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THE GREAT HOTEL SCHEME

PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN TAKE HOLD OF THE MATTER.

The Location and Other Details Discussed—Such a Hostelry Would Cost Over Half a Million—A Board of Provisional Directors Named—Practical Suggestions.

The opinion existing among prominent citizens for the past year or more that Toronto should have a great, fireproof, first-class hotel was focussed last night and the project was got under way. In response to a circular giving the reasons why the city should have such an hotel a number of leading business men assembled in the rotunda of the Board of Trade rooms. There were present Wilmot D. Matthews, President of the Board of Trade; H. J. Hill, manager of the Industrial Exhibition Association; Mark H. Irish, J. A. McAndrew, M.D.A., H. L. Hime, John Earls, R. W. Prittie, J. L. Kerr, W. T. Kiely, W. F. Maclean, J. H. Beaty, W. D. Storm, Henry Langley, John Fletcher, Gus Thomas, Jeremiah O'Donoghue, Robt. Jenkins and others.

Mr. Matthews Takes the Chair.

Mr. Matthews was called to the chair and Mr. Hill acted as secretary. The chairman briefly stated what the meeting was called for. The city of Toronto was attracting more notice in the United States than any city on the continent, because of its rapid growth, the enterprise manifested by its citizens, the centreing of railways here, and because of its being a centre of capital for developing the mines and other resources of the country. Toronto had gone ahead with great rapidity during the last eight or nine years, but he felt that its growth was only beginning. An American of good knowledge of the growth of cities in western and other states had conceded to him that Toronto was bound to become one of the great cities of the continent. [Hear, hear.] The progress of the city had been rapid in many directions, but strange to say the hotel accommodation was about the same as it was eight or ten years ago. This was a state of things which he had not observed in any American city he had been in. There the hotel accommodation was fully up to the wants of the people. Apart from railway enterprises nothing attracted people so much to cities as good hotels. There was in this city a great opening for the erection of a desirable hotel. The equable temperature of the summer rendered it a very desirable place for tourists. This would then be the point from which excursions would be made to the Muskoka and Nipissing lakes and other northern resorts. He was satisfied an hotel built on modern principles, having 400 or 500 rooms and conducted properly, would be a paying property.

Letters were read from Mr. H. W. Dwight, G. W. Yarker and Melfort Bolton promising support to an hotel enterprise of the right kind.

Mr. Hime was in favor of the erection of a large modern hotel. He was of opinion that it should be situated near the water and close to the chief business houses. It should be situated so as to draw both tourists and business men. He felt that if the scheme were properly managed it would be a success. He would like to hear of the amount of capital necessary to run a suitable hotel if any one could furnish an estimate.

The Opinion of a Practical Hotel Man.

Mr. Irish, formerly proprietor of the Rossin House, next took the floor. He said:

Toronto is a growing city. It has really outgrown its present hotel accommodation, although the present hotels are exceedingly comfortable. Toronto has as many comfortable hotels as any city in Canada, if not more; yet in my judgment there is need of a larger hotel than any yet existing, built on more modern principles.

The Rossin House was built 30 years ago, and there are few hotels which have so many comfortable apartments as it has, but the principles upon which it was built were not at all modern. Other hotels are also comfortable but the same objection can be made. What we want is an extensive, fire-proof, first-class hotel which would draw tourists to the city. They would come here, visit our churches, schools, colleges and other attractions, the many beautiful spots within 100 miles of the city, and then take the steamers to Montreal and Quebec.

As to the situation the remarks of The World this morning meet my views exactly. They have been my views for five years. The Upper Canada College grounds would form the right site for a new hotel. It could not be built away up town and be made a success. For the next 30 or 40 years a large hotel must depend largely for its support upon business men. With a suitable space for a park in front, the situation would be as favorable as one in Queen's Park.

I could not conceive of a better scheme than that foreshadowed in The World this morning. I have had a conversation with Mr. J. D. Edgar on this subject. He was to have been here but an engagement kept him away, and knowing I would be here wrote to me saying that he would give his assistance in every way possible to make the scheme a success. No doubt if an hotel were built on the best principles, having about 400 rooms, it would be as great a success in Toronto as the Windsor is in Montreal. It might not pay the first year but it would surely bring in returns after that. I have great confidence in it. [Applause.]

It Would Cost Over Half a Million.

Mr. Hime asked what such an hotel could be built for. Mr. Irish replied that it could be built for $500,000 or $600,000.

