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LIBERALS GET NOTHING BUT PEEL.

East Bruce and North Victoria Return to Their Fisrt Love.

Sam Hughes Converts a Minority of 200 Into a Majority of 150 and Cargill Regains His Old Seat by a Small Majority—Featherstone's Majority in Peel More Than Doubled—Fairbairn Increases His Vote—Mr. Marshall Again Carries East Middlesex—The Conservative Majorities in Halifax Considerably Reduced, But Kenny and Stairs Are Elected—The Government Majority in the House Increased to 36.

			Majority.
EAST BRUCE, Cargill, [Con.]			13
NORTH VICTORIA, Hughes [Con.]			150
SOUTH VICTORIA, Fairbairn [Con.]			243
E. MIDDLESEX, Marshall [Con.]			527
PEEL, Featherstone [Lib.]			134
HALIFAX	Stairs	[Con]	500
	Kenny		500

CARGILL SQUEEZES IN.

The Unseated Liberal Member for East Bruce Defeated by 13.

WALKERTON, Feb. 11.—Henry Cargill (Con.), the former member for East Bruce, who was defeated by Reuben Truax (Lib.) last March, carried the constituency against the same candidate to-day. The battle was one of the keenest of the bye-elections. The majorities:

	Cargill.	Truax.
Walkerton	83	..
Greenock	148	..
Brant	39	..
Carrick	..	133
Culross	..	102
Teeswater	..	21
Totals	269	256

Majority for Cargill, 13. Truax's majority at the general election, 114.

NORTH VICTORIA.

Sam Hughes Wrests the Seat from Mr. Barron.

FENELON FALLS, Feb. 11.—In North Victoria there were no special reasons for expecting the defeat of Mr. Barron, the Liberal, who had twice been elected. His majority at the general was 202. Mr. Samuel Hughes being his opponent. North Victoria is a Conservative county; but for some years divisions and bickerings and personal aspirations disturbed the usual harmony of Government supporters. However, Mr. Hughes surprised both friends and opponents by carrying the constituency by a respectable majority. The majorities:

	Hughes.	Barron.
Fenelon Township	..	67
Somerville	57	..
Bexley	72	..
Bowdon	..	11
Lutterworth	..	11
Garden	..	48
Woodville	..	20
Eldon	98	..
Conway	..	7
Anson and Minden	20	..
Laxton	63	..
Galway	..	68
Digby and Longford	34	..
Fenelon Falls	8	..
Totals	352	232

Majority for Hughes 120, with places to hear from which will increase it to 150.

SOUTH VICTORIA.

A Conservative Majority of 25 Increased to Over 200.

LINDSAY, Feb. 11.—The election in South Victoria to-day resulted as was expected in favor of the unseated member, Charles Fairbairn, but by an increased majority. The majorities:

	Fairbairn.	Walters.
Ops township	..	26
Emily and Omemee	164	..
Bobcaygeon	102	..
Lindsay	64	..
Mariposa	..	197
Verulam	196	..
Totals	466	223

Majority for Fairbairn 243, with two places to hear from which may reduce the majority by about 40. Mr. Fairbairn's majority last March was 25.

FEATHERSTONE IN PEEL.

The Former Liberal Member Increases His Majority.

BRAMPTON, Feb. 11.—The election in Peel to-day resulted in the re-election of Joseph Featherstone (Lib.) by an increased majority. The majorities:

	Featherstone.	Jackson
Brampton	..	64
Chinguscousy:		
Norton's Corners	13	..
Mayfield	26	..
Sandhill	16	..
Huttonville	..	29
Alloa	39	..
Cheltenham	57	..
Westervelt's	41	..
Victoria	20	..
Toronto Township:		
Port Credit	..	18
Springfield	..	6
Cooksville	..	11
Dixie	32	..
Harris' Corners	..	41
Meadowvale	..	4
Palestine	3	..
Malton	24	..
Clarkson	44	..
Streetsville	..	60
Toronto Gore:		
Grahamsville	43	..
Castlemore	9	..
Totals	367	233

Majority for Featherstone 134. Mr. Featherstone's majority at the general election was 54.

HALIFAX.

Partials Returns Indicate the Return of the Conservative Candidates.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 11.—Stairs and Kenny, the Conservative candidates, have 500 majority in Halifax and Dartmouth. Only portions of the county have been heard from as yet, but full returns will not likely change the result materially. The vote polled was away below that of March last, when Kenny had 1100 majority and Stairs 939.

