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UNITED STATES CONSUL REPORTS TO WASHINGTON.

The People Who are Coming to America —Poor-Law Guardians Driving Out the Paupers—The Distress Greatly Exaggerated.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Pauper immigration from Ireland has for months been under consideration at the state department. A number of reports relating thereto have been received. Consul-General Merritt of London gives the result of an investigation made at his request in March by the U. S. consul in Ireland.

Merritt says the Irish distress means increasing immigration to the United States, and wholesale emigration, aided by the government is looked upon in many quarters as the only relief from the periodical recurrences of famine. Measures are now afoot to send thousands of poor families from the congested districts across the Atlantic.

Summing up the reports of the consuls, Merritt says in the poorer agricultural districts the situation of the peasantry is miserable, and the abject poverty is but as sad as it has been for years, and has become the normal condition of life.

Consul Hyatt of Cork says: "While I am inclined to believe the destitution and distress of the western and southern Ireland are great enough and worthy of the assistance that our people are always disposed to give, there's room to doubt whether the picture as shown the outside world is not exaggerated. The boards of guardians and popular bodies are in a measure responsible for this exaggeration, as they, in their anxiety to have the poor rates relieved by the opening of relief works by the government, have made efforts to utilize the distress. It may be safely assumed that starvation point has not been reached, however bad the situation may be, and that the local and government authorities have abundant means to relieve actual necessity."

The prospects of the amelioration of the present condition in the immediate future are most discouraging. It is altogether unlikely that the government will shortly commence public works in order to give employment to the people, as the policy settled upon is relief by workhouse or emigration.

The present price of farming land is the lowest known in generations, and bad seasons and foreign competition have reduced the Irish farmer, whether tenant or owner, to still lower depths of poverty. Trade in Ireland is extremely dull. Land is almost unsaleable, and the unsettled political state of the country forbids the hope of capital being forthcoming to extend the manufacturing interests.

With great unanimity the consuls agree that the present condition must act as a powerful stimulus to emigration. In 1882 the emigration was 89,000, an increase of 10,000 over 1881, and the present year, at the lowest, it will certainly be over 100,000. Seventy-four per cent of the persons leaving Ireland last year were between the ages of 15 and 35. Of 47,000 males who emigrated 33,000 were laborers and 3000 farmers.

As to whether the government guardians of the poor or assistants are sending paupers to the United States, some diversity of opinion exists. Consul Burrows, Dublin, says there is no such practice in his district. Consul Wood, Belfast, knows of no organized effort for a large deportation of sufferers or paupers to the United States. No doubt, he says, many will find their way there by the aid of friends and often in a measure by charitable funds. Consul Livermore, Londonderry, understands the government agents with no great success are endeavoring to induce the poor and lazy to emigrate. Eccles, at Sligo, says the poor law guardians schedule out certain districts under the emigration clauses of the land acts, and in the Sligo union 600 applications have been made and in the western unions considerably more. The bulk of these immigrants will go to the United States. They will receive £7 each to cover the cost of passage and outfit. This will leave about a pound to each on his arrival. The guardians desire to emigrate those likely to be in a state of chronic poverty at home.

Merritt says: "As to relieving Irish distress by contributions from the United States, which have always been so liberal, the charges have been so frequent in the past that much of this money has been used for other purposes that I suggest in the future the utmost care be taken in choosing the channels through which the charity is to be administered."

The consul at Cork says a story has been current there that the potatoes sent to Ireland by the United States steamer Constellation three years ago went begging for somebody to eat them. They were not thought as good as Irish potatoes, and some were returned to Queenstown and exported to the United States. The consul says a high authority informed him there was no actual distress in the coast region. This gentleman expressed indignation that the people of the United States in view of the terrible Ohio valley floods should be called upon to minister to fictitious distress in Ireland.

The consul at Belfast says no exceptional distress appears to exist or is reported existing among the people of that district. Consul Burrows says as far as his knowledge extends there has been very little unusual destitution in the vicinity of Dublin, or in the counties directly westward across Ireland.

The consular agent at Limerick reports that as far as his knowledge and experience goes, he does not believe any exceptional distress prevails among the laboring classes of Limerick. In the western part of county Clare he has good reasons to believe the published accounts of the distress and destitution were not exaggerated. The consular agent at Sligo writes that there's no doubt real and very great distress exists along the western and northwestern seaboard and in some inland districts.

The consular agent at Waterford says that no exceptional distress exists in Kilkenny county, but the people are emigrating every day, and there is every prospect of the number of emigrants increasing.

A SHORTAGE IN CROPS.

A Hundred Million Bushels less this year than Last.

