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MR. KENNY SAYS GOLD CAN'T BUY NOVA SCOTIANS.

Resumption of the Reciprocity Debate—The Discussion to be Continued Next Week—Committee Proceedings—Circulation and Specie—Capital Notes.

OTTAWA, March 23.—In the House to-day Dr. Platt, the member-elect for the County of Prince Edward, was introduced by Mr. Laurier. The usual return in his case has not been made, but on motion of Sir Hector Langevin and Sir A. P. Caron this was dispensed with and the certificate of the returning officer accepted.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections reported recommending that in the case of Kent County, where extensive bribery had been found to prevail and which has been without representation since the judgment of the court was given, that the Speaker do issue his warrant at once for a new election. The report was adopted.

Dr. Roome, member-elect for West Middlesex, was introduced by Sir John and Hon. Mr. Carling.

New Bills.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Rykert—To incorporate the Niagara Central Railway Company.

By Mr. Shanly—To incorporate the Grenville International Bridge Company.

By Mr. Perley (Assiniboia)—To amend the act of incorporation of the Wood Mountain and Qu'Appelle Valley Railway Company.

By Mr. Weldon (St. John, N.B.)—To incorporate the Chatham Junction Railway Company.

By Mr. Bergeron—To incorporate the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company.

By Hon. Mr. Thompson—A bill to enact the Fishery Treaty.

The Reciprocity Debate Resumed.

Mr. Kenny resumed the Unrestricted Reciprocity debate. He took exception to a statement made some days ago by the member for Queen's, P.E.I., to the effect that elections in Nova Scotia had been won by promises. He quoted from the letter from Mr. Blake, which had been read, stating that the people of Nova Scotia had offered themselves for sale. He characterized the allegation as most insulting and declared for them that the gold had never been coined that could buy them.

In regard to the proposition before the House he said he was in favor of reciprocal trade relations and free commercial intercourse, but the resolution before the House proposed a course that would defeat an arrangement that would result in good to Canada. He believed the Opposition had grown so desperate by repeated defeat that they would adopt any cry and they had taken up this Unrestricted Reciprocity idea, but he did not believe they were sincere. He read from former utterances of hon. gentlemen opposite expressing emphatic disapproval of the course they were now advocating. The published correspondence showed that Canada was ready at any time to enter into trade negotiations, but we should not go on our knees in the matter to the States.

What the Proposition Involves.

The proposition now before this House would necessarily involve a customs union, and the returns of imports and exports proved that this would result in very serious loss to Canada. Direct taxation would be the certain result. The abolition of the provincial subsidy system would also follow the adoption of Unrestricted Reciprocity.

The Exodus.

He referred to the exodus and regretted that members opposite were proven to disparage our country and misrepresent the movement of population. Statistics showed that the population of Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had increased much faster than in the New England States.

There had been the usual wail by Mr. Jones over the condition of the working classes in Nova Scotia. The hon. gentleman, in attempting to prove his statements, had violated every principle of ethics and had distinctly contradicted his own words of three years ago. Laboring people in Nova Scotia are as well off as in any part of the world.

He advanced arguments in support of his position that the Nova Scotia coal trade was in good condition, and that the men engaged in it were not desirous of the change proposed by the resolution before the House. The condition of the fishermen was also improving, and they had no reason to be dissatisfied.

The idea however of opening up trade with the West Indies and Brazil was a good one, and he hoped to see a line of steamers subsidized.

Mr. Kenny went exhaustively into trade statistics and made a good speech, finishing at 6 o'clock.

A French Tie.

After recess Messrs. Beausoleil and Dupont spoke in French, the former opposing and the latter supporting Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution.

The Member for Brant.

Mr. Paterson made an attempt to justify the comparisons that had been made between Canada and the States at the present day. He quoted from the report of the International Board of Trade convention at St. Louis in 1874, that Hon. Thos. White had moved and Mr. Adam Brown, now M.P. for Hamilton, seconded a resolution favoring reciprocal trade relations with the States and urging that we should do everything possible to secure free commercial intercourse.

There need not now be any cringing on the part of Canada in the movement to secure Unrestricted Reciprocity. The letter of Secretary Bayard to Sir Chas. Tupper some months ago proved that the States were willing to enter into negotiations. As to the effect that would follow Unrestricted Reciprocity, he contended that material benefits would accrue to Canada. He read from several tables of figures to confirm this statement.

He accused the Government of insincerity and of having defrauded the people by getting them to vote for the National Policy under representations that it would lead to Reciprocity. He denied that Unrestricted Reciprocity would make Canada a slaughter market for American manufacturers. Mr. Paterson spoke till after midnight.

The Debate Adjourned.

Mr. Rykert moved adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned.

PROJECTED RAILROADS.

Bills Taken Up by the Committee Yesterday—An Ebullition of Temper.

OTTAWA, March 23.—The Committees on Railways and Canals met to-day and took up the bill to incorporate the Ontario and Central Railway, promoted by Mr. Ward. This line is projected from Port Hope through the counties of Durham, Ontario, York, Simcoe, Cardwell, Grey and Bruce, touching in or near Aurora, Newmarket, Shelburne, Dundalk, Durham, via Walkerton to the port of Inverhuron—a distance of about 176 miles. The incorporators are David Jackson, jr., James Isbester, McLeod Stewart, Clarence W. Moberly, Frank Caverhill, Alexander MacLean, Joseph H. Ferguson, Alexander McPherson and John W. Irwin. The capital stock of the company is placed at $100,000, divided into shares of $100 each.

On a motion for the adoption of the preamble Mr. Mulock moved an amendment giving the Company power to build a branch line to Cookstown—a distance of about eight miles.

Hon. Mr. White took objection to the amendment as the regular notice had not been given as required by the order of the committee.

