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## THE ABLEGATE'S REPORT.

*IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO INTERFERE WITH THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.*

**Cardinal Taschereau's Prohibition Opposed to the Views of American Episcopate—Whatever May be Done by Cardinals the Pope Will Have the Last Say.**

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Herald's despatch from Rome has the substance of the report of Mgr. Straneiro, lately Papal Ablegate in the United States. Mgr. Straneiro in his report refers to the Knights of Labor as follows:

"The Knights of Labor is a society composed of about a million workingmen, half of whom, perhaps, belong to the Catholic religion. The society has, however, neither political nor religious bias. Its object is to guard, in an honest and legal manner, the compensation due to the laboring classes for the work they have performed, against the despotic proprietor or contractor, and to oppose the injustices that may be committed against these poor sons of labor.

"This society has but lately sprung up in America. It has been received with favor by the whole working class, and has suddenly developed great strength. There are many, however, who, for reasons not quite sufficiently explained, were very much alarmed at the appearance of this society. They said its objects were secret and its intentions bad, and therefore it should be condemned as a secret society.

"Cardinal Taschereau of Quebec, it seems, by a decree of the sacred office, condemned the Association as a secret society, and forbade all Catholics to be Knights of Labor under penalty of being excommunicated by the Church. The American Episcopate was generally opposed to such measures, which, though possibly suitable to Canadian Catholics, might prove unwise when applied to Americans, should it be considered necessary to extend those measures to the United States."

The Herald's correspondent says the unanimous views of the American Bishops are backed so strongly and opportunely by the independent reports of the Roman Ablegate that they cannot but carry immense weight. It is said that Cardinal Taschereau is anxious to have the question referred to the Holy Office, where precedent is all decisive, and a judgment once uttered is irrevocable; but the Pope, who is also Prefect of the Inquisition, may vote the proposed transfer from the Propaganda. The last word, in any case, will be said by the Holy Father.

*THE REVOLT AT SILISTRIA.*

**The Uprising Suppressed and Many of the Rebels Shot.**

RUSTCHUK, March 4.—The commander at Silistria seized the Government of that town on Monday last. Troops from here and from Rosgrad and Varna suppressed the revolt. With the exception of the killing of the commander the affair was bloodless. On Tuesday Major Ouzounoff, with a battalion of engineers, surrounded the Rustchuk barracks, arrested all the officers and proclaimed Metropolitan Clement regent of Bulgaria. The inhabitants rose in arms against the insurgents and fighting continued throughout Wednesday, when the insurgents attempted to retreat across the Danube, but owing to a heavy fire poured into them from the shore they were compelled to abandon their boats and take refuge on an island, where they were finally captured. All the insurgents were found to be wounded. The authority of the regent is restored, and the whole town is rejoicing over the downfall of the rebels. The leaders of the revolt will be shot.

**Anarchy Spreading.**

PARIS, March 4.—A telegram from Giurgevo says that risings have taken place at Tirnova and other places, and that the insurgents are reported to be masters of affairs. At Tirnova communication between Sofia and the provinces is interrupted. Anarchy is spreading in Bulgaria.

**A Commander Killed by His Men.**

SOFIA, March 2.—The rising at Rustchuk has been suppressed. All the insurgent officers were either taken prisoners, killed or wounded, or were drowned. The Loyalists entered Silistria without opposition. They found there the corpse of Colonel Kresteff, who had been killed by his men.

**Servia Guarding Her Frontier.**

VIENNA, March 4.—Servia, as a precautionary measure, has sent troops to the frontier. It is reported that the Servian reserves have been called out.

**Arrests at Sofia.**

SOFIA, March 4.—The Government authorities have placed under arrest thirty persons, including Karaveloff and Tzapoff, who were found to be in communication with the insurgents.

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*THE IRISH PROBLEM.*

**The Chief Secretary for Ireland Raises a Slight Commotion.**

LONDON, March 4.—During the debate last night J. O'Connor protested that the police had used excessive violence at meetings in Cork, where they had used their batons on Parnellites.

The Chief Secretary for Ireland said the meetings alluded to had been called to intimidate the jury, and Parnellites ought not to be surprised if something worse than batoning occurred.

The latter phrase caused an angry scene, in which several Parnellites accused the Chief Secretary of threatening an honorable member. This the Chief Secretary denied, and the Chairman called upon Healy to withdraw the objectionable language.

Several members expressed their disapproval of the Chief Secretary's expression which Healy speaking later said could only mean that the Government intended to substitute firearms for batons.

At a late hour, the vote asked for the Irish police was agreed to by 246 to 121.

