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RAISING THE SALARIES.

CIVIL SERVANTS GETTING ADDITIONS TO THEIR STIPENDS.

Appointment of Additional Clerks—Hon. Mr. Hardy's Civic Service Bill "Still That"—New Acts Introduced.

The local legislature sat from 3.15 till 6.30 yesterday afternoon and spent over two hours in committee of supply. The committee reached the thirteenth item of the estimates, which included government house, attorney-general's department, education department, crown lands department, public works department, treasury department, department of agriculture, secretary of state's department, immigration, public institutions, board of health, and broke off on the last item (miscellaneous) under the head of civil government. There were increases in the estimates of all the departments caused by several advances in the salaries of civil servants. The increases in each case ranged from $50 to $100, while a permanent engrossing clerk was appointed in the state department and two temporary clerks in the crown lands department were placed on the permanent list.

The opposition severely criticized the increases. Mr. Creighton characterized them as arbitrary.

Mr. Meredith objected to the item of $3000 in the attorney-general's department to pay his deputy. Mr. Meredith said the late deputy, Mr. Scott, had worked his way up from $1800 per annum to $3000, while Mr. Johnston stepped right into the $3000 position. He did not think this was a fair principle. Mr. Mowat said he had done the very best he could for the province. He had to pay a good salary to a competent man. The increase of the salary of Dr. Bryce, secretary of the board of health, from $1500 to $1750 was also severely criticized. Mr. Mowat said that all the increases were carefully considered in council, and none but those legally entitled to it were allowed.

Mr. Meredith asked the provincial secretary what had become of his famous civil service bill, which he had introduced some five or six years ago with a great flourish of trumpets.

Mr. Hardy: "Like the member for Grey said about the railway, 'It is still that.' The only part of the bill that is not carried out is that which provides for regular increases in the salaries of civil servants."

The different items passed, together with the increases, were: Attorney-general's department $15,630, increase $598; department of education $21,000, increase $71; crown lands department $48,680, increase $3355; public works department $18,180, increase $450; treasury department $17,975, increase $900; department of agriculture, decrease $1300, having been absorbed by the crown lands department; secretary of state's department $13,630, increase $1450; department of immigration $1600; public institutions $9274, increase $40.67; provincial board of health $2400, increase $1750; miscellaneous $10,350, increase $200. There was a hot discussion on the item of miscellaneous, and the house adjourned in the middle of the discussion. The total amount of the estimate under the head of civil government is $187,499.

Mr. Gibson presented the third report of the committee on private bills, and Hon. Mr. Pardee the fourth report of the committee on railways.

Mr. Balfour's private bill respecting the Leamington and St. Clair Railway company was read a third time.

Mr. Carnegie's bill to amend cap. 157, R.S.O., respecting the borrowing powers of joint stock companies for supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water was read a second time and referred. The bill provides that the above chapter be repealed and this substituted:

"The sum so borrowed shall not exceed the sum of $40,000, to be expended in gas works, and a like sum for water works, for any incorporated village, or the sum of $100,000 for any town or city for either gas or water works."

Mr. Baxter's bill to amend sec. 351 of the municipal act so as to enable municipalities to lease bridges from the government so that they may be made free was read a second time and referred. The object of this bill is to enable any municipality to lease a bridge owned by the government, and thus make them free to all travelers. The bridge at Dunnville, Ont., is a case in point where tolls are charged. This bridge is in Mr. Baxter's constituency.

The following private bills were read a second time: To incorporate the Toronto Fire Insurance company; to authorize the village of Caledonia to issue certain debentures; respecting the Midland Junction railway company.

In answer to the question of Mr. Lees,

"If the government have received from the different joint stock road companies the returns required by sec. 6 and 7 of cap. 24, 47 Vic., as asked for last session,"

Hon. Mr. Hardy said that this return had been brought down last session. A voluminous question of Mr. Clancy about drainage in the different municipalities of Ontario proved so "tough" for Hon. Mr. Fraser that he asked time to confer privately with the member on the subject.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time: By Mr. Balfour, respecting the Doure Tramway company (private); Mr. Wood (North Hastings), act to prevent minors frequenting billiard, pool and bagatelle rooms; Mr. Freeman, respecting gas and water companies; Mr. Mowat respecting the estates of deceased persons.

Hon. Mr. Hardy laid on the table a return showing the indebtedness of several municipalities to the province.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Harcourt—Return showing the number of persons in each county committed to jail by county court judges during the years 1884 and 1885 for default of payment under an order of the division court.

Mr. Bishop—Return showing the average yearly attendance of pupils in Upper Canada college since the date of the last return down to and inclusive of the year 1885, distinguishing between resident and day pupils in each year, and giving the localities from which they came; also the conditions at present in force respecting entrance into the college, including especially the minimum age of the pupils and the curriculum on which the entrance examination is conducted.

