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GLADSTONE STEPS DOWN.

Stung by His Friends' Ingratitude and Hostile Criticism He Will Resign at Easter.

EARL SPENCER HIS SUCCESSOR

Rosebery Declined the Premiership—Gladstone to Remain in the Cabinet—His Resignation Certain, But Not Officially Announced.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The subject of Mr. Gladstone's resignation is revived to-day in a way suggesting that there may be some foundation for the report. The Pall Mall Gazette, The St. James Gazette and The Westminster Gazette publish articles almost identical in substance, indicating that Mr. Gladstone will resign at an early hour. The reason given in each is that the Premier's eyesight is failing so fast that his vision will become wholly obscured if he does not immediately retire from active political duty. It is also stated that it was the intention of Mr. Gladstone to allude to his approaching resignation in the House of Commons yesterday, but he was dissuaded by his colleagues from doing so.

The Morning publishes a rumor to the effect that Mr. Gladstone informed the Queen yesterday that he was about to undergo an operation for his eyes and that he desired the Royal sanction to Lord Rosebery's acting as Premier pro tem.

The Country Organs Agree.

The Manchester Guardian, The Yorkshire Post and many other provincial newspapers publish these rumors and accompany them with articles expressing belief that they are well founded.

The Chronicle and The Sun claim to have information that Earl Rosebery will be Gladstone's successor and Sir William Harcourt the Government leader in the House of Commons.

The Edinburgh Evening News claims to have been informed upon authority that Mr. Gladstone has already resigned the Premiership, but will retain a seat in the Cabinet. Upon the same authority The News announces that Mr. Gladstone will have an audience with the Queen to-day, when he will recommend Lord Rosebery as his successor.

The Statements Seem Positive.

The renewed rumors of Gladstone's retirement from office having been reduced to almost positive statements from well-informed sources Gladstone's followers have become agitated almost to the verge of a panic, while his political enemies are correspondingly jubilant. Though there are still many doubters it is significant that it is among the Premier's parliamentary and official adherents that the reports of his almost immediate withdrawal from office find most credence.

An Official Denial.

The Central News is authority for the statement that the rumor that Mr. Gladstone will resign from office is denied.

The statement is also made on the same authority that the report that the Premier has had any interview with the Queen on the subject of his final resignation or temporary retirement is absolutely without foundation. The interview had by Lord Rosebery with the Queen on Saturday had no political significance whatever.

The Edinburgh Post says Mr. Gladstone has resigned as Premier, but will remain in the Cabinet and the House of Commons.

The True Reason for His Resignation.

Although the condition of Mr. Gladstone's eyes is regarded as a sufficient reason for his wishing to lay down the cares of office it is not believed to be the real reason for his retirement, if the persistent reports that he intends to resign are true. Owing to his great age and waning physical power he is unable to withstand the shafts of criticism hurled at him as he was a few years or even a few months ago. Where then they would glance from him as from an armor they now pierce him.

Stung by Ingratitude.

It is also true that he has recently been deeply affected by the comments of his political friends on his course in regard to several party measures. These evidences of ingratitude have pained him severely. His course in withdrawing the Employers' Liability Bill, when many of his followers were clamoring for a Parliamentary fight against the House of Lords with the ultimate view of compelling the abolition of the hereditary body, has driven the more radical of his adherents to declare that his democracy has undergone a change and this accusation they have taken great pains should reach his ears. The private secretary of the Premier will neither affirm nor deny the reports as to Mr. Gladstone's resignation. The most he will say is that the positive statement of The Edinburgh Evening News that Mr. Gladstone has resigned is entirely unauthorized.

A Significant Fact.

The fact that the Earl of Roseberry, while on his way to visit the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham last Saturday, was handed a despatch at Newmarket and immediately returned to the Foreign Office, while attracting no attention at the time, is now believed to have had a direct bearing on the question which is now causing so much agitation in political circles. The excuse given out at the time for Lord Rosebery's sudden return was that he was summoned back for a consultation made necessary by the defeat of the British sailors on the west coast of Africa. It is now said, however, that the reason for the return of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is that an important announcement had been made by Mr. Gladstone, the effect of which is that he intended to resign.

The Resignation Takes Effect at Easter.

Mr. Gladstone was visited to-day by a physician, who remained with him for some time. The Premier attended to his official duties during the morning and received several visitors, among whom was the Liberal whip, Edward Marjoribanks.

The Evening News says unqualifiedly that Mr. Gladstone has resigned and that his resignation will go into effect at Easter. The paper says that the Premiership was offered to Lord Rosebery, but he declined it. The position was then offered to Earl Spencer and he accepted it.

Will His Retirement be Permanent?