**The Incendiary Abroad.**

LIMERICK, March 4.—A sensation has been caused here by the perpetration of very extensive incendiarism last night in the country surrounding the city. A large number of houses occupied by tenants, and hay and out-buildings were burned. As the victims were in all cases persons who had paid their rents the outrages are set down as political, and great excitement prevails. The aggregate of property destroyed is very large. It is ascertained to-day that the fires were caused by turned incendiaries who escaped. The district was ablaze all night.

*CABLE NOTES.*

Austria is purchasing great quantities of hay.

Efforts to form a new Cabinet in Italy have failed.

Prince Alexander is suffering from acute inflammation of the eyes.

The position of the Bulgarian regency is thought to be critical.

The fortress commanding the Bay of Tungi has been captured by the Portuguese.

It is rumored that the Irish leaders are contemplating the issue of "a no tax" manifesto.

A 30 per cent. reduction has been made in duty in the export duties on sugar and tobacco imported from Cuba.

It is stated that President Grevy will send an envoy to Berlin to congratulate Emperor William on the 90th anniversary of his birth.

Vienna papers regard the speech of Emperor William as reassuring, but consider that the sinews of war proceeds more from Russia than from Germany or France.

Professor Von Treitschke, closing a lecture at Berlin University Thursday night, referred to the subject of war in Europe, and said it was possible that by fall many who were now studying might be bearing arms on behalf of their land.

**Great Bargains. Damage Goods. Table Linens, Sheetings, Towels and Cottons, just received from Montreal. Duffett, Michael & Co., cor. Yonge and Wilton-avenue.** 246

*GERMAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS.*

**Election of President and First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Reichstag.**

BERLIN, March 4.—Altogether there have been cast 1,429,034 more votes than at the last general election. The increases are: Conservatives, 333,441; Imperialists, 305,508; National Liberals, 661,125; Democratic, 13,481; Centre, 248,701; Polish, 9438; Socialist, 224,192; Protestor, 82,083. There is a decrease in the New German Liberal vote of 447,702.

Herr Wedell-Presdorf was to-day elected President of the Reichstag.

Herr Wedell-Presdorf, who was to-day elected President of the Reichstag, is a Conservative. He has accepted the office. For first vice-president 172 members voted for Dr. Buhl, National Liberal, against 107 for Baron Von Frankenstein, Centrist. Dr. Buhl accepted the position. For second vice-president 172 members voted for Herr Hertling, Centrist, who declined to accept the position. Another ballot was taken and Baron Unruhe Bomst, of Reichspartei, was chosen by 169 votes. The House then adjourned.

The Military Bill will be presented and declared urgent.

*DEATH OF FATHER BECKX.*

**The General of the Society of Jesus Dead At Rome.**

ROME, March 4.—Father Beckx, General of the Jesuits, is dead.

[Pierre Jean Beckx, General of the Society of Jesus, was born at Sechem, near Louvain, Belgium, Feb. 8, 1795. He was admitted to the Society of Jesus at Heldesheim in 1819, was confessor of Ferdinand of Anhalt-Kothen after the conversion of the Duke and Duchess to Roman Catholicism in 1825, and became pastor of the newly established church at Kothen. After Duke Ferdinand's death in 1830 he accompanied his widow, the Duchess Julia, Countess of Brandenburg (natural daughter of Frederick William III. of Prussia) to Vienna. In 1847 he was appointed procurator for the society in Austria, but the revolution in 1848 obliged him to leave that country, and he became rector of the College of Louvain. Subsequently he was the Superior of the Society for Hungary, and eventually Provincial for the whole Austrian empire except Galicia. After the death of Father Roothaan, in 1853, he was elected General of the society. In 1871 he published an appeal to the representatives of foreign governments on the question of the seizure by the Italian Cabinet of the great convent of St. Andrew, on the Quirinal.]

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*BENEDICTION FOR McGLYNN.*

**A Message of Peace From Rome for Henry George's Disciple.**

NEW YORK, March 4.—The following cable was received yesterday in reply to one of congratulation to the Pope:

ROME, March 3.—*To Mr. Henry Carey, Chairman of St. Stephen's Parishioners, New York:* Your telegram was most acceptable to the Sovereign Pontiff, who, returning thanks, imparts most lovingly his apostolic benediction to the Rev. Dr. McGlynn, to you and to the faithful of the parish.

The parishioners are in great glee, and interpret this despatch as foreshadowing a reinstatement of Dr. McGlynn. Dr. McGlynn was much moved by the news. He interprets the message as a vindication of his course. The congratulatory message referred to as having been sent to the Pope on the anniversary of his 76th birthday and the 50th anniversary of his priestly career was sent by a committee of the parishioners. Dr. McGlynn had no part in it.

