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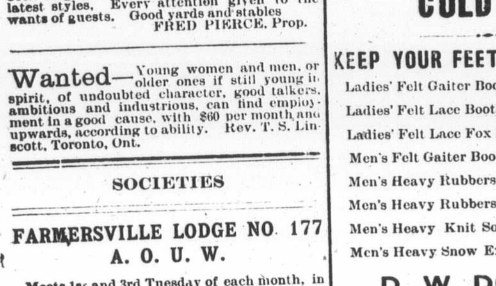

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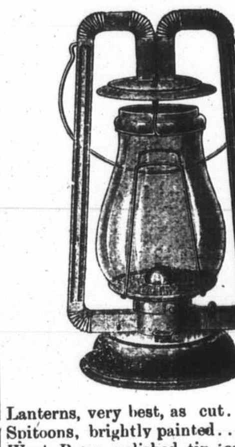

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Western Wing of Parliament Buildings Burned

Hydrants Were Found to be Frozen Up and the Hose Was Rotten—Firemen Were Thus Badly Hampered—A Detachment With an Engine Summoned From Montreal.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The worst fire which the Capital has had for many a long day is raging to-night, and as the result thereof the taxpayers of the Dominion will eventually have to meet a bill of a quarter of a million dollars.

At midnight to-night the entire roof of the Western Departmental building and offices on the fourth floor are in flames, the efforts of the Ottawa brigade being directed towards keeping the flames from descending to the lower stories of the buildings.

The only portion of the building which has escaped, with the exception of some water in the offices, is the Mackenzie wing from the big tower northerly.

In this portion of the building are the offices of the Departments of Railways and Canals and Inland Revenue. The rooms burnt out were those occupied by the engineers' and architects' staff of the Public Works Department, including hundreds of valuable plans and records; certain offices occupied by some of the clerks of the Marine and Fisheries Department, and the entire offices of the Mounted Police Department.

All the offices below these, occupied by the Departments of Public Works, Marine and Fisheries, Militia, Trade and Commerce and Customs are deluged with water.

The fire was first discovered on the fourth flat of the Public Works Department, and is supposed to have been caused by carelessness of one of the clerks, who had been smoking. For a long time the smell of smoke could be detected before its origin was discovered.

The hydrants in different portions of the Parliament grounds were tried and all, with the exception of one some distance away, were found to be frozen hard. One located almost under the window from which the smoke was now being emitted in dense volumes, was in this unfortunate condition. Just who is responsible for this unlucky contretemps, the Public Works Department or the city, cannot at present be ascertained. There was nothing for it under the circumstances but to secure water from the hydrants on Wellington-street. The first stream showed very poor pressure, and before the extension ladder could be placed in position the flames were bursting from the roof.

As the Government carries no insurance on its buildings in Ottawa the entire loss will fall on the country. It is believed $100,000 might repair to-day's damage, but a wooden roof to the building will never be tolerated, and the general impression is the Government will have to put on a metal one similar to that of Langevin block, which is of iron and copper.

At 1 o'clock this morning the burning building presented a magnificent spectacle; the entire roof was still burning, but the fire does not appear to have reached the storey below, except at one point in the Public Works Department, and here it appears to have been checked in one room. When the fire reached the Mounted Police Department the assembled crowd were startled by repeated popping off of ammunition. To check the conflagration a portion of the roof on the south side of the building, equal to 60 square feet, was cut away, but nothing was gained by it.

Two-thirds of the records of the Public Works Department have been destroyed, but the photographic negatives of different public buildings were saved.

The original records of the C. P. R. surveys, it is said, have fallen a prey to the flames.

Met an Awful Death.

Toronto, Feb. 13.

Samuel Huntley, an employe of the McDonell rolling mills, Indian-road, met with accidental death yesterday afternoon in a peculiar manner. He was working at the rolls, placing the red-hot bars in position as they were forced from the machine. While looking away from the machine for a moment, a bar coming from the rolls burned through his leg near the knee. He grasped the hot iron with both hands and burned the flesh to the bone. Dr. Aylesworth was called, but the suffering man was too far gone for human aid, and he died in less than half an hour.

