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THE TELEPHONE TROUBLE

DECISION OF THE WASHINGTON PATENT AUTHORITIES.

The Bell Patents Get the Best of It—Interesting to Canadians—Edison Gets an Award for an Electrobe.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The examiners in chief of the patent office have rendered a decision in a patent interference case involving the invention of the speaking telephone. The decision possesses considerable value to Canadians, owing to the present telephone complications there. Of fourteen orig nal parties to the case there remain only six: Wm. L. Yeelker (two applications); Thos. A. Edison (five applications); Elisha Gray (four applications); John H. Irwin, James W. McDonough (one application each); and Alex. Graham Bell (two patents). The examiner of interferences had awarded priority of invention to Bell in the cases A, B, C, E, F, I, J and L; in cases D and No. 1 to Edison, and in case G to McDonough.

The examiners confirm all the Bell awards. Case G is generally regarded as the principal point at issue and practically covers the telephony invention. It is a telephone receiver, consisting of a combination in the electric circuit of the magnet and diaphragm supported and arranged in close proximity thereto, whereby sounds thrown upon the line may be reproduced accurately as to pitch and quality. It was awarded by the examiner to McDonough. The parties were Bell, McDonough, Gray and Edison. The examiners say McDonough's proofs cannot be held to be sufficient to overcome Bell's record dates. The parties contesting the right of the patentee to show a complete and perfected apparatus, must show a complete and perfected apparatus. That McDonough did not have this is clear. Had the patent been granted him for it as described in his application or s experiment dated in June 1875, the public would have been no wiser than before. The examiner's award, therefore, reversed in favor of Bell. Edison's claim is supported in case No. 1 for a spring carrying one electrode of the circuit of the telephone and constantly pressing against the other electrode and diaphragm.

The New Belgian Cabinet.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 24.—It is said a cabinet has been formed with Bernart as premier; Thonasoin, minister of interior; Bruyn, minister of agriculture, and Frere, or Becker, minister of justice. The other places will be retained by the present incumbents.

The new ministry will propose to modify the school bill by requiring all school masters to be Belgians and by increasing the pensions of retired masters.

The Chinese Pressing the French in Tonquin.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—It is reported that the Chinese are pushing their advance into Tonquin, and are about to besiege Hung Hoa. The remainder of the Chinese troops before Chu have been withdrawn. The Chinese have abandoned the entrenchments.

Limerick's Refractory Corporation.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Irish executive urges the imprisonment of the Limerick authorities if they persist in refusing to pay the police tax, and recommended that the government be allowed to levy a tax upon the citizens without the consent of corporations.

The British Grain Market Dull.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 24.—A leading grain circular says very little business is doing. Wheat through the west has been dull and drooping and prices are 1d. to 1s. per quarter lower.

Bolton's Suit Against O'Brien.

DUBLIN, Oct. 24.—United Ireland says O'Brien has applied for a new trial of the suit brought against him by Crown Solicitor Bolton for libel.

Troops for Tonquin.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—It has been decided to send Gen. De Lisle reinforcements of 9000 and Courbet 3800 men. Eight batteries of artillery will be sent to Tonquin.

Declined with Thanks.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The Telegraph says France has declined England's overtures to mediate in the Franco-Chinese difficulty.

CABLE NOTES.

The expense of the Nile expedition will be met by adding a penny to the income tax.

Wolseley will advance from Wady Halfa to Sarras Nov. 1. A large force is massed at Assouan.

The outbreak of cholera at Yport is attributed to the cheap and villainous spirits drunk by the inhabitants.

Lieut.-General Ferrero, Italian minister of war, has resigned, and General Ricotti has been appointed in his place.

The riveters in the Glasgow shipyards struck yesterday against the piece-work system and drove non-union men away.

It is too late in the season for the French to march upon the capital of Madagascar. There is sickness among the troops.

Mr. Gladstone's Physical Power.

The true athlete of the times, says the Lancet, is Mr. Gladstone. The nation has seen nothing like him since the days of Palmerston, whose octogenarian youthfulness excited its admiration. Mr. Gladstone has fewer years than Palmerston had when he reached the height of his popularity and power, but his energy is faster and more remarkable. He has not the gay and light mind, the bonhomie, that was so characteristic of Palmerston. He is a grave man; he works harder at the great problems of state, of political and international morals, of economics, than Palmerston ever did. We are speaking apart from all political questions and issues; we are speaking from a philosophical standpoint; and we pronounce the physical and mental power displayed by Mr. Gladstone in the last fortnight in Scotland, after five years of scarcely paralleled labor, to be a piece of veritable athleticism worthy the study of young men, and a fit subject of pride to the nation.

The Gold Fields of British Columbia.

From the Victoria Times.