**3 pairs of gentlemen's fine Merino Socks for 50 cents, worth $1.20, at Petleys'.** 456

*MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AUSTRIA.*

**Forts are Being Armed, Ammunition Stored and Railways Built.**

VIENNA, March 4.—At the military conference to-day, presided over by the Emperor, it was decided to appoint several officers for the superior commands in the event of war. The Crown Prince will command an army corps. The erection of wooden huts for troops in Galicia is proceeding rapidly. The forts are being armed, ammunition and provisions are being stored, and the construction of strategic railway lines is being hastened, there being 471 men now at work. These preparations are causing great anxiety in Galicia. It is feared that in the event of an Austro-Russian war the Austrian troops will be withdrawn from the defensive line in the Carpathians.

*THE RETALIATION BILL.*

**It is Believed that in the End it Will Result for the Good of Canada.**

MONTREAL, March 4.—The feeling among the people here regarding the Retaliation Bill which has been signed by the President of the United States, is that while it may for a time injure our fishermen, in the end the country will be the gainer. It is thought the passing of the bill is in the interests of large fish firms, who desire to control the price of fish in American markets. The railway authorities do not anticipate any interference with the International train service as a result of this retaliation measure.

*TRADE WITH CHINA.*

**Three Steamers Chartered by the Canadian Pacific Railway.**

MONTREAL, March 4.—The arrangements of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to have through connections with China have been completed, the company having chartered three steamships. The first of these is expected to leave Hong Kong early in May. The last sailing vessel, the George, for this season, conveying teas and fancy goods, will leave Yokohama, Japan, about March 7, for Vancouver, B. C.

**Gentlemen requiring nobby Spring Scarfs, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Braces and Socks can buy them at our stores at less than one-half of the regular prices. Petley & Petley.** 456

**Lost in the Goodwin Sands.**

LONDON, March 4.—The Red Star line steamer Waesland from New York, Feb. 20, for Antwerp, went ashore on the Goodwin Sands in a fog. The passengers and crew were taken off by a steam tug. They have been landed at Deal.

**The Ameer's Holy War.**

ST. PETERSBURG, March 4.—The Journal de St. Petersburg says the report that the Ameer of Afghanistan is preparing for a holy war is likely to cause more alarm in Bombay and Madras than at the Russian headquarters in Central Asia, where no attack is meditated against the Ameer.

**Fire in Montreal.**

MONTREAL, March 4.—A fire occurred in the factory of Geo. Langwell & Son, Dorchester-street, manufacturers of metal and gauge glasses, and before it was extinguished damage to the extent of about $7000 was done to the stock and property, which is only covered by $1000 insurance.

**Cold Reception For Immigrants.**

MONTREAL, March 4.—The immigrant train which left Halifax on Wednesday with about 200 passengers and due here yesterday is snowed up at Trois Pistoles and is expected here to-morrow.

**Gentlemen's fine Regatta Shirts, with two collars, selling at 50 cents, worth $1.50; part of Chambers' bankrupt stock, bought by us at 50 cents on the dollar. Petley & Petley.** 456

**Joseph Cook on the Anarchists.**

*Boston Monday Lecture.*

I have a penholder made of wood from the sidewalk from which the bomb was thrown in the attack of the Anarchists upon the police in the beautiful city of the great lakes. I have another penholder made from wood of a telegraph-pole through which the ball of a Gatling gun was fired in the attempt to suppress the recent Cincinnati mob. I have meditated on the spot of these riots concerning the duty of American citizens as to misrule, stimulated by Socialistic, Communistic and Atheistic heresies. My answer to this question is: May God have mercy on the souls of the Anarchists, but may the courts not have mercy on their bodies!

## WENT UP TO SEE THE GOV.

*THE "FAITHFUL COMMONERS" OF ONTARIO AT HIS HONOR'S HOME.*

**The Legislative Assembly Present Their Engrossed Address—A General Shake Hands and a Trip Through the Conservatory—The Governor's Reply.**

The Ontario Assembly passed through another uneventful and brief session yesterday afternoon, as far as their own chamber was concerned, but there was an unusual gathering in the Blue Reception Room at Government House after the Assembly adjourned.

After the petitions were sent up to the clerk's table, Mr. Waters asked that his resolution for the abolition of Upper Canada College stand, which was agreed to.

Mr. Creighton called up his resolution for an

Order of the House for a return of copies of all advertisements inviting tenders for the erection of the proposed Legislative and Departmental Buildings, or any portion of the work connected therewith, copies of specifications in which tenders were invited, copies of all tenders received, whether in accordance with specifications or otherwise; and copies of all contracts which have been let for any portion of the said works or materials to be furnished in connection therewith.

The Commissioner of Public Works did not seem to take kindly to the entire spirit of Mr. Creighton's resolution. He asked the member for North Grey if his resolution was intended to cover *all* of the advertisements and contracts, or only those of the past year. "The documents for a year back, I think," said the Commissioner, "would contain sufficient information for the House."

