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THE DOMINION'S IRELAND.

A DREARY SESSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Greater Part of the Time Occupied by the Postmaster-General and the General of the Belligerent Members From Prince Edward Island.

OTTAWA, March 2.—This was a dreary day in the House of Commons. There was a 2½ hours' session, the greater part of which was taken up by the Postmaster-General and the General of the belligerent members from Prince Edward Island, which province is now beginning to be looked upon as the "Ireland of the Dominion."

Mr. Davies and his fellow members from the little island province made a general attack on the postal service which is in vogue there and which they describe as wretched and disgraceful. It keps Mr. McLelan busy answering the complaints of these gentlemen and the Postmaster-General told them plainly that they got as much, if not more, out of the postoffice appropriations than they deserved.

Other sources of friction with the Islanders are the Northern Light and the Confederation compact. Papers are being continually moved for about this ice cruiser and also about the terms of confederation. More of them were on the order paper to-day, and between the postal complaints and these other grievances the men from diminutive Prince Edward had it pretty much all their own way. They had to do their talking, however, amidst a continual abuse and noise, and no one but the Postmaster-General listened to them.

Tribute to the Late Mr. Robertson.

Sir John was not in the House to-day and Sir Hector Langevin acted as leader, and just before adjournment at 6 o'clock the Minister of Public Works arose and made a touching allusion to the memory of the late Alexander Robertson, the member for West Hastings. Sir Hector said that although the dead member was always quiet and retiring in his habits he took a deep interest in the affairs of the province and of the district in which he lived. Sir Hector said also that the Prime Minister had intimated to him his regret at not being able to be present to speak of Mr. Robertson's worth as a member.

Mr. Laurier also made some kindly remarks about the deceased.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell left for Belleville to-night to attend the funeral.

Petitions.

Among the petitions that were presented to the House today was one by Mr. Small on behalf of the Toronto Board of Trade. It asks for amendments to the act amalgamating the Board of Trade and the Corn Exchange, so as to provide that "any person directly or indirectly engaged or interested in trade or commerce, whether a resident of Toronto or not, shall be eligible for membership" providing for the expulsion and admission of members, the restriction of membership and for power to fulvest in its Board of Arbitration, or any other committee of the board, the compulsory attendance of witnesses and the production of documents on the issue of "alibi[illegible]," the examination of witnesses under oath and that any award made by the arbitrators may be filed and entered in the High Court of Justice of Ontario as a judgment thereof.

Petitions for acts of incorporation of railway schemes continue to pour in. Among yesterday's are petitions from Alexander John McKay and others to incorporate the Chinook Belt and Peace River Railway Company; the Ottawa, Montreal and Vermont Railway Company; the Lake of the Woods Milling and James Bay Railway Company.

An Allowance for Mrs. Ryrel.

Mr. Desjardins from the Debates Committee again reported in favor of the appointment of Thomas Patrick Owens to the vacancy of one of the Hansard staff and the payment of two months' salary to the widow of the late George Ryrel. The first clause was unanimously adopted, but on the second there was a discussion.

Clarke Wallace, Mr. Denison, Mr. Lister, Mr. Davin and others spoke in the most kind-hearted terms of the dead reporter. Mr. Wallace hoped the two months' clause would be taken out and half a year's salary given the widow. This would amount to $1000.

Sir Hector Langevin said that as the desire was so universal for a six months' allowance he would refer it to the Government. The latter will no doubt instruct the Debates Committee to amend its report in favor of six months' salary.

Mr. Wood (Brockville) from the Committee on Standing Orders reported in favor of extending the time for receiving private bills to March 24. This was agreed to. A similar motion was carried in the Senate. Clarke Wallace's Select Committee on Combines was authorized to employ a shorthand reporter. The work will be equally divided between Herbert Burrows and J. L. Payne of The Empire, and Henry S. Stafford of the Montreal Gazette.

Mr. Jamieson sent up his bill amending the Canada Temperance Act, the text of which I telegraphed Wednesday, and it was read a first time.

Ministerial Utterances.

The Secretary of State, in answer to Mr. Bernier, said compendiums of the criminal laws had been sent to justices of the peace throughout the Dominion, and that these compendiums were found to be sufficient for all practical purposes.

To Mr. Bureon the Minister of the Interior said the Government would not pay a pension to Mrs. Gowanlock, whose husband was massacred at Frog Lake, the same as had been paid to Mrs. Delaney. The Minister said Mr. Delaney was an official of the department, while Mr. Gowanlock was not. Mrs. Gowanlock was paid $907 for personal losses and she also received half of $4020 which would have belonged to her husband as his share of constructing a mill at Frog Lake, which, however, was never finished.

