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BIG FRAUDS

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A. G. BROWN LEAVES TOWN

After a Series of Most Astonishing Forgeries.

The Bogus Powers of Attorney—Who Are the Victims—Gone Into Chicago Wheat—The Loan Companies Will Follow to the End of the Earth—Great Sympathy For the Brown Family.

The crime of Arthur J. Brown, stock broker, is the most consummate in its daring, extent, range of time, and cleverness of any known in the annals of Toronto. He left Toronto on Friday, and it is certain that he will never return unless brought by the law.

He was the youngest son of Mr. Gordon Brown, probably the most respected man in Toronto, and the sympathy for that gentleman and his family in their sorrow is widespread and of the most genuine kind.

The Modus Operandi.

And what was the crime? It was that of raising money from banks by means of forged powers of attorney to transfer stock. To the uninitiated this is best explained by example. John Smith is a stockholder in a loan company, holding say 500 shares. He is buying and selling these shares every now and then. He does it through a broker, say Thomas Robinson. When he wants to sell 100 shares he tells Robinson to sell 100 shares, and at the same time he signs and gives Robinson a power of attorney to transfer 100 shares to whomsoever he can sell it. Broker Robinson then goes on the Stock Exchange and sells the 100 shares to Broker Thomson, who buys them for a client of his. As soon as the deal is over Broker Robinson goes to the office of the loan company, presents his power of attorney and the 100 shares are thereupon transferred from John Smith's account to that of Broker Thomson, or Broker Thomson's client. Or if John Smith does not want to sell his 100 shares, but wants to get a loan on them, he in the same way gives a similar power of attorney to his broker, the broker goes to the bank, borrows a sum of money within a shade of their value, and transfers the shares to the bank manager in trust for the bank as a security for the loan. In every case there is such a power of attorney.

Well, Arthur Brown handled a great many such transactions. He presented genuine powers of attorney, and he presented a great many forged powers of attorney. The forgeries were clever and show him to have been an apt penman.

Why He Was Not Found Out.

Well, why was he not found out when these were going on for so long a time? Because he transferred the stock back to the original owner time after time, and always before the dividends were declared, so the stockholder when he got his dividend got it on the full number of shares he held. In other words, Brown was all the time "borrowing" 10, 20, 30, 40 shares from this man's stock account and that man's stock account, and always putting them back by means of forged powers of attorney, and doing this for months and no one being the wiser. He was always robbing Peter to pay Paul, but always keeping the accounts straight before dividend time came round.

One reason that delayed discovery was that Brown's victims were in many cases his own relatives or friends of his family, who were large shareholders in the big loan companies, and who would naturally entrust their stock operations to the tall young broker of the family.

How Discovery Came.

But, of course, discovery had to come and it came last Thursday. Brown kept his account at the Bank of Montreal and in some way the bank became aware of the forgeries. Either the discovery was made in Montreal or here. At all events the bank saw there was something wrong and they seized a lot of Commercial Cable stock that Brown had bought and which he had sent on to Montreal for sale, attaching the certificates to a draft that he drew on his Montreal brokers. The bank, so the story goes, grabbed the certificates and refused to collect the draft until Brown settled with them. They had him locked up in a room in the bank for some hours, so it is alleged. At all events the bank got out of Brown if not much of the money it stood to lose, and it let the Commercial Cable go through and the brokers in Toronto who had sold this stock to Brown got the money for the checks he had given them. On Friday Brown was in his office but very nervous, and that day or Saturday he left ostensibly for Montreal but really for the States.

Brown's Victims.

Who are the losers it is hard to say. At present they are not any of Brown's fellow-brokers. Nor is his bank out. It is between the loan companies whose shares were "transferred," the real owners of these shares and the parties who accepted these shares, mostly as securities for advances to Brown. It looks pretty hard for these latter at present. How many there are of these it will take some days to develop. They are banks of course.

Brown's Record as a Broker.

Arthur Brown, when he left Upper Canada College, was put into the counting-room of The Globe some seven or eight years ago. After he had got some ideas of business he set up for himself as a broker in a small way, buying Northwest scrip and the like. Then he blossomed into a full-fledged stock broker. He made a lot of money, more than $40,000 within a year, so it is said, out of speculation in Chicago—and when the truth comes to be learned he probably has since lost all that amount there and twice as much more and that this fact led him into crime.