The reporter saw several miners who had come from the mining country on Lorne creek. They report the outlook exceedingly promising. A miner stated that some rich diggings had been discovered some miles this side of Lorne creek, but that miners were driven away by the Indians. The Indians make very bold threats and claim that if the Indian now in jail in Victoria is hung, they will kill the first white man who makes an appearance among them. The Indians are well armed, and it is thought would carry their threats into effect. The miners claim the country is rich in gold beyond a doubt.

A Manitoba Man in Gotham.

From the New York Journal.

The smiling face of May Johns on, a well-known habitue of the Bowery, will not be seen there for some time to come. She was convicted in the court of general sessions yesterday for grand larceny in the first degree. May met one A. Mysen, from Manitoba, two weeks ago, and they "took in" the sights of New York. Mysen wore a "roll" bet, in which he had $2,940 in Canadian bank notes, $48 in American bank notes and $70 in gold. The couple then entered No 25 Bowery. A short time after May left, saying she would be back in a few minutes. Mysen then noticed that his money was gone.

Antipodean Geysers.

A writer describing the New Zealand geysers says that the temperature of many springs is singularly affected by the direction of the wind, and when it blows from the north or east they rise from 190° to 190°, and boiling becomes impossible till the wind changes. Sometimes a northeast wind blows for weeks together from sunrise till sunset, and the springs daily reach the boiling point at about noon, and so continue till the fall of the wind at eventide permits the temperature to subside sufficiently to allow bathing.

It has been discovered that accordeons were invented before the christian era. This fact makes it all the more remarkable that a christian era should have ever arrived.

BREAKING UP A PRIVATE PARTY.

How Some Jealous Young Men at Weidmann Sought Revenge.

ALVINSTON, Oct. 24.—The Fair Play tells how a peck of trouble was created at Weidmann, where certain young men had not been invited to a private party, and consequently publicly avowed that they would never allow another private party to be given at Weidmann. Notwithstanding this threat, on Friday evening the Misses Groombridge invited a few friends to spend the evening with them. The invited guests assembled and a pleasant time was spent until about 10 o'clock, when the report of firearms was heard in the distance, which, as time wore on, seemed to come nearer the residence. Mr. Groombridge went outside to reconnoitre, and ascertained that there was quite a large boby of young men assembled together, armed with guns, etc., and were apparently determined to make a raid upon his place. He knew several of the rioters, and asked them what they intended to do, to which they responded that "no private parties were going to be allowed in Weidmann." Mr. Groombridge then went into the house, and the rioters proceeded to shoot through the doors and windows. The door of the house was completely broken down and several holes were blown through the panels, not with bullets, we fancy, but with the wads from the guns, which in some cases were held so close that the wood was charred with the powder.

Daniel Delaney, John Sampson, John Parkhurst and George Upleger, were arrested as the ringleaders of the gang and committed to the jail at Sarnia.

A MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

Two Boys Found Dead in a Room at Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—James L. Clayton and John S. Baker, boys aged 18 and 17, were left alone this evening in a room at the latter's home. The occupants of the house were startled by three pistol shots and on entering the room found both boys lying on the floor weltering in blood. Clayton had a bulldog revolver in his hand. Baker had two bullet wounds in his head and was dead. Clayton was shot in the head and died shortly afterwards. The boys were fast friends and no explanation of the tragedy can be given.

Grave Robbers Scared Away.

BINGHAMPTON, N.Y., Oct. 24.—The Phelps family vault, one of the finest and costliest structures of the kind in the state, was entered by grave robbers last night, and the cat-comb of Robert, son of the late Judge Phelps, was desecrated by being cut open, but through the vigilance of detectives, the robbers fled in number, were scared away before they could remove the remains. There is a suit pending, in which a physician seeks to recover $5000 for embalming Robert's body. It is thought that the attempt to steal the body may have some connection with this case, or else the intention was to hold it for ransom.

Execution of a Wife Murderer.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 24.—Wasieleiviski, a Polander, who killed his wife last March because she married during his incarceration in the state prison, was hanged to-day. He had to be assisted to the scaffold, as he was so overcome by fear that while being strapped in he let up a barking noise as if he had an epileptic fit. A peculiar feature in the execution was that the strap was held in place by hair from the head of the murdered wife.

A Deathbed Wedding.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24.—Captain S. R. Rafford died last night after an illness of three weeks. He was engaged to be married to a Miss Ragland of Liberty, and when he found his end approaching he caused a telegram to be sent to her with the wish that they might be united before his death. Miss Ragland arrived in this city Tuesday morning and the nuptials were at once solemnized at the bedside of the groom.

The Sports Squeezed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Reports from the oil centres announce considerable excitement in the last half-hour's trading, in which prices rapidly bounded up 4 cents, squeezing the shorts badly. The reason assigned for the advance is the unfavorable reports from Armstrong No. 2 in the Halbridge district, which is said to be developing a dry hole.