Mr. Drury—Resolution—That a select committee be appointed to consider the desirability of so amending the municipal act that the number of members of county councils may be reduced.

Mr. Meredith—Return of all payments or decisions in any division of the high court of justice as to the liability of railway companies for accidents to workmen where the company has failed to comply with the provisions of the railway accidents act, 1881, and the accidents that have happened by reason of such non-compliance.

Legislative Committees.

The private bills committee met yesterday morning, Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) in the chair. Bills relating to the issue of debentures by the town of Bowmanville and respecting the Toronto General Trusts company were reported. The latter bill enables the company to purchase land by the sale of bonds, the subject of a trust created by Mrs. Ann Laidlaw. The Lake Scugog Marsh Lands and Drainage company's bill provoked some discussion. Mr. Armour appeared for the promoters of the bill, and Mr. W. N. Irwin, for D. M. Macdonald, opposed it. On the representation of the latter gentleman the clause making the services of Mr. Armour, of Bowmanville, solicitor of the company, a first charge on the company's land, was struck out. The name of the company was changed to the Scugog Grazing company. The committee sat down emphatically on the proposition to increase the capital of the company to $500,000. The clause was struck out. The bill was ordered to be reported with amendments. The bill amending the act of incorporation of the Regular Baptists' Missionary convention of Ontario was reported.

The railway committee considered the bill to incorporate the Nosbousing & Nipissing railway company. A line of railway has been constructed from Southeast bay, on Lake Nipissing, township of Himsworth, to Lake Nosbousing, township of Ferris, and the promoters sought power to build another line or purchase the one already constructed. D'Arcy Boulton appeared before the committee to oppose the railway being permitted to cross the Northern & Pacific Junction railway on the level. He said about twenty trains a day were being run on the line without a regular timetable, and accidents might occur unless the Northern & Pacific Junction was crossed by a high level bridge. Mr. Hardy said the executive council had jurisdiction over crossings and would have to determine this case.

When the house met in the afternoon both the reports were presented.

HIGH LICENSES—HIGH WHISKY.

What Some of the Saloon-Keepers Think of the Proposed Increases.

There was considerable talk among the hotel-keepers and saloon men yesterday over the announcement in Treasurer Ross' financial statement that the government intended to considerably increase the statutory liquor license fees. The provincial treasurer explained that by these increases the government would in future take nearly one-half of the fee, as they intended to pocket the entire increase. The government now only claims one-third of the statutory fee. The municipality is invested with the power to add any figure that it deems fit, which sum in its entirety goes to the municipality. By reference to the proceedings of the city council of last night it will be seen that the aldermen are not in favor of increasing the existing amount ($60) imposed by the city. By the new tariff hotels and shops in cities over 20,000 will pay a government tax of $250 and saloons $300. If the city therefore adds $60 it will make the licenses for 1886 $310 for shops and hotels and $360 for saloons. Shops, saloons and taverns now pay a government tax of $160 and $50 to the city, making a total of $210.

The World yesterday asked a few prominent hotel-keepers what they thought of the change. They were nearly all unanimous in the opinion that "high license meant high whisky." Said one saloon-keeper: "I don't care if they raise the license to $500. I would like it. I don't think $500 is too much for a saloon license in Toronto. I would then get 10 cents per drink for whisky. If they boost them up to $1000 we will sell whisky for 20 cents. That is about the size of it." The foregoing seems to be the sentiment of nearly all the men engaged in "the industry," as the provincial treasurer called the traffic during his budget speech on Thursday.

Business of the Public Library Board.

The adjourned monthly meeting of the public library board was held yesterday afternoon. Dr. George Wright, in taking the chair, thanked the members for the honor they conferred in appointing him to the chief executive office. Standing committees were appointed for the year:

Library—John Hallam, A. R. Boswell, Jas. Mills, Capt. Jas. Mason.

Building—Wm. Scully, Jas. Mills, John Hallam, E. P. Pearson.

Finance—Capt. Mason, J. Taylor, W. Scully, E. P. Pearson.

It was decided to draw $2000 at a time from the library fund in the hands of the city treasurer and place it in some safe bank for the payment of small accounts. A committee consisting of Trustees Hallam, Scully, Pearson and Mason was appointed to consider the advisability of having an open night for the purpose of still further advertising the library.

Street Cleaning by Contract Rejected.

Chairman James, Ald. Fleming, M. J. Woods, Baxter, Shaw, Macdonald, Verral and Johnston did markets and health committee business yesterday. A deputation of Wellington street east express posters asked that the stand be used east of Scott street. The question will be considered at a future committee. The matter of cleaning streets by contract, referred to the committee by the council, was taken up. On motion of Ald. Baxter it was decided that it would not be advisable to do the work in this way. Action on the communication from Ald. Frankland relative to the appointment of two medical health officers for the city east and west of Yonge street was deferred.

