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REP. GILLETTE TALKS OF A UNITED AMERICA

In Almost Same Breath That He Deprecates Annexation Talk as "Bugaboo," Speaks of Canada and United States, "Grown Close Together in Trade Relations and Sentiment," Uniting Their Destinies Under One Flag.

REPUBLICANS MAY ASK FREE LIST TO BE ADDED

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Democratic leaders are prepared for an attempt by some of the Republicans who oppose the Canadian reciprocity bill to embarrass the Democratic majority in the passage of the bill, by proposing as an amendment to it a section embodying all the free list that the Democratic ways and means committee has prepared as the first of the party's tariff measures.

Opposition Republicans have charged in the house that if the Democrats were in earnest in their desire to have this free list passed, they would offer it as a part of the reciprocity bill, go that President Taft could not find occasion to veto it, even tho it did not meet with his approval.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee is apparently proceeding on the belief that an amendment to tack the free list to the reciprocity bill will be offered when the bill comes up for passage. He said to-day that such an amendment would be at once ruled out of order, as it could not be considered "germane to the bill" under the public rules permitting the offering of amendments. The only amendments that can be considered are those specifically affecting duties contained in the reciprocity agreement; and on all such amendments it is expected there will be overwhelming negative votes, so that no change in the form of the reciprocity bill can be effected.

To Wind Up Open Debate.

An effort is to be made to wind up the open debate on the Canadian trade agreement to-morrow. Former Speaker Cannon will address the house at the opening of the session to-morrow, and a number of other speeches are scheduled for the day. If Mr. Underwood is successful in bring the general debate to a close to-morrow night, the bill will be brought up for final consideration, amendment and passage Thursday.

Henry George, Jr., of New York, in his maiden speech in the house during the reciprocity debate to-day, proclaimed himself a free trader, and said he had aligned himself with the Democratic party because he believed it was the only great party that was "moving toward the light." Mr. George endorsed the Canadian agreement as tending toward freer trade, and believed that eventually the United States would have absolute free trade with the world.

His speech, tho closely followed by Democrats and Republicans alike, did not arouse any great enthusiasm on the Democratic side. Later Representative Pickett of Iowa used Mr. George's words to show that the Democratic party was urging the reciprocity agreement in the belief that it would end in free trade.

Convicted Out of His Own Mouth.

Representatives Howland of Ohio, Konop of Wisconsin, and Gillette of Massachusetts, spoke in favor of the agreement. Mr. Gillette characterized the talk of annexation as "bugaboo and sensation," but said it may well happen that some time the United States and Canada, who have grown so close together in trade relations and in sentiment, will unite their destinies under one flag.

In an anti-reciprocity speech, Representative Hamilton of Michigan, a Republican, quoted Secretary Wilson to the effect that the farmer gets nearly 50 per cent. of what the consumer pays for farm products, and added: "That was before the exigencies of cabinet service made it necessary for him to modify some of the views he had before expressed."

TO ROUND UP WEAPONS IN FOREIGN QUARTER

Chief of Police Will Seek Authority From Government to Check Crime.

Taking a lead from Montreal as to the best way of reducing violent crime among the foreign element, Chief of Police Grasett declared yesterday he would ask to have authority secured from the attorney-general's department for a general search of the houses in "The Ward" and other foreign settlements in the city, so that such weapons as firearms and knives might be confiscated.

The police commissioners yesterday gave a merit mark to Policeman McConnell (150), in recognition of his bravery and service in taking out an Italian recently sentenced to 23 months for wounding a fellow-countryman. The arrest was made in the house where the row took place, and while it was still in progress.

Two recruits were taken on, bringing the force up to the numerical standard necessary to provide for the day off a week. Policeman Meade was allowed to withdraw his resignation. A new dog license bylaw was passed.

C. F. Adams at City Hall.

Charles Frederick Adams, the eminent New York lawyer and ex-secretary of the Borough of Brooklyn, will speak at the city hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock, on "City Problems," under the auspices of the city council. The public are invited.

Proposed An Armistice

MEXICO CITY, April 18.—A proposition for an armistice, pending negotiations for a settlement of Mexico's internal troubles, was received by the department of foreign relations today from Washington, presumably from Dr. Vasquez Gomez.

A reply was returned, in which it was indicated that the government looked with favor upon the suggestion.

