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FIFTH YEAR.

A BITTER BILL OF FARE.

THE LORDS AGAIN ASKED TO PASS THE FRANCHISE MEASURE.

British Members at Liberty to Vote as They Please—Gen. Gordon Thanked For His Services in the Soudan—Opening of Parliament.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Parliament re-assembled to-day. The following is the queen's speech in opening the session:

My lords and gentlemen—I have brought you together to enable you to further consider the great subject of the representations of the people. I continue to maintain relations of amity with all foreign powers. Information from the Soudan includes painful uncertainties, but the energy, courage and resource conspicuously displayed by Gen Gordon in the successful defence of Khartoum deserve my warmest recognition. The advance of my troops to Dengola has for its object the rescue and security of that gallant officer and those who have so faithfully co-operated with him. I am using my best endeavors in Egypt to promote the further improvement of affairs in that country. I have given my support to the Egyptian government in the difficult financial position in which it was left through the failure of the recent conference. I regret the occurrences in the Transvaal, and am considering with the Cape government means to secure the observance of the convention.

Gentlemen of the house of commons—Operations in the Soudan render it necessary to ask of you further pecuniary provision.

My lords and gentlemen—A bill for the extension of the parliamentary franchise will be at once introduced. May the blessing of God attend your labors.

In the house of commons Gladstone gave notice that next Monday he would ask that priority be granted to the franchise bill throughout the session.

Harrington (home ruler) gave notice that he intended to offer an amendment to the address declaring the administration of law in Ireland unsatisfactory and that enquiry into the Maamtrasna murder trial would lead to greater contentment among the people.

In the commons Gladstone thanked Northcote for the moderate tone of his speech. He insisted that redistribution must follow the passage of the franchise bill, deprecated the disorders at Birmingham and elsewhere, and said he hoped the opposition had seen that the country wanted the franchise bill passed. He warned them that while insisting that their labors should include the redistribution scheme they should not include another question, the issue of which he was unable to foresee.

The conservatives objected to Gladstone's menacing tone. Labouchere said he hoped the house of lords would persist in rejecting the franchise bill, and thus hasten the abolishment of that body.

The members of the Irish party are left free to support the franchise bill or refrain from voting, as they think fit.

In the house of lords, Lord Belper (liberal), in moving an address in reply to the queen's speech, launched into a discussion of the franchise question and expressed the hope that the bill would be adopted without delay.

Lord Salisbury announced that the house was willing to pass the complete franchise measure together with the redistribution act at the earliest date.

Lord Granville asked for a calm discussion of the bill.

The house adjourned to Nov. 3.

CHEERED AND HISSED.

Lively Meeting of the Grand Trunk Company—An Unsatisfactory Half Year's Business.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk railway was held to-day. There was a large attendance and much excitement.

Sir Henry Tyler was cheered and hissed upon moving the adoption of the company's report. He complained that the company had been venomously and anonymously attacked during the past year, but was unable to disguise the fact that the working of the road for the past half year had been unsatisfactory, owing to defective harvests, commercial depression and over competition in through rates.

The report shows a deficit, compared with 1883, of £48 000 in the passenger traffic and £174,000 in freight. There was a saving of £147,000 in the working expenses.

A dividend of 4 per cent. on guaranteed stock and 5 per cent on preference shares was agreed to without discussion.

The Duchy of Brunswick's New Ruler.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—The duke of Cumberland has issued a proclamation assuming the government of the duchy of Brunswick, reserving the right to issue the necessary orders in relation to the oath of allegiance. He says he intends to govern the country in accordance with the imperial and provincial constitutions.

A Comet Without a Tail.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The comet recently discovered by Prof. Wolfe of Heidelberg and Prof. Copeland of England is now visible to the naked eye at Alexandria. It appears to be a nebulous body, condensed at the centre, and devoid of tail.

The Pope's Authority Denied.

ROME, Oct. 23.—The founders of the St. Paul catholic Italian church, replying to the declaration of the cardinal vicar that the church is of a heretical character, deny the authority of the pope. The vatican will excommunicate them.

The Cholera.

ORAN, Oct. 23.—Six deaths from cholera the past twenty-four hours.

ROME, Oct. 23.—Past twenty-four hours—Sixteen fresh cases of cholera at Naples; one death.

The Berlin Crim. Con. Case.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—At the assizes yesterday the case of King v. Mackie was concluded, the jury returning a verdict for the defendant.

Arrest of English Bookmakers.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—The police raided several cabarets to-day and arrested a number of English bookmakers. Much money was seized.