A Great Convenience.

—To those whose occupations prevent them from having their teeth attended to during the day can do so by calling at F. H. Sefton's dental office, cor. of Queen and Yonge, whose office will be open hereafter till 9 p.m. All branches attended to. 246x

A Successful Corporation.

Few institutions have been enabled to make so satisfactory an exhibition of work done in 1885 as the Dominion Savings and Investment society, the thirteenth annual meeting of which was held on the 9th inst. in the company's offices at London, Ont. After the usual half-yearly dividends of four per cent. had been paid a balance was left to swell both the reserve and contingent funds, the former of which now amounts to the handsome sum of $153,000. Considering the low rate of interest that prevailed it speaks volumes for the stability of the corporation and the energy of the officers, that so eminently gratifying a state of things should prevail.

In Unexpected Law.

A hotel keeper in the Scott act town of Cornwall was fined the other day. He admitted the sale, but his counsel took exception to the constitutionality of the act. When the report in the local paper omitted the lawyer's exception the hotel keeper called round and asked that the facts be stated as they occurred; not that he cared so much for himself, but "the people in the country would read the original paragraph and imagine I wasn't selling liquor any longer. It would hurt my trade. Of course, I am selling the same as usual, and intend to keep at it."

Amusement Notes.

The two concluding performances of the Devil's Auction will be given at the Grand opera house this afternoon and evening.

The celebrated melodrama, the Romany Rye, will be the attraction at the Grand next week.

The rowing race at the Princess rink last night between Wallace Ross and Fred. Plaisted was not done in as good time (13 minutes 18 seconds) as the previous night, owing to a couple of upsets happening to each rower. A large number of spectators were present and seemed to fully enjoy the novel mode of going. Ed. Hanlan acted as referee. This afternoon and evening the rowers will give exhibitions.

Real Estate.

—Persons having real estate to sell are requested to leave description with Kager & Faulkner, 21 Adelaide street east. If desired, they will be published in their spring list free of expense. No charge is made unless sale is effected through them. 246x

Trades and Labor Council.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last night, with President Whitten in the chair. Credentials were received from Robt. Hutchinson, S. McGowan, John Clyne, B. Geery, J. Hunt, Z. Blair, Wm. Griffith, Thos. Quinn and Wm. Morris. Mr. Jordan of Oshawa was heard in reference to the iron moulders' strike now pending in that town and it was decided to hold a special meeting this evening to consider what assistance should be given. The council expressed their approval of Mr. Ermatinger's bill, which extends the hours for voting from 6 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Finn's Revolver.

On Saturday evening last, as Mr. James Finn, plumber, 501 Queen street west, was returning home along Bathurst street, in a lonely place, he was attacked by two footpads, whose intention was to rob him. They used him roughly, but he returned the compliment in an effective manner, and eventually drew from his pocket a pair of steel pincers, which the thieves thought was a revolver. Mr. Finn says he never saw two men run faster, and he wouldn't wonder if they're going yet.

A Bonanza Offer.

We have noticed for over a year past a steady increase in the sales of Lault's Secret Blends of tea in each of their stores, and although having always offered them to their customers as goods of superior merit, yet we never anticipated that they would supersede the sale of all other kinds, but such is the result. At the present time the patrons of their stores call for nothing else, and all this has been gained by the par excellence of the goods and by judicious advertisement.

Raiding a Centre Street Den.

Last night at 9 o'clock Acting-Sergt. Miller and a squad of policemen raided a disorderly house kept by Mabel Chin at 113 Centre street. There were locked up in Agnes street police station Ann Quinn, Christie Gibson, Elizabeth Hilbert, Fred. Wilson, John Hughes, Edward Simpson and John Latimer.

To Old Country People.

—They flock from the north, south, east and west to have their fine old country watches skilfully repaired by competent workmen at the Toronto Horological workshops, 360 Queen street west (360). 246

Native Wines.

—Concord Grape and Catawba, the finest native wines in the Dominion. Guaranteed made exclusively from the pure juice of the grape. Price $2 per gallon, $5.50 per dozen and 50c. per bottle at Mara & Co.'s, grocers and wine merchants, 280 Queen street west, near Beverley street. Telephone 713. x

—Why not order your shirts where the work is under a system that turns out a perfect fit, each department having competent heads trained for the purpose. Our linens and cottons come from first hands, and we make shirts at any of the following prices to order: $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50. Wheaton & Co., 17 King street west, cor. Jordan. 136x

BY A "STRAIGHT" VOTE

THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARES ITSELF ON THE LICENSE QUESTION.

The Action of the Executive Committee Sustained—Ald. Boustead's Bylaw Thrown Out Into the Cold.