This had the effect of ruffling Mr. Mulock's temper, leading him among other things to charge the Minister of the Interior with not opposing the amendment on its merits but because it was presented by a political opponent. A lively passage at arms ensued after which the chairman expressed the hope that Mr. Mulock would withdraw the amendment. That gentleman having cooled down somewhat apologized for what he had said but refused to withdraw the amendment.

Mr. Sproule said if the power were to be extended them, he would move a sub-amendment, providing for the construction of a branch from Durham to Meaford.

Both amendments were negatived and the preamble carried.

The bill to amend the act incorporating the Hereford Branch Railway Company and to change its name to the Hereford Railway Company, also a bill to incorporate the Bay of Quinte Railway Company, were also ordered to be reported. The latter provides for the construction of a line from Collingwood, in the County of Simcoe, to Trenton, Northumberland or Belleville in Hastings. The incorporators are Messrs. Charles Cameron, Thomas Long, Charles MacDonald, Andrew Melville, A. R. Stephen, C. E. Stephens, Frank T. Telfer, B. J. Cullary and Frank Moberly, all of Collingwood, and the capital stock is $100,000.

THE KENT ELECTION CASE.

Disposed of by the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

OTTAWA, March 23.—The Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day disposed of the Kent election case. The evidence at the trial together with the judge's report was laid before the members in printed form. Hon. Mr. Thompson moved that the committee report that, while giving due weight to the finding of the judge that he had reason to believe that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed during the election, the committee, considering the punishment inflicted upon the persons reported guilty of corrupt practices and in view of the fact that the constituency had been for some time unrepresented, and of the further fact that much time must elapse before an election can take place, did not consider that further enquiry was necessary and would therefore advise that a writ for a new election be issued.

Messrs. Laurier and Mills took objection to the language of the resolution, as it cast a reflection upon the constituency it did not deserve.

Hon. Mr. Thompson said the reference was necessary in view of the finding of the judge.

Mr. Mills repeated his stale story about intentional delay, which was repudiated by Mr. Thompson.

The motion was carried. The decision was reported to the House this afternoon.

CIRCULATION AND SPECIE.

Postoffice Savings Bank Statement—Notices From The Gazette.

OTTAWA, March 23.—The statement of circulation and specie shows:

Total notes in circulation	$15,893,202
Excess of specie	$3,651,063

The postoffice savings bank account for the month of February shows as follows:

Balance Jan 31, 1888	$20,066,880
Deposits during the month	700,856
Repayments during the month	555,865
Balance at credit of depositors	20,117,661
Outstanding cheques held by depositors	100.336
Total	$20,773,654

The Electrical Accumulation Company of Canada are applying for an act of incorporation with a capital stock of $20,000, chief place of business at Ottawa.

Notice is given by Eliza Jane Nicol, nee Collins, Toronto, of application for divorce from her husband, William Bryan Nicol, on the ground of adultery, cruelty and desertion.

The Bank of British North America gives notice of a dividend of 40 shillings a share registered in the colonies, making with the October dividend a distribution of 7½ per cent. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

The return of Mr. Henry Corby for West Hastings, and Mr. W. H. Roome for West Middlesex will be gazetted to-day.

A Downing-street despatch is published in to-day's Gazette with reference to the entry of English students in Her Majesty's naval service. It is in contemplation to admit a limited number of students in 1888. The maximum age for that year only will be extended to 17.

New rules of procedure in connection with the Exchequer Court are published in to-day's Gazette.

The mortuary statistics issued by the Department of Agriculture represent the number of deaths reported for the month of February as follows:

Montreal 501, Toronto 174, Quebec 114, Hamilton 56, Halifax 31, Ottawa 66, St. John (N.B.) 37, London 35, Winnipeg 45, Kingston 25, Charlottetown 13, Brantford 9, Hull 30, Guelph 15, Belleville 9, St. Thomas 13, Three Rivers 18, Chatham 10, Sherbrooke 12, Peterboro 4, Victoria (B.C.) 19, Fredericton 7, Sorel 24, Woodstock 11, St. Hyacinthe 15.

CRISP CAPITAL CHAT.

The Manitoba Situation—Joy in the Liberal Camp—The Senatorial Succession.

OTTAWA, March 23.—Attorney-General Martin, it appears, has changed his mind and this morning arrived in Ottawa. Now that he finds there is likely to be an arrangement he is endeavoring to place himself in a position to claim some of the credit for having "pressed things."

There was a big time in room 6 to-day. The occasion of the joy in the Liberal committee room was a visit paid the members by Madame Laurier and Mrs. Mackenzie. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier accompanied the ladies. It was intimated that the two ladies will in future give receptions every Saturday evening at the Grand Union to Liberal members and their wives.

Mr. Jno. C. Eno says he is happy in Canada and will not go back to the United States for the present. He will not go into business again, having, as he said, enough of it.

Mr. Massey of the Massey Manufacturing Company had an interview to-day with Sir Charles Tupper. He asked for a reduction in the duty on wrought iron, showing that the increase last year made the expenses of his establishment $30,000 per annum. Sir Charles, while holding out no prospect of a big change in the tariff this year, promised to try and grant the relief asked for.

The names of Captain Labelle, M. P., Mr. Coursol, M. P., Hon. H. Starnes of Montreal, Mr. Globensky of St. Eustachei, A. Desjardines, President of the Jacques Cartier Bank, and Mr. Laviolette of St. Jerome are mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the Senate caused by the death of Senator Rolland.

Mr. Adam Brown, M. P., who was accompanied by Messrs. J. Curran and Taylor, M. P.'s, introduced a deputation of scale manufacturers to the Minister of Inland Revenue in reference to the duties on scales, and made a procedure, in regard to weights and measures, of the inspectors. The manufacturers complain that both themselves and the public are at a disadvantage in regard to the scales and weights and measures as compared with American manufacturers. The Minister of Inland Revenue promised to consider the representations made.