Full returns are not looked for till to-morrow night as a heavy blizzard is raging and the roads are all blocked.

TAYLOR TRIMMED.

Marshall's Majority in East Middlesex Between 500 and 600.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In East Middlesex the election of the unseated member, Mr. J. Marshall, was a foregone conclusion. His opponent was Mr. George Taylor, a disaffected Conservative. The majorities:

	Marshall.	Taylor.
London township	289	..
South Dorchester	3	..
North Dorchester	82	..
London West	156	..
Springfield	..	29
West Nissouri	..	22
London East	48	..
Totals	578	51

Majority for Marshall 527 with five subdivisions to hear from, which may reduce it by 50. Mr. Marshall's majority at the general election was 155 against the same candidate.

THE RESULT TO DATE.

Some Figures Which Are Interesting at the Present Time.

In all 108 petitions were entered in the courts, of which 44 were against Conservatives and 64 against Liberals, and of these all but 11 have now been disposed of with the following results:

	Liberal.	Conservative.
Dismissed	29	26
Unseated	26	14
Vacant by death	1	1
Awaiting trial	8	3
Totals	64	44

In Ontario the elections of 29 Liberals and 17 Conservatives were protested, and all the petitions came to trial, save two, those in Kingston and East Hastings, which were abandoned owing to the death of the sitting members. The petitions against 14 Liberals and 10 Conservatives were dismissed, while 14 Liberals and 6 Conservatives were unseated.

Already 22 elections have occurred, of which two, Lavel and North Lanark, were caused by the acceptance by the sitting members of offices of emolument under the Crown. The result has been thus far:

Conservative.	Liberal.
North Lanark.	Richelieu.
Glengarry.	Lincoln.
Richmond, N.S.	Queen's, N.S.
Victoria, N.S.	Peel.—4.
Cumberland, N.S.	
Laval.	
Kingston.	
Halton.	
Prince Edward.	
Lennox.	
Soulanges.	
Queen's, N.B.	
South Victoria.	
Halifax, N.S. (2).	
East Bruce.	
North Victoria.	
East Middlesex.—18.	

In the case of Queen's County, New Brunswick, the seat was awarded to the Conservative candidate, Mr. Baird, by the court, a sufficient number of votes illegally obtained having been struck from Mr. King, the Liberal member returned in March, to cause this result. Of the above seats Lennox, Soulanges, East Bruce and Queen's, N.B., have been won from the Opposition, while Richelieu has been lost to the Government. Inasmuch, however, as neither Kingston nor Richelieu were represented in the divisions in the House last session the ministry is now practically ten votes stronger than when Parliament prorogued, making its majority 36.

Of the constituencies now vacant, but 4 were held by Conservatives and 18 by Liberals, as follows:

SEATS NOW OPEN.

Conservative.	Liberal.
Brome.	Montmorency.
Bagot.	Rouville.
Montcalm.	Vaudreuil.
East Elgin.—4	L'Assomption.
	Maskinonge.
	Montmagny.
	Pontiac.
	Digby, N.S.
	King's, N.S.
	West Northumberl'd.
	South Perth.
	Welland.
	West Huron.
	Prescott.
	South Ontario.
	Monck.
	London.
	East Hastings.—18.

East Elgin election takes place to-day, and Digby and King's, N.S., to-morrow.

THE FIGHT IN LONDON.

Carling Top Ill to Take Any Part in the Contest.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—It is now most unlikely that Hon. Mr. Carling will be able to speak during the current campaign, owing to the throat affection which has confined him to his room for so many days. For the same reason Mr. Carling will not be able to do any personal canvassing in this campaign. His physician absolutely prohibits any outdoor work or public speaking. So that he will suffer that disadvantage as against his opponent.

Mr. Miscampbell Improving.

BARRIE, Feb. 11.—Mr. A. Miscampbell, M.L.A., has left his father's residence, Allandale, for his home in Midland. He has been under the care of Dr. Wallwin of this town for some time. He is still under his physician's care, who thinks his patient may be able to get around in the course of about three weeks.

Rory McLennan Very Ill.

CORNWALL, Ont., Feb. 11.—Major R. R. McLennan, M.P. for Glengarry, is still very ill at the Rossmore House. The doctors have given orders that no one be allowed to see him. His condition, however, is somewhat improved since morning.

Another Protest in Prince Edward.

KINGSTON, Feb. 11.—It is stated that it has already been decided to endeavor to unseat A. G. Miller, M.P. for Prince Edward, for corruption. The Picton Times says $12,000 was spent in carrying the election.