Inquiries made by representatives of the United Press tend to confirm the report that Mr. Gladstone's resignation is inevitably within a few weeks. Since his return from Biarritz the cataract which has been forming in his eye has ripened fast and Dr. Bond, Dr. Grainger and other physicians whom he has consulted consider an early operation advisable. The treatment will necessarily involve seclusion in a darkened room for a long time, probably three months, with complete cessation of all work attended by brain strain or worry. Mr. Gladstone's colleagues wish him to postpone his resignation of the Premiership until the latest possible moment and to keep a sinecure seat in the Cabinet, such as by taking the office of Lord Privy Seal. Liberals are divided in opinion as to whether Mr. Gladstone's retirement will be temporary or permanent. Mr. Gladstone himself freely tells his friends that his hearing is going with his eyesight. His health otherwise, however, is still vigorous. His voice in last night's debate in the House of Commons was full and clear, and his bearing was upright and firm. The Radicals, who believe him an obstacle to the reform of the House of Lords, hold that Mr. Gladstone's withdrawal from the Ministry will be final.

Various Views of the Morning Papers.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Daily Graphic this morning says that it has received information that the situation as far as Mr. Gladstone is concerned remains exactly the same as it was when Sir Algernon West sent out his statement from Biarritz on Jan. 31.

The Daily News denies that Mr. Gladstone has resigned and refuses to waste any space in discussing the idle talk of a speedy dissolution of Parliament. In discussing the possibility of his infirmity compelling Mr. Gladstone to retire—an event which it hopes is far distant—The News says there is no doubt that Lord Rosebery will succeed to the Premiership and that Sir William Vernon Harcourt will become leader of the House of Commons.

The Standard, Conservative, says there is no doubt that the retirement of Mr. Gladstone cannot be long delayed and in a kindly way it refers to the personal aspect of the event. It would be deplorable, it says, if any one in the Opposition should view his retirement with indifference. The Standard predicts that his withdrawal will lead to the disruption of the Liberal party.

The Daily Chronicle says: The situation has undergone a rapid change in a few days. The situation that was enunciated in the Biarritz despatch no longer exists. The retirement of Mr. Gladstone is a matter of the near future. The man whom the Liberal party would summon to its headship with preponderating preference is Lord Rosebery. Mr. Labouchere is the centre of the opposition to his candidacy, mainly because he is a peer. The Irish would be inclined to support either Lord Rosebery or Lord Spencer, but would certainly claim pledges regarding Home Rule from any successor to Mr. Gladstone before giving their votes.

The Times regards the official denial of the reports of Mr. Gladstone's resignation as equivalent to a decision to postpone what has virtually been determined upon. It expresses the opinion that after Mr. Gladstone's retirement nobody will be able to hold together the diverse elements composing the present majority in the House of Commons. Lord Rosebery would be incessantly intrigued against by the Radicals, who would probably receive the support of the Irish.

Henry Labouchere's Truth says: It would be childish to ignore the fact that the withdrawal of Mr. Gladstone may come at any moment. It behooves us, therefore, to consider his successor. The successor of Mr. Gladstone must be a people's minister. On this depends the question whether the Radicals, who have a majority in the constituencies, are to rule or to be fooled. Mr. Gladstone's successor must be a commoner. A lordly premiership would very soon break up the Liberal party. Moreover at the present moment for the Liberal party to go to battle under a peer would be the climax of absurdity. Provided he be a sound Radical and a commoner we care little who succeeds Mr. Gladstone.

Yates Expects It.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Edmund Yates cables The Tribune: There is not any more to be said about the possibilities of Mr. Gladstone's resignation. The events of the last week make it plain that an authoritative statement will be forthcoming soon.

The political talkers at the clubs are now only betting how long it will be before a straight tip comes over the tape.

My inclination is to side with those who take the resignation view of what may certainly be fairly called the present crisis.

CASGRAIN ON ONTARIO FANATICS.

Quebec's Atty.-Gen. Says the Manitoba Act Should Be Disallowed.

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 27.—The Conservatives held a political demonstration at the Monument Nationale to-night, when addresses were delivered on the political issues of the day by the members of the Quebec Cabinet.

Attorney-General Casgrain, referring to the Manitoba school question, declared that the Catholics of the Northwest were entitled by guarantees to their separate schools, and although the school ordinance might be constitutional he claimed that it was the right and duty of the Dominion Government to disallow it on the ground that it was against the general interests. Mr. Casgrain said it was about time the fanatics of Ontario and the other provinces were let understand that the Catholics had rights in the Confederation, which was intended as a pact. The fanatics were doing their best to break the pact, but all men of moderation should strive to see that they did not succeed. The French-Canadians, however, did not want Mr. Mercier as a leader, as there were plenty of Conservatives who would see that justice was rendered to the Catholics.