Messrs. Dalton McCarthy, Cockburn, Denison, Tyrwhitt, Davin and Weldon, M.P.'s, left to-night for Toronto. Mr. C. H. Tupper was unable to join the contingent, owing to the illness of his wife.

It is very difficult to get any authentic news regarding the Manitoba situation. To-morrow there will be an all-day session of the Cabinet, at which it is said the whole question will be discussed. All parties considered will be represented. A good authority to-day informed me that there is good reason to believe that the Government is still awaiting competent professional opinion on legal questions of the greatest importance, which affect the fundamentals of the case. The Mayor of Calgary to-day said he had a long conversation with Mr. VanHorne, and that gentleman stated that the surrender of the monopoly could be brought about without any cash compensation.

Postoffice Authorities Enjoined.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Senator Sawyer, chairman of the Postoffice Committee, has received a telegram from a Rochester firm of seedsmen, announcing that the court has granted a permanent injunction restraining the postoffice authorities from charging additional postage, as directed in a recent order of the Postmaster-General, upon seeds shipped to Canada and re-shipped under the lower Canadian rates to points in the United States. The Senator's correspondent announces that all American seedsmen will ship their wares from Canada this year. The Senate has already passed a bill reducing American postal rates to meet those of Canada.

A Postoffice Order.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Postmaster-General to-day issued the following order: "That (the Canada office having concurred) hereafter packages of periodical publications, second class matter, in United States domestic mails may be exchanged by mail with Canada regardless of the weight of the packages."

Everybody is going to the Grand to see these clever comedians, the Hanlons.

TORONTO'S COAL COMBINE.

SOME INSIDE FACTS ABOUT A QUEEN CITY "SECTION."

Mr. Wood's Evidence Before Clarke Wallace's Committee—How Tenders Were "Competed" For—The Strictest Secrecy Enjoined.

OTTAWA, March 23.—The Committee on Trade Combinations continued the work of investigation this morning. Mr. Wood, the secretary of the coal section of the Board of Trade of Toronto, was the first witness examined. He said: This coal section was re-organized on its present basis in May, 1886, and comprised and now comprises all the coal dealers in Toronto. An Executive Committee of nine members, a majority of whom the constitution requires must be importers, regulate the prices and determine the rates in all tenders for contracts. The members of the combination and such of their employes as may be called on are required to make a solemn declaration under the statute for the suppression of voluntary oaths, that they would strictly adhere to the rules and prices established, and in every case the members and their salesmen had done this, and their declarations are filed with the secretary. The form of oath in both cases was produced. Heavy penalties are prescribed for violation.

Frequent Fines.

Fines had frequently been imposed. P. Burns was fined $1000. The revenue from fines was divided among the importers only, and in proportion to the amount of their imports. Burns had imported one-third of the total imports that year, and had received back in this way one-third of his fine.

"Competing" for Contracts.

The method of competing for or obtaining contracts was that a special meeting of the Executive was called to determine the price to be inserted in the lowest tender, and at which the contract would of course be awarded. The price of the lowest tender having been agreed upon, the privilege of making this tender was sold by auction to the highest bidder. This bid or purchase money was then divided among the others. Other tenders are put in at higher rates, but these are sham tenders.

The examination of the minutes disclosed the following facts:

Various Tenders.

At the special meeting called to determine the rate of the tender for the waterworks coal contract, Mr. Rogers was present, but it is fair to state that the secretary testified to his having left before the close of the meeting. This contract for 12,000 tons was let in May last. The price agreed on was $4.55 per ton, and this contract, or rather the right to tender at this price, which practically was the same thing, was auctioned off to Mr. Bailey, whose bid of $600 was the highest. This amount was divided among the importers pro rata.

The Ontario Government contract, which was awarded June 18, was bid in by Conger Brothers for $610 and at the rate of $5.50 for egg and grate and $5 75 for stove and nut.

The Hospital contract was obtained in the same way by Elias Rogers whose bid was $2.55 and the rates for coal per ton the same respectively as in the former contracts. This was also in June.

The House of Industry contract in the same way went to Mr. Keith at the same prices, for $160.

The total amount received in this way from contracts last year was $2800, of which $400 was retained for general expenses and the balance divided among the importers.

Strict Secrecy Enjoined.

A resolution was passed enjoining the strictest secrecy on all members privy to these contract arrangements.

An Ottawa Witness.

Mr. G. F. Thomson, coal dealer, Ottawa, was the next witness. He gave the prices at which coal was delivered to the coal dealers in Ottawa free on the cars during the past season as follows, the prices being for net tons of 2000 lbs. of anthracite coal:

In August $4.78 for egg and grate, and $5.00 for stove and nut; in September $5.00 and $5.23; in October and November $5.32 and $5.51; in December and January $5.73 and $6.12; in the present month $5.36 and $5.58.

The most of their coal was brought in before prices went down. All the invoices from the several dealers were handed to the Ottawa Coal and Cartage Company, who paid the bills, and all moneys received were also handed into the same company. He had already received $3750 on account of his profits, and expected by the end of the year, May 1, to receive a total of $5000. There was no necessity for so many coal dealers in Ottawa, as there was not enough for them to do. The large lumbering establishments on the Chaudiere brought in coal for themselves and their employes and there was a great deal of cheap fuel at the mills, so that the coal business of Ottawa was very small in proportion to the population. The total expense of handling the coal from the time it arrived on the cars till it was delivered to the consumer was stated by Mr. Larmouth to be 46 cents per ton.

Mr. Thompson stated that their office expenses were very high and that most of the time they had nothing to do. An effort had been made before he went in with the company to prevent him from purchasing his supply of coal in the States. There were many advantages to him in joining the combination.