COLUMBUS, O., May 8.—The secretary of the state board of agriculture has received reports from the principal wheat growing states which indicate that there will be a shortage in crops of a hundred million bushels this year compared with last.

Threatening a Mayor.

MILWAUKEE, May 8—Mayor Howell received a letter saying the saloon-keepers had decided to kill him if he enforces his order to close the saloons at midnight. Almost all the saloon-keepers refuse to obey the order and trouble is anticipated.

WHEN BRADY SHALL HANG.

Threatened Fenian Attack on Britain's Vulnerable Points.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 8—Owing to the receipt by Lieutenant-governor Archibald of a letter of warning from Sir John Macdonald, a number of special policemen were sworn in this morning for service about the government house, provincial building and other points. From what can be learned as to the source of the information, it appears there was a detective at the recent land league conference in Philadelphia who communicated to the governor-general or to the British government: that the day of Brady's execution, next Monday, was to be the signal for a combined attempt at revenge whenever and wherever the opportunity might offer.

A GRAND TRUNK FIRM GOES UP.

Liabilities Estimated at Four Hundred Thousand Pounds.

LONDON, May 8.—A firm of outside operators which has been doing an extensive business in Grand Trunk shares has failed for £400,000. No member of the firm was seen in the city to-day.

CANADIAN TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The first steamer at Duluth from Silver Islet reported a boiler explosion in April by which one man was killed and one seriously injured. The mine was greatly damaged.

A few days ago George Brock, of Camlachie, sold a team of horses to an American dealer for $400, and delivered them at Port Huron. On returning home, the former discovered that the money was bogus.

St. Paul's presbyterian congregation at Montreal have moderated in a call to Rev. James Barclay, of Edinburgh, Scotland, as their minister. The salary will be $7500 per annum.

A grand national pilgrimage under the auspices of Mgr. Fabre, has been organized at Montreal to visit Notre Dame des Lourdes in France. It will leave Canada the first week in July.

The Effect of a Bad Example.

ASHLAND, Pa., May 8.—The coal regions are becoming quite famous for pugilistic encounters, especially on Sundays and days when the colliers are idle. Ever since the exhibitions in this country by Sullivan, Slade, Mace and other pugilists, it is a common thing to witness young and old settling every dispute of the most trifling character in the prize ring. On Sunday night Mike Casey and Vint Harkness quarreled over cards in a saloon, and afterwards fought fifteen rounds. Harkness was declared the winner. Both were badly bruised. There were one hundred spectators. During the preparations for the fight the wildest excitement prevailed, and revolvers and knives were freely used. The principals in the fight have been secreted to avoid arrest. Wm. Kelly and Michael Carey also fought four miles from here on Saturday night, twelve rounds. Carey was knocked down seven times in succession and both were severely injured. A Wilkesbarre despatch says John Gallagher and one Meehan, well-known young men, fought five rounds the other days on account of a young lady. Meehan won. There was much excitement over the affair, and the young lady is reported prostrated.

Disgusting Scenes in an Opium Den.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Roman catholic young men's association of Mott street, last night resolved to appeal to the authorities and the presidents of societies for the prevention of crime and the prevention of cruelty to children for aid in an effort to suppress the Chinese opium dens. Father Barry says a hundred young girls have been decoyed into and ruined in the opium dens of Mott street in a year. The keeper of one den said he sometimes made $300 a day. Richly attired ladies visit the dens regularly. The scenes in the dens are described as horrible.

Underground Wires.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The city council last night amid great confusion and after a ceremonious debate passed an ordinance granting the district telegraph company the right to erect poles within the city for wires placed in cables. Under an existing ordinance all the telegraph companies were to have been compelled on May 1 to place wires under ground. The ordinance was delayed by an injunction. The privileges contained in the new ordinances are granted temporarily to enable it to be demonstrated that the underground system is practicable.

Double-Dyed Villains.

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., May 8.—Two burglars early this morning ransacked the house of Mrs. More, a highly respected lady. One burglar with drawn pistol stood on the stairs and kept Mrs. Moore and her crippled granddaughter on the second floor while the other burglar ravished mother granddaughter on the lower floor. The girl was afterwards outraged by the first burglar. Her condition is precarious.

From Kissimee to Okeechobee.

KISSIMEE, Ky., May 8.—The Okeechobee company will launch on Monday the dredge boat President Arthur, the largest in America. It will excavate twenty thousand cubic yards a day. It is designed to cut a canal sixty-five feet wide and ten feet deep from the lower end of Lake Kissimee to Okechobee, Florida. The completion of the canal will reclaim four million acres of sugar lands.

A Storm in New York.

