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TOPICS FROM THE CAPITAL.

ALL EYES TURNED ON THE CABINET VACANCY.

Governor Dewdney Mentioned for the Interior—What's the Matter with Ned Clarke?—Probability of a Lively Little Shuffle in Portfolios in the Near Future.

OTTAWA, April 26.—This was a busy day at the Capital. Things were on the jump, the weather was fine, and the air was full of political rumors. All eyes are now turned on the Cabinet vacancy, or more properly speaking, the probable vacancies. The sorrow that has overhung the House for the past three or four days now begins to lift, and the men that make Cabinets on paper are up to their eyes in prophecies. There exists, without doubt, a decided dearth of Cabinet timber at the present writing, and the "Old Man" is looking all around for something gamey and young.

A general accepted rumor is that the Premier is going outside the House for one new Minister at least. Who will that be?

Governor Dewdney of the Northwest Territories spends a great deal of time in trying to "interview" Sir John, with more or less success. Several of his friends are not slow to prophesy that he will be the new Minister of the Interior. Mr. Dewdney is not personally popular on either side of the House, but he is admitted to be fairly well qualified for the portfolio of the late Mr. White.

Down from the Queen City of the West is wafted a tender little story of the Cabinet this evening, and after it reached here it was carefully fanned into circulation. It is to the effect that Our Own Wee Johnnie Small is to "be provided for," and that he will resign his seat in Parliament. That Mayor Clarke will be his successor for the East, and that moreover Mr. Clarke will join the Cabinet, in what capacity rumor saith not. Mr. Small's name has on more than one occasion been mentioned in connection with the Toronto Custom-House, in the Cabinet. If Mr. Clarke were asked to join the Cabinet he would not have to go begging for a seat, even if the East Toronto arrangement did not pan out. There is a well-to-do ball-bearing Cabinet is safe for the right kind of a Conservative, and what's the matter with Ned Clarke as a G.C.? He is expected in Ottawa from Montreal late to-night, but the subject was not broached to him in any direct way.

Other Cabinet rumors are thick, and many of them furious. There is no doubt whatever that Sir Charles Tupper will resume the High Commissionership at London just as soon as Parliament rises, and that means another vacancy. Then poor John Henry Pope is away down in the scale of health and there seems to be slight prospects of his ever again becoming a robust Cabinet Minister. The gossips further allege that the Minister of Justice is to go on the Bench of the Supreme Court whenever a vacancy occurs. Thought to be possible if a vacancy did not occur for a year or more, but it is not at all likely that Sir John would care about starting with a man at Mr. Thompson's abilities at present, especially when he has lost so much valuable material by death and sickness.

The country may look for a lively little shuffle in portfolios in the near future.

No May Term of the Supreme Court.

The legal fraternity throughout the country may learn for a certainty from The Worl this morning that there will be no May term of the Supreme Court. The Minister of Justice to-day said he had decided to abandon his bill providing for making four, instead of five justices, a quorum of the court, as there was considerable opposition to it passing through Parliament as an emergency measure.

Mr. Justice Henry is reported somewhat better to-night, but there is no hope whatever that he will be sufficiently recovered to take his seat in the May term.

The docket is a remarkably heavy one and includes several election cases. This lapse of an important term of the court will delay and congest its business very much.

Toronto's Innings.

Toronto had an innings at the Capital to-day. The Queen City was well and extensively represented in the corridors of the House and around the hotels. I hardly know where to begin to describe them.

First there was Postmaster T. C. Patteson, who came early on the wing from Montreal. Mr. Patteson had a long conference with Mr. McLelan, and as a result Toronto will, it is expected, have a better city delivery and more letter carriers. Mr. Patteson dined at Government House this evening and left for Toronto at midnight.

Mr. George Musson, the tea man, had to come down to see that the people in his line were not affected by Sir Charles Tupper's latest resolutions respecting the Customs Act. There is a good considerable doubt about those resolutions and what they really mean. Sir Charles, however, says plainly that the new Section 9, commonly known as the "Scotch order," does not at all affect the order-in-council placing certain articles on the free list. That order-in-council is just the same as a statute and has nothing to do with the proposed amendment to sec. 9. Mr. Musson was told by Sir Charles that the tea men were in no way affected.

F. W. Barwick was strutting around on general principles. He said he had no axe to grind. Mr. W. H. Knowlton was a similar statement to The World. Matt O'Connor said he was in town to see if he could not get a contract to paint the Capitol green.

W. B. McMurrich and J. R. Bailey were after a subsidy for the Nipissing and James' Bay Railway, the first section of which is to run from North Bay to Lake Temiskaming, a distance of eighty-one miles. The distance from James' Bay to North Bay is 250 miles. Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Bailey and W. R. Brock, accompanied by Adam Brown, Col. Denison and Col. O'Brien, had an interview with Mr. Pope at his house and told the men of the company for a subsidy before the Minister.