Knights of Pythias to Tests in St Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24.—At the prize drill of the Kansas City knights of pythias at the fair ground, Kansas City, Mo. 3 captured the first state prize, $300, and the Nevada, Mo. division the second of $200. Capt. S. B. Prosser, commander of the Kansas City division, was awarded a gold badge for being the best commander present.

A Terrible Fate.

ELIZABETH, N.Y., Oct. 24.—While Mrs. John Y. Brokaw was ironing she accidentally struck a lamp resting on a mantelpiece. It fell on a red hot stove and exploded. The burning fluid scattered over her clothing, and in an instant was ablaze. Her body was terribly burned and blistered. She died unconscious three hours later.

Hendricks on the Tariff

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 24.—Hendricks, democratic candidate for vice-pr sident, addressed a crowd of 10,000 people at Green Cast e, Ind., to-day. He discussed the tariff, claiming that duties should be levied only for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the government.

Wouldn't Swear Against Her Husband.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 24.—The jury was complete in the Clawson polygamy case to-day. Lydia Spencer, the presumed second wife, was called and refused to be sworn or testify. She was ordered to the penitentiary till morning.

Hazeltine on Trial.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 24.—Ex-Governor Whyte opened the case for the defence to-day in the Hazeltine murder trial. He stated the ground of defence would be insanity. Several witnesses were examined. The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

In Favor of a Protective Tariff.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The manufacturers' national league held a private meeting at the Fifth avenue hotel to-day. Addresses were made favoring a protective tariff; $5000 was subscribed towards disseminating the views expressed.

Women's War Against Whisky.

NEW ALBANY, Ind. Oct. 24.—At Palmyra, Wednesday night, thirty disguised women railed Wm. Batt's saloon and wrecked it. They threatened to lynch Bott if he reopened the place.

Respect to Sir Moses.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 24.—The universalists convention adopted a resolution of respect to Sir Moses Montefiore. Officers were chosen and Brooklyn was selected as the next place of meeting.

Continued Trade Depression.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The commercial agency reports indicate that the general feeling is one of continued depression. The opinion is widely held that no revival of any permanence will likely be experienced this year.

Fire in a Mine.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Oct. 24.—The mine fire at Bear Valley shift is now beyond control. The mine is filled with black damp, and preparations for its flooding are now complete.

Why Charlie Wore His Old Hat

—Why on earth, Charlie, do you wear such a shabby hat, said one gentleman to another, on the steps of the National club yesterday afternoon. Hush, my boy, said Charlie; little domestic arrangement, you know. Mrs P. says she won't go out with me until I get a new tile and as you are aware that her temper is usually bad during the months first quarter, I just thought I would linger in the cool and pleasant shades of anti-matrimony for a few days. Tumble, eh? And Charlie threw a solemn and impressive wink from his left eye into the countenance of his friend, who at once persuaded him to go to Dineen's, northwest corner of King and Yonge streets, and get a new silk hat. And now when he goes out Mrs. P. is always at his side.—Advt.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WINNING TORONTO HORSES AT THE MONTREAL RACES.

Trouble in the Montreal Lacrosse Club—Racing at Washington, Brighton Beach and Belmont Park—General Notes and Events.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—Notwithstanding the uncertain weather there was a good attendance at the races yesterday.

Dash, three-quarter mile (open), purse $250, $125 to first, $25 to second. Weight for age. Dr. Crain's br. m. Laraminta, by Longfellow, black and tartan, 115 lbs..... 1
D. Campbell's br. s. Marquis, by Te ror, scarlet, 118 lbs..... 2
B. J. Coghlin's bk. f. Lady Lucy, by Daly, garnet and green sash, 101 lbs..... 3

In the start Laraminta had a slight advantage, which she kept easily to the finish. She was closely followed by Marquis and Lady Lucy on the home stretch but they could not get up to her.

Open handicap steeplechase, purse $200; $150 to first horse, $50 to second. Distance, 2½ miles. Top weight, 161 lbs.

J. Halligan's b. g. Williams, by Terror, chestnut and white, 168 lbs..... 1
F. Elliott's ch. m. Princess, by Helembold, cerise and black cap, 140 lbs..... 2

The third race was the open handicap, mile heats, purse $200; $150 to first; $50 to second; top weights 125 lbs.

R. Bond's b.g. Blanton, by Bonnie Scotland, pink body, black sleeves, 114 lbs..... 1
B. J. Coghlin's b. m. Easter, by Vicburg, garnet and green sash, 125 lbs..... 2
D. W. Campbell's b.s. Marquis, by Terror, scarlet, 125 lbs..... 3

Minnie Meteor did not make her appearance. Blanton took the lead and notwithstanding the great efforts made by Easter and Marquis, he kept it all along.

