The Toronto World.

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FERRY GETS HIS FRANCS.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER VOTES THE TONQUIN CREDITS.

The War Cloud Drawing Nearer—A Lively Discussion in the Deputies on the Situation.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Le Nationale states that 6000 troops will be forwarded to China within a fortnight.

In the chamber of deputies to-day, Leroy read a report from the Tonquin committee advising the chamber to adopt the Tonquin credits and urging the necessity of occupying the provinces north of Tonquin. The chamber then passed a vote of urgency and pronounced for immediate discussion. M. Clemenceau attacked the government and denounced the ministers whose optimism had committed so many diplomatic and military blunders since the signing of the Tien-Tsin convention. He said Ferry had committed a veritable political crime in refusing to make peace upon the basis of that convention, and in declining the Chinese indemnity of 65,000,000 taels. France, Clemenceau said, did wrong in accepting the mediation of England, for the latter's disinterestedness was open to suspicion. He said Bismarck was a most dangerous enemy, but was still more dangerous as a friend. It was necessary to beware lest French dignity should be compromised. Clemenceau insisted that peace with China was still possible, and expressed the belief that Ferry's version of the Chinese terms was inaccurate. [Ferry here protested at being insulted] Clemenceau concluded by saying that if the chambers desired a policy of action it ought to vote sufficient credits to enable the government to "declare war now and not postpone the capture of Pekin until after the elections. The faults that have been hitherto committed by isolated persons, if continued, will become the faults of the republican party. [Cheers.]

Goblet said the credits would only serve to prolong the present state of things. The government, he said, was unable to make peace and refused to demand the means of war.

Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, explained that the credits of last year were only 72 000 000 francs, and that those for next year would be 86,000,000. This would enable the government to despatch 5000 troops to Tonquin to reinforce the French army and send several cruisers to the navy.

The chamber voted the first credit of 16,000 000 francs by 361 to 166, and by a vote of 351 to 179 granted a fresh credit of 43 000 000 francs.

The order of the day being an expression of confidence in the government it was then adopted without opposition.

The Figaro announces that Gen. De'Lisle will replace Gen. Thompson as governor-general of Cochin China and Gen. Negrier becomes commandant superior in Tonquin. These changes are preparatory to an exhaustive attempt to clear Tonquin of the Chinese. The depots of armaments at French ports are feverish with activity. The ironclads La Peronase, Aviss, Lugan and the gunboat Sagittaire are about sailing to join Admiral Courbet's fleet.

HONG KONG, Nov. 27.—Admiral de Pagua has arrived. Lespes still remains with the fleet before Kelung.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 27.—The government has ordered three ironclads to sail for Tonquin.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Earl Granville has resumed his efforts to arrange peace between China and France. It is stated he has modified the indemnity proposals, and sent a modification to Pekin through the Marquis Tseng.

THE REVENUES OF GERMANY.

The Finance Minister Meets the Reichstag With a Deficit.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—In the reichstag today the budget for 1885 was discussed. Burchard, secretary of the treasury, admitted that the financial exhibit was not satisfactory. The revenue from several sources had dwindled unexpectedly, notably from the beet sugar industry, the decrease in which amounted to 21,000,000 marks. The revenue from tobacco decreased [3,000,000 marks during the year. He said if the pension law and the steamer subvention bill passed additional financial burdens upon the budget would probably ensue, which must be faced, especially as the financial position of the country was satisfactory.

Burchard was unable to say whether the government was prepared to introduce any fresh taxation bills since the reichstag had rejected so many former proposals. As, however, a reduction of the estimate was scarcely possible it behooved the house to devote itself earnestly to a reform of taxation.

Herr Scholz declared that as the government proposals were invariably rejected it was the duty of the reichstag to declare what taxation was opportune.

The situation, Scholz said, did not involve too formidable demands upon the taxpayers.

Richter, in behalf of the new German liberals, objected to all fresh taxation upon the people, and Bends, in behalf of the national liberals, refused the initiation of any new imposts, and stated they would only vote in favor of actual requirements.

DEAD-HEAD PARLIAMENTARIANS.

Canada Not the Only Country Where Members Travel on Passes.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—In his speech yesterday in opposition to the payment of salaries to members of the reichstag, Bismarck charged the members with using free passes on the railways to travel over the empire, and advocated the revoking of the free list. Several members declared the government was seeking to prevent the attendance of the poorer socialist members. If they were refused traveling expenses, they contended, they must be paid a salary to enable them to live in such an expensive city as Berlin.

"The Fair Land of Poland."