Mr. Pelletier spoke in the same strain.

IS BAIN CAUGHT?

Rumor to the Effect That the Wrong Man is in Custody.

A report was in circulation in the city yesterday that the man arrested at Graytown, Porto Rico, as J. G. Bain, the defaulting G.T.R. ticket clerk, and to extradite whom Inspector Rogers left for Porto Rico a few days ago, is not Bain at all, but another defaulter, presumably John Moore, the Whitby Township treasurer, who fled with the funds of the municipality.

District Agent Slatter, however, is satisfied that the man arrested is Bain, as the description furnished the Cuban authorities was so complete that it would be practically impossible for the officers to mistake their man.

Skipped with $1500.

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 27.—J. A. Bolduc, a clerk employed in the wholesale house of Riddle & Co., skipped to-night with $1500 of the firm's money. He is believed to have gone to the States and the authorities have been notified.

A COUPLE OF BLACKMAILERS.

Look Out for These Worthies—Said to Be in Toronto.

A professional blackmailer, a remarkably handsome brunet, a small woman with dark hair and eyes, and winning manners, is said to have come to Toronto to ply her arts. Her mode of operations is to visit business places selling an office article, and after ingratiating herself in the good opinions of her victim invite him to call at her room in the hotel where she is stopping. When he does so the aggrieved husband puts in an appearance. Then there is the regulation scene of the compromising position of the caller and the woman, a revolver, with the grand finale of a comforting cheque and nothing said.

The couple are said to have secured $4500 from five Londoners during the past few days.

HE WROTE "NAUGHTY" LETTERS

And the Woman He Loved Had Him Arrested.

MILTON, Feb. 27.—Walter Laing of Eden Mills is in the county jail. Walter made love to a widow of the same name as himself, but Mrs. Laing declined his affections. Then he piled his suit with her daughter, and again without avail. Later he wrote letters, and these effusions being "naughty" he was arrested, and Magistrate Mingus sent him up for trial.

Erastus Wiman's Troubles.

The great interest presently being evinced in the case of Erastus Wiman has revived the demand for his now widely-known book, "Chances of Success." John P. McKenna has a few copies left, which can be purchased for $1 each.

Varnished Both the Pipes and Her Eye.

M. J. Corcoran lives at 42 William-street and Mrs. McKee lives in a cottage in the rear. On Monday afternoon Michael kindly offered to varnish Mrs. McKee's stovepipes, in consideration of which she gave him 10 cents. He went out afterwards and became intoxicated, and it is alleged then came back to raise a row. Before the storm had abated Mrs. McKee had a black eye. Michael now languishes in No. 2 with a charge of indecent assault registered against him.

Your dollar will buy two dollars' worth now at the great sale of Cooper's, Rossin House, stock of high grade gents' furnishings, bought at 56c on the dollar and now selling at positively half price, at the Army and Navy store, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

INDIGNATION IN IRELAND

AT GLADSTONE FAILING TO KEEP HIS PROMISES.

Barry, M.P., Denounces the Premier as a Grand Old Humbug—Morley's Visit Seized For a Demonstration of Resentment by Home Rulers—Cork Placarded With Fenian Amnesty Posters.

DUBLIN, Feb. 27.—The Dublin branch of the Irish National League held a special session last night, at which the following resolution was passed:

"We avail ourselves of the presence of Mr. Morley to point out that he and the Government have failed to keep the promises made to Ireland."

John Barry, M.P. for South Oxford, Parnellite, made a speech, in which he expressed lack of confidence in Mr. Morley and alluded to Mr. Gladstone as the "Grand old humbug."

Violent speeches were made against Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley at a largely attended amnesty meeting held here Sunday.

Demonstration by Home Rulers and Fenians.

CORK, Feb. 27.—The visit to Ireland of Right Hon. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has caused a demonstration of the feeling of resentment which the Home Rulers have cherished against him since his refusal to receive a deputation of the Evicted Tenants' Association. Mr. Morley based his refusal on the ground that the Government intended to introduce a reinstatement bill at the next session of Parliament. This treatment led the Evicted Tenants' Association of Cork to return to the principles of the old Land League, and they appointed a vigilance committee, whose duty it was to see that boycotting of land grabbers was rigidly enforced.

Yesterday the Fenians placarded the city with green posters headed in large type with the word "Amnesty." The placards declared that Daly and other Irish martyrs are dying by inches in England prisons while Mr. Morley's promise to release the political prisoners is still unfulfilled. Continuing, the placards read: "France and the United States have granted amnesty to political prisoners. Shall England be the only nation in the world to refuse? Speak, John Morley! Ireland demands an answer! ! ! God save Ireland."

