAY'S TRAGEDY.**

**Mrs. Joles States That Her Father Sent for the Gun to a House Half a Mile Away—When Her Brother Refused the Old Man Took the Gun and Fired Twice.**

**GANANOQUE, March 27.**—Dr. Shaw, coroner of Lansdowne, and a jury were occupied most of the time Saturday in holding an inquest on the body of John Fitzsimmons, who was shot Friday, and particulars of which were published. The verdict was that the said John Fitzsimmons came to his death by reason of a wound caused by the discharge of a gun in the hands of Charles Shipman. Shipman remained here all day in custody of the chief constable. He has been sent to jail at Brockville. Mrs. Joles says that when the claim commenced her father sent Thomas to a house half a mile away for the gun, and, when he returned with it, he was told by the father to shoot, but refused. Shipman then took the gun himself and fired twice, once through a window and again through a door.

**Claims Toronto Land.**

**ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 27.**—An action is about to be commenced by McNab & Cummings, of this city, in behalf of the heirs of William Lloyd, against the owners of property situated on York street, near the corner of King street, Toronto, and if the claim is established the present occupants of the property will have to liquidate to the amount of several millions of dollars. William Lloyd was a pensioner in the English service, and assigned back to the Government his claim to a pension in exchange for a letter from the War Department entitling him to 100 acres of land on the Government pension reserves in Canada. He left England in 1832, sailing with his wife and several children on the ship Manchester, which landed them at Boston. They immediately proceeded to the village of Little York, which was situated on the present site of the city of Toronto. Some of the pension reserve lands were situated in and around Little York, and extended as far as Lake Simcoe. Lloyd settled in the village and determined to locate his 100 acres grant on that reserve. His letter from the English War office was presented to the Ontario Parliament and the grant confirmed. The 100 acres were located on York street, commencing at the corner of King, which at present is in the very centre of Toronto, and located upon it are the Government buildings, the Grand Trunk Railroad headquarters and several large business corporations, and is now worth several millions of dollars.

**Notes from Niagara.**

**NIAGARA FALLS, March 27.**—Edward and James Kingston, of Buffalo, the two brothers who smuggled phenacetine and anti-pyrine from Canada, were arraigned on Saturday afternoon and pleaded guilty. Edward was fined \$350 and James \$100.

James Fitzgerald, a well-to-do retired citizen of St. Catharines, is missing. It is thought that he came to the Falls and committed suicide by jumping into the river.

**The C.P.R. and New York.**

**MONTREAL, March 27.**—President Van Horne, of the C.P.R., denies that his line has acquired an independent entrance to New York. He also states that the C.P.R. has not acquired the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic.

**Kicked to Death by a Horse.**

**WINDSOR, March 27.**—Solomon Quick, a well-to-do farmer of Mersea, was kicked on the head Saturday by a horse and fatally injured.

**ENDORSE HOME RULE.**

**Irish Americans Cable the G. O. M. Pledging Their Vigorous Support.**

**New York, March 27.**—A message was cabled to Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone last night by the National Federation of America, pledging him their most vigorous support in his efforts to carry through the Home Rule Bill, and expressing alike the sentiments of the thousands who had gathered at the Academy of Music to endorse this action, and the tens of thousands of Irishmen throughout America who are loyal to their motherland.

The message was as follows:—  
We, the citizens of New York, in mass meeting assembled, beg to tender you our heartfelt sympathy in your efforts to achieve for Ireland the long-sought for measure of justice which we trust God will enable you to speedily carry to a successful termination, and we pledge you our vigorous and continued support through the struggle.

THOMAS ADDIS EMMETT,  
MORGAN J. O'BRIEN,  
JOHN BYRNE.

This was the keynote of the great gathering of Irishmen at the Academy of Music last evening. The people listened to patriotic airs by the Sixty-Ninth Regiment band, and cheered enthusiastically when Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, the presiding officer, and Congressman Bourke Cochran came on the platform, followed by a number of other prominent men. From the Governors of almost every State in the Union came messages of sympathy with the movement for the freedom of Ireland.

Governor Flower, in a letter enclosing a check for \$200, said: "My sympathies with the cause of Home Rule have often been expressed."

Mayor Gilroy, who was unable to be present, was among those who sent the warmest messages of faith in Ireland.

Archbishop Corrigan, also unable to be present, expressed through Manager Farley the heartfelt advocacy of the principles for the promulgation of which the meeting had been called.

The hall was comparatively bare of decorations. A banner surrounded by Irish and American flags, however, bearing the words, "Now or never, now and forever," formed an appropriate background to the stage.

A despatch to President Emmett from Justin McCarthy evoked enthusiasm. It was as follows: "We learn with gratitude of the efforts of yourself and the Federation to help forward the Irish movement. Effectually continue the work you did by timely assistance at the general election. Gladstone's Home Rule bill will pass the Commons, but only by the unremitting attendance of the Irish party. The movement needs the prompt and generous support of kinsmen and friends to defeat the desperate efforts of the wealthy and powerful enemies combined against Ireland. Greeting and success to your great meeting on behalf of the Irish party."

**THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.**

**A Digest of the Doings of Our Legislators at the Capital.**

**OTTAWA, March 23.**—Mr. Casey, of West Elgin, brought up Charles Wallace's Kingston speech, claiming that if the Controller of Customs had been correctly reported he had advocated treason and what else was held against Mr. Wallace reported that he was correctly reported, he repudiated the charge of disloyalty and had nothing to take back. Dawson, of Addington moved that Mr. Wallace in advocating resistance and using the language he did merited the severest censure of the House. Hon. Mr. Foster treated the motion as one of want of confidence in the government at the same time declaring that the government should not be held responsible for the outside utterances of Mr. Wallace. Mr. McMerney supported the resolution because Mr. Wallace advocated armed resistance to British authority. Hon. John Costigan, Secretary of State, took similar ground. He held Wallace solely responsible and would vote to censure him for using the language he did. As a loyal subject of Great Britain he could not do otherwise. He did not look upon the motion as one of want of confidence. Hon. J. C. Curran, Solicitor General, a well known Home Ruler followed in the same strain. Messrs. Hughes, Sproule and McLean held that Mr. Wallace should not be censured by the House for opinions uttered out of it, upon a matter with which Parliament had really nothing to do. Sir Richard Cartwright supported the motion and Dr. Bergin intimated that he would vote for it although he took his political life in his hands. Mr. N. F. Davin, in a somewhat sensational speech supported the motion and severely criticised the Finance Minister's leadership in the House. On a division at midnight the motion was defeated by a majority of 31, twelve government supporters voting with the Opposition.

**MARCH 23.**—Hon. Mr. Costigan moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Civil Service Act but strong opposition being offered he withdrew his motion. After recess Mr. Edgar brought up the charges against Sir Adolphe Caron, postmaster general. His speech occupied two hours. He based his charges upon evidence taken by the Royal Commissioner of the minister's conduct in connection with the disposition of the subsidies voted by Parliament to the Lake St John and Temiscouata railway companies, and declared that this evidence was most damaging to the reputation of Sir Caron. He claims that public money had been diverted from its legitimate object to serve political ends. He concluded by moving a resolution declaring that a state of facts had been disclosed which should have prevented the subsequent appointment of Sir Adolphe Caron to be an advisor of the Crown, and which rendered it highly improper that he should continue to hold such an office. Hon. Mr. Curran, solicitor general, replied in a speech of equal length. He quoted voluminously from the evidence to prove the innocence of his fellow-minister. Every dollar, he asserted, of the subsidies voted had been legitimately expended in the construction of the railways, and Sir Adolphe had been guilty of no corrupt acts. He urged the House to reject the resolution. Mr. Davies moved the adjournment of the debate.

**MARCH 24.**—The debate on the Caron charges was continued by Mr. Davies who analysed the evidence adduced by the commission and pleaded strongly in favor of the amendment proposed by Mr. Edgar. Sir Richard Cartwright in an ironical vein begged to introduce an act for the purer and more equal administration of justice to all classes. It proposed that when a member of Parliament was accused of an offence he own judge and jury and mode of trial. Mr. McCarthy in a brief speech said he would vote for Mr. Edgar's motion because the postmaster general had received \$25,000 from the railway contractors for the purpose of promoting his election and the election of his party in the province of Quebec. Said he "there are few of us who have not been guilty in some way of contravening the Election Act; but was it possible that this House would refuse to take notice of a gentleman accused holding the high position of a Minister of the Crown, if so it was an outrage on the constitution." Mr. Ives turned the laugh on Sir Richard Cartwright by suggesting an amendment to his Act taking away from the judges all power to unseat more than 50 per cent. of the Liberals in election protests and not to disqualify more than half those unseated. A division was then taken when Mr. Edgar's motion was negatived by fifty. Messrs. McCarthy, O'Brien, Weldon and Calvin voted for the motion. The balance of the day was spent in supply and considerable discussion was indulged in over the expenditure on Bideau Hall. A grant of \$1,000 for the National Art Gallery was passed, and a vote of \$14,000 to Pictou postoffice was carried after a prolonged discussion.

**MARCH 25.**—Mr. Wood introduced a bill respecting the inspection of petroleum and Mr. Daly's bill to amend the act respecting land in the Territories was also read a first time. On Mr. Curran moving the second reading of the amendments made to the criminal code Mr. Charlton moved that the clause permitting a jury to return a verdict on Sunday be repealed. Other members disagreed with Mr. Charlton claiming it was contrary to a Christian spirit to say it would be Sabbath observance to lock up a jury when they were ready to render a verdict. Mr. Charlton's amendment was lost. Mr. McMullen moved that the verdict be received but no judicial proceedings take place. This was also lost, a judge being at liberty to discharge a prisoner should the jury find him not guilty. Hon. Mr. Foster moved a resolution for the payment of two honorary commissioners to represent Canada at the World's Fair, who might be members of parliament. Messrs. Laurier, Davies, Mills, McCarthy and Hazen opposed on the ground that it was contrary to the spirit of the independence of parliament act. After discussion the matter was compromised by an agreement that no salary was to be paid but the commissioners are to be reimbursed all expenses. The House went into committee on the Act to amend the Insurance Act which Mr. Foster explained was to prevent any one person from holding a predominating amount of stock or shares of the company. The bill provoked considerable opposition because the insurance companies had not had an opportunity of expressing their views. The committee rose and reported progress without anything having been done, which means that the bill is shelved for this session. The business of this session will close this week.

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