Mr. Matthews said the Iroquois Hotel, recently opened in Buffalo, one of the finest in America, with ground and building, cost between $700,000 and $800,000.

Mr. Proctor did not agree with the chairman as to there being no progress in Toronto hotel accommodation. A number of hotels had been enlarged and improved, but still there was room for a big tourists' hotel. He thought the proper site for such an hotel should be up town, out of the dust and smoke of the city. It should be built on an elevation overlooking the city. There could be no better site for it than the McKay property, Yonge-street.

Mr. Maclean said the opinion around town, as far as he could gather it, appeared to be decidedly in favor of the new hotel project; and there seemed to be good prospects of its receiving financial support. Mr. Yarker had said to-day that he was quite willing to go into the scheme and Mr. W. H. C. Kert, although he had invested $100,000 in the Arlington, expressed his willingness to be a liberal subscriber of stock. As to Mr. Proctor's views he thought there was room for an uptown hotel in addition. As soon as the Parliament buildings were opened there would be a good opening for an hotel in the vicinity of Queen's Park.

Appointing a Provisional Board.

Mr. McAndrew moved, seconded by Mr. Earls, this motion:

Whereas the City of Toronto has during the past few years increased rapidly in population and importance and has become an educational, commercial and railway centre;

And whereas the favorable situation of the city is attracting to it large numbers of tourists and conventions of various kinds;

And whereas the first-class hotel accommodation is disproportionate to the city's permanent and floating populations;

This meeting doth resolve that it is desirable and expedient that steps should at once be taken to organize a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting and equipping on a suitable site a first-class fireproof hotel and that the following gentlemen:

Hon. John Macdonald,	Arthur B. Lee.
Wilmot D. Matthews.	Edmund B. Osler.
Donald McKay.	Robert Jaffray.
John J. Withrow.	George Gooderham.
Edward Gurney.	

be requested to act as a Board of Provisional Directors to take such steps as they may deem expedient to secure a site, solicit subscriptions for stock and apply for a charter of incorporation for the company.

Plenty of Room for All.

Mr. Earls said that before the C. P. R. came to Toronto it was said that the Grand Trunk earnings would be killed. Yet the Grand Trunk were earning more than ever, and he understood that the C. P. R. were managing to live. It would be the same when the new hotel was built. It would increase the receipts of other hotels and would be a paying concern itself.

Mr. Prittie said that while in London he asked a broker how stock for a big hotel in Toronto would take. The broker replied that if half was taken in Toronto there would be no difficulty in floating the other half in London.

Mr. McIntyre favored the building of a summer hotel on the Island. If, however, it was built in the city, he favored Upper Canada College grounds as a site.

Mr. Matthews wound up with a patriotic speech, referring to the prosperity of the Canadian railways, to the establishment of fast ocean steamship lines on the Atlantic and Pacific, to our own productive Province of Ontario.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Storm, Dwight and Irish were appointed to wait on the gentlemen named as provisional directors to ask them to act.

THE NAVASSA RIOT.

Details of the Insurrection—Brutal Butcheries by Negroes.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The trouble between Captain J. W. Lawler and Mr. Black over the ownership of the boat Neversink, in which Captain Lawler crossed the Atlantic, has culminated in bloodshed. The boat was seized by Mr. Black at Cherbourg and taken to Cowes, Isle of Wight, whither Capt. Lawler proceeded and took possession of her and brought her to Portsmouth. At Portsmouth he was accused of stealing the boat. To-day the harbormaster and his assistant attempted to seize the Neversink and Captain Lawler drew a pistol and shot both of them.

Fuller particulars of the affair say that during the temporary absence of Captain Lawler Messrs. Black and Knowles put a crew of five men aboard the boat. When Lawler returned to the Neversink, on which it was his intention to sleep, he ordered the men off, but they paid no attention to his orders. He then visited the American consular agent at Portsmouth and consulted with him as to the course to be pursued to regain possession of the boat. The agent advised him to retake the boat with the less force necessary to gain his end.

Captain Lawler then armed himself with two crowbars and a revolver and returned to the Neversink. He climbed over the side and with a crowbar felled the first of the crew who came toward him. He then opened fire with his revolver, and a bullet struck a sailor named Meades in the leg. The others in the boat dodged into places of security.