Geo. M. Rose, W. R. Brock and W. B. Hamilton were in town to see that the Board of Trade's importance was not overlooked when the Canadian Pacific Railway's entrance via the Don to Toronto was being decided. "Tom" Blackstock is keeping his eyes open. He don't want his wealthy fellow-citizens's interests to suffer by these railway deals along the Esplanade.

Elias Rogers was a witness at the Combine Committee. Hugh Scott of the Queen City Insurance Company is going to give evidence before the committee to-morrow on his line of business.

Nicol Kingsmill still lingers at the Capital watching railway matters.

Ald. John Shaw, Ald. F. J. Galbraith and Ald. W. H. Gibbs came in this morning as the avant couriers of the Toronto City Fathers, who are arranging the Grand Trunk-Canadian Pacific Esplanade matter. Mayor Clarke and the others arrived this evening, and last, but not least, A. E. Jury is still watching the interests of the Knights of Labor.

That was not a bad record for Toronto for one day.

SATISFACTORILY ARRANGED.

The Esplanade Question Settled—Full Terms of the Agreement.

OTTAWA, April 25.—There is every reason to believe that the Esplanade question has been settled at last, and the people of Toronto may now hope that that great thoroughfare is to be made one of safety to the citizens and equitably divided as to the railways.

Mayor Clarke, Ald. John McMillan, chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Council, and W. D. Matthews, President of the Board of Trade, arrived here on a special train at 11 o'clock to-night from Montreal, where they have had a 22 hours' conference extending over two days with Mr. Hickson and Mr. Van Horne. City Solicitor Bigger and City Engineer Sproatt, who were also engaged in the conference, went through to Toronto to-night.

The arrangement, which is apparently satisfactory to all concerned, is briefly this:

A union station is to be built by the two big railways on the site of the present one, extending to the southwards. A street is to be constructed in the rear, running from York to Simcoe-street.

The Grand Trunk is to construct an overhead bridge, solely at its own expense, at Johnstreet, extending southwards to the City Waterworks property.

Overhead bridges are to be constructed at Yonge and York-streets at the joint expense of the city and the railroads.

Three or more similar bridges are to be constructed at points east of Yonge-street as the city may determine necessary.

The Canadian Pacific conceded to the city sufficient space on its property on the east side of Yorke-street to build the bridge at this point, which will span the railway tracks to the Canadian Pacific property on the south, a sufficiency of which is also conceded to the city.

The Canadian Pacific will have an independent entrance from the Don running north of the entrance from the Don running north of Bloor-street, where it will cross the Grand Trunk tracks on the Esplanade. From this point westwards to the new Union Station, both roads will have mutual running powers over the four or more tracks that exist or may be built. The passenger trains of both roads will run over the southern track, the centre tracks will be used for freight trains by both roads, and the northern track will also be used jointly by both roads. Switches will be constructed from the northern track to connect with the premises of business people along the Esplanade, as may be required by them and as per arrangement with either road.

There is also mutual provision made for the use of tracks west of the station to Brock-street, and to guarantee an independent entrance from the west to the Canadian Pacific.

The portions of the agreement in which the city and the railroads are jointly concerned, those of the York and Yonge street bridges, were signed by Mayor Clarke on behalf of the city, by Mr. Hickson on behalf of the Grand Trunk and by Mr. VanHorne for the Canadian Pacific. The agreements in which the railroads are alone concerned were signed by the managers.

His Worship Pleased.

Mayor Clarke said to The World to-night: "I think we have come to a satisfactory agreement at last, one which is mutually beneficial to all concerned. We were in session fourteen hours on Wednesday and eight hours to-day. Mr. Hickson and Mr. VanHorne met us in a spirit of fairness, and I think we have brought about a settlement that the citizens of Toronto should accept as in their interest. I hope the City Council will view it in this light and agree to its ratification."

Mr. Matthews and Ald. McMillan also expressed a wish that the citizens would accept the settlement as satisfactory.

After his arrival to-night, Mayor Clarke explained the terms of the agreement to Ald. Shaw, Galbraith and Gibbs, who have been here all day.

The Canadian Pacific running to the north of the distilleries may have some litigation with Gooderham & Worts, but that is a matter in which the city or the Grand Trunk is not concerned.

The Railway Committee will be informed tomorrow that the matter which Mr. Small's bill was intended to provide for has been settled and the bill will be withdrawn.

PROGRESS IN THE HOUSE.

Government Business Advanced—The Kingston Deputy Postmaster's Case.

OTTAWA, April 26.—Considerable progress was made in the House to-day with Government business, the adjournment taking place at midnight. The Minister of Marine introduced a bill providing for the better safety of ships on the high seas and on inland waters. The Minister of Justice introduced a bill amending the Summary Conviction Act. It empowers justices of the peace to subpoena witnesses outside their jurisdiction and compel their attendance.

