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Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Has Not Been Able to Make Ends Meet.

MUST RAISE THREE MILLION

Increased Taxation Will Have to Be Imposed to Make Accounts Balance This Year.

The Cost of Keeping the Islands and Coasts of the Empire Inviolate Has Been Great, But No One Grudges the Outlay — Proposals Include an Income Tax, a Tax on Corn and a Tax on Sugar — The Thunderer Points Out That Temporary Measures Merely Will Not Do.

London, March 5.—The British Budget for the first time in many years, is going to show a deficit for the financial year, which ends on March 25. The receipts are already half a million pounds sterling below Chancellor Hicks-Beach's estimates, and it is evident from the departmental programs that he will have to raise three millions by increased taxation to meet the coming year's requirements. The country has been so accustomed to surpluses that it is quite non-plused. The Times warns it that the "grave fiscal problems" must be faced immediately. Of the two alternatives, to spend less money or to raise more revenue, it may stated emphatically that public opinion rejects the former.

Morley's Taunt Does Not Count.

Mr. Morley's taunt that he could now define a jingo as a man who is willing to spend £50,000,000 annually in a time of general peace on the nation's military equipment, hasn't swung the electors. It will doubtless be often repeated in the coming budget debate, but only by a dwindling group of the Manchester school, not by practical politicians who are concerned for the country's position in the world. Even the moderate Spectator declares that "No one but a maniac would propose to reduce either the land or sea forces at the present time," and this in a week when the army estimates are announced as nearly a million and a half above those of 1898, and the country knows that the navy will follow suit. The expenditures of the two services next year will be nearly £48,000,000.

Integrity of the Empire.

"This," says The Outlook, "is the cost of keeping the islands and coasts of the Empire inviolate, and no sane man will begrudge the cost." Chancellor Hicks-Beach has not the slightest notion of cutting down the naval and military expenditure. He is not the man to follow Lord Randolph Churchill and resign unless the Ministry reduces the departments' estimates.

Protection Gaining Ground.

The problem of producing more revenue finds many suggested solutions. The really startling thing is how many are proposals for protection in varying degrees. Evidently the nation during the years of large surplus has ceased to tremble at the word protection. The Times points out that it is not merely an expedient to tide over a single year that has been found. "The mischief goes much deeper than any casual miscalculation of this or that Chancellor of the Exchequer. For at least 20 years back the country has been pursuing a course of financial policy which has disturbed the financial equilibrium, and has tended more and more to alter the centre of gravity of taxation.

Where the Danger is.

The danger is that it is so easy to get over a temporary difficulty by the simple expedient of raising by an income tax an additional penny or pound." Its conclusion, which has taken the free trade essayists' breath away, is that "it is mischievous to encourage the idea that a free breakfast table is the privilege of British subjects, like the trial by jury or twist of habeas corpus. The true policy is to extend the scope of indirect taxation by the re-imposition of the shilling duty on corn, which was not felt while it was in operation, and which would bring in at present a very large sum. This is one proposed reform. A duty of half a penny a pound on sugar, which would mean six millions a year, is another. If some such measures are not adopted we will find ourselves confronted by far more serious financial problems in the immediate future."

Cartoonist Gould's Hit.

The cartoonist, F. C. Gould, has already neatly pictured this as a bread and treacle tax. The Speaker, in the accents of a decade ago, shrieks: "They are reviving the corn laws. If protection is good for a shilling per quarter it is good for five. A Tory Chancellor of the Exchequer might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb."

A significant thing is that the people now want reasons for rejecting such proposals, and not vituperation. The corn and sugar proposals are not likely to be proposed by the Government this year or next, but it is a revolution in England that they are being calmly discussed with a view of finding their effects on the national safety and prosperity. Chancellor Hicks-Beach's friends say that he intends to put tax of an additional shilling per barrel on beer, and to reimpose the sixpence a pound on tobacco, which was withdrawn in 1898.

CRASH AT THE WHIRLPOOL.

Old Elevator on the Niagara Was Blown Down Yesterday.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 5.—A heavy gale this afternoon caused considerable damage in this vicinity. The old elevator at the Buttery whirlpool station was blown over. It crashed through the pavilion at the foot of the cliff, damaging the property in the pavilion and causing a stampede among the people in the neighborhood. No one was hurt. The loss is large.

Armeda Tea has the Flavor.