Racing at Belmont Park.

BELMONT PARK, Oct. 24.—Last day. In 2.35 class Lizzie R. won three straight heats; time 2.28¾, 2.29½, 2.29. Shamrock second. Capt. Kimmow won the 2.20 race taking the three last heats in 2.22¾, 2.25¼, 2.25¾; Troublesome second. The pacing race between Bay Dan, Microphone and Jack Rapid was won by Bay Dan after Microphone had taken the first heat; time, 2.37¼, 2.31, 2.34¾, 2.38¾.

Henry Knocked Out by Dempsey.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A prize fight between Jack Dempsey and Tom Henry, for $500 a side, was fought to a finish to-night. It resulted in a victory for Dempsey after he had pummelled Henry for six rounds. In the first round, first blood was claimed for Dempsey and the first knock down by Henry. The second round was in favor of Dempsey who succeeded in knocking Henry down twice. The remaining rounds were in Dempsey's favor.

Winners at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—First race, mile—Tillie Dee won; time 1.47½. Second race, mile heats—Thackeray won; time 1.47½, 1.46½. Third race, mile and 5 furlongs, Jimmie won; time 2.56. Fourth race, ¾-mile—Teastone won; time 1.18½. Fifth race, ¾-mile—Queen Esther won; time 1.17½.

Racing at Brighton Beach.

BRIGHTON BEACH, Oct. 24.—First race, 5 furlongs—Romolo won; time 1.06½. Second race mile—Miss Dair won; time 1.48½. Third race, mile and furlong—Little Fred won. Fourth race, ¾-mile—Ecuador won; time 1.21½. Fifth race, mile and furlong—Corsair won; time 2.06½.

Notes.

The race between Teemer and Conley at Pittsburg has been postponed.

Phil Powers, catcher of the Cincinnatis, has returned to his home at London for the winter.

McCaffrey will not accept Mitchell's challenge for a hard glove or bare knuckle fight, being anxious to meet Sullivan.

The hounds will meet in Queen's park at 3.30 this afternoon, and at the Dutch Farm, Don and Danforth road Tuesday afternoon at the same hour.

Charles Rowell writes that he will start Nov. 17, in a six-day twelve-hour race in London, and then he will begin to think about paying another visit to New York.

Maud S. is now in Lexington, and so are Phallas and Jay-eye-see, with other members of Mr. Case's stable. The queen will probably winter at Cincinnati. The stables of Dr. Case and Mr. Bemis will winter at Lexington.

The proposition of Mr. Duryea to give a purse of $6000 for a race in this country between Hanlan, Beach and four others has been cabled to Australia, and it will probably result in a meeting at New York of the great scullers of the world in August or September.

The Ontarios and Brants of Paris will play on the Jarvis street grounds this afternoon. The game will commence at 3 o'clock, and immediately before the match Lizzie Clarke and J. Burns will run 100 yards for a handsome gold medal. A good afternoon's sport may be looked for.

The wrestling match at New York last night between Fritz Gowernesi, the Swiss giant (236 lbs), and August Schmidt, the champion of Germany (170 lbs), ended in a draw after three bouts in the Swiss style of ten minutes each.

In May, 1885, the St. John rowing club of New Orleans will give an international regatta on lake Pontchartrain. The prominent oarsmen of America, Europe and Australia have been invited to participate. Two days will be devoted to amateur races and two to professional.

Toronto and Hamilton will play the tie match Ontario Rugby union at Hamilton today. The Toronto team will be: Back, McIlwraith; half backs, Gordon, Cayley, Muntz; Lennan; half backs, Gordon, Cayley, Muntz; quarter backs, Morphy, Florence, forwards, Blake (captain), Thomas, Boyd, Yankoughnet, McAndrew, Armstrong, Hughes, Marsh, Cameron.

At a meeting of the Montreal lacrosse club Wednesday the matter of the late troubles among the team in Toronto came up. The committee reported that they had investigated thoroughly and that the subject would be privately discussed. The general impression, says the Star, is that the offending members will apologize to the club for their misconduct in Toronto and thus prevent any side issues being introduced.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The passenger rate from Kansas City to Chicago has dropped to $9.

The wages of several thousand feather workers at New York have been reduced.

Intermittent fever is very prevalent at Washington, being caused by river dredging.

Ella Gamble has been sentenced to imprisonment for life at Columbus, Ga., for poisoning Pink Buchanan.

Sixty thousand people were in Springfield, Ill., yesterday on the occasion of the republican demonstration.

A girl has just died at Lawrenceville, Ga., who lived for ten years in the same house with her father without speaking to him.

There is much gloom among agents and others interested in Ocean steamships at New York on account of bad business. The losses this season have been very large.