The House considered in committee and adopted the Customs Amendment Bill. The bill to amend the Indian Act, after being further amended in the direction of more stringent precautions against furnishing liquor to Indians, was considered in committee and passed its final reading. These bills were also passed: Relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise, amending the Speedy Trials Act and the bill respecting the Public Printing and Stationary Department.

At the evening session, on motion to go into supply, Sir Richard Cartwright condemned the laxity which he claimed had been shown by the Government in the case of Deputy-Postmaster Shannon of Kingston, who, though discovered in the act of rifling letters, had been allowed to escape arrest. The Postmaster-General explained that Shannon was 64 years of age and had been in the Kingston Postoffice for thirty years. He had been caught with thirty letters in his possession, one of which contained 25 cents in stamps and the others nothing. A warrant had been issued for his arrest, but never executed. Shannon's friend had deposited with the department a sum of money to re-imburse parties who claimed to have had money letters stolen in the postoffice.

Mr. Rykert called up the case of Mrs. Gownlock, whose husband was massacred by Indians at Frog Lake in 1885 and asked that a pension be paid her. Sir John Macdonald said the case was going to be reopened by the Government.

The House then went into supply. The estimates for the Department of Justice remaining to be passed were put through and so also were several for legislation.

The Combines.

OTTAWA, April 26.—Owing to certain statements made to the Combines Committee J. A. Matheson is being prosecuted for libel by another wholesale grocer of Montreal, D. Lockerby. This circumstance has led the committee to consider if it would not be wise for steps to be taken to protect witnesses against prosecution arising out of testimony given before the committee. A curious feature in connection with this suit against Mr. Matheson is that a letter put in by him is the evidence on which he is alleged to have libelled Mr. Lockerby, while the evidence in the suit, has mysteriously disappeared from the records of the committee. Before it was lost Mr. Lockerby, through one of the members, secured a copy which will be of service on his side.

Mr. Rogers of Toronto gave additional evidence to-day, and he and Chairman Wallace had another wordy battle. Being asked about his purchasing prices, Mr. Rogers told the committee that he didn't think they had a right to ask him about such private matters, as it would hurt him in his business and benefit his rivals. He thought the committee should be satisfied with his definite statement that the season's profits had not exceeded 25 cents a ton. He also intimated that he did not care personally how soon Parliament passed a law prohibiting such organizations as the one of which he was a member.

James Boomer, Secretary of the Western Assurance Company of Toronto, testified that he did not believe that the insurance combine tended to increase the price of risks.

The Mackenzie Basin.

OTTAWA, April 26.—At Senator Schultz' Mackenzie River Committee this morning, Prof. Macoun gave a good deal of interesting information about that great country. He gave particulars of the fauna flora and vegetation of the district, dwelling particularly upon its grasses and vetches, which extended from the southern limit of the Mackenzie basin up to the Laird River near Fort Simpson and probably beyond that point, as no examination had yet been made of the region. The district between the Mackenzie River and the Rocky Mountains was a very valuable one.

The Professor also stated that all the rivers flowing into the Arctic Sea except the Mackenzie, contained salmon in very large numbers. He accounted for their absence from the Mackenzie by the fact of its being a muddy stream, which passed for 2000 miles through an alluvial country, but he stated it contained other fish of great value commercially.

Capital Notes.

OTTAWA, April 26.—Sir Donald A. Smith entertained those gentlemen at dinner last evening: John Small, M.P., ex-Judge Clark, Ald. Gibbs, Ald. Shaw, Ald. Galbraith and W. H. Knowlton of Toronto.

Mr. P. Pelletier, who was the Government candidate in Beauharnois, has been appointed Chief Clerk in the Secretary of State's Department at a salary of $1800.

Senator Alexander proposes moving on Monday next for a select Committee to enquire into and report on the disposition of all the remaining assets of the Bank of Upper Canada, which a former Minister of Finance declared in his report to Parliament certainly amounts to $688,000, since which report there has been no account submitted to the peoples' representatives. The committee named is Senators Abbott, Miller, McInnes (B. C.) Macdonald (Midland), and the mover."

Sir Charles Tupper will deliver his Budget speech to-morrow.

The debate in the Senate on the Treaty Bill was continued until 10.45 to-night. Senators Scott, Miller, Alexander and Haythorn were the speakers. The debate will be continued to-morrow, and it is expected the bill will receive its third reading.

Murdered by Vigilantes.

BELVIDERE, Kan., April 26.—The murder of Dr. W. E. Ashley and Eugene Grove, of this place, in the Indian Territory by vigilantes is confirmed. They were on a hunting and prospecting tour. They had two women companions, and what has become of the remains of the murdered men or the unfortunate females cannot be conjectured.