To Mr. Weldon the Minister of Railways said that the sum of $3,024,632 had been charged to the capital account of the Intercolonial Railway during the past four fiscal years.

York and Simcoe Streets G.T.R. Crossings.

Mr. Denison asked the minister if the Government would compel the Grank Trunk Railway to obey the order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, made last November, to erect and maintain gates at their York and Simcoe street crossings in Toronto before Jan. 1, 1888.

Mr. Pope said he understood these gates had already been erected, at least this was the first time he had heard that they were not. He would see that the Grand Trunk company obeyed the order.

Mr. Taylor and Dr. Sproule got a resolution through that it was expedient to introduce a bill providing for the manufacture and sale of rendered lard. The mover and seconder said that great quantities of spurious lard were placed upon the market. The bill will be in the direction of treating it the same as oleomargarine or spurious butter.

"Combines" and Protection.

Mr. Edgar withdrew his motion for a select committee to inquire into the working of the "combines," saying that Mr. Wallace had got there in advance of him. Mr. Edgar made another speech about the alleged injustice of the present tariff, and he prophesied that Protection must go. The high tariff was responsible for the "combines" in the United States, and it was also to blame for their presence in Canada.

Addressing the Finance Minister he said that Sir Charles must have observed during his recent residence in Washington that the hue and cry on that side of the lines was to pull down the tariff.

Sir Charles, however, had no reply for Mr. Edgar.

Several returns moved for by members were ordered to be brought down, including one by Mr. Denison showing the number of railway accidents reported to the Government during 1886 in respect of which actions are now pending.

The Senate Adjourned Till March 13.

OTTAWA, March 2.—The Senate sat for 1½ hours this afternoon and adjourned till March 13.

The select committee of seven on revising the rules of divorce reported in favor of reducing the committee to five. This was agreed to.

Senator Odell and others made things lively for a short time in presenting a series of complaints against "certain officials of the Intercolonial Railway, who had on a certain date ordered several passengers out of their sleeping car at Riviere du Loup, en route from Halifax to Montreal, and made them finish their journey in an ordinary coach."

Mr. Abbott made the usual promise to investigate.

CAPITAL CHIT-CHAT.

The Duty on "Prince"—Entertained by Minister—Appointments Gazetted.

OTTAWA, March 2.—Senators Frank Smith, Allan and O'Donohue left for Toronto tonight. Mr. Adam Brown, M.P., went to Hamilton.

Geo. W. Dower, David Hastings and D. J. O'Donoghue of Toronto and Frank J. Farrell of Ottawa, representing the Typographical Unions of Canada, had an interview with Sir Charles Tupper to-day and asked that the duty on stereotyped plates be increased and that celluloid plates and matrices be classified. At present stereotyped plates pay 5 cents per pound and celluloid, plates and matrices are unclassified. The deputation said that this was asked in the interests of Canadian printers and publishers. Sir Charles promised to look carefully into the matter. The Toronto men went home to-night.

Hon. Thos. White gave a dinner party this evening to which the invitations were: Gov. Dewdney, Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Sir Donald A. Smith, M.P., Mr. Trutch, ex-M.P.P. of British Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Macdowall, Speaker and Mrs. Ouimet, Mr. and Mrs. Scarth, Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. Ward, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood Schreiber, Mr. Adam Brown, M.P., Mr. T. M. Daly, M.P., Miss Hodgson of Montreal.

A deputation waited on the Minister of Customs to-day, respecting the window shade manufacturers of the Dominion, and urged a reduction on certain cotton 40 inches wide and over, on the ground that such were not manufactured in Canada. An objection having been raised to this by the cotton men, they expressed a willingness to only have the reduced rate prevail until the material they required was manufactured in the Dominion.

The Adulteration Act.

An order-in-council has been passed embodying regulations for carrying out the provisions of the Adulteration Act. Such employes of the Inland Revenue Department mentioned in section 5 of the act as the Minister may select shall be styled inspectors and for such extra services may be paid an additional remuneration, the gross salary not to exceed $1200 per annum. Any manufacturer, importer, retailer or purchaser who desires to procure an analysis of any drug or food sample, etc., may do so on payment of a fee of $5 for each sample so analysed, such fee to be credited to the Adulteration of Food Act.

New and Old Bills.

The bill introduced by Mr. Landry is similar to the one brought before the House last session, its object being to prevent usury. He says it is quite common in many parts of Canada for money lenders to charge exorbitant rates of interest. He is aware of cases where 150 per cent. has been collected on loans. The object of the bill is to fix a rate of interest beyond which there can be no excess. Seven per cent. he thinks, would be a reasonable rate, but sooner than allow the present condition of things to exist he would be satisfied if it were fixed even at 10 per cent.