Mr. Creighton did not seem to grasp the length of Mr. Fraser's proposition, and the Commissioner cut off further parley by moving his adjournment stand. This was carried.

The House then arose.

Sergeant-at-Arms Glackmeyer shouldered the gilded mace and made for the main door in the rear of the building. Speaker Baxter was beside him. Then Col. Gillmor joined the other two officers of the House. Very soon about fifty of the "faithful Commoners" of Ontario were gathered around the mace-bearer. Mr. Ballantyne of Perth wanted to know if it were constitutional to take the mace out of the Parliament Buildings. He said it had never been done before. He laughingly appealed to Speaker Baxter for a decision. The Speaker vouchsafed no decision.

The Provincial Secretary came up and remarked: "Come on, boys." There was a scurry. Half of the "Commoners" filed out through the back door and the other half made an exit through the door at the east end used by the reporters. They came together outside Mr. Mowat and Mr. Leys headed the procession, both wearing shiny "plug" hats, and both looking about the same size and same weight. The officers of the House brought up the rear.

His Honor and Capt. Geddes, A.D.C., were stationed in the Blue Reception Room. The Provincial Secretary stood at the left of the Governor, and introduced to His Honor such of the new members as he did not know. His Honor shook hands with the whole party in turn. When Mr. Pacaud of Essex came up the Governor said: "A young-looking man to sit in the Parliament of this great province."

When the hand-shaking process was through, Col. Gillmor advanced and read the engrossed address, thanking His Honor for his "most gracious Speech from the Throne." When he had finished he handed the roll to Capt. Geddes.

His Honor, in reply, said:

*Mr. Spraker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

I am happy to learn that you agree with the opinions that I expressed in my speech at the opening of the session, and that those opinions have met with your approval, and that you are here to-day to present me, in answer to that speech, with your dutiful and most loyal address. Mr. Speaker, just let me take advantage of the opportunity to say that I had, both officially and personally, the pleasantest relations with your predecessor, Col. Clarke, who so ably filled during the whole term of my career in office the position which you are now called upon to fill.

I need not say to you, Mr. Speaker, that the pleasure of this address to me is greatly enhanced by being presented by a native Canadian, one like yourself, who, for more than twenty years has devoted himself to the service of his province, and who now receives a fitting reward in unanimous election by his fellow members to the high office of speaker. [Hear, hear.]

Gentlemen, I appreciate most highly the compliment which you have paid to me in coming here to-day, perhaps without precedent since confederation. I appreciate that compliment, but there is one drawback to it, and that is that in all probability I will not have the pleasure of receiving another address from the Legislative Assembly of my native province.

Mr. Speaker, I will be candid with you and say that I had an ambition and a great desire to fill the office of Lieutenant-Governor of this province, and I am glad to learn from you and from the representative men of this assembly whom I see before me that having discharged the duties appertaining to that office for six years, I have done so, in your opinion, in an impartial and constitutional manner. [Hear, hear.] I trust that I have upheld its dignity and its prestige—[hear, hear]—while I trust I have not weakened its ancient rights and privileges. [Hear, hear.]

Sir, I can only now wish you a kind farewell, expressing the hope that my successor in office may have the same prosperous and happy career in Government House that it has been my good fortune to enjoy, and I hope that your deliberations, prompted by the same guiding spirit, may have as successful an issue as the deliberations of previous Parliaments with whom I have had the honor to act.

Mr. Speaker, I would be doing myself an injustice, seeing my friend the Attorney-General of my left, did I not express on behalf of Mrs. Robinson and myself, the gratitude which we feel not only to him but to every member of his ministry for the kindness, for the good will, for the consideration which they have extended to us during our sojourn here, and which has tended to make a happy home for us during the last six years, while I hope it has at the same time been attended with some little advantage to the province. [Hear, hear].

The party then separated, and many of the new members made a hasty trip through the conservatory and inspected the famous oil paintings of dead and gone governors which adorn the walls of the main hallway and adjoining it.

Mrs. Robinson, wearing a purple velvet costume, joined the party and was introduced to several of the new members.

**A Paris Sensation.**

A few nights ago, at a late hour, the police found a woman sitting on a bench on the Boulevard de la Chapelle, Paris. They questioned her, but she made no response. They took her by the arm, but she did not appear to notice it. She was taken to the Lariboisiere Hospital. Although her eyes are wide open, and she is certainly neither asleep nor dead, she does not utter a word. She appears stupefied, and the Parisians are mystified. And well they may be, for instances of a woman neither asleep nor dead not saying a word are rare indeed.