NEW YORK, May 8—A furious thunderstorm occurred here this morning. The flagpole of the St. Nicholas hotel was blown down and struck Henry Clark, fatally injuring him. A team ran away with a hearse, smashing it to pieces. Several unfinished buildings in Brooklyn were blown down. One man was badly hurt.

Attempt to Outrage a Prisoner.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Marie Pesux, arrested with Marriott for stealing $75,000 worth of diamonds in Paris, but afterwards released, alleges that while in a cell at the police station here a man connected with the station entered the cell five times during the night and attempted to outrage her.

A Circus Collapses.

TRENTON, N.J., May 8.—During a terrific wind storm this afternoon, the main tent of Forepaugh's circus was blown over. The canvas was torn to shreds, sea s thrown over, and all the aerial apparatus destroyed. The spectators had just left or the loss of many lives would have resulted. One employee was hurt.

BISMARCK AND THE EMPEROR.

The Reichstag Acting Contrary to their Wishes.

BERLIN, May 8.—Bismarck's defeat in the reichstag on the question of the budget cannot be considered decisive. The bill cannot pass, however, until the winter session. The result is directly opposed to the wishes of the emperor as expressed in his recent message. During the heated debates of the last few days in the reichstag the emperor's name has been freely mentioned. It is generally regretted that the emperor should have seemed to impair the dignified reserve of the crown by throwing his personal influence into the scale of political argument.

The Parnell Government.

LONDON, May 8.—At a meeting of the Parnellite members of parliament last night, Parnell presided. A motion was passed in favor of the formation of sub-committees on the estimates, on foreign and colonial affairs, and on local affairs, each committee to be composed of five members.

LATEST SPORTING NEWS.

Hanlan and Kennedy.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The second deposit of $1000 was put up to-day by the backers of Hanlan and Kennedy for a race of $2500 a side at Point of Pines on May 30.

Trotting at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, May 8.—At the trotting races to-day the 2.19 class was won by Joe Bunker with J. B. Thomas second and Dick Wright third; time 2.22, 2.21½, 2.23. 2.50 class, Gotham won with Maud R. second and Little Miss third; time of each heat 2.29½.

The International Chess Tournament.

LONDON, May 8.—In the chess tournament Steinitz beat Zukertort, and English beat Tezchgorin. Zukertort's defeat was the first he has experienced. He has won seven games and Steinitz six.

Skipworth, Mason and Mackenzie played drawn games with Bird, Rosenthal and Selliman. Winawer defeated Mortimer and Blackburne defeated Noa.

An American Victory.

LONDON, May 8.—This was the opening day of the Newmarket second spring meeting. Mr. J. R. Keene's Bluegrass won the Burwell stakes for three-year-olds over the Abingdon mile with Wild Arab second and Lord Rosebery's colt by Blue Gown out of Louise Victoria, third. The other starters were Britomaris and Export. The last betting was 3 to 1 against Bluegrass, 5 to 2 against Wild Arab, 3 to 1 against Britomaris, 5 to 1 against Export. Bluegrass was ridden by Fordham, and won by a length. He made the running from the start.

Montreal Spring Athletic Games.

MONTREAL, May 8.—The annual spring handicap games of the Montreal Amateur Athletic association will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 2. The events include 100 and 400 yard, and half-mile, mile and two mile runs; three mile walk; one and five-mile bycicle races; running high and long jumps; putting shot, throwing hammer and throwing 56-lb. weight, pole-leaping, throwing lacrosse ball and 120 yards hurdle race. Entries close on May 30 with the secretary.

Trotting at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—This was the first day of the spring races in the Suffolk park. Three minute class, purse $500—Alexander first in three straight heats. Index was second, Black Prince third, Don Carlos fourth, Oscar Wilde fifth, Mabel S. sixth. Naomi Medium was distanced in the second heat. Time, 2.31½, 2.29½, 2.31½.

2.20 class, purse $500—Brandy Boy won in three straight heats, with Capt. Emmons second and the Naiad Queen third. Time, 2.25, 2.26½, 2.32.

2.24 pacers, purse $500—Unfinished. Kismet took two heats, Leviathan two and Estella one, best time, 2.24.

From Hamilton.

The Hamilton police are talking of getting up a baseball team to play the Toronto policemen on May 24.

The reorganization meeting of the Hamilton Lacrosse club was well attended on Monday night. Mr Stewart reported his interview with the secretory of the Cricket club in reference to getting their grounds for practising. Arrangements were made for morning practices, the first to be on Friday morning. There is good material in the members who are moving in the matter, and lacrosse will soon be on the boom. The election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting. The Cliftons of Niagara Falls are anxious to have a Hamilton team play a friendly game there on May 12.

The Central Baseball club reorganized last night.

The Grand Trotting Circuit.