Every member of the city council, with Mayor Howland in the chair, was present at the special meeting last night. The gallery and the benches that run along the walls behind the aldermen's seats were crowded with spectators. The throngs in the gallery thought it had the right to make a noisy demonstration when anything was done that pleased them, and his worship had to suppress them on threats of clearing the room. The proceedings of the city fathers was as babelish and indecorous as ever. The World would advise some of them to go down to the local legislature and take lessons in parliamentary procedure and order in debate. Ald. Walker made those around him happy by distributing pretty pond lilies.

The council settled emphatically its policy on the liquor license question for the present year by endorsing the action of the executive committee at its meeting on Thursday, and by throwing out Ald. Boustead's bylaw relating to the issue of tavern and shop licenses. The real fight was in the third clause of the report of Ald. McMillan's special committee on liquor licenses, which met on Feb. 13:

We recommend that a bylaw be introduced increasing the license fee for shops and taverns to $20 each, and also to limit the number to be issued in the city to 68 shop and 200 tavern licenses.

With regard to this clause the executive reported:

In respect to the third clause it is recommended that inasmuch as the license commissioners have full power to reduce the number of licenses, it would be inadvisable on the part of the council to take any action in the matter, *as it is clearly not within their province or their duty to do so*, and that there be no arbitrary reduction of the number of licenses without compensation.

The council went into committee of the whole on this report, Ald. Carlyle (St. Thomas) in the chair. Ald. McMillan at once attacked the legality of the action of the executive in overriding the action of his special committee. He contended that the executive could not attack a principle; all they could do was to revise the actions of the other committees only in so far as finances were concerned. This point created considerable discussion, and Ald. McMillan asked the chairman's ruling as to whether the action of the executive was legal. Chairman Carlyle ruled that it was.

Ald. Defoe then moved an amendment to the clause in the executive's report, striking out the words printed in italics. This was carried.

After a long discussion Ald. Boustead brought the question to a direct issue by moving that the executive's clause be struck out altogether. This was lost by a vote of 17 to 14. All of the other changes made in special committee's report by the executive were concurred in, and the committee of the whole arose.

In council the attack was renewed on the clause of the executive printed above. Ald. McMillan moved that it be struck out, and the yeas and nays were demanded. The feeling of the council was again demonstrated in the following vote, which was considered to be the "straight" feeling of the aldermen on the license question:

Yeas.	Nays.
BAXTER.	ALLEN.
BOUSTEAD.	BARTON.
CARLYLE (St. Thos.)	CROCKER.
CARLYLE (St. And.)	DEFOE.
ELLIOTT.	DENISON.
FLEMING.	DRAYTON.
GALLEY.	FRANKLAND.
HASTINGS.	HALL.
HUNTER.	IRWIN.
JONES.	JAMES.
LAMB.	JOHNSTON.
MACDONALD.	LOW.
MCMILLAN.	MAUGHAN.
SHAW.	PEPLER.
VERRAL—15.	PIPER.
	SAUNDERS.
	STEINER.
	TURNER.
	WALKER.
	WOODS, J.
	WOODS, M. J.—21.

The report was then adopted on the same division.

Before the vote was polled some stirring speeches were made. Ald. Shaw made the speech of the evening. Ald. Drayton also made a capital and sensible address. Both of these gentlemen's speeches would well be worth printing had The World the space to spare this morning.

Mayor Howland followed the vote with a few remarks. He characterized the action of the executive as illegal. He said the executive had no right whatever, except in a case of finance, to interfere with the work of other committees. In future if the executive did so he would rule its action out of order and it would go for nil. His Worship corrected a former statement of his that there were only 26 licensed tavern-keepers that had broken the law. He said the police reports showed that instead of 26 the number was 79.

The council went into committee of the whole on Ald. Boustead's bylaw relating to the issue of tavern and shop licenses, Ald. Defoe in the chair. This bylaw enacts:

"That the duty to be paid for tavern and shop licenses, to be issued for the year beginning May 1, 1886, and until otherwise enacted, shall be $200, in addition to the sum of $60 payable under the provision of the act passed by the legislative assembly of the province of Ontario, 47 Vic., Cap. 34.

That the number of tavern and shop licenses to be issued for the year beginning May 1, 1886, shall not exceed 150 and 50 respectively."

After the first clause had been read, Ald. Baxter arose and said the farce had gone far enough. He moved that the chairman leave the chair. This was carried by 22 to 11, which practically killed the bylaw.

The council again went into committee of the whole on report No. 6 of the executive and the reports of other standing committees, Ald. Denison in the chair. After a long and noisy discussion, the following report of the works committee was, by a vote of 17 to 14, struck out, the mayor voting with the majority:

Your committee begs to report that it has considered the resolution of council adopted at its meeting on the 1st inst., and referred to it for a report, with reference to the expediency of enforcing the bylaw providing for the placing of conductors on one-horse street cars. After a careful consideration of the matter your committee begs to recommend to the council the advisability of repealing the said bylaw.