After a time two of the men emerged from their hiding places, and approaching Captain Lawler from behind seized and disarmed him. He was then transferred to the police boat. A large number of persons had gathered at the landing and upon the arrival of Captain Lawler they made an attempt to lynch him. The crowd was driven back by the police and the prisoner was lodged in jail. He was subsequently arraigned and remanded on a charge of attempted murder.

Who Wrote Fauntleroy?

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The savage scribes who are always after some famous author's scalp have at last got a grip on that of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. They flatly accuse her of stealing the entire plot and most of the dialog of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" from an aspiring American lady who had appealed to her for advice and guidance. This accusation is based upon a letter from A. T. Winthrop of Baltimore, who asserts that his story "Wilfred" is the original of Mrs. Burnett's charming masterpiece. Mrs. Burnett says the story is a shrewd scheme to advertise Wilfred.

Many Killed and Injured.

STUTTGART, Oct. 1.—A train ran off the track near Wild Park to-day and rolled over an embankment. Many persons were killed and injured.

Seven persons were killed and 43 injured. Many of the latter will probably die.

A LUMBER TOWN'S FATE.

Grand Haven Experiences a Destructive Conflagration—A $1,000,000 Blaze.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Oct. 1.—Fire at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the Cutler House, First Dutch Reformed Church, Methodist Church, Unitarian Church, the residences of Dwight Cutler, Mrs. N. Slayton, T. A. Parish, George D. Sanford, Charles McCullum, A. S. Kedzie, Henry Baas, Mr. Beaudry, Mr. Armstrong and thirty-three other dwellings, six stores, the meat market and First National Bank.

Dwight Cutler loses $250,000, on which he has $82,000 insurance. The total losses are estimated at $1,000,000, on which there is $200,000 insurance. A strong gale was blowing and it was impossible to check the fire until it had burnt itself out.

An Awful Country.

HERMANN, Minn., Oct. 1.—The most destructive prairie fire that ever visited this section swept over the country last evening and some farms have lost their entire crops. In this vicinity the loss is not less than $10,000.

A Village Wiped Out.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Oct. 1.—The village of Cambria, in the northwestern part of this county, was almost destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, about $125,000; insurance, $12,000.

THE MERCANTILE OUTLAW.

Donald Morrison Pleads Not Guilty to the Charge of Murder.

SHERBROOKE, Oct. 1.—The famous Donald Morrison case came before the bench and grand jury this morning. Morrison's plea on the charge of murder was "not guilty." The lawyers for the defence asked for an adjournment until Thursday, pleading that they had not had time to consult together, nor had they yet seen the witnesses. An adjournment was allowed until Wednesday and if cause is shown the case will be further put off till Thursday.

The selection of a petit jury, it is expected, will be of great difficulty. The general impression is that Morrison will be acquitted of murder, but his friends are not so sanguine as to the charge of arson if that is to be brought up.

CONSTABLE HAWKINS' PERIL.

An Indictment for Murder to be Submitted to the Grand Jury.

HAMILTON, Oct. 1.—Mr. E. Irving, Q.C., has decided to bring the Douglas shooting case before the grand jury at the present assizes without waiting the result of the inquest. Such a proceeding, though somewhat unusual, is entirely legal. Mr. Irving was seen by a reporter and asked what the charge would be in the indictment against Hawkins.

"Murder," said Mr. Irving, decidedly; "you see we cannot put it in any other way. Then the jury may bring in a bill for manslaughter if they like, or perhaps no bill at all. You see after the grand jury has heard the evidence it is probable his lordship will instruct them upon any questions of law which they may consider difficult arising out of the facts placed before them. On the instructions of the judge will, in a large measure, depend on what shape the indictment will take."

"It is not an unusual thing for the crown to take hold of a case before the coroner's jury had passed upon it?"

"Not at all. Why, here this man has not been arrested, as far as I can learn, and the crown must take hold of it. Suppose he went to the States to-morrow. The relatives of the dead man are here—four of them—James J. Douglas, a cousin; John and Alexander Douglas, brothers of the deceased, and a brother-in-law. They will be the first witnesses before the grand jury."

"Are they laying the information against Hawkins?"

"No, the crown is conducting the prosecution. It is not necessary for them to swear an information against the prisoner."

"Will Hawkins be tried at this assize if a true bill is found?"

"Oh, that I can't tell you."

Government Detective John Murray has arrived to look into the case, and is proceeding to sift to the bottom all the idle stories that have been set afloat in connection with the case.