ROCHESTER, May 8.—A meeting of the board of stewards of the grand trotting circuit was called in the rooms of the Rochester Driving Park association this morning. The following were present: Wm. Edwards and Wm. B. Fasig, Cleveland; C. J. Hamlin and H. A. Norris, Buffalo; Geo. W. Archer and A. Collins, Rochester; M. H. Thompson, Utica; A. Vanderburg, Poughkeepsie; Burdette Loomis, Hartford; H. B. Winship and S. S. Atwell, Providence. On motion of Thompson the Narragansett association, Providence, R. I., was admitted as a member of the grand trotting circuit.

The following dates were assigned to the several associations:

Pittsburg—July 24 to 28, inclusive.
Cleveland—July 31 to August 3, inclusive.
Buffalo—August 7 to 10, inclusive.
Rochester—August 14 to 17, inclusive.
Utica—August 21 to 24, inclusive.
Pokeepsie—August 27 to 31, inclusive.
Hartford—September 4 to 7, inclusive.
Providence—September 11 to 14, inclusive.

The following program for each place except Hartford was adopted:

First Day—2.29 class, purse $1500; 2.24 class, purse $1500.
Second Day—2.22 class, purse $2000; special purses that have closed.
Third Day—2.30 pacing, purse $1000; specials $4000; 2.20 class, trotting, $2000.
Fourth Day—2.26 class, purse $1500; free to all, pacers, $2000; 2.16 class, $2000.

The special program for Charter Oak park, Hartford, is:

First Day—2.23 class, $2000; free to all pacers $2000.
Second Day—2.29 class, $1000; 2.37 class $1000.
Third Day—Special, $4000; 2.25 class $2000; 2.45 class, $1000.
Fourth Day—2.21 class, $2000, 2.28 class, $1000; 2.20 pacers, $1000.

On motion of Mr. Thompson it was resolved that no conditional entries should be received under any circumstances. It was also decided that the entries throughout the circuit should close on the Monday night before the Cleveland meeting, July 30.

CONGRATULATING THE COURT.

Address to the Senior and Junior Judges of the County.

The quarter sessions and county court opened at noon yesterday in presence of a large audience of lawyers, jurors, witnesses and other interested parties. Judge Boyd was on the bench, Junior Judge McDougall being associated with him.

On behalf of the bar Christopher Robinson, Q C., read an address congratulating Judge Boyd on his promotion to the senior judgeship, which they characterized as a well merited approval of his services for nearly a quarter of a century. The address concluded as follows: "Your honor has reason to feel highly pleased with the elevation of his honor, J. E. McDougall, Q C., to the bench as your junior. To the essential qualifications of sound learning and experience, he has added the no less necessary attributes, patience, suavity and untiring industry. To a bench so constituted, the public will without disappointment look for a vigorous and just administration of the law."

Judge Boyd expressed his gratification at the kind and flattering remarks of the bar. "I am fully aware," said his honor, "of the increased responsibilities cast upon me by my advancement to this position, and I can only hope, and your address leads me to believe, that I shall have the support of the bar in all earnest and honest endeavors on my part to rightly discharge the duties of my office." Judge McDougall also returned thanks for the considerate allusion to him, and said he would try to show that the confidence placed in him by the bar had not been misplaced.

The grand jurors having been sworn in the senior judge addressed them. They then retired to their duties, which the court remarked were quite light. In the case of John Hutchinson, indicted for rape, bail was accepted for $4000. The court rose until to-day. Peremptory list for the county court to-day: Willcock v Dunn; Ham v Flynn; Bee v. Lockington; Rose v Culbert.

AMERICAN CATTLE.

Attempts to Prevent their Importation into England.

LONDON, May 1.—Lord Carlingford, lord president of the council and minister of agriculture, to-day refused the request of a deputation of the central chamber of agriculture that the endeavor to secure an enactment prohibiting the importation of cattle from countries where infections exist. He promised that the present powers of the government to prohibit the entrance of infected animals should be strictly exercised. One of the objects of the deputation was to obtain fresh restrictions on the American cattle trade.

FOREIGN CABLE NEWS.

Prussia's response to the last demands of the papal secretary of state has created an unfavorable impression at the Vatican.

It is estimate the exhibits from America at the fisheries exhibition exceed those of the whole of Europe.

Wm. Mitchell, arrested at Leicester on a charge of having explosives in his possession with an unlawful object, has been discharged, there being no evidence to connect him with the dynamite conspiracy.

The ambassadors of the powers at Constantinople have finally selected Wassa Effendi as governor of Lebanon. Wassa is an Albanian catholic. The immediate appointment was necessary because the porte feared Syrian outbreaks.

American Products in Germany.