Mr. McNeill has given notice that he will re-introduce his bill providing that members of the civil service who were employed before the Civil Service Act came into operation shall not be subjected to examinations for promotion. He contends that efficiency in departmental work should be sufficient to justify promotion.

It is said here that Mr. Jas. Brown, ex-M.P., will be the Liberal candidate in West Hastings and that Mr. Corby of Belleville, the well-known distiller, will be asked to be the Conservative standard bearer.

Sir Adolph Entertains.

Sir Adolph and Lady Caron entertained ladies and gentlemen at dinner this evening: Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stephen, Mr. and Miss J. Royden, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Angus, Mr. W. McPherson, Mr. C. Stuart.

Mr. McMullen intends to move for a return of the report made by Professor Saunders on the question of locating the Northwest Agricultural Farm.

Although the question of Mr. Purcell's right to occupy his seat has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court, the gentleman intends to exercise a member's privileges to the fullest extent. On Tuesday he will ask a question about pensions.

March 19 is the date of the vote to be taken in Renfrew on a repeal of the Scott Act. M. O. Driscoll of Pembroke will be returning officer.

Judge Globensky has been appointed revising officer for the County of L'Assomption.

The other appointments to be gazetted are R. E. St. Onge Chapleau, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery; J. W. Bickle of Cobourg, Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue for the Peterboro' division; J. T. McGoverh of Ottawa, Preventive Officer of Customs.

Loyal to the Core.

"Ex-Judge O'Reily of Hamilton," said a member of the House of Commons to-day, "is a sample of the real old Conservative stock, a stock that is loyal to the core." He is now in his 83d year, but in the recent election at Halton he drove out to Nelson to record his vote for the Conservative candidate. A local paper recording the incident says:

"He dined at a farm house in Nelson which was once owned by his father and where he himself lived in 1816 with his parents. The present occupant is a loyal Conservative with a family of eleven children. The boys are named John A. Macdonald, Charles Tupper and Leonard Tilley. They were introduced to the venerable judge, who praised them as fine, promising lads and advised the father if Providence blessed him with any more sons to name them Tom White, John Carling, and so on, until Nelson could have a cabinet quorum within its limits.

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THE BURLINGTON STRIKE.

Officials of the Road Say There Will be no Compromise.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The Burlington officials positively state that no compromise will be made with the strikers, and that a large number of Reading engineers will at once go to work. The latter say that they starved long enough at the East and are not disposed to take further risks.

The General Passenger Agent said to-day that the passenger service was practically where it was before the strike, and that they were moving freight on every division of the line.

The Reading Engineers' Attitude.

READING, Pa., March 2.—All trains on the Reading system are running as usual. The order of Chief Arthur to the Brotherhood officials in the East to induce Brotherhood engineers on the Reading Railroad to quit their engines is receiving no attention in the Schuylkill Valley. The men who are now running are on to stay. They say they gave up their jobs in July, 1877, in answer to Mr. Arthur's orders and lost their places, the strike having resulted disastrously.

Manitoba Cutting Down Expenses.

WINNIPEG, March 2.—The services of a number of employes in the Attorney-General's department, including Municipal Commissioner Murray, will be dispensed with at the end of the month.

THE MANITOBA SITUATION.

LITTLE RISE TALKED ABOUT AT THE DOMINION CAPITAL.

What the Government is "Going To Do About It"—Disallowance to Be Thrown Overboard—Manitoba's Guardian Angel—A General Satisfaction at Winnipeg.

OTTAWA, March 2.—The political situation in Manitoba had the call around the Capital to-day and this evening. Little else was talked about than the decision of Premier Greenway and Attorney-General Martin to make a pilgrimage to Ottawa and see what Sir John and his Government "were going to do about it." That is about the language people use around the Capital now. "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

The Manitoba ministers, barring snow blockades, will arrive in Ottawa by Monday evening. They will, it is understood, confer with the Government immediately on their arrival in the city. "What will the conference be about," did you say? Well, it is a secret that almost anyone can find out around here that Sir John has promised to annihilate disallowance as far as Manitoba is concerned. That is what the people want up there and have it they will, so several of the members and newspaper men from that province say.

Mr. Robert Watson (Lib.), the member for Marquette, is the man who arranged with the Prime Minister that Mr. Greenway and his Attorney-General should come on to Ottawa and have the conference. Mr. Watson telegraphed to Mr. Greenway that everything looked favorable and the Manitoba Legislature was at once adjourned for two weeks to allow of the meeting.

It is pretty well understood, that Mr. Watson got Sir John's assurance that disallowance would be thrown overboard, and the Red River Valley Railway will be built legally. This being the case, what is to be done with the Canadian Pacific Railway people for abrogation of the monopoly clause? Something will certainly be done, but I will not pretend to conjecture what it is at present.