**Dun, Wiman's Report of Failures.**

NEW YORK, March 4.—The business failures during the last seven days number: For the United States 203, for Canada 26, total 229, as compared with 209 last week.

*UNITED STATES NEWS.*

The American Congress adjourned sine die yesterday at noon.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Charleston, S.C., yesterday morning.

Andrew Grumm of Syracuse was gored to death by a bull he was trying to pen yesterday.

President Cleveland yesterday refused to sign the bill to prevent the employment of alien labor.

In a fire in Eighth-avenue, New York, yesterday, Sarah L. Johnston, an aged colored woman and her daughter were burned.

Six cars of the Central Vermont road are being fitted with pipes preparatory to testing the Williams system of braking by steam from the engine.

A bottle filled with a mixture of phosphorus and muriatic acid exploded on a ferry boat at New York yesterday, setting fire to the deck. A man was arrested for placing the explosive on the boat.

Levi Books, living in Elizabeth Township, Pa., was shot yesterday morning by Elizabeth Gossert, a relative, and killed. The murderess claims she shot Books because she feared he was going to kill her.

*ALGOMA NOT SO SURE.*

**The Conservatives Up There Dubious Regarding the Result.**

PORT ARTHUR, March 4.—Mr. Dawson has a majority of 58, as far as heard from. His majorities are: Port Arthur 103, Savanne 12, Ignace 15, Vermillion Bay 7, Barclay 4, Rat Portage 5, Keewatin 25, Sudbury 3, Biscotasing 10, Chapleau 7, White River 7, Peninsula 2, Schreiber 15, Nipigon 5, Sault Ste. Marie 34, Rabbit Mountain 5.

Mr. Burk's majorities are: Neebing 42, Murillo 22, Bruce Mines 13, Thessalon 58, Algoma Mills 6, Day Mills 3, St. Joseph's Island 57.

Totals—Mr. Dawson 259, Mr. Burk 201.

Rainy River, Fort Francis and Manitoulin Island have yet to be heard from. The Liberals feel sure of 250 majority in Manitoulin alone, and about 25 majority in Rainy River and Fort Francis. The Conservatives are dubious as to the result in these places. Full returns will be in by Monday.

**A Majority of One.**

MONTREAL, March 4.—Mr. Guilbault (Con.) has been declared elected in Jolliette by one.

**The Recount in Maskinonge.**

QUEBEC, March 4.—A despatch just received says the recount in Maskinonge resulted in favor of Mr. Coulombe, Ministerialist, whose majority is placed at six.

**The Lieut.-Governor's Mission.**

Regarding Hon. J. B. Robinson's visit to Washington the New York World says:

Mr. Robinson has been investigating matters in connection with the fisheries dispute for the Government, and it is expected that he will be permanently established at Washington as resident Canadian Commissioner. The Canadian Government has for some time had this project in mind, and Mr. Robinson will probably receive the appointment.

**A Cloak for His Wrongs.**

OTTAWA, March 4.—The Macdonald Club has presented its President, Taylor McVety, with a handsome Persian lamb coat to replace the coat torn from his back during the fight in the City Hall on nomination day.

**At the Capital.**

OTTAWA, March 4.—Dalton McCarthy is here.

Sir John will probably leave for Toronto next week.

Girouard is a likely man for Speaker.

**Rumor Regarding Senecal.**

MONTREAL, March 4.—The Witness says to-night: "It seems to be generally credited here that L. A. Senecal has been called to the Canadian Senate for the division of Mille Isles."

**Elections to be Held.**

| | | Polling. |
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| Northwest Territories | | March 15 |
| Victoria District | | March 5 |
| Gaspe | | March 16 |
| Cariboo | | March 17 |
| Vancouver District | | March 23 |

CANDIDATES NOMINATED.

| | Ministerial. | Opposition. |
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| Alberta | Davis | Lafferty. |
| | | Hardisty (Ind.) |
| Carlboo | Reid | Ferguson. |
| Gaspe | Joncas | Pigeon. |
| E. Assiniboia | Perley | Dickie. |
| Saskatchewan | Mitchell | Laird. |
| Vancouver | Gordon | |
| | Planta | Grant. |
| | Curran | |
| | Shakespeare | McCollum. |
| Victoria | Baker | Fell (Ind.) |
| | Humphreys | Robertson (Ind.) |
| W. Assiniboia | Davin | Ross. |

**Type-writer paper at special prices and in different weights. McAlinsh & Ellis, opposite the Postoffice.**

*AMUSEMENTS.*

**Attractions at the Theatres for Next Week—Hours of Leisure.**

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell's company presented "Peril," a social drama of great strength, a the Grand last night. The play, which is a beautiful and interesting one, was well sustained throughout. "Peril" will be presented at the matinee this afternoon and to-night Mr. McDowell appears in his famous character of Conn in "The Shaughraun."