BERLIN, May 8.—In the reichstag to-day the government bill increasing the duty on wood was rejected by 177 to 150.

The North German Gazette says the German dealers will not fail to make a fitting answer to the charges of Tanner, the United States consul at Liege, that oil, lard, flour, etc, imported from America are adulterated. All the articles of food and drink sold in Germany are put through a process of adulteration.

A Republic Impossible in Europe.

BERLIN, May 8.—The debate on the budget in the reichstag yesterday was remarkable for the conciliatory tone of the clericals. Herr Windthorst, the ultramontane leader, said order and true liberty could only be maintained by a powerful monarchical regime. A republic on the European continent was impossible, even that in France would come to an end.

Items From Ireland.

The lord-lieutenant has commuted the death sentence of Patrick Delaney, who pleaded guilty to complicity in the murder of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke.

Mr. Justice Lawson succeeds Mr. Justice Deasy as lord justice of appeals in Ireland.

The governor of Limerick jail has retired from office, it is supposed on account of complaints of harsh treatment by imprisoned suspects.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The grand jury at Yankton, Dak., has indicted a number of members of the legislature for bribery.

A cyclone at Paterson, N. J., did considerable damage yesterday in the shape of unroofing buildings.

Gen. Crooks' friends are apprensive that in undertaking his unauthorized expedition into Mexico he has rendered himself liable to be court-martialled.

The preliminary trial of Congressman Thompson, for killing Davis, commenced at Harodsburg, Ky., yesterday. Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, and Congressman Blackburn appeared for Thompson

O'Donovan Rossa has received a letter from Portsmouth, England, stating that two men chosen by lot are coming to New York to assassinate him.

Fay Terrell, the well-known savant of Oberlin, has been making wonderful discoveries of fossil fishes along the shores of Lake Erie, in Lorraine county.

The fourth biennial convention of the catholic knights of America began at St. Louis yesterday. Over 200 delegates were present. The mayor delivered an address of welcome.

Yesterday the Columbia college committee on the higher education of women reported a four years' course of study which young ladies will be recommended to pursue. The course would be taught in an annex department by the professors of the college. The trustees will consider the report next month.

Secretary Folger says no application has been made to him for the dismissal of Capt. E. O'Meagher Condon, now employed at the office of the supervising architect of the treasury on the ground that his public utterances were disrespectful and offensive to the British government. The secretary knows no reason why he should interfere in the matter.

THE MAIL'S BLACK SHEEP

OPPOSITION MEMBERS ACCUSE HIM OF LYING.

The Salary Grab Proposal—The Suit Against Mr Wells—A New Telegraph Company Projected.

OTTAWA, April 8.—The Mail and its Ottawa correspondent occupied the attention of the house for some time to-day, several of the opposition members speaking of them in terms the reverse of complimentary.

Before the orders of the day were called Mr. Charlton drew attention to the statement in the Mail's Ottawa correspondence to the effect that Mr. Charlton was the father of a scheme for increasing the sessional indemnity, and that he, together with Mr. G. W. Ross, Mr. Paterson (Brant) and Mr. Somerville (Brant) had charge of it. He said this statement was totally false. He had always opposed the scheme, and believed he was the only member who avowed his intention of dividing the house on the question. This statement drew forth cries of "No," from a number of opposition members.

Messrs. Ross, Paterson and Somerville all rose in turn and denounced the Mail's statement as a pure fabrication. The two former said it was malicious and slanderous, and while Mr. Somerville went so far as to say that the writer of it knew he was penning a deliberate untruth, he said he did not believe as a rule newspaper men would do this, but that "the black sheep who wears spectacles and who had strayed into the Mail fold," was an exception to the rule, and he was a disgrace to the newspaper profession and the reporters' gallery.

Mr. Davies took exception to Mr. Charlton's statement that he was the only member who had announced his intention of dividing the house on the salary-grab question, for he (Mr. Davies) had also done so, and he had no doubt other members of the opposition had done so, although they might not think it necessary to rise and say so.

Mr. White (Cardwell) said in view of the fact that so many members of the opposition now expressed themselves as opposed to the increased indemnity, he thought some explanation was due by Mr. Robertson (Shelburne), one of the liberal whips, who had stated during the conference on the matter with members on the government side, that all the opposition with the exception of three members would support the scheme. Mr. White hinted that the liberal whip had been attempting to mislead the ministerialists, and had therefore been guilty of ungentlemanly conduct. But he seemed to forget that it is ungentlemanly to make public confidential communications or arrangements between the whips on both sides of the house.

Mr. Robertson made no reply to Mr. White and the matter dropped.

After the civil service amendment act had been read a third time the house again went into committee of supply.

Parliamentary Points.