2 HOURS' FIGHT WITH FODISILAH.

The Natives Put to Rout—None of the British Killed.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A despatch from Rear Admiral Bedford, commanding the British West African fleet at Bathurst, Gambia, says a large force of natives under Chief Fodisilah have invaded British Gambia. The Legislative council of the colony has decided to organize patrol parties, to be led by members of the council. There was two hours fighting between the natives and a detachment of the West India regiment on Sunday. The engagement terminated with the defeat and rout of the natives, who lost a number of killed and wounded. None of the West India command were killed and only three wounded.

Native Uneasiness Increasing.

Another despatch from Bathurst says that the uneasiness among the natives is increasing. The powerful Chief, Mousamoula, at the head of 5000 warriors, is expected to join Chief Fodisilah. All Europeans have been armed in order to guard the town against surprises. Five hundred troops have left Sierra Leone to reinforce the troops at Bathurst.

Excessive Taxation in Italy Will Produce Disorder.

ROME, Feb. 27.—The new taxation program of Finance Minister Sonnino meets with strong opposition in the Vatican, owing to the fact that large investments in Italian rentes were recently made by the financial department of the Papal household. Following the inevitable close of the distilleries and other works which are unable to bear the proposed new taxation it is feared there will be great disorder and possibly bloodshed.

Battle Between Russians and Germans.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—Rumors of a battle between Russian and German troops on the frontier have been current in military circles in Moscow for several days. One version of the reported fight is as follows:

A squadron of Russian dragoons saw a party of Prussian Uhlans making a target at a frontier post on which the Russian arms were displayed. The Russian commander requested the Prussians to stop firing at the post. The Prussians ignored the request. A skirmish followed, in which several men on both sides were killed. The Russians pursued the Prussians for some distance after the fight.

Yesterday's Drawing-Room.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Queen's drawing-room to-day was marked by perfect sunshine and a large attendance of privileged persons. Her Majesty was in excellent health.

There were 200 debutantes present. The Prince and Princess of Wales, their daughter and the Duke of York were driven in state to Buckingham Palace, escorted by a detachment of the Life Guards.

Sir Charles Russell To Be Made a Judge.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—During the last week there has been a revival of the report that Sir Charles Russell is soon to be made Lord Chief Justice. If the change does take place Sir John Rigby will probably succeed the senior law officer of the Crown.

William Interested in Silver.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A despatch from Berlin says Emperor William is giving a great deal of attention to the subject of bi-metalism and is bringing all his influence to bear to prevent a further decline in the price of silver.

Elton Hall in Ashes.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The residence of the Earl of Carysfort, Elton Hall, in Peterborough, was burned to-day. Among the property destroyed was one of the most extensive and valuable libraries in England, and many other things were burned which cannot be replaced.

Cholera Shows Its Head Again.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—A despatch from Wandeck, three miles from Hamburg, says that two cases of supposed cholera have been found in the Poolstrasse in that town.

Jumped From a Window To Death.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—A convict named Lesteven committed suicide in the Grande Roquette prison to-day by throwing himself from a window. He was a notorious erotomaniac and had been condemned to death for murder.

Bismarck Gives Children Memorial Cups.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Prince Bismarck is in excellent health and goes out driving daily in Friedrichsruhe. He has presented to the school children of the town memorial cups bearing the likeness of Emperor William.

The Windows contain the samples. The store contains the stock. Drop in and see it, Waterson, 126 Yonge.

A Member Summoned Home.

Immediately after the adjournment of the House yesterday Mr. Hammell, M.L.A. for Cardwell, received intelligence of the sudden death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Robinson of Trafalgar Township, and, at once left the city to be present at the funeral.

Beaver tobacco sweetens the breath and preserves the teeth. This is why gentlemen prefer it.

Smallpox in Sing Sing.

SING SING, Feb. 27.—There are three cases of smallpox in Sing Sing Prison among the convicts. The patients have been isolated.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

FLIM-FLAMMED OUT OF $30.

John Graham of Malton Meets An Obliging Friend and Is Minus His Winter's Savings.

Yesterday at noon a man wearing an imitation gray frieze ulster and an imitation seal cap alighted from a Grand Trunk train at the Union Station. He was a fine specimen of a well-to-do farmer. He stood on the platform for a short time with his carpet bag in his hand as if at a loss which way to go. A young man, who evidently noticed the stranger's dilemma approached him. The result was that the couple adjourned to a boat house in the rear of the station. There the man with the carpet bag was flim-flammed and bunceed.