Pelletier and the Widow.

QUEBEC, Feb. 11.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier has instituted an action for $199.99 damages against Widow Larochelle in connection with the recent charges made against Mr. Pelletier by the defendant.

The Count is Confident.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Count Mercier, who looks considerably aged and careworn, was asked to-day as to the prospects for the re-election of his party: "I am as sure as any man can be before he gets there," replied the Count, "that I will have a majority behind me when the elections are over."

The First to Arrive.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Dr. Hugh Cameron, M.P. for Inverness, N.S., is the first of the Maritime members to arrive for the session.

The Way of the Transgressor.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 11.—Bert Smith, arrested in Toronto after serving a term for bigamy, was tried for embezzlement this afternoon and acquitted. He was afterward re-arrested on a charge of larceny committed at St. Thomas two years ago.

Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

WITHIN HISTORIC WALLS.

OPENING OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

It Meets for the Last Time in the Old Building—Chief Justice Hagarty Reads the Speech—Some Useful Legislation of a Minor Character Promised—The Scene in the Chamber.

If there is any desire abroad to popularize the meetings of the Ontario Legislature it must have occurred to many in attendance at the opening yesterday that the scene presented contained fruitful suggestion to say the least of it. The faces of Mr. Mowat, Mr. Meredith, Mr. H. E. Clarke, Mr. Hardy, Mr. E. F. Clarke and other leading men were absent from their accustomed chairs, but in their stead appeared the blooming faces of fair young girls, or the more matured but still attractive charms of handsomely dressed matrons. Certainly to the male portion of the sight-seers present this was a decidedly acceptable change, for, however much we may pretend to admire ability and intellectual prominence, there is no pretence whatever about our admiration of the other sex. The usual occupants of the chairs stood about playing gallant to the ladies who came down to see that the constitutional function was properly attended to. The dressing of the ladies was on the whole subdued, the bonnets and cloaks of the street being retained. In this respect it is quite different from the similar event which will take place in Ottawa in a couple of weeks, when the ladies of the Capital and surrounding country will descend on the Senate chamber and, rolling up their sleeves, see to it that all due formalities are observed. No, the display of graceful necks, silver shoulders and plump arms, which are so much a feature of the Ottawa show, were totally wanting in the meeting of yesterday. Consequently as a spectacle it was inferior in color and vivacity to its great prototype.

To Business, Gentlemen.

Speaker Ballantyne took the chair according to the custom that has prevailed in recent years some time before His Excellency, or rather his representative arrived, and some formal announcements such as resignations of members and elections held since last session were made.

Then there was a slight pause, while the House adjourned during pleasure and the ladies and their escorts indulged in an interchange of views. Among those who were observed on the floor were:

Mrs. J. M. Gibson, Mrs. G. W. Monk, Mrs. C. R. W. Biggar, Mrs. Primrose, Mrs. Alexander Primrose, Miss Primrose, Miss Biggar, Mrs. E. F. Clarke, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. H. Robertson, Miss Pattullo (Woodstock), Mrs. Maclennan, Mrs. W. H. Ellis, Miss Margaret Gray, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. Fred Mowat, Miss Mowat, Mrs. J. T. Gilmour, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. William Laidlaw, Mrs. W. R. Callaway, the Misses Field (Cobourg), Mrs. S. T. Bastedo, Miss B. Bastedo, Mrs. Buchan.

Among the gentlemen present besides the ministers and members were: Dr. Wild, Hon. G. W. Allan, John Cameron, William Laidlaw, Q.C., C. R. W. Biggar, Q.C., Justice Maclennan, Sheriff Mowat, Major Greig, Thomas Hodgins, Capt. Mowat, Harcourt Vernon, W. H. Houston, Alfred Patrick, Hon. James Young, A. S. Nordheimer, Dr. Buchan, J. C. McGee (Ottawa), David Blain, W. T. R. Preston.

They Came in Pomp.

At 3 o'clock sharp a gleam of color was seen at the western door and Commander Law, Major Gray, Col. Hamilton, marched in followed by a simple dignified gentleman who was none other than Chief Justice Hagarty, the commissioner who was to act for the Lieutenant-Governor. He took his seat and at once plunged in medias res, or in other words started to explain that acting as the deputy of the Lieutenant-Governor he would disclose to them the reasons for calling the House together. He then read the Speech from the Throne, which follows, very much in the same way he would read a judgment on a point of law that needed but slight elucidation:

The Queen's Speech.