A Husband's Vengeance.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 26.—Charles Marks, superintendent of the electric light plant, and Mrs. Roush, were shot three times each last evening by Mr. Roush, who came upon the pair suddenly in a thicket. Both will die. Roush escaped.

"Rakes of Kerry."

This play is a variation of "True Irish Hearts," which has proved so popular wherever played. Last night the "Rakes of Kerry" was produced at the Toronto Opera House for the first time and met with a hearty reception by a crowded house. Those who enjoy rollicking Irish fun should not miss visiting the "Rakes." This evening and to-morrow matinee and evening.

Steamship Arrivals.

Date.	Name.	Reported at.	From.
April 26	State of Georgia	New York	Glasgow
"	Gellert	"	Hamburg
"	Edam	"	Amsterdam
"	City of Rome	Liverpool	New York
"	Alier	Southampton	"
"	The Queen	New York	Liverpool
"	Bohemia	"	Hamburg
"	Ludgate Hill	London	New York
"	Nevada	Liverpool	"
"	Nordland	New York	Antwerp
"	Celtic	Queenstown	New York

THEY WON THE HONORS.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT THE McMASTER UNIVERSITY CONVENTION.

Dr. Malcom MacVicar Elected First Chancellor of the New University—List of Those Who Passed the Examinations—Interesting Proceedings.

The annual convocation of McMaster University, Toronto Baptist College, was held in the Bloor-street Baptist Church last night. Rev. Dr. Castle presided, there being present besides on the platform Rev. Dr. MacVicar, Rev. Dr. Welton, Rev. Dr. Rand, Rev. Dr. Newman, Professor McGregor, and Rev. E. Harris, pastor of the church. The proceedings were opened by singing and prayer. Miss Thomson, Miss Watson, and Messrs. Bilton and Mills then sang the quartet, "God is a Spirit." The graduates of the year, Messrs. S. J. Arthur, Charles H. Phillimore, David Reddick, B.A., and Samuel Sheldon, gave addresses. Mr. Arthur chose as his subject "The Province of the Pulpit," Mr. Reddick, "The Divinity of Christ," Mr. Phillimore, "Rationalism Unnatural," and Mr. Sheldon, "The Church and the Messiah." All the addresses were of a high character, and were well received by the numerous audience. A duet immediately preceded the conferring of the diplomas, which latter the four graduates received from the hands of the Rev. Dr. Castle after he had delivered a brief discourse.

Mr. Bilton then sang the solo "The Palms," when Rev. D. Castle announced that the Rev. Dr. Malcolm MacVicar had been that day elected the first Chancellor of McMaster University by the Senate and Governors of the institution. He passed a glowing eulogy on the new Chancellor, referring to his record as an educationist, and predicting that the management of the University would be productive of prosperity and success.

The following then rose and read out the names of the successful students of the year, the proceedings closing with the doxology and benediction.

Those Who Have Passed.

Systematic Theology (1st year): G. Brock, W. T. Graham, J. G. Grigg, E. Grigg, W. Harrett, W. B. Hutchinson, J. R. Jackson, A. C. Maxfield, E. McLeod, D. McIlroy, J. McIlroy, W. C. Steves, S. Sheldon. (2nd year): W. Harrett, C. H. Phillimore, S. Sheldon.

Pastoral Theology: S. J. Arthur, C. H. Phillimore.

Church Polity: S. J. Arthur, C. H. Phillimore.

Relation of Science and Religion: S. J. Arthur, G. Brock, W. B. Jones, W. T. Graham, E. Grigg, W. Gregory, E. J. Gregory, E. J. Harris, L. S. Hugh, W. Stevens, W. H. Hutchinson, C. E. Maxfield, C. E. McLeod, S. Sheldon.

Didactics: W. E. Boggs, T. J. Bennett, J. Cashman, B. Davies, J. Hamilton, W. H. Heyland, J. Hughes, L. S. Hughson, Thos. Moody, W. L. Paframan, D. Reddick, W. H. Steves, J. H. Sowerby, J. Skyn, A. J. Vining.

English Interpretation (1st year): W. E. Boggs, J. Cashman, J. Hughes, E. J. Harris, L. S. Hughson, J. G. Hawkins, T. W. Hyland, T. J. Bennett.

English Exegesis (2nd year): B. Davies, W. Harrett, W. H. Hutchinson, C. C. Maxfield, Thos. Moody, J. G. McDonald, J. O'Neill, W. L. Paframan, W. Stevens, W. H. Steves, J. H. Sowerby.

English Inter. rotation (3rd year): S. J. Arthur, W. Graham, W. T. Graham, E. Grigg, W. R. Jackson, C. E. McLeod, S. Sheldon, A. J. Vining, G. H. Brock.