The land donated to the city of Winnipeg by the Hudson Bay Company will be called Strathcona Square.

To-Day's Program.

Legislature, at 3 p.m.

Plunket Greene in Association Hall, 8 p.m.

Dr. Ryerson speaks at the Military Institute, 8 p.m.

Modern Language Club, Varsity, elects officers, 4 p.m.

"The Turtle," at the Grand, 8 p.m.

"Alabama," at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.

"Rice's 1492" at the Toronto, 8 p.m.

The Empire Music Hall and Smoker, 8 p.m.

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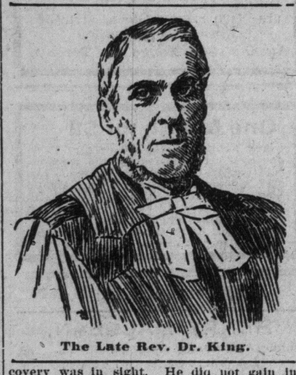
DEATH OF REV. DR. J. M. KING

The Principal of Manitoba College Was Unable to Rally From His Late Illness.

FORTY-FOUR YEARS A PREACHER

Came to Canada in 1856 and Started Work as a Missionary—A Brilliant Career.

Winnipeg, March 5.—(Special.)—Dr. King, Principal of Manitoba College, the head and front of Presbyterianism in Western Canada, formerly of Toronto, died Sunday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. He was attacked with pneumonia, but the inflammation subsided three weeks ago, and the hope was expressed that recovery was in sight. He did not gain in strength, however, and slowly sank away. Mention of his death was made from every pulpit in the city.



The Late Rev. Dr. King.

Brief Biography.

Rev. John Mark King was born at Yetholme, Roxburghshire, May 25, 1829, and was consequently in his 70th year. He was educated at his native place, and at the University of Edinburgh. He took his degree of Master of Arts, with honors in mathematics, in 1854. He studied theology in Edinburgh, and was licensed to preach in 1855. Thus he had been forty-four years in the Presbyterian ministry. He attended lectures at the University of Halle. Coming to Canada as a missionary in 1856, he was appointed to Columbus and Brooklin, Ontario, in 1857, and was ordained the same year. He was called to Gould-street Presbyterian Church (now used as the Catholic Apostolic Church), in Toronto in 1863 and ministered at Gould-street and thence at the new St. James' Presbyterian Church, Gerrard-street, for twenty years. In 1883 he was appointed Principal of Manitoba College. On leaving for his new home he was presented by the congregation with a purse of $1000, a gold watch and a portrait of himself, the latter being the congregation's gift to Mrs. King. In 1883 Mr. King was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Besides his duties as principal, he was Lecturer in Mental and Moral Science and German and Professor of Theology, Greek and Hebrew Exegesis in the college. The degree of D.D. was conferred on Mr. King by Knox College, Toronto, in 1882. Dr. King was very strongly opposed to the coercion of Manitoba on the school question, in the discussions of 1895 and 1896. On his various visits to Toronto he was most cordially received and was an ever-welcome lecturer and preacher. Dr. King married, in 1873, Janet Macpherson, who was a daughter of Mr. Hugh Macpherson, and who died in 1886.

The popularity of Dr. King in Toronto was equalled by that which he attained in his new sphere of labor in Manitoba. Learned and of the old school of Presbyterian divines, he was ever genial and hospitable, and members of his former charges in Toronto were always given a hearty welcome, when they visited Winnipeg, by the esteemed Principal of Manitoba College. His latest literary work was a critical study of Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

NEWSPAPER TRAIN WRECKED.

Ran Into a Landslide — Engineer and Fireman Instantly Killed —No Passengers Hurt.

Huntingdon, Penn., March 5.—The first section of the fast newspaper train, due here at 7 o'clock, was wrecked one mile east of this place this morning by a landslide, which resulted from last night's heavy fall of rain. Engineer Robert McCutchin and Fireman J. C. Troce, both of Harrisburg, were instantly killed. The passengers on the train were unhurt.

THE POPE IMPROVES.

The Wonderful Old Man Amazed His Physicians by Reciting From Dante.