The lamented death a few weeks ago of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale caused profound sorrow throughout the British Empire. On behalf of the people of Ontario the Lieutenant-Governor communicated by cable their deep sympathy with Her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in their great affliction. His Royal Highness was pleased to acknowledge the message very graciously.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you on the bountiful harvest of the past year.

The demand for the publications of the Department of Agriculture and for the enlargement of the scope of the Bureau of Industries evinces a growing desire for fuller information with respect to all matters affecting the interests of the husbandman. The large attendance at Farmers' Institutes and at meetings of other associations connected with agriculture, and the practical character of the work which is now being done, are further signs of agricultural progress. The work of instruction carried on during the past year by the Dairymen's Association, and by means of the Traveling Dairy, was very satisfactory; the demands for the Traveling Dairy were far greater than could be met.

Notwithstanding the decreased output of timber and saw logs last winter, the revenue from woods and forests for the year 1891 was in excess of the estimate. The receipts on account of Crown lands sales were also larger than anticipated.

Saving the Revenue Producer.

Owing to the exceptional drought in the spring and early part of the summer of last year, forest fires were unusually numerous and extensive. By means of the system of fire ranging adopted some years ago, these fires were in some instances entirely extinguished at an early stage, and in others confined to limited areas. The prompt information conveyed to the Crown Lands Department through this service greatly facilitated the work of the department in dealing with the injured timber, and about one hundred million feet of pine in unlicensed territory through which fires had passed were, during the latter part of the year, disposed of at good prices.

A commission has been appointed to report upon the desirability of establishing a forest reservation and park in part of the Nipissing district south of the River Mattawa, and upon the methods and expense of maintaining and managing the same.

The depression of the mining industries of Great Britain and the United States from the failure of several large mining companies during the last year had an injurious effect upon existing and projected enterprises in Ontario also. A steady demand has, nevertheless, been kept up for our mineral lands, the leasing provisions in the Mining Act being regarded with special favor. A bill to consolidate and amend the mining laws will be laid before you.

Will Fit After This Session.

I am pleased to be able to state that the new Parliament buildings are so near completion that the departmental offices will be removed thereto during the summer and that the next session of the Legislature will probably be held in the new buildings.

I am glad to inform you also that the Provincial University buildings, so seriously damaged by fire two years ago, will be fully restored within the next few months. The improved interior arrangements and the erection of a library apart from the main building will add greatly to the efficiency of the work of the University. I am pleased also to perceive the progress made with the building for Victoria University, now federated with the provincial institution.

The completion of the new buildings erected for the use of Upper Canada College marks an epoch in the history of one of the oldest educational institutions of the province. So great has been the demand for admission to the college that the increased accommodation is still inadequate to meet the public wants. A full report by the trustees of the college will be submitted.

Bills have been prepared and will be laid before you immediately consolidating the municipal laws, the assessment laws and the election laws respectively as these now stand. Bills amending these laws will also be submitted for your consideration, with the view of such amendments as you approve of being introduced into the consolidated acts before the passing thereof.

"Snide" Insurance Tabooed.

A bill will be submitted to extend some of the provisions of the laws heretofore made in respect of insurance to certain classes of insurance not included in the present enactments. Also a measure to correct the evils which have arisen from the difficulty under existing laws of distinguishing licensed insurance companies and legitimate and bona fide benefit societies from organizations which are unauthorized and illusory.

The report of the Commission on the Fish and Game of the province will be laid before you, and if possible, measures will be submitted during the session having in view the more effective protection of these important sources of food supply.

Amongst other bills which are in preparation is a bill for the assessment of collateral or remote inheritances in certain cases; a bill adopting in substance the recent modifications by the British Parliament of the laws relating to Mortmain; and a measure respecting the emoluments of certain of the county officers who are paid by fees.

The public accounts for the past year will be laid before you at an early day. You will be pleased to learn that the expenditure has been kept within the appropriation, and that the revenue has exceeded the amount anticipated.

The estimates for the current year will be presented for your approval. They will be found to be framed with due regard to economy, and to the necessities of the public service.

A Little Business Done.

After the reading of the speech the Chief Justice bowed low to both sides of the House and departed by the carriage that had conveyed him to the door. In front of the building C company, School of Infantry, under command of Capt. McDougall and Lieut. Laurie, were drawn up.

There was a general movement of the ladies and gentlemen when Her Majesty's representative had retired, and a hubbub of conversation filled the chamber. There was much shaking of hands as acquaintances who had not met since last session descried each other.