Homiletics (1st year): B. Davies, W. E. Boggs, Thos. Moody, J. O'Neill, E. J. Harris, L. S. Hughson, W. L. Paframan, J. Skyn, J. H. Sowerby, S. Stevens, A. J. Vining. Homiletics (2nd year): G. H. Brock, E. Grigg, W. Graham, J. Grigg, W. B. Hutchinson, J. R. Jackson, J. G. G. MacDonald, C. C. Maxfield, C. E. McLeod, W. C. Steves. Homiletics (3rd year): H. Phillimore.

Apologetics: S. J. Arthur, C. H. Phillimore, S. Sheldon.

Church History: (1st year): W. E. Boggs, Cashman, J. Hamilton, H. G. Hawkins, E. J. Harris, Church Hughes, W. H. Heyland, J. H. Hughson, W. T. Graham, W. H. Hutchinson, D. G. McDonald, J. O'Neill, Thos. Moody, J. Skyn, S. Sheldon, E. L. Steves, J. H. Lowerby, W. L. Paframan.

New Testament Greek, (1st year): J. O'Neill, W. J. Paframan, Thos. Moody, B. Davies, W. E. Boggs, J. H. Sowerby, E. L. Steves, T. J. Bennett. New Testament Greek (2nd year): W. E. Boggs, J. G. Grigg, S. J. Harris, W. B. Hutchinson, L. S. Hughson, J. G. McDonald, C. McLeod, C. Maxfield, J. Skyn, A. J. Vining.

Mental Science. J. Hamilton, T. W. Heyland, J. Cashman, J. Hughes, T. J. Bennett.

Hebrew, (1st year): W. E. Boggs, E. Harris, L. S. Hughson, A. J. Vining. Hebrew, (2nd year): J. G. Grigg, W. L. Paframan, C. C. Maxfield, E. L. Steves, J. Skyn, W. B. Hutchinson, J. H. Sowerby, J. Lawrence, D. G. McDonald. Hebrew, (3rd year): J. Grigg, C. McLeod, C. H. Phillimore, S. J. Arthur and D. Reddick.

Rhetoric: J. H. G. Hawkins, J. Hamilton, J. Cashman, J. R. Jackson, T. J. Bennett, W. L. Paframan.

When the meeting broke up the audience were invited to McMaster Hall to partake of the hospitality of the graduating class.

THE NATIONALISTS' PLATFORM.

Formulated by Premier Mercier and Enunciated by Mr. Fortier.

MONTREAL, April 26.—Some excitement has been caused in local political circles by a speech of Thos. Fortier at Ste. Rose, in which he defined the platform the Nationalists as formulated by Premier Mercier. This includes Field Provincial Home Rule, readjustment of the Federal subsidy, encouragement of education by paying the teachers well, no direct taxation, no legislative union, no Imperial Federation, reduction of the budget by consolidating the floating debt, considerably reducing interest on temporary loans by converting the funded debt, increasing the revenue (1) by application of the commercial tax yielding an annual revenue of nearly $100,000, (2) by modifying the crown lands regulations, giving an annual surplus of $150,000, (3) by increasing the revenue from license through a more severe application of the law and by temperance legislation, establishment of a special Department of Agriculture and improvement of the agricultural system, abolition of tolls on highways and bridges, regularity in arbitration of accounts with Ontario relative to the old school fund, enlargement of the Province of Quebec by the addition of a territory larger than the present superficies, substantial encouragement to railways at all points of the province, and regulation of the Jesuits' estates question.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. H. M. Field's Piano Recital has been postponed until May 30 on account of Miss Huntington, whose operatic engagements prevent her from appearing until that date.

A second entertainment was given in Victoria Hall last night in aid of the Victoria Home for the Aged. The bright comedy, "Our Boys," was presented; Messrs. E. J. Wood, K. Greenwood, P. V. Greenwood, G. G. Francis, and Misses Thompson, M. Francis, A. M. Wood and E. F. Poingdestre took part, and gave a very creditable presentation.

Alderman Carlyle (St. Andrew's) was acting Mayor yesterday.

Pietro Dafont, an Italian vendor of peanuts, was yesterday fined $5 or thirty days for a violent assault on an Irishman named Patrick Fitzgerald.

In taking sand owned by the city from Papeavenue, John McGuire was fined $10 or thirty days, and Charles Tomlin $5 or the same alternative.

Lily Wilkinson, a young girl, whose parents reside on Bathurst-street, was run over by a butcher's cart yesterday morning and seriously injured.

Mr. T. B. Barry of the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor is in St. Catharines. He will be in Toronto this week. A mass meeting of the order has been called at his request for Saturday night in Richmond Hall.

The attention of the public is directed to the sale this afternoon at the Mart of oil paintings, engravings, etc. There are a number of splendid pictures in the collection.