Rome, March 5.—His Holiness, who arose at half-past 10, returned to bed at 1.30 p.m. He has resumed his ordinary diet, and his condition, mentally and physically, is good. He engaged his physicians in conversation, and, to their amazement, recited the entire last portion of the seventh canto of Dante's "Paradise," commenting upon various passages as he proceeded. Prof. Marzoni afterward remarked: "He is, indeed, a marvelous man." Dr. Lapponi hopes to be able to dispense with the bulletins altogether in the course of two or three days.

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The Duart Mystery.

Duart, March 5.—The mysterious disappearance of A. E. Beach is still the sensational topic here. An agitation is on foot to petition the Attorney-General for a full enquiry into Beach's strange disappearance.

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HERE'S THE LATEST SCHEME

Has the Canadian Pacific Now Got Control of the Metropolitan Street Railway?

COMPETITION FOR GRAND TRUNK

Before Very Long the C. P. R. Will Be Running Trains From Toronto to Barrie.

Rumors of a change in the ownership of the Metropolitan Street Railway have been current for some months past, and a member of the Legislative Assembly has informed The World that there is no possible doubt of that institution now being part and parcel of the C.P.R. system. "Why," said the member in question, "All payments for the work in progress on the new power house at Bond's Lake are submitted for revision to Engineer Jennings, and it is a fact patent to all that Mr. Jennings is consulting engineer of the Canadian Pacific."

A New C. P. R. Connection.

The supposition seems to be well founded and from gleanings made in other sources it may fairly be assumed that the Canadian Pacific Railway will at no distant date be connected with Barrie and other points north of Toronto. There is no doubt much method in concealing the hand of the C.P.R.; one of the most plausible reasons suggested to The World being the fact that a small corporation like the Metropolitan can more readily obtain concessions from municipalities than could a corporation of the dimensions of the trans-continental railway. Any attempt to discover the shareholders or directorate of the street railway in question has been cannily forestalled, for by special charter this part of the company's working is a secret confined to a select few.

Can Use Steam.

Neither is the Metropolitan an electric railway in the ordinary sense of the word, for its charter is broad enough to admit of anything in the shape of a vehicle—whether for passenger conveyances or freight—from a horse car to a steam engine.

The application of ordinary railways to public thoroughfares will be an innovation, and it will be an eye opener to many to see cars of pigs, coal, grain, lumber and the multitude of other freight commodities peacefully trailing up and down Yonge-street, much to the gratification of the shareholders in the road, but eminently incongruous to those who have to use the thoroughfare in the ordinary pursuits of life. Neither, it is said, will the company's operations be confined to Yonge-street, as connection will be sought with all important centres east and west of that line, the branches being used as feeders for the main artery.

Connections All Ready.

Connections with the C. P. R. at the southern terminus of the Metropolitan have been advanced to such a stage that it now only requires the sanction of the City Council to complete the joint, and if rumor speaks aright an elevated system for city passenger business—now being asked of the Legislature—will also form part and parcel of this modern creation of railway business.

Scheme Two Years Old.

The projectors of this system of railway connection are indeed astute, and another master stroke can be written down to the credit of Sir William Van Horne. The country that will be served is now entirely in the hands of the G.T.R., while a portion is at present almost without railway facilities.

The arrival of the C.P.R. into Metropolitan transaction, it is asserted, was temporary with the extension to Richmond Hill some two years ago.

KIPLING AND HIS CHILDREN.

The Father is Making Rapid Strides Toward Health—Eldest Daughter a Little Worse.

New York, March 5.—According to the reports of his physicians, Rudyard Kipling is now far advanced on the way to recovery. All through the hours of Saturday night and early this morning the favorable conditions increased. He slept peacefully and when he awoke it was clear that he had made another powerful stride toward health.

It was said that Mr. Kipling's daughter Josephine is dangerously ill. She is reported to have suffered a slight relapse during Saturday night.

There was no change in the condition of Elsie, his youngest daughter, who is suffering from pneumonia at the Hotel Grenoble.

ASHDOWN OR MARTIN?

The Millionaire to Be the Machine Candidate, It is Said—Ed. Martin the Other Man.

Winnipeg, March 5.—(Special.)—It seems settled that J. H. Ashdown will be the nominee of the Dominion Government for the Winnipeg vacancy. He is a shrewd, level-headed business man, but far from popular.

Ed. Martin, a brother of Joe, is the other man, the representative of the rank and file of the Liberals. He is a much stronger man than Ashdown with the people.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR FORGET ILL.