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SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.

Robson Bros.' Storehouse at Waterdown Burnt—A Hamilton Boy Wins Honors.

HAMILTON, March 23.—On two occasions within the past two months the large stone warehouse of Robson Bros.' flour mills, at Waterdown, has been discovered in flames at an hour when there was nobody working about the premises. Since the fire Wednesday morning two men have been watching the building. When they left to go home to breakfast about 6 o'clock this morning everything was all right, but about twenty minutes afterwards the storehouse was in a blaze, and although every effort was made to check the fire very little progress was made, and inside of an hour the building was totally destroyed. Between 3000 and 4000 bushels of grain that was in the storehouse fed the flames, and as the firemen could not get at it, the grain was either burned or so much damaged by smoke or water that it will be of little use. The fire started in the lower part of the premises, the same place as before, and it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The building and contents are said to be fully insured.

Another Hamilton student has just done honor to himself and his native city. Edward H. Robinson, son of W. W. Robinson, graduated from the Cleveland Homœopathic College a few days ago at the head of his class—and a very large class at that.

A respected citizen died this morning in the person of Thomas Lester, father of Dr. John M. and Thomas W. Lester, of Rutherford & Lester.

The funeral of the late E. Wildman of Toronto, formerly of this city, took place from the Grand Trunk station this afternoon.

A member of the Hamilton police force has been suspended for frequenting a house of ill-fame while on duty.

The crown was not ready to proceed with the charge of larceny against Wm. Lattimore this morning and the case was adjourned until Wednesday.

There is no news yet regarding Wm. Sharp, the baker.

An important session of the Bricklayers and Masons' Union was held last night, and it was near 2 a.m. before the members got home. The business, of course, was secret, but it has developed that the union concluded to demand 35c. an hour for the coming season. The price paid last year was 32c.

An Evangelist Skips From the States.

BUFFALO, March 23.—Harry S. Hall, the evangelist who brought Francis Murphy to this city, has skipped to Canada. Hall was under $1000 bail for attempted indecent assault on Lizzie Bernlack.

DEATH OF AN EMINENT JURIST.

Pneumonia Carries Off Chief Justice Waite of the U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite, of the United States Supreme Court, is dead. He was quite ill on Saturday night, and was confined to his bed on Sunday, but on Monday he insisted on going to the Supreme Court to be present when the decision in the telephone suits was rendered. On Wednesday circumscribed pneumonia showed itself. During Thursday night the judge was comfortable, and no particular alarm was felt, but at 6 o'clock this morning failure of the heart's action was observed, and at 6.15 he passed away.

The Chief Justice will be buried in Toledo, O.

Morrison Remich Waite was born at Lyme, Conn., Nov. 29, 1816. In 1843 he graduated at Yale College, and after a course in law, began the practice of that profession at Maumee City, O. In 1849 he was a member of the Ohio Legislature, and in 1850 he removed to Toledo. He declined repeated nominations to Congress, and also a seat on the Supreme Bench of the state. In 1871-2 he was one of the counsel of the United States before the tribunal of arbitration at Geneva, Switzerland. In 1873 he presided over the constitutional convention of Ohio. On Jan. 21, 1874, he was appointed by President Grant Chief Justice of the United States and had since resided at Washington.

The Hanlons are at the Grand Opera House March 26 for one week.

A CHIEF TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.

The Local Government Bill Engrosses Public Attention in The United Kingdom.

LONDON, March 23.—The Local Government Bill continues to be the chief subject of discussion in the press of the entire kingdom. It begins to be seen that there is a big Home Rule plan behind it; in fact, it is frankly stated by the advocates of the bill that the extension of the system to Scotland and Ireland is merely a matter of time. Should the proposed change prove in its test as valuable as it appears to be in theory, the policy of the Opposition will be to make few, if any, amendments so as not to delay the progress of the measure. The most surprising feature of the whole matter is the fact that the most radical change in the English Governmental plank known in modern times meets with little or no opposition from any direction.

The newspapers, Radical and Conservative, unite in indorsing the measure and in heaping encomiums on Mr. Ritchie. This can be explained only by the fact that the far reaching results of the change proposed are not grasped. When the City of London, for instance, is made a county by itself and turned over to the people to govern, the change from the present system of things, when nearly all the responsible officials are appointive, can be imagined. When the control of the police, of the licensing of all public privileges, those pertaining to railway corporations, included, etc., is taken away from Parliament and the Crown and placed directly in the hands of the people, to be administered by those whom they choose to elect, London will be placed almost exactly on the basis of an American city.

So many great questions are involved in the bill that it is scarcely possible anything can be done with it at this session. It has come to stay, however, and will keep statesmen busy for a long time to come.

Mr. Blunt's Letter.

LONDON, March 23.—Mr. Wilfrid Blunt has written a letter to The Times recounting in detail the date and hour and the words that passed between himself and Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, when the latter said that the Home Rule movement was supported by half a dozen men whom he named and would collapse if, as he expected, they, through fear of prison, fled the country. If they were imprisoned he said they would get such severe hard labor that they, without strong health would be unable to stand it. Mr. Balfour said he was sorry for Mr. Dillon, as there was some good about him. But he would get six months' hard labor, and as he was in bad health the punishment would kill him. Mr. Blunt says he understood the Chief Secretary's words to be intended to be somewhat as a warning to himself and through him to the Parnellites. He again challenges Mr. Balfour to say whether his statement is correct, and declares that if he denies the language attributed to him he will bring testimony to corroborate it.

Mayor Hewitt Attracts Attention.

LONDON, March 23.—Mayor Hewitt of New York just now is occupying the press' attention here that was recently absorbed by the blizzard and Jay Gould. The Irish papers are very bitter on him, while the Tory and Union press compliment him.

Seats now on sale for the Hanlons in the new "Voyage En Suisse."