An Invalid Sale.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Officers of the Reading road say the recent auction sale of their securities was a mistake. Sufficient notice of sale was not given and the securities were sold at below their prices. The parties interested have agreed to cancel the sale.

U. S. Postal Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The receipts of the post office department for the year ending June 30 were $46,411,000. The deficiency for the year is $3,563,000, attributed to reduced postage.

Deserting Leads to Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Annie Logan, aged 28, killed her 3-year-old boy and herself to-day. Letters left indicate that poverty and the desertion of her husband led to the crime.

If They Don't Pay They Must Go.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Acting secretary of the Treasury Coon has ordered the dismissal of all clerks who persistently refuse to pay their grocers' or butchers' bills.

Two Children Burned.

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 24.—The house of William Pancoast was destroyed by fire to-night. Two children aged 5 and 8 years were burned to death.

DOMINION DASHES.

London's building operations this year total up to $125,000.

A branch of the knights of labor has been organized at Winnipeg.

Mormon missionaries are said to be looking for converts in Proton township.

The new government steamer on the stocks at Maccan, N.S., has been named Lansdowne.

Barney Wallace is under arrest at Strathroy for obtaining money under false pretences.

The Bay state cheese factory at Madoc is burned, together with machinery and contents.

Miss Thompson of the townline of Elderslie and Arran dropped dead while going for a pail of water.

Sheriff Iler of Essex county, will appoint his son-in-law, a young farmer named Wigle, as his chief deputy.

A horse belonging to Mr. Stephenson, milk dealer at Galt, died from fright caused by a locomotive whistle.

Mrs. McIlvenny of Brockville, burst an artery while rubbing a sore leg and bled to death in an hour's time.

The Sunday school teachers convention at Brockville has adjourned. Stratford will be the place of meeting next year.

E. W. Field, a collecting insurance and land agent, has skipped from Woodstock, much to the regret of numerous creditors.

A man swindled a large number of Montreal merchants out of $2 each by taking orders for a bogus business directory.

About twenty young Englishmen, who have spent the summer in the Northwest, have returned to their homes in the mother land.

A pack of wolves entered the sheep pasture of Patrick O'Brien, of the township of Grattan, a few nights ago, and killed fourteen sheep.

Jacob S. Cunnabell, the patriarch of Nova Scotia printers, is dead at Halifax, aged 82 years. He learned the business 64 years ago.

The propellers Magnettawan and Northern Belle have been lively at Parry Sound having been detained three days by wind and snow.

Robert Cooper, who lives near Eugenia, set up a dead-fall early this fall, and since that time he has succeeded in capturing four black bears.

A burglar caught in the act of robbing O. Carigan's street Three Rivers, Que., made his escape after firing two shots at a clerk, who was not hurt.

It is said a syndicate has been formed in Fergus to float cordwood down the Grand river from Luther and Proton, the first drive to be made next spring.

The outbuildings of Thomas McFarline, who lives about two miles east of Thamesford in the Township of North Oxford, were burned in the Township of North Oxford, were burned Tuesday; insured for $1300.

Goods to the value of $600 were stolen from R. D. McKee's hardware store at Peterboro Wednesday night. The goods were subsequently found under a plank in a brickyard.

The presbyterians of Durham some years ago quarrelled over the spot whereon an organ should stand, and split into two congregations. They are now thinking better of it, and talking of uniting again.

A young man named Nicholas Peter Dodds, lot 5 in 6, Con. 7, Hope, met his death Thursday by his clothes catching in the tumbling rod of a threshing machine while helping a neighbor to thresh.

While boarding a train at Blackwater a man slipped and fell between it and the platform, but did not fall on the track, and by remaining quiet until the train had passed he escaped unhurt.

The marine department at Ottawa has received word from British Columbia that no light has been exhibited at the Sand Heads lighthouse for several nights, and it is feared the keeper and his assistant have been drowned.

Mayor Chase of Guelph has gone to Montreal to interview General Manager Hickson of the Grand Trunk railway in reference to securing the establishment of the railway workshops recently burned in London East for the royal city.

A shipment of 22 packages of small fruits has been made by Wm. Saunders of London, to Sen Tsuda, head of the agricultural college, Japan. They will be thoroughly tested in Japan and in return some of their native fruits will be sent here.

A Prince Edward Island shooting party bagged in a few days 63 partridges, 22 black and shell ducks, 110 snipe, 2 otters, 9 woodpeckers, 13 coones, 5 muskrats, 3 marsh hens, 10 loons, 17 quill, 7 Italian rabbits, 14 English sparrows, 6 weasels and a fine assortment of the different species of crows.

A disastrous fire occurred on the premises of Charles Sherk, on the Forks road, near St. Catharines. The fire was first seen in the wood house, about 11.30 a.m., extending to and consuming Mr. Sherk's farm dwelling, valued at $1500, a comfortable log building near by and a quantity of potatoes and apples stored in the cellar.