The New Secretary of the Admiralty.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Sir Thomas Brassey, junior lord of the admiralty, will succeed Bannerman as secretary of the admiralty.

Resignation of Belgium's First Minister.

BRUSSELS, Oct 23.—Malon, prime minister, has resigned.

The king has requested Bernaert to form a new ministry.

DOMINION DASHES.

Anthracite coal has been found on Queen Charlotte island.

Cornwall is to have waterworks, operated by a private firm.

Snow and ice appeared in different parts of Nova Scotia last week.

Eating wild parsnips killed Archibald Stuart at Porter's lake, N.S., last week.

Farmers are not allowed to dispose of their produce in the streets of St. John, N. B.

A St. Thomas baker has reduced the price of bread to 5 cents per two-pound loaf.

Five business men of Harriston have formed a produce syndicate with a capital of $50 000.

There are residing in Acton 38 widows, 17 old maids (over 30), 11 widowers and 10 bachelors.

George Upton of Hastings has fallen heir to $75,000 by the death of some relatives in England.

James Hatten trapped a fine bear last week in the northwestern part of the township of Amaranth.

A dividend of 3½ per cent. has been declared by the Merchants' bank for the half year, payable on and after Dec. 1.

Thieves stole five bottles of sacramental wine from St. James' church at Picton, N.S., and then spit all over the altar.

The Devil's Creek hotel, Irondale, occupied by Lewis Smith and owned by Mrs. Sawyers, was burned at a loss of $1000.

James Cunningham, a Canadian Pacific railway switchman, was burned to death at Hawk Lake. His family live at London.

A valuable horse belonging to Neil McCallum of Kintyre dropped dead from being frightened by the whistle of a steam harvester.

The baptist church at Paris has a skeleton in its closet. It was found in excavating for the foundation of the new building.

An infant child of John Folland, St. Thomas, swallowed a quantity of ammonia and was only saved by prompt medical attendance.

James Wood, jr., of Masham, county of Ottawa, shot a very large black bear weighing over 400 pounds not 200 yards from his residence.

Thomas J. Stinson, aged 13, was caught in a threshing machine in Euphrasia township Tuesday and crushed so badly that he died in a few hours.

A man from Woodbridge, named Watkins, was brutally beaten by a gang of roughs in the railway station at Bolton while waiting for a train.

The Aylmer waterworks are progressing rapidly. Already over 6000 feet of pipe has been laid, and the pump-house and reservoir are nearly completed.

W. J. Emery's store, a hardware store and the postoffice at Fort Burwell were burglarized last night. A horse and buggy were stolen from Hollywood's farm.

The Ontario car works are constructing 125 cars for the Northern and Northwestern railway company. Of these 100 are ordinary flat cars, and the other 25 are box cars.

The Sarnia gas company succeeded in their first attempt at gas making Tuesday, when the street mains were charged, the lighting of stores and other premises to follow immediately.

Reports from various country places this season indicate that it has been peculiarly favorable for the developement to outdoor fungi, such as mushrooms, toadstools, etc. The former have been particularly abundant.

A young man in Guelph who accompanied a wedding patty to Elora, on returning was only able to pay $3 on an account of something like $6 for his livery rig. His good broadcloth coat was seized for the balance, and he was obliged to wend his way home in his shirt sleeves.

The steamer Corinthian of the Richelieu and Ontario navigation company is still ashore at Presqu' Isle, near Kingston. It has been blowing very hard on Lake Ontario all day, and it is feared the steamer, being an iron one, may succumb to the attack of wind and wave. She is valued at $75,000.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Snow fell at Pittsburg and other places in Pennsylvania yesterday.

The Southern barbed wire works at St. Louis are burned; loss $57,000.

Scalpers are offering tickets from New York to Chicago at $13 and $14.

Sixty applications for divorce have been made in the Connecticut courts this fall.

A Hebrew orphan asylum costing $600,000 was dedicated at New York yesterday.

The debts of the Allegheny Valley railway company exceeds the assets over four million dollars and the road will be sold by auction.

At Atoka, I.T., yesterday the boiler in B. Scattches & Co.'s sawmill exploded, killing J. B. Oliver, Frank Choate and John Radcliffe.

A procession of negroes attacked a democratic meeting at Wilmington, N.C., Wednesday night. Some of the speakers were struck with stones.

The salvation army in the United States has deserted Gen. Booth's British forces and will be commanded by Major Moore, with headquarters at New York.

At St Louis yesterday the foreign mission society of the Christian church endorsed the proposed mission to the Congo valley, Africa. Medical missionaries will be sent to Japan and India.

The Effects of a Democatic Barbecue.