A Returned Criminal.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., March 23.—Chief of Police Cook of Paris, Ont., came here yesterday with requisition papers with which to take back with him John Gilbert, who is wanted there for assaulting with intent to kill a boy named Blake. Gilbert fled to this city after the assault, and was arrested, since which he has been in jail. The Canadian official left with his prisoner last night.

Shields on Temperance-street is selling out stock of liquors at cost. See advertisement. 36

Wholesale Corruption in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Astounding revelations are said to have been made at the trial of Officer Marks for receiving bribes from gamblers. Wholesale corruption, involving city officials and almost the entire police force, is said to have been proven. Mike McDonald, the ex-gambler, was among the witnesses.

Next to Worthless.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—B. F. Jones, chairman of the Republican National Committee, thinks speculation just now as to the probable Republican candidate for the Presidency is next to worthless. He considers Mr. Blaine absolutely out of the race, and thinks no other one man prominent enough to be mentioned as ahead of his fellows.

Said to Have Resigned.

MONTREAL, March 23.—It was reported in town to-night that Mr. Nantel, M.P.P., had received a telegram from Hon. Jas. McShane, Commissioner of Public Works and Agriculture, stating that he had resigned, and that Hon. Messrs. Duhamel and Garneau were about to follow suit.

In His Accounts.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., March 23.—A shortage or misappropriation of funds to the amount of $15,000 exists in the accounts of the Willimantic Savings Institute. H. F. Royce, the treasurer, has been carrying on transactions, it is alleged, without the consent of the directors.

The Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The business failures during the last seven days, as reported to Dun, Wiman & Co., number for the United States 212 and for Canada 31, a total of 213, as compared with 259 for the corresponding week of last year.

An Expensive Strike.

CHICAGO, March 23.—It is said the great strike on the C.B. & Q.R.R. has caused the company up to day a loss of $1,105,203. A loss of $300,346 has fallen on the strikers.

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UNITED STATES NEWS.

At Calistoga, Cal., Tuesday night, Leopold Bizzini quarrelled with his wife, shot and killed her and then killed himself.

A bridge at Milford, N.Y., was carried away by an ice gorge last night and the toll-gate keeper and his wife were probably lost.

The Supreme Court and both Houses of Congress have adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Chief Justice.

Two passenger trains on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad collided near Wampum, Pa., yesterday morning and were badly wrecked, Baggage Master Gray being killed and nine persons badly injured.

A GREAT FIGHT FOR OFFICE

ANNUAL MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE L. AND S. SOCIETY.

An Old Time Campaign at Moss Hall—The Reds and the Affirmatives Contending for Supremacy—How Voters Were Hustled Round.

The election of officers for the University College Literary and Scientific Society began in Moss Hall at 8 o'clock last night and was in progress when The World went to press this morning.

It was an old timer. There were three parties—the Reds, the Affirmatives and the Independents. There was not much difference in the platforms of the parties, but the parties were parties, and the supporters of each went in with knock-down vigor to get their respective candidates elected. The chief contest was between the Reds and the Affirmatives.

From the time evening fell their outside men scoured the city with hacks to drum up voters. The polling booth was down stairs this year. The door was opened wide enough to admit one man, and was firmly nailed with cleats in that position. Before the door the men of muscle of each faction were posted to stand in the way of voters. At 9 the fun began, and at 10 the corridors of old Moss Hall were jammed with a surging, howling mob. The voters were hustled around, and seven years' dust rose like an exhalation from the floor. Several holders of the franchise succeeded in running the gauntlet without getting their coats stripped off or their stomachs bruised, but this was not at all according to rule.

The Reds hoisted one man over the heads of the crowd and shoved him in at the top of the doorway. The next time the trick was tried the voter was stretched like elastic before he let go and was dragged back to the corridor amid screeches.

The vote polled was a large one. A good many graduates came in from different parts of the country to have their say. Among them was M.P.P. McAndrew, whom fair sex delight to adore. While he was passing along the corridor a party wave smote him and he came within an ace of losing his eye glasses. The outside fellows had a chilly time of it, but they industriously pursued their devious ways with the thermometer away down till the starlight commenced to pale.

The Red party worked for W. F. W. Creelman as President; G. A. H. Fraser as Vice-President; A. Macdonald as Second Vice-President; J. F. Evans as Third Vice-President; J. S. Johnston as Recording Secretary, and W. C. Michell as Treasurer. The Affirmatives hustled for J. M. Duncan as President; H. J. Cody as First Vice; W. R. Brydone as Second Vice; S. Stone as Third Vice; W. J. Fenton as Recording Secretary, and R. E. Heggie as Treasurer.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT MIMICO.

Monthly Meeting of the Directors—The Money Wanted this Year.

The monthly meeting of the directors of the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico was held yesterday afternoon in the Queen City Building. There were present ex-Mayor W. H. Howland (in the chair), Beverley Jones, J. F. Stewart, W. H. Houston, E. A. Meredith and Supt. Hendry. Mr. Howland said $4500 would have to be raised for the school's maintenance this year. He thought $2000 could be looked for from subscriptions, and a grant of $2500 would have to be asked from the city. The Government grant was only $1000, as it was felt that the school was only a Toronto institution and its support should be borne by the citizens. It was intended to complete the cottages, which would give accommodation for 100 boys. Messrs. Meredith, Stewart and Hughes were appointed a committee to arrange for a deputation to see the Mayor with reference to a grant from the Council.

A suggestion was made and agreed to that the 20 guarantors of the mortgage be requested to contribute a cert. in amount each to pay off the interest debt.

The chairman called attention to the Act just passed for the protection of neglected children and said it was a measure long needed. He suggested that the Mayor be requested to appoint two commissioners to act with Judge Boyd to carry out the provisions of the Act.

