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THE LEBT OF THE DOMINION

THE STATEMENT ON DEC. 31 SHOWS A DECREASE.

Central Bank Claims—Notices From The Gazette—The Quebec Judgeships—Revenue of the Postoffice Department—The Cape Breton Railway.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—The statement of the debt of the Dominion on Dec. 31 shows

Gross debt	$274,710,703
Assets	47,290,693
Net debt	$227,420,010

being a decrease of $326,616 during the six months.

The expenditure on capital account during the six months has been:

Public works, including railways and canals	$154,414
Dominion lands	45,544
Railway subsidies	644,780
Northwest rebellion losses	529,440
Total	$2,731,178

Notices from The Gazette.

To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain notice of the cancellation of the order-in-council of Dec. 22 relating to the classification of grain under section 44 of the General Inspection Act.

Thomas Hodgins, Master in Chancery, gives judicial notice to the creditors of the Central Bank of Canada under the winding-up act to send in their claims to the liquidators on or before Monday, Feb. 20. Thursday, Feb. 23, is appointed for hearing and acting upon the report of the liquidators on the claims sent in under this notice. The liquidators are empowered to return forthwith on presentation at their office, 51 Yonge-street, Toronto, of all outstanding bank notes of the said Central Bank.

The bank of Nova Scotia gives notice of dividend for the half year at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, and the Merchants' Bank of Halifax of half-yearly dividend of 3 per cent.

Notices of annual meetings are given by the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company at Kingston, by the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company at Montreal, and by the Merchants' Bank of Halifax at Halifax, all on Feb. 8.

Eleanora Elizabeth Tudor of Montreal gives notice of application to Parliament for a bill of divorce from her husband, Frederick Lewis Hart, of Montreal, on the ground of cruelty and adultery.

The following notices of application to Parliament are given: By the Esquimault and Nanaimo Railway Company, for power to run a ferry to connect the terminus of the road with the United States railway system at Port Angelo; by the Hereford Branch Railway Company, for amendments to the act of incorporation, increasing the number of directors, increasing the capital stock, decreasing the bonding power per mile, giving power to extend the railway to a point of connection with the Quebec Central Railway in the township of Westbury or Dudswell, and to purchase or lease the railway of the Dominion Line Company; by Victor Hudon, of Montreal, for a charter to construct and operate a line of railway connecting the different parts of the Island of Montreal between them, and with the city of Montreal, with power to extend its line at any place in the harbor of Montreal; By H. J. Eberts of Winnipeg for an act to incorporate the Ontario, Manitoba and Western Railway Company, to construct and operate a railway from Port Arthur to Winnipeg, crossing the narrows of the Lake of the Woods and south of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with power to construct, equip and operate extension or branch lines westerly from Winnipeg through the Province of Manitoba to, into and through the Northwest Territories, south of the main line of the said Canadian Pacific Railway, and short lines as feeders thereto, etc. By the York Farmers' Colonization Company, for power to receive paid-up stock of any shareholders, in exchange for land or other property of the company, to reduce the capital stock of the Company.

The Quebec Judges.

There is no truth in the Associated Press despatch from Montreal that Chief Justice Dorion and some half-dozen other Quebec judges are to be superannuated and their places filled by younger men. The fact is that no applications for superannuation have been received from any of the Quebec judges, and even should there be it is not likely that they would be acted on during the absence of the Minister of Justice in Washington. Sometime ago there was a rumor afloat here that Chief Justice Dorion's health was not very good and that he contemplated applying for superannuation, but the application was never made.

It is understood that Judge Miller, County Judge of Waterloo County, has forwarded his resignation to the Government on account of old age and ill-health. It is probable that Junior Judge Lecourse will be promoted.

Ocean Mail Clerks.

It is understood that Messrs. James O'Hara, F. H. Mickleburgh, W. F. Bowes and James Ferguson, who were employed as ocean mail clerks up to the time of the abolition of that service, have been placed on the superannuation list, and the other ocean mail clerks have been found other employment in the department. The change has proved highly satisfactory. There is no loss of time or delay in delivery occasioned by the mails not being sorted on shipboard, the distribution being easily made on the train on its way from Halifax, so that the sorting is done before the car is much more than half-way to Quebec.

The Postmaster General's Report.