The committee of the whole rose and Ald. Boustead once more came to the front with a bylaw similar to the one of his that was voted down. His worship said that if it were not passed through its three stages he would have to call another special meeting before March 1. Ald. Baxter objected to the bill because it was not printed. Ald. Turner moved that it be read in committee of the whole this day six months. Carried by 20 to 10. Thus ended the license fight.

Ald. James gave notice of his intention to introduce a bylaw to prevent net and seine fishing in Toronto and Ashbridge's bays, and Ald. Macdonald of one for a special committee to report on all matters connected with the improper assessment of real or personal property.

The council found itself once more in committee of the whole on the report of Ald. Pepler's special committee re the best method of carrying out the bylaw respecting local improvements recently voted on by the people. The committee of the whole declared the report irregular, out of order, threw it out and rose.

The council adjourned at 11 o'clock.

LABOR'S RELATION TO THE CHURCH

A Representative of the Knights of Labor Interviews Bishop Fabre.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—J. V. Powderley of Scranton, Pa., the chairman of the governing committee of the Knights of Labor, who has been in the city during the last day or two, has had an interview with Bishop Fabre in regard to the relations of the Knights of Labor with the Roman Catholic church in this diocese. The attitude of the church towards the order has not changed since 1884, when the Pope's bull against secret societies was issued, in which the Knights of Labor and other kindred organizations were referred to. Since then, however, representations have been made to the bishop showing that such an organization is a necessity for the protection of labor against capital. These representations, it is understood, are considered satisfactory by the bishop, and for the present the matter will remain in statu quo. Mr. Powderley left for home to-day.

The Exchange Bank.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Mr. Campbell, one of the liquidators of the Exchange bank, says that as soon as they get a confirmation of the privy council's judgment from England, they will declare another dividend of 30 per cent. This with the 20 per cent. already declared will bring the dividend up to 50 per cent., and it is expected that there will be 25 or 30 per cent. more for creditors.

A Flying Column for the Northwest.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—A flying column, consisting of A and B batteries and a detachment from the cavalry and infantry schools, commanded by Gen. Middleton, is to be despatched to the Northwest the first week in March. The Indian reservations will be visited.

Poundmaker Enters the Church.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Bishop Grandin has received the following telegram from Archbishop Tache: "St. Boniface, Man., Feb. 18, 1886.—To-day I have baptized Poundmaker, 'Pitowkahanapiwiyin,' and 28 of his companions in the penitentiary.

ARCHBISHOP TACHE."

The Pacification of Crowfoot.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Sir George Stephen has presented Crowfoot, the Blackfoot chief, with a handsome silver locket and chain. The former contains a perpetual pass over the C. P. R. and its branches.

The Transcontinental Rate War.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—All the Chicago rail roads having transcontinental connections are booking passengers to San Francisco at the following figures: First-class unlimited, $70.40; first class limited, $60.40; second class or emigrant limited, $32. This is a reduction of about $35 on first rates. The rates to Portland and to California via the Northern Pacific remain unchanged, no reductions having been announced over that road.

A Clergyman on a Spree.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Rev. T. G. Quinn of Osceola, Wis., was found drunk on Broadway this morning. His watch valued at $150 and $130 in money had been stolen from him. He told Justice Weld he was on his way to Europe and could not account for his humiliating condition. He was temporarily committed.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The jurors for the spring assizes were drafted yesterday.

This is the last day for giving notice of trial for the March sitting of the county court.

Albert Mozier, 17, and James Glancy, 21, were committed by Judge McDougall yesterday as lunatics.

The people of the Mercer reformatory want gas lamps in King street west, near that institution. They have so notified the city.

At the meeting of the Canadian Institute to-night Mr. Alex. Muir will read a paper on "The Persistence of Savagery in Civilization."

The court house committee met yesterday. Present were Chairman Hastings, Ald. Galley, Defoe and Walker. The instructions to architects were revised. All plans must be in by April 12.

Chas. M. Henderson & Co. announce a continuation of the auction sale of clocks at Diamond Hall, 148 Yonge street, this afternoon, commencing at 3.30.

James Hogan was arrested at 6 o'clock last night by Policeman Noble for walking off with a bag of flour from David Killen's door at 138 King street west.

A sub-committee of the waterworks committee yesterday gave the superintendent instructions to advertise for tenders for supplying water meters, and also for uniforms for the inspectors.

The annual concert and social of Never Failing lodge, No. 135, I.O.G.T., was held Thursday evening in Woodgreen Methodist church, when addresses were made by Rev. Charles Longford, E. E. Spence and E. A. Macdonald. A good program of music was rendered, and an enjoyable time spent.

