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THE BOOM OF THE BUDGET.

THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

Mr. H. E. Clarke Calls the Surplus a Myth and Accuses Mr. Ross of Bad Book-Keeping—The Government's Policy Outlined for the Year.

The galleries were well filled yesterday and the members' seats nearly all occupied when the Legislature assembled. After the usual batch of petitions had found their way to the Speaker's desk several bills were introduced and read for the first time. Among the latter were an act to amend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company, an act to amend the act incorporating the Queen City Fire Insurance Company, an act to amend the act incorporating the London and Southeastern Railway, and an act respecting Niagara Falls Park. The Agricultural College Report for 1886 and Revised Statutes for 1887 were presented, the latter being referred to a select committee.

When the Provincial Treasurer rose to make his budget speech, there was a flutter of applause from the Ministerial benches. The honorable gentleman began with a discussion of the various items of receipts and expenditures in the estimates. In the matter of licenses the Government expected a decrease of revenue this year. Comparing the receipts of last year with the former estimates an increase in nearly every item was visible. The total excess, including exceptional receipts amounted to $122,657.32. The new Parliament Buildings will cost more than the original estimates, but the Government will have an unlooked-for income from the increment in value of land.

In annuities the Government had succeeded during the past year in reducing the rate of interest to less than 4½ per cent. Each succeeding sale was made on better terms than the one preceding. It might be said that the interest paid was still higher than the cost of Dominion bonds, but the latter being payable in England was subject to various charges and commissions.

Coming to expenditure, there was a saving in legislation of over $10,000 during the past year. In administration of justice there is an unexpended balance of $28,988. The expenditure on experimental farms is $2000 less than 1885. The Government creamery in 1885 was carried on without loss. In 1886 with a different plan there is a surplus of about $600 to be distributed among the patrons. In public buildings there is a saving of $89,400. In public works the expenditures came within the estimates by $20,700.

In colonization roads there was an over expenditure of $15,263. This is the only account in which any over expenditure occurred to any amount. In criminal justice a large saving was effected. In education there was a slight over expenditure. Public institutions show a saving of expenditure. In Crown Lands the saving amounted to $11,222.

The expenses for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition were $1270 less than the estimates. The Hon. Treasurer said that the exhibition reflected great credit on the province. The dairy exhibit was not even approached by any colony. In miscellaneous expenditure the estimates proved too much by $16,388.

Last years' Supply Bill called for a total expenditure of $3,029,216. The Government actually expended $2,769,678; an unexpended balance remains of $259,238. Certain exceptional expenditures arose, such as debentures, railway aid certificates, etc. After providing for all these the total expenditure for the year only exceeded the estimates by $33,049. But for extraordinary expenditures in the case of municipalities the province would show a net surplus of receipts over expenditures.

The Hon. Treasurer then dealt with the assets and liabilities of the province. He claimed a surplus of $6,680,339.78. He regretted that no progress had been made in settling the accounts of Ontario with the Dominion Government, since the last House met. The fault did not rest with the Dominion. He had made efforts to secure a settlement with the representative of the Dominion Finance Department and the Quebec Treasurer, but for various reasons these gentlemen had been unable to come together. Ontario however had additional information. The Dominion Government's re-cast was not on the line expected by Ontario and Quebec. Ontario is charged with compound interest, while by the act of 1884 simple interest only was provided for. This made a serious difference to Ontario and he objected to this method of treating the affairs of the province.

The Hon. Treasurer claimed that he was right in placing the capital received by the Dominion Government in the act of 1884 among the assets of the province. He contended that this set at rest the Opposition objections that Ontario has no surplus except cash in the bank. He referred to Quebec's grant from the Dominion for local roads. Great injustice was done to Ontario. Under the old system, when each province constructed its own roads, Ontario being more prosperous than the others had expended liberal amounts. What was the effect of transferring the system to Dominion control? The province that has built the most roads with its own money is forced to contribute to the roads of other provinces. He quoted from the Dominion railway returns showing that out of a total expenditure of over twenty millions Ontario had only received less than four millions, Quebec had received over ten millions; Nova Scotia over two millions, and New Brunswick over three millions. As Ontario contributed one half of the whole revenue of the Dominion she should have received at least ten millions. If it had been carried out on a basis of population the province should have been granted at least nine millions.

Referring to the estimated receipts for the present year the Hon. Treasurer took up the items severally. The figures for 1886 were closely followed in almost every case. By the act of the City of Toronto a reduction of about $16,000 from licenses would occur. The Municipal Loan Fund was left among the estimated receipts, the same as formerly, as the debts of St. Catharines and Cobourg had not been liquidated.

