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MR. GLADSTONE'S SPEECH ON THE IRISH CHURCH BILL.

The London correspondent of a New York paper thus refers to Mr. Gladstone's speech in introducing the bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church: Mr. Gladstone was, perhaps, never more in his element, and never heard to better advantage, than in the House on Monday night. He had a subject exactly suited to his extraordinary powers, and he was put upon his mettle by the circumstances in which he spoke. It is remarkable—and it is characteristic alike of the English people, and of Mr. Gladstone, individually—that his greatest fame as an orator should have been won in his Budget speeches; that is, in financial expositions permitting no rhetoric display, and affording scope only for the more solid qualities of the orator's mind. Figures of arithmetic took the place of figures of speech, yet Mr. Gladstone, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been known to keep the unbroken attention of the House through a speech of more than four hours' duration. On Monday night he spoke three hours and a half. He held his audience well throughout, and although there might have been a little flagging on the part of the hearers during the second hour, it was most curious to see the sudden quickening of interest manifested all over the House when the orator got among his figures. It was precisely the time when an ordinary speaker would have lost his hold of an ordinary audience. To Mr. Gladstone it was as if he had touched his mother earth after an exhausting struggle in the air. He found as much inspiration in estimates of glebes and in the valuation of tithes as Mr. Bright finds in the flagrant oppression and injustice he so often denounces. No doubt the attention of the House was stimulated by the personal interest many members have in the funds of the Church, but to those who had none, Mr. Gladstone's dexterity in handling his accounts was an object of scarcely less admiration. Other men have had the talent to make budgets intelligible. To Mr. Gladstone alone has been given the power of investing them with a moral interest, and surrounding them with the fascinations of romance. So it was with what I may call the Budget of the Irish Church. The art with which the statement was made was art of a very high order, and the impression made by that part of the speech was quite independent of the varying judgments formed upon the wisdom of the plan announced for disposing of the surplus revenues of the Church. Some of Mr. Gladstone's friends were recently lamenting that he could never more be Chancellor of the Exchequer. They may be abundantly consoled by his good fortune in having to make a financial statement in the very first important speech he had to make as Head of the Government. Hitherto he has been the head of a department only, or at most the leader of the House, responsible only for a single branch of the public service, or for the conduct of business in one body of the Legislature. His fame henceforth must depend on the extent to which he can impress his own purpose on a number of his colleagues, and on the general verdict of the public upon the acts and results of the Administration of which he is the First Minister. Here, too, his first essay must be pronounced a triumph.

Lumbering in Peel and Maryboro.

Many of our readers must have observed the immense pile of timber, accumulated during the winter upon the town line and the farm of C. Allan, Esq., upon the banks of the Grand River, near the village of Elora. It is being got out in Peel and Maryboro, by William Irvin, Esq., who has sixteen scowers and hewers at work there, slashing down and up the magnificent elms to be found in that section of country. He has already brought down over 1600 pieces, and intends to keep at the work until the breaking up of winter roads renders it advisable to discontinue operations. Mr. Irvin pays from fifty cents to one dollar per tree, according to size and quality, and reckons the cost of hauling to average \$55 per 1000 cubic feet. The timber will be thrown into the river, and floated off immediately after the ice breaks up, down to Berlin, when it will be taken out and shipped per rail to Toronto, and sent thence to Quebec in raft. It is intended for Liverpool and France, and is considered by Mr. Irvin to be of very good quality. The difficulty of getting out the timber made in the Ottawa District will materially advance the price of the article, and this enhancement of value encourages Mr. Irvin in pushing on his work here, and in making all that he feels sure of getting to the river. We must say that we are sorry to see so much fine building material leaving this locality, but as the great bulk of it would be burnt, if not converted into square timber, the large amount of money left in the country by Mr. Irvin will prove an ample equivalent. The water in the Grand River will be unusually high this season.

OUR RAILWAY.—The assistant Engineer of the Great Western Railway, Thomas Ridout, Esq., was in Elora on Tuesday last, for the purpose of completing contracts for the right of way. He had little or no difficulty in arranging with owners of property, and we may say that the whole right of way is now secured, and that there is nothing to delay the commencement of work upon the section of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, between Guelph and Fergus. Before our next issue, a strong body of axemen will be at work upon the line, cutting down standing timber, and excavations will be commenced at as early a date as the weather will permit. This will be glorious news to our readers in the back country, but they will be more interested in learning that the Directors intend to push on the line throughout this country, at the earliest possible date. The local motive will whistle in Elora before next winter's snow has left the ground. "Look out for the cars when the bell rings."—Elora Express.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Arthur Township goes in heavily on the mutton question. It recently paid \$323 for sheep killed by dogs.