In recognition of the contribution of $1500 by the Public School children and the Collegiate Institute scholars, it was decided to invite each of the schools and the institute to appoint two representatives to visit Mimico about May 15 for the purpose of reporting to their schoolmates what is being accomplished there. Inspector Hughes is to be consulted with reference to arrangements.

The finest span of ponies in the city, with carriage, harness, etc., may be yours on March 31st. Secure all the Savona tickets you can and increase your chances. Savona is the best washing powder in the world. 462

Matinees Wednesday, Saturday and Good Friday at the Grand.—The Hanlons.

Wycliffe's Zeal Commended.

The annual missionary meeting, under the auspices of the Wycliffe College Mission Society, was held in the college library last night. Ex-Mayor Howland occupied the chair. After devotional exercises the chairman emphasized the importance of more activity in foreign missions. Rev. J. C. Robinson, missionary designate to Japan, spoke on missionary work, and gave reasons why Christians should devote themselves earnestly to it. The most important reason was that to do so was a specific injunction laid on them by Christ. People asked, "Will the heathen be lost if they are not reached?" But he would ask, "Will the Christians be saved if they disobey the command of Christ?" Reports of the Intercollegiate Missionary Society Convention, held at Kingston, were given by Messrs. F. H. Futt and C. E. Owen. The Bishop of Huron commended the zeal of the Wycliffe College students in sending out one of their number as a foreign missionary.

Annexationists at All Saints'.

The All Saints' Church Literary Society debated on Thursday night this subject:

Resolved, that the form of government at present in vogue in the United States is preferable to that of Great Britain.

The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. T. G. Wright, G. P. Deacon, C. Stone and Sherwood, while Messrs. R. Patching, Alex. S. Potts, S. Greene and A. M. Watts supported the negative. Mr. W. H. C. Kerr occupied the chair, and in the closing remarks called on the leaders to reply, after which decision was given by the audience in favor of the affirmative.

Bicyclists Attention!

Wheelmen will do well to note the advertisement in another column of Messrs. Chas. Robinson & Co., 22 Church-street. This firm handle the very best style of machine, being agents for the world famed Rudge of Coventry, Eng., and Pope Manufacturing Company of Boston.

The Rudge bicyclette—a machine with big records—is the most popular wheel of the day, and the demand for this type is greatly on the increase.

Burst Valve in Steam Pipe.

A valve in a steam pipe at the wincey mill, Brantford, burst yesterday and scalded Mr. J. T. Slater quite severely. At the same time the force of escaping steam violently closed the door of the room upon the hand of John McNiven, employe, and completely severed the end of one finger besides bruising the others. A weekly indemnity while laid up from injuries paid by the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company of Toronto.

Millers and Wholesale Flour Dealers.

The Millers and Wholesale Flour Dealers' Section of the Board of Trade met yesterday afternoon, and after a two hours' consideration of the proposed alterations in the grain standards approved of the changes with one or two trifling exceptions.

A Pointer for Ald. Shaw's Committee.

The firemen of London, Eng., are to be made fire proof. They will be dressed in asbestos cloth.

The Toronto Vocal Society.

The next concert will be given on Tuesday, May 1. A very fine program is in practice. The society numbers 100 trained voices.

Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum dispels dyspepsia and invigorates digestion. All druggists and confectioners; 5 cents. 2

GOT THROUGH THEIR WORK.

Ontario's Legislators Adjourn After an Eight Weeks' Session.

The Lieutenant-Governor brought the session of the Ontario Legislature to a close yesterday afternoon. There was not much stir about the prorogation formality, the visitors who adorned the seats around the chamber being considerably fewer than those present on similar occasions.

The House met at 2 p. m. and rushed through a bill of Mr. Conmee's to incorporate the Port Arthur Water, Light and Heat Company in "three straights."

Then the members sat around, and talked, and smoked in the smoking room, and some went farther down and turned to the left. Three o'clock approached, and C Company from the New Fort did the same. The company, 68 strong, under command of Major Vidal, Capt. McDougall and Lieut. Cartwright, were drawn up in front of the buildings. C Band was also there.

By-and-bye the gaily caparisoned chestnuts drawing the gubernatorial carriage were seen coming down the street. The coachman, all shaggy with a profuseness of astrachan fur, handled the reins gracefully and guided the prancing pair up the winding drive till the carriage bowled up in front of the guard of honor. The Lieut.-Governor and Commander Law, A.D.C., were spangled out in dazzling style. Mr. Harcourt Vernon, attired in plain black, looked quite sombre compared with them.

When 3 o'clock arrived the Seargant-at-Arms shouldered the mace and led the procession into the chamber. The Speaker followed, then came Commander Law, then Mr. Harcourt Vernon, then His Honor, and then Hon. Messrs. Mowat, Fraser, Hardy and A. M. Ross. Clerk Gillmor and Assistant Clerk Sydere officiated in white kids when the Lieutenant-Governor took the chair. His Honor was informed that 92 bills had been passed while the Legislature sat. When the ninety-second was recited Clerk Gillmor was given leave to inform the Government that His Honor withheld his assent to it. The bill related to the Port Arthur Water and Light Company. It gave more power than at first had been anticipated, and the modified one passed just before His Honor arrived took its place.

The Lieut.-Governor was assured, on behalf of the House, of the loyalty of the members, and it was stated to him that they had provided ample funds for carrying on the government of the Province. The Lieut.-Governor thanked the loyal subjects for what they had done, and then read the prorogation speech. His Honor concluded by declaring it was his pleasure that the House should prorogue.

Hon. Mr. Hardy said that it being the wish of the Lieut.-Governor that the House should prorogue, it was duly prorogued.

Then everybody went away.

Stage coach disaster, railroad explosion, all in the new "Voyage En Suisse."—The Hanlons.