The total estimated expenditures are $2,980,708, and assuming the supplementary estimates at $50,000 we have a total of $3,030,708. The total estimated receipts being $2,789,125, leaves an estimated excess of $241,583. Last year the estimate over expenditure was $400,000, while the actual was about $30,000. The expenditure will be guarded this year in the same careful way as before. The Hon. Treasurer hoped that if he should bring down a budget in 1888, he would be able to congratulate the House on the financial condition of the province. An increase of expenditure had to occur as the province grew. Opposition members fresh from the hustings may say that the surplus was mythical, but it was sufficient to meet any and all extraordinary demands.

Mr. D. Creighton of North Grey followed the Hon. Mr. Ross and criticized some of his statements. He regretted that the Government had failed to secure a settlement of the Domin on accounts. There was blame somewhere. Various municipalities of the province were looking eagerly from year to year for the funds coming, but which never came. Regarding the surplus, Mr. Creighton objected to the Treasurer's classing the amount in the Dominion Government's hands as an available asset. It had no part in the surplus and was misleading to the country. It is simply a trust fund, the interest of which Ontario can get yearly for school purposes, but the principal never. He quoted the arbitrators' award in proof of this. He also took exception to other items in the so-called assets, referring particularly to drainage debentures. The present Treasurer had adopted a rough-and-ready method of classifying everything as assets. Either the hon. Treasurer's predecessors or himself had blundered. The Government was giving away the moneys of the province to municipalities; they were writing off municipal debts under an order in council, but did not mention these reductions in making up the list of assets.

The alleged assets, said Mr. Creighton, were not all presently payable, but the Treasurer refused to take into account the liabilities not presently payable. He assumed the latter as having a present value. The railway liability of two millions was simply transferred and not cancelled. Add to this the two millions in the Dominion Government's lands which have no place among the assets, and the alleged six million surplus is reduced to two millions. If the Dominion had not come to the relief of Ontario some years ago the province would now have an actual deficit of about $400,000. The Government is making trouble for itself. Municipalities are clamoring for money on the strength of the fictitious assets.

As to the actual receipts and expenditures Mr. Creighton contended that the province has been running behind every year. By occasional timber sales the treasurer was able to balance his accounts. By his annuity scheme he had raised $760,804 in three years and yet says he has no liability! He has bonded the province to pay over a million dollars within forty years.

The Government, continued the Opposition critic, was also dissipating the capital of the country. It sold property to pay current expenses. It professed to apply these amounts on capital account, such as public buildings, but in reality was changing an available asset into one not available. The timber revenue is rapidly decreasing. The hon. member accused the Government of allowing the affairs of the country to drift. They had nothing new to propose except an occasional hint at another raid on the Dominion treasury. The Government's friends in the Dominion House took a totally different stand from themselves regarding railway subsidies in Quebec. Colonization roads expenditure was carried on more in the interest of the Government than of the people at large.

The House took a recess at 6 o'clock, and on reassembling at 8 Mr. W. D. Balfour (South Essex) replied to the member for North Grey. He said that the Opposition had charged the Government with drifting towards direct taxation. The member for North Grey used to contend that the province had no surplus; now he admitted one, and so direct taxations were farther away than ever. The hon. member defended the economy and prudence of the administration. The inmates of the public institutions must be properly provided for. The Opposition charge of using colonization road funds for electioneering purposes was worn out on the hustings. They had a different story to tell in each section. The sections that received most from the Government had as a rule gone Conservative at election.

Mr. H. E. Clarke, Toronto, characterized the Government surplus as mythical. He found fault with the Indian and Colonial Exposition report for its slighting of the manufacturers of the province. They should have been credited with a greater share of the total success. He ridiculed the Government's constant railing at the Dominion Cabinet. He differed with Mr. Creighton in crediting the Government with a real surplus. He proposed to show that they had an actual deficit. Applying mercantile rules to the balance sheet the total value of Crown lands may be estimated at say twenty millions in 1872. Adding cash in treasury and Dominion Trust Funds, the total assets of the province which Sandfield Macdonald bequeathed the Government, was about twenty-nine millions. There were no liabilities then. Since then ten millions worth of crown lands have been sold. The cash and trust funds to-day, added to the other ten millions of crown lands, gives a total asset of sixteen millions odd in 1886 as against twenty-nine millions in 1872. The Government must show where this money has gone.

The debate was continued by Messrs. G. B. Smith, East York; J. Clancey, West Kent; Dr. Chamberlain, Dundas, and A. T. Wood, North Hastings, and at 10.45 the House adjourned.

Notes of the Debate.