Regina Advices Say His Honor's Friends Are Apprehensive.

Regina, N.W.T., March 5.—(Special.)—It is reported that Lieutenant-Governor Forget of the Territories is a very sick man, and his friends are apprehensive.

HOOLEY WILL SURRENDER

And Thereby Avoid the Ignominy of Being Arrested.

London, March 5.—The registrar of the Bankruptcy Court has issued the necessary order to prosecute Ernest T. Hooley, the bankrupt speculator and company promoter, for frauds under the Debtors' Act, on the ground of "reasonable probability that he will be convicted."

The public prosecutor was about to issue a warrant for Hooley's arrest, when his friends heard of the matter and entered into negotiations with the authorities, with the result that Hooley will voluntarily surrender himself on Monday.

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A Combine in Coffins.

New York, March 5.—The leading coffin makers are about entering into an enormous combine. Certain casket interests have been talked of as becoming united, and it now looks as if this would prove true. One hundred firms are in the deal

HER MILCH COW.

MILKMAID HARDY: I get most of the milk from the Toronto cow, although she gets less representative hay than any of the herd.

FORTY CORPSES RECOVERED

Naval Powder Magazine in Southern France Exploded With Terrible Results.

SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS KILLED

The Explosion Took Place at 2.30 on Sunday Morning From a Cause Not Known.

Toulon, March 5.—The naval powder magazine of La Goubranell, between La Seyne and Toulon, in the Department of Var, Southern France, exploded at half-past 2 o'clock this morning. All of the soldiers on duty at the magazine were killed and a number of the inhabitants of the surrounding district, the buildings in which were razed, also fell victims. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

The Explosion Was Awful.

Fifty thousand kilogrammes of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country being swept almost bare within a radius of two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned and distorted, fields devastated and covered with stones and black dust. Some of the stones are enormous. One weighing 50 kilogrammes fell in the suburb of Port de Las. Signs of the explosion are evident in all suburbs of Toulon and in the city itself. Even at St. Jean De Var, five miles distant, windows were shattered and doors battered in.

Four Sentries Killed.

Later reports show that of the seven sentries, four were killed outright and the others severely injured, the corporal being literally scalped, and the scalp overhanging his face like a veil. A large number of soldiers are now employed in clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult. It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number of killed, but it is believed that no fewer than 100 were injured. Although it was a clear night, the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rain fall.

Fortunately the neighboring magazines escaped. It is now believed that the explosion originated in the chemical decomposition in smokeless powder. There is no suggestion of foul play.

The City in Mourning.

To-day the whole city is in mourning. Flags are at half-mast and the theatres are draped and the casinos closed. Both the Government and municipal authorities are forwarding relief funds. M. Lockroy, Minister of Marine, has telegraphed 10,000 francs toward the maintenance of the families of the victims; and a public subscription has been opened here.

Four of the injured have succumbed to their injuries. It is believed that 15 are still buried in the debris.

Bodies Terribly Mutilated.

All the bodies found or recovered are terribly mutilated. Sixteen were found on the rocks near the shore, and it is feared that others were precipitated into the sea. A vehicle moving along a road near the sea was lifted bodily into the water by the force of the explosion, two of its occupants being drowned. The scene at the village of La Goubran was appalling. The cries of the wounded were agonizing, and the people were almost frantic. Telegrams from Nice say the explosion was distinctly felt there.

KIPLING'S WORKS COME HIGH.

His "Echoes" Brought 430 Shillings in London at Auction.

London, March 5.—Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, literary auctioneers, have sold a copy of Kipling's "Echoes," in the original wrapper, published in Lahore in 1884, for 430 shillings, and a first edition of his "Departmental Ditties," in the original wrapper, for 170 shillings.

Fighting Among Themselves.

St. Thomas, March 5.—A deputation of citizens will go to Toronto to oppose the request of the Council deputation that special legislation be granted St. Thomas to collect license fees, but that the city be required to put the police force under the control of a board of commissioners as elsewhere.

M'SHANE NOW IN THE LEAD

His Good Irish Friends in the Cabinet Have Put in Some Heavy Work

BOOMING THE PEOPLE'S JIMMY

And Now It is Thought That Mr. McShane May Be Montreal's Postmaster.