The Postmaster-General expects to save about $15,000 a year by this change in the service. The annual report of the Postmaster-General will be printed in a few days. It is understood that the net revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30 last will reach $2,603,250 against $2,469,000, or an increase of $134,000; expenditure for the year ending June 30 $3,428,100 and for the previous year $3,380,000, or an increase of $78,000. This shows an excess of receipts of $56,000 as compared with the previous year.

Miscellaneous Matters.

The next session of the Supreme Court will probably open on Feb. 21. The case of Moss v. The Queen will come up for hearing before the Exchequer Court on Monday next.

Advices to the Railway Department state that operations on the eastern section of the Cape Breton Railway lately taken over from the contractors, Messrs. Slater & Sims, are progressing favorably. Mr. Wm. Stewart is managing the contract on behalf of the sureties.

Hon. J. H. Pope, who was too unwell to go home for the Christmas or New Year's holidays, left for Cookshire to-day to enjoy a short rest.

Carnot's First Dinner.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—President Carnot gave his first diplomatic dinner last night at the Elysee. All the foreign ambassadors and ministers were present. After dinner President and Madame Carnot held their first Presidential reception. The palace was brilliantly illuminated and decorated with plants, pictures and tapestry, which made an admirable setting forth combined with the glittering uniforms and pretty dresses with which the rooms were filled. The President made an excellent impression as a host. Madame Carnot wore a handsome red velvet dress richly trimmed with white lace and flowers and diamonds adorned her head dress. In her hand she carried a red and gold fan. The President intends giving a reception every Thursday.

Kaiser William's Wish.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Emperor William, in the course of his New Year's letter to the Berlin magistracy, says: "I trust that under the protection of lasting peace, which may God vouchsafe, and legislative measures dealing with economic social matters the welfare of the nation in the future, as it has been in the past, may materially developed."

THE CHINESE FLOODS.

At Least 3,000,000 People Homeless—Villages to the Number of 3000 Engulfed.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Late details of the Chinese floods make the story one of the most terrible in history. What was a beautiful populous district of 10,000 square miles is now a rolling sea. At least 3,000,000 people are homeless and absolutely destitute of the barest necessities of life, while it is thought that the loss of life will reach 750,000. About one-sixth of the entire area of the "Garden of China," as Ho Nan is styled, is now converted into a vast lake, with here and there a pagoda top or the gable of some higher wall rising over the ever-increasing waters to mark the site of what were a short time ago prosperous cities of many thousand inhabitants. The rest of the country is overrun with wretched refugees, who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives, though with naught else. In hundreds of instances men, who three moons ago were men of wealth, to-day sit gazing on the inland sea stunned and hungry, stupid and dejected, without a rag to wear or a morsel of food to eat. The inundations commenced a little distance from Kaifung Fu, one of the largest cities of the province, and in one instant some four miles of solid embankment of stone, brick, sand and clay were swept away with innumerable moles and fascines.

In the districts of Chinu Chow and Chen Chow no less than 3000 large villages are stated to have been engulfed in a very few moments, and scarcely any of their ill-fated people had time to save themselves, as the breach occurred in the night. An extent of country much larger than the whole principality of Wales, and much more thickly populated, is now a raging sea and all the inhabitants are either drowned or have fled. The people so terribly visited cannot number far short of the whole population of Ireland, as the province includes about 25,000,000 inhabitants within an area of 65,000 square miles, and the waters of the river now cover between 8000 and 10,000 square miles.

THE HONOLULU CRISIS.

The Demands of the Hawaiian Cabinet Acceded to by King Kalakaua.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—A letter from Honolulu, dated Dec. 24, says: "The Cabinet has made a demand that Judge Jonathan Austin of Honolulu, an American, shall be offered the place of Godfrey Brown, who recently resigned from the Cabinet. The Cabinet has also demanded the appointment of Sanford Dole, a prominent lawyer, born here of American parents, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Fornader of the Supreme Court. At last advices the king had decided to accede to the Cabinet's demands, knowing that the Reform League would otherwise place Mrs. Dominus, the king's sister, on the throne. Kalakaua has been advised by the English and American ministers to comply with the demands of his Cabinet, with assurances that they would not interfere in his behalf with the designs of the Reform League."