ROME, Nov. 27.—After a friendly interchange of views with Russia in regard to the position of the catholic clergy in Poland a note was received from St. Petersburg yesterday settling the pending questions and confirming the friendly relations between Russia and the vatican.

Admiring Royal Heroism.

ROME, Nov. 27.—The house of deputies to day decided to depute President Coppino and nine members to express to King Humbert and the Duke D'Aosta the admiration of the house of deputies at the heroism displayed by their highnesses during the cholera epidemic in Naples.

THE DEPRESSION IN TRADE.

Continued Closing of American Factories and Lowering of Wages.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 27.—Adams & Co.'s flint glass works on the south side has shut down indefinitely. The works were overstocked and orders were dull. Three hundred men are out of employment. Oliver Bros & Phillips, controlling three mills, have ordered a ten per cent. reduction in the wages of all of their employes except those governed by the scale of the amalgamated association, to go into effect on Dec. 1. A thousand men are affected.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 27.—The Times says that for some time past there has been runners in railway circles of proposed reductions of wages and the discharge of employes on the Michigan Central. J. B. Morford, division superintendent, of this city, together with the other division superintendents of the road, met yesterday at Detroit for the purpose of definitely ascertaining the proper percentage of reduction in the number of employes, to be made in view of the decreasing receipts of the road, consistent with the actual necessities of the service. In response to an inquiry Mr. Ledyard said, "No percentage has been named; that will have to be decided upon. It may be 5 per cent; it may be more. Whatever the wants of the service may be when the ground is looked over by the superintendent, in view of comparatively limited receipts, the number of employes will be reduced according I prefer that way of doing it to putting the men on short time."

A Times reporter interviewed Superintendent Morford of the Canada Southern railway division this afternoon with a view of ascertaining to what extent the reduction would be put in force on this division.

"The heads of the departments have been notified to reduce their working force 10 per cent.," said Mr. Morford. "This order applies to every branch of the service—trainmasters', bridge, mechanical and all departments. This action is rendered necessary by the decrease in the traffic receipts. Where thirty men are now employed in a department only twenty-seven will be kept on. No reduction in wages is contemplated, as the management prefer a reduction in the number of the employes to cutting down the wages.

Archbishop Lynch Attends a Banquet.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 27.—A solemn public session of the plenary council was held today at the cathedral. Pontificial high mass was celebrated by Archbishop Lamy of Santa Fe. Archbishop Heiss of Milwaukee delivered an oration in Latin on "Dignity of the Priesthood," after which Bishop Spalding of Peoria preached a thanksgiving sermon. A reception and banquet was given to-night by the Catholic Benevolent legion of Baltimore to Bishop Loughlin of Baltimore, who is the spiritual adviser to the supreme council of the order. Among those present were Archbishop Lynch of Toronto, Bishop Ryan of Buffalo and Bishop McNierny of Albany.

A Disastrous Colliery Fire.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 27.—The "forty foot" colliery, owned by John Swoyer, was burned this morning. Five hundred tons of coal and valuable machinery were destroyed. Loss $60,000. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment.

A Free Ad. for the Medical Record.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The Medical Record of Nov. 29 will contain a lengthy article discussing favorably Koch's theory of the cholera bacillus. Also another paper on the duty and necessity of efficient action by health authorities.

Twelve Prisoners with Many Friends.

MONTAGUE, Tex., Nov. 27.—At 8 o'clock last evening fifty masked men entered the jail by breaking down the door and released all the prisoners, twelve in number.

The Hudson Canal Shuts Down.

PORT JERVIS, N.Y., Nov. 27.—The last loaded boat on the Delaware & Hudson canal passed here last night. The water was drawn from thecanal for the winter to day.

CABLE NOTES.

Fanny Ellsler, the actress, died at London yesterday.

The steamship Normandie arrived at Havre yesterday.

A meeting of 400 Paris anarchists was held yesterday at which it was decided to hold a grand outdoor meeting to force the government to provide the unemployed with work and lodging.

A Sensational Tragedy at Paris.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—A tragedy which caused a sensation occurred to day. The wife of Deputy Clovis-Hugues with a revolver shot and killed M. Morin, a commission agent, at the Palais de Justice, because he had slandered her. She fired six shots at her victim, four of which lodged in his chest. M. Hugues, who approves of his wife's action, and Madame Hugues were arrested. Last year Hugues and his wife prosecuted Morin for defamation of character, and he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Morin carried the case from court to court. Madame Hugues to day hearing that the assize court would grant another adjournment of a fortnight, proceeded there, and upon the court rising for luncheon, she, with her husband and counsel, in descending the staircase met Morin, when the tragedy occurred,

Lord Churchill Favors Protection.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Lord Randolph Churchill, in an interview, declared himself in favor of a revision of the tariff and the adoption of protective duties even extending to a tax on corn. He said that in its domestic policy the government should follow Bismarck's principles. The state of socialism in Ireland, the reform at the castle, the great expenditure of money for public works, and the foreign policy of the British empire were above party or the federation of the colonies.