WABASH, Ind., Oct. 23.—As a train full of people were returning from a democratic barbecue at Peru this evening a woman named Cottichiphen, crazed with liquor, drew a long knife and began cutting and slashing among the passengers. Henry Garney was cut in the left shoulder, M. Quinn was dangerously stabbed in the face, and Conductor Prince was stabbed in the face. The woman was finally ejected.

Protection Demanded for the People's Candidate.

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—The chairman of the city committee of the people's party has applied to the police for protection at a meeting to be held in south Boston Friday evening, threats having been made that Butler will be rotten-egged.

Half a Million Burned at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 23.—A Chapman's mammoth dry goods establishment was destroyed by fire this evening together with contents. Chapman's loss on building and stock is $400.000. Stark Bros., occupying a portion of the building, lose $100,000 on stock.

FIGHTING IN TWO FIELDS

FRANCE'S CAMPAIGNS IN CHINA AND MADAGASCAR.

A Celestial Victory—106 French Soldiers Killed—Three Hundred Hovas Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Following are the particulars of the French defeat at Tam Sui: Lin Ming Schuan, the Chinese general, sent some of his soldiers disguised as coolies to assist the French in building forts. The remainder of the Chinese soldiers formed an ambush. A signal was given whereupon the supposed coolies and the soldiers in ambush made a sudden attack upon the French and hemmed them in on all sides. The French were overwhelmed and rushed into the sea in the wildest confusion. Admiral Lespes admits that 106 of his men were killed. He offered a reward of $6 for each corpse restored. The loss of the French flag was greatly deplored. Lespes endeavored to recover it from the Chinese by offering two new flags in exchange. The Chinese refused the offer.

It is believed that Germany is endeavoring to bring about a settlement between France and China.

The senate to-day voted that medals should be awarded to the Tonquin forces.

The Chinese say they lost only four men and captured 300 Frenchmen.

The Campaign in Madagascar.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Madagascar advices say: Miot, commander of the French forces, is negotiating with the Malagassy chiefs who are disposed to lend assistance to the French. Three hundred Hovas, who recently attacked the French post at Passandava, were repulsed with heavy loss. Four hundred volunteers from the reunion are now ready to co-operate with the regular French forces.

CABLE NOTES.

Mediation between China and France is again to be tried.

Eight persons have been burned to death in a fire in Westphalia.

The establishment of public gaming houses is seriously contemplated in Paris.

Upon the reduction of the Egyptian army all but ten of its British officers will resign.

The Paris police yesterday closed three gambling clubs where ladies were admitted.

The majority of the bundesrath do not admit the duke of Cumberland's claim to the throne of Brunswick.

The Belgian king desired the removal of two members of the cabinet, but the ministry decided to stand or fall together. The king desires a coalition ministry.

AGAINST THE TRUCK SYSTEM.

Employes of an Iron Company Recover Wages Deducted for Store Bills.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 23.—The employes of the Bethlehem iron company sued the company to recover amounts which had been deducted from their wages on account of store bills. A verdict was rendered to-day for the plaintiffs. The decision involves $20,000.

Mexico and Britain.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 23.—Preliminary steps are being taken by the senate looking towards a renewal of diplomatic relations with England. The question of the English debt has been referred to a committee of the house.

Liquor Sellers Disqualified From Masonry.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 23.—In the masonic grand lodge to-day resolutions were adopted declaring the selling of intoxicating drinks a masonic offence, and should disqualify any one from initiation or affiliation.

French Settlements Laid Waste.

QUEBEC, Oct. 23.—Hon. E. J. Flynn received the following telegram this morning from Rev. J. E. R. Pouliot, dated Gaspe, Oct. 22: "The settlements of Pointe A'Fregate and Petit Anse are completely destroyed by fire. Thirty five families are homeless and starving. For God's sake assist us." Another telegram states that thirty-five houses were burned at Clorydorme and 200 persons in a state of starvation, having lost barns, boats and everything they possessed.

Hamilton News.

HAMILTON, Oct. 23.—The board of works recommends the appointment of a street commissioner, whose duties will be to have a general supervision of the streets, and who will have charge of all work under the city engineer.

Joseph Spiers, aged 63, deformed and very feeble, died at the insane asylum Monday night. He was struck on the head by a fellow patient and a report went abroad that the blow caused his death, but the superintendent says death resulted from natural causes.

A Bad Bartender.