After the ladies had resigned their places to the legislators the Speaker again took the chair, and Mr. Mowat introduced James Kirkwood, the new member for East Wellington.

On motion of Mr. Mowat it was agreed that the consideration of the Speech from the Throne will be proceeded with on Monday. The public accounts will be laid on the table the day after the answer to the speech is given, and the Attorney-General promised that the financial statement will be given almost immediately.

From the Gallery.

Among the spectators on the floor was Mr. Alfred Patrick, C.M.G., formerly clerk of the House of Commons, Ottawa. Mr. Patrick is now a resident of Toronto. He is in his 80th year, but wonderfully hale. It is worthy of notice that he was present 58 years ago when the present chamber was first occupied as the meeting place of Parliament. Sir John Colborne was then Governor-General and the Family Compact held all the Government posts. The Parliament of that day contained some historic characters, such as Marshall Bidwell, John Rolph, Sir John Robinson, Hagerman and others. It may well be supposed that yesterday's proceedings, in which a parliament was for the last time to be opened in that chamber, were very interesting to the veteran, who had seen it convened there for the first time more than half a century before.

Speaker Ballantyne looked like Mark Antony over the dead body of Cæsar.

J. K. Stewart, the new Inspector of Licenses, could not resist the old temptation to take a look in at the press gallery.

Clerk Clarke did his part like an old-timer.

Mr. Mowat is looking remarkably well and appeared as if he considered his little show some pumpkins.

Mr. Meredith was doing the agreeable among his followers, an art in which he has now no rival since Sir John Macdonald passed away. He paid strict attention to the clauses of the speech as the Chief Justice clearly enunciated them from the throne. He will doubtless have something to say on many points in it, but he was particularly attentive when the paragraph about the fee system was read. We will see anon.

Brother E. F. Clarke loomed large on the horizon and seems to have quite recovered from his la grippe experiences. E. F. will doubtless take an active part in proceedings this session.

Shot Himself Six Hours After His Wedding.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 11.—Last night Mr. Arnold Warden, an artist of this city, shot himself under sensational circumstances.

He was married at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to Miss Alice Heywood, daughter of Mr. Charles Heywood. The newly-married couple, with their friends, went to Mr. Heywood's house to spend the evening. About 10 o'clock the deceased bade one of his friends good-night, went into the drawing room, and immediately afterward a shot was heard.

Mr. Heywood, going into the room, found the deceased lying on the floor with a revolver near him, and this morning he died.

His Tongue Swelled Until it Caused Death.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—William Hanley, 25 years old, a newsdealer at Sackett and Hicks-street, died in the City Hospital, Brooklyn, yesterday morning of glossitis, or inflammation of the tongue, after an illness of four days. The disease is an exceptionally rare one. Hanley was attacked with the grip on Friday morning, and in the evening his tongue began to swell. By midnight Hanley's tongue and surrounding glands were swollen to such an extent as to force his jaws apart, and he was unable to speak or swallow. He continued in this condition until his death.

An autopsy on the body was made yesterday afternoon in the presence of the entire medical staff of the institution. The conclusion reached by most of the doctors was that the disease was formed through a diphtheretic inflammation.

Killed by a Nail in His Shoe.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 11.—Aaron M. Binder, a soldier of the late war and a pensioner, died here this evening, aged 57 years, of traumatic tetanus (lockjaw), resulting from a nail in his shoe penetrating his foot. Deceased was a brother of W. J. Binder, editor of The Pottstown Ledger. He served three years in the late war and was in Sherman's march to the sea.

At White's clearing out sale you can get a lined glove at invoice prices, in fact every thing. Just try him, if you don't find it so don't buy. A. White, 65 King-street.

Murder no Bar to Insurance.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 11.—In a suit by Mr. Carson to recover $5000 from the American Accident Insurance Company, that being the sum for which Carson's son, who was murdered, was insured, the company held that it was not responsible because the son was killed intentionally. The court overruled that objection and the father will get the money.

Dress shirts with English court fronts, $1.50 each. Newest shapes in English collars. Dent's white kid gloves, 75c and $1 per pair. Full dress half hose, at Treble's, 55 King-st. west.

Killed by His Horse.

GORE BAY, Ont., Feb. 11.—John Eaton of Burpee fell from a load of logs while descending a hill and was kicked by one of the horses and instantly killed.

Banish coughs and colds by using Adam's Tutti Frutti, Wild Cherry and Licorice Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners; 5 cents.

IMPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE.

BRITISH PORTS MAY BE CLOSED AGAINST CANADA.