MANY HOURS IN SESSION.

THE CITY COUNCILS POKING OVER BIG BATCHES OF BUSINESS.

The Northern Railway and the Corporation—After Engineer Sproatt's Head—The Esplanade Problem Still a Problem—Gossip Around the Municipal Buildings.

There was a lot of business, mostly of minor importance, transacted at the City Council last night. Mayor Clarke sat in the big red chair and seated around the chamber were these aldermen: Baxter, Bell, Booth, Boustead, Carlyle (St. Andrew's), Carlyle (St. Thomas), Crocker, Davies, Dodds, Fleming, Frankland, Gilbert, Gowanlock, Graham, Hewitt, Hill, Lennox, E. A. Macdonald, Peter Macdonald, Manghan, McDougall, McMillan, McMullen, Moses, Ritchie, Roaf, Shaw, St. Leger, Small, Tait, George Verral, J. E. Verral, Vokes.

The City and The Northern.

His Worship sent down a message relative to the city's rights against the Northern Railway Company in respect of the lands covered by the license of occupation granted to Toronto March 29, 1853. An opinion was submitted by Mr. Christopher Robinson agreeing with the opinion that the city could not enforce the award against the company and that they are not in a position to contest with the company the right of the land now occupied by them, or to claim compensation for it from the company. He further thinks that the only course open to the city is to urge upon the Government what would seem to be probably a just claim for compensation. It was therefore suggested that a petition be prepared asking the Government to award that compensation to which the city is entitled.

The Mayor also sent a letter to the effect that the council had given authority to permit the Toronto Incandescent Light Company, the Toronto Electric Light Company and Bell Telephone Company to lay down underground wires for electric lighting. His Worship found that an agreement was authorised to be entered into between the corporation and the Toronto Incandescent Light Company to operate underground wires and for that purpose to make such openings in the streets as might be found necessary for the purpose.

The matter was discussed at considerable length and was referred to the City Engineer to report to the Committee on Works at the next general meeting.

Messrs. Farquhar Again to the Front.

This communication was read from E. & C. Farquhar:

The Assistant City Engineer having recommended that he be empowered to relay a certain portion of the pavement in Spadina-road at our expense, we would inform you that there is no necessity for so doing. Traffic is now passing over the part in question and as it contains evidence that we wish to secure for possible litigation we would request that you do not give effect to the recommendation at present.

We have not yet refused, but on the contrary have promised, to renew such blocks as the City Engineer may deem unsatisfactory, if any, within the next four weeks.

This is of course written without prejudice to whatever our legal rights may be in respect to the whole matter.

The resignation of Ald. Galbraith as a representative from St. Matthew's Ward was, on motion of Ald McMillan, accepted. Ald McMillan also moved that $2510 be paid from the county for school purposes, which resolution was carried.

Ald. Gowanlock and Ald. McMillan moved that the Legislative Committee be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure the annexation to the city of the portion of York Township west of the present city limits, south of the northern limits of lots fronting on the north side of Bloor-street, together with the lake shore west and water lots to the south of the road from Ronceswalles-avenue and to the present westerly city limit. The motion carried.

Ald. McMillan's motion, that on account of the alleged unsafe condition of the Dundas-street bridge the Engineer be instructed to examine the same and report to the council, was carried.

After the City Engineer's Head.

A number of notices of motion were given, among them the following:

Ald. Fleming: That he would introduce a by-law to repeal the bylaw appointing Charles Sproatt as City Engineer.

Ald. Davies: That he will move that the Board of Works be requested to report the advisability of commencing the section of the improvement south of the Grand Trunk bridge so that this work may be completed without further delay.

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Ald. Shaw, Woods, Lennox, McDougall, the two Carlyles, Davies, and Tait took a little trip to the Dundas-street bridge yesterday to look into their alleged unsafe condition.

The case of Westwood against the city has been traversed to the next assizes.

The receipts for licenses recorded in Inspector Awde's department for the year up to date amount to $29,565.

The sub-committee on tobacco seizures, firemen's superannuation, and blockpaving on the entrance to the jail will meet to-day.

A dredge was set to work yesterday to deepen Coatsworth channel with the object of admitting the waters of the lake, thereby cleansing the waters of Ashbridge's Bay.

A bill went through committee of the whole last night to authorize the City Solicitor to notify the Toronto Street Railway Company of the intention of the city to purchase the railway at the expiration of the term of the existing charter.