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 23.—Geo. Wallace, bartender at the Ivy Green hotel, London South, disappeared Tuesday. Next day the proprietor, R. Sparrowhawk, found that some $40 in cash, a silver watch, Mrs. Sparrowhawk's gold watch and a Remington revolver were missing. Mr. Sparrowhawk believes that he was drugged the night previous, as he did not awake until 10 o'clock, although his usual hour for rising is 5.

Cable Between Nova Scotia and Sable Island.

OTTAWA, Oct. 23.—The government will place the sum of $140,000 in the estimates of the coming session to lay a cable between Nova Scotia and Sable Island. Owing to the rocky bed over which the cable will run, it will be necessary to lay a shore cable the whole distance, which costs three times as much as an ordinary ocean cable.

Out of the Way for Seven Years.

BELLEVILLE, Oct. 23.—Mary Ann Harrigan, John Frall and John H. Zuefelt were convicted of burglary at the assizes this evening. Harrigan was sentenced to six months in the Mercer reformatory, Frall to seven years in the penitentiary, and Zuefelt (two charges) was also sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

The Carthage Fire.

WATERTOWN, N.Y., Oct. 23.—The rain last night and to day quenched the Carthage fire. Assistance is being rendered to the afflicted people as fast as possible.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Election of Officers and a Social at the Metropolitan Church.

The executive committee of the general board of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church in Canada met yesterday morning in the Richmond street church. Miss Eliza Spencer of Paris, Ont., was appointed a second missionary to Japan. The committee made the following appropriations which the board confirmed: For the French work, $900; Macdougall orphanage, $2[illegible]; Crosby home for girls, $800; Japan work, $2900. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. [illegible] Gooderham; recording-secretary, Mrs. Chisholm; corresponding-secretary, Mrs. Strachan; treasurer, Mrs. Wilkes.

The general board met in the afternoon and referred a proposition to amalgamate with a similar society in the episcopal methodist church to a committee.

In the evening a social was held in the Metropolitan church. Tea was served from 5 30 to 7.30, after which the ground floor of the church rapidly filled up. Rev. Hugh Johnston, the pastor, presided. The feature of the evening was an address by by Mrs. Van Beuschoten of Newark, N. J. Before this, however, the chairman and Rev. Dr. Sutherland spoke. The latter gave a history of the growth of the society. The annual meeting of 1883 reported two conference branches, comprising 23 auxilliaries, 9 separate auxiliaries, and 3 mission branches, yielding a revenue of $4281. There are now four conference branches in the London conference containing 19 auxilliaries, Toronto 15, Montreal 7, Nova Scotia 4, 2 in Newfoundland, 1 in New Brunswick and 2 in Prince Edward Island, making a total of 49 auxilliaries and 4 mission branches. The income this year was $6421. Nov. 23, 1882, witnessed the departure to Japan of Miss Cartmell, the first representative of the society in a foreign field.

Mrs. Van Beuschoten's address was listened to with much attention. She is a fluent, pleasing speaker. She confined herself principally to the work of women missionaries among pagan nations. She herself has had a great deal of experience in this line. Mrs. Van Beuschoten's address was replete with graphic allusions to the noble women of history, and she displayed an interesting familiarity with their records. Speaking of the consecration of women of the church, she said: "It was the bible alone that elevates woman. Philosophy and learning could not do it. They might burnish our chains, but they could never emancipate us." The speaker impressed upon the numerous audience of ladies the great need of assistance in the foreign mission field. Miss Houlton of Belleville, a missionary to Japan who is now on furlough, charmed the audience by singing the hymns "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," and "Jesus Loves Me" in Japanese, set to native melodies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The Second Annual Meeting in St. George's School House.

A great many people braved last night's storm to attend the second annual meeting of the Toronto Sunday school association (church of England) in the school house of St. George's church. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. D. Cayley, occupied the chair. After nearly an hour had been spent on the Sunday school lesson for Oct. 26, C. R. W. Biggar presented the report of the general committee. It stated that the results of the first year's work were in most respects satisfactory and encouraging. Ten meetings of the association had been held during the year, and all were well attended. At each of them the discussion of some question of practical interest was opened in a twenty minutes' essay, and continued in speeches limited to five minutes each, which gradually assumed a more or less conversational character. H. Guest Collins read the treasurer's report, which showed that all the churches in the association, with the exception of St. Paul's, Trinity east, Church of the Redeemer, St. Thomas' and St. Matthew's had contributed to the funds of the association, and that there was a balance of $18 39 in the treasurer's hands. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Bishop Sweetman; clerical vice president, Rev. Canon Dumoulin; lay vice president, S. G. Wood; secretary, C. R. W. Biggar, M.A.; treasurer, H. G. Collins; executive committee, together with the officers of the association, Rev. J. D Cayley, Rev. A. Williams, Rev. J. T. Sweeny, Geo. R Kirkpatrick, Geo. McKenzie and Mansfield Sheppard. After a short discussion as to what books were recommended for getting up the subjects of examination for 1885, the meeting adjourned until Thursday, Nov. 20.