Municipal Topics

First of all, York Township authorities and their road workmen (if they have any) are leaving the sun and traffic to fix up the roads, and the rain and traffic to make them bad again. A couple of teams and a dozen men sent on a quick trip up the Vaughan road, up Yonge street, up the Don road and other similar thorofares, would, at an expense of $50 on each road, let out a lot of water, fill up a number of holes, remove ridges, and throw off loose stones, and do a score of other things that would make the roads more passable for five miles in each direction. But the Township of York and its municipal chiefs are still firm believers in the road fixing itself, aided by traffic and the sun.

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The busiest corner in Toronto for most hours of the day is getting to be the corner of Richmond and Yonge streets.

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Every time you think about civic affairs keep this in your head: That the greatest need Toronto has to-day is a tube under Yonge street, from Union Station up Yonge street to St. Clair avenue, where it could take the St. Clair avenue street cars, to be built by the city, and the Metropolitan cars. You will find all kinds of interests opposing this high-class improvement, and newspapers very busy knocking it. Watch these newspapers and see what their record has been in the past in regard to other civic improvements, notably that of hydro-electric power and light and public ownership.

Perhaps the prospect of cheap electric light in Toronto as a result of municipal competition had something to do with the reduced price obtained yesterday for the new issue of Consumers' Gas Company stock.

Little Shine and Less Heat.

A most backward spring, and yet four weeks old by the almanac! Little shine, little warmth, little green, hardly any growth. Fall wheat a greenery-yallery kind of faded blade—yet all right so far, and greening nevertheless. And to-day a kind of east wind, with showers, is predicted. Let us hope that the change so much sought for is behind this east wind, rather than an April snowstorm. You can't hold back a winter or force on a spring! It just comes when it chooses. But she'll come, none the less.

VALUATORS INSPECT LONDON ELECTRIC

A Direct Offer of Purchase to Be Made Shortly—London a Radial Centre.

LONDON, Ont., April 18.—Valuators have been in London inspecting the plant of the London Street Railway, the London Electric and the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company, with a view of estimating what these are worth to the financiers who are contemplating a merger.

The statement is made by M. J. Kent that "a direct offer will be made in a few days now. The purchase will be outright. I understand there is no thought of attempting to buy a majority of the stock. That was tried once before and did not prove a success. On the report of the valuators the men behind this merger will likely make a direct offer.

"We are in a somewhat peculiar position here," Mr. Kent further stated. "We in London represent the minority board of the three concerns involved. The majority board of the street railway is in Cleveland, the majority board of the London Electric and the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company in Toronto. These boards probably will know of the consummation of the deal before we here in this city."

From what Mr. Kent has heard he believes the intention of the men behind this merger is to make London a radial centre. Once securing franchises in this city, they will go after others in neighboring places. They will complete the chain of radial railways to Niagara Falls and also west.

John Stewart Dying.

John Stewart, 128 Markham-street, who was knocked down by a runaway horse Saturday night at Bathurst and Queen-streets, is at the point of death at the Western Hospital, where it was said at 2.30 this morning that the end was momentarily expected.

Jumped Thru Port Hole.

SARNIA, April 18.—As the steamer Wauketa was passing here to-day James Reese, a passenger, attempted suicide by jumping thru a porthole. He was arrested and is now in jail at Port Huron.