FEASTING THE LIBERAL LEADER.

The Faithful Paying Homage to Mr. Laurier Around the Festive Board.

The Liberal leader feasted yesterday morning after his oratorical effort of the previous night. At 1.30 p.m. he was banquetted at the Reform Club. Nearly 100 of the prominent Liberals of the city were present. Hon. Oliver Mowat presided, the guest of the day sitting on his right and Mr. A. S. Fisher, M.P., on his left. The chairman, in highly complimentary terms, proposed the health of Mr. Laurier, which was received with great enthusiasm, the company singing "For He's a jolly good Fellow." The Liberal chieftain made a felicitous reply and gave the health of Ontario's Premier in glowing terms.

In the evening Mr. Laurier was entertained at dinner at Mr. J. D. Edgar's residence, Bloor-street west. This party was present:

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.	Hon. Oliver Mowat.
Hon. Edward Blake.	Mr. A. S. Fisher, M.P.
Hon. J. M. Gibson.	Hon. A. M. Ross.
John Waldie, M.P.	H. H. Cooke, M.P.
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Mr. G. H. Smith, M.L.A.	George E. Cox.
W. T. R. Preston.	J. S. Willison.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar.	J. F. Edgar.

Mr. Laurier will this morning lunch with Mr John Cameron. In the evening he will be entertained at dinner by Mr. Robert Jaffray. A reception will also be held at Mr. Jaffray's handsome residence, Grenville-street and Surrey place.

To-morrow Mr. Laurier will leave Toronto for St. Catharines, where he will address a public meeting in the evening.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

The Central Branch of the Methodist Church in Session.

The Women's Missionary Society (central branch) of the Methodist Church met yesterday in Sherbourne-street church in annual session. The absence of Mrs. Dr. Williams, president of the society, was much regretted. She was detained at home on account of illness of Rev. Dr. Williams. Mrs. James Gooderham, the vice-president, occupied the chair. In the absence of Mrs. Cameron, who was also detained by illness, the opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Finch. Seventy-six delegates answered the roll call.

Mrs. Hughes of Schomberg appropriately responded to the gracious words of welcome spoken by Mrs. D. B. Lucas. Mrs. Gooderham read the president's address, in which she contrasted the present and lack of means of work with that of seven years ago. Numerically, financially and spiritually there has been a marked increase. Several greetings and memorials were received.

An open meeting was held in the evening, which proved very interesting. Rev. Dr. Sheford presided. Many ladies were present and not a few gentlemen. Addresses were delivered by Rev. P. A. Jourdan, French missionary at Roxton Pond, Que., and Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

The ladies meet again to-day, when reports ad infinitum will be presented.

MRS. STAUNTON LOCKED UP.

It is Said She Intended to go to Chicago And Was Detained by the Police.

Circles across the Don were greatly excited yesterday over the fact that Mrs. Staunton had been arrested in connection with the alleged suicide of her husband on Saturday. A rumor had started that Mrs. Staunton was not going to wait her turn to give evidence in the adjourned inquest to-night but intended to quietly leave for Chicago with her son. In view of this rumor a warrant was issued yesterday through County Crown Attorney Badgerow for her detention as a material witness.

The result is that Mrs. Staunton was placed behind the bars at Police Headquarters at 6 o'clock last evening. Her son, Joseph Staunton, who resides in the city, called last night with a view of bailing his mother out, but at a late hour she was still in the cells.

Various Viaduct Schemes.

Hugh Blain (chairman), D. E. Thomson, R. W. Elliot, J. Gale, A. Pardoe, A. McCormick, Alex McDougall, E. Burke, J. H. Armstrong and W. Davies, jr., members of the Planning Constitution Committee of the City Association, met last night. The various viaduct schemes were discussed and a sub-committee appointed to go into the practical matters connected with the schemes with a view to the association submitting a scheme to the public structure delay.

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Ald. Shaw, Woods, Lennox, McDougall, the two Carlyles, Davies, and Tait took a little trip to the Dundas-street bridge yesterday to look into their alleged unsafe condition.

The case of Westwood against the city has been traversed to the next assizes.

The receipts for licenses recorded in Inspector Awde's department for the year up to date amount to $29,565.

The sub-committee on tobacco seizures, firemen's superannuation, and blockpaving on the entrance to the jail will meet to-day.