The Provincial Treasurer read his speech from carefully-prepared manuscript.

Dr. Chamberlain of Dundas infused unexpected life into the debate by vigorously scoring several members of the Oppo tion.

The Opposition speakers appeared to feel the weight of a hopeless minority.

Messrs. Clancey of Kent and Balfour of South Essex taunted each other with narrow majorities.

The Government's colonization road expenditure was the principal bone of contention.

Some of the speakers worked off the addresses they had prepared for the debate in reply to the speech from the throne.

A CINCINNATI SENSATION.

Why a Young Doctor Wishes to Dissolve a Marriage Contract.

CINCINNATI, March 15.—Dr. Ward L. Bond, a prominent young physician, has sued A. Hill and others in the Circuit Court at Lawrenceburg to annul the marriage contract which he made with Miss Jennie Hill about six months ago. Bond alleges that he was compelled to marry the girl at the muzzle of a revolver, and he seeks to vitiate a contract made under duress, alleging that, there being no consummation on his part, there was no contract. The defendant, A. Hill, is one of the wealthiest farmers in Dearborn County. His daughter was a belle of Lawrenceburg. The brother who is said to have held the pistol is the County Superintendent of Schools. All the leading lawyers of Southern Indiana, including Judge Holman and Jason B. Brown, are engaged on one side or the other.

INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED.

A North Carolina Town Nearly Destroyed by Fire.

RALEIGH, N.C., March 15.—Fire broke out in Johnson's warehouse at Oxford at 1.30 this morning. There was a high wind and the flames spread rapidly in a southerly direction, jumping Commercial-avenue and burning houses on both sides of the street for some distance. Half of the business part of the town was destroyed and twenty-three firms were burned out. The loss is about $100,000. The general belief is that the fire was the work of incendiaries and great excitement prevails. The white people think they can lay their hands on those responsible for the conflagration and further trouble is feared.

Disciples of Henry George.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The retirement from their pulpits of Dr. McGlynn and Rev. Hugh Pentecost and their advocacy of Henry George's doctrines as adjuncts of Christianity has found an imitation in the action of Rev. Thomas W. Illman, who leaves the pastorate of the Third Universalist Church, this city. Mr. Illman says he will take up the great social questions which relate to the welfare of humanity. He does not fully coincide with George's proposal, but he does agree with him that it is a duty of Christian ministers to devote themselves to these problems.

A Defaulter Arrested.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 15.—Isaac H. Vincent, Alabama's defaulting treasurer who has been missing since 1885, having got away with over $200,000 of public money, was lodged in jail here to-day. He was caught near El Paso, Texas.

Failure of a Chinese Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Advices from HongKong report the failure of the Tung Lung Chinese Bank. When the fact was made known a crowd of native creditors stoned the bank and completely destroyed everything.

A Duchess Commits Suicide.

PARIS, March 15.—The Duchess of Otranto committed suicide to-day by blowing her brains out with a revolver. She was overwhelmed with grief at the recent death of her husband.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Ex-Secretary Manning has gone to Europe for the benefit of his health.

The ice in the Straits of Mackinac is from eighteen to twenty inches thick, and a break before April 15 is not expected.

Mrs. Thompson of Jeffersonville, Ind., became insane because of the death of her husband and murdered her daughter aged 10.

John Harris, colored, his wife and nine children, living near Milledgeville, Ga., were poisoned by a Voudoo "Doctor" whom they had offended. The fate of all is uncertain.

John E. Gledhill, Manager of the Ansonia Clock Company, is a defaulter to the amount of $23,000 to $31,000 and absconded to Canada. Wm. Watson, the bookkeeper, is also implicated.

THE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

A DENIAL THAT GEN. BULLER'S TESTIMONY WAS ALTERED.

The Order a Youghall Magistrate Gave to an Officer of the Police—The Irish Crimes Act to be Introduced in the House of Commons This Week.

LONDON, March 15.—Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, stated in the Commons yesterday that the testimony given before the Cowper Irish Land Commission was published accurately as given. He denied that any of the testimony had either been condensed or altered, as has been alleged respecting that given by Gen. Buller.

An Irish Magistrate's Order.

LONDON, March 15.—Chief Secretary Balfour, in the Commons this afternoon, admitted the truth of a statement that Capt. Plunkett, as magistrate for Yonghall, had sent an order to the officer in command of the police there not to hesitate to order his men to shoot in the event of the populace attacking them while engaged in the work of serving Father Keller with a summons to attend court and answer interrogatories respecting his alleged custody of funds under the plan of campaign. The order was given, Mr. Balfour said, on information that a dangerous assault on the police was expected and he contended that Capt. Plunkett had done right in issuing it.