OTTAWA, May 8.—It turns out now that the suit against Mr. R. W. Wells, M. P., ex-speaker of all the firsts, was a species of blackmail. The case has been dismissed.

The exposure of the lie in the Mail attributing the promotion of the round robin for an increase of members' indemnity to the reform party, whereas it emanated from the Mail's own party, has blocked the game. The proposed grab is now impossible.

The committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines met this morning and took up the bill to incorporate the Canadian Rapid Telegraph Co. The petitioners for incorporation claim that recent discoveries in electrical science have lent great aid to the speed and accuracy with which messages can be transmitted. They desire to use the discoveries in Canada, and claim that the cost of telegraphing will be largely reduced. To show their good faith, they agree to have the rate for twenty-five words fixed at 25 cents. The head office is to be at Moncton, N.B. After discussion the bill was passed.

The sub-committee on the license bill concluded consideration of the proposed act. It will come before the general committee to-morrow, when it is expected that it will take at least two or three days before it can be reported and introduced in the house.

The railway and canal committee met this morning and considered the amendments added to the Credit Valley railway bill in the senate. A long discussion took place. The fourth clause, which declares that the Credit Valley railway is declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, was particularly objected to by Mr. Blake on the ground that the company had been chartered by the local legislature and should not be taken from under the control of that body. The bill was finally passed as reported from the senate without amendment.

Inspector Perry, of the mounted police, Regina, is in the city.

A number of mounted police recruits will shortly leave for the Northwest territories.

Mr. Aime Gelinas, of Le Canada, has been appointed chief translator of the house of commons debates at a salary of $1000.

There is some hitch in the transfer of the Thunder bay branch of the Canadian Pacific railway to the syndicate, owing to the objection raised by Mr. Manning, one of the contractors. It appears that he refuses to consent to the transfer until certain documents have been signed.

Ex-speaker Blanchet was this afternoon presented with an illuminated address by members of last parliament on both sides of politics.

In the senate to-day the bill authorizing the Grand Trunk railway to extend its traffic arrangement with the North Shore railway for fifty years was carried on a division of 27 to 21.

This evening Mr. Plumb was inflicting a long speech on the senate in connection with the dominion lands bill, when one by one his wearied listeners silently stole away until, when the bird had been speaking about an hour, Mr. O'Gilvie drew attention to the fact that there was not a quorum present, and he was obliged to sit down.

Local Baseball Celebrities.

The permanent guests and attaches of the Rossin house have formed a baseball club, and will commence the season shortly with a match with the folks at the Queen's. Harry Rolan is the Rossin's first baseman

The Waverley Baseball club did some elegant practice in rear of the fated Bay Horse hotel last evening. Mr. Boltz and Mr. Dobson quite excelled in getting around the hunks and making three-base hits. It is said Mr. Boltz could play even better if he were as a bird where his lady friends could admire him. The Lowly member also did some good work.

GAMBLING IN GRAIN.

Two Cases of Chicago Option Deals in the Assize Court.

Justice Patterson yesterday gave judgment in the case of Rice v. Gunn & Co., James Johnston and James Walsh, heard last week. The case arose out of gambling in grain on the Chicago plan. His lordship held that the transactions with Gunn & Co., and with Walsh and Johnston were separate. Of the claim against Gunn & Co. of $825, on the evidence he decided only $113.75 was due if the transactions could be enforced, $706.25 having been lost by Rice & Palmer in buying ten thousand bushels of wheat when he ought to have sold. The account against Walsh and Johnston he found substantially correct, but the learned judge held that the contracts were void as against the public policy of the state of Illinois.

In the afternoon the case of W. J. Shaw against Farley & Mara was heard. Plaintiff was at one time a wholesale grocer in this city but is now a resident of Galt, being engaged in the commission business. Shaw and defendants entered in a deal in Chicago wheat. Plaintiff claimed that they sold in November, when, according to his instructions, they should have held on till May, when the price would be higher. On this account he sought damages to the amount of $250. The court struck off a portion of plaintiff's claim on the ground that part of the sale had been condoned by him, and entered judgment against defendants for the balance, amounting to $131.25, with interest for five months.

THE MAIL'S PERSONAL SPLEEN.

The Only Independent Daily Paper Outside of Toronto Heard From.

Our esteemed contemporary the Hamilton Tribune has this to say of the Mail's scandalous attack on Mr. Patteson:

"Postmaster Patteson as the editor of the Mail was a relentless partizan of Sir John Macdonald's, but as postmaster of Toronto he has dealt out even-handed justice to both political parties. Toronto journalists never received so many favors and attentions at the hand of any postmaster as from him, and it ill becomes the Mail to attack him in a most uncalled-for manner, out of personal spleen."

