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the Millbrook Reporter Printing Office Destroyed—The Loss at Alliston Nearly Half a Million.

MILIBROOK, Ont., May 13.—Monday sight the Millbrook Reporter printing office was observed to be on fire. The flames spread so rapidly that all efforts to save the building were useless. The printing plant, owned by T. B. Collins & Co., was a total loss. Plant insured for \$1,500, building for \$200.

ALLISTON, Ont., May 13.—Later information increases the extent of the loss in this effort increases the extent of the loss in this

Alliston, Ont., May 13.—Later information increases the extent of the loss in this town by reason of Friday's disastrous fire. Phere is not a grocery or drygoods store left in the place; whole squares were burnt to the ground. The loss is estimated at from \$400,000 to \$500,000. About 90 families are homeless, nearly all of whom escaped with but the clothes on their backs, and many of whom are in actual want and great distress. Contributions from those charitably disposed sent to Mr. M. Livingstone, manager of the Bank of Hamilton, will be gratefully received.

A DOMESTIC SCANDAL

ORANGEVILLE, May 12.—The Dufferin Spring Assizes opened here yesterday before Mr. Justice Street. Cook vs. Vance, which is expected to come off, if a settlement is not effected in the meantime, is a most extraordinary case. The plaintiff, Richard Cook, a laborer, of the township of Carrick, Bruce county, sues David Vance, a wealthy farmer of Waterloo township, for \$5,000 damages for the seduction of his daughter, Eilen Jane Cook. It appears that in January, 1879, the plaintiff adaughter went to keep house for the defendant, a widower with a grown-up family. In April of the following year she became a mother, and when her father charged Vance with being her seducer. Vance entarged Vance with being her seducer.

lived as man and wife until April 10 of this year, five children being born during their twelve years of seeming married life. In the beginning of the month mentioned Vance, who is bordering on 70, was taken seriously ill, and is now said to be on his death-bed. He was not satisfied with the treatment he was receiving in his sickness from Miss Cook, and a quarrel ensued which ended in Miss Cook leaving the house, taking her five children with her. She immediately disclosed the fact to her father that she and Vance were not married, though living together during all these years, and then this action was commenced. It is said that Vance is willing to marry Miss Cook on his death bed, but is not prepared to make what is considered a reasonable provision for her and her five children. The action was not commenced in time

of the church and relieve the deacons. A sham gladitorial contest could not fail of success in Macedonia, and, if conscience squirmed, he could offsot its objections by devoting the proceeds towards helping "the poor saints which were at Jerusalem." Whata golden opportunity he lost at Athens. In that esthetic center an art exhibition in the line of Madame Jarley's waxworks would have been an immense success. He could have paid 30 per cent of the cost of a new church at Crete out of these drawing necessities. He could have Apolos come over from Achaica and give a few lectures on marriage, or "Fools," or "Foot," or "Hard Rows and How to Hoe Them," or on "Noses," or "Heads and Faces," or "Phrenology and Physology," or the "The Lost Tribes," or some kindred theme, this would pay another 20 per cent. The remainder could rest on mortgage at lowest rates of interest till excursion time. No wonder he was an unpopular, miserable old fogy. Why, he preached the Gospel to them at Mars Hill and then started off to do the same thing at Corinth! One dollar contributed to the treasury of the Lord's House by the heart of love and the hand of faith will travel farther over the areas of heathendem and outlive more succeeding calendars than \$1,000 wrung from the penuty of some worldly gradgrin or squeezed from the check book of some religious sponge by the delicate financiers of some new-fangled alteration.

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A vote of thanks to the talented lecturer was carried on motion of Rev. Dr. Workman, who on rising received a tremendous ovation from the body of students. Dr. Badgley said he hoped that Talmage's "rhetorical nonsense" would cease to fill the columns of the Christian Guardian.

Rev. Mr. McDonagh explains that he had no intention of reflecting upon Dr. Workman in his sermon before the Theological Union.

The annual business meeting of the Theological Union was held in the evening logical Union.

The business manager reported the Methodist Quarterly as in a most prosperous condition. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. W. J. Maxwell, follows: President, Rev. Wm. McDonagh, London; secretary-treasurer, Rev. W. S. Blackstock, Toronto; preacher, S. P. Rose, Montreal. The editorial staff were re-elected, and Rev. A. M. Phillips appointed manages.

PUBLIC WORKS SCANDAL

Mr. Tarte's Charges Against Minister and an M. P.

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agreed to give said firm in an undue manner his influence as harbor commissioner.