No More Hitches in the Bill.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—In to-day's conference between Mr. Gladstone, the Marquis of Salisbury and others a definite agreement upon the redistribution bill was reached, and a hitch is now considered impossible.

Paris Free From Cholera.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—The city has resumed its usual appearance. It is estimated the total number of deaths from cholera will reach 866. There are still a few cases in the dirtier quarters of the city.

The body of Thomas Fraser, the drowned sailor, was buried yesterday afternoon by the seamen's union.

BIG PIGEON TOURNAMENT

A TORONTO TEAM WIN FIRST PRIZE AT WOODSTOCK.

Paul Pattillo Puts His Money up—Racing at Brighton—Many Miles on a Bicycle.—Other Sports.

Nearly all the crack gun shots of the province were at Woodstock this week and competed in the pigeon shooting tournament got up by John Forbes. A large party went up from Toronto and did pretty well. George Briggs' team of five brought back the gold medals, having beaten all comers in the team competition.

The tournament opened Wednesday with a match in which the purse amounted to $200, divided into seven prizes the first being $60, the second $40 and the others in proportion. The entries were so numerous that they were divided into three squads. Twelve birds were allowed to each competitor, two misses to exclude the shooter in the final tie for first. Grant of Woodstock and Reardon of Hamilton were the only men who filled; each killed eleven birds. In the shot off the Woodstock man raked in the $60. Reardon took second money. Chambers of Toronto killed most birds in the final among those who had scored ten on the go in, and was awarded third prize. The remaining prizes were divided among Harris, Shannessy, Chidley and Evans.

The team shooting took place yesterday. Two teams from Toronto entered, and one each from London and Woodstock. Five men in a team, ten birds to each man. The prizes were five gold medals, one to each man in the winning team. The competition narrowed down to the Toronto team captained by George H. Briggs and the Woodstocks, Toronto No. 2 and London having retired on account of bad shooting. Mr. Briggs' gallant quintet won with a score of 45 out of a possible 50, the other side making 41:

Toronto.		*Woodstock.*	
Harris	9	Forbes	7
Townson	8	Pascoe	8
Humphrey	9	Harwood	10
Small	9	Walker	8
Bray	10	Grant	8
Total	45	Total	41

The team were warmly congratulated on their victory. Capt. Briggs is very proud of them, and came home last night with the gold medals in a string round his neck. He will match them against any other club, city, town or county team in the dominion. The medals are the size of five-dollar pieces, and nicely mounted.

The wind up was a little match on the quiet between John Forbes and Jeff Worden of Toronto, five birds apiece. The Woodstock veteran is a good shot, and generally comes out pretty well, but on this occasion he struck an iceberg and found it a cold day. Mr. Worden handled his little gun with the skill of a Tell. He disposed of his five without a miss, while Mr. Forbes only brought down three. However, John can console himself with the fact that his tournament was a success and satisfactory to all concerned—except, perhaps, the pigeons.

Many Miles on Bicycles.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 27.—The 100 mile bicycle race between Miss Elsie Von Blumen and John S. Prince for a purse of $350 came off yesterday at the Apollo skating rink. The contest began at 2 40 p.m., and finished at 10.04 last night, with Miss Von Blumen the winner by nine laps. The course required 15 laps to the mile. The conditions of the race were that Mr. Prince should give the lady a start of 19 miles. The only rest taken during the performance of the ride was a half hour between 6 and 7 o'clock, during which time both contestants took their supper. From the start Prince began to gain, and had the race been a mile longer would probably have won, as Miss Von Blumen was tiring at the finish. Mr. Prince has the best record at a mile, which he has ridden in 2 minutes and 46 seconds, and Miss Von Blumen has ridden 1000 miles in a week, a feat which she recently performed at Pittsburg.

Winners at Brighton.

BRIGHTON BEACH, Nov. 27.—First race, ⅞ mile—Valparaiso won, Hickory Jim 2, Shelby Barnes 3; time 1.18. Second race, ⅞ mile—King Lion won, Frank E. 2, Florentine 3; time 1.17¾. Third race, 1½ miles—Festival won, Glengarine 2, Arsenic 3; time 2 12¾. Fourth race, 1 mile—Warren Lewis won, Unknown 2, Gender 3; time 1 46. Fifth race, mile and one furlong—Herbert won, Burton 2, Nitot 3; time 1.59¼. Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Miller won, Singerly 2, Woodflower 3; time 1.32.