Huntley was a married man, 47 years of age, and lived at 227 Lansdowne-avenue. He leaves a widow and three children. The body was taken to Undertaker Craig's, 1265 Queen-street west.

Grand Trunk Looking Up.

London, Feb. 12.—The half-yearly statement of the Grand Trunk Railway was issued to-day. It shows that the gross receipts were £2,079,700 during the six months, and the net receipts £616,000. A deficiency of £[illegible] is charged to the Chicago and Grand Trunk section, while the Detroit and Grand Haven part of the system is behind £24,900. A surplus of £39,000 is shown for the half year, as against a deficiency of £33,100 for the same period of 1895.

Bombardment Proceeds.

Canea, Feb. 14.—Evening—George Berovitsch Pasha, the Christian Governor of Crete, who, having been menaced by the Moslems, recently took refuge at the Greek Consulate, and the Greek Consul embarked this evening on different war ships. They were accompanied by their families. The Consuls and the commander of the Turkish forces have removed the military post. The insurgents continue their bombardment from the landward side of the fortress, and the Turks are returning their fire with sanguinary results.

Athens Terribly Excited.

Athens, Feb. 13, 1.15 a.m.—The greatest excitement prevails here. The newspapers have issued midnight editions, containing a report that the Vali of Smyrna has chartered a steamer for the purpose of transporting troops to Crete, and this in face of the assurances given to the powers by the Porte that Turkey would not send reinforcements to the island.

Recount in North Ontario.

Beaverton, Feb. 11.—In the North Ontario election the returning officer gave the official count here to-day Duncan Graham, Reform-Patron, is declared elected by 39 majority, the total vote being: D. Graham 2403, Angus McLeod 2364. There were 26 spoilt ballots and 59 rejected ballots.

Lindsay Won the Tankard.

Toronto, Feb. 12.

The tankard trials and finals are over and Lindsay curlers take the prize. They fought it out with Hamilton Victorias and, after the third end the Easterners kept the lead. Hamilton drew up to within two of their rivals on the 10th end. Lindsay got four on the next and gradually increased that to 16 at the close.

POLITICS—IMPERIAL.

The Imperial Government is expected to use the closure freely in passing the Education bill.

By a vote of 206 to 149 the British House of Commons rejected the bill providing for the closing of public houses throughout Sunday.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that he believed Canada was disposed to contribute towards the cost of a direct cable to Bermuda and Jamaica.

LEGISLATURE OPENED.

Sir Casimir Gzowski Opens the Provincial Assembly.

The Parliamentary Bill of Fare Presented by Premier Hardy—Sir Oliver Mowat Present at the Opening—Mr. Evanturel Chosen Speaker—General News of the Session

Toronto, February, 11.—The third session of the eighth Legislature of Ontario was opened at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. In the absence of Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, the Lieut.-Governor, who is in England, Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D.C. to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, read the speech from the Throne.

Sir Oliver Mowat was present at the opening of the Legislature, and there was besides a large and brilliant gathering.

Promptly at 3 o'clock Sir Casimir Gzowski, the Administrator, and members of his suite, escorted by a guard of honor, entered the chamber, but he was informed that the House was without a speaker. Hon. J. E. Davis, the Provincial Secretary, read the direction of His Honor to choose a fit and proper person to be speaker, and that the Assembly present him at 4 o'clock for His Honor's approbation.

On His Honor's retirement, Hon. Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. James Stratton, nominated Francis Eugene Alfred Evanturel, member for Prescott, and, the motion being carried, Mr. Evanturel was escorted to the chair, and took his seat. Then he thanked the members for the honor they had done him. Presently the Administrator and his guard entered, and after the usual announcements respecting the speaker, came

MR. SPEAKER EVANTUREL.

The Speech From the Throne.