That laughable comedy, "A Night Off," which Daly has so cleverly adapted from the German, will be played at the Toronto Opera House all next week by a competent company.

The Grand Opera House will be closed on Monday night. Wilson & Rankin's minstrels will play there on Tuesday and Wednesday, and Tony Denier's Pantomime Company the balance of the week.

"Passion's Slave" will have two more performances at the Toronto—this afternoon and this evening.

To-night's Saturday Popular Concert in Shaftesbury Hall will be under the direction of Mr. Harry Blight, who promises a good program.

**Hours of Leisure.**

Rev. John Burton, B.D., will lecture on Tuesday evening next in the schoolhouse of the Northern Congregational Church, in Church-street. In the light of recent and current events, the subject, "The French and Roman Catholicism in Canada," cannot but prove of interest to all.

The Canadian Order of Foresters' Concert at the Pavilion Music Hall on Tuesday next will be one of the chief social events of the coming week. The program is an excellent one.

Rev. Sam P. Jones will be the chief speaker at the Young Men's Prohibition Club temperance meeting in the Pavilion to-morrow afternoon.

**—Steel wire door mats will not wear out. They require no shaking as they clean themselves. They do not fill with dirt and dust; all dust falls through and can be readily swept up.** 136

**The Gypsy Without a Deity.**

*From Chambers' Journal.*

The gypsy loves the crescent moon, the evening star, the clatter of the fern-owl, the beetle's hum. He was born on the earth in the tent, and he has lived like a species of human wild animal ever since. Of his own free will he will have nothing to do with rites or litanies; he may perhaps be married in a place of worship, to make it legal, that is all. At the end, were it not for the law, he would for choice be buried beneath the "fire-place" of their children's children. He will not dance to the pipe ecclesiastic, sound it who may—churchman, dissenter, priest or laic. Like the trees, he is simply indifferent. The negroes have their fetich, every nation its idols; the gypsy alone has none—not even a superstitious observance; they have no idolatry of the past, neither have they the exalted thought of the present. It is very strange that it should be so at this, the height of our civilization, and you might go many thousand miles and search from Africa to Australia before you would find another people without a deity. That can only be seen under an English sky, under English oaks and beeches.

**Like Booth in His Carriage.**

*From the Washington Critic.*

A wealthy young amateur with a fond mother was fired with fine frenzy, and concluded to go on the stage as Hamlet. "Don't you think," said his mother to a friend one night, after he had been on about a month, at a cost of about $20,000, "my boy will be a very great tragedian some day?" "Well, really, I can't say," was the cautious reply; "but in one particular he is very like Booth." "Ah, thank you," said the fond mother; "in what particular pray?" "He always comes to the theatre in a carriage, madame."

**The stock of gents' furnishing of Chambers, 147 Yonge-street, was bought by us at 50 cents on the dollar, and is being sold at our stores at less than one-half of the regular prices. Petley & Petley.** 456

**Queen's Jubilee.**

Queen Victoria will not celebrate her jubilee by handing over her crown and sceptre to the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness will have to adorn his bald pate with one of quinn the shirtmaker's nobby English spring hats in lieu of a golden crown.

*MERRY MEMBERS OF ST. ANDREW'S.*

**A Pleasant "At Home" at the Masonic Hall Last Evening.**

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 10, G.R.C., A.F. & A.M., held its annual "At Home" in Masonic Hall last night, when nearly 300 ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a fine musical program, followed by dancing. From 9 till 10.30 the time was occupied with a concert, which was prefaced by an address from the Chairman, W. Bro. W. B. McMurrich, W.M. Mr. Carl Martens gave a piano solo; vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. J. T. Thompson, Miss Berryman, Mrs. McGalpin, Miss Gussie Eastwood, Mr. A. T. Cringan; Mr. J. Alexander gave a couple of readings; and Mr. T. Hurst supplied the fun with a couple of his comic songs.

After the concert there was dancing to music by Seager's orchestra. Twenty dances were on the program. Harry Webb served a choice supper. The Committee of Management consisted of:

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| Bro. McMurrich, | Bro. M. E. Snider, |
| " P. B. Poison, | " W. C. Wilkinson, |
| " Daniel Rose, | " J. Kent, |
| " E. W. Dawson, | " J. Glanville, |
| " J. T. Vincent, | " E. Cook, |
| " R. R. Echlin, | " J. Watson, |
| " F. S. Spence, | " J. W. Lang, |
| " J. Luke, | " C. S. Kenyon, |
| " J. H. Rowan. | |

**A full line of military books at McAlinsh & Ellis', opposite the Postoffice.**

*IS THE CANADA LIFE COMING?*

**To Erect a Handsome Block in King-street—"Mort" Must Meander.**

The Canada Life Assurance Company are about to erect a new and handsome stone block in King-street. They have purchased the sixty feet east of their present building, extending up to Mr. Charlie Brown's Livery Stable, on which stands "Mort" Keachie's place and Sager's barber shop. Mr. Waite, the Buffalo architect, was in Hamilton yesterday consulting with the Board of Directors of the company as to the new structure. It is understood that the entire building of the company adjoining Molsons Bank will be taken down, and a substantial, expensive and extensive block erected on its site and on the land just purchased. The block will be five stories high, have a frontage of 120 feet, and a depth of 160 feet. Mr. Keachie, it is understood, gets a bonus of $8000 for abandoning his three years' lease.