The Crimes Bill.

LONDON, March 15.—The Government hope to introduce the Crimes Bill next Monday, or at the latest on the Thursday following, though they do not ask for urgency till after Easter. It is not likely that the Land Bill will be introduced till the Crimes Bill has passed its second reading.

THE BULGARIAN QUESTION.

The Recent Executions Have Exasperated the Russians.

VIENNA, March 15.—Advices from Rustchuk state that the recent executions at that place have exasperated the popular feeling in St. Petersburg farther than the press is permitted to reveal. The clergy are said to be especially aroused and are strongly agitating the question of interference in Bulgaria.

In Honor of King Humbert.

SOFIA, March 15.—Five hundred persons headed by the military and civil officials and accompanied by a military band, went to the Italian Consulate Club last evening and made a demonstration in honor of King Humbert of Italy, the day being the forty-third anniversary of his birth. The spokesman for the crowd said the Bulgarians wished prosperity to Italy in return for Italy's sympathy with Bulgaria.

THE PLOT AGAINST THE CZAR.

Several Persons with Bombs in their Possession Arrested.

PARIS, March 15.—The Intransigeant states that several persons have been arrested in St. Petersburg on a charge of engaging in a conspiracy against the life of the Czar last Sunday. As the Czar was passing along a thoroughfare on his way to attend the services in commemoration of the death of his father, a bomb was thrown at him, but it failed to explode.

The St. Petersburg Account.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—It is semi-officially stated that on Sunday the police were informed that an attempt might be made on the life of the Czar on that day, it being the anniversary of the assassination of his father, and that as a result the police arrested near the Imperial Palace several persons who were discovered holding dynamite bombs in their hands ready to throw them at the Czar as he emerged.

Aldermen Elected at St. Catharines.

ST. CATHARINES, March 15.—At the municipal elections to-day to fill the places of Aldermen Brennan, Voisard, Begy, Butler and Lawrie, who resigned owing to a protest having been made against them for want of property qualification, the following gentlemen were elected: St. George's Ward, A. Mitchell; St. Thomas' Ward, A. Chatfield, Geo. C. Carlisle; St. Patrick's Ward, J. M. Butler (re-elected), Thos. Crawford.

Charged With Conspiracy and Fraud.

MONTREAL, March 15.—The Police Magistrate to-day issued warrants for the arrest of T. Willett, A. B. Chaffee, Jas. O'Halloran, W. F. Ritchie and M. S. Lorergan, who were members of the first board of directors of the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway, on charges of conspiracy and fraud. The warrants were issued at the instance of A. H. Gilmour of Stanbridge, who is a member of the second board.

Congratulations for the Cardinals.

ROME, March 15.—Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau received congratulations from the lay and ecclesiastical diplomats in the large hall of the Propaganda yesterday. A distinguished assemblage was present. The churchof Santa Maria De'La Vittoria, held by the late Cardinal Jacobini, Secretary of State, has been assigned to Cardinal Taschereau, who will take possession next Saturday. Cardinal Taschereau will depart for Havre on his way home next Sunday.

A Dark Day in London.

LONDON, March 15.—Remarkable darkness enveloped the city at noon to-day. It was as dark as midnight in the entire region of Charing Cross, Whitehall and the Strand, the atmosphere being pitchy black. In the east and southwest portions of the city it was somewhat clearer. Snow was falling heavily at the time.

Plot Against the Czar.

VIENNA, March 15.—It is stated that a well-organized plot has been discovered in Russia to overthrow the Czar's Government and to establish a limited constitutional Government. The plot, it is said, has no connection with Nihilism, its promoters being large land owners and students.

The Papal Secretaryship.

ROME, March 15.—The Pope has abandoned the idea of appointing Cardinal Schiaffino to the Papal Secretaryship of State, in consequence of the strong opposition of Germany and Austria.

A Trooper Murders an Officer.

CALCUTTA, March 15.—During a military parade here to-day a trooper shot and instantly killed Major Neill.

—Steel wire door mats will not wear out. They require no shaking as they clean themselves. They do not fill with dirt and dust; all dust falls through and can be readily swept up. 136

CABLE NOTES.

The Lanarkshire miners have resumed work, their demands having been satisfied.

The Pope will send an autograph letter congratulating Emperor William upon the anniversary of his birth.

Cardinal Manning has heartily endorsed the policy advocated by Cardinal Gibbons towards the Knights of Labor.

A Vienna despatch says numerous Socialists have been arrested, including Kolbos, Opitz and Mittlemayer, notorious Anarchists.