The Missing Tonawanda.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The captain of a brig which arrived at Brooklyn last night reports that on Tuesday evening he signalled the missing steamer Tonawanda, about sixty-two miles southwest by south of the northeast light and just abreast of Five Fathoms Bank, eighty miles off the coast. The Tonawanda was anchored and was slightly dragging off shore. The wind was stiff from the west and a moderate sea was running. A boat was lowered from the brig in response to the signals of distress from the Tonawanda and the captain boarded the steamer. The officers of the Tonawanda then made known the fact that their provisions were running low and asked for an additional supply. The tug Haviland will be sent out again in search of the Tonawanda.

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From Words to Blows.

UTICA, N.Y., Jan. 6.—About 3 o'clock this morning while Morris Kenyon, Frank VanHorn and Night Telegraph Operator Connor of the Ontario and Western Station in Oneida were in the depot together, a quarrel arose between Connor and VanHorn. The men came to blows, and Kenyon stepped between them to stop the fight. VanHorn thereupon drew a long pocket-knife and stabbed Kenyon four times in the back. The wounds will probably prove fatal. VanHorn has been arrested. He admits the stabbing, but claims that Kenyon attacked him first.

Mr. Dingley's Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. Dingley's resolution, calling upon the President for information relative to alleged discrimination by the Canadian Government against American shipping passing through the Welland Canal, was discussed by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, but the committee adjourned without action upon the matter. The committee selected Mondays and Saturdays as the regular days of meeting.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number for the United States 256 and for Canada 23, or a total of 279, as compared with a total of 263 last week, 290 the week previous to the last, and 299 the corresponding week of last year. The figures for the first seven days of 1887 were: United States 271, Canada 28, total 299.

Collision on the Nickel Plate.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6.—A heavily loaded east bound freight train collided with a light freight west bound on the Nickel Plate road near Willoughby at 1.30 this morning. The east bound train was loaded with live stock and dressed beef. Fifteen cars were demolished and many others were badly damaged, but no one was injured except a skipper who received a trifling scalp wound.

The Chicago Printers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—A joint committee of the Typothetae and the men in the employ of the members have been for weeks trying to prepare a new scale of prices which should be acceptable to the employers and workmen. A scale has been finally decided upon and submitted to the parties interested for confirmation.

Pleuro-Pneumonia in New York State.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Pleuro-Pneumonia among cattle is still prevalent in the upper part of Westchester County. The Bureau of Animal Industry condemned over 200 head this week in the towns of Lewisboro and Somers.

Notorious Criminals Arrested.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—John Gallagher, alias "White Wings," Daniel McKay alias "Boston Jack," and John J. Quinlan alias "Jim Ryan," three members of a notorious gang of church and school house thieves, have been arrested. It is said they plundered more than 100 churches in New England alone.

Killed by Burglars.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Stack, who was assaulted and beaten by burglars at Cumberland Mills last night, died to-day at noon. She was 55 years old. The burglars secured a wallet which was lying on a table in her room. From blood marks on the doorstep it is believed Mrs. Stack's shots took effect.

A Burglar's Crime.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 6.—Last night burglars broke into Thomas Stark's house and assaulted Mrs. Stark, who was asleep on a sofa, so severely that her condition is dangerous. Stark fired two shots at the burglars, but they escaped.

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Natural Gas.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—The fine dwellings on Holland-avenue, owned by John Hugel Hughes and J. P. Bailey, were burned to-day; $35,000. Fire is supposed to have been d by natural gas.

ALMOST A COAL FAMINE.

NO CHANGE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LABOR TROUBLES.

Miners Refuse to Work Because the Coal is Shipped Over the Reading Railway—A General Meeting of Miners To-Day—Furnacemen Strike.

ASHLAND, Pa., Jan. 6.—The Bellmore colliery, operated by Bickell & Co., was compelled to suspend operations this morning owing to scarcity of breaker employés. It is believed they were influenced by strikers to quit work.

No Change in the Situation.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—The only utterance that could be gotten directly from General Manager McLeod this morning was: "There is no change in the situation."

A General Meeting To-day.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 6.—The miners of the Excelsior colliery have refused to continue work because the coal is shipped over the Reading road. A general meeting of miners will be held to-morrow. The opinion prevails that the miners working at individual collieries shipping over the Reading Railway will all quit work. Almost a coal famine prevails here. Everything is quiet.

A Reduction Causes a Strike.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Jan. 6.—Three hundred men at Powell's furnace at Saxton have struck because of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages.

A Colliery Shuts Down.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Jan. 6.—The Suffolk colliery at Mahanoy City, which was working with a small force of non-union men, shut down to-day. This concluded the Reading Company's attempt to run its collieries without the Knights. The defection among the non-union railroaders continues.