"This means," said a gentleman last evening who is supposed to be well informed, "that the Canada Life is to remove its headquarters from Hamilton to Toronto. It may not move for two or three years, but the company is bound to locate here, as it will find the competition so keen that to enable it to hold its present lead it must be in the centre of the province."

"Mort." Keachie's will be sadly missed by the sporting men of the city. Although Mr. Keachie has been in business but a year or so, he is very popular. A good, regular establishment, with all the sporting papers on file, has brought a profitable line of grist to Mr. Keachie's mill. It is likely, however, that he will be found in some other part of King-street when the "old stand" is pulled down in May.

*THE VIRTUE OF PURITY.*

**An Address by a White Cross Army Worker From England.**

Mr. Charles James, of London, Eng., an active White Cross Army worker, made his first appearance on a Toronto platform last night at a meeting held in the school-room of the Church of the Ascension. The Bishop of Toronto presided and with him on the platform were a number of clergymen and laymen.

Mr. James is a stout young man with a florid face and a fine resonant voice. He is a good speaker, earnest and convincing. For over an hour the people of Trinity Ward, West, were entertained, devoting much of the time to sketching the legislation of England on the question of morality. He deplored the inequality of law and also the fact that the Canadian law only protected girls up to the age of 8. He suggested an agitation in Canada for the increasing of the age. The Indians, he said, were ahead of the English because they punished seduction with death. False delicacy prevents many ministers from preaching on the subject of impurity. He made a strong appeal to his hearers to promote purity among boys, because if the men of the future are pure the women will be so.

Mr. James will speak to men only in the Y.M.C.A. parlor to-night at 8 o'clock and to-morrow night at 8.30.

*THE PRISONERS' FRIENDS.*

**The Aid Association's Annual Meeting—Lunatics in Jails.**

The annual meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada was held last night at Mission Hall, Yonge-street-avenue. The chairman, Hon. S. H. Blake, explained that the purpose of the association was the improving of the moral nature of the prisoner and the continuing, if possible, the work of reformation after the prisoner had obtained his discharge.

A number of resolutions, among which was one deprecating the confinement of lunatics in jails, were offered and adopted. The speakers to these were Mayor Howland, Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. Elmore Harris, Rev. Alex. Gilray, Warden Massie, Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh and Messrs. Charles Joselin and H. Cassels.

The financial report showed a balance of $535.87. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. S. H. Blake; Vice-Presidents, Mayor Howland, Hon. Edward Blake, Dr. Hodgins, John Hoskin, Q.C., John Macdonald, W. B. McMurrich, Suther-land Stayner, Clark Gamble, A. Farley; Treasurer, A. M. Rosebrugh, M.D.; Secretary, Samuel E. Roberts.

**Steel wire Mats are now in use in all our principal churches, schools, banks and public buildings. Offices and factory, 6 Wellington west.** 136

*JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.*

The Committee on Works will meet in the Mayor's office at 10 o'clock this morning to consider the King-street subway matter.

Mr. A. F. Webster, 56 Yonge-street, has been appointed General Canadian Agent for the State Steamship Line, with full power to transact all passenger business in Canada.

At the Police Court yesterday the charge brought by Inspector Archibald against S. C. Langley of selling liquor to a lad named Armstrong, who is not yet 16, was dismissed.

Mr. N. Elliott, a popular clerk in the city postoffice, was last night presented with a handsome diamond locket by the clerks in division of the postal service. Mr. Elliott is going to join the staff of the Ottawa postoffice.

Mr. Harold Smith, proprietor of the Kentucky Stables, King-street west, purchased in Chicago last week a tally-ho coach, which arrived here yesterday. He claims it is the first one brought into Canada. It ought to be a novelty.

Still progressing, the Oriental Electrical Belt Company, recently established at No. 3 King-street west. Their sales in this city are already very large, while they are daily in receipt of orders from all parts of the Dominion. Read their advertisement.

Messrs. Snider & Hamilton have now one of the most complete equipments of livery and boarding stables in the city at 100 Mutual-street. Orders entrusted to them will no doubt receive the strictest and prompt est attention.