Speaking of Manitoba, men from that province who are here now say the people are becoming quite desperate, and nothing but completing lines of railways will satisfy them. The finances of the province are in a sad plight; the whole bottom has fallen out of the treasury.

Mr. Greenway, his friends here say, is looked upon as the new guardian angel of Manitoba, and great things are expected from his visit to Ottawa. They also aver that were Mr. Greenway to go to the people to-morrow he would carry thirty out of the thirty-five seats.

The Prospect Pleases Winnipeggers.

WINNIPEG, March 2.—Scarcely anything is known here of the proposed negotiations between the Federal and Provincial authorities respecting a settlement of the difficulties, but there is a general feeling of satisfaction at the prospect of a termination of the troubles.

Premier Greenway and Mr. Martin leave for Ottawa to-morrow night.

A local Conservative named Dimore has been chosen to contest Sional Lake with Treasurer Jones. The Conservative convention called for March 23 has been postponed owing to the change in the aspect of affairs respecting disallowance.

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INJUDICIOUS INVESTMENTS.

A Large Shortage in Connection With the Hall Estate at Montreal.

MONTREAL, March 2.—A heavy shortage exists in connection with the management of the Hall estate here which will, it is said, amount to at least $100,000. Messrs. Lafleamme and Bethune, Q.C.s, have been retained by the heirs, Mrs. Ahearn and Mrs. Penner, to look after their interests. It is also claimed that some of the securities placed among the assets, such as $10,000 stock of the now defunct Maritime Bank and $20,000 of North Carolina bonds, are practically worthless. The curator, Mr. Lindsay, is absent in New York and it is stated that a large part of the shortage is due to injudicious investments, but he has offered to bond over everything he has, including a house in this city and his property at Lake Memphremagog, with $40,000, pending a settlement.

Another difficulty in the case is the nature of the late Mr. Hall's will, according to which, if any of the real estate sold, half the purchase money should remain in the purchaser's hands, a first mortgage to be given by him on the land for the amount. The other half of the purchase money should be invested in Government bonds or in mortgages on land within the limits of the City of Montreal, but the City of Montreal, when buying park property, paid over to the trustee of the estate $210,000 in full payment thereon, contrary to the clause in the will referred to.

GONE UP IN SMOKE.

Stables and a Bakeshop at Port Hope Burned—Loss at Iona.

PORT HOPE, March 2.—About 4 o'clock this morning the Queen's Hotel stables, occupied by Warmington & Elliott as livery stables, were discovered to be on fire. The building, which was a wooden structure, was destroyed. The stable and a bakeshop, occupied by Murphy Bros., was also burnt. Their loss will amount to about $400, partly insured. The Queen's stables were owned by Mr. James Cochrane and were not insured. Warmington & Elliott's loss was $400, insurance $100. The bakeshop and stables occupied by Murphy Bros. are owned by Mr. John Stevens and fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A Dwelling Consumed.

IONA, ONT., March 2.—The house with part of contents belonging to W. J. Philpott, half a mile north of here, was totally consumed by fire this morning. The cause was a defective pipe or chimney. Loss $1200, insurance, if any, not known.

CANADIAN HORSES.

The British War Office Contemplating Further Purchases for Army Purposes.

LONDON, March 2.—Mr. Stanhope, the Secretary of War, is now considering the advisability of purchasing annually a number of Canadian horses for army purposes. In the House of Commons yesterday he expressed great satisfaction with the result of such purchases in the past.

In committee of supply, the House negatived a proposal to disallow the expenses ($2000) of Mr. Chamberlain at Washington, 314 to 68. The Times says it is no flattery to say that Mr. Chamberlain has greatly increased his political stature by his whole demeanor in America.

Mr. Simeon Jones, Dominion Commissioner to the Argentine Rep blic, has arived in London on his way to South America. He sails from Southampton on March 9.

The Labor Commission at Quebec.

QUEBEC, March 2.—The Labor Commission sat here again to-day. Their evening session was a pretty lively one. It was shown that while men employed on the new Court House had not been paid, an equal irregularity had existed in the cartridge factory. The municipal authorities had the veil drawn from their eyes when it was shown that a man on the service for the last twenty-five years received between 50 and 60 cents a day.

A Church Debt Paid By Death.

BELLEVILLE, March 2.—By the death of Mr. Alex. Robertson, M.P., St. Andrew's Church has been freed from debt, as the Star Life Insurance Company of England some years ago offered to take a risk upon the life of one of the church officials as security for the debt, £1000 sterling. Mr. Robertson, being the youngest trustee, was selected to carry the risk, upon which the premiums were paid by the church.