CARING FOR INCURABLES.

Annual Meeting of the Ladies and Gentlemen Who Manage the House.

Ladies and gentlemen to the number of about 100 gathered at the annual meeting of the Home for Incurables in the large hall of the institution at Parkdale yesterday. Among those present were Rev. H. M. Parsons (who presided), Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Rose, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Mr. Robert Kilgour, Mr. George Goulding, Mr. Hugh Macmath and Mr. George Craig.

The fourteenth annual report of the Secretary showed that those in charge of the affairs of the Home had been working during the year. On account of the erection of two new wings the treasury was rather depleted, but arrangements had been concluded whereby the building had been mortgaged for $15,500, with the privilege of paying off $1000 annually. There are at present 71 inmates in the Home, 50 of whom have been admitted since the erection of the wings. During the past year 13 inmates had died, 3 left and one had been sent to the Insane Asylum.

The Treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the year amounted to $11,623 and the expenses to $10,985. The erection of the west wing had cost $26,505 and the east wing $42,211, a total of $69,716 for building during the year.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. Alex. Manning; Vice-President, Rev. H. M. Parsons; First Directress, Miss Dick; Second Directress, Mrs. Mulholland; Third Directress, Mrs. W. B. McMurrich; Treasurer, Mrs. William Cooke; Secretary, Mrs. Alexander Manning; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cumberland; Treasurer Building Fund, Mr. W. B. McMurrich; Solicitor, Mr. Mortimer Clarke.

The visitors were taken through the Home and were charmed with the neat and clean appearance of it and its inmates. Last year the directorate was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Grace Mowat as head nurse. Miss Mowat is a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital Nursing School, and has had much experience.

Dineen's Hat Opening.

We had cold weather on Thursday, but it was a warm day for us, and we think our many friends received just as warm a welcome as if the weather had been more seasonable. Never mind, the spring days must come and our Toronto friends must have Hats—the very Hats we've got now and are still opening. We have all kinds; no trouble about a choice. We have every kind of Hat but—a poor one. Don't forget, these cold, uncertain days, that our Furs are not yet packed away. W. & D. Dineen, Cor. King and Yonge-streets.

The Strike at the King-st. Subway.

Only six carters showed up for work at the King-street subway yesterday morning. Inspector Nasmith under the circumstances concluded not to proceed with the work with such a small force, and sent the men home with instructions to report on Monday. He expects to secure all the carters required by that time for $2 per day, the rate which the old hands kicked against. There is no sympathy for the strikers, who in the first place were only put at work to relieve their alleged pressing wants.

The comedy event of the season will be the Hanlons at the Grand next week.

A Big Meeting To-Night.

The indications are that the Imperial Federation League will have a most successful meeting to-night at Association Hall. There is a fine array of speakers, and independent of this, curiosity will bring out a large crowd who are anxious to learn just what Imperial Federation means. Delegates from various points will attend, as well as Miss Campbell, the Mayor and Mrs. Clarke and other ladies and gentlemen well known in the city.

Seventy-three Engines Killed.

Word was yesterday received by a member of the Local Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, that the Burlington strike is by no means ended yet, and that the new men who have taken the places of the strikers have killed no less than seventy-three engines within the last two weeks by burning the boilers.

A Baggage Smasher's Complaint.

"Just tell the traveling public," a Union Depot baggageman said to The World yesterday, "to get down to the trains with their baggage a little earlier. There is not a day but half a dozen people have to leave their trunks to be shipped after them."

—Nicotine is rank poison. The Climax Pipe Cleaner completely disposes of it, rendering smoking pleasant and harmless. Every smoker should have one. Lasts ten years. Only 25c. 36

Don't fail to see the Hanlons in the new "Voyage En Suisse."

An Extensive Land Sale.

Messrs. Coolican & Jackson, Manning-arcade, have just closed the sale of 65,000 acres of timbered land in Florida, U. S. A., which is estimated to cut six hundred million feet of yellow pine and cypress.

Passenger Traffic Very Light.

"I never saw passenger travel or freight business so dull in my life," a G.T.R. official said yesterday. "Both east and west everything is as quiet as it is here."

Terrible Crash.

—Everybody crying for a bottle of French Coffold at 25 cents. Ask your grocer for it. 246

Come to the Big Sale.

Come one! Come all! Everyone should attend the great moving sale at the house-furnishing store, 179 Yonge-street. Next month Strathern & Co. will move to larger and more commodious premises, and are just going to have a regular clearing out sale. Never such a chance was offered the public in Toronto before. Housefurnishings, cutlery, baby carriages, fancy goods, hardware and goods unmentionable are being cleared off below cost price. Don't forget the place, 179 Yonge-street.

THE NORTHERN COLLISION

THE RESULT OF THE CORONER'S JURY'S DELIBERATIONS.

Conductor Glassford and Engineer Forster of the Snow Plow Held Responsible for The Accident—The Railway Company Also Censured—An Affecting Scene.

GRAVENHURST, March 23.—The inquest upon the bodies of the men killed in the accident on the Northern yesterday concluded at 3 o'clock this morning. All the train men were examined, together with the station agents at Gravenhurst and Washago. The evidence went clearly to show that the order board at Washago was up, and had Conductor Glassford's special obeyed the order the collision would not have taken place.

The jury returned a verdict holding Conductor Glassford and Engineer Forster—the conductor and engineer of the snow plow—responsible for the accident and the death of George Wilson and others. They also censured the railway company for their imperfect system of signals.

The wives and friends of the dead arrived last night to take charge of the remains. The scene was very affecting.

Conductor Glassford, who had escaped down the track, returned from Orillia last night, stating that he had been away looking up doctors, and was, with Engineer Forster, taken in charge by Chief Constable Langworthy, of Gravenhurst, and sent to the county jail this morning.