Baseball and Football in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—New York 4, Brooklyn 4. Seven innings. Darkness stopped the game.

It is estimated 15,000 persons witnessed the football match at the polo grounds to day between the Yale and Princeton clubs. After a spirited contest of two hours game was called on account of darkness, the score standing 6 to 4 in favor of Yale. During the play Richards of the Yales had an ankle dislocated.

Pattillo to Fulljames.

Editor World: To show George Fulljames that I mean business, I have this day deposited $50 in Frank Martin's hands to make a match with him, and he can bet it will be no Gilmore he has to deal with this time. He was in a great hurry to take down his forfeit money he had placed in Mr. Martin's hands. This is to show that I want to meet him, and that my backers have got lots of money. PAUL PATTILLO.

Toronto, Nov. 27.

Walker Rowell Drops Out.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—In the walking match to-day Rowell finally retired from the track on account of a blistered foot after completing 233 miles. The victory of Littlewood seems assured as he is 25 miles ahead. Interest in the contest has ceased.

The score at 11 to-night was: Littlewood 296, Mason 271, Cartwright 257.

Notes.

A glove contest was fought at San Francisco recently between Tom Cleary and Pat Foley for a purse of $300 and the middleweight championship of California. Fully 3000 people witnessed the contest, which resulted in favor of Cleary, who knocked his opponent out in less than three minutes.

A large audience witnessed the polo match on rollers at the Adelaide street rink last night between Toronto and a picked seven. The efforts of the competitors to show off their play and still maintain their equilibrium caused much merriment. Toronto won by three straight games.

The Toronto and Quebec chess clubs commenced a series of eight games by telegraph Monday night. Three games have been played and one is now in progress. The score stands; Toronto 2, Quebec 1.

At New York yesterday between 2 and 4 o'clock p.m., Steinitz, the champion chess player of Austria, defeated twenty-one members of the Manhattan chess club.

In the games of the St. Louis athletic association yesterday N. W. Ford, the champion general athlete of New York, jumped 10 feet 7¾ inches, beating the record by 2¼ inches.

ROBBING THE MAILS.

How Registered Letters Between Winnipeg and Toronto Disappear.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—It has just leaked out that several mail bags, which were forwarded from the Winnipeg postoffice to eastern points some time ago, have never reached their destination, and the supposition is that they have been robbed. This is substantiated by the fact that a few days ago an empty mail bag was found under the platform at Emerson station. It was identified as being the same bag that was forwarded from the postoffice here about Oct. 24 last. It contained over seventy registered letters and was billed to Windsor. In the latter part of the same month a registered bag was forwarded to Toronto, but it has not yet reached that city and its whereabouts at present remain a mystery. This thriving business is said to have been going on for some time.

Encouraging News from a Small Pox District.

BELLEVILLE, Nov. 27.—News of an encouraging character was received from the small-pox district this morning. All were reported to be rapidly recovering, and the danger of fatal results to be past provided proper care was used. In the hands of the nuns the patients have improved with great rapidity, and no case under their care has yet proved fatal. Wholesome food and good nursing have in this outbreak been provided by the nuns to whom the thanks of the entire country are due. The following is an extract from a letter dated at Tweed on Tuesday evening from Father Hartigan to Mgr. Farrelly of this city: "Father Fleming improves steadily He is now feeling quite cheerful in the hope of being up again and at work before a week. The patients in the hospitals are all out of danger and are fast recovering under the care of the sisters. The panic is lessening since the recovery of several who were smitten, and in consequence we shall have no difficulty in keeping the disease under control. The sisters work hard and are in the best of spirits. For myself I have never been better. Thank God for all."

Tit-Bits from Burlington Bay.

HAMILTON, Nov. 27.—Detective Gates of this city has been engaged to track Wingate, the Toronto defaulter.

Postoffice Inspector Sweetnam is here in connection with the department.

Rev. D. H. Fletcher will preach the annual sermon to St. Andrews' Benevolent society at MacNab street presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

A petition is being extensively circulated among the retail grocers to do away with the custom of giving Christmas presents to customers. Already a large number have signed and it is confidently expected that all the retail grocers in the city will conform with its provisions.

Harry Gilmore, the overcoat thief arrested in Toronto yesterday, was this afternoon sent to the central prison for three months.

The Wreck of the Cuba.