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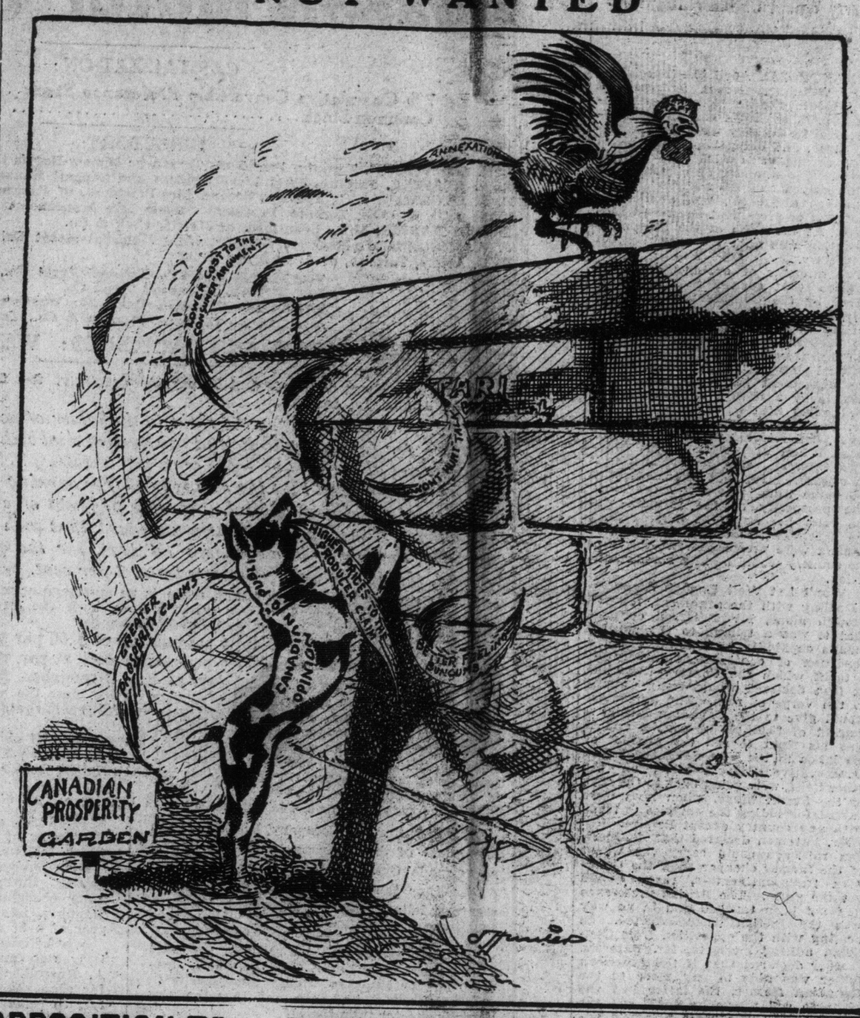

OPPOSITION TO NEW WELLAND

Approaches to New Canal Declared Unsafe—Why Kill Towns Built Up by Waterway?

WELLAND, April 18.—(Special.)—Some fifty delegates from points along the canal met at Welland this afternoon to decide what action should be taken toward securing the deepening of the present canal with a slight change of route, rather than a building of an entirely new canal. The result was the election of a committee composed of D. McGillivary of Port Colborne, Dr. Merritt of St. Catharines, Mr. Clark of Port Dalhousie, Jas. Battle of Thorold, J. H. LeFevre of Welland, John H. Thompson of Thorold, A. R. Thompson of Merritton, Jesse Steel of Humberstone and E. Norriss of Fonthill. It was decided that a deputation be sent to Ottawa on May 11 to interview the minister of railways and canals.

One of the important announcements made in the meeting was that made by W. M. German, M.P., when he stated that so far as Welland and Port Colborne were concerned, the matter was not of such great interest as to the municipalities farther south, for he had the best of assurances from those in authority that the present Welland Canal in case an entirely new canal was built, would be enlarged to twenty-two feet from Port Colborne to Welland, with lockages to the Welland River to join the Welland Canal.

The Georgian Bay Canal scheme was being pushed, but he could not see how any sensible man could ever agree to such a proposition as the building of a twenty-two or twenty-five foot canal from Georgian Bay to Montreal at a cost of $200,000,000.

Time to Get Busy.

Mr. German thought this was the opportune time for the representatives of the municipalities to get to work. "I know," he said, "what Weller thinks. I have no better friend than he. He has no better friend than I am. I know what he wants to do. He wants to build a canal from Montreal to Jordan and I don't want him to do it. I want the people to get up on their hind legs and get down to Ottawa and get there quick, for the Grenville route is the legitimate route for the Welland Canal. It will make St. Catharines a deep waterway harbor and give that city as well as the other towns and cities along the line all the benefits of deep water navigation. Now is the time to get busy. I would suggest that each town, village or city appoint two or three men to go to Ottawa and interview Mr. Graham. Tell him that towns and cities have been built up along the Welland Canal by reason of the canal being where it is."

Captain Irwin, one of the best known navigators on the great lakes, pointed out that a harbor could never be built at Morgan's Point with such safety to vessels as at Port Colborne, for the reason that prevailing gales were from the southwest which would bring vessels into the harbor in the trough of the sea. A similar reason held good at Port Dalhousie, where the prevailing

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BIG PLOW WORKS FORCED TO WALL

Wilkinson Factories Unable to Compete With U. S. Trusts for Western Trade.