A writ has been issued against the city at the instance of the attorney-general. The cause of the issue of the writ is the failure of the city to perform the covenants upon which the lease of the park was granted. The information of the claim is for the forfeiture of a certain lease dated Jan. 1, 1859, made by the then bursar of University college to the corporation of the city of Toronto, and for breach of covenants therein.

—In the sale of pianos and organs, a business in which we have had almost a life time's experience, we have always taken the ground that a reputation gained for handling a superior article and giving the purchaser more than he expects, is far more lasting than one gained by handling instruments which yield a larger immediate profit to the dealer, yet in the near future must prove a disappointment to the purchaser. The Knabe and Fischer pianos have each been before the public for nearly fifty years and have always maintained a leading position in their respective places. The Dominion pianos and organs are thoroughly established as our leading Canadian instruments. The largest and finest stock of musical instruments ever shown in Toronto can be now seen at my ware rooms, No. 68 King street west.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Lethbridge is re-organizing its home guard.

Smallpox has again made its appearance in St. Sauveur, Q.

Chatham is to have a new high school at a cost of $15,000.

Early Thursday morning the post-office in Truro, N. S., was burglarized of $400.

Chinese thieves relieved Mr. Patrick, Victoria, B.C., of 36 chickens in one night this week.

Mrs. David Bramwell, of Almonte, fell headlong into a well Thursday and was drowned.

Burglars entered the house of D. McMillen Thursday night and stole $36 in cash and $15 in silverware. No clue.

Mrs. Moore, wife of a wealthy farmer in West Sandwich, has been arrested in Windsor charged with shoplifting.

A son of Geo. Manning, of Dundas, met his death by being thrown from a dog sleigh against a telegraph pole.

The story that a party of the mounted police had been escorted by the Indians off the Blood reserve is untrue.

Pickering had a great many cellars flooded during the flood on Saturday last besides damages to bridges and sidewalks.

Walter A. Telfer, late bar-tender at the Grand central, Collingwood, has skipped out leaving a host of disconsolate creditors.

The Aurora Borealis speaks of The World as "that spiciest and most level-headed of the Toronto dailies." Thanks, brother.

The Student Quintette club of this city receive great praise from local papers for their singing at a late concert in Newmarket.

A child at Fort Coulonge was playing with a whipstock when he fell forward and forced the end of the stock down his throat, thereby causing death.

Guelph is agitated over the probability that a young man who was supposed to have died on the 16th Jan. last was buried alive. The body is to be exhumed.

Listowel, Palmerston, Harriston, Mount Forest and Wingham are all sending deputations to Toronto setting forth their respective claims to be the new county town.

John Carlisle of Montreal is out with a scheme for the prevention of the flooding of the city during the high water in spring and fall. The estimated cost is $1,000,000.

In the neighborhood of Macleod, N.W.T., the chinook has swept the prairies of snow and the thermometer has been over fifty in the shade for several days.

THE TWO EX-AMATEURS.

MYERS AND GEORGE ARRANGE FOR THREE RACES.

More About the Proposed International Baseball League—A New Proposition Now Under Consideration.

The match between L. E. Myers, middle champion runner of the world, and W. F. George, ex-champion long distance runner of England, has been definitely settled. There will be three races, the first 1000 yards, the second 1320 yards, or three quarters of a mile, and the third 1160 yards, the average distance between the first and second. The races will take place May 8th, 15th and 22nd, if Madison Square gardens can be procured for these dates, and if not the races will be run on some athletic ground in the afternoons of the same days. The match is for $1000 a side.

Those Baseball Prizes.

Editor World: There appears to be some misunderstanding anent our offer of prizes to the amateur baseball leagues. While giving the prizes it is not our intention that they should purchase the supplies from us. These can only be had through the retail houses in the city. By inserting above you will oblige.

Yours very truly, SELBY & Co.

Toronto, Feb. 19, 1886.

Trotting at Port Perry.

PORT PERRY, Ont., Feb. 19.—The winter meeting of the Port Perry Trotting association was held on Lake Scugog yesterday and to-day. The ice was in splendid condition, and a large crowd was in attendance. The first race on the program was a green race, which was won by B. McQuay's Defiance. H. McKenzie's Josie being second and Twill's Plowboy third. The 2.45 trot was won by Geo. Hill's Annie D. in three straight heats, F. Morse's Black Diamond being second and Wells' Aurora Chief third; best time, 2.41. The 3 minute trot was won by Laing and Meharry's Bonnie Bird, with H. McQuay's Defiance second and Sweetlawn third; best time, 2.41. The 2.30 trot was won by Wells' Kitty Wells, with Hill's Annie D. second, and Wells' Aurora Chief third; best time, 2.36.