KINGSTON, Nov. 27.—Captain John Donnelly has returned from the Cuba, which vessel is now at Prescott. Her cargo will be sold to-morrow, and then, if the weather will permit, she will be taken to Port Dalhousie and repaired during the winter. She ran on a ledge of rock, and then tipped back until she balanced on the rock. Aft there was fifty feet of water and if she had slipped off she would have gone to the bottom with a rush. After working on her for two days sufficient of her cargo was removed and the water pumped out to allow her to float.

The Cuba is seriously damaged, and the cost of repairs will be considerable.

Sad Ending of the Life of a School Teacher.

QUEBEC, Nov. 27.—A sad affair is reported from the parish of St. Anaclet de Rimouski. A young school mistress named Soucy was found dead on Nov. 20 while alongside of her was her newly-born child, a daughter, full of health and life. The unfortunate woman had died alone, unattended and uncared for, both religiously and medically, just as if she had been a resident of an uncivilized country. The unfortunate woman was buried on Saturday, without an inquest or investigation of any kind.

Sir Richard and Laurier.

MONTREAL, Nov. 27.—Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Wilfred Laurier addressed a large audience in the Queen's hall this evening. Both gentlemen made long and powerful speeches, touching on all the leading questions of the day.

DOMINION DASHES.

Kingston ladies are agitating a flower mission.

Collingwood is wallowing in a salvation army scandal.

The Montreal river police was disbanded yesterday, navigation having closed.

About 100 men have been discharged from different departments on the Canada Southern railway this week.

A Montreal policeman has been discharged, it is said, because he hanged a man in Toronto ten years ago.

Premier Ross of Quebec was banqueted at Three Rivers last night. The gathering was a large and representative one. Sir Hector Langevin was present.

The directors of the Stratford gas company have decided to reduce the price of gas by 10 per cent. to all consumers of 5000 feet and upwards per month.

A man named Jean Poetras has been arrested in Hull, P.Q, on a coarge of counterfeiting. He is accused of passing fifty-cent pieces which he is said to have moulded.

Belleville will have a down-town Grand junction railway depot and two market trains weekly at one fare. The dominion government has also promised a deputation harbor improvements.

Meeting of the Ontario Legislature.

It was stated yesterday that the date would be late—near the end of January—in order to aid in settling the accounts in dispute between Canada and Ontario.

THE MUTUAL RESERVE.

THE CANADIAN GENERAL MANAGER THREATENS THE WORLD

With a Libel Suit—Why His Canadian Directors Resigned—Only On the Board for Their Names.

MUTUAL RESERVE FUND ASSOCIATION.
E. B. HARPER, *President.*
D. M. CALDWELL, M.D., *Vice-Pres't.*
F. T. BRAHAM, *Secretary.*

BRYANT BUILDINGS,
55 Liberty st., New York.

Agency at Toronto, Nov. 27, 1884.

To the Proprietors of the Toronto World.

I notice in this morning's issue you have have made a malicious attack on this association. Without discussing the animus which prompted you to this course, but which the public will be in due time advised of, I trust in your own interests you have taken precautions to get indemnified from the old line monopoly companies before commencing your attacks upon this association. We have already made one or two examples before the courts of such libellers as yourself and the insurance journal you refer to, and have forced from them humble retractions. I greatly mistake the character of the officers of the Mutual Reserve, if the same course taken with the New York Spectator, Insurance Times and other libellers will not be taken in Canada.—"Verbum Sap."—Yours truly,

J. D. WELLS, Manager.

ASSESSMENT INSURANCE.

From The World of Thursday.

An action was lately brought against one Angell in the California courts, for illegally acting as agent for a mutual reserve fund association which is not licensed to do business in that state. The pleas of the defendant are instructive. He claimed that "the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association was not a life insurance company but a mere society for the collection of assessments and their distribution to beneficiaries of deceased members. The association, it was urged, did not issue special contracts, and its certificates were legally worthless. Their payments were optional with the association and with its members. All contributions by the members were entirely voluntary. The association had no recourse against its members, nor could any claimant recover the amount of any judgment against it."

The Insurance Society published in Montreal, from which the foregoing is taken, demonstrates conclusively if their deductions are correct that this so-called life insurance which has lately come into Canada, is a trap to catch the unwary, and one against which the public ought to be warned. A number of prominent Canadians who lent themselves to some of these assessment companies as local directors are now anxious to have their names removed from their printed documents.

The World has simply to say that it made no malicious attack, that it was prompted by no animus, that it took no precautions to be indemnified from the old line monopoly companies and that if "J. D Wells, Gen'l Mgr," wishes to make one or two examples before the courts, The World is quite willing to assist—but J. D Wells, Gen'l Mgr., should have a care that he is not one of them. 'Verbum Sap.'