It is reported that a number of expulsions from Alsace will soon be effected of persons not natives, but having conditional permits to reside in the province.

The Italian Government has given pacific assurances to Count de Mouy, French ambassador to Rome, respecting the outcome of the renewal of the alliance between Italy, Austria and Germany.

The London Daily Telegraph reports that a party of Russian Nihilists, condemned to exile, attacked a mail coach near Zychita, shot the coachman and guards, and stole 137,000 roubles in paper and 40,000 roubles in gold.

The prosecution of Socialists at Posen involves twenty-eight prisoners, including a commercial traveler from Frankfort, who had in his possession papers connecting him with Anarchists in Berlin, Saxony, Poland and Russia.

MONDAY'S RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The Number of Killed Not so Large as Supposed.

BOSTON, March 15.—Owing to duplication and the misspelling of names, it is now believed that the reports of the number of persons killed in yesterday's accident have been considerably over-estimated. Up to noon to-day Dr. Draper had signed twenty-five death certificates and Dr. Harris three, making the entire death total up to noon twenty-four.

Ashore on the Massachusetts Coast.

NORTH EASTHAM, Mass., March 15.—An unknown two-masted schooner went ashore this morning near the Life Saving Station at Nausette. All attempts to reach her by the crew of the station have failed. The sea is at present making a clean sweep over the schooner and the hull is almost under water. Three men can be counted from the shore lashed to the foretop, and one man is clinging to the bowsprit. The life saving crews have fired fifteen lines at the vessel, out of which only one reached her, but the sea is too heavy to do anything. There is not much prospect of saving the crew unless the weather moderates.

Quebec Provincial Exhibition.

MONTREAL, March 15.—The permanent Exhibition Committee have decided to hold the Provincial Exhibition in this city from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1, both days inclusive.

—Wire mats may be left out of doors in the rain, as all the parts are thoroughly galvanized and japanned, and will not rust or injure carpets or painted floors. 361

Spies' Proxy No Good.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The County Clerk to-day returned the alleged marriage certificate of Nina Van Zandt and the Anarchist Spies to Justice Englehardt, who claimed to have performed the ceremony. The clerk reminds the Justice that as Spies was in the county jail at the time of the alleged marriage he could not have been at Jefferson, where the Justice certifies the marriage occurred.

An Embezzler Goes Home.

LOCKPORT, March 14.—H. A. Axtell, sheriff of Howard County, Iowa, left here to-day for Cresco, that State, with Judson Talmadge, the absconding American Express Company's agent, who has been in Canada for the past two months. He was short $15,000 in his accounts. He gave himself up to officers at Suspension Bridge several days ago.

Beware of St. Andrew's Bay.

The Farm, Field and Stockman, of Chicago, says of St. Andrew's Bay, Fla., which is being extensively advertised in the Toronto Globe and other papers:

St. Andrew's Bay is in Washington County, Fla. These lands are nothing but alligator swamps. Any one can readily see that they can easily afford to give away a twenty-five foot lot in a worthless swamp, for $1. No one ever gets a deed for more than a twenty-five foot building lot. W. H. Whetstone & Co. is an alias of the same party. We have one of their "elegant illustrated descriptive" maps. It can be made for $1 per thousand. It is a scheme to get another dollar. Still another scheme is the "adjoining property coupon," which is sent out to those who have bought their first lot. Those who hold this coupon can have a piece of adjoining property if they will send $2 to pay for "recording deeds, surveying, platting, etc." In this coupon they say, "you cannot buy the adjoining property for less than $30 per acre, if this offer is not accepted now." It is strange, if this be true, they are so anxious to give away not only the first lot, but all the adjoining property. The readers of the Farm, Field and Stockman are too intelligent to be taken in by such chaff, but they evidently find some fools somewhere who are anxious to part with their dollars.

The above is printed in answer to several letters received at The World office, asking what we know about this latest swindle of the balmy South.

Celebrating His Fiftieth Birthday.