Commander Law, with one of his elaborate obeisances, perfected by long practice, presented to the Administrator the Speech from the Throne, which the latter read as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In consequence of the temporary absence of the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. George Airey Kirkpatrick, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to appoint the Administrator of the Government. After the arrival of His Honor in England it was learned that he was suffering from a severe illness. This intelligence was received throughout the Province with deep regret. I am greatly pleased to be able to state that his health is improving, and also to express the hope that he will soon return to the discharge of his public duties fully restored to his former health and vigor.

It is a subject of congratulation that since your last meeting Her Most Gracious Majesty has entered upon and is now approaching the completion of the 60th year of her illustrious reign. Our interest in the year is enhanced by the consideration that her reign has been the longest, happiest and most progressive in the annals of the empire. An address to Her Majesty upon an event so gratifying to all her loving subjects in this province and expressive of your loyalty and attachment, will be submitted for your consideration.

The first day of June next will be the one hundredth anniversary of the meeting of the Parliament of Upper Canada in the present capital of the province. During all the intervening years the province has steadily advanced in wealth and population, and many of the institutions which in its early history were incomplete in their organization and limited in their operations, have been greatly enlarged and improved under the beneficent influence of that form of government which we so happily enjoy.

I congratulate you upon last year's staple crops of the province, and further, upon the advance in the price of some of them.

You will regret exceedingly to learn that the inhabitants of some parts of India are suffering from famine and the plague, and that local resources are inadequate to meet the emergency. I confidently rely upon your generous disposition to grant such aid for the relief of our afflicted fellow-subjects as the circumstances appear to demand and the means at your disposal will permit.

Judgment has recently been given by the Supreme Court of Canada in the case submitted between the Governments of Canada and the provinces for the determination of their rights respectively in the public fisheries. It affords me much satisfaction to be able to inform you that the rights of the provinces are much greater than has been recognized by the Government of Canada, not only in the fisheries of the inland waters, but also in those of the great lakes and rivers. An appeal and a cross-appeal have been made to Her Majesty in her Privy Council. The necessities of the case require that a bill upon the subject shall be considered by you during the coming session.

It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the claims of the Government of Canada against this province for repayment of certain annuities heretofore paid by the Government to Indians under the Robinson treaty, and for additional and increased annuities which it is alleged may hereafter become payable, have upon appeal been disallowed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Since your last session the same tribunal has also given judgment on appeal in the case formerly submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada, respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada and of the Provincial Legislatures respectively as to the right to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors. A copy of the judgment will be laid before you.

Increased interest has been manifested during the past year in the new settlements in Algoma, on Rainy River, at Temiscamingue and at and near Dryden, on Wabigoon Lake, and considerable farm land has been taken up by actual or intending settlers. You will be asked to appropriate a reasonable sum for the purpose of aiding in the colonization of these new settlements.

The arbitration between the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec has not been brought to a conclusion, but several additional awards have been made by the arbitration.

There has been no improvement in the condition of the lumber trade. The monetary stringency and business depression which prevailed in the United States during 1895, contrary to general expectation, continued during the present year, and the sawn lumber trade consequently remained depressed. I am glad to be able to state, however, that there is an increasing demand for our timber and lumber in the English market. It is satisfactory to know that, notwithstanding the adverse condition of the lumber trade, the receipts from the woods and forests have considerably exceeded the estimated revenue.

The work of the instructor in road making, for whose appointment provision was made last session, has been vigorously pursued, and, I am pleased to learn, has, during the past year, been received with a large measure of public approval.

I rejoice to know that the past year has been one of growing activity in mining affairs. Furnaces for smelting iron, nickel and copper ores, and mills for reducing and refining gold ores, and for the treatment of other minerals have been steadily operated. The known limits of gold-bearing country have been widened in different directions by the enterprising spirit of prospectors, and the work of development carried on in several new localities encourages the hope that in the year upon which we have entered capital, directed by experience, will find useful and profitable employment. Indeed our province offers to investors, explorers and miners attractions scarcely equalled elsewhere, and I am gratified to know that its mineral wealth is receiving the earnest attention of our own people.