This is how it was done: The farmer's new acquaintance knew where he could make $30. A friend of his had a gold watch that could be bought for $30. The watch could be sold to another party for $50. If the farmer advanced the money he would be given $6 as his share of the profits for advancing the money.

Six good dollars could not be made on the farm in the same number of weeks, and the man took the bait. The owner of the watch was seen and the deal closed. The farmer and his friend started up town to find the man who was to pay $50 for the watch. When the pair arrived at the Daly House in Front-street, the friend asked the farmer for the watch, at the same time telling him that the $50 man was inside. The farmer gave up the watch, and that is the last he saw of it or his $30.

At the police station the farmer gave his name as John Graham, Malton P.O.

THE DE JONG CASE.

Discovery of the Clothes Supposed to Belong to Maria Schmidt.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.—A mysterious discovery was made at Oirsbeck, in the province of Limbourg, which has suddenly revived interest in the case of De Jong, the man who has been in prison for some months on suspicion of having murdered Miss Juett, a young Englishwoman, and a Dutch girl named Schmidt, with both of whom he went through the ceremony of marriage. At that place three bags have been found containing a woman's dress and under linen. Five articles are marked with the initials "M.S." The suggestion is made that the clothing belonged to the missing girl, Maria Schmidt. The police are busily investigating the matter.

SUPPLIES CUT DOWN $10,000.

The Committee of the School Board Think $46,000 Will Suffice.

The Supply Committee of the School Board met yesterday afternoon. There were present Trustees Mrs. McDonell, Baird, Burns, Kerr and Chairman Clarke. The estimates for the year were submitted, and after a judicious application of the pruning knife they were placed at $46,000. This is a reduction of $10,000 on last year's estimates, which were $56,000.

Architect Waite's Little Bill.

Mr. Waite, architect for the Parliament Buildings, stands credited in the books of the Public Works Department with $37,500, made up of 5 per cent. on $750,000, his original estimate. He has drawn $36,000, and has a balance due of $1500. He now claims 5 per cent. on about $1,300,000, the gross cost. But it is understood that he has no chance of success in his present pretensions. It is said that the understanding as to the amount really due is clearly established by the correspondence, the balance of which will shortly be brought down. A portion of the correspondence in question has already been before the House.

A Score of Reds Arrested in Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The police continue their search of the houses of known Anarchists. Since yesterday morning 20 or more Anarchists have been arrested and the police believe that among the number are some whose detention will disclose their identity with recent outrages and lead to important revelations.

The Anarchist, Marpeaux, was sentenced to-day to penal servitude for life for murdering Police Inspector Colson in November last.

Lots of Talk, But Nothing Done.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Democratic senatorial caucus on the Tariff bill was rich in talk, but no action was taken on an item in the bill. After the adjournment a member of the Finance Committee said it was hoped that, now that the speeches had been made all round, action would follow and something definite be accomplished to-morrow. Two or three days will elapse before the corrected bill can be laid before the full Committee on Finance.

Halton and the G.T.R.

Editor World: I see by your issue of the 24th inst. that an application is being made to the Legislature to legalize some transactions of the County Council of Halton with regard to the distribution of the money received from the Grand Trunk Railway, and also Judge Street's decision in the matter. I heard the report of the decision read at a public meeting at Bronte that what they expected from Judge Street was a consent verdict to settle this matter. Can it be possible that they prevailed on Judge Street to give such a judgment and are now breaking faith with him and appealing to a full court to set aside his judgment and at the same time trying to get legislation in the matter? If the Ontario Legislature has any of the dead left in it I think no one would like to see Parliament make a full investigation, send for parties and all papers and let the public see how much of the money the Railway Committee and the lawyers have already got out of the fund. I think such an investigation would disclose one of the most barefaced and cool conspiracies to defraud the public ever known in this or any other county in Ontario.

Palermo, Feb. 27. HENRY CARRIQUE.

A preventive as well as a cure for coughs and colds, Adams' Horehound Tutti Frutti, sold by druggists and confectioners, 5 cents.

Sovereign Talks Sense on Strikes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—General Master Workman Sovereign of the K. of L. addressed an audience of 1500 people at the Lyceum Theatre to-night. He said: I am opposed to strikes. During the six years that I was chief officer of the Iowa State assembly of K. of L., I never ordered a strike. Strikes are failures even when they are successful. They are insurrectionary in their character. They settle no great moral issue. They remove no great barrier which is in the way of the prosperity of the laboring man.

Call and see us, we have something we want to show you. Waterson's, 126 Yonge.

Bayard's Resignation Denied.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A report which has been circulating here that United States Ambassador Thomas F. Bayard intends to resign has been promptly and emphatically denied by Mr. Bayard himself.