The announcement was made yesterday of the assignment of the Wilkinson Plow Works to E. R. C. Clarkson. The failure of this firm, one of the largest and oldest of its kind in Canada, means that, outside of the mere loss of work for some 175 hands working in the factories in West Toronto, there are now left in Canada only two firms manufacturing agricultural implements on a large scale. The company's assets exceed the liabilities by from $100,000 to $200,000, but a writ had been issued by creditors for the winding up of the firm, and capital to overcome the difficulties could not be obtained on account chiefly of the lowering implement duties soon promised, it is stated.

The Wilkinson Plow Works is a joint stock company with $150,000 in subscribed capital; the assets run between $400,000 and $500,000, and the liabilities some $300,000. The concern was started by the man whose name the company still bears some 35 years ago in the Town of Aurora, as a small joint stock company, removing later to what was at that time the Town of Toronto Junction. This was nearly 25 years ago.

Founder Left Company.

Under the practical methods of Mr. Wilkinson the company appeared to prosper at this period, and continued to do so until his departure from the firm nine years ago. Personal friends of Wilkinson declare that he was dissatisfied with the treatment he received from other members of the firm at that time, and that he was practically forced from his office. He went from the firm he had started to the Verity Plow Works of Brantford, and is now located with the Cockshutt Works.

A readjustment of the firm was made some two or three years ago, when the Wilkinson Works either amalgamated with or bought out the West Lorne Wagon Works of West Lorne, Ontario, owned by McKillop Brothers, wealthy lumbermen of that place. It is declared that the McKillops bought a large block of stock of the plow works at this time. It is probable that aside from a few of those closely interested in the concern, the stock is divided into small holdings.

Crushed by Competition.

Several opinions have been given by those connected with the business of manufacturing agricultural implements that seem to throw light on the failure of the West Toronto firm. One gentleman spoken to by The World last night declared the chief reason for the Wilkinson failure was on account of the keen competition of the Canadian trade.

"This company," he said, "only sold their goods on the Canadian market, which is being largely absorbed by the American companies. The more important of the Canadian firms rely on the export trade for their chief busi-

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LIB. SPEAKERS CALLED OFF?

Debate, It Is Said, Will Be Left in Hands of Opposition—Agreement Will Be Fought to Finish.

OTTAWA, April 18.—(Special.)—The eve of the re-assembling of parliament sees the political situation at Ottawa in a peculiar position. Those who usually speak with authority for the government, state that the Liberal reciprocity orators are to be called off and the debate left in the hands of the opposition speakers, of whom there are still twenty to come. In three weeks the Canadian delegates to the imperial conference board ship, and it is stated that the object in calling off the government speakers is to attempt to dispose of the agreement before that date, so that Sir Wilfrid Laurier may be able to attend the conference after all.

The debate is still upon the resolution. The bill has yet to be introduced, so that there is very little prospect of the matter being disposed of so soon as three weeks hence. The calculations are all based upon plain sailing. The opposition, however, will have something to say in the matter, and, in view of the announcement that the agreement will be fought to a finish, it is a safe conjecture that the agreement will not be passed by the house for some time to come.

The statement is persistently made that Sir Alan Aylesworth will resign his seat immediately. The voters' lists have been in readiness for some time, and it is stated that the moment the reciprocity agreement is disposed of, the by-election will be brought on in North York.

NEW EIGHT-STOREY BUILDING

Move by Imperial Life May Foreshadow Joint Action by Other Companies.

The Imperial Life Assurance Co. is erecting an 8-storey and basement steel-constructed building in Victoria-street, immediately north of the Central Canada Loan building. The frontage on Victoria-street will be 54 feet and the building will run back toward Yonge-street 88 feet. G. M. Miller is the architect.

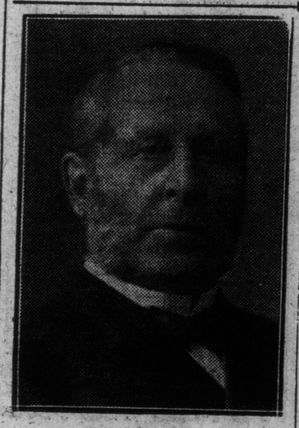
It is said that some day the Canada Central Loan, the Dominion Securities Co. and the National Investment Co. may erect an imposing building on King and Victoria-sts., covering the present site, and in harmony with the building being erected by the Imperial Life.