That in 1883 the Hon. Thomas McGreevy, with the sanction of the Minister of Public Works, aided in securing the removal of the British engineers that had charge of the harbor works, and had Henry F. Perley and John E. Boyd appointed in their stead.

their stead.
That in 1883 the brother of Hon. Thomas That in 1883 the brother of Hon. Thomas McGreevy was taken into partnership by the same contractors, on a basis of 30 per cent. profit, in order to secure the undue influence of Hon. Thomas McGreevy when the tenlers for a crass-wall and lock for Quebec harbor were given out.

That Thos. McGreevy obtained from the Public Works Department, information as

That Thos. McGreevy obtained from the Public Works Department, information as to the figures in the contracts for these works, and that, though two tenders were lower than Larkin, Connolly & Co., he secured the acceptance of the tender of that firm, on the promise of payment to him of \$25,000, and that this arrangement and manipulation was carried out as sugjested by him, and that \$25,000 was paid over to him in promissory funds.

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That a few days after this \$25,000 was nat a lew days after this \$25,000 was paid by corrupt arrangement (June 4, 1883), Larkin, Connolly & Co., paid \$1,000 to the "Langevin testimonial fund," a fund destined to be given to Sir Hector Langevin

Langevin.
That the public interests were sacrificed That the public interests were sacrificed by carrying out this corrupt arrangement.

That in 1884 Thomas McGreevy agreed to secure for Larkin, Connolly & Co. a contract for the completion of the graving dock of Levis, one of the conditions of the agreement being that, he (Thomas McGreevy) should receive any excess over the sum of \$50,000 in the contract price. That to the detriment of the public interest, the bargain was carried out, and McGreevy was paid the price stipulated in the corrupt arrangement, viz., \$22,000.

That in 1883 and 1884 McGreevy entered into a similar corrupt arrangement with regard to the paving dock at Esquimalt, B.C., for which tenders were asked by the Dominion Government.

That McGreevy obtained from the De-

partment of Public Works information, and from the Minister in charge figures, and calculations, which he communicated to Larkin, Connolly & Co., while they took his brother, Robert H., into partnership.

That while this work was in progress. Thos. McGreevy was a paid agent of the firm, and that he obtained for them important alterations and more favorable conditions and enabled them to realize, to the detriment of the public interest, very large profits. For this work large sums were paid to Thos. McGreevy by the contractors.

That he himself approached members of Parliament to assist him in helping the contractors, and that on his suggestion members of Parliament were approached by members of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co.

That certain members of that firm have

That the said Infomas Alcorecyy exacted and received out of the subsidies voted by Parliament for the construction of the Baie des Chalcurs Railway over \$40,000.

That all the moneys expended in connection with the works mentioned in the present motion are moneys voted by the Parliament of Canada, and amount to about \$5,000,000.

That the said Thomas McGreevy on several occasions demanded in the name of the Minister of Public Works and received from Larkin, Connolly & Co. sums of money, and that this money was paid and so entered in the books of the firm.

That from 1882 till this session Thomas McGreevy has always lived in Ottawa in the same house as the Minister, undertaking to obtain his co-operation or declaring that he had secured it. Mr. Tarte concluded by moving that the charge be referred to a select committee which he named.

THE MINISTER SPEAKS.

When Mr. Tarte resumed his seat all eyes were turned towards the man who is regarded as responsible for the whole bad business. Sir Hector Langevin immediately rose from his seat beside Sir John Macdonald. His face was red and troubled. He denied that he had in any way given the information referred to, nor did he suspect Mr. Perley of having done wrong. He left the member of Quebec West to speak for himself, but was ready to go before the Privileges and Elections Committee.

It was noted that Sir Hector Langevin's denial was not so comprehensive as it should have been to cover the charges. Mr. Tarte did not charge. Mr. Langevin denied that he had nor received money from my contractors, which Mr. Tarte did not charge. Mr. Langevin denied that he had not received money from my contractors, which Mr. Tarte did not charge. Mr. Langevin denied that he had not eceived money from any contractors, which Mr. Tarte did not charges, and the fact that he did not deny them, but confined his statement to something that had not been charged against him, is a noticeable omission.

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to prove that it was all a conspiracy, to which Mr. Tarte was a party.
Mr. Tarte—I have never been associated with the men named in the motion.

Mr. McGreevy (interrupting)—We will have all that out by-and-bye.