This morning at 11 A. O. Andrews, the auctioneer, will proceed to sell the furniture at 204 Sherbourne-street. See his advertisement for list of future sales.

The superintendent of the Waterworks is having the recent breakage in the pipes under the Don repaired and the alterations necessary through the works being carried out on the river, completed so that no delay may be caused to the improvement works.

A capital entertainment, and for a most deserving object, has been arranged for tonight in the Pavilion. One hundred young ladies from the Ontario College, Whitby, will take part in the concert, the program of which is really charming. Mr. J. W. F. Harrison will be the conductor, and all who appreciate sweet music and good chorus-singing should repair to the Horticultural Gardens. The young ladies have many friends in this city and the newsboys have the good wishes of the community. Such a combination should ensure success.

Messrs. Jno. Orchard & Co. passed through missions yesterday a fresh consignment of the "Psyche" Safety Wheel, and if we may judge between wheel and wheel it is ahead of any safety in Canada. Purchasers should call at 18 King-street E. advt.

As Mr. Robert J. Grove leaves for Buffalo in a few days he has authorized us to sell by auction his valuable household furniture, etc., without reserve, at his residence, 157 Berkeley-street, on Friday afternoon, the 27th inst. Sale at 2.30 o'clock sharp. It will pay you to attend. CHAS. HENDERSON & CO., Auctioneers. 45

Still Hunting Through the Safe.

Emboldened by his success in hunting up the Godson-Moyers contract, Board of Works Secretary Roden yesterday made another attack on the City Solicitor's safe, looking up further documents bearing on the Board of Works investigation.

AT THE GERMAN CAPITAL.

A Round of Visits and Festivities—The Emperor Improving.

BERLIN, April 26.—The statement that Count Herbert Bismarck had been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs was incorrect. He has simply been promoted to be a minister of state.

The German newspapers have suddenly ceased their attacks on the Emperor's English doctor. The Emperor will keep to his bed until he becomes stronger. Queen Victoria visited him several times yesterday. The Queen expressed great admiration at the amazing growth of the city since her visit in 1858. She was especially struck by the magnificence of many of the buildings.

The semi-official journals deny that any political importance is to be attached to Queen Victoria's meetings with King Humbert, Emperor Francis Joseph, the Empress of Germany and Prince Bismarck; but much comment and various surmises are indulged in both here and in Vienna.

The Dowager Empress Augusta called on the Queen yesterday afternoon. After a visit of 35 minutes the two ladies drove to the British Embassy. In a second carriage were Princess Beatrice and the Emperor's three daughters, and in a third Prince Henry of Battenberg. Tea was served at the Embassy, the Crown Prince, who was followed later by the Crown Princess and Count Herbert Bismarck, being present. From the Embassy the Queen and the Empress drove to the English chapel, and after remaining 20 minutes returned to Charlottenburg.

A banquet was given at the palace at 8 o'clock, at which all the royal princes and princesses were present. Among the guests were Prince Bismarck, Count Herbert Bismarck, Gen. Von Moltke, Minister Von Puttkamer, Count Stolberg, Generals Abedell, Achenbach, Von Pape, Ruhenberg and Von Rauch, the Duke of Rutland, Sir E. B. Malet, the British Ambassador, and his wife, and all the physicians attending the Emperor. The Queen will attend a parade of the Life Guards at 3 p.m. to-day, and will dine at 8 p.m., leaving for home between 7 and 8 p.m.

A bulletin issued this morning says the Emperor slept well last night. His fever is very slight, and his general condition begins to improve. The Emperor sat up for a noon and walked in the room adjoining his bedroom. The doctors are in hopes that he will be able to drive out on Monday.

Queen Victoria visited the mausoleum this morning and spent some time in prayer at the tomb of Emperor William. The Empress and her daughters accompanied her Majesty.

The Emperor's temperature is under 38 Celsius. His appetite is improving and his general condition is satisfactory. The physicians have advised the Emperor against rising as yet.

A Knightly and Noble Figure.

LONDON, April 26.—It is not easy to match in the history of any European dynasty the strong and fine aspects of the picture painted for us by the reports from Berlin. Americans remember with pride the firmness of character with which Gen. Grant held back the fatal disease with one hand, while with the other he worked painfully toward the completion of his memoirs. Europe's model prince and the knightliest and the noblest of modern sovereigns, has produced in centuries presents perhaps an even more splendid example of the way a great man can face death, come as it comes with all the most miserable and repellant form and at a cruelly inopportune time. Frederick sits propped up in his chair, with his face the lamp, with pastilles kept burning constantly, yet not suffice to purify the nauseous atmosphere. But his side is always one doctor, and more often two, and the tube in his throat needs to be cut out, cleaned and replaced at intervals of three to twelve minutes all day and most of the night. He is sick now from the effects of his headaches and fever, as from the effects of confinement, and the terrible overhanging fact of the impending disease. Yet between his periods of swooning from sheer exhaustion he sits and works laboriously on, praying only that the feeble hold of life may be maintained until his task is done. Is there a nobler thing dying man this struggles against fate to complete is nothing less than a new constitution for Prussia. A man who is dying is trying to win all history no loftier or more inspiring illustration of what kingly duty may mean!