Just now The World will not discuss the merits or demerits of the peculiar kind of insurance that the "Mutual Reserve Fund Association" professes to give, it is more to the point to expand the last sentence in the article of Wednesday's paper, and which is really the core point with J. D. Wells, Gen'l Mgr.

A few weeks ago when J. D. opened out "the head office for Canada" at "66 King street east," and advertised (in The World among other papers) for insurers and for "reliable agents everywhere," he also stated in his announcement:

ONTARIO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. S. C. Wood, ex-treasurer of Ontario.
G. W. Yarker, manager of Federal bank.
C. J. Campbell, assistant receiver-general for Ontario.
J. W. Langmuir, manager Toronto Trusts Co.
Wm. White, Gen'l Supt. Can. Pac. R.R., Ontario division.
John Burns, director of Standard bank.
Warring Kennedy, Sampson, Kennedy & Gemmel.
Charles O'Rielly, M.D., Supt. of Toronto hospital.
Hon. R. M. Wells, M.P., ex-speaker of Ontario.

The announcement of these names was altogether premature on the part of J. D W., at least so the majority of them say, and for some reason or other they have been withdrawn. Here is what some of them said yesterday:

Hon. S C Wood—I was to be chairman, but when I found that their charter gave them no power to appoint a Canadian board, that we were only directors on paper and had no authority over the funds of the association, and found out exactly where we stood, most of us withdrew. What brought me to a sense of the compromising position we held more than any thing else was a man came to me and said: Mr. Wood, is this association all right, I had $17,000 on my life in other companies, I've dropped them all and put it in your association, is it all right? I found they looked to me as sponsor of a company in the management of which I had no voice.

C. J. Campbell—I with others was appointed prematurely. The association has no power to appoint directors in Canada until the bylaws are amended, which will doubtless be done when the deposit has been made with the government.

J. W. Langmuir—I am not on the board. The charter of the company was subsequently found not to admit of the appointment of a Canadian directorate with proper powers to regulate the affairs of the company in this province. I therefore refused to act.

Warren Kennedy—I am on the board, but several of the original members of the board have resigned.

Dr. O'Reily—That list in The World was premature. I believe another board is being formed.

Mr. Yarker could not be found, but it is stated that he is among those who resigned.

Now this is what troubles J. D. Wells, Gen'l Mgr In his own quotation of the proverb, *Verbum sat sapienti.*

Young Liberal-conservatives.

The North Toronto Young Men's Liberal-Conservative association will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in Severn hall to elect delegates to the coming convention, and for other business. Several prominent speakers will address the members on the principal items of the day. All young men of liberal conservative inclinations are welcome.

Dunbar's Himself Again.

It was a pleasure yesterday to hear the genial T. A. F. Dunbar discuss the beauties of art again after a nine weeks' experience of typhoid fever. After such a malady, including a relapse, to embark at once on his pet subject shows the ruling passion strong in—convalescence, and augurs well for Mr. Dunbar's coming achievements.

Grand Opera House.

The celebrated Irish comedian Dion Boucicault is to be with us next week. The sale of tickets opens this morning at 10 o'clock at the box office of the theatre; the prices have not been advanced. Be on hand early.

THE BRIBERY CASES.

Judgment to be Given To-day—Impossible to Conjecture the Result.

C. W. Bunting has had another day's suspense to go through, and the government another twenty-four hours to consider how heroically they will bear a defeat, or how blatantly they will celebrate a victory. Judgment was to have been given Thursday, but the cautious occupiers of the bench deferred it till to day.

This looks ominous. Can it be that the grave old gentleman in the centre disagrees with the learned brother on his right? Has the quiet gentleman on the left been unable to make up his mind as to whether or not the technicalities should be over-ruled? Does any one of the three know whether the court has any jurisdiction or not? At all events everybody will be glad to see these three fates make up their minds in one way or the other, either to cut Bunting's thread of political existence or to let it run a little longer.

PARKDALE'S FINANCES.

The Executive Committee Wants a Statement Before Considering Annexation.

Ald. Defoe (chairman), Hunter, Blevins, Turner, Love, S. A. Denison, C. L Denison, Elliott, Lobb, Moore, Smith and Maughan were present at the meeting of the executive committee at the city hall yesterday afternoon. The mayor pushed a motion to bind the committee to accept the terms of annexation settled at the gathering of city and village big-bugs a week ago. The aldermen contended that it would be ample time for the committee to move when they knew the assets and liabilities of Parkdale to a fraction. His worship's motion was lost and the annexation scheme will hang fire in consequence. Several claims for damages were relegated to the solicitor for report. The fire and gas committee's list of new gas lamps was sent back for a statement of the amount of money on hand. The other standing committee reports passed without change and the committee adjourned.