Mr. Tarte—My sincere wish is that the words used by the nonorable gentleman will be found quite true. He believes they are a forgery. Mr. Speaker, if the letters signed by the honorable gentleman's own name are forgeries I will apologize, not only to the House, but will have no other treatment to expect from this Parliament than to go out of it, and very quick.

The matter was then remitted to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Gladstone and Lady Salisbury Among the Sufferers.

LONDON, May 12.—Mr. Gladstone is suffering from a mild form of influenza. The disease is following its regular course and there is no cause for alarm. A constant stream of aristocratic visitors are calling at his residence inquiring about his condition. Lady Salisbury had a slight attack of influenza, but is now better.

LONDON, May 12.—The epidemic of influenza is now ravaging London city, and all business is more or less affected. In the House of Commons alone 41 members are suffering from influenza. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, president of the Board of Trade; Sir James Fergusson, political secretary of the Foreign Office; John Morley and Frank Lockwood, members for York, are among the latest sufferers. Influenza also prevails to an alarming extent in Liverpool and Sheffield. The British worship Thunderer, is detained at Gibraltar owing to numerous cases-of disease among to numerous cases-of disease among to more cand crim the microbes of the disease, and they will ask that the place be furnigated during the holidays.

Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., and Lord Hartington are down with influenza. Mr. Gladstone is still feverish, but otherwise he is making progress toward recovery.

The Baccarat Scandal.

The Baccarat Scandal. London, May 12.—It is announced that the famous baccarat scandal case in which Sir Wm. Gordon Cumming and the Prince of Wales are interested will come to trial on June 1.

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Sand Flies Stop a Train at Hamilton
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HAMILTON, May 12.—The plague of sand flies is now upon the beach and its residents, and the diminutive annoyers of mankind are there by the million. Yesterday they settled on the railway track so thickly that they stopped a freight train, and it had to be dispatched in three sections.

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CAPITAL GOSSIP.

Difference of Opinion Among Prohibitionists.

Pensioners on the Public Purse-After Herchmer Again.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 12.—The prohibi-tionists of the House of Commons met this morning in the lower room in open caucus and talked for an hour over the action to be taken on the preposed Alliance resolu-

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Mr. Jamieson, M.P., who occupied the
chair, formally took the ground that the
resolution as passed by the Alliance Committee a week ago could not be changed,
but the great majority of those present,
headed by Messrs. Taylor and Trow,
strongly objected to thus being bound by
the action of the Alliance.

Mr. Jamieson persisted in his intention of
moving the Alliance resolution in any event
and the meeting broke up in confusion.

Mr. Scriver supported the contention of
the chairman.

A return just brought down shows that 37 civil servants were superannuated last year, the retiring allowances aggregating \$16,640.

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Col. Tisdale to-day presented a petition regarding the Grand Trunk Railway. Act 51 Vic., chapter 58, gives the G. T. R. authority to construct their short cut from Glencoe to Wanstead (to make a short cut from Sarnia to Buffalo), and this petition asks leave to change the place to Kingscourt instead of Wanstead on account of the lay of the country.

Dr. Landerkin has appeared in a new uniform. He has ruthlessly cut off his beard.

missioner Herohmer again. He wants an inquiry made into that officer's conduct, and especially during the late elections. Further, he desires inquiry to be made into the conduct of the whole force at the same

Mr. Landerkin wants to know if Sir Mr. Landerkin wants to know if Sir Charles Tupper, while acting as Government election agent during the recent elections, still held the office of High Commissioner, and whether any salary or traveling allowance was granted to him during the time he was engaged on the elections. The question comes up on Wednesday.

It may be disturbing to the excellent people in Ontario whose fostering care is over the Anglo-Saxon tongue to learn that the Senate motions and papers read by the Speaker are first read in French, and English is put second.

Mr. Wallace has reintroduced his Combines Bill.

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"S"My little girl was confined to her bed, for nearly a year, with a swelled and painful knee. We used St. Jacobs Oil, and it eased her so much that, when taken out Some one recently tried to prove that a man was insane because he had been overheard talking to his dog. It is lucky for him that no one overheard him talking to his bab.

A Cure for Constipation and Headache A cure for Constipation and Readands.

Dr. Silas Lane, while in the Rocky Mountains, discovered a root that when combined with other herbs, make an easy and certain cure for constipation. It is in the form of dry roots and leaves, and is known as Lane's Family Medicine. It will cure sick headache and is the best spring medicine. For the blood, liver and kidneys and for cleaning up the complexion it does wonders. Druggists sell it at 50 cents and \$1 a package. \$1 a package.

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