FROZEN APPLES.

A Hamiltonian's Suit Against the C.P.R.—More Fines for Cock-fighters.

HAMILTON, March 2.—Mr. Joseph Livernois of this city recovered judgment yesterday against the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the Supreme Court of the Province of Quebec for $938, the value of several carloads of apples which he contended had been frozen through the carelessness of the company in leaving them on the dock all night in New York, preparatory to putting them aboard the steamship for transmission to the old country.

Some weeks ago the inland revenue officials here seized a quantity of cigars belonging to J. T. Witherspoon. To-day the cigars were returned to him, with a letter from the Inland Revenue Department acknowledging that he was in rightful possession of the goods.

The unemployed fishermen at the beach last season lost a lot of nets, and this winter about 150 nets, valued at $1000, have been lost.

Last evening the German Benefit Society of this city celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary by a banquet at Germania Hall.

Daniel Walford, a blind man about 60 years old, was given a pass to Toronto this morning by the Mayor. He had been sent from Cleveland to Detroit, from there here, and wanted to go to Toronto to his brother and sister.

At this morning's session of the Police Court Peter Cuinors, who owns the house in which the cockfighting was taking place when interrupted by the police last Sunday morning, and four spectators of the "sport" were each fined $10 or sixty days in jail. Up to date 111 etsen spectators of the main have been assessed $10 each.

TRAFALGAR-SQUARE MEETINGS.

The British House Negatives the Motion for a Committee of Inquiry.

LONDON, March 2.—Mr. Bradlaugh resumed the debate in the House of Commons this evening on the motion of Sir Charles Russell for the appointment of a committee to inquire as to the right of the Government to interfere with meetings in Trafalgar-square. He proposed an amendment to the motion providing that the public inquiry be especially directed to the meeting in Trafalgar-square on Nov. 13 and the conduct of the police in connection therewith. He accused the Government of shirking the inquiry by treating the motion as a question of confidence.

Attorney-General Webster maintained that everybody had a right to go into a highway and make a speech. Obstructing a highway was an indictable offence. He declared that no inquiry was needed to confirm the Executive's power to stop meetings in Trafalgar-square.

Mr. Bradlaugh's amendment was rejected by a vote of 322 to 207.

Sir Charles Russell's motion was also defeated, 316 to 224.

IN QUOD.

Arrest at Detroit of a Chicago Villain—His Intended Victims.

DETROIT, March 2.—Thomas Carroll of Chicago was arrested at the Michigan Central depot to-day. With him were five girls who were taken into custody, and they proved to be, on their way to the lumber camps of Northern Michigan and Minnesota in charge of Carroll. They supposed they were going to Harrisonville, Mich., to work.

The girls give their names as Maud Southworth and Sadie Granger of Detroit, Louise Warner of Lansing, Jennie Smith of St. Thomas and Kate Southwick of London, Ont.

Carroll is supposed to be one of the men who have been sending girls to the Bend of the lumber camps, and he will be complained of under the new law for procuring. It was found that Carroll sent some girls there on Tuesday last and intended to send the rest of the party last night and to-day.

A DETROIT SWINDLER.

How David Simon Opened a Store at Drumbo, Ont.—A Montreal Victim.

DETROIT, March 2.—David Simon of this city last fall went to Drumbo, Ont., where he rented a store. He then travelled to Montreal to get stock for the clothing business. In an affidavit recently filed in the sheriff's office in Detroit, W. O. N. Parker of Montreal swears that Simon came to him, presented a forged guarantee for $800 worth of goods from P. Levy of Brantford, and bought $1000 worth of stock on credit. He opened his store Dec. 1, and after thirty days sold out to a pawnbroker from Hamilton and skipped to Detroit. To-day Deputy Huston arrested Simon on a capias. Moses Vineberg to-day took out a capias charging Simon with having done him out of $250 worth of goods. Other claims are said to exist to the amount of $3500.

A BATCH OF TRUE BILLS.

Among Them One Against Labor Commissioner Armstrong for Criminal Libel.

MONTREAL, March 2.—At the Court of Queen's Bench to-day true bills were found against Constable Plante and Detective Nagele for the theft of a diamond ring from Mr. Dufresne. Plante making default, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

True bills were also found against the six boy burglars who committed a series of robberies in this city and against Judge Armstrong, chairman of the Labor Commission, for criminal libel, for having made the statement at a sitting of the Labor Commission that the Hudon Cotton Company was a hotbed of immorality and debauchery.

The Pope's Coronation Anniversary.