A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE.

The Chairman Would Not Put the Question and a Member Did.

A rule of the literary and scientific society of University colleges decides that if a member of its general committee absents himself from the meetings of the committee, he shall, by vote of the society, be deemed no longer a member of such committee and the post shall be declard vacant.

It was a case of this kind that provoked some interesting discussions at a special meeting of the society held early this week. Rev. Father Teefy, the president, being absent, D McKay, first vice president, occupied the chair. The attention of the meeting was called to the fact that a member of the general committee had not attended any of the committee meetings, and a resolution was moved and seconded to the effect that this member be no longer considered to be on this committee. The vice-president declined to put the motion. It was then moved and seconded that the first vice do leave the chair and his place be taken by the second vice. This also was not put to the meeting. J. G. Holmes then cut the Gordian knot by putting the original motion himself and 47 members out of 56 signified by voting their wish that the absentee committeeman be no longer considered of the committee.

The incident reminds one of the time when the speaker of the house of commons was held in his chair while a member put question in defiance of the royal mandate to adjourn.

MISS MARRYAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

First Appearance of the Daughter of the Celebrated Novelist in Toronto.

Miss Marryat deserved a far larger audience than that which greeted her last night. If a double portion of her father's spirit has not been bestowed upon her, at all events she is a brilliant exception to the rule that genius is not hereditary. Indeed, all the children of the impetuous six-footed captain have inherited his best talents—none more so than Miss Florence Marryat herself. If the name required any perpetuation, this gifted daughter's prowess would indubitably provide it. But it does not.

The first part of yesterday evening's program, entitled "Love Letters" was a most clever take-off of various styles of the gilded youth of to day seen from a feminine stand point, including also a gushing boy of 13 and a faithful colonel. There was full scope in this for the portrayal of many different emotions, from the pathetic to the jocular, in all Miss Marryat's was pleasing.

The second part "The Silver Wedding," was equally excellent. This included some young and old ladies of the period, the caricaturing of which was happy.

Part three, in which Miss Marryat appeared attired in a highly becoming costume supposed to represent a "sweet girl graduate" of 1994, consisted of a satirico-learned address on "What Shall we do With Our Men?" The fair sex are represented as possessing more power than even Lord Lytton in his Coming Race accorded them. The solution to the question was ludicious in the extreme. We need not divlge it.

Dangerous Practices.

Last night a number of boys were amusing themselves sliding down the hill on York street, alongside of the Walker house, while another crowd were utilizing the same sidewalk for running down on hand sleds. As this is the sidewalk most used by passengers coming in from Union station, the danger can hardly be estimated, and numbers of pedestrians stumbled and slipped in a vain endeavor to keep their foothold. A gentleman passing by called the attention of a Grand Trunk policeman, who was, however, not authorized to act but the boys cleared out the moment they saw that someone was watching them.

The Defaulter Wingate.

Detective Gates of Hamilton, says the Times, has been employed to track Wingate. The exact figure of the steal is placed at $9645. A cabinet photograph of Wingate has been reproduced, with descriptions of him printed on the back. These have been scattered broadcast throughout the United States and Canada.

The Rose Frauds.

The Toronto General Trusts company is not likely to lose anything by the Rose frauds. The money will be restored. The trial is now on at St. Thomas. Mr. Malone (Edgar & Malone) is up there representing the company.

A DOCTOR'S FATAL DOSE.

HE ATTEMPTS TO POISON HIMSELF AND FOUR CHILDREN.

Three of Them Succumb to Aconite and Chloroform—The Poisoner Recovers and is Jailed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Nov. 27.—Doctor John Maxwell yesterday afternoon, after sending his wife up town, administered to his four children, aged 4 to 13, a combination of aconite and chloroform. He placed a cloth saturated with choloform over their faces and placed them on a bed. He then administered a similar dose to himself and lay down to die with the children. When Mrs. Maxwell returned the oldest girl was dead and the others unconscious. During the night two more of the children died. Maxwell revived and was jailed. He refused to talk. He left a letter saying he was tired of life, and wanted the children to go with him to avoid suffering. He recently had been indicted for libelling another physician and this with business embarrassments it is supposed incited the fearful act.

The fourth child will recover. It is feared Mrs. Maxwell will die from the shock. Maxwell feigns insanity.

PERSONAL.

George H. Cook, M.P.P., North Oxford, and Mrs. Cook are at the Rossin.