Port Hope was the scene of more than ordinary festivity on Friday night last, when Mr. Wm. Mackie, of the St. Lawrence Hall, Port Hope, gave a ball in honor of his fiftieth birthday. Mr. Mackie and Mr. Charles McGuire entertained guests to the number of 160 in grand style. The ball room was gorgeously decorated and the table groaned under its burden of good things. Mayor Smith and Mr. Ward, M.P., made a few complimentary remarks, to which the host responded, giving a short history of his life. Dancing was kept up until 4 o'clock the following morning, music being supplied by Winchester's String Band of Bowmanville. The following is a list of names of some who were present:

His Worship Mayor Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Ward, M.P., ex-Mayor Clemes, Mr. R. H. Holland; Dr. Craig, Cobourg; Mr. and Mrs. E. Heppell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. Helps, Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Toronto; Mr. Fred. Benson, Mr. Wm. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Williams, Cobourg; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Cobourg; Dr. Salter; Mr. E. J. Baird; Mr. Geo. Ramsden, Montreal; J. Rutherford, Montreal; Mr. Atkinson, Cobourg; Mr. Peter McCabe; Mr. Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper; C. McNaughton; Mr. Alex. Mackie, Miss Mackie, Mr. Jas. Mackie, Oshawa; Mr. Budge, Mr. J. Cooper, Mr. McKay, Mr. Chas. Ross, Mr. H. Williamson, Miss Williamson, Mr. J. Owens, Mr. J. A. Cameron, Lindsay; Mr. F. Beamish, Mrs. M. J. Scott, Toronto; Miss Philips, Buffalo; Miss Maud Battle, Cobourg; Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Read, Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Trayes, Miss Trayes, Miss Johnson, Miss Huffman, Miss Doebler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams, Miss Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Deyell, Mr. and Mrs. McCrerry, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mullholland, Mr. and Mrs. Farquharson, Miss Scrimager, Mr. Massey, Mr. Armstron, B.C.; Miss Chalk, Miss Dafor, Miss Tempest; Miss Birdie Tempest, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Miss Marsh, Miss Sopher, Miss Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Eakins, Mr. Paton, Montreal; Mr. Robin, Mr. Lang.

A Big Transportation Suit Adjourned.

The big suit of the Owen Sound Steamship Company v. the Candian Pacific Railway was called in the Civil Assizes yesterday. The Owen Sounders asked for an adjournment until next court and after a long argument this was granted by Mr. Justice Armour. The Canadian Pacific Railway, however, made strong objections because they had present a number of witnesses who could not easily spare the time. Among the witnesses were: General Manager W. C. Van Horne, Auditor J. G. Ogden, Manager George Sweet, of the Car Department; and Passenger Agent D. McNicoll of Montreal.

Steel wire Mats are now in use in all our principal churches, schools, banks and public buildings. Offices and factory, 6 Wellington west. 136

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

The house of Mr. Burgess, postmaster at Bala, Muskoka, was burned a few days ago; loss $2000.

There is talk at Hamilton of getting up a grand regatta on the bay there about the time of the Queen's jubilee.

It took a train eleven days to travel from Lethbridge to Dunmore on the Galt line, N.W.T., owing to the snow blockade.

Hon. J. B. Robinson, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, will be entertained at dinner by the New York Canadian Club on Thursday next.

On Thursday Hon. Mr. Bowell, Minister of Customs, will receive a deputation of paper manufacturers regarding tariff changes.

A petition has been sent to the Government, unanimously signed by the Hamilton bar, asking to have a junior County Judge appointed.

George Adams of St. Thomas tore his wife's wedding ring from her finger, pawned it for $1.75 and got drunk on the proceeds. He was sent to prison.

The will of the late Dr. Fowler of London bequeaths $400 to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, $450 to the Ministers' Superannuation Fund and the remainder, $20,000, to his widow.

The first of the Ontario appeals, Dillon v. Township of Raleigh, was taken up by the Supreme Court at Ottawa yesterday morning. Mr. Douglas, of Chatham, appears for the appellant, and Mr. Charles Moss for the respondent.

The Old Rulers of the "Classic Suburb."

—When the pretty little village of Yorkville first became incorporated Postmaster Dobson ruled the roost. Good old John Severen, Jimmy Wallace, Tom Atkinson and big-hearted Peter Hutty also sat around the council board. The coat of arms of the old village still can be seen on the main entrance of the Town Hall. Tonkins' hats, 718 Yonge-street north, Toronto. x

DISASTROUS FIRES.

The Loss on Buildings and Contents Foots Up $340,000.

BUFFALO, March 15.—The most extensive and disastrous conflagration that has occurred in Buffalo for a long time was that which broke out at 8.25 this morning in the spacious brick building of Miller, Greiner & Co., wholesale grocers, directly opposite the Commercial office. As a result the splendid building was totally destroyed with all its contents. The scenes of the memorable night of Dec. 21, 1882, when the Commercial office was burned, were in part repeated, with the difference that the fire on that occasion broke out in the Commercial office and crossed the street to the Miller and Greiner building, while this time the fire began in the Miller and Greiner block, and though the Commercial office was at one time in imminent danger it was saved from destruction and serious damage. This gratifying result is no doubt due in part to the favorable west wind which prevailed this morning carrying the flames in the opposite direction. The estimated loss on the building is $120,000; on the stock $175,000. The Masonic Hall loses about $30,000, the Acacic Club about $5000, the occupants of the various offices $10,000. This makes a total of about $340,000. The insurance held by Miller, Greiner & Co. was between $175,000 and $200,000. The loss to the Commercial Advertiser office will probably be from $3000 to $5000. The fourth floor was occupied entirely by the Masonic Hall, where the lodges, chapters and commanderies met. The Masonic records were all lost. The loss to the Masonic fraternity is a grievous one. The order suffered badly in the fire of December 21, 1832, and the quarters destroyed to-day had all been beautifully fitted up since that time.