Montreal, March 5.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. A. G. Blair and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick arrived in the city today and were besieged with members and others anent the vacant Postmastership. It was at first supposed that Mr. C. A. Beausoleil, M.P., had the better chance, but ex-Mayor McShane's star appears to be in the ascendant since Saturday. It is now known that Hon. Messrs. Scott and Fitzpatrick are vigorously championing Mr. McShane's claims, this being one of the platforms of a new so-called Irish policy which those two Ministers are credited with attempting to carry out, and all because of Hon. John Costigan's name being connected with a portfolio. It has been stated that Hon. Messrs. Scott and Fitzpatrick are not sufficiently Irish, and that Costigan is the man for Galway. Of course the two honorable "ins" combat the honorable "out," and, as before intimated, they have inaugurated an Irish movement with James McShane, Postmaster of Montreal, as the first plank in the platform.

Pig Iron Bounty.

Messrs. Whitney, president, and Pearson, secretary of the Dominion Coal Company, left the city to-day after having interviewed several members of the Ottawa Government, and pressing them to continue the bounty on pig iron.

ENGLISHMEN ASK INDEMNITY

For Property Losses Occasioned During the Fighting in and Around Manila.

London, March 5.—It is learned that during the past week a majority of the British houses trading with the Philippines have made representations to the Foreign Office respecting damage done to their properties in the recent fighting at and around Manila. On Thursday several representative tradesmen had interviews with Mr. Broderick, the Parliamentary Foreign Secretary, and asked to be indemnified for their losses. Mr. Broderick replied that the Government would carefully consider the matter and see whether there had been any such damage as represented, and, if so, in what manner claims for compensation could be made upon the United States.

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Speak for Themselves.

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WAR EAGLE WILL SHIP THE SAME

The Big Strike on Sunset No. 2 is a Certainty—Virginia Developing Well Also.

Rossland, B.C., March 5.—(Special.)—Le Roi shipments for the week were 825 tons; Iron Mask, 36 tons. Le Roi is now shipping 300 tons daily. War Eagle will ship about the same in a fortnight.

The report of a big strike in Sunset No. 2 is confirmed. There are 22 inches of $30 ore in sight, and the drills are said to be still working in ore. This strike, being at a depth of over 400 feet, is most important. The estimated width of the ore is five feet.

The crosscut at the 300-foot level in Virginia has cut several stringers of ore and is expected to cut the big ledge, for which it is being driven, within ten days.

Favorable developments continue on Silver Bell. Owing to an inflow of water the pumping station is being cut out at the bottom of the shaft.

There is a slight reaction in stocks, but prices are fairly firm. Canadian Gold Fields, Victory-Triumph and Iron Colt are in demand. A.R.M.

The new "Superior" Billiard Tables recently installed in the Rossin House by Samuel May & Co. have made quite a boom in billiards at the Rossin.

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Pember's Turkish and Vapor Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge. Bath and bed $1.00.

A Great Jollier is Dan.

New York, March 4.—Lieut. Dan Godfrey and his British Guards Band arrived here to-day on the Lucania. They were met at the steamship by the British Consul, by a committee from the Seventh Regiment, by Mr. Ernest, bandmaster of the Seventh Regiment, and by several other distinguished English and American musical people of the city. They play before President McKinley at the White House on Monday.

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DEATHS.

DUNNIGAN—On the 5th inst., Maria Kennedy, relict of the late Thomas Dunnigan, in her 60th year.
Funeral private.

THOMSON—Suddenly, on March 4, at Orillia, Ont., Eva, beloved wife of William Thomson, President of the Longford Lumber Company, aged 32 years 8 months.
Funeral at Orillia on Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

WATSON—On March 4, at Fairbank, William Meikle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watson, aged 4 years and 4 months.
Funeral on Monday, the 6th inst., at 2 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery.

A SET-BACK FOR ITALY

Chinese Government Declines to Grant Coaling Station on San Mun Bay.

THE DESPATCH RETURNED

In Which the Italian Representative at Pekin Made His Government's Request.

Was the British Government Backing Italy's Demand?—King Humbert's Government Pays Little Attention to the Refusal—Admiral Grenet Starts to Take Command of the Italian Squadron in Chinese Waters — It is Said Italian Marines Have Been Landed.

Pekin, March 5.—The Tsung-Li-Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office), has returned to the Italian Charge d'Affairs, Marquis Salvago Raggi, his despatch containing the demand of the Italian Government for a lease of San Mun Bay on the same conditions as those under which Germany holds Kiao-Chou Bay, accompanying it with a letter declaring that the Chinese Government is unable to grant the request.