The subjects of examination for 1885 are: 1, Scripture—St. John, chaps. 1 to 10; 2 Lesson service of holy communion and part of the church catechism commencing "How many sacraments hath Christ ordained in his church" to the end.

The Fortune Unfortunate.

PORT ROWAN, Oct. 23.—The steam-barge Fortune of Hamilton, loaded with stave bolts from Port Talbot for Buffalo, began leaking and was run ashore on Long Point west of the west-end lighthouse last evening about 8 o'clock. The lifeboat from this station this morning rescued all hands.

Potts on Prohibition.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—Rev. Dr. Potts at a temperance meeting said it was his belief that parliament would in the near future pass a prohibition act for the whole of the domicion. The cause, he thought, was past the period for trifling.

The Provincial Show Must Go.

From the Chatham Planet.

Its usefulness is gone. Not because it is not as worthy of support as of yore, but because there are plenty as good and some better. Chatham, St. Thomas, London, Guelph, Hamilton, Toronto, and so on, have each good exhibitions upheld largely by private enterprise. The large sum expended yearly by Ontario for the maintenance of this association is clearly so much wasted.

A Plaid for the Grand Old Man.

The weavers of Inverness have worked a beautiful Highland plaid for Mr. Gladstone, as a memorial of his recent progress through Scotland. It was forwarded to Hawarden with the following lines:

This plaid will keep you warm, Willie,
You'll catch no colds or chills
By wearing this memento
From the weavers of Holm mills.

The golden wedding of Prince Anthony of Hohenzollern, chief of the catholic branch of the house of that name, was celebrated in a befitting manner at Sigmaringen Tuesday.

Geo. G. Freilinghuysen says the report that President Arthur and his sister are engaged to be married is untrue.

THE G.T.R. FAST EXPRESS

COLLIDES WITH AN EASTBOUND FREIGHT TRAIN.

A Midnight Disaster at Point Claire—Faithful Engineer Loses His Life—Who Is to Blame?

There was a great deal of talk during the whole of yesterday around the union station about a collision at Pointe Claire, 14 miles west of Montreal, between No. 6 fast express from Montreal and an east-bound freight train. The accident occurred at 11.45 on Wednesday night. The engineer of the express, Alex. Stewart of Montreal, who had been in the company's employ for 23 years, was instantly killed and Charles Bowden of River Beaudette, his fireman, lies in the Montreal hospital suffering from a complication of injuries, which however are not necessarily fatal.

The fast express does not stop at Point Claire. She runs from Montreal to Cornwall with but one brief halt, at Lachine junction. Just before she got to the fatal spot an east-bound freight loaded with sheep, etc., steamed into the Point Claire siding to let the express pass. The freight ran into the siding with great velocity and the engineer was unable to check his train when it was found that she was going to run the full siding and pass on to the main line at the other end. The engine of the freight and a couple of cars passed the eastern end of the switch and on to the main line. The express came bowling along at the rate of thirty miles an hour. All efforts to avert the impending collision were of no avail. The engineman and fireman of the freight escaped death by jumping from the cab. The express crashed into the other train at a full head of speed. The result was an unrecognizable mass of rolling stock and dead live stock. Very strange to say, none of the passengers on the express were seriously hurt. A report from Montreal gives the list as follows: J. J. Muldoon, bruised on thigh and also more or less injured about shoulder; Mr. Mansell, bruised about head, G. A. McMaster of Toronto, a traveler for Lailey & Co., Front street, severely cut and bruised. Mr. Smith, assistant locomotive superintendent of Toronto, was on board and in company with Mr. Hannah, traveling inspector of the Pullman cars, occupied seats in the last car. They state that the shock was very slight.

An investigation and inquest is in progress at Montreal. It is said the damage will be over $75,000. No. 4 express, which leaves Montreal an hour before the fast, arrived in Toronto on time yesterday. The passengers on the fast were transferred to another train, which reached Toronto last midnight.

The cause of the accident is not very clear. Francois Brunet, the switchman at Point Claire, and the only one who witnessed the collision, does not seem to know as much as he ought about it. It is said that if the rails had not been so greasy the engineer of the freight could have stopped his train before the main line was reached.

A Pitch-in on the Midland.