A new temperance organization was formed at Mason's corner, Garafra, last Friday night, when about sixty persons joined.

The Onestoga Cattle Market, on Saturday last, we are informed, was quite a success, a considerable number of fat cattle having been sold.

Mr. Wm. Gordon, of Pilkington, lost a fine mare in foal to Touchstone, of inflammation, last week. Mr. Jos. Carder, of Nichol, has lately lost a horse from the same cause.

On the 8th inst., we learn that a small boy, son of Mr. Edward Noble, of Peel, who left home to go to his grandmother's in search of a sister, never reached there, and is supposed to have perished in the snow drift.

The tavern keepers of Fergus have agreed among themselves to close their bars from 7 o'clock on Saturday evenings until 8 o'clock on Monday morning. They have got tired of Sunday loafers, and are resolved to remove them.

The Elora Express is informed that the Episcopalians in Garafra intend, at an early day, to build a church in Douglas. Such an edifice is much needed, and we trust that no time will be lost in preparing for its erection.

Mr. Ebenezer Day, of Elora, is making a one-wheeled velocipede, and will have it ready for the Queen's birthday, when a grand trial of speed will take place. Several persons are already practising, and the best rider, no doubt, will secure the prize.

The Listowel Banner says that "the somewhat antiquated" village of Treecastle is looking up, and that there has been a lively time in the sale of store goods, hauling of sawlogs, etc. Revivals being the order of the day, Treecastle has a right to a share of them.

The Rev. Lachlan Taylor preached in Listowel on Sunday, 4th inst., and delivered his lecture on the Holy Land on the following evening. There were about 400 persons present, and about \$90 taken for the W. M. Church. The Rev. Dr. paid his own expenses, and lectured for nothing!

Malcolm Wright, Esq., of Minto, returned on the 12th inst., from a visit to his uncle in the township of Pickering, and informs the Elora Express that his venerable relative will be one hundred and twelve years old on the 18th day of July next. He is hale and hearty at the present date, and bids fair to see many days.

The 3rd March Fair passed off well. About 300 head changed hands, at prices ranging from \$3.25 per 100 lbs, live weight, to \$6. Two sales were made at \$6.25. Mr. J. A. Rutherford sold three head for \$328. Mr. A. Landreole sold a yoke of cattle, weighing 3,850 lbs, at 5c per lb. Numerous other sales were made at smaller figures.

The annual meeting of the Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society was held on Tuesday evening in Christ Church, Hamilton. The attendance was very good, and the meeting one of special interest. After devotional exercises, the venerable Archdeacon Palmer occupied the chair, and delivered an excellent opening address. The annual report was read by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, which presented a very satisfactory state of things.

The Easter Cattle Fair at Elora on Tuesday last was a very good one. The Express says that those who had plenty of feed did not feel disposed to sell under their figure, while shortness of feed on the part of holders made sales easier. Mr. Alex. Ewing refused \$100 for a heifer, holding the animal at \$120—he drove her home. Mr. Geo. Ross sold a very fat cow for \$90—in our opinion being the latest best sold. Messrs. J. & R. Hunter had a four years old steer for sale, weighing 2,300 lbs, for which they asked eight cents per lb, live weight—he was driven to Guelph fair and sold for nine cents.

Orangeville has had a big time over municipal matters. The January election was supposed to be conducted illegally, and an appeal to the courts has ousted the Council from office. The receipt of the news set the successful party crazed, and a night was spent in the most excited manner. The Advertiser says that bonfires were lighted, and tar barrels and other combustibles consumed, hops were blown and swallowed, and the hands of everybody in general, and the village bells in particular were shaken. If there wasn't an earthquake, the thing so nearly approached it that there was no fun in it—for the losers.

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Cold-blooded Attempt at Murder in Hamilton.

We copy from the Hamilton Times the following account of the attempt at murder in Hamilton, which gives fuller particulars than was contained in our telegraph despatch of yesterday.