In the new building of the Imperial Life the first three storeys will be devoted exclusively to company business. The other storeys will be divided into business offices.

WANT COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

ST. JOHN, N.B. April 18.—The plebescite here to-day on the question of a commission form of government consisting of five commissioners, instead of the present system of a mayor and seventeen aldermen, resulted in a victory for a commission government by about 2200 majority.

EDUCATIONISTS REVIEW FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS



R. W. DOAN
Principal of Dufferin School, and for fifty years secretary of the Ontario Educational Association.

Distinguished Guests at Jubilee Banquet Attest That Methods of Teaching School in Ontario Have Been Revolutionized—Dr. Auden Impresses Need of Personal Hygiene.

Fifty years of vigorous progress was celebrated by a jubilee banquet of the Ontario Educational Association last night in the University. Teachers, public and high school, inspectors, trustees and others associated with education gathered in strength. The speaking was very good and generally of admirable brevity. F. W. Merchant, D. Paed., president, was in the chair. Three survivors of 50 years ago were present, R. W. Doan, R. Alexander and W. Anderson.

There were about 600 present. In numbers about equally male and female, except at the head table, where no mere woman was deemed worthy to sit with his honor of Ontario or Secretary Doan. However, the women who have always stooped to conquer, jubilated on the floor, and probably enjoyed themselves more than the more distinguished guests. They were not all teachers, for some were inspectors, and some were trustees.

Among those who sat in the seats of the mighty were Sir James Whitney, Principal Falconer, Archdeacon Cody, Principal Hutton, Principal Auden, Chancellor Burwash, who said grace; Prof. Baker, Dr. Auden, Birmingham; Dr. Hill, University of Missouri; Dean Pakenham and Provost Macklem.

Messages of regret were read from Hon. R. A. Pyne, Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Sir James Yoxall, Mayor Geary, Sir George Ross, Superintendent Seath, Principal Gordon, Sir Edmund Walker.

The scheme of decoration of the big hall, which is behind Convocation Hall, and admirably adapted to dining purposes, was in purple and gold, chosen as jubilee colors and without any lurking equine suggestion. A gauze ceiling canopied the electric clusters and British flag trophies made gay spots of color. At one end a red striped awning separated the culinary laboratory from the tasters. Silver candlesticks and carnations, sweet peas and snapdragons decked the tables, and a good orchestra removed the danger of silence. During the evening music was contributed by Arthur Blight, who was twice encored, and the Toronto Girls' Quartet (Misses Kimber, Lindsay, Pollock and Herst), who sang "Robin Adair" and for an encore "Sweet Afton," "Old Kentucky Home" and "Killarney" very prettily.

Praise for Ontario Government.

Dr. Merchant felicitated the executive on having decided on a banquet to celebrate the occasion, the magnificent response proving their wisdom.

Sir James' presence gave them an opportunity to congratulate him and his government on having extended every department of education, and Dr. Merchant complimented the minister and deputy minister also. Dr. Colquhoun had won the confidence and esteem of the whole teaching force of the province. Dr. Auden was welcomed as an English visitor. Dr. Merchant grouped the church, the home, the press and the school as having different methods and fields, but the same essential aims.

The lieutenant-governor was unusually happy in his remarks. He recalled the old log schoolhouse in the wilds of Haldimand and was glad to be present at the end of 50 years. He had been a Tassie boy in Hamilton, and a Sangster boy after that, and when he matriculated in 1859, it was necessary to climb fences and cross the fields to pass from Yonge-street to the old roughcast building that stood where now stands the Biological department. That wise old statesman, Sir Oliver Mowat, had passed him over in seeking a minister of education in favor of Mr. Ross, a majority in Hamilton too delicate to take liberties with, having some bearing on the matter. But it all went to show that he was not cut out for an educational career. (Laughter.)

President Falconer complimented the executive committee on their success before he proposed the toast of "Our Country." The new and developing life of the country testified to the existence of sterling virtues wrought out in the struggles of the past, and those who came into the country would find that as a standard. The proof of life

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'TWAS A NEAR TRAGEDY WITH COOK AS VICTIM

Fell Into Bay and Was Rescued, But His Trousers Were Not.