The government steamer La Canadienne is at present at Dalhousie loading 800 barrels of provisions, which have been supplied for the starving fishermen on the coast of Labrador. The provisions are not supplied by the government; they only carry what has been contributed from other sources.

Ottawa News.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—Dr. Fortin, M. P. for Gaspe, arrived here this evening to petition the government to give assistance to the distressed fishermen along the gulf coast.

A poultry association has been formed in this city with A. McDougall as president and P. G. Keyes as vice-president.

Rev Father Coles, who has been officiating as curate at St. Patrick's church, has been presented with a couple of addresses and a purse containing $400, on the occasion of his leaving to take charge of the new parish in Cantyre.

This forenoon a message was received here to the effect that Leon Roy, a sporting man and gambler, formerly residing in this city, but now residing at Williamsport, Pa., was shot in Virginia.

Doings in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—The jury on the inquest of Alex. Stewart, G.T.R. engineer, who was killed in the accident at Pointe Claire, have returned a verdict of accidental death.

The construction of the new grain elevators for the Canada Pacific railway has been commenced.

Rev. Father Cahill, of the Mattawa mission, will leave Montreal for San Antonio, Texas, where he has received a pastorate.

A lady named Denise Durocher, wife of B. Deveille, has been missing from her home at the corner of Richmond and Bonaventure streets for the last two weeks.

The German and Polish Jews intend to open a school for their children this year, having received a subsidy of $300 from the protestant board of school commissioners.

Stabbing Affray at Bracebridge.

BRACEBRIDGE, Oct. 24.—A gang of Italian navvies raised a row here Wednesday night, using revolvers and knives freely. A man named Louis Johnston happened to be in the way of an italian who was carving a road to freedom, when he received two stabs from the Italian's knife, one through the breast and the other through the muscle of the right arm. Johnston's brother procured a shotgun, and sleeping in the stations, succeeded in shooting the brim off the hat of the man who used the knife so freely. There were two arrests made.

A Hunter Drowned in Hay Bay.

NAPANEE, Oct. 24.—James Clarke, druggist, Belleville was drowned in Hay bay this morning. Fred. Dewsbery, bookkeeper for Picathly & Kelso, was with him, but his body cannot be found. In all probability Dewsbery is drowned also. They were duck shooting, and when Clarke's body was found it was all tangled in the decoys. They had the yacht Iolanthe with them and a couple of small boats.

LATER.—It has just been learned that Dewsbery was not drowned.

A School Teacher Fined.

MILTON, Oct. 24.—J. W. Crewson, teacher in the second department of the Milton public school, appeared before George Smith, J.P., on a charge of assault in punishing one of his pupils, Susie Hobbs, with undue severity. It was proved that the child's hand had been cut and bruised by blows from a leather strap wielded by Mr. Crewson, who was fined $1 and costs.

A Toronto Woman Abroad.

HAMILTON, Oct. 24.—Elizabeth Puxley was charged with vagrancy. Mrs. Puxley said she had been looking around the city for her husband, and not finding him had been forced to seek shelter at the police station. If let go she would go immediately to Toronto, where her children lived. She was allowed to depart.

SCHOONERS IN DISTRESS.

TWO WRECKS IN THE TREACHEROUS WATERS OF GEORGIAN BAY.

The Shandon Sunk and the Golden West Ashore—Abandoned by Their Crews—A Steamer Towed Off the Rocks.

OWEN SOUND, Oct. 24.—The schooner Shandon, while off Cabot's head, Georgian bay, sunk Wednesday night last. The crew were saved. No particulars have been learned.

The steamer Georgian, with steam pump on board, was towed here this morning by the wrecking tug International. She has on a cargo of steel rails consigned to the Canadian Pacific railway at Heron bay. She was taken off Haywood island, where she was wrecked some time ago. The damage is not ascertained yet.

Wednesday night last during a snowstorm the schooner Golden West went ashore on Snake island about five miles east of Cove island, Georgian bay. The crew abandoned her and are safe at Tobermory. The vessel was heavily loaded with corn from Chicago to Midland and seems to be in a bad condition, the corn bursting out of her hull.

PERSONAL.

Mark Twain has taken the stump for Cleveland in Connecticut.

Lewis Phillips has refused the republican nomination for mayor of New York.

The duke of Edinburg it is reported will shortly receive the command of the North American naval station.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, a Boston divine, says the most powerful, generous and seductive weapon a young man can carry is a hatchkey.

President Arthur's attitude on the marriage question is described as being very "and circumspect to an unprecedented degree."

The Empress Eugenie has returned to Farnborough, after an absence of two months. The queen has again invited the empress to occupy Abergeldie castle, but it is now doubtful whether she will go to Scotland this year.