At 11.30 o'clock Wednesday night there was a pitch-in on the Midland division of the Grand Trunk, 2½ miles from Scarboro junction. A freight train coming into the city ran into the rear end of another train standing on the track. Wm. Fair, one of the conductors, was more or less injured, but all the other train hands escaped unhurt. The damage to rolling stock was considerable.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

Petley has overcoats and blankets for everybody.

The Adelaide street roller rink has booming crowds.

A letter box has been placed at the corner of Seaton street and Wilton avenue.

Four large panes of glass in Rose avenue school were broken last night by vandals.

The clock in St. James' spire is still aglee, and much inconvenience is the consequence.

The arbitration between the city and county of York, arising out of the annexation of the wards St. Paul, St. Matthew and St. Mark, will take place at the court house to-day at 11 a.m.

The criminal assizes open next Tuesday. Judge O'Connor said yesterday he would discharge the present jury to-morrow and empannel a new one. A large number of untried civil cases will have to go over.

The physicians in attendance on James Nelson, the little boy who was so badly burned by vitrol at Sutherland's bookstore last Saturday afternoon, will not give an opinion as to his chances of recovery as he is still in a serious condition.

The treasurer of the newsboys' lodging and industrial home returns thanks to Ald. Piper for a kind donation, being amount of the collection taken up after a sermon lately preached in the Zoo gardens by Rev. Dr. Wild in aid of the funds of the institution. Next Sunday afternoon the jubilee singers will give a sacred concert, the collection being in aid of the boys' home.

Fenton Not Afraid of the Charges.

"Wouldn't I be a fool to let Adams drop those charges against me!" said County Crown Attorney Fenton to a World reporter yesterday. "If they're true, I ought to be bounced, but if not I'm all O K." He referred to the charges that Adams, the pawnbroker, had brought against him, and he had just received a proposition from the plaintiff's counsel that the matter be dropped. He refused to agree to this, and appeared before John Winchester, inspector of shrievalties, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but Adams did not come to time. The case was adjourned until next Tuesday, at which time, if Adams is not present, the county crown attorney will apply for an order compelling him to attend.

A Serious Charge Against a Constable.

On an information laid by a young woman who calls herself Mrs. Mary Davies, Policeman Wm. Thompson of No. 4 division was arraigned at a police court yesterday on a charge of indecent assault, which is alleged to have taken place in a vacant lot at Sherbourne and Shuter streets early on the morning of Oct. 18 while Thompson was on duty. The woman tells a contradictory story as to the alleged assault. The magistrate said a prima facie case had been made out, and committed the defendant for trial, accepting bail for his appearance. The accused is a single man. Just after the alleged assault took place, Acting Patrol Sergeant Hales came upon the scene and took both parties to the station.

EXEMPTIONS MUST GO.

The Provisional Committee at Work on a Constitution for the Association.

The first meeting of the provisional committee of the association formed for the purpose of advocating the total abolition of exemptions from taxation, took place yesterday afternoon. There were present: Dr. Morton, Messrs. McCord, Wright, Leys, Mason, Kyle and Rogers. Dr. Morton was called to the chair, and Messrs Hallam and Jury were added to the list of committeemen. It was moved by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mason, that a sub-committee of three be formed whose duties it shall be to draw up a constitution and by-laws. Messrs. Kyle, Leys and Wright were by motion called upon to act in this capacity, their report to be submitted to the next meeting of the association. Mr. Mason, in a short speech, recommended that the association investigate the whole question of municipal reform, but Mr. Rogers thought the abolition of exemptions was "a tough enough job," and recommended the association to stick to this. Mr. Wright also argued that the discussion of so wide a subject might result in a split in the association itself. It was agreed therefore that all energies should be directed to the one subject of the abolition of exemptions from taxation.

A Serious Complaint.

One of the hardest working set of men yearly employed by the government in the educational department are the sub-examiners on the intermediate examinations. This year we hear that complaints have been made as regards their payment. The arrangement, as far as we can learn, was this: The sub-examiners were to receive $6 per day for seven hours' work. After working for a short time at this rate, it was found that the examination would not be finished in time. Accordingly the sub examiners were asked to work another hour and receive one-seventh more pay. Upon this understanding the examiners put in their eight hours per day. As there was some dispute as to the amount that was to be received, the Hon. G. W. Ross was interviewed, and stated, it is said, that the sub examiners should receive 85 cents per hour. When, however, payment was made it was discovered that 68 cents per hour had been allotted them in place of the promised and expected 85

The Maritime Court.