The immunity from aggravated crime so long experienced in the city was broken on Wednesday night by a deed of blood and murder, perpetrated in a most central part, within a few rods of the City Hall, the announcement of which this morning created a high degree of excitement. The scene of the crime was a tavern on York street, formerly known as the Black Horse Inn, which was taken about four weeks since by the present occupant, Mr. Christopher Briggs, an old resident and a native of the city. About half-past two o'clock this morning Mr. Briggs, being in bed with his wife, in a bed-room in the second story, was awakened by some person fumbling about his pillow, and on moving he heard the click of a pistol being cocked. He threw up one arm, and called, "Who is there?" Simultaneously with the act, the pistol was discharged, and his arm having struck the hand of the intruder, the direction of the pistol was diverted, and the deadly messenger, doubtless intended for himself, struck his wife, who was lying still asleep on the inside of the bed, next to the wall of the room. The ball entered Mrs. Briggs' right breast, just below the nipple, and is believed to have penetrated the right lung. Mr. Briggs immediately sprang out of bed, after the shot, and pursued the villain, who made his way through the darkness as one well acquainted with the premises, down a stairway and out through the sitting-room of the tavern. It was found that both the back and rear doors of the place had been left open to facilitate escape, and Mr. Briggs, in the confusion, was unable to tell which way the villain made his egress. He caught the mere outline of the fellow in the dim light as he made his way through the door at the foot of the stairway.

The purpose of the intrusion and the attempted murder was robbery, which Mr. Briggs fully attained, and up to the present time the perpetrator is at liberty with his ill-gotten spoils, and no clue to his identity has been discovered. Mr. B. had \$50 deposited under his pillow, and \$100 in addition was contained in a pocket-book in his pants, all of which was secured and carried off by the robber.

Immediately after a search of the premises and of the stables in the rear was made, without discovering any trace of the robber. A mystery hangs over the affair, which remains to be solved.

Mrs. Briggs is in a critical condition, and can only communicate with difficulty. Dr. Mackelcan made an examination of the injured woman, and pronounced her case exceedingly doubtful. The ball passed through the right lung, and it is believed that it lodged in the back, below the bones of the shoulder.

A circumstance discovered since this morning, bearing upon the case, is the fact that a revolver and a box of cartridges belonging to Mr. Briggs, have disappeared. They were secreted in his stable as a precaution against accident, and Mr. Briggs was not aware that any person knew the whereabouts of the weapon.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—A meeting was held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Elora, on Tuesday evening last, the object being to assist in raising funds on behalf of the college. Very little interest, says the Express, was taken in the meeting for some cause or other, there being barely thirty persons present. Rev. Messrs. Griffin, of Guelph, and Brewster, of Fergus, were the Deputation appointed to address the meetings but the latter gentleman, through indisposition, was absent. Rev. Mr. German introduced the subject by a few remarks, and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Griffin, in a good speech. \$25 were subscribed in aid of the College. The collection amounted to \$2.00.

THE DUNDAS BANNER LIBEL SUIT.—At the Hamilton Assizes on Wednesday an action was brought by the Mayor of the town of Dundas, against Mr. Somerville, the publisher of the True Banner, of that town, for having, on the 18th of January last, inserted in a communication, which plaintiff alleges to be libellous. It was alleged in that communication that the Mayor acted as judge and counsel in a case which came before him, from the fact that one of his clerks acted as counsel when he heard the case on the bench. The jury could not agree, and were discharged, and the Judge directed that each party should pay their own costs.

The Admiralty of London have decided that, having regard to the possible emergency of a war with a great naval power, it is undesirable to sell the Woolwich dockyard, and it will therefore be retained by government. Its inland position, proximity to London, and capabilities for fitting, repairing, and fitting of vessels, with the impossibility of an enemy anchoring near or shelling the dockyards, are advantages which in case of hostilities render it very valuable.

The soiree held at the North Arthur Baptist Church on Thursday, 10th inst., was most successful—about two hundred persons being present. A display of good things was prepared by the ladies and duly attended to. After which Mr. James McMullen, of Mount Forest, being seated in the chair, addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Bond and Miller, and Messrs. Wm. Hartley and Martin Begg. A choir from Mount Forest furnished music for the occasion.

THE DUNDAS ASSAULT CASE.—At the Hamilton Assizes on Thursday, Geo. M. Phipps was charged with committing an aggravated assault on James Somerville, editor of the Dundas True Banner, on the night of the 10th Feb. We gave the particulars at the time of the occurrence. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The Cattle Fair at Mount Forest on Wednesday last was successful as far as the attendance of stock, but the quality was rather inferior. The average rates paid were—oxen per yoke, \$70 to \$90; steers per yoke, \$40 to \$60; cows \$16 to \$25; heifers, \$12 to \$15.