The Toronto Alliance Speaks.

At the meeting of the Toronto Prohibitory alliance on Monday night the following resolution was unanimously carried: Moved by Rev. Henry Melville, seconded by Mr. W. H. Orr.

That this alliance, representing all the total abstinence societies in the city, desire to place on record our sense of the great wrong which will be done to the citizens of Toronto if any licenses are granted to sell intoxicating liquors on the island. No argument except that of personal gain can be urged in favor of selling liquor there. The fact that licenses were granted last year is no reason why they should be renewed; we recognize no vested rights in hotel licenses. If we have done wrong one year that is no reason why that wrong should be continued. The city council and the commissioners are the only parties that have power in this matter, and they alone must be held responsible for any action taken. We believe every elector in the city of Toronto who is not himself personally interested in the liquor traffic or under the influence of some one who is, would vote against the sale of liquor on the island. It will be well for the city council and the license commissioners to adopt the theory, and act upon it, that the island belongs to the citizens of Toronto, and not to a few brewers, distillers, and tavern-keepers who wish to use it for their own personal interest.

That Cat Case.

Walter Over, Henry Fitzsimmons and William Philpott were charged in the police court yesterday with cruelty to a cat. The alleged offence took place at the Bodega last Thursday evening. Charles Binett, a night-watchman, was the chief witness. He testified to going into the dining-room and seeing a dog worrying a cat, to the leg of which Fitzsimmons had a string tied and which he held in his hand. Detective Brown, who was also present, took the dog off the cat and the dog was carried away. Detective Brown testified that Fitzsimmons told him that the cat strayed into the room and he merely threw a noose around his leg to catch him. No cruelty was intended, and no one present set the dog at the cat. Ald. Baxter said that at first he thought it was a serious case, but on hearing all the evidence he dismissed the case with costs.

Fire in a Printing Office.

Standing at Yonge and Wellington streets at midnight, Policeman Wallis noticed flames issuing from a building near the corner of Bay street. He at once sounded an alarm from box 68, and in less than five minutes the Bay and Court street men were at the scene of the fire, being quickly followed by other sections. The fire was in Fred. Perry's printing office, 35 Wellington street, just off Bay. It was in the composing room upstairs and was subdued before making much headway. A considerable quantity of blank paper and envelopes was destroyed by smoke and water, and a number of cases of type were knocked over, strewing the floor with pi. The fire started upstairs, but its origin could not be ascertained.

A Carlton Street Lot in Chancery.

Judgment was delivered by Judge Proudfoot yesterday forenoon at Osgoode hall in the case of Isaac C. Gilmor against James Cotton, Miss Mary Cotton (Ottawa) and T. H. O'Neil of this city. Mr. Gilmor claimed a vacant lot in Carlton street (south side), immediately west of Dr. Geikie's residence, by virtue of nineteen years' uninterrupted possession, while Mr. Cotton and his daughter put in a paramount title. They transferred the property to Mr. O'Neil, on which he advanced $600 in money and some $300 in commodities. The judge entered a verdict for plaintiff, with costs. Mr. James Bethune, Q C., and G. H. Watson for plaintiff, Mr. S. H. Blake, Q C., and C. Millar for defendants.

The Damrosch Concerts.

Parties of eight or more can visit the city next week on the nights of the Damrosch concerts at the Pavilion over the Grand Trunk railway for a fare and a third. Of Mlle. Isidora Martinez the Cincinnati Commercial remarks: "The delightful opera of Martha was given, with Mlle. Isidora Martinez as Lady Henrietta. Mlle. Martinez is a lovely songstress. Her voice is pure and sweet, and her method faultless. Many a month has gone by since a Cincinnati audience has heard such birdlike ripples of melody and such soft cadences of song as came from her last evening."

Police Court Penciltings.

Twelve drunks were variously disposed of. Cases of larceny, assault and fraud against Bill Cooney, Hugh Dogherty and Jeremiah Duggan respectively were enlarged. The lottery case against Frank Wootten was dismissed. James Cole withdrew the charge of assault against Edmund Anderson.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Dr. John Hall of New York Preaches the Annual Sermon to an Overflowing Congregation.

The annual sermon of the Bible society was preached last night in the Jarvis street baptist church by Rev. Dr. John Hall of New York. The church was filled to overflowing, and the sermon was listened to throughout with close and earnest interest. It could hardly have been the fame of the preacher that drew together so large an audience, for another New York preacher hardly less famous than Dr. Hall addressed audiences of less than half the number in the same church a few nights ago. What came the people out for to hear? Not a discourse on creeds, or dogmas, or faiths, or religions. Not a discourse about prophecies or revelations. None of these things; but an orthodox sermon about the oldest and most orthodox of all books—the bible. What other book in the whole range of the world's literature could have drawn such an audience, to hear an address upon it? But a reporter must not preach, or moralize, or make sage reflections—not that a reporter can't, but because that is not his business.