Murchison et al v. the Maggie Mason, an action for wages, was proceeded with before Judge Boyd at the maritime court yesterday, and after lengthy arguments finally closed. His honor gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff Feightner for $102 and costs, and dismissed the plaintiff Murcheson's claim.

In maritime court chambers yesterday Mr. Foster applied on behalf of the owners of the steamer Pacific, against which a case is now pending in the maritime court here, for an order staying proceedings in the suit against the steamer until a case now pending in the admiralty court at Detroit for a claim made by the owners of the Pacific against the owners of the steamer Alberta for damages arising from the same collision is settled. Judgment was reserved.

The Police Court Record.

In the police court yesterday John Steel was sent to jail for six months on a charge of vagrancy. Wm. Hoffman, wife beater, $2 and costs. James Redman, insulting language towards S Ramage, $1 and costs. Thomas Swidle, stealing a pair of boots from J. R. Kirby, discharged. Thomas Guy, stealing a bottle of whisky and $3 from Sam Drury, remanded until Wednesday. Maud Newell, aged 14, stealing $19 from F. Padley, remanded on her own bail. Thomas Lockington, wife beating, withdrawn. The case against Joseph Power and Samuel Richardson, licensed hotelkeepers, charged with having refused to accommodate Jeremiah Ryan with lodging was, in oader to secure the attendance of Ryan, who is out of the city, adjourned until Monday next.

A Gang of Sheep Stealers.

James Spring and George McMullen were before J. M. Wingfield, H. Miller and D. G. Stephenson, J. P.s, yesterday charged with having on Oct. 1 stolen sheep from a Scarboro farmer named Patrick Clancy. They were committed for trial at the criminal assizes, which open on Tuesday next.

County Constable Waites arrested John Woods, 28 years old, on Wednesday night on a charge of stealing sheep from Henry Saunders of York township.

G. O. R. Band Concert.

The Queen's Own have arranged for another popular and enjoyable affair at the Granite rink to-night. The band will play a number of its best selections, and there will be gymnastics, fancy bicycle riding and two tugs of war—one between the officers and sergeants, the other between F and I companies. The price of admission has been put at a low figure, and it is to be hoped the efforts of the regiment to provide cheap and pleasant entertainments will be largely rewarded.

Mrs. Boyd Wouldn't Pay for Them.

Wm. Tolliet, alias Smith, a burly Scotchman, was held at No. 2 station last night, charged with obtaining a suit of clothes from Max Hazza, a tailor of No. 714 Yonge street, under false pretences. It seems that Tolliet went to Hazza and ordered the clothes, representing that his employer, a Mrs. Boyd, would pay for them. When the bill was presented to Mrs. Boyd she denied all knowledge of the transaction.

An Essay on the First Snow.

The City Editor could not Allow this Issue of The World to appear without Informing his Many readers that it Snew yesterday. And it Snewed very hard for a long Time. At night it Got real cold and there was Plenty of overcoats to be Seen in the Streets. This was the First snow Flakes of the season. It was the Twenty third of October, be it Remembered.

Owners Wanted for Dogs.

A policeman found a valuable bull dog on Queen street west yesterday afternoon. Just before he found it a man spoke to him saying he was from Quebec, and that he had lost a bull dog. As the stranger said he would report it at the station the policeman did not take his name or address. The dog is at No 2 station. A pointer pup, found by a policeman on Simcoe street Wednesday, night is also at the same station.

A Very Sure Sign of Cold Weather.

The policemen were allowed to wear their overcoats for the first time this season last night.

DEFEAT OF THE SCOTT ACT

THE TEMPERANCE PEOPLE BEATEN IN PEEL COUNTY.

Majority of 166 Against the Measure, With One Place to Hear From—The Voting by Municipalities.

BRAMPTON, Oct. 23.—There was great excitement in Peel county to-day over the vote on the Scott act. The temperance people and the liquor men used all their strength to bring out voters for their respective sides, the result being that a large vote was polled. The day was with the anti-Scott party, as the appended statement shows:

Township.	Maj. For.	Maj. Against.
Albion	..	43
Caledon	56	..
Chinguacousy	11	..
Toronto Gore	..	40
Toronto Township	..	150
	67	233
		67
Total majority against		166

A division in Toronto gore has yet to be heard from. It is expected that it will increase the majority. Brampton gave a majority of 27 for the act and Streetsville 55 against.

A NEW DEPOT FOR THE C. P. R.

General Manager Van Horne and His Staff Surveying the Ground.