There has been more good Canadian money lost in Chicago pork and wheat and corn than would pay our national debt and more grief come of it than has been caused by a dozen epidemics. And yet the Canadian fools rush in. They tumble in, and they keep tumbling in. What a list of them we could give, if the blackletering of the victims would do any good. But it won't.

Some of Brown's clients who bought and sold wheat and pork are large losers by his flight.

Our Loose Ways of Doing Business.

The brokers and bankers and managers of the loan companies yesterday had no time for moralizing over the transactions of Arthur Brown. What they talked of most was what action they should take in the matter. The managers of the loan companies, it is understood, held a meeting and talked of holding the Bank of Montreal responsible for allowing Brown to escape, but from what The World could gather last night there did not seem to be much in this contention of the loan companies. The practical and powerful lesson of the whole affair is to secure such reforms in the methods of transferring stock as will prevent the recurrence of similar dishonesty. As one gentleman of experience put it yesterday the head office of all companies whose stock is a matter of transfer ought to be compelled to notify by post the original owner of shares that some or all of his shares have been transferred to someone else on a power of attorney presented by such and such a broker. This is done in the United States and in England, and if it had been the practice in Toronto Arthur Brown would not have been able to continue his crimes over so long a period. The same gentleman remarked that all banks ought to be compelled to notify every endorser of a note that a note with his name on the back for such and such an amount was discounted by such and such a man on such and such a date. If this were done there would be no forged notes put into banks for discount.

He Squared His Fellow Brokers.

Another reason why Brown never was found out was that he not only took care to return the shares he "borrowed," but to quote the rhyme that recently appeared:

He never went back on his broker,
And he never went back on his bank.

He took good care to always settle with his fellow brokers, and of course he could always keep a good balance at his bank when he found it was easy to receive money on good shares that he "borrowed" from some fat shareholder who was possessed of them.

Who Will Be the Losers?

At present no one can tell what the extent of Brown's forgeries in this action will amount to, and what is of still more moment who will have to stand the losses in the long run. In such transactions there are (1) the man who owned the shares, (2) the broker who transferred them, (3) the company who issued the shares and on whose books they were transferred, (4) the man or corporation who received the shares, and (5) those who may have received them thereafter. The original shareholder certainly is not the loser, for he never gave any power of attorney. It was simply a forgery, and therefore he has to be made good. As the broker has skipped he cannot be held, as he left nothing behind him. Next comes the company who issued the shares, and they say, "We are not responsible, as the shares you claim are now in possession of such and such a bank, and if they are yours and have been dishonestly taken from you you can go and seize them and regain possession." And so it would appear that the innocent holder of the shares would be the loser. At least this has been held in one or two cases that have been tried in Canada, and the reason for this holding of the courts has been the dictum that you can always follow shares and therefore if they have been wrongfully taken from anyone and you find them in the possession of anyone else prior to the payment of a dividend you can recover them. It is quite different in the case of a forged check, because money cannot be traced after it has passed out of the bank; and so if a bank pays a forged check it is bound to make the amount good to the man whose name was forged. Whether this view of the law will be held in the courts remains to be seen. It will certainly have every chance of being settled, for as one veteran broker put it last night the crop in the Northwest this summer will be nothing to the crop of law suits that will be on in Toronto this fall over this little adventure of Mr. Brown.

What a Loan Manager Said.

A World newsgatherer called at the residence of a well-known loan company's president last night and found the lord of the manor in his favorite room playing at billiards. He had the best of the game—he was playing alone, and the scribe watched until he saw him make a pretty draw shot, and then deeming it an opportune time introduced himself.

In response to a question the reporter said that he wished to know how much the manager's company had lost.

"Young man," said he, "I cannot tell you anything."

That seemed decisive enough, but the scribe wasn't satisfied. He noticed a picture of Gladstone hanging at the end of his room. Seeing an opening the reporter asked:

"Is that gentleman your ideal?"

"Well, he's the grandest man on earth," said the manager.