Amendments of the mining laws, the necessity of which has been suggested by the experience of unusually active operations in the past year, will be submitted for your consideration, and in other ways you will be asked to give to our mining industries generous encouragement.

Your consideration will be asked to a measure to set apart certain of the wild lands of the Crown for the University of Toronto, the proceeds of which shall be applied towards making further provision for instruction in mechanics, engineering, mineralogy and geology, and for the encouragement of scientific investigations and discoveries in connection with the undeveloped mineral resources of this province.

Among the other measures to be submitted for your consideration will be a bill relating to the immigration and care of indigent children; a bill further to improve the liquor license laws; a bill to reduce the number of councillors in small towns; a bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to unorganized districts; a bill to consolidate and improve the Joint Stock Companies' Act; a bill relating to loan corporations; a bill to make further provision respecting women and children employed in shops; a bill making provision for the establishment of technical schools; and a bill respecting the audit of municipal accounts.

Progress has been made during the past year in consolidating the public laws of the province, and it is hoped the work of consolidation may be completed during the session.

The reports of the various departments of the public service for the past year will be laid before you at an early date.

The public accounts of the province, showing the receipts and expenditures of the past year will also be promptly laid before you.

The estimates for the current year have been prepared with as strict regard to economy as is consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

His Honor the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

To assert the traditional right of the Legislature to deal with matters other than those specifically referred to in the Speech from the Throne, the Premier introduced a formal bill to provide for the administration of oaths of offices to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace. The bill was given its first reading.

A motion was adopted fixing to-day as the time for taking into consideration the Speech from the Throne. A formal motion providing for the appointment of select standing committees was adopted and the House adjourned.

Toronto, Feb. 12.

After the usual preliminary routine at the Provincial Legislature yesterday afternoon, Mr. Whitney, leader of the Opposition, interrogated the Government respecting the changes which had taken place in the Cabinet since the last session. The Attorney-General did not know that he could add very much to what has already appeared in the newspapers with respect to the changes in the Government. Sir Oliver Mowat had been invited to join Hon. Mr. Laurier's Cabinet. He had accepted the call, was appointed to a position in the Senate, and this required that he should vacate the seat which he had so long occupied in the House.

This change involved an almost entire reconstruction of the Executive Council. Sir Oliver resigned in the month of July, and next day he (the speaker) was honored with a request to accept the responsibility of forming a Ministry. He had invited all his old colleagues to remain with him and they accepted.

The death of the newly appointed Provincial Secretary, under circumstances which created a profound sorrow, was alluded to in fitting terms and a glowing tribute was paid to the abilities and character of the speaker's late colleague. The vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of Hon. Mr. Davis. These were the changes that had taken place and they had, he ventured to assert, met with the approval of the country.

In regard to the question there was no intention of dissolving the House at any earlier period than that at which in the course of nature and its natural existence honorable gentlemen have a right to expect.

The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. A. Pattullo of North Oxford, and the seconder was Mr. John Auld, South Essex.

Mr. Whitney was received with applause from the Opposition benches. In a brief but vigorous speech he criticized the past action of the Government, and gave promise of interesting debates when the Opposition attack their policy in detail. The Patron leader was next heard from. Mr. Haycock also tendered his hearty congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address. Hon. A. S. Hardy concluded the debate, and the resolution endorsing the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was then adopted without a vote. A number [illegible] introduced and the House adjourned.

Toronto, Feb. 13.

A 20-minute session of the Legislature was held yesterday. After the usual notices of motion and enquiries had been given, the House went into committee and passed a resolution that the estimates be considered on Monday.

The following notice of motion was given: Mr. Gibson—Respecting the inspection and regulation of joint stock companies.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Rev. Dr. O'Meara has been appointed Dean of Rupert's Land, succeeding the Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

Archbishop Langevin states that no settlement of the school question has been arrived at that is satisfactory to him.

Colonial and American bishops will be invited to preach at Oxford University this year, during the sitting of the Lambeth Conference.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The Township of South Marysburg has adopted local option.