Papers Hitherto Favorable to Canada Advocating This Drastic Measure to Guard Against the Introduction of Disease in Britain—A Situation of Grave Peril to the Canadian Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The agitation against live cattle imports is gaining dangerous strength. Following The Times The Morning Post, which hitherto has been most friendly to Canada, says: "In the presence of the grave danger of a spread of the disease to British herds the most obvious dictates of common sense say close the ports of England. We are spending millions of pounds to suppress the disease among home animals, yet with inexplicable fatuity we leave the doors open at the ports. The closure of the ports to live animals would make no difference to the imports of dead meat nor raise the price."

Bell's Weekly Messenger, another general friend of Canada, indicates the seriousness of the present outbreak and urges the public to support Mr. Chaplin, if necessary, to stop all imports of live cattle. The situation is one of grave peril to the Canadian trade, and the Canadian Government may perhaps strengthen the position by promptly announcing a rigid quarantine against United States cattle entering British Columbia, as well as the rest of Canada.

A Cedar of Lebanon Has Fallen.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The last memorial service over the remains of the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon was held last night. The funeral service this morning opened at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Pierson, the American minister who filled Mr. Spurgeon's pulpit during the latter's illness, made a most eloquent address. He dwelt at length upon Mr. Spurgeon's powerful influence. "A cedar of Lebanon has fallen," he said, "and the crash of its downfall has shocked the whole land. No such vast vacancy has before befallen the church in a century."

The coffin containing the remains was then taken from the catafalque upon which it had rested since Monday night and conveyed to the hearse and thence to Norwood Cemetery.

Arrest of a Spy.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—A sensation was caused in military circles here to-day by the receipt of a despatch from Augsburg, Bavaria, announcing the arrest of a spy, said to be an officer of a foreign army. The stranger, when searched, was found to have been successful in stealing one of the new and most improved rifles of the German army. The lock and other important parts of the weapon were found sewn in the clothes worn by the prisoner.

Volcanic Phenomena in New Zealand.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Feb. 11.—North Island has been shaken by severe earthquakes, which are supposed to be connected with a violent eruption of Mount Ngauhoe. The flames from the volcano reach a great height, presenting a grand spectacle at night.

Foreign Gossip.

Berlin police have discovered and frustrated a widespread Anarchist plot.

Official notice has been given that a famine prevails in Bombay presidency.

The secretary of the German Admiralty has asked the Reichstag for an appropriation to increase the naval force.

Barcelona Anarchists have posted proclamations threatening vengeance for the execution of the Xeres Anarchists.

The Russian Government has granted the sum of 60,000,000 roubles to be expended for the relief of the sufferers in the famine districts.

Mr. Gladstone has sent a letter to Sir William Vernon Harcourt, in which he pays a high tribute to the character and worth of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The Russian General VonHaford shot himself through the head with a revolver yesterday at Berlin. He was 72 years of age and was suffering from disease of the larynx.

A petroleum well belonging to the Assam Railway Company, near Calcutta, India, has been sunk to a depth of 650 feet, at which point a vein was struck which is flowing at a rate of 700 barrels daily. This is taken to indicate that there is a rich supply of oil in the district.

A report comes here from China by way of Singapore that General Tchen Kitong has been executed at Tien Tsin for treason in having pledged himself to support French influence, in having become a Christian and in having sought an audience with the Pope to facilitate the work of Catholic missions in China.

Blake May Re-Enter Politics.

KINGSTON, Feb. 11.—The Whig says: "Rumor has it that Mr. Blake will re-enter the House of Commons as an Independent Liberal."

MR. BLAKE'S LETTER TO DR. WILSON.

This is the letter sent by Mr. Blake to Dr. Wilson, the Liberal candidate in East Elgin, the election in which constituency takes place to-day:

HOMEWOOD, Toronto, Feb. 3, 1892.

MY DEAR WILSON,—I see that the polling day in East Elgin approaches and I hope that your prospects brighten towards the close. It is now a little more than twenty years since we first met in the Local Legislature, and I have never forgotten the sturdy independence of character you showed in telling me that you could not support my railway policy, and opposing it accordingly. You may remember that I told you that, thinking as you did, you were right to vote as you intended, and our difference of opinion was the foundation of a friendship which has strengthened ever since and which prompts this line.

I have observed in your public course the same traits which attracted me early and which lead me now—at a time when honesty and firmness, independence and liberality of thought and diligence in action are so eminently desirable in the public interest—to wish very earnestly that your merits may be recognized by the electors of East Elgin, and that they may choose you to serve them in Parliament once more.