To Resume Work.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 6.—A general resumption of work in the Riverai coal mine will probably take place next week at the advance in wages demanded by the miners. The resumption will give employment to nearly 5000 men. The mines have been closed for some time on account of the drouth which prevented the shipment of coal south.

Needy Furnaces.

READING, Jan. 6.—There are some forty furnaces located along the line of the Reading Railroad, and to-day, after much correspondence, the Reading Coal and Iron Company, supplied some of the most needy furnaces with coal, but at an advance of 80 cents per ton, delivered at Schuylkill Haven. The increased price of fuel may result in closing down the furnaces.

ROOM ENOUGH FOR BOTH.

There is no Party in Canada in Favor of Annexation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Sir Charles Tupper, after spending a few hours in Chicago en route to Washington, left this afternoon. In speaking of Canadian annexation Sir Charles said:

"There is no party in Canada in favor of annexation to the United States; there may be a few individuals here and there but no person has ever been elected to the House of Commons who declared himself previously in favor of that measure. We believe that there is room enough in North America for the Dominion of Canada as well as the United States of America, and that while it is very desirable that there should be the freest possible intercourse between the two countries, we think it is rather an advantage to both of them to illustrate each to the other Republican Government as shown by the States and the British system as practiced in Canada."

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Postponed Until Monday—A Speedy Agreement Not Looked For.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 6.—Sir Charles Tupper has telegraphed to the State Department from Manitoba that owing to delay in railroad communication resulting from heavy snowstorms he will be unable to attend the meeting of the Fisheries Conference, which was to have been held to-morrow. In view of this fact the meeting will be probably postponed until Monday.

The prospect of a speedy agreement on the fishery matter is said to be not quite so good as when Mr. Chamberlain returned from Canada, at all events, from statements which Mr. Chamberlain has himself recently made, it appears that he does not anticipate an immediate agreement. He was asked this morning if he expected to return to England soon. He replied that his duties would detain him in Washington for another month at least.

The Fisheries Commission to Meet Monday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Owing to the snow blockades on the western roads, Sir Charles Tupper will not arrive here before Saturday evening, and the first meeting of the Fisheries Conference will therefore be held on Monday next. Hon. Mr. Thompson, accompanied by Mr. Chipman and Mr. Stewart, arrived this evening.

A CASE OF "INTEREST."

Suit on a Peculiar Note in the Division Court at London.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—What may literally be termed a case of interest came up to-day in the Division Court before Judge Mackenzie. Dr. A. McTaggart sued John B. Kennedy for $15, $7 being balance on a note and $8 interest on the balance. The note was originally for $22, and was to run for six months. It was dated February, 1886, and contained a proviso that if not paid at the end of the six months Kennedy was to pay 50 cents a month interest thereon. Kennedy paid $15 on the note. The balance, $7, has now been overdue sixteen months, and on this $7 McTaggart asked for his 50 cents a month or about 90 per cent. Judgment was given for the $7 balance on the note and interest at 5 per cent.

The jurymen who failed to respond when their names were called were fined $4 each by Judge Mackenzie.

The K. of L. Rebellion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The latest move in the rebellion among the Knights of Labor is the organization of a provisional committee of rebels in Washington. A circular has been issued by them and received by the secretary of the National Provisional Committee in this city. The circular contains an enumeration of the demands of the rebels at Washington, which are in substance the same as those of the Chicago, New York and Philadelphia rebels, heretofore published.

A Mexican Loan.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 6.—Berlin advices have been received here to the effect that a loan of $52,000,000 for Mexico will be arranged before the close of this month on terms favorable to this country, and it is also stated that the German Government is favorably disposed to placing German capital here where its citizens have built up a large and lucrative trade.

The Irish Scandal.

CORK, Jan. 6.—Capt. Plunkett has informed the magistrate that Canon O'Mahoney refused the police access to the three girls who it is alleged were assaulted by Mr. Roberts, the Governor of the County Jail. The inquiries in the case have therefore been stopped. Mr. Roberts has been advised to prosecute Canon O'Mahoney.

Nihilists Hanged.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A telegram from the Russian frontier states that the eight Nihilists, including the Cossack Tschernoff, who were condemned to death for making an attempt upon the life of the Czar during his visit to the Don Cossack country, were hanged at St. Petersburg on Jan. 2.