The Canadian insurance companies are not heavily involved in the losses on the Miller & Greiner block, destroyed by fire this morning, the Western of Toronto having only $750 on Masonic regalia.

Another Big Blaze.

At this hour, 7 p.m., a fire is raging in the big Courier Building, occupying an entire section between Main and Washington-streets. This conflagration has no connection with this morning's destructive blaze.

The fire in the Courier Building was got under control about 8 o'clock, after had caused a damage of from about $25,000 to $40,000 to the stock in the Main-street building. The department occupied by the newspaper office was not seriously damaged and the publication of the Courier is not interfered with. Whitmier's bill posting establishment was damaged to the extent of about $1000 and slight damage was caused to adjoining establishments.

Fatal Fire at Bracebridge.

BRACEBRIDGE, March 15.—This morning at 4.30 the refreshment house of Hugh Dennison, a frame building near the railway station, was destroyed by fire. It is supposed to have originated in Dennison's bedroom, and when discovered had made such headway as to render it impossible to save either the building or contents. The house was broken into and every effort made to reach the inmates, Dennison and his wife, but it was quite impossible to do so, as the interior of the building was enveloped in flames. As soon as the fire could be extinguished search was made among the debris, and the charred remains of Dennison and his wife were found in different parts of the ruins.

Fire at Lockport.

LOCKPORT, March 15.—Fire broke out in the Haisch building on Buffalo-street at 4 o'clock this morning. It was soon extinguished. The damage was principally from water. E. F. Smith's restaurant, first floor was flooded with water, also George Leonard, second floor tenants. George Heidenrich, tobacconist, had stock on third floor spoilt by smoke and in basement by water. Smith insured for $1000, damage $250; Leonard no insurance; Heidenrich loss $300, no insurance. Building insured to cover damage.

A Meadowvale Store Burned.

MEADOWVALE, March 15.—A fire occurred in this place last night by which the store occupied by Mr. John Willis was destroyed with all its contents. Mr. Wm. Couse, Secretary of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association, had his bees in the cellar and they will be a total loss. They were valued at $1200; no insurance. Mr. Willis was insured for $160. The store was owned by Mrs. Davis; insurance not known.

Fire in a Montreal Bookstore.

MONTREAL, March 15.—By a fire which broke out in Slade's book store, Bleury-street, this morning damage to the extent of $5000 was done to the stock and building. Among the works destroyed were 300 volumes of Greek authors and 1000 volumes of law books. Slade is insured.

Why a Baptist Minister Resigned.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., March 15.—Dr. Fulton's resignation as pastor of the Centennial Baptist Church has been announced. The church has been in a turmoil for a long time owing to the opposition of the pastor to the presence at the services of a young lady against whom the finger of scandal had been pointed. A majority of the members sided with the young lady, and she was admitted to membership. Another reason for the resignation is said to be that Dr. Fulton charged that the daughters of some of the prominent members and deacons of the church were guilty of immoral conduct.

That Burglar Gang in Court.

At the Police Court yesterday some evidence was taken in the case of John Meany, Con Curtis, Alice Dowling and Maggie Wingfield, charged with a series of burglaries in this city, but as further evidence was wanted the prisoners were remanded till to-day. In addition to the charge of burglarizing Boyd Bros.' establishment, they will have to answer to three others of a similar nature.

The evidence adduced showed that the silver spoons found in possession of the prisoners when arrested in Hamilton were part of the booty secured from the robbery of the house of Mrs. Fitch of Grimsby in October, 1885. Young Fitch testified to seeing Meany around his mother's house, and being detected by Constable Scarth, Meany drew his revolver and so made his escape. The evidence did not criminate Curtis and he was discharged.

An Insurance Case at the Assizes.

An insurance suit of considerable importance was commenced in the Civil Assizes yesterday before Mr. Justice Armour. Messrs. Brown Bros. of London sue the Glasgow, London, Waterloo and Gore Insurance Companies to recover $6500 on a stock in a Tottenham store, which they claim was destroyed by fire, but which the companies claim was not lost, the salvage covering the amount, and misrepresentations being made in the application for insurance. The case will be continued to-day.