Believe me, my dear Wilson,
Ever faithfully yours,
EDWARD BLAKE.

Rolly Must Stay in Quod.

KINGSTON, Feb. 11.—Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, considered the large petition forwarded to him asking that W. R. Moffat's term in prison be shortened. Sir John writes that the matter is beyond his interference.

Another Coasting Fatality.

GALT, Feb. 11.—Andrew Scott is dead, as the result of injuries received in Queen-street hill by his horse taking fright at some coasters and throwing Mr. Scott from the rig.

Penetang's Poobah.

PENETANGUISHENE, Feb. 11.—No trace has been obtained of Mr. H. J. Jennings, who left for parts unknown almost two weeks ago. He was town clerk and treasurer, treasurer for the School Board, Division Court clerk, express agent, telephone agent and represented a number of insurance companies.

GOOSEY SKIPS.

The Indian Witness Makes His Escape From a Constable.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Feb. 11.—The Indian Goosey, the chief witness in the Heslop murder case, has skipped out. He has been staying in charge of Constable Hunter, and this morning a son of the latter saw him making good his escape. He put after him, and when he caught up Goosey smashed him pretty badly and proceeded on his way. It is thought he will make for the States.

KILLED IN HIS CAB.

Fatal Collision on the Michigan Central at Tilbury.

TILBURY CENTRE, Ont., Feb. 11.—A west-bound train on the Michigan Central Railway, Conductor J. H. Kilgour, Engineer William Deyell, crashed into an eastbound while the latter was taking the siding at the east switch here during a storm at 5 o'clock this morning. All the trainmen escaped by jumping excepting Engineer Deyell, who was caught in the wreck and instantly killed. The engine and two box cars were demolished. Deyell was a resident of St. Thomas.

Killed at a Crossing.

WALKERVILLE, Ont., Feb. 11.—Jeremiah Driscoll, deputy-reeve of Sandwich East, returning from Windsor last evening with a load of hay, was struck and instantly killed while attempting to cross in front of the 6.30 express going south on the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway. The horses he drove escaped unhurt.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S FINANCES.

They Are in a Very Bad Shape—A Business Tax Suggested.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Feb. 11.—Premier Blair addressed a public meeting at Sussex last night on the provincial finances. He admitted a deficit for the past year of between $60,000 and $70,000. He now proposes to make the revenue meet the expenditure by levying a tax on banks, insurance, telegraph and telephone companies and kindred organizations. This announcement is possibly put out as a feeler. It has created considerable excitement in business circles. The provincial finances are in a bad way, Mr. Blair frankly saying last night that the interest on the debt of New Brunswick had increased from $45,000 in 1882 to $103,000 at the present time. Mr. Blair flatly contradicted the reports that he intended to dissolve the House and forsake provincial politics for the Dominion arena.

Behring Sea Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Behring Sea Joint Commission met at the State Department this afternoon for the first time for business. Nothing could be learned of the proceedings, as an agreement has been reached that they shall be regarded as confidential until the commission is ready to report. The meeting lasted a little over an hour.

Typhus Fever in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Thirty-six cases of typhus fever were discovered this afternoon by inspectors of the health department of this city. Fifteen cases were discovered in the building occupied by the United Hebrew Charity Association in East Twelfth-street. The victims are men, women and children. The places were fumigated and the people removed to North Brother Island. This is the same as the hunger typhus fever of Russia. It is said to be the worst of all fevers.

The Dead.

Rev. Kennedy Creighton, one of the pioneer ministers of the Methodist Church in Canada, died on Wednesday night at the residence of his son-in-law, ex-Ald. John Harvie, 80 Bedford-road. Seven years ago the reverend gentleman was stricken down with paralysis while preaching in King-street east, from which he never recovered. Fifty-seven years ago, at the age of 21, he began to preach in what was then known as the Wesleyan Church. He had labored in Bytown (now Ottawa), Owen Sound, Brantford, Orillia, Dundas, Prescott, Bruce Mines, Aurora, Collingwood and Toronto. Mr. Creighton was an able speaker and was greatly beloved as a pastor. He leaves a wife and two children, Rev. Dr. Creighton of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. John Harvie, the well-known worker in philanthropic circles in this city. The remains will be interred in the family burying ground at London.