One of Brown's hacks was waiting at the door of an uptown house at midnight last night and the driver, to be comfortable, got inside. The horse got tired, started off for the stable and was stopped by a policeman at King and Yonge-streets. The driver was fast asleep inside.

The V. P. Science Association held its first annual supper last night at the Reform Club. Dr. Mackenzie of the Kingston-road presided, and some thirty-five members from all sections of the province were present. An interesting paper on the "Huron Indians" was read by the Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., of Barrie. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The regular meeting of the Canadian Marine Engineers' Association was held at their rooms, 82 Bay-street, on Thursday night. Four new members were admitted. The engineers propose to extend the usefulness of the association by attaching a benefiary for the members in case of disability or death.

No part of the city is making greater progress than North Toronto. Fine new residences can be seen on all sides. One of the most important places in this vicinity is the fine hat store of Chas. H. Tonkin, 718 Yonge-street. He has one of the best selected stock of English and American hats in the city. Prices away down. Give Charlie a call for your spring hat.

## THE WORK OF SMUGGLERS.

*THEY CAUSE A DISASTROUS INUNDATION NEAR MORRISBURG.*

**The Better to Carry on their Unlawful Traffic They Built an Ice Bridge in the St. Lawrence, and the Consequence was a Flood Which Caused Great Damage.**

OTTAWA, March 4.—Several weeks ago the River St. Lawrence between Farran's Point and Morrisburg, extending a distance of nine miles, overflowed without warning, submerging all the low lying lands on either bank. Such an occurrence, especially at a point on the river where the current is so rapid, proved unprecedented in the memory of the oldest inhabitants in the vicinity. The water blocked up as far as Morrisburg, flooding the lower part of the town and compelling the factories to suspend work. Barns on the shores further down were swept away, while roads and dwellings were partially submerged. An investigation resulted in the discovery that the narrow channels between Croil Island on the Canadian and American sides respectively, were jammed with ice, thus accounting for the devastating inundation above. Certain suspicious circumstances having been communicated to the authorities, it was learned a few days ago that the ice bridge was formed by smugglers, who thereby greatly facilitated affairs in conveying contraband articles from the United States into Canadian soil. The ice jam is decidedly an artificial one, the smugglers forming it by cutting huge cakes of ice along the shore and towing a sufficient number into the narrow channel to form a solid obstruction on either side of the island, which is in American territory. Floating ice coming down the river lodged against the narrow ice bridge, hourly increasing it in strength. The authorities at Ottawa were recently notified. Major Anderson, Chief Engineer of the Marine Department, was immediately dispatched to the scene. He has since returned and has probably submitted his report to the Minister of Marine. The Canadian and American authorities are now on the look out for the smugglers, whose identity is already supposed to be known. If they are captured proceedings on the strength of certain evidence will be brought against them for causing the ice jam. The culprits will be liable for the latter offence under the laws of the State of New York, there being no provisions for such offences in the criminal code of the Dominion. It is estimated that the damage to Morrisburg from the ice jam and consequent floods will reach $75,000.

**—Great Bargains. Damage Goods. Table Linens, Sheetings, Towels and Cottons, just received from Montreal. Duffett, Michael & Co., cor. Yonge and Wilton-avenue.** 246

*THE PROV.-SEC'Y'S NIGHTMARE.*

**How He Jumped From Bed When He Thought of a Broken Appointment.**

The Legislative Committee of the Trades and Labor Council made an agreement with Hon. A. S. Hardy to meet him last Thursday evening, and have a conference in regard to the immigration policy of the Ontario Government. Sharp at 8 o'clock the committee was gathered in the reception room of the Parliament Buildings, but the Hon. Provincial Secretary did not appear. The labor representatives waited and waited and then went home. Mr. Hardy enjoyed himself all evening and in due time went to bed. But suddenly, ere sleep weighed down his eyelids, the recollection of his broken promise flashed across his mind. He started in affright from his couch, and with a vague impression that his party would be boycotted, he called for a pen. In all haste, he sent the following humble apology to Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue:

TORONTO, March 4.—*My Dear Sir:* I regret exceedingly that I should have disappointed you and ask you to accept my very sincere apologies for yourself, Mr. March, and the other members of the committee who attended at the reception-room to discuss immigration affairs. In my letter to you making the appointment I said I would see you on either Thursday or Friday—whichever might be more convenient to yourselves). I did not make a minute of the particular evening until I should hear from you which evening you preferred. Not having heard from you in reply for Thursday, I was not aware that you would come again this evening, and the matter therefore passed from my mind. This explanation will, I hope, in some small degree mitigate my apparent neglect. I most certainly should have been present and the interview not entirely escaped my memory. I may say to