The next big movement on the part of the Canadian Pacific railway in this city is the erection of a depot of their own near the vicinity and north of the present Union station. It is also probable that the Pacific will endeavor to secure right of way over a strip of land on the south side of Front street and put down as many tracks as possible. Yesterday afternoon General Manager Van Horne, Mr. Wells, solicitor, Mr. Lumsden, mechanical superintendent, and Mr. Purcell, of Purcell & Ryan, contractors, made a detailed inspection of the localities mentioned. It is understood that steps will be taken at once to the end indicated.

$850 Damages for the Drummer.

Burnett v. Hope, was the first case called at the civil assizes yesterday. David Burnett, a commercial traveler, brings an action against Adam Hope & Co., wholesale hardware dealers of Hamilton, to recover $1500 for alleged wrongful dismissal. In June, 1882, the plaintiff was engaged as traveler by defendants for a term of three years. Adam Hope, the senior partner of the firm, died in August, 1882, and in December, 1882, the defendants notified the plaintiff that they were pushed for money, and in order to cut the expenses down they would have to dismiss him. The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $950. McLellan v. Winston, an action for alleged breach of contract to cut and deliver 25,000 ties on the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific railway near Port Arthur, was taken up but not finished. The plaintiff claims $4500 damages.

Peremptory list for to-day is McGaffin v. Plater, Longstaff v. Chamberlin.

PERSONAL.

Sir David Macpherson is expected in the city to-day.

Major Caverhill is the new commander of the Montreal Royal scots.

A. M. Burgess, deputy minister of the interior, is slowly recovering from a fortnight's illness.

Lord Randolph Churchill's idea of relief from parliamentary life is to stay in bed twenty hours at a stretch.

Prince Albert Victor will start next spring on a long tour through the continent, and afterwards visit the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tolfree returned to the city from their wedding trip yesterday afternoon. They were warmly welcomed by a large circle of friends.

Hon. Isaac Burpee of St. John, N. B., minister of customs in the Mackenzie administration, is at New York for his health, which is precarious.

Rev Richard Young, who has for a number of years labored as missionary in the Athabasca district, was consecrated bishop for that diocese at Winnipeg Saturday.

Archbishop Lynch last night returned to the city from Penetanguishene, where he turned the first sod for the church to be erected as a memorial to the huron missionary martyrs of two centuries ago.

Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P. for West Staffordshire, Eng., who is returning to England from his ranching lands near Fort Macleod, will soon publish a volume on his experiences in the Canadian Northwest, entitled From Home to Home.

Sidney L. Helliwell of California, a prominent democratic orator of the Pacific slope, was born in West Flamboro, about 26 years ago, and is a son of C. L. Helliwell, and a nephew of S. L. Jones, at one time editor of the Dundas Warder.

Kenneth Boswell Cameron, son of Hector Cameron, M.P. for Victoria, having passed through his four years course at the Royal military college, Kingston, has succeeded in gaining a commission in her majesty's service, and will be shortly gazetted.

It is said that the queen has concluded finally to give the prince of Wales the use of Buckingham palace, which has been the desire of his heart for many years. One of the chief causes for discontent against Queen Victoria is that she of late years has not kept a court at this London palace.

The earl of Aylesford, who has a ranch at Big Springs, Texas, is thus described: He is a cow-boy in appearance, with a riding jacket, pants stuffed into top boots, an ugly revolver at his side and a belt of cartridges round his waist, and crowned with a broad sombrero. Belted and spurred, the English earl has all the appearance of a bad man, though his tastes in line him rather to social conviviality than to bloodshed.

Our Bob Spells His With a Y.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Bob Miles is still kicking about having his pocket picked at the races. He says he can see his money fast enough in the show business this season. Billy Crane paid his bridge fare home.

But a Little More Robust.

Montreal Gossip: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beatty of Toronto have been visiting this city. Mr. Beatty is a leading barrister, and is said to resemble President Arthur in appearance.

THE COMING WINTER.

MR. EDITOR: Please tell Moses Otes that this is going to be a hard winter. We are putting double windows in all our houses and laying another coat of rushes on the ground floor. I am letting my hair grow long and advise Mr. Otes to do likewise. Oats should be bearded as well as barley.

M. SKRAT.

Ashbridge's Bay, Oct. 23.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

Without exception the finest umbrella in town—Alick Pedlical.

I shall soon be a polymath—Wm. Houston.

By the great Horne spoon—The C. P. R. staff.

And still the wheat goes down—The Farmer.

Fair and Cool.

Lakes: Light to moderate winds; fair, cool weather.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Canada from Havre; Silesia from Plymouth; Ems from Southampton.
At Father Point: King from London.
At Havre: Normandie from New York.
At Rotterdam: Leerdam from New York.
At Queenstown: Wisconsin.