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FALSE PRETENCES.

The Western Hotel Case on Trial at Hamilton—Death of a Centenarian.

HAMILTON, Jan. 6.—This morning at the Police Court the alleged false pretences charge, brought by Isaiah Jenkins against Daniel Poole, was entered into very elaborately. Up to a short time ago Jenkins had been a farmer in the township of Seneca, near the village of York. He thought he could keep an hotel, and he was told of a chance where he could make a good strike, near the village of Ancaster. Poole, who was keeping the Western Hotel, about half a mile west of that village, told him to come on and see if they could strike a bargain. The evening Jenkins arrived at the village the counter was fairly bristling with choice beverages for thirsty customers, and Jenkins concluded it had a great trade. Next morning negotiations were entered into, by which Jenkins was to buy a half interest in the property, with full possession, for $2000. Another $1000 was to pay for the furniture to be left when Poole moved out. Jenkins was to give his own notes for $1500, and the other $1500 was to be filled in with chattel sale notes. Accordingly Jenkins took possession; but after a few days' experience behind the bar he found it was a longer time between drinks than he had supposed. Jenkins says he could not find Poole in order to complete the transfer or get his notes back, and Poole says he carried off his furniture and that half of the notes are no good. Poole was bound over to the assizes.

The oldest resident in Hamilton was Mary Mahony, who died at her son's residence, 21 Wood-street west, on Thursday. Mrs. Mahony's exact age is not known, but she has lived over a century, and her son thinks that she was about 107.

The Ontario district of the Iron Molders' Union of North America closed its session this morning. All the business transacted was of a routine character. James Ripley of Hamilton was appointed chairman of the Executive Board, and Fred Walters will be the organizer for the district. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Brantford.

The winter assizes open before Justice McMahon next Monday. There is not a criminal case on the calendar.

The work of demolishing the old City Hall was begun this morning.

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ALLEGED ABDUCTION.

A Peterboro Cabman Arrested—Details of the Case—Confident of Acquittal.

PETERBORO, Jan. 6.—Chief of Police Bell of Lindsay came to town yesterday afternoon and arrested a cabman named Samuel Clancy on a charge of having abducted a 7-year-old boy from a school in the Township of Emily. Clancy protested that he knew nothing about the matter more than that a man hired him to drive out to the school house last September, and that while there the man had taken a boy.

It appears that the boy's parents, whose name is Grove, disagreed about six years ago and that Mrs. Grove went to live with her people in the United States. Four years after their separation she yearned for her son and came over and carried him off by stealth. Mr. Grove pursued his wife westward, and at Detroit succeeded in getting possession of his son again. No further attempts at abduction were made till of late, when the boy was again carried off.

The man who took the boy away is said to be a relative of Mrs. Grove. She drove out from town to the house, but decamped with her boy at Cavanville Station, on the Canadian Pacific Railway. The reason given for this abduction is that Mrs. Grove has been left a sum of money by a deceased relative in the Old Country, the conditions of the will being that double the sum shall be bequeathed if she has an heir, and it is supposed to be in England with her son now.

Clancy, who has been taken to Lindsay, is confident that he will easily clear himself of the charge.

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A FRIEND OF HIS RACE.

Owen Connolly Leaves Liberal Bequests for the Education of Irish Boys.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Jan. 6.—The people of Prince Edward Island are excited over the provisions of the late Owen Connolly's will. He left his widow $5000 and a homestead, some minor bequests to other relatives, cut off his nephews, who were regarded as his heirs, without a dollar, attached such conditions to a bequest of $40,000 to Bishop McInityre for the erection of a Catholic school that the bishop refused to accept it, and left the balance of the estate, estimated at $600,000, to the poor of Charlottetown and toward the education of Catholic boys, children of poor Catholic parents of Irish birth or descent. They are to receive a preliminary education at St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, and then go to Ireland to graduate at Trinity College.

Bribery Convictions in Prince Edward.

PICTON, Jan. 6.—As the conclusion of the election trial held here on Dec. 12 and 14 last at which Dr. Platt, the sitting member, was unseated and the election voided, a number of too zealous supporters of the Doctor were held for trial on the charges of bribery and such charges were deferred until to-day for further hearing before Judge Patterson. Thomas Coltier was fined $5 with costs and two days in jail. Rodman Ostrander was fined $20 and costs and two days' imprisonment. David Welbanks, who has gained unenviable local notoriety from having prosecuted The Gazette for libel was also fined $50 with costs and sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

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Bartender Brown Getting Better.