Lady Hope Grant has presented to the museum of science and art at Edinburg the golden jug or ewer which was given to her husband by the officers of the British army in China in 1860. It is of solid gold, and stands twelve and a half inches high.

A centenary medal has been struck in honor of Sir Moses Montefiore. The venerable philanthropist, whose likeness is faithfully and expressively shown on the obverse, while the reverse contains an appropriately worded dedication. Encircling the head is an inscription in Hebrew, "Happy is every one who fears the Eternal: who walketh in his ways. 8th Heshwan 5645."

Leprosy Hospital at Victoria.

VICTORIA, B.C., Oct. 24.—At the city council meeting Councillor W. A. Robertson moved that the local government be requested to urge the dominion government to erect a hospital for the Chinese who are or may be afflicted with leprosy. He said it was well known that there had been cases of leprosy in the city, and the municipal authorities would not prohibit their entry into the province they should make provision for those afflicted with the disease. The motion was carried.

A Port Dalhousie Sailor Drowned

PORT DALHOUSIE, Oct. 24.—William Cooke, harbormaster, received a telegram this afternoon from Port Stanley saying his son Adam was lost overboard from the propeller Alma Munro in lake Erie this morning. The young man had been on the Alma Munro as watchman nearly all season.

Burglary at Peterboro.

PETERBORO, Oct. 24.—Some time during last night the furniture of Mills Bros. was entered and valuable furs amounting to some $400 were taken away. There is no trace yet of the burglars. They made the entrance by breaking a window in the rear of the store.

Three Years.

WHITBY, Oct. 24.—Fred. Conlin, alias Wright, the Belleville burglar, who stole B. Gibson's watch was sentenced by Judge Burnham to three years in the provincial penitentiary.

Hamilton Don't Want Drainage.

HAMILTON, Oct. 24.—A bylaw to expend $103,000 on main trunk sewers was defeated here to-day by a vote of 373 for and 855 against.

A Generous Publisher.

For some months past Mr. S. Frank Wilson the publisher and proprietor of the well known Toronto TRUTH, has been brought permanently before the public by the unusually generous offer he makes to those who become subscribers to his paper. The system adopted of prize competitions for correct answers to certain Biblical questions is a popular one and creates much interest, while the prizes offered are certainly valuable and number far beyond anything of the kind undertaken by any publisher, and it is certainly no wonder that the question is time and again asked, How can he afford to do it? That he does it is evident from the list of prize-winners, which every now and then appear in the columns of TRUTH, bona fide names and addresses, which any one, for the expenditure of a post card, can verify for themselves. A new competition is now announced, to close on the 7th November, full particulars of which will be found elsewhere in this issue, and to which we direct our readers' special attention.—Advt.

Book Publications.

The whole number of publications of the world during the year 1883 was, according to official accounts sent out from Leipzig, no fewer than 15,474 books, pamphlets, etc., and 386 maps, or 429 books, etc., and 40 maps more than during the year 1882. Leipzig continues to be the centre of the book trade of Germany, and, indeed, for the whole world. In that city during the past year no fewer than 2624 books and 14 maps were published; while in Berlin 2484 books and 57 maps were issued. Austria issued 1944 publications, and Switzerland 644.

Four Ways of Reducing Weight.

Fat people have now their choice between four systems of reducing their weight: 1 The original banting, which consists of eating nothing containing starch, sugar or fat. 2. The German banting, which allows fat, but forbids sugar or starch. 3. A Munich system, which consists of being clothed in wool and sleeping in flannel blankets instead of sheets. 4. Not eating and drinking at the same time.

One Reason for American Brass.

From the Boston Transcript.

It is said that American babies swallow 1500 thimbles annually. This may account for the surprising amount of brass noticed in the composition of the grown-up American baby.

The Chinese Fight.

"Charge teapots!" said the mandarin,
High on the heights of Chu,
"This son of a gun from far Lang-son
Shall suffer a thing or two!"

Each squinting Myrmidon of Khauh
Primed his canister with grape,
And every wall-eyed warrior wore
A tea-caddy under his cape.

Sugar alone was lacking, and that
Was in charge of the Kitmagar,
Who was bidding adieu to the Princess of Hue,
Before he set out for the war.

For this Kitmagar of Phntruong
Her bias-cut eyes of jet
Shed tears so large, and shed 'em so long
That the sugar all got wet!

Then General De Lisle gave an audible smile,
"Polly-roo, pump-handle out!"
And snipping the cue of each soldier at Chu,
He cut off their *point d' appui!*

—*Philadelphia News.*

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

Eight tramps were supplied with lodging at No. 2 station last night.

A broken axle caused a grocery wagon to collapse on George street near Queen yesterday.