The peremptory list for to-day is: Smeaton v. Beckett, Robins v. Metropolitan, Ward v. Killow, Collins v. Redway, Torrance v. Story, Case v. Mills, Lewis v. Godson, Scribner v. Parsels, Temperance v. Dickenon.

The Heintzman Strike.

The District Assembly of the Knights of Labor held a meeting last night in Shaftesbury Hall and talked over different matters relating to the order. The Heintzman strike was reported as unaltered, and it was decided that the strikers should maintain their firm attitude. Master Workman McNabb stated to The World that as soon as they got free from strikes, the advisability of building or purchasing a Knight of Labor hall would be considered.

Milk Stays Up.

At a special meeting of the Milk Dealers' Association, held last night in Shaftesbury Hall, it was decided to keep the price of milk at 6 cents per quart until next October. Hitherto the custom has been to reduce the price of milk to 5 cents during the summer, but the dealers say there is no money in the reduction. Mr. James Cheesman read a paper on "The Care and Inspection of Milk."

THE NOR'WEST ELECTIONS

THE RESULT OF THE POLLING IN THE TERRITORIES.

The Returns Are Not All in—The Conservatives Are Probably Elected—Mr. Montague Given the Seat for Haldimand by One Vote.

Following is the vote cast in the elections in the Northwest Territories as far as heard from:

West Assiniboia.

	DAVIN.	ROSS.
Medicine Hat	76	46
Dunmore	12	3
Maple Creek	50	20
Moosejaw	59	109
Pense	15	6
Regina	233	71
Riddels	15	6
Touchwood	10	0
Total	470	261

Majority for Davin 209, with a few more places to hear from.

East Assiniboia.

	PERLEY.	DICKIE.
Grenfell	46	0
Qu'Appelle	88	75
Indian Head	59	19
Wolseley	81	29
Whitewood	96	40
Wapella	78	28
Moosomin	238	121
Broadview	62	26
Bembreula	62	29
Fort Qu'Appelle	114	51
Total	924	418

Majority for Perley 505; with a few more places to hear from.

Alberta.

	DAVIS.	HARDISTY.	LAFFERTY.
Cochrane	3	6	12
Calgary	152	95	130
Banff	38	7	0
Lethbridge	187	11	6
McLeod	199	2	1
Edmonton	100	114	2
St. Albert	19	137	2
Ft. Saskatchewan	10	46	0
Stoney Plain	3	24	0
Clover Bar	1	23	0
Victoria	1	22	0
Morley	3	12	0
South Edmonton	7	33	12
Belmont	6	54	1
Total	644	591	157

Majority for Davis 53, with a few more places to hear from.

Saskatchewan.

	MACDOWELL.	LAIRD.
North Battleford	71	54
Bresaylor	—	—
Humboldt	3	9
South Battleford	72	50
Prince Albert	115	—
Total	261	122

Majority for MacDowell so far 139. There are still many places to hear from, but as there are no telegraph offices returns are not expected until to-morrow.

Sketches of the Victors.

NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN, Ministerial candidate, was born in Ballyscanlan, Ireland, in 1843, and educated there in the common school, brought in the ironmongery business, but early in life displayed a taste for literature and entered the Queen's University, London, where he studied law for some time; called to the bar in 1868; was afterwards a parliamentary reporter for the Westminster Review. Was war correspondent for the Irish Times during the Franco-German war, and was wounded at the Siege of Montbedy. Came over to Canada in 1872 and took up journalism until 1882, when he left for the Northwest. Author of "Irishmen in Canada." Has never been in Parliament before. Is a strong advocate of the National Policy. Is proprietor of the Leader, Regina, N.W.T.

W. D. PERLEY, Ministerial candidate, is a resident of Battleford, where he has an extensive farm and ranche. On accepting nomination he issued a carefully prepared address stating his platform. Referring to the Land Policy, he said he was in favor of those who had completed their homestead duties on June 3 last being permitted to homestead a second time without giving six months' notice. Respecting the granting of a legislative assembly for the Territories, he pledged himself to use his best efforts to secure it with a sufficient subsidy from the Federal Parliament to carry on the affairs of the country in a liberal manner.

D. W. DAVIS, the Ministerial candidate, is Manager of the Calgary agency of Messrs. J. G. Baker & Co., the well known Northwest trading house.

D. H. MCDOWELL, Ministerial candidate in Saskatchewan, is widely known throughout the northern Northwest