We have established a good business by making good clothing. Waterson, 126 Yonge.

Further Trouble in the Banca Italia.

ROME, Feb. 27.—In consequence of the discovery of further defaults the Government has ordered a new enquiry into the affairs of the Banca Italia. The Banca Anticipation of Naples has applied for a moratorium.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Important Notice.

Blight Bros., stationers, have removed from The Globe Building, corner Yonge and Melinda-streets, to 65 Yonge-st. 246

Munroe & Cassidy, bookbinders, are making a specialty of binding World's Fair views.

We make a business of making clothing. Waterson, 126 Yonge-street.

A FARCE, A HOWLING FARCE.

DUEL OF DEMAGOGS AT THE PAVILION LAST NIGHT.

Faddists Capture a Meeting Called to Devise Means for Alleviating the Prevailing Distress and Pandemonium Reigns Supreme—Policemen Called to the Platform to Eject Disturbers.

Wild and weird, sprinkled with free fights and full of war whoops, was last night's meeting at the Pavilion, called supposedly to discuss measures for the amelioration of the prevailing distress.

The hall was crowded with an audience that was well prepared to make trouble. However hazy their ideas of the reason for the meeting, they knew perfectly well what they did not want, and expressed their opinions without the least reserve.

The canal promoter was the breeder of the discontent which caused the calling of two large policemen to the platform and resulted in the abrupt adjournment of the meeting before any practical business was transacted.

When Mayor Kennedy took the chair the hall was well filled. Everything went on smoothly for a time and the doctrines of single tax were expounded to the multitude. But of this they soon wearied and began to have much fun with the speakers. Then the man who will build the great canal, in his mind, came to the front and the rest of the evening was one discordant chorus of catcalls, cheers, hisses and exceedingly personal epithets. For an hour a very interesting imitation of a rolling mill in full blast was given, and then the chairman dismissed the meeting.

Single Tax the Panacea.

Rev. C. C. Craig, who was the first speaker, presented a resolution which put forth single tax as the remedy for existing evils and protested against the existence of monopolies. Mr. Craig said the question was one which was of equal importance to rich and poor.

The resolution was seconded by W. H. Scott, who quoted figures showing the number of men out of work in Toronto and American cities. The audience began to weary of theories and interruptions began to be plenty. Suggestions were thrown out that the meeting was called to devise some means for procuring work, and not to hear of imaginary "remedies."

When Mayor Kennedy arose to put the motion the irrepressible promoter of the Hurontario Canal stepped forward and attempted to speak. For several minutes the audience howled its disapproval. Several times he attempted to speak, but his voice could not be heard beyond the platform.

"You will hear me next," shouted the promoter. "Sit down," retorted the audience, amid storms of hisses and jeers. "Let me speak!" "We don't want to hear you!" "Obey the chair." Finally comparative quiet was restored and the man of the canal announced that he would give way to Mr. Campbell, but would insist upon having his say.

Mr. Campbell Says "Fair Tax."

Paul Campbell attacked the present system of taxation, which, he declared, was an unjust one. He introduced a resolution endorsing "fair tax." The resolution was seconded by W. R. Roaf and, despite more protestations of weariness from the audience, it was passed.

At this point Mayor Kennedy announced that he had to leave the meeting in order to help in the arrangement of the funeral services of Rev. W. H. Maxwell. He called F. S. Spence to the chair and retired gracefully.

Then commenced the real fun of the evening. In his most stirring platform tones Chairman Spence called upon Phillips Thompson to move the next resolution. But the promoter was on the alert and had gained a place on the right of the speaker's chair. His appearance was the signal for a fresh outburst of chaos. From the galleries came cries of "You're no gentleman," "Take your seat, E. A.," "Wait until your turn comes," "Haven't you any common sense?" Mingled with these came shouts of encouragement from a few enthusiasts led by a loud-voiced young man attired in an ulster of æsthetic cut.

A Duel of Demagogs.

Chairman Spence insisted that the promoter should sit down, but patting his breast with an heroic air, insisted upon his "rights." And all the while the crowd howled. Phillips Thompson attempted to speak and at the same time the promoter started to shout "Mr. Chairman." Wild was the turmoil and loud were the shouts. Simultaneous purposes of the hall "side" meetings were organized, and discussion was vigorous. At the rear of the hall a blue-coated policeman walked around, hugely enjoying the sport.

As the canal man persevered, the chairman renewed his protests and referred the question to the meeting. Almost unanimously it voted not to hear the man of schemes, but even yet he was undaunted. Then Mr. Spence played his last card:

Policemen Called to the Platform.