Workingmen are invited to hear Rev. Mr. Massey of Montreal, to morrow night, at the free seat church, Chestnut street below Agnes street.

A fire was discovered in Little's bakery shop, Parkdale, about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, but was extinguished before any damage was done.

Richard Williams the Englishman who attempted to beat a hackman out of his fare Thursday night, was fined $1 and costs at the police court yesterday.

A lady was knocked senseless at the corner of Queen and Terauley streets yesterday by a dog attached to a wagon running against her. She was taken home in a cab.

"I have no home no friends and no money, and would like to be sent to jail for the winter," said an old man named Isaac Brown to the magistrate yesterday. He was accommodated.

The general board of the women's missionary society of the methodist church of Canada and the conference of Canada, and after met at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and after a short session adjourned until next year. The delegates left for home in the afternoon.

A joint petition from the male students of Toronto and Ottawa normal schools, asking for the removal or modification of the regulations restricting communication between the sexes, has been presented to Hon. G. W. Ross.

A habeas corpus was granted by Judge Osler at Osgoode hall yesterday to discharge Francis Bassett, an alleged crook, who has put in two months of a sentence of five months on a charge of vagrancy. The writ will be argued next Tuesday.

Gone to Pastures New.

Thomas Sexton, agent for foreign wine manufacturers, and whose office is at No. 9 Imperial bank buildings, has skipped out, and a large number of his creditors are using every effort to find out his present place of abode. He started business about nine months ago, and apparently has not made enough money to keep him, as he has figured on every person who would trust him, and from all who would lend. The Imperial bank is anxious to get the $10 he owes them for bank rent, and it is said that he has taken his wife and child away with him.

A Question of Jurisdiction.

After the evidence in the case of Captain John Emmons, charged with bringing contraband goods into Canada, had been heard at the police court yesterday, the magistrate said he would not convict on the evidence given, and he was not sure that he had power to try the case, or to send the defendant to Sault St. Marie for trial. If a summons were issued at Sault St. Marie, he could endorse it, and the defendant then could be taken to that place for trial. The case was finally adjourned until Monday next.

Municipal Reform.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon there is to be a meeting of the Toronto Municipal Reform association. The objects of the association, as set forth in their circular, are both wide and deep. It seeks to agitate and discuss amendments to the present municipal law; to procure an efficient council; and to consult for the protection of the interests of the ratepayers. Any person qualified to vote at the municipal elections is eligible for membership.

The meeting is to be held at the board of trade rooms. The $100 debenture bylaw will come up for consideration.

Violent Longshoremen

For a time yesterday it looked as if there would be a big fight on P. Burns's coal docks at the foot of Yonge street. The longshoremen employed on the docks had asked for higher wages, and their demand being refused they went on strike. Two gangs of men were immediately brought from the Queen's wharf to take the places of the strikers, and the strikers threatened to lay hands on them. Constable Hendry was called in and work went on.

Medical and Surgical Association.

Recognizing that "in union there is strength," and desiring to place at the disposal of those in need of medical aid an institution equal to any in Europe, and superior to any of its kind in America, the medical and Surgical association of Canada, and the Ontario pulmonary and electric institute, the two leading and best known medical institutions in Canada, have amalgamated under the name of the Medical and Surgical association.

Knox church Y. P. C. A.

At a largely attended meeting of Knox church Young People's Christian association last night, the following were elected officers: Hon. president, Rev. H. M. Parsons; president, James Knowles, jr.; first vice, James A. Fyfe; 2d vice, George Smith; treasurer, R. S. Baird; secretary, H. Hancock; assistant secretary, Miss Sinclair; editor in chief, J. J. Findlay; executive committee, Miss Parsons, Miss George, Miss V. Stewart, and Messrs. Graham and Muirhead.

Items from Court Street

The drunks were put through their facings to double quick music yesterday. On a charge of obtaining a suit of clothes from Max Hazza under false pretences Wm. Fullich was remanded until Friday next. John Ryan, larceny, discharged. Kate Bloomfield, committed as a lunatic. Wm. Perth immoderate driving, $2 and costs. Fred Conlin and Fred Ramaxe, 12, using insulting language, $2 and costs each.

Taking Time by the Forelock.

It is reported that there is quite a rivalry in east Toronto between E. W. Schoff, barrister, and D. H. Watt of the same profession, in which one will get the first nomination in Toronto, to any person subscribing to the Ladies' Journal for a year, and answering correctly some bible questions.

Put Their Shutters Up.

W. C. Lee & Co., hats and gents' furnishings, Chatham, assignee; Alex. Williams, general store, Sutton, assigned; J. H. Roeding, shoemaker, Zurich, sold out by sheriff; Joseph Hall manufacturing company, Oshawa, seized under a mortgage.

County Court Chambers.

Before Judge Boyd in the county court chamb