ROME, March 2.—To-day was observed as the anniversary of the coronation of the Pope. His Holiness received the congratulations of the Sacred College. The Dean of the College delivered an address. The Pope replied in an animated speech. He lamented more than ever his position, which he said was unbearable. He declared that if the Italian Government did not prohibit the jubilee fetes it was in its own interests that it acted and not from any feeling of respect for the Holy See. The Catholic world must be aware of the situation. No arrangement with the Government was feasible until the independence of the Papacy was restored.

'Longshoremen's International D. A.

NEW YORK, March 2.—P. J. Dalton of Montreal presided at the International District Assembly of 'Longshoremen to-day. A constitution similar to that of District Assembly 135 was adopted. Each city will have a local assembly with self-government. The delegates will meet on the second Wednesday of May to effect a permanent organization.

A Sensational Earn.

LONDON, March 2.—The Chronicle to-day gives editorial prominence to a ridiculous sensational story to the effect that the Prince of Wales had a narrow escape the other day from being kidnapped by some Fenian pirates while out for a sail in a yacht off San Remo.

Ledington Waives Extradition.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Albert Ledington, charged with forging a check on the Traders' Bank of Toronto, was arraigned before Commissioner Osborne to-day and consented to return to Canada without extradition proceedings.

Confident of Posterity's Approval.

PARIS, March 2.—M. Grevy, while he feels deeply the disgrace of his son-in-law, maintains a cool and calm demeanor. He complained last evening of the acrimony of French politics, and said: "As for my own character I leave posterity to judge."

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The freight conductors and brakemen on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad struck last night against a reduction of wages.

A freight train on the Southern Pacific Railroad was crossing Hondo bridge, Tex., when the bridge gave way, precipitating the caboose and two cars of live stock into the river and killing the owner of the stock and two trainmen.

C.U. WITH GREAT BRITAIN

INTERESTING PAPER AT THE IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.

Why Canada's Connection With the Empire Should be Perpetuated—Better for the Dominion—Facts and Figures That Should Not Be Forgotten.

The Toronto Branch of the Imperial Federation League met in the Canadian Institute building last night. Mr. J. M. Clarke presided.

The subjects of debate for the evening were a paper by Mr. John Matthews on Imperial Federation, and a notice of motion by Mr. H. Merrick that one of the planks in the platform of the Toronto Branch be the advocacy of a discriminatory tariff between Canada and Great Britain in relation to natural and manufactured products.

Mr. Matthews said that the Imperial Federation movement was a reaction from the movement in favor of disunion organized some years ago. The success of this movement was now dying, and the feeling in favor of the unity of all parts of the Empire was growing in strength. The present construction of the Empire was as dangerous to the members as it was peculiar. In 1886 Canada and Australia were in the hazardous position of being molested by Russia without any arrangement whatever being made for the Pacific Ocean fleet service. It was imperative, in view of self-defence, that some arrangement should be mutually agreed to. It was argued that Canada would have to surrender her rights on entering a federation scheme, but local rights would in fact be untouched as compared with what they would be under annexation to the United States. The powers of individual states were closely restricted, while Canada under federation would be as free as at present. It would also be immensely advantageous to adopt the federation scheme in preference to annexation in point of taxation. The expenditure classed as Federal in the United States amounted to $3 per head.

The expenditure classed as Imperial in Great Britain amounted to about $4 per head. The proposition to pay the Imperial expenditure according to the value of property would be fair. The property in Great Britain and Ireland was valued at about five thousand millions, while the colonial property was valued at about five hundred millions. According to this the colonial tax for Imperial expenditure would be about $1.75 per head. The cost of maintaining cruisers for the protection of the fisheries, the maintaining of militia, and such services, would of course be borne by the Imperial Treasury, taking off a large local tax. In addition to this great advantage it was proposed to unite federally to consolidate the colonial debt and have the Empire guarantee it. A lower rate of interest would be the result, hence another benefit.

The federation, every way considered, was much superior to annexation to the United States. It would cost greatly less, Canada would still continue to enjoy its present local privileges and social vice of all kinds so prevalent in the United States would not be thrust upon Canadians.

Mr. Merrick's notice of motion was discussed, Mr. A. H. Lefroy, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Bain and others taking part in the debate.

No action was taken, the question being left over for further discussion.

Police Court News.

Four inebriates were yesterday fined $1 and costs, or the customary 30 days. There was a double charge against Joseph Rooke. Locked up for drunkenness he assaulted a fellow prisoner and merited the $10 fine with alternative of 50 days. Fifteen days was the sentence on John Thompson for stealing newspapers and 30 days on Joseph Ward for robbing McDonald and Frank Kelly for theft of baggage from Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Dora Smith for too freely using her tongue was fined $10 or 30 days. The golden hat worth $315 was delivered to the American Express Co., and John Gray who said he found it was discharged. A similar result took place so far as Edward Blake was concerned for the burglary at 27 St. Vincent-street. George Stous, his colleague, was remanded till Monday.