Then, wanting some excuse for remaining at the house, the reporter talked about Home Rule. This had the desired effect of loosening the gentleman's tongue, and when the conversation had drifted to the billiards topic, the manager was in good talking humor. Play was resumed and between Gladstone, Home Rule and fancy shots the following facts about Mr. Brown's escapade were learned:

Besides many private individuals the following companies have suffered: Canada Permanent, Union Loan, Western Canada and Loan, Freehold Loan, British Canadian, Dominion Loan and the Western Assurance and the Standard, Quebec and Montreal Banks. None of the companies have been swindled to any serious extent, but they are sore over the matter just the same. As Brown already has a good start the financiers are in no desperate hurry to set detectives on his track; "but when he has been gone long enough to have settled in any one place officers will be sent after him with any amount of capital behind them, and he will be hunted and found if it takes 10 years to do it."

The explanation as to how Brown had carried on this system of swindling successfully was given as follows:

If a man wants to raise money on his stock he in the majority of cases does not want the bank to know that he is in need of borrowing money. To get over this difficulty he employs a broker and assigns his stock to him. This the broker speedily turns into cash at the bank. Brown as a broker and of very respectable connection was well-known and trusted by the financiers. The signatures were never scrutinized, as they would have been had the broker been a "dark horse," and consequently forged signatures passed undetected. Then, again, Brown did a large amount of business for relatives, and it was perfectly natural that he, as a broker and a relative, should transact business for them.

Everything was balanced up beautifully at first, but after awhile the money was not put back on the other side and Brown got behind. Then he had to make bigger plunges and finally was away behind. Things went on in this shape until a short time ago when Judge Senkler detected the twisted state of affairs. He was in Ottawa at the time and in looking over some blue books, which contained the names of the shareholders in the different financial institutions, he was surprised to find that his name was not down for one of the concerns in which he was a shareholder. He began an investigation, which led to the exposure of the whole business.

In bidding good-bye to the reporter the manager said: "I am sorry that I have been unable to give you any information; but in this case we have decided positively not to say a word."

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Captured by the British.

LONDON, April 13.—A despatch from Sierra Leone says the British have captured and destroyed Cambia, in the interior. Their loss was nine wounded, two fatally.

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FOREIGN NEWS OF A NIGHT.

PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES TO VISIT CANADA.

Deeming As An Instinctive Criminal—Mrs. Osborne Soon to Be Released—The Grand Trunk Annual Meeting—Revival of the Report of An Amalgamation With the Canadian Pacific.

MELBOURNE, April 13.—Mr. M. Marshall Lyle, solicitor for Deeming, has employed a doctor to make an examination of the prisoner.

The doctor says that Deeming is an "instinctive criminal." His head measures only six and a half inches in diameter, which is exceedingly small compared with his height.

The doctor describes his whole character as one of extreme stupidity and coarsest animality. His escape from arrest hitherto, the doctor says, must have been due more to accident than to any cunning he was capable of.

The doctor declines to give expert testimony at the trial on the ground that scientific evidence does not obtain a right hearing in the courts.

Deeming Imitating Birchall.

MELBOURNE, April 13.—Deeming, the murderer, passes most of his time in writing his defence. His counsel, Mr. Lyle, declines to see Deeming alone, lest he be suspected of prompting the murderer to feign madness. Mr. Lyle proposes to apply for a postponement of the trial on the ground that the present public excitement would prejudice a fair trial.

UNDER ONE SYSTEM.

The Grand Trunk Railway's Annual Report Just Issued.

LONDON, April 13.—The Grand Trunk's annual report was issued to-day. The report expresses regret that the expectations of heavy traffic from the abundant harvest and the revival of long idle rolling stock had not been more speedily realized, but an improvement has commenced.

It is stated that the utmost economy must be practised, and especially is the economy required which may be secured by assimilating the smaller systems with the parent line.

The whole system is to be incorporated in one system next season, and the president will complete arrangements during his next visit. The system will then be worked as one whole line, and many economies will thereby be obtained and greater efficiency provided.

That Railway Amalgamation.

LONDON, April 13.—The reports of a possible union of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk are revived, and the union is much discussed in the city. It is stated that the Canadian Pacific's friends have been buying up large quantities of Grand Trunk stock to carry at the approaching meeting of the latter company in view of a scheme by which in return for certain concessions the Canadian Pacific will guarantee the four per cent. dividend on the Grand Trunk first preference stock.

The rumors have had a good effect on Grand Trunk stock, and the price has risen.