INDEPENDENT WORKINGMEN.

Hamilton Non-Unionists to Form an Association—Esquire Mills.

HAMILTON, April 26.—A movement is now afoot towards the formation of an independent workingmen's association, the membership in which is to consist of all non-union workers in the building trades. A meeting with this object in view is to be held on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All non-union carpenters, bricklayers and laborers are invited to attend. The present labor situation in the city will be fully discussed.

Dr. Ryall, the medical health officer, is taking effective measures to have the milk supply of the city thoroughly inspected. The examinations of milk and the places where the cattle are kept in the city have afforded convincing proof that impure water enter largely into the local supply of milk.

In connection with the case against young Holman for carrying a pistol, a curious point has arisen. The young fellow was discharged by J. Holman, the gunsmith, who says that his son took it from the shop in direct opposition to his orders. The young man will say that he can make good his claim is to charge his son with stealing it.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon William Brooks was driving a wagon containing several barrels of hot distillery swill along King-street west. As he reached the corner of King and Caroline streets a hub flew from the wheel, rolled off, and the horse made a start. The barrels fell over, and the driver and horse were severely scalded. The horse had to be shot off the man's right leg from the thigh down. The horse also suffered terribly.

William McCallum and Joseph Armstrong were charged at the Police Court yesterday with stealing a pocketbook, containing $6.60, from Luella Mortimer, a dashing demi-mondaine from Brantford. The case was adjourned until Tuesday, and McCallum and Armstrong were held on $400 bail.

Wentworth Assizes.

HAMILTON, April 26.—In the assizes to-day George Smith was acquitted of the charge of seducing his grand-daughter, 17-year-old Mary E. Oxley, the Crown having no evidence to corroborate the girl's statement. Benjamin Parrott, jr., pleaded guilty to the charge of committing an aggravated assault on Robert McQuillan, sr. The defendant has paid McQuillan's expenses, and it is likely that he will be allowed to go on deferred sentence. A true bill was brought in by the grand jury against Mary Ellen and Charles Grant for manslaughter.

Shot a Man Instead of a Rat.

KINGSTON.—To-day the yardman of the Waggoner Hotel went shooting rats and becoming somewhat excited or reckless, he put a bullet in the leg of his employer, L. Church. The prudent course to pursue is to take out a yearly accident policy which protects in all places and in all kinds of weather, and this the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co. does. x

No Bee in His Bonnet.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Chauncey M. Depew said this afternoon he did not aspire to the Presidency, he did not want the office and was not a candidate for it.

Northumberland Assizes.

COBOURG, April 26.—At the Assizes to-day, in Heard v. Rivers, an action for seduction of plaintiff's daughter, a verdict was entered for plaintiff by consent for $250 damages.

The Dis Debars Case.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The prosecution in the case of Madame E. Dis Debars this afternoon demonstrated in court how the spook pictures are made. An excellent likeness of Adelaide Neilson was produced.

CANADIAN NOTES.

An incendiary fire burnt the stable of E. H. Eddison at Owen Sound yesterday, causing a loss of $600; no insurance.

Hon. James Young has been appointed chairman of the Galt Collegiate Institute trustees, in succession to Rev. Dr. Smith, who goes to California.

There is no change in the Hamilton labor situation.

The Wentworth Teachers' Association is in session at Dundas.

According to The Peterboro Review, the late Hon. Thos. White sold the first pair of ready-made boots ever sold in Peterboro and brought in the first coal oil ever used in that neighborhood.

A man who said his name was Henry Taylor of Hamilton, beating his way on a Grand Trunk train from Sarnia to Windsor, fell off the cars yesterday and was run over, receiving probably fatal injuries.

North Toronto Again to the Front.

—The most popular part of our Queen City is the northern portion. It is favored with fine streets, palatial residences, and is a beautiful and healthy locality. Prominent among the business portion is the establishment of C. H. Tonkin, 718 Yonge-street, who is again to the front with a large and fashionable stock of the leading spring styles in silk and felt hats from the best makers. His prices are much lower than down town stores. Give him a call for your spring hat. x

AN ANIMATED MEETING.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE DISCUSS A VARIETY OF BUSINESS.

A Public School for the Island—The Board Ineffectually Asks for the Smallpox Hospital Site—The Projected Improvements at the City Hall—Property Leases.