An Affair at Victoria Hall.

The National Athletic Club held its first annual assault-at-arms in Victoria Hall last night before a large audience, among whom were many ladies. The program embraced horizontal and parallel bar performances by Lock, Hurst, Davidson and Hurst, the former especially distinguishing himself; horsepipe and Highland fling dances by members of the club; a creditable illuminated club swinging act by John White; fencing by Hurst and Davidson and boxing bouts between Bryne and Dolan, Goodwin and Headridge and Kelly and Jones. Mr. George E. Cooper was the master of ceremonies. He introduced Harry Gilmore and the Toronto lightweight received a flattering welcome.

St. George's Society Business.

The monthly meeting of St. George's Society was last night piloted by President Jas. Spooner. The following new members were proposed: Life—Capt. F. F. Manley, W. W. Copp; ordinary—D. Scott. This resolution was adopted:

That the usual service in St. James' Cathedral be held April 22 at 3.30 p.m., Rev. Septimus Jones to be invited to preach the sermon. That the second service be held in Bond-street Congregational Church April 23, Rev. De Wilde being the preacher. That the annual dinner be held at the Walker House on the evening of St. George's Day, the tickets to be $2 each.

The Past President's medal will be presented to Mr. G. W. Beardmore at the next monthly meeting.

Senator Smith and the Rosedale Drive.

The Mayor has received a letter from Hon. Frank Smith protesting against the construction of the Rosedale drive on the ground that the road will cost $100,000 instead of the $27,000 which the experts have considered about the figure. Mr. Smith says there will be two embankments to be tunnelled or surrounded and the roadway will have to end at Yonge-street as it will be impossible to take away the retaining wall and leave Yonge-street unimpaired. The Senator says he will advocate the construction of a sewer along the ravine, but he thinks the people won't want a drive at the "back doors of a lot of houses."

Policeman Strong's Peculiar Case.

At the last meeting of the Police Commissioners they ordered that the name of Policeman Strong be struck off the strength of the force, or, in other words, dismissed him. Strong had only been a constable three months, and shortly after donning the uniform had to go to the hospital, where he now lies dying of consumption. In order that he should share in the benefits of the Police Benefit Fund he was requested to resign, but refused, whereupon the Police Commissioners followed the course chronicled above.

His Foot Slipped and He Fell.

Police Constable Jackson Walker of No. 1 Division met with a serious accident last evening. He was jumping on the front platform of a McCaul-street car near Bay-street, when his foot slipped, throwing him in front of the car, which passed over him. Police Constable Stewart picked him up and had him conveyed to his home, 63 Mutual-street, in a cab. Walker is badly injured, and when picked up was unconscious.

French Cofold Becoming Popular.

French cofold, a new article lately put before the public, seems to be taking well, as nearly all the grocers and hotels in the city are selling it. In flavor it is just similar to coffee, but is in a liquid form; a teaspoonful being used to a cup of hot water makes a refreshing beverage. It is highly spoken of and recommended by several medical men in the city. All grocers sell it.

Spring Millinery.

Already spring hats, bonnets, feathers, flowers and different garnitures are being opened up and passed into stock at the ever live store of The Waterloo House. The large showrooms are being cleaned and decorated, so that in this fair city there will not be a prettier sight for ladies eyes to look upon than the millinery show room at McKendry's, 276 Yonge, cor. Alice. Z

CENTRAL BANK CHAT.

Application to the Master—The New Liquidator—Prosecutions in the Distance.

An application was yesterday made to the Master-in-Ordinary by Mr. Coyne, on behalf of the liquidators, that interest be calculated on sums deposited up to the date of the winding-up order. This was granted and instructions were given in several matters of detail to facilitate the work of liquidation.

Mr. Lye modestly bears his new honors. Naturally reserved he is reticent on the subject. He did not ask for the appointment to which he has been elected. His friends thought him best qualified for the post. He acquiesced, went in and conquered. He is hard at work on the books, assisted by Mr. Fitzgibbon, and his new duties will not clash with his accountantship.

The $400,000 in the bank will pay an early instalment of 25 cents on the dollar, and from the way in which the liquidators are getting the money in they are sanguine that 75 cents on the dollar will ultimately be paid.

It was not mere talk on Thursday when Mr. Howland and Mr. Gooderham announced their intention of prosecuting the bank-wreckers. It was the intimation of a set determination to bring to justice those who have placed themselves within the reach of the law.

But who will the liquidators begin with?

The Master has fixed March 12 as the date for settling the list of contributories.