The Elora Express pities a friend of his who recently travelled from Montreal to Guelph, per Grand Trunk. The poor fellow actually caught cold from sitting next to a wet nurse! At last accounts, he was improving.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, March 18.—A strong protest from Ireland against Gladstone's bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church has been published. It is signed by over 1,000 Irish noblemen and landowners.

In the House of Peers, Lord Grey and Lord Cairns condemned the policy of the Government in releasing Fenian convicts.

Earl Granville, Colonial Secretary, explained that the ovations given by their friends to the released Fenians, were acts of personal hospitality, not demonstrations of hostility against the Government.

The cotton spinners of Preston have struck on account of the proposed reduction of wages.

Bishop Macrorie was consecrated at Capetown, on the 25th of January. Protests against his consecration from the dioceses of Capetown and Natal.

The Governments of France and Belgium are arranging a conference for the discussion of the mutual commercial interests of the two countries, and to consider what modifications may be made in the recent law passed by the Belgian Parliament, prohibiting the railroads of Belgium from being transferred to a foreign power.

MADRID, March 18.—Celestino Olzaga, a nephew of Don Sebastian Oizaga, late Minister to Paris, was killed yesterday in a duel. He was a member of the Constituent Cortes, and one of the Secretaries.

American Despatches

New York, 19th.—The Herald's Havana special says: "The insurgents at Mayari, under the command of two corresponding Generals defeated the column which was sent from St. Jago under Col. Camara to take that place. Spanish loss 300." A volunteer from Villa Clara reports that Gen. LaTorre, who commands the Spanish troops there, was defeated on the 3rd inst., and that it will take 10,000 men to re-establish railroad communication between that place and Cienfuegos.

Senor Morales Legus arrived here yesterday from the Provisional Government of Cuba. He is fully empowered to treat with the Government of the United States for full recognition of the Revolutionary government.

The Herald's special says: The House Committee on Foreign Affairs have a meeting to-morrow, when Bank's Cuba and St. Domingo resolutions will be considered again. It is the theory of some members of the committee that as soon as the Cuban insurgents are able to establish a government of their own, they will ask to be taken under the protection of the United States, and that ultimately Cuba will be numbered among the possessions of our government. In view of such contingency Gen. Banks thinks it important that the President should be placed in possession of Cuba, as soon as he is officially informed that the insurgents have formed a Provisional Government.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the executive committee of this body was held in Toronto on Wednesday. It was determined to offer the Prince of Wales prize for the best herd of short horned cattle. Among other things, the Executive resolved to recommend that a prize be offered by the Association for heads of other breeds similar to the Prince of Wales' prize for short horns. This is done with the purpose of still further encouraging the breed of cattle in the Province. No word had been received from the Canada Company relative to the continuance of their yearly prize of \$100 for the best twenty-five bushels of fall wheat, but it is anticipated that this will again be offered.

DORWIN'S LIABILITIES.—The liabilities of Dorwin the broker, and banker of Montreal, who absconded, are said to be \$80,000. Many poor people who had deposited money with the firm for the sake of ten per cent interest allowed will be ruined by the suspension. Hudson & Boyce bought a bill from them on Saturday for \$600 gold for which they arrested Dorwin's partner; but he was subsequently released. Much sympathy is felt for him, he having put the whole of his capital, \$20,000, into the concern. Dorwin had been intending to abscond for several days, and only delayed owing to the snow storms.

INTERESTING TO WAREHOUSEMEN.—In a case of Matheson vs. the Royal Insurance Company, in which a verdict was given for the latter, Judge Torrance charged, "That unless a person has actually put property into a warehouse, and obtained a receipt for it as bought property so warehoused, and obtained a transfer of receipt certifying at the time that the property is still there, and being able to lay his hand upon it, the said receipt is worth nothing."

The Republicans in the Constituent Cortes of Spain are taking strong ground in favor of the introduction of civil marriage, and have obtained from the Government a promise to introduce a bill on the subject. If Spain recognizes the principle, it will be a law in nearly every country of Europe. Austria and Italy, which are among the youngest converts to the principle, carry it through with great firmness against the opposition of the bishops.

The town of Branford, which has \$96,000 invested in the Grand River navigation, is willing to present the whole works to any good company which will afford sufficient guarantees that it will put the river in a good navigable condition.

ACCEPTED A CALL.—The Rev. John James, of Paris, on Monday, at a meeting of the Paris Presbytery, accepted a call to the U. P. congregation, Wolverhampton, England, and leaves this country, we understand, about the 11th of April.

WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—The Spectator says that Mr. Donald Robertson, the contractor for this work, has received instructions to commence work at once.