"As the gentleman refuses to abide by the expressed desire of the meeting, I must exercise my powers," he shouted, and beckoned to the policeman. With a loud smile the officer reached the platform, and the crowd again went wild. From the audience men rushed to the foot of the platform and shook their fists at the obstructor. Another policeman appeared, but still the promoter stood his ground. Mr. Spence declared the meeting adjourned, and yet the deposed Baron stood undaunted. His playful badinage with the "coppers," as he styled the officers, brought forth delirious applause, and he declared, "I will be the last to leave the platform."

This Motion Carried.

J. P. Blackball mounted a bench and put the following resolution, which was carried:

That it has been publicly declared by certain clergymen, members of the Toronto Ministerial Association, that there is not an unusual number of men out of employment in Toronto and no necessity for extra endeavor to alleviate distress, and as some of these gentlemen have gone so far as to charge any destitution to the drunkenness and unprovident habits of the sufferers themselves; therefore, we, the unemployed citizens of Toronto, desire to emphatically deny the foul and abusive imputation cast on us and to ask those responsible for it to withdraw it, as it is far from true and calculated to harm us in our earnest, honest and orderly agitation for immediate employment.

It was not until the lights were extinguished and the policemen cleared the Pavilion that the festive scene was deserted.

A success that is succeeding abundantly and benefiting thousands, the great sale of Cooper's, Rossin House, stock of high grade gents' furnishings, bought at 56c on the dollar and now selling at positively half price, at the Army and Navy store, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

Do U No

That Comedian Hackett is making a great hit at the Academy of Music this week in "The Private Secretary"? If you do know do not forget that to-night, to-morrow afternoon and evening will be the last chance you will have of seeing the Secretary, as on Friday night "Mixed Pickles" will be put on for the rest of the week. Prices 15, $25, 35 and 50 cents.

Coughicura is pleasant. Children like it.

Briefs.

Emperor Francis Joseph left Vienna yesterday for Mentone.

The Bank of Bengal has raised its rate of discount from nine to ten per cent.

Klench Bros.' flour mill, elevator, warehouse and cooperage and five residences at Oakland, Ind., were burned yesterday morning. Loss $75,000.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

HIS WELCOME TO TOWN.

THE GOV'T: "Then here's a han', my trusty frien', an' gie's a han' o' thine!"
PATRON: "Yes, by gum, I'll give y' one with a five-ounce glove on it on election day!"

CHRONICLES OF THE CAPITAL.

Copies of the Supreme Court's Decision Sent To Mr. Ewart In England.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—When the opinion of the Supreme Court was given in the Manitoba school case Mr. J. S. Ewart, Q.C., who is at present in England, cabled to the registrar of the Supreme Court asking that copies of the opinions of the judges be sent to him. This was taken to mean that Mr. Ewart proposes to appeal to the Privy Council, as the amended Supreme Court Act provides may be done. Mr. Cassells, registrar of the court, sent the copies to Mr. Ewart by yesterday's mail, and he has also made his report to the Department of Justice, forwarding the answer as to the six questions submitted by the Government.

There has been placed on exhibition in the Department of Trade and Commerce, by Mr. Alexander Huddart of the Canadian-Australian steamship line, the model of the new steamer which is being built for the line. The model is that of a handsome and commodious twin screw vessel, and their description plate states that she is to be guaranteed to make 17 knots.

Solicitor-General Curran returned to the city to-day from New York.

It is now stated that all the electric light companies in the city will amalgamate on June 1.

Contrary to general expectation McGreevy and Connolly are still in jail and there does not seem to be any probability of their release to-night. His Excellency returned from Montreal by the noon train, and in the afternoon a special messenger went from the Department of State to Rideau Hall, and it was expected that he would bring back with him the order for release. He did not do so, and it cannot be learned to-night that His Excellency has taken the report of Sir John Thompson into consideration at all yet.

Revival of the Stock.

Coming here from the United States one is struck by the quieter tone of Toronto by the comparative absence of loud dressing so common to American cities. Nobody but a "bounder" wears loud neckwear in Toronto, and the man with any pretensions to good form in neck dressing who may be found attributes the origin of Lilian's new English stocks on his neck will be interdicted from association with decent men.

Speaker's Dinner.

Mr. Speaker entertained at dinner last evening in his handsome quarters in the Parliament buildings the following gentlemen: Robert Jaffray, B. E. Walker, J. D. Edgar, M.P., Dr. D. Clarke, George Dickson, Peter Ryan, S. H. Janes, D. R. Wilkie, George A. Cox, James Mastie, R. A. Dickson, C. J. Campbell, Hon. Messrs. Hardy, Gibson and Harcourt, Messrs. O'Connor, Baxter, Gibson, Harty, Wylie, Preston, Tait, Gilmour, White, Willoughby, Miscampbell, Balfour, Biggar, Smith, Caldwell, Clancy, Marter, Awrey, Whitney, Kerns, Campbell, Rayside, Ferguson, Hammell, Allan, Field and Lockhart, M.L.A.'s.