PORT PERRY, Jan. 6.—George Brown, the bartender who was shot twice during the fracas at Myrtle Station on the night of Dec. 14 last, is improving wonderfully. He is now at home with his family here. No trace, however, of the two bullets which entered his chest has been obtained, and it is believed they have become incisted in the tissues, where they may remain for the balance of his life.

Immigrants for Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 6.—The Dominion Immigration Agent for Belgium writes Mr. McTavish, Canadian Pacific Railway Land Commissioner, that he starts from there about March 15 with 500 Belgian farmers for Manitoba. He wishes enough homesteads selected for the whole party and a contract entered into by parties for the erection of small farm houses and stables, to be ready on their arrival.

Accident to a G. T. R. Brakesman.

CHATHAM, Jan. 6.—Alex. McGarvey of Windsor, a brakesman on the Grand Trunk Railway, slipped while coupling cars here this forenoon and was run over by them. His right arm is broken at the shoulder. His groin and ankle are severely injured. His injuries are not necessarily fatal but he will probably lose the arm.

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A Brilliant Phenomenon at Port Perry.

PORT PERRY, Jan. 5.—At 12.12 this morning a magnificent meteor, traveling from east to west, burst, apparently just north of the foundry. The light of the meteor effectually paled that of the moon for a limited area. A long train was left by the midnight visitor and a section of it remained visible in midair for fifty or sixty seconds.

Killed His Wife and Two Children.

ONANCOCK, Va., Jan. 6.—W. C. Duer yesterday cut his wife's throat, killing her almost instantly, while riding with her, and their two children. He is said to have been insane for some time but was supposed to have recovered.

REVELERS AT CHESTNUT PARK.

A Memorable Ball by Sir David and Lady Macpherson—Zetland's At Home.

Last night will have been a memorable one in the recollections of ball-going Toronto. From 9.30 to 10.30 upwards of 200 members of fashionable society were announced to Sir David and Lady Macpherson, who received their guests in the library of Chestnut Park, the Senator and his kindly wife being supported by members of their family, including Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Macpherson of Quebec, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kirkpatrick of Kingston, Mrs. Bankes and Mr David Macpherson, a family circle which would vie with the handsome Hamiltons for that envied *soubriquet*. Passing across the hall into the drawing-room, the dancers soon betook themselves to the long picture and sculpture gallery, which had been cleared for the occasion. It was essentially a dancing party, there being but a thin sprinkling of wall-flowers and door-buttresses. It was a veritable dream of fair women, in which the young married matrons held their own right bravely with the maidens of sweet 17 and—upwards.

The married phalanx boasted of Mrs. Ambrose of Fort Hope, Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. Walter Dickson of Galt, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. W. Brough and Mrs. F. Grant, while conspicuous among those yet fancy free, or only engaged to join the ranks of the given away, were Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Langmuir, Miss Laura Boulton, Miss Annie Plumb of Niagara, Miss Morris of Guelph, Miss Benson of Port Hope, Miss Hodgins, Miss Mabel Heward, Miss Brough, Miss Maclean, Miss Kirkpatrick, the Misses Yarker, Miss Bunting, Miss Cawthra, Miss Robinson, Miss Cumberland, Miss Grace Boulton and Miss McInnes.

Couples were soon paired off and dancing was kept up till early this morning, the brilliantly lighted and exquisitely ornamented rooms of Sir David's hospitable mansion possibly never having framed a gayer or prettier picture. The World reporter, as he left, saw through the door of the ballroom the soulful glide of the period still going on, tempered by the breezier hornpipe up-the-deck-and-down-again of the hearty and gallant A.D.C. Col. and Mrs. Sweny, J. H. Morris, T. C. Patteson, H. J. Scott, Mr. Carpmael, Mr. Martland, G. W. Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. W. Baines, Mr. Barlow, Cumberland and Mr. and Mrs. Catzanach were among the less frisky revellers. To give a list of all the nice young men present would occupy too much space in The World, but all went away pleased with a charming evening, happily spent.

Zetland's Annual "At Home."