The Arsenic Apple Scare.

LONDON, April 13.—The arsenic scare respecting the importation of Canadian apples is abating here. The editor of The Horticultural Times writes to The London Times in reply to Mr. Shutt, stating that he had received anything against Canadian apples, but had agitated against United States fruit.

He denies, however, that Prof. Fletcher's tests, which Mr. Shutt quotes, are final as proving that the spray used in Canadian orchards is harmless.

Fletcher Says It's Absurd.

OTTAWA, April 13.—In his examination to-day at the Agricultural Committee, Mr. Fletcher, Dominion entomologist, characterized the statement which appeared in recent cables from London that Canadian apples were saturated with arsenic as absurd. Arsenic was so exceedingly corrosive that the outside of the apple would be burned away before the tissue was reached, so that it was impossible for them to become saturated with arsenic. Canadian apples were sprayed with Paris green, which only contains 40 per cent. of arsenic.

Canadian Exports to England.

LONDON, April 13.—The Board of Trade returns show that the exports to Canada increased 5 per cent. during March and 7 per cent. during the first three months of this year.

The imports from Canada increased 21 per cent. in March and 38 per cent. in the quarter.

Prince George of Wales to Visit Canada.

LONDON, April 13.—It is announced here to-day that Prince George of Wales, only son of the Prince of Wales, will make a visit to Canada in 1893. After visiting Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and other places of interest in the Dominion, he will go to Chicago to attend the World's Fair. He will then return to England.

Mrs. Osborne to Be Released.

LONDON, April 13.—It is stated Mr. Matthews, the Home Secretary, has decided to release Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne, who is serving a 10-months' sentence for the theft of Mrs. Hargraves' pearls and her subsequent perjury.

This is Rough on the "Talent."

LONDON, April 13.—A bill has passed both houses, and is now only awaiting the royal assent, making bets irrecoverable in a court of law, whether made directly or indirectly. Hitherto they could be recovered if made through an agent.

Hudson Bay Charter.

LONDON, April 13.—The Crown has granted the Hudson Bay Company a supplementary charter in the form submitted to the shareholders at the meeting on March 9.

Foreign News.

The British House of Commons adjourned yesterday to April 25.

Sir Arthur Sullivan will leave Monte Carlo for London next Saturday.

Another bomb was exploded in Valencia, Spain, yesterday. Residents are panic-stricken.

The master spinners' lockout of cotton employes has commenced, and by Saturday 70,000 will be out.

The King and Queen of Italy will visit Berlin in June and remain a week.

More employes have been discharged from the tin plate works in South Wales.

About 100 natives were burned to death and 6000 houses destroyed in the Tokyo fire.

Two enormous dynamite bombs were discovered at Luxemburg yesterday in a train which had just arrived from Brussels.

The Czar has declined to withdraw prohibition of exportation of grain until he knows the result of the harvest, which at the earliest will not be till July.

A number of plate-layers engaged in examining the railway near Tarrasa, Spain, yesterday found lying close beside the rails a parcel containing 29 dynamite cartridges to which fuses were attached.

AGAINST FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Librarian Houston Addresses the Trades Parliament—Col. Denison And His Assistant's Salary.

The Toronto Trades and Labor Council held its regular meeting last evening instead of Friday, it being a holiday. The president, Mr. T. W. Banton, occupied the chair.

Joseph Henry, William Coggins and David Easton were invited to take seats in the council as representatives from the Amalgamated Journeymen Slaters' Society.

Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue desired the Municipal Committee to investigate the reasons that the city allows contractors on the drill shed to obstruct University-street by placing bricks, etc., on the sidewalk and boulevard.

The report of the Educational Committee was then taken up. In connection with the free text book question the report stated that Mr. Houston had been invited to be present and give his reasons for the stand he took in opposing the adoption of the text books in public schools.

Mr. Houston was then called to the platform and addressed the council on this subject. He stated that some of the text books are not necessary, viz., grammar, geography, arithmetic and algebra, and showed where the present system of using these books enabled a capable teacher and an incapable one to be placed on the same footing, whereas if the text book system was done away with only those who had the ability would receive the positions. He believed that an educational reform would be effected when the principles of the Kindergarten would be introduced into the upper grades.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Houston for his information.

Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue called the attention of the council to the fact that the salary of the Assistant Police Magistrate was to be paid by the city. He stated that when Magistrate Denison applied for an assistant he consented to pay the salary out of his own.

Moved by Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, seconded by Mr. A. Lamb, That this council desires to record its condemnation of the recent action of the City Council in ordering the payment of a salary of $720 to Assistant Magistrate Baxter, despite the fact that Magistrate Denison had pledged himself to pay this out of his own salary.

The secretary read the action of the Executive Committee of the City Council, and after some discussion the resolution was withdrawn.

Local Jottings.

The Passover services were continued yesterday. They last 8 days in all.

We notice that Guinane Bros.' shoe house will be open this evening until 10 o'clock.

Mr. James Pearce, one of Toronto's oldest inhabitants, is suffering from a paralytic stroke which may prove fatal.

All the public schools of the city were closed yesterday afternoon for the Easter holidays. They will reopen Monday week.

Surrogate Court proceedings took place yesterday in these estates: James Steele, Toronto, $400; Eliza Bradley, $1340.

John Harrison was yesterday committed for trial on the charge of neglecting to support his family, the case having been pending several weeks.

A street car broke down in Queen-street east, near Victoria Hall, yesterday afternoon, the axle proving defective. It was hauled off the track and repaired on the spot.

The County Council will issue instructions that drunken persons are not to be arrested so long as they are peaceable and capable of locomotion.

The annual Union Communion service will be held in Christ Church, College-street, corner of Lippincott-street, this evening. Ministers of various denominations will take part, and all Christians are invited to attend.

John Sherman, 115 Yorke-street, 15 years; William Connoly, 40 Albert-street, 15 years; Henry Findlay, 142 William-street, 15 years, and James Taylor, 38 Edward-street, 16 years, were arrested yesterday for trespassing on the G.T.R. Connoly is also charged with stealing a model boat from R. F. Hodgins, 119 Peter-street.

Joseph Larner, 38 Hackney street, was arrested yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. He is suspected of belonging to the light-fingered clan and has his overcoat pocket slit in a peculiar way.

Katie Lawlor, 13 Wascana-avenue, was playing with some other little girls in the Horticultural Gardens about 6 o'clock last evening, and in burning some dead leaves caught fire herself, her legs being badly burned. She was speedily removed to the Hospital.

For assaulting Edward Rycroft, a janitor at the Central Lodging House, 66 Jarvis-street, Samuel Spencer and Charles Fields were yesterday each sentenced to 7 days' imprisonment and costs or 10 days. The same flue was imposed on John Carr for breaking a seal on a G.T.R. freight car.

The usual evening services in St. Stephen's Church, College-street, on Good Friday, will begin at 10 o'clock. The "Three Hours Service" from noon to 3 p.m. will be taken by Ker. F. G. Plummer. The Rev. Edward C. Cayley will preach this (Thursday) evening. The hours of service on Easter Day will be 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Their Different Tastes.

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The Broker.
The Lawyer.
The Doctor.
The Merchant.

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To-morrow is Friday, and the store will be closed for the day. W. & D. Dineen, fashionable hatters, corner King and Yonge-streets.

If you have lost your reputation—eat at Chivrell's and regain it.

Shot His Brother's Head Off.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 13.—At Roland, a point on the Northern Pacific, John Jordan, a three-year-old boy, got his head shot off by his brother, who aimed a loaded gun playfully at him. The accident has unsettled the reason of the mother.

One thousand dollars can be secured for the benefit of those dependent upon you by the payment of a small sum annually for a limited period to a first-class Company, such as the North American Life Assurance Company of this city. It is a Canadian institution of high standing and has an unexcelled record for the prompt payment of all just and approved claims. Its policies are free from onerous conditions and are incontestable after being three years in force. 245

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Why pay 50c for one of last year's neckties when you can buy for 25c, 35c and 50c new clean goods just received at Richardson's, the men's furnisher, 65 King street west.

Criminal Action Abandoned.

QUEBEC, April 13.—Judge Bosse, presiding at the Queen's Bench, yesterday informed Mr. Mercier that no action will be taken against him or any member of his administration by the Provincial Government.

Mara's Marsala Red—A wine recommended for medicinal purposes by leading physicians in Europe. $3.50 per gal., $8.00 