Dr. William Hewes Oliphant died yesterday morning at his late residence, 569 Spadina-avenue. Six weeks ago he had a severe attack of la grippe, and came from his sick-bed to resume official work too soon. The late Sir Adam Wilson died in Dr. Oliphant's office, and this, combined with the recent sickness, had shaken the doctor's nervous system. For the last day or two Dr. Oliphant suffered intensely. Drs. Hearn and Howitt attended him, and on Tuesday called in Drs. Strange, Grasett, Aikins and Graham in consultation. Dr. Oliphant has been in practice about eight years. He belonged to the homœopathist school and his abilities and services were most highly esteemed. He was M.B. and Licentiate of King's and Queen's Colleges of Physicians, Ireland. He was born in New Orleans, but has lived in Toronto the greater part of his life. The circle of his acquaintance was large and his removal will be very deeply regretted by all who knew his sterling qualities of head and heart. The doctor was married, but had no family. His father, Dr. D. L. Oliphant, attended his son in the early part of his illness, but he too was stricken with sickness before the climax was reached.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A Wealthy Bride of 91 Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A strange marriage has just been announced. The bride was Eliza A. Clark of Danbury, Conn., aged 91 years, and the possessor of a fortune of about $400,000. Marvin D. Hubbell, the groom, is only 29.

W. & D. Dineen Have Still in Stock and Will Clear Out at a Great Reduction

Ladies' Seal Garments, all the different styles, Ladies' Persian Lamb Jackets, Ladies' Astrachan Jackets, Ladies' Fur Capes in Beaver, Mink, Persian Lamb, Grey Lamb, Otter, Alaska Sable, Astrachan Seal, etc. Ladies' Fur Lined Circulars, in all shades. Gents' Fur Coats, in Seal, Persian Lamb, Raccoon, Astrachan Hair Seal, etc. We also have a large line of Gents' Cloth Coats, with fur linings and Otter collars and cuffs, which we are prepared to clear out at a great reduction. Any person wanting bargains in furs should not fail to call at once and inspect W. & D. Dineens' stock of furs of their own manufacture.

The King of Fan Tan Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—The king of fan tan is dead and great is the mourning throughout the Chinese quarter. Sixty-three years was his age; his name was Lee Chung You, though he was better known as Ah You. He was possessed of many thousands of dollars, three wives, three children and interested in various commercial enterprises and gambling ventures. He was prince of Chinese gamblers.

BIRTHS.

GREENE—On Thursday, the 11th Feb., at No. 11 Willcocks-street, the wife of Henry V. Greene of a son.

DEATHS.

SNEATH—On Feb. 10th, at his residence, 71 Augusta-avenue, John Sneath, aged 69 years, of heart failure, following la grippe.

Funeral Saturday at 2.30 p.m. to St. James' Cemetery. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

OLIPHANT—On the morning of Feb. 11, 1892, at his late residence, 569 Spadina-avenue, William Hewes Oliphant, M.B., in his 54th year.

Funeral Saturday at 3 p.m.

KEEPING DOWN EXPENSES.

THE EXECUTIVE SETS ITS FACE AGAINST GRANTS.

Aldermen Not To Be Paid—Property Qualification Remains—Liquor Prosecutions Mean Expense—The Art School Grant Refused—No Remission for Churches or Christian Guild.

The Executive Committee met yesterday afternoon, the absent members being Ald. Hallam, Score, Bell and Orr.

A deputation of the Trades and Labor Council waited on the committee to urge the extension of the hours of polling, the payment of aldermen and the abolition of the property qualification of aldermen.

John Armstrong, H. T. Benson and R. Glockling spoke on behalf of the deputation and supported the recommendations.

It was decided to have the clause in reference to time of voting inserted in the bill to be presented to the Legislature.

Should Aldermen Be Paid?

Ald. Macdonald moved that the clause to provide for the payment of aldermen be added to the bill.

Ald. Jolliffe thought it would be opening the door to people running for the office for the salary attached. With reference to the qualification clause, Ald. Jolliffe, continuing, said those who were elected to the position of alderman should have some stake in the city. As far as he was concerned, he was there to protect his own interests by keeping down taxes, he did not care so much for the honor.

Ald. Lamb wanted to know whether the Trades and Labor Council were bringing up the salary question out of consideration for the aldermen or to make a position with salary attached to give the members of the labor organizations a chance to sit in council and get paid for it.

"I cannot see," said Ald. Crawford, "how it is going to benefit the labor unions to do away with the property qualification. As for salary I shall always vote against it as long as I sit in council. Men can always be got to fill the position of aldermen without remuneration."

Ald. Burns was in favor of abolishing the property qualifications