Chancellor Boyd yesterday made the order appointing Henry Lye as third liquidator, pursuant to his election by the creditors and shareholders on Thursday.

The liquidators have been directed by the Master to notify all creditors whose claims are contested: (1) Those whose claims are incorrect and of the amount at which the liquidators are willing to have the claim placed; (2) those creditors whose claims are not admitted, requiring their attendance at court to establish to the satisfaction of the Master that they are properly creditors.

Natural Gas at Thunder Bay.

Mr. John McKellar is in town along with other Lake Superior men to urge the Government to do something for the development of that country. Mr. McKellar and his brothers are the best posted mining men on the North Shore. Mr. McKellar has been reading The World's mining articles and endorses them, and says that the Government ought (1) to assist railways opening up the mining country, (2) survey the unsurveyed portions, (3) make a complete mineralogical exploration, (4) establish a school of mines and assay works up there where assays could be made cheaply and at the same time thoroughly satisfactory.

Mr. McKellar says they have natural gas. For years the gas has been seen bubbling up through the waters of the Kamanistiquia a mile or so above Fort William. Recently they inserted an inverted funnel made of tin to collect the gas. The result was that a flame burned steadily at the outlet pipe. Mr. McKellar has no doubt of the abundance of the gas, and hopes that it may be utilized for smelting.

The North Shore men will interview the Government in a day or two.

—Some old curtains in chenille, turcoman, Madras muslin, lace, etc., we wish to clear out at once. We will sell them cheap. Call and see them. W. A. Murray & Co. 261

A Letter from Lockport Linneen.

Holly Manufacturing Company's agent Linneen has written to the Mayor under date of Lockport, N.Y., adhering to his opinions given to the reporters of Toronto papers as to the condition of the pumping house engines. Mr. Linneen says he did not wish to raise alarm among the citizens, but there is every possibility of a shortage of water if either of the engines break down. Regarding his visit to the pumping house, Mr. Linneen says he went there, asked for Engineer Ferguson, who was out at the house, and introduced himself to the sub-engineer.

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The Grant Will be Forthcoming.

The Council of the Arts and Agriculture Association are hopeful as to the ultimate action of the Local Government in reference to the $10,000 grant for this year's show. Mr. Charles Drury, M.P.P., has informed them that the grant will be forthcoming, and as his associates know that the East Simcoe representative is well up in the confidence of the Government, his statement is accepted without reservation.

Centre Toronto Cockburn in Town.

Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., for Centre Toronto, arrived from Ottawa yesterday morning on a flying visit. He returns to the Capital to-morrow. "Parliament will not get down to work thoroughly till next week, when the budget debate commences," Mr. Cockburn told The World.

The Toronto Quartet.

Mr. Fred Warrington has organized the Toronto Quartet, with Mr. George Taylor as first tenor, Mr. Ed. Lye as second tenor, Mr. Fred Warrington as first bass, Mr. Alfred Curran as second bass. They have been practising for some weeks, and are getting in good shape for the season.

The Central Bank Kicks.

The offer of Mr. C. L. Van Wormer to his creditors of 25 cents on the $ has been definitely refused. The Central Bank liquidators will not hear of a settlement on this basis, and the estate will therefore have to go to the hammer.

The Knights of Pythias' Fortnightly Entertainments.

In Prof. Blackhall's Egyptian mystery the dry bones of a mummy become clothed with flesh and blood. This is to be one of the features at the K.P.'s fortnightly entertainment at Victoria Hall to-night. Mr. A. S. Mackay, the humorist, and others will take part.

Language of the Waves.

What are the wild waves saying, as they break on the ice-bound shore? They cheerfully sing of a coming spring, and a winter that's nearly o'er! They gleefully tell of a coming spell, when winter's storms will die; and every man will buy if he can, from quinn, a watered silk tie.

Bankers in Council.

The Bankers' Section of the Board of Trade held a lengthy and strictly private meeting yesterday afternoon. As far as can be gathered—March 4—the coming settling-up day engrossed considerable of their attention.

Clydesdales and Short Horns.

The second volume of the Clydesdale Stud Book is now out and the second volume of the Dominion Short Horn Breeders' Association will be out in the course of a few weeks.

No Quorum on Hand.

Ald. Macdonald, Shaw, Rose and the Mayor, members of the committee appointed to reorganize the City Solicitor's department, met at the City Hall yesterday and adjourned for want of a quorum.

Off to Kingston.

John Gamble, the man sentenced to life-long imprisonment in Kingston for the murder of Lizzie Bray, starts for the Penitentiary this morning, in charge of Sheriff's Officer Jarvis and a county constable.

The Veterans' Resting Place.

The Central Prison convicts have just completed the work of repairing the fences and levelling off the soldiers' burying ground at the