There was a lively meeting of the Property Committee yesterday afternoon, and interesting business came up for discussion. Chairman Irwin was present, as also Ald. Baxter, Hewitt, Maughan, Johnston, Hallam, Boustead, Assessment Commissioner Maughan, City Commissioner Coatsworth, and Park Superintendent Chambers.

The Wheeler contract for plumbing in the Police Court building was the first question discussed. Ald. Baxter denounced the kick against paying the extras as absurd, as the city had no choice but to pay now that the work was done under the terms of the contract. He, for one, would advise Mr. Wheeler to have nothing to do with the city, but if it refused to pay enter suit forthwith. Ald. Hewitt coincided with Ald. Baxter.

Mr. Wheeler said all kinds of stories had been scattered abroad about him in connection with this contract, all the fault of the committee, and he did not like it. Ald. Hallam wanted the bill paid forthwith, but Ald. Maughan's motion referring the whole matter to the City Solicitor was finally adopted.

A deputation of Public School Trustees, composed of Frank Somers, E. P. Roden, Ald. Bell and Secretary Wilkinson, pressed the claims of the children resident on the Island for a school and asked the committee to recommend to the Council the gift of a lot on the Island for this purpose. Trustee Somers said that seeing that the City Council had rejected the application at its last meeting, he wished to inform the committee that the board had instructed its solicitor to take steps to compel the purchase of a lot on the Island under the powers of the act.

Ald. Boustead: "I see that the School Board was at war with the City Council, and I do not come too soon. It will show the citizens the extravagant way in which the board is expending our money." After some further discussion it was determined to recommend the giving of a site on the understanding that the board furnish the committee with the names of the children resident on the Island. A further request by the same deputation that the committee recommend that the board be given the use of the Smallpox Hospital for the East End school, was refused, as the site had already been set apart for the purpose of an isolation hospital. A subscription list in aid of Ald. Irwin and Boustead and Architect Paull was appointed to inspect the foundations at present City Hall and decide what, if any, steps are necessary to make it strong enough to bear the intended improvements.

The following communication from Assessment Commissioner Maughan was read and its recommendations accepted:

CHAIRMAN PROPERTY COMMITTEE: *Dear Sir*—As requested by your committee, I beg to forward herewith a valuation of the city properties the leases of which are to be renewed. The valuations are based at the date of expiry of the different leases, as instructed by the City Solicitor in his letter dated Jan. 18:

Lessee.	Lot No.	Property.	Date of Expiry.	Valuation Aug. 1888.
W. Ramsay	9 and 10	Front and Mkt. block.	1894	$ 6.00
Wm. G. Labrish	7	" "	1898	0.00
Jas. Mann	8	" "	1897	7.00
Alex. Manson	D, and 165	" "	1894	6.50
J. H. Rogers	16	King-st "	1898	2.00
Mrs. Jones	15	" "	1896	14.00
Miss S. Staunton	N. pt 40	Front-st S. side	1897	12.50
Thos. Lyman	" 40	" "	1897	12.50
William Hendrie	" 47	Esp'ade-st N side	1888	15.00
Dominion Gov'ment	opp. Lot 46	" "	1897	7.00
J. G. Board	S. pt lots 22	" S. side	1894	6.00
W. Myles	S. pt 40	" "	1897	6.00
Estate P. D. Conger	" 47	" "	1888	6.00

The report of the sub-committee recommending the bell on Centre-street fire hall was referred back. Ald. Johnston opposing the proposed site. Permission was given the Park Commissioner to go on with the Bloor-street improvements.

CAPTURED BY DETECTIVES.

Two Counterfeiters Arrested Yesterday Afternoon.

About half past five yesterday afternoon Detective Inspector Stark received a despatch from Detroit to the effect that he was requesting him to look out for two men named Vance and Knight, who were wanted on a charge of counterfeiting. He at once detailed Detectives Burrows, Siemin and Cuddy to find the officers named in the despatch. The officers located their men at the Walker House. Burrows went in to rout them out, but as he entered the door Vance and Knight slipped out of the other. Siemin and Cuddy made a dash for them, but they ran across Front, and attempted to elude their pursuers by concealing themselves in the grounds of the Palace Boarding house. Cuddy and the rest were too close to their heels, however, and both were found concealed behind the trees on the lawn. When taken to headquarters and searched $142 in bills was found on Vance, and $348 on Knight. It is supposed that the latter be the boss, but the detectives are not sure of the fact as they have had no time as yet to thoroughly examine it.

The prisoners described themselves as W. F. Vance, of Clevelan, Ohio, Sound, and C. F. Knight, merchant, London. Both were flashily dressed, and took their arrest very coolly. The Dominion authorities will be down after them to-day.

The Royal "Greens."

The Royal Grenadiers paraded at the Drill Shed last night about 250 strong under the command of Major Dawson. The men were put through company drill by their respective officers. It was the intention to have procee