Dr. Thompson and Mr. Ferris have been unseated from the Niagara Falls South Council.

The Winnipeg Public School Board has asked the council for $123,256 for the current year.

The Hamilton Board of Education has a deficit of $20,000, with a prospect of $10,000 or $15,000 more when the Collegiate Institute building is completed.

ANOTHER BREAK IN WHEAT.

The Chicago Market Closed at Lowest of the Week.

Toronto Feb. 13.

Pork is 1¼d lower in Liverpool.
Liverpool cables closed steady.
Cash wheat in Chicago is 1⅛c lower at 72¼c.
May wheat on curb 73⅜c bid.
Puts on May wheat 72⅝c, calls 74⅛c.
Puts on May corn 23½c, calls 23⅝c to 23¾c.
Provisions active and higher to-day on report that the hog supply is much less than in former years.
Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 32, corn 437, oats 408. Estimated for Monday: Wheat 28, corn 860, oats 575.
Argentine shipments of wheat this week were 104,000 bushels.
The visible supply of wheat is expected to show a decrease of 1,250,000 bushels on Monday.
Exports at New York for two days: Flour 8894 barrels and 13,500 sacks; wheat 103,127 bushels.
Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 19,000; official Friday 31,544; left over 1000; estimated for Monday 38,000. Market strong and 5c higher. Heavy shippers $3.20 to $3.50.
Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day 300. Market dull and unchanged. Sheep 1500. Market strong.
Hog packing in Chicago from the opening of the season to date 2,072,000, as against 2,260,000 the corresponding period of last year.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	72¼c	73⅝c
New York	81⅝c	80⅝c
Milwaukee	72c	74c
St. Louis	84c	88c
Toledo	86¼c	87c
Detroit	85¼c	85¼c
Duluth, No. 1 hard	74¼c	..
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	72¼c	73⅝c
Toronto, white	81c	..
Toronto, No. 1 hard	90c	..

LOCAL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

Flour—Trade has been dull to-day and prices unchanged. Straight rollers are quoted at $3.75.

Bran—Trade quiet, with bran quoted outside west at $7 to $7.50, and shorts at $9.

Wheat—The wheat market is dull, with offerings fair. Red winter wheat can be had at 75c, and white is quoted at 76c. No. 1 Manitoba hard is dull at 75c, Fort William, and at 87c, Midland. No. 2 hard 83c to 84c, Midland.

Buckwheat—Trade is dull, with car lots quoted at 25c to 26c outside.

Barley—The market is unchanged, No. 1 is quoted at 31c. No. 2 at 26c to 27c. No. 3 extra at 24c and No. 3 at 22c.

Oats—Market is unchanged, with sales of white at 17½c west, and mixed is quoted at 16½c.

Peas—The market is steady, with sales at 39c, north and west, and at 40c, middle freights.

Corn—The market is unchanged, with new quoted at 19c to 20c west.

Rye—The market is dull, with fair offering. Cars are quoted at 34c outside.

Oatmeal—The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Car lots, $2.85 to $3.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.		
Wheat, white, bushel	$0 80	to $0 81
" red winter, bushel	0 78	0 79
" goose, bushel	0 63½	0 65
Oats, bushel	0 22	0 23½
Peas, bushel	0 41	0 42½
Barley, bushel	0 26	0 30
HAY AND STRAW.		
Hay, per ton	$11 50	to $14 00
" baled, per ton	8 00	10 00
Straw, per ton	6 50	7 50
" baled, per ton	5 50	6 00
DAIRY PRODUCE.		
Butter, choice, tub	$0 13	to $0 14
" bakers'	0 08	0 10
" pound rolls	0 15	0 16
" creamery tubs	0 17	0 19
" " rolls	0 19	0 20
Cheese	0 10	0 11
Eggs, new-laid	0 14	0 15
" limed	0 09	0 11
FRESH MEATS.		
Beef, forequarters, per lb.	$0 02½	to $0 04½
" hindquarters	0 05½	0 06½
Mutton, per lb	0 04	0 05
Lamb, per lb	0 06	0 06½
Veal, per lb	0 05	0 06
PROVISIONS AND POULTRY.		
Hogs, dressed, selected	$5 00	to $5 60
" heavy	4 30	4 50
Backs, per lb	0 09	0 09½
Breakfast bacon	0 10	0 11
Mess pork	11 00	11 25
" short cut	11 25	11 50
" shoulder mess	9 00	9 50
Hams, smoked	0 10½	0 11
Lard, per lb	0 07	0 07¾
Bacon, per lb	0 05½	0 06
Chickens, per pair	0 30	0 50
Ducks, per pair	0 55	0 75
Turkeys, per lb	0 08	0 10
Geese, per lb	0 06½	0 08