The International League.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Feb. 19.—The action of the Hamilton club in acceding to the $100 guarantee, or twice the sum which the state clubs insist on, shows a remarkable lack of nerve. Rochester and Buffalo were pulling together to secure the admission of the Canadian clubs and, in fact, the Buffalo organization was brought into existence mainly for the purpose of securing an international league. They had no desire to join, and very little interest in the success or failure of such clubs as Oswego, Binghamton and Utica. It required but the votes of two clubs to keep out any aspirant. The two weakest, financially, of the state league furnished these against the Canadians. It was obvious enough, but when their decision became known, and the general feeling was probed and expressed in the papers and on the streets this morning, they were not inclined to take so hopeful a view of their action. In Syracuse the general impression, and it was favorably commented on in sporting circles, was that the league would go to pieces, and that a new organization with Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Guelph and London would be formed out of the pieces of the old league. Syracuse would gladly join the new organization. It is considered doubtful if Oswego and Binghamton would be able to last out the season in any case, and the talent engaged by the latter place is said to be infirm and cheap. The impression was general in Syracuse to-day that the recalcitrant state members would wind up and give a united adhesion to the admission of the Canadian clubs on equal terms, but a fresh proposition from Hamilton this morning evidenced increased eagerness to come in and the Oswego and Binghamton men stiffened their backs accordingly. Toronto is still in doubt, though that club will be at Syracuse, if not the same, terms as Hamilton; but if Mr. Hamburger's temper has not improved since he left Syracuse in disgust last night, he is very unlikely to be there now. The Rochester and Buffalo delegates were in a bad state of mind and the Hamilton proposition is not to their present taste. Secretary White of Utica reads a paper on complete surrender to the $100 guarantee. The proposition is understood to be for Hamilton and Toronto to guarantee $100 each, to Utica, Binghamton and Oswego, and $50 each to Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.

General Notes.

James Mewhall, the New York jockey, is in the city.

A Northwest league to take in Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Duluth, St. Paul and Eau Claire is being formed.

Harmon, the New Brunswick sprinter, wants to run W. G. George two hundred yards for $10,000 a side.

The twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the English kennel club opened in the Crystal Palace, London, Feb. 2, with 1700 actual exhibits.

It is probable that a short distance race, 150 yards or under, will be arranged between Fred. Stone of Pittsburg, Pa., and L. E. Myers for $5000 a side.

Everybody will hear with regret that Wm. O'Connor, the amateur oarsman, has had a relapse and is now as bad as ever he was. He was in too great a hurry to get out.

Miss Theresa Johnson of London, Eng., has issued a challenge to "any lady in Great Britain, on the continent or in America," to a one-mile swimming match for £100 to £500 a side.

The great coursing event of the season, the contest for the Waterloo cup was decided yesterday at the Waterloo meeting, the winner being Miss Glendine. The winner's share of the stake is £500.

Roseman of the Metropolitan Baseball club, Staten island, was badly injured in a street fight in Brooklyn the other night. Roseman has the reputation of being almost invincible in a rough-and-tumble.

A meeting of the Wilton baseball club, junior, for the purpose of organization will be held on the evening of Wednesday, the 24th inst., over Cahill's store, 229 Parliament street. All interested are invited to attend.

The veteran retired ball-player, George Wright of Boston, had a narrow escape from death in the railway collision at Brighton last week. He was thrown from the car and landed in a distant snow bank, but, except a bad shaking up, was not injured.

The greyhound race at the Toronto Dog Sports club meeting on Thursday did not result as reported in The World, but A. Gothards' Wire was first, W. Clow's Bend Or second and Kent's Robert the Devil third. In the setter race Jeff Worden's Bill was second to Rudder.

August Belmont, jr., on Wednesday bought Pontico from Pierre Lorillard for $26,500. The Dwyers had offered $30,000 for the colt. It is understood that Mr. Belmont is trying to buy Pontiac, Dewdrop and Catalina. With the latter alone he can win a small fortune. If he succeeds in buying those three horses he will have a racing stable second to none.

Wyoming hunters are excited over reports that come from the head waters of Snake river of a band of fifty head of white, or snow elk. Hitherto there have been traditions of snow elk, in which they are described as being white as the snow, from which they get their name, and larger and swifter than the common elk. Now and then one has been seen, but never a herd.

In a practice game at the Rossmore, New York, Wednesday night, Maurice Vignaux ran 516 consecutive carroms at the 14-inch balk line. It is the biggest run he ever made at this style of billiards. He used a picked set of ivory balls, selected from a collection of thirty-four sets. The big Frenchman is playing in better form than he has thus far shown since he came to America.

Jake Gaudaur issued the following challenge on Wednesday: "I hereby challenge John Teemer, champion sculler of America, to row me a three-mile match race on any lake course in the United States, on or before May 30, for $1000 a side and the championship of America." Gaudaur has deposited $500 forfeit money, and announces that if Teemer does not accept the challenge within three weeks and cover the deposit he (Gaudaur) will claim the championship of America. Gaudaur's backer is Mr. J. A. St. John of St. Louis.