Fun, mirth and melody will reign supreme at the Grand all next week.

Their Motto is "Love."

Mr. R. H. Maloney, of Chicago, lectured last night in Temperance Hall to an audience of about one hundred, under the auspices of the Anti-Poverty Society. Mr. James E. Day was the chairman, and he was supported by Mr. Phillips Thompson, Mr. W. A. Douglas and others. Mr. Maloney is a pleasant, beardless-faced young man. He denounced hotel-keepers who only sheltered a man so long as he had money; and present Christianity, which was theoretical, not practical as in the time of Christ. Christ said, 'Sell all you have and give to the poor.' Modern Christianity said, "Grab all you can and don't give a continental for the poor." Speaking of the Dominion he said he had never seen Canada proper till he reached Toronto. Montreal was a very slow town and Kingston a graveyard. Toronto was a thousand years ahead of both of them. He advocated a direct tax on land values and not on the product of labor, and states that the motto of the Anti-Poverty Society was the one word: "Love."

Cruelty to Sparrows.

Editor World: I see by Thursday's World that Dr. McCully intoxicated several sparrows by alcoholic fumes at Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday night in order to illustrate the evil effects of drinking, whereat "the applause was very great." Bad enough, is it not, that human beings should succumb to their own tastes and the influence of others, but what language can be too strong in denouncing the conduct of a temperance worker who intoxicates innocent and helpless birds to illustrate his fad? It would be interesting to know the subsequent condition of the sparrows. Surely this is a case for the Humane Society to investigate. President W. R. Brock should see to it. ANTI-CRUELTY.

Petition to Channel the Eastern Gap.

Mr. Peter McIntyre has in hand a petition to the Ottawa Government asking to have a channel 400 feet wide dredged through the Eastern Gap to a depth of 18 feet. The idea is to have each side of the channel defined by pier work. The channel will be 2000 feet long. Some of the objects to be gained by the work are that it will save all vessels coming or going eastward a detour of seven miles; the breastwork will protect the harbor and Island; it will be a great convenience to all kinds of vessels, especially sailing vessels. The City Council will be asked to endorse the scheme on Monday and after that the petition will be sent to the Capital.

Service of Praise.

At the Church of the Redeemer last night the monthly service of praise was largely attended and an excellent musical program was performed under Mr. E. W. Schuch's direction. The choir rendered several anthems in fine style, making a specially good effort in Mendelssohn's "Hear, My Prayer," in which the solo was sung by Miss Hillary with most artistic effect. Solos by Mrs. Nicholson and Mr. Schuch completed the vocal program. Several organ solos were played by Mr. J. W. F. Harrison with the care and conscientious execution which always distinguishes his performances.

Clasped Hands Across the Chasm.

The World is in receipt of a communication signed by Miss Tuite, president of the Ladies' Advance Society of the True Blue order, and R. Newman, on behalf of True Blue Lodge No. 4, stating that the differences between lodges No. 41 and No. 4 have been healed, and that hereafter the brethren of No. 4 will be admitted to the meetings of the ladies as well as their more fortunate brethren of No. 44, who have hitherto had the Ladies' Society to themselves.

The Reverend Blackmailer.

STRATHROY, March 23.—The trial of Rev. Mr. Stonehouse, adjourned from last Friday, was to have taken place before Police Magistrate Noble at Strathroy to-day, but, as before, the reverend blackmailer disappointed his friends and failed to appear. A letter from a Port Huron officer, received by the high constable here, states that Stonehouse was in Port Huron this week, being detained by the business of getting his effects through the customs. He then expressed his intention of residing permanently in the United States, but said he was coming back for trial.

Death on the Rail.

ST. GEORGE, Ont., March 23.—Mr. Frank Sweet, gardener, of this place, alighted from the fast express at Harrisburg at 5 o'clock this morning from Buffalo and started to walk up the track to his home. He being hard of hearing had proceeded but a few rods when a special train came along and struck him. He was discovered by Night Switchman Savage in a few minutes, and with assistance carried back to the station, where he died at 9 a. m.

An Unexpected Strike.

CHICAGO, March 23.—At exactly 12 o'clock to-night a strike was inaugurated among the switchmen employed by the Chicago, Baltimore and Ohio Railway. Owing to the unexpectedness of the event the exact details of the situation are difficult to obtain.

Coming Auction Sales.

Attention is called to the list of coming auction sales under the management of Messrs. C. M. Henderson & Co., the well-known auctioneers.

W. A. Murray & Co. have just received a splendid assortment of Opaque window shade cloth. Ask to see the new Mandalay art fabric for short curtains. 246

What Subscribers Think.

A clergyman, in renewing his yearly subscription, says:

In these busy days it is a comfort to have a paper one can depend upon, and at the same time get the news in a style which can be best comprehended by the old Latin phrase, Multum in parvo.

Another subscriber, in sending yearly renewal, says:

My only wish is that other papers in our Dominion were *half as patriotic as yours.*

We Blush at the Remark.

From The Montreal Herald.

An honorable and respectable paper like The Toronto World.

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Editor World: What was the date of Good Friday of 1887? C.R.A.

Beeton, Watch Specialist, Opp. Postoffice.

Distinctive feature—Cleaning and adjusting chronometers, chronographs and repeaters. 246

A Surprise for North-Enders.

C. H. Tonkin, hatter, 718 Yonge-street, North Toronto, opens to-day his fine spring stock of hats from the best English and American makers—and they are nobby ones. Young men of North Toronto, do not fail to get your spring tile from C. H. Tonkin.

The Sheffield House

Had a most successful sale yesterday. The sales will be resumed on Tuesday and continue till end of week. A lot of choice goods at half price by private sale.

Cold Comfort.

Weather for Ontario: North to east winds, mostly fair, with light snow in southern portions; stationary or a little higher temperatures.