SEEDS.

The market is quiet. Alsike is quoted at 8½c to 9c per lb., according to quality. Red clover, 7c to 8½c, and timothy 2½c to 3c per lb.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

Hides are unchanged, with cured quoted at 7¼c to 7½c. Dealers pay 6½c for No. 1, 5½c for No. 2 and 4½c for No. 3.

Calfskins—Market is dull at 7c to 8c for No. 1 and 5c to 6c for No. 2. Sheep and lambskins 90c to $1.

Wool—The market dull and featureless. Combing fleece nominal at 20c to 22c, and rejections 17c. Pulled supers are 20c to 21c, and extras at 22c to 23c.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The market is dull. Apples, barrels $1 to $1.50. Dried apples, 2c to 3c, and evaporated 3½c to 4½c per lb.

Potatoes steady at 25c to 26c per bag in car lots; small lots, 35c to 40c. Onions, 75c to $1 per bag. Sweet potatoes, $2.50 to $2.75 per barrel.

Cranberries, barrel, $4 to $5 for Canadian and $2.50 per box for Cape Cod. Hops, 9c to 10c.

Turnips, bag, 20c to 25c; carrots, bag, 30c to 35c; parsnips, bag, 40c; celery, dozen, 30c to 40c.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—May	75⅝	76¼	73⅜	73⅝
" —July	71½	72⅛	69⅝	69⅝
Corn—May	23⅞	23⅞	23⅝	23⅝
" —July	24⅝	24⅞	24⅝	24⅝
Oats—May	17	17¼	16⅞	16⅞
" —July	18	18	17⅝	17⅝
Pork—May	7 75	7 87	7 75	7 85
" —July	7 85	8 00	7 85	7 95
Lard—May	3 82	3 90	3 82	3 90
" —July	3 90	3 97	3 90	3 97
Ribs—May	3 95	4 05	3 95	4 02
" —July	4 05	4 12	4 05	4 10

BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, Feb. 13.—Spring wheat 6s 4½d to 6s 6½d; red, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 6s 6½d to 6s 7½d; corn, 2s 6½d; peas, 4s 5d; pork, 45s 0d; lard, 20s 0d; bacon, l.c., heavy, 25s 0d; do., light, 24s 6d; do., s.c., heavy, 23s 0d; tallow, 18s 0d; cheese, white and colored, 59s.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat steady; futures steady at 6s 2¾d for March and 6s 4d for May and July. Maize quiet at 2s 6½d for March, 2s 7⅜d for May and 2s 8⅜d for July. Flour unchanged at 23s.

CHICAGO GOSSIP.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 King-street east, received the following despatch to-day from Chicago:

The market to-day was very weak and considerable long wheat was dumped on the market. St. Louis bought early and later became weak and sold most of her early purchases at a big loss. Liverpool markets were steady. The northwest cars were 586 against 436 cars last year. Primary market receipts were 1,494,800 bushels. Advices from the Northwest indicate a more liberal wheat movement.

Another Oil Gusher.

Chatham, Feb. 14.—Another lucky oil syndicate for Chatham is composed of A. L. Shambleau, Tom Pierce and W. Cameron. They bought a location three miles from Bothwell, and began boring a month ago. To-night word was received that the drill had opened a veritable gusher.

My Neighbor Told Me

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