A dredge was set to work yesterday to deepen Coatsworth channel with the object of admitting the waters of the lake, thereby cleansing the waters of Ashbridge's Bay.

A bill went through committee of the whole last night to authorize the City Solicitor to notify the Toronto Street Railway Company of the intention of the city to purchase the railway at the expiration of the term of the existing charter.

FEASTING THE LIBERAL LEADER.

The Faithful Paying Homage to Mr. Laurier Around the Festive Board.

The Liberal leader feasted yesterday morning after his oratorical effort of the previous night. At 1.30 p.m. he was banquetted at the Reform Club. Nearly 100 of the prominent Liberals of the city were present. Hon. Oliver Mowat presided, the guest of the day sitting on his right and Mr. A. S. Fisher, M.P., on his left. The chairman, in highly complimentary terms, proposed the health of Mr. Laurier, which was received with great enthusiasm, the company singing "For He's a jolly good Fellow." The Liberal chieftain made a felicitous reply and gave the health of Ontario's Premier in glowing terms.

In the evening Mr. Laurier was entertained at dinner at Mr. J. D. Edgar's residence, Bloor-street west. This party was present:

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.	Hon. Oliver Mowat.
Hon. Edward Blake.	Mr. A. S. Fisher, M.P.
Hon. J. M. Gibson.	Hon. A. M. Ross.
John Waldie, M.P.	H. H. Cooke, M.P.
Dr. Gilmour, M.L.A.	John Leys, M.L.A.
Mr. G. H. Smith, M.L.A.	George E. Cox.
W. T. R. Preston.	J. S. Willison.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar.	J. F. Edgar.

Mr. Laurier will this morning lunch with Mr John Cameron. In the evening he will be entertained at dinner by Mr. Robert Jaffray. A reception will also be held at Mr. Jaffray's handsome residence, Grenville-street and Surrey place.

To-morrow Mr. Laurier will leave Toronto for St. Catharines, where he will address a public meeting in the evening.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

The Central Branch of the Methodist Church in Session.

The Women's Missionary Society (central branch) of the Methodist Church met yesterday in Sherbourne-street church in annual session. The absence of Mrs. Dr. Williams, president of the society, was much regretted. She was detained at home on account of illness of Rev. Dr. Williams. Mrs. James Gooderham, the vice-president, occupied the chair. In the absence of Mrs. Cameron, who was also detained by illness, the opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Finch. Seventy-six delegates answered the roll call.

Mrs. Hughes of Schomberg appropriately responded to the gracious words of welcome spoken by Mrs. D. B. Lucas. Mrs. Gooderham read the president's address, in which she contrasted the present and lack of means of work with that of seven years ago. Numerically, financially and spiritually there has been a marked increase. Several greetings and memorials were received.

An open meeting was held in the evening, which proved very interesting. Rev. Dr. Sheford presided. Many ladies were present and not a few gentlemen. Addresses were delivered by Rev. P. A. Jourdan, French missionary at Roxton Pond, Que., and Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

The ladies meet again to-day, when reports ad infinitum will be presented.

MRS. STAUNTON LOCKED UP.

It is Said She Intended to go to Chicago And Was Detained by the Police.

Circles across the Don were greatly excited yesterday over the fact that Mrs. Staunton had been arrested in connection with the alleged suicide of her husband on Saturday. A rumor had started that Mrs. Staunton was not going to wait her turn to give evidence in the adjourned inquest to-night but intended to quietly leave for Chicago with her son. In view of this rumor a warrant was issued yesterday through County Crown Attorney Badgerow for her detention as a material witness.

The result is that Mrs. Staunton was placed behind the bars at Police Headquarters at 6 o'clock last evening. Her son, Joseph Staunton, who resides in the city, called last night with a view of bailing his mother out, but at a late hour she was still in the cells.

WITH CROWBAR AND GUN.

CAPTAIN LAWLER ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE THE NEVERSINK.

A Lively Naval Engagement at Portsmouth—The Mariner Shoots Two Men—Arrested and Threatened With Lynching—Another Terrible Railway Disaster.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 1.—The particulars of the riot at Navassa on Sept. 14 have been received by the Navassa Phosphate Company from Acting Superintendent D. C. Smith. On the morning of the 14th the negroes arose in insurrection and killed four officers: Thomas A. Foster, Joseph Fales, James Mahon and William T. Shea. The motive of the negroes is unknown and no warning or intimation of such a thing was given. Mr. Roby was first assaulted in the diggings and hit on the head with clubs until left for dead. He was found in a rockhole under a lot of boards. He was removed to the house and took part in the battle with the blacks after having thirty stitches taken in his scalp. He is recovering.