Miss Florence Marryat, novelist and lecturer, is at the Rossin house.

Mr Brandram, accompanied by his son, arrived at the Rossin last night. He will read in Convocation hall to-night.

Helen Taylor, an adopted daughter of John Stuart Mill, is one of the editors of a new London paper called the Democrat.

Hon. John Carling came up on the Canadian Pacific railway from Ottawa last night and registe ed at the Queen's hotel.

Francis Murphy celebrated Wednesday night in Pittsburg the eighth anniversary of his advent there as a temperance advocate, and began a two-weeks series of meetings.

The Marchioness of Londonderry, the widow of the marquis who has just died in England, was the first great lady to take up Beaconsfield, and he was ever after grateful to her.

W. I. Martin, news editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, has just been left $100,000 by the death of David Greig of Edinburg, Scotland, his uncle. The deceased made a fortune in the manufacture of printing presses.

Blondin, at 60, is fat and slightly grey, but he is as clever and daring as ever on the rope. It is now more than a quarter of a century since he first crossed the Niagara river, and he looks back to that feat as the greatest of his life.

Lady Florence Dixie lately sent a large wreath of African immortelles to the queen at Balmoral, requesting that it be laid upon the grave of John Brown. In return the queen sent her a copy of one of Landseer's paintings.

Captain Richard King has sold the largest ranche in America to a New York company for $6,500,000. The ranche is in Texas. It comprises upwards of 80,000 acres, all under fence, and nearly 200,000 head of cattle, horses and sheep.

Robert Myles, C. H. Gooderham, John O. Heward, Geo. Jackson, all of Toronto, are having good sport with the ducks (mallard and black) at the St. Clair Flats Shooting company's preserves. Roger Lambe has returned to town.

W. H. Vanderbilt recently made a trip over the Canada Southern division of the Michigan Central, and has given the men engaged in running the special train a sum of money. The engineers and conductors each receive $10, and the firemen and brakemen $5 each.

John Bright writes under date of Nov. 11 to Colonel D. C. Pavey, editor of the Berkshire County Eagle, Pittsfield, Mass., as follows: "There is no chance of my paying a visit to your country. I much regret that I have never been able to travel among the English nation on your continent."

Judge Tourgee, author of A Fool's Errand, is financially stranded and is showing up his affairs in supplementary proceedings at Mayville, N.Y., where he lives. To cap all, he is poor health. He says he is willing to mortgage his brain work for his creditors, and after lecturing this winter will write several more books, of which he already has plans made.

Another Deficient Force.

From the Dundas Banner.

There has been no police court business during the past week.

Where the Scott Act Should Pass.

From the Hastings Star.

We are sorry to learn that two of our town good templars have broken the pledge.

An Algoma Editor Pleased.

From the Manitowin Expositor.

It is with sincere pleasure we notice this willingness on the part of the republican candidate to bow to the will of the people.

Prosperity at Kingston.

From the British Whig.

Three gilded balls hangs over the entrance to a building on Clarence street, and it is announced that "My Uncle" has opened business.

Kincardine Sarcasm.

From the Standard.

A Port Elgin paper last week contained a leading article on Port Elgin as a summer resort. We presume the editor's stock of wood had run out.

He Did Like Ducks.

From the Montreal Star.

A well-known sportsman of this city who has just returned from a hunting expedition, bagged 300 ducks in three days at Summerstown, on the St. Lawrence, above Lancaster, Ont.

Water Still in the Khan.

From the Hamilton Spectator.

The last subject of debate by the Rockton debating society was the comparative merits of fire and wood. The side which championed the cause of water was R. M. Kernighan, the Khan. That side won the debate. Which proves the truth of the old saying that a poet can write best about that of which he knows least. The Khan is a poet.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY

To Professor George Paxton Young, born at Berwick-on-Tweed, November 28, 1818.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If Mr. Mowat has made up his mind about the new parliament buildings.

If Ald. Davies intends to widen the Don.

If James French will run against Alexander Manning for mayor.

If Parkdale isn't anxious to come in.

How last year's Newmarkets will look this winter.

Where all the Persian lambskin coats (of the boom days) are.

AT OSGOODE HALL.

First Bencher—We'll have to enlarge the hall again.

Second do.—Why?

First—To make wall space whereon to hang the judges' pictures.

Second—I'm willing—the law students and the litigants will have to foot the bill.

First Lumber Merchant—Square pine's up again.

Second do.—I thought there was lots of it.

First—But they've just made a frame for another judge's portrait at Osgoode hall.

Just About the Same.

Light to moderate winds; generally fair weather; not much change in temperature.