Dr. Hall has a hale look; a little past middle age; with a benignant face, and a rich, sonorous voice. He does not talk exactly like an Irishman, but he drops a delicate hint that he once was one. No doubt he was caught young, and much may be made of an Irishman as well as of a Scotchman—or of any other man for the matter of that—if he is caught young. The sermon was based on the last verse of the 15th chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and was an appeal to be steadfast in the faith of the christian religion, to be unmovable in relation to the forms of obedience to the divine will, and to be always abounding in the work of the Lord. The evidences of the truths of christianity, the preacher maintained, were accumulating daily, and so its hold on the intellect of man is daily growing stronger. There never was so much reason for belief in the bible and its records and truths and teachings as in the present age, and christians are the men above all others who may rightly claim to take broad views of things. They are the real liberals, the genuine secularists, the true free thinkers of the world. Nor are the forms in which they are exhorted to be unmoveable of little account. The safety of life and property depends on the forms of justice. The pleasure and charm of the intercourse of man with man depend upon obedience to the forms of civility. The salute of the British flag at Yorktown two years ago by United States soldiers was a form. In 1812 it would mean surrender, but in 1881 it meant reconciliation. And so the right of baptism and the communion of the Lord's supper are forms, but they are essential to vital godliness. But work is essential also. God means that his people should work; not only to work now and then, but always; not when it is conventional or fashionable, but whether popular or unpopular, and whether it pleases us or not, we are to abound in it that He may be glorified. To abound in his work means going out of the way, and to suffer sacrifices if need be. And the reason is that ye know your labor is not in vain. How many things have men entered into and their work came to naught? But not so here. There will always be results; if not visible to man, visible, at all events, to Him for whom the work is done.

The annual meeting of the society will be held this evening at the Metropolitan church, and Dr. Hall and Dr. Sullivan, the bishop of Algoma, will be the chief speakers. Both men are able and eloquent, and doubt less a large audience will greet them.

A Fish Lunch For Six.

A party of six went to the Hub yesterday to dine on fish. They all brought their appetites with them, as the gentleman who paid the bill can testify. The way that the sweet little finny creatures were disposed of was quite profitable to the proprietor. The dapper little gentleman (to whom the gods have been so kind) who sat at the east end of the table assured the party that sea-food was brain food, and they could not eat too much of it. Fish is one of the chief commodities of Canada, and should be reasonably cheap. But nevertheless when the gentleman with the rubber waistcoat went to settle for his friends' entertainment he found that they had eaten eight dollars and eighty cents' worth of fish.

The City Solicitor's Salary.

City Solicitor McWilliams has petitioned the city council for an increase of salary. After paying a clerk and incidental disbursements in connection with his office Mr. McWilliams' salary does not amount to over $2000 per annum.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I guess we'll have to take in Jim Young—T. Fair Pardy.

That's all very fine, but do we want two Brants in the cabinet—A. S. Hardee.

Well, we've got two Oxfords—The "Primeer."

But two such pairs don't make a strong hand—A. S. H.

He'd sooner pay it alone—Mr. Fraser.

But we can shuffle and have a new deal with Hardy as treasurer—Mr. Pardy.

I don't understand you, gentlemen—The "Primeer."

Ask John Cameron—Mr. Fraser.

Please, sir, if you'll only take me in, I'll never touch one of them things they are talking about, and I'll run a Sunday school if you wish it—Sleek Jim.

They'll have a great walk on the Twelfth—James Beaty, the Elder.

I think I've got the say of who shall be registrar of Peel—Kenneth Chisholm.

We must put a "hoop" on Bunting—The conservatives.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

How much Grand Organist Malone knows about the organ.

Or what the organ knows about the grand organist.

How the Oakville strawberry plants are coming on

Who was the man that bicycled up Yonge street yesterday wearing a plug hat.

If Mr. Phipps will be safe on King street to-day.

VELVET SUITS.

Yesterday was rich in velvet suits on young women. They were of all colors: purple, black, green, olive, mauve, blue, terra cotta and crushed strawberry. Several corduroy jackets were also in the procession.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

TORONTO, May 9, 1 a. m.—*Lakes: Fresh to strong northwesterly to northeasterly winds; fair weather, with rain in some localities; lower temperatures.*

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Date	Steamship.	Reported at	From
May 8	Scythia	New York	Liverpool
May 8	Westphalia	New York	Hamburg
May 8	Nevada	Queenstown	New York
May 8	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	New York
May 8	Oder	Southampton	New York