At noon the men congregated in front of the superintendent's house and refused to work. When Mr. Jones, by direction of Assistant Superintendent Smith, attempted to arrest one of the ringleaders and take a pistol from him which had been taken from Mr. Roby, he was knocked down and in a few seconds a howling mob surrounded him. He managed to get to the house, where the other officers had sought shelter, through volleys of rocks and other missiles. The whites took refuge in the upper story of the superintendent's house and opened fire on the mob which threw stones into the house from every direction and shot at anyone in sight.

The negroes battered down doors, with an occasional negro wounded, when the whites were startled by the explosion of a dynamite bomb which had been thrown on the lower porch. This was soon followed by another, until there had been exploded a dozen of dynamite. The negroes were sheltered behind cars, trees, tanks and buildings. Shortly after 4 p.m. the negroes broke into the dynamite magazine and got a fresh supply of explosives. Knowing that all the negroes intended to blow them into eternity the whites left the house and endeavored to reach the officers' quarters and make another stand, but they had not got twenty feet away before the negroes, uttering fiendish yells, attacked them with axes, knifes, rocks, razors and clubs. Each man was soon overtaken and disarmed. Foster was the first to drop his weapon, a small rifle. He was at once butchered. Fales was given permission to plead with an axe after he had surrendered his weapon. Shea, the last seen was within a few feet of the cliffs with a number of negroes in pursuit, one of whom was preparing to fire at him with a revolver. His body has not been found.

Some friendly negroes hid the surviving whites in a little building until the excitement had somewhat subsided and while they were engaged in looting, robbing and pillaging the building where the officers were hiding and told them to go up to the mess house and get supper and that they would not be harmed. They had not proceeded thirty feet before one of the devils known as George Skoy placed a revolver within a few inches of Mahony's face and fired, and then shot him through the heart.

The brig Amorette was in the harbor but on account of a gale she could not be communicated with until Sunday morning. Mr. Smith wrote the Captain a note requesting him to run over to Kingston, Jamaica, and ask the American Consul to send aid, but he had discharged nearly all his ballast and could not sail until Monday evening. On the 20th the British man-of-war Forward arrived and was ordered to remain until relieved by the U. S. steamer Galena. Only one boat load of the Galena was at Navassa. The Americans were taken on board the Forward and treated as guests.

Among those injured on the island were Sam Mersh, who was severely hurt by being struck with rocks on the head; Harry Jones, injured about the face with rocks and bruised about the body; H. N. Vail, shot accidentally through the leg.

The Mining Engineers.

OTTAWA, Oct. 1.—The American Institute of Mining Engineers commenced its session in the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons to-night. The attendance was large. Dr. Sweetland of Ottawa presided. Sir John Macdonald delivered an address of welcome, in the course of which he said he was a politician, not a miner, although his friends gave him credit for undermining, aye, undermining. Hon. David Ross, Ald. Henderson, Col. Lay and others followed and Prof. Eggleston of New York responded.

Brennan Against Brennan.

The Brennan against Brennan case still occupies the attention of Mr. Justice Falconbridge at the Civil Assizes.

Brennan was in the witness box again yesterday and was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Mr. Dalton McCarthy, Q.C. Dr. Chaffee of Alliston, the father of the plaintiff, was also examined, and the court adjourned before the lawyers got through with him.

New York Democratic Convention.

SYRACUSE, Oct. 1.—The Democratic State Convention to-day adopted a platform reaffirming the doctrines of the National platform of 1888, adopted a resolution of tariff reform but disavowing free trade and endorsing Cleveland's administration of national affairs. A resolution of sympathy for Ireland and "England's noblest champion of freedom," Gladstone, was adopted.

Merchants can warehouse goods in bond or free with Mitchell, Miller & Co. Negotiable warehouse receipts issued; rate of insurance low.

EIGHT WERE DROWNED.

The Schooner Erie Wave Capsized Near Clear Creek—Names of the Victims.

PT. BURWELL, Oct. 1.—The schooner Erie Wave went ashore below Clear Creek some ten days ago. A wrecking party was instituted to get the stranded vessel off. Last evening they succeeded in getting her off some distance