The demand of the Italian Government for a 99-year lease of San Mun Bay, Province of Che-Kiang, as a coaling station and naval base, included also a demand for the concession of three islands on the coast of Che-Kiang, with the right to construct a railroad from San Mun Bay to Po-Yang Lake, and to preferential railroad and mining privileges within a sphere of influence covering the southern two-thirds of Che-Kiang Province.

According to a despatch to the Associated Press from Pekin last Friday, the action of the Italian Government had caused great excitement there, not only among the Chinese, but also among the foreign diplomats, the Chinese being convinced that Great Britain was chiefly responsible for the demand, and that it had been made to emphasize Great Britain's displeasure at the turn which the northern railroad question had taken.

Italy Will Persist.

Rome, March 5.—Little attention is paid here to the refusal of the Chinese Government to grant the requested lease of San Mun Bay to be used as a naval base and coaling station. No doubt is entertained that the concession will be made after further negotiations. Rear Admiral Grenet embarked to-day on the Italian cruiser Stromboli at Naples to take command of the Italian squadron in Chinese waters.

Italian Marines Landed.

London, March 6.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Italian warships have landed marines at San Mun Bay, thus virtually taking possession. Italy will pay nearly 280,000 ($400,000) for the concession. The Tsung-Li-Yamen wishes to reduce the lease to 50 years."

Britain Supports Italy.

London, March 6.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "It is asserted that since the Tsung-Li-Yamen returned Italy's despatch Sir Claude Macdonald (British Minister to China) has presented a note supporting Italy's demand, and it is probable that Italy will now take possession of San Mun Bay, encountering practically no resistance."

China Supports Britain.

London, March 6.—According to the Pekin correspondent of The Times, the Tsung-Li-Yamen supports Great Britain against the protest of the Russian Government regarding the terms of the Niu-Chwang Railway extension loan, recently subscribed in London, the ground of Russian objection being that the clause appointing a British subject chief engineer of the line is in conflict with the Busso-Chinese agreement.

$2600 FROM SHERBOURNE STREET.

Yesterday Special Contributions Were Raised in Methodist Churches to Aid St. James'.

Yesterday was the day set apart in the Methodist churches as a day for special contributions towards the relief of St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal, and, as far as could be ascertained, the offerings have been quite generous. Sherbourne-street Church contributed $2600, Metropolitan $700, Broadway $300 and Wesley $250.

Another Cold Dip.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 5.—(8 p.m.)—An important low area, which is now over Central Quebec, is moving rapidly northeastward and is causing a gale from the lakes to the Atlantic. High pressure and cold weather prevail over the Northwest and these are spreading eastwards to the lake district.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 10 below—10; Battleford, 22 below zero; Qu'Appelle, 22 below—8 below; Winnipeg, 28 below—6 below; Port Arthur, 10 below—20; Parry Sound, 22—24; Toronto, 34—40; Ottawa, 32—36; Montreal, 30—42; Quebec, 22—34.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes — Strong westerly winds; fine and cold to-day and on Tuesday.

Georgian Bay—Strong westerly winds; fair and cold; local snowfalls to-day and on Tuesday.

Ottawa Valley—Strong westerly winds; fair and cold to-day and on Tuesday.

Upper and Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Strong westerly winds; fair and cold to-day and on Tuesday.

Lake Superior—Continued fine and cold to-day and Tuesday.

Manitoba—Fine, stationary or a little higher temperature.

The assortment of styles and materials in spring overcoats at Oak Hall clothiers, 115 King-street east, is so varied that the most fastidious taste can be gratified at the minimum of expense. There are sizes for all shapes of men.

Steamship Movements.

March 4.	At	From
Assyrian	New York	Glasgow
Norwegian	Portland	Glasgow
Vancouver	Halifax	Liverpool
Werkendam	New York	Rotterdam
Fr. der Grosse	Southampton	New York
Campania	Liverpool	New York
Cymric	Liverpool	New York
La Touraine	Havre	New York
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La Champagne	New York	Havre
Mesaba	New York	London
Dresden	Baltimore	Bremen
Cataloula	Boston	Liverpool
Bengore Head	Baltimore	St. John
Castillan	Portland	Liverpool