Cutting the dollars in halves doubles yours for you, and that you'll find to be the case with the selling of the Cooper, Rossin House stock of fine gents' furnishings, bought at 56c on the dollar and now selling at the Army and Navy store, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets. Everything positively at half usual prices.

Aberdeen Sang God Save the Queen.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—At the performance given by Madame Patti at the Academy of Music last evening Lord Aberdeen, the Governor, and family occupied a box. When the curtain fell at the conclusion the orchestra didn't play the usual "God Save the Queen." The audience stood in embarrassed silence for a few minutes, when Lord Aberdeen himself sang "God Save the Queen," in which he was joined by the audience, who afterwards dispersed with cheers.

A Skater At Port Stanley Drowned.

PORT STANLEY, Ont., Feb. 27.—Last evening James Morgan, aged 17, went skating on the lake. This morning his hat was found floating in a large hole in the ice. Grappling irons were procured and the body was found in 10 feet of water.

Double Drowning At Prescott.

PRESCOTT, Feb. 27.—Henry P. Berg and Frank Clark were drowned crossing the river last night. They drove into an air hole. Berg was a traveler for a Montreal clock company. Clark belonged to Ogdensburg. Their bodies have not been recovered

This year's ordered coats will be worn long. See Waterson's spring styles, 126 Yonge-street.

Arlington Hotel.

For comfortable bright rooms and combined with reasonable rates and excellent cuisine the Arlington Hotel has not its equal in Toronto and those who desire permanent winter quarters should hasten to make their arrangements before the best rooms are taken. ed

Munroe & Cassidy, bookbinders, are making a specialty of binding World's Fair views.

Oak Mantels

In Colonial and other latest designs. Tilings and Brass Goods. W. Millichamp, Son & Co., 234 Yonge-street. e

THE MISSING LINK FOUND.

EVIDENCE IN THE MIDDLE-ROAD TRAGEDY COMPLETE.

Positive Proof That MacWherrell Was in Possession of Williams' Horse Within a Few Hours of the Time the Old Couple Were Last Seen Alive—Sold the Murdered Man's Pocketbook.

When the trial of Walter MacWherrell and John Walker, charged with the murder of James Williams and his wife on the Middle-road, Toronto Township, on Dec. 14 last, opens at Brampton, before Mr. Justice Ferguson, on March 12, one of the strongest cases known in criminal annals will be presented to the jury.

During the past few days many important facts have been elicited in connection with the tragedy.

At the preliminary examination evidence was presented showing that MacWherrell had possession at noon of the following day of the horse and rig stolen from the farm at the time of the murder. Where it was between the time the murder is believed to have been committed, 6 o'clock Thursday night, and noon the next day is what Detective Greer has been endeavoring to ascertain. This he has at length accomplished. A witness has been found who saw MacWherrell and Walker driving the stolen horse and rig in this city between 8 and 9 o'clock on Thursday night. The witness has since inspected both horse and rig, and is positive in his identification. This fact settles beyond dispute that the murder was committed on Thursday night and within an hour or two after MacWherrell called at the house of Mrs. McKay, a few rods from the scene of the murder, and inquired the way to the Williams residence. The theory that the murder was committed on Friday, based on the fact that a telephone wire which had presumably been blown down on the gateway during the terrific gale of Friday showed unmistakable signs that the runners of a sleigh had passed over it, will be exploded by the evidence of the lineman, who will swear that the wire was down at least two days previous to the Friday storm.

Williams' Pocketbook Sold by Walker.

The prosecution has in its possession the pocketbook which is believed to have been stolen from the Williams house at the time of the murder. The pocketbook was sold by the prisoner Walker on the Saturday following the murder. The merchant from whom old man Williams purchased the pocketbook has recognized the book sold by Walker as similar in every respect to the one Williams bought.

A Third Important Link.

MacWherrell, it will be remembered, turned up at Farmer Stapleford's, at Woburn, on Thursday, Dec. 21, just a week after the murder. Evidence will be brought forward to show that on the next day he remarked to one of the family: "There has been a murder up west and they are accusing me of it." In view of the circumstance that no mention of the fact of MacWherrell being suspected was made public until Christmas, three days subsequent to the time this statement was made by the accused, the remark is regarded as most important by the crown.

HAMILTON EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Manager Murden Arrested on a Charge of Stealing $1500.

HAMILTON, Feb. 27.—John H.