The Ottawa lacrosse club held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening. The financial statement showed a balance of assets over liabilities amounting to $200. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mr. J. R. Booth; president, Mr. T. Birkett; vice-presidents, 1st, G. L. Foster, 2d, J. A. Seybold, 3d, M. M. Pyke; secretary, Mr. H. Morrison; treasurer, Mr. H. O. K. Pratt; committee, Messrs. J. A. Seybold, G. L. Foster, J. J. MacCracken, Stevenson, E. L. Taylor; captain, Mr. McDonald; auditors, Messrs. Gallagher and Surtees.

Besides the prizes to the amateur baseball leagues of this city Messrs. Selby & Co., Canadian agents for Spalding Bros., Chicago, propose to give two silver mounted ebony bats, valued at $20, to be competed for by clubs from Kingston, Napanee, Belleville, Cobourg, Port Hope, Bowmanville, Port Perry, Uxbridge, Lindsay and Peterboro in eastern Ontario, and by clubs from Dundas, St. Catharines, Brantford, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Petrolea, Galt, Stratford, Clinton, and Brussels in Western Ontario.

Dowd and Findlay were beaten Wednesday evening at the skating tournament at St. John, N. B. The first race, distance one mile, between Findlay, of Montreal, and Campbell, of St. John, was being closely contested when Findlay fell and hurt his head badly. Campbell won in 3 min. 35½ sec. For the next race, distance 4 miles for the Lansdowne gold medal, four men entered, Dowd, Whelpley, Craft and Bailey. Craft kept the lead until near the close of the second mile, when Whelpley passed him easily with Dowd close behind him. Dowd then spurted to take the lead when he tripped on Whelpley's skate and fell backward. He jumped up quickly and rushed forward, but as there were only two more laps to go, Whelpley came in first, Dowd second, Craft third, Bailey having retired. Time, 14 min. 4 sec., beating Paulsen's performance at Brooklyn by 10 sec. Whelpley also won the three mile race. Time, 10 min. 46½ sec.

Toronto Musical Festival.

On Thursday night at Philharmonic hall about 350 members of the centre division of the chorus practised some of the most difficult chorus numbers from "More et Vita" (Death and Life) and "Israel in Egypt." Although a large percentage of those present had not previously sung under Mr. Torrington's baton, good work was accomplished, some of the choruses indeed, toward the end of the rehearsal, indicating a perfection of finish really surprising. The regular order of practising has been somewhat interfered with of late, both in the west and north divisions of the chorus, but after next week no more trouble is anticipated in this way. Opportunities for joining the chorus will occur at the different Exchange hall practices. Those desiring to have their names enrolled should be at the halls at 7.30 p.m., the practice beginning half an hour later. Names can also be given in, and the books of music for the Festival purchased at the office of the association, 14 Adelaide street east, between 11 and 12 or 2 and 5 o'clock.

Y.M.C.A. Convention at Chicago.

At the sixteenth annual convention of the Provincial Y.M.C.A., held in Hamilton yesterday, the following officers were appointed for the convention: President, C. S. Gzowski, Toronto; Vice-Presidents, W. A. Robinson, Hamilton, A. Macaulay, Kingston, W. Hendershott, London, and E. Evans, Montreal; Secretary, W. J. Orr, St. Thomas; Assistant Secretary, Geo. E. Williams, Peterborough. The executive committee report that since last convention six new associations have been formed, Kingston re-organized, and correspondence held with several places, giving necessary information for commencing association work. Galt association is defunct.

At the evening session the meeting was addressed by Messrs. Gronski, Ingersoll, of New York, Munro, of Peterboro', and Dr. Burns. All reports tend to show that the organization is in a very flourishing condition.

Police Court Yesterday.

John E. Rekewich pleaded guilty to having robbed his sister of a gold brooch and was sent to the penitentiary for two years. Alex. Foley and George J. Barton were each fined $2 for fighting on Yonge street. Mary J. Williams was sent to the Mercer reformatory for six months for stealing several articles from George Tait of Parkdale. James Thompson was fined $1 and costs for insulting R. Mills. William Gray and Fred. Burton were each fined $2 for loitering on a street corner. Gray was fined an extra $2 for contempt of court in calling a constable names.

The Bon Marche.

Mr. F. X. Cousineau has just purchased another large bankrupt stock, consisting of silks, satins, brocade silk velvets, cream and black Spanish laces (all widths), also 500 beaded dress fronts. These goods are perfectly new, fresh and fashionable, and the ladies of Toronto can rely on special bargains during the coming week, as these goods are to be cleared out with the 7 Bankrupt stocks at 50 cents on the dollar.

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