The annual "At Home" of Zetland Lodge No. 326, G.R.C., was held in Masonic Hall last night and attended by a gathering of ladies and gentlemen numbering about 250. Dancing was commenced at 9 o'clock and kept up till 2, the music being supplied by Seager's orchestra. Harry Webb furnished the refreshments. The gathering was composed entirely of members of the lodge, their families and friends, the guests being limited to invited people. W. H. A. Evans, W.M., was chairman of the committee and Bro. A. E. Stewart secretary. The stewards were R.W. Bros. C. A. B. Brown, E. T. Malone and John Fletcher, and Bros. H. A. Taylor and J. T. Matthews.

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THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

Business at the Annual Meeting—Election of Officers.

A fair-sized audience assembled in St. James'-square Presbyterian Church last evening on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Toronto Evangelical Alliance. Attorney-General Mowat occupied the chair and opened the meeting by an address on the unity and harmony at present prevailing in the different Evangelical churches in Toronto.

The annual report, submitted by Mr. J. J. Woodhouse, Secretary, reviewed the meetings held by the Alliance during the year and stated that the affiliation of the Toronto body with the British Alliance had been completed. The financial statement showed receipts $101, disbursements $88.

These officers were elected:

President—Attorney-General Mowat.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. John Burton, Rev. H. Grasett Baldwin, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. Dr. Daniel Wilson, Rev. Dr. Ross, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Caven, and Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C.

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Notes from the Ontario Gazette.

The Ontario Gazette of to-day will contain these appointments: Wm. Grant, Perth, associate coroner for Lanark; Ed. W. Munn 27 Gracechurch-street, London, Eng., commissioner for taking affidavits in London for use in Ontario courts; Duncan Campbell, township Bentwick, clerk Seventh Division Court of Grey; William Brown, Glenelg, clerk Eighth Division Court of Grey; John Small, Bentwick, bailiff Seventh Division Court of Grey; W. Tickell, Glenelg, bailiff Eighth Division Court of Grey.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Galt Rink Company (limited) of Galt, capital $5000; the Rideau Skating and Curling Company of Ottawa, capital stock $10,000; the Drumbo Trading Company (limited) of Drumbo, capital stock $15,000.

A by-law has been passed by the Hamilton Iron Forging Company, increasing the capital stock of the company from $35,000 to $100,000.

The W. J. McMaster Failure.

That part of the article in yesterday's World regarding this failure was not correct in speaking of the McMasters. The London partner of the firm of W. J. McMaster & Co., James McMaster, is a brother of the late Hon. William McMaster, an old gentleman. He is an uncle of his partner, W. J. McMaster. There never has been any business relation between the insolvent firm of W. J. McMaster & Co. and the firm of A. R. McMaster & Brother, London, or the firm of McMaster, Darling & Co., of this city. The last mentioned firm happens also to be located on Front-street, and what with this fact and that the same names are connected with the several businesses the public are liable to mix them up.

It is not likely that the firm of W. J. McMaster & Co. will resume. On the contrary everything points to a complete wind up.

The Unfortunate Reporter.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—There were marks on McNeill's throat showing that he had been strangled. He had in his possession when last seen, coin, Bank of England notes, and a watch, all of which are missing. Several five pound notes, which he was known to have in his possession when he left London, have been cashed at the Bank of England.

The Legion of Honor Scandal.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—The tribunal to-day resumed the trial of the case against Gen Thibaudin, M. Herbert and M. Dubreuill, who were concerned in the Legion of Honor scandal. The prosecutor announced that additional evidence had been procured which implicated M. Wilson. The case again adjourned.

Cholera at Valparaiso.

LIMA, Jan. 6.—A private despatch from Valparaiso says cholera has increased at that port to an alarming extent, the number of cases daily reaching 130, of which 80 to 90 prove fatal.

Toronto's Leading Paper is The World.

From The Carshalton Sentinel.

The Toronto World is now the leading paper of that city. It is a bright and newsy sheet and should have a widespread patronage. It gives all the news of the day in concise form, free from bias.

THE CASE MUST PROCEED.

JUDGE FALCONBRIDGE DISPOSES OF THE IRVING-SMITH APPLICATION.

The Date of Trial Fixed for Jan. 23—Why the Defendant Don't Happen to be in Toronto—He Missed the Ship—The Contents of a Cablegram—Two Affidavits.