This is the tale of the good ship "Sligo," of the cook of the good ship who lost his pants, of the mate who tore the cook's pants but saved his life, and of the watchman who watched the mate save the cook and tear the pants.

Know then that the "Sligo" lay at anchor at the foot of Jarvis-street yesterday. She had been set taut and trim to carry stone, and her captain and her crew were aboard and she lacked only a cook to be ready to brave the dangers of sailing over the busted intake which are among the perils known to the gallant stonehookers which ply the bounding wave.

Yesterday morning John Curtis hove in sight, and, as he vowed that he could cook, the captain and he entered into a contract that he should be a part of the good ship. But John, whose home was in Orillia, wanted to go uptown and look about a bit. So he dickered with the captain, saying that he would return at even to prepare the repast, and he went.

Now all the others departed also, save only Richard McVicker, who is the mate on the good ship, and George Armstrong, who is the watchman upon the docks, who watched.

Cook Was Belated.

About 6.30 of the clock, the mate was in the cabin and he was hungry for as yet there was no cook, and the watchman was in the watch house watching. The mate heard a splash and he called to the watchman who was still watching, and he said:

"What ho?" says he, "what ho?" just like that.

"No ho at all," says the watchman, who was still watching, "but the cook," says he.

Then did the mate rush onto the dock and saw that it was even so, for Curtis, the new cook, had seen many sights while uptown and wasn't thirsty for any more. In waltzing up the gang plank of the good ship he had missed a step and had fallen into the drink.

Now, losing a cook is no small matter, even on a stonehooker, and the mate had the heart of a lion, but it was of his stomach that he thought and the watchman was watching so the mate seized a rope and he threw it most seamanly to the foundering, floundering cook. And the cook grasped the line and the mate pulled and the watchman who had been watching stopped watching and came and pulled also and after a time, the cook was lifted from the waters, he and his coat and trousers.

Parted on the Shore.

And there was a nail in the dock, and it came to pass that as the mate and the watchman pulled and the cook and his coat and trousers rose, the nail and the trousers met and grasped hold upon one another, as friends met again after long parting.

The mate and the watchman pulled and the cook and the coat rose, but the nail clung to the trousers and would not let go so that the faithless pants parted from their lord and master and he was hauled to safety upon the dock without his pants and much embarrassed, for the watchman had stopped pulling and was watching again. Wherefore they took the cook aboard and the mate went into the galley to prepare the supper and the watchman went back to his watch house and watched and the trousers fell from the nail and sank while the watchman watched.

Boil the water.

ALSO A BARREL-CORNER.

Rounded corners for King and Yonge; how would a barrel-corner for southwest Adelaide and Yonge work out? Just now it has a sort of cathedral effect in a dim religious light.

C. N. R. Booms Smith's Falls.

The Canadian Northern have recently secured their full right of way thru Smith's Falls, and the announcement has caused an immediate rise in real estate prices. It is also rumored that the new station of the railway will be constructed at the head of William-st.

The Art of Entertaining.

The pair of comedians, Montgomery and Stone, who appear this week in "The Old Town" at the Princess, have certainly mastered the art of entertaining the public. As the saying goes, "They are a whole show in themselves."

REV. J. MUSTARD INDUCTED

Toronto Presbytery Well Represented—Sermon by Rev. R. H. Pickup.

Rev. John A. Mustard was inducted last night to the pastoral charge of Dufferin-st. Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. N. Pickup of College-street Presbyterian Church preaching the sermon, Rev. T. H. Rogers, the moderator of presbytery, occupied the chair.

The charge to the new minister was delivered by Rev. James Wilson of Dovercourt-road, Presbyterian Church. Rev. Alex. MacGillivray of Bonar Presbyterian Church assisted. Fifteen members of the presbytery were present.

The church is rapidly progressing, and a new building will be later erected.

ENGLISH HATS THE BEST.

The English-made hat is a strong feature in the Dineen business. English made hats are admittedly the best manufactured anywhere. They have quality to back up their exclusive style. The Dineen Company is sole Canadian agent for Henry Heath of London, England. Dunlap of New York is also one of its exclusive agencies. All the new designs are in. Call and look through the stock.