Anxious to hear the preliminaries in the $20,000 crim. con. case of Irving v. Smith, there was a fairly large attendance in the Assize Court at 1.30 yesterday, when Mr. P. McPhillips, on behalf of the defendant, Harold G. Smith, renewed his application for an adjournment till the next assizes or the putting of the case at the foot of the present jury list. Mr. McPhillips read and filed this affidavit made on Thursday by Barrister James Lane, who has been acting for the defendant:

Barrister Lane's Affidavit.

I, James Lane of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, barrister-at-law, make oath and say:

1. That I am solicitor for the above-named defendant in this matter.

2. That the defendant is at present in England, having left for England previous to issue being joined in this action, and long before notice of trial had been served for the present assizes.

3. That the claim which the plaintiff brings against my client is a very heavy one, and, in the interests of my client, I have retained counsel on his behalf, but my counsel has not had an opportunity of consultation with my client on account of his absence as aforesaid, and as the defendant's solicitor in this action, I verily believe that counsel cannot fully prepare himself and be ready to meet the claim of the plaintiff and successfully defend this action without a conference between my client and the said counsel.

4. That my client left for England, as I am informed and believe, on urgent private business and domestic affairs connected with his relations in England, and I also believe he did not leave with any purpose of evading any proceedings in this trial, or absenting himself from the trial, or to delay or embarrass the plaintiff in proceeding to the trial of this action, but solely for the purpose of attending to his said private business affairs.

5. That notice of trial was not served for the present assizes until Dec. 13 last, and I communicated the same as soon as I obtained the defendant's London address, and advised him of such, but received no answer until this morning, when a cablegram was received from my client, in which he stated that he could not leave till next Saturday, Jan. 7.

6. That my counsel has informed me that it is impossible for him to proceed with the trial to-day, or until he has had an opportunity of consultation with my client, and I verily believe that in the interests of justice this action should be put at the foot of the list or adjourned until the next term, in order to allow time to enable the defendant to be present at the same.

7. That I believe the defendant has a good defence to this action on its merits, and that the application for an postponement of the trial is made bona fide, and not for the purpose of delaying or embarrassing the plaintiff in the trial of this action, and that the defendant is a material and necessary witness for himself at the trial of this action.

The plaintiff, Mr. A. M. Irving, who sat near the barristers' table, was represented by Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., and Mr. W. A. Foster, Q.C. Mr. McPhillips put in this affidavit in reply to Mr. Lane's:

Mr. Foster's Rejoinder.

I, William Alexander Foster, of the city of Toronto, Esquire, make oath and say as follows:

1. The writ of summons herein was served on the defendants on Oct. 22 last past, as appears from the affidavit of service made by the sheriff's bailiff, and such service was personal, and was effected in the city of Toronto.

2. The statement of claim herein was served on the defendant's solicitor on Nov. 12 last.

3. That, as I believe, the statement of defence was served on Nov. 12 last past, and issue joined on Nov. 22 last past, and notice of trial served on Dec. 13 last past.

4. According to the examination of Mr. Lane, the defendant left Toronto (where he had been residing, and doing business as a livery stable keeper) eight days after the writ of summons issued, and went to Buffalo, in the State of New York.

5. On Dec. 27 last past a writ of capias was issued at the instance of this plaintiff against the defendant for the arrest of the defendant, but he escaped, and, as I understand, sent to Buffalo two car-loads of horses and the large brown coach used in the Tally-ho coach, which he had been accustomed to drive four-in-hand, and closed up his livery stable in Toronto.

6. According to the said examination of Mr. Lane, the defendant sailed from New York for England on the Umbria steamship. I produce a copy of the passenger list of said steamer, in which appears the names of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," such copy being shown to me and marked with the letter A. I am informed and believe that the wife of the plaintiff went to and sailed to England at the same time as the defendant.

7. That notice of application by the plaintiff for a bill of divorce from his wife is the next ensuing session of the Dominion Parliament (which is announced to open in February next, as I believe) has been given for some time, and it is intended to be a petition therefor filed. One of the grounds for such divorce is the alleged adultery of the defendant with the wife of the plaintiff.

Arguing the Adjournment.

Mr. Foster read from an examination of Mr. Lane that the latter last saw Smith in November and that Col. Hale of Brantford had said that Smith had sailed by the Umbria on Nov. 25 or 26. Smith left Toronto on the 12.20 train on Oct. 22 and a capias was issued half an hour later.

His Lordship: "What does the cablegram say?"

Mr. McPhillips: "It treats of some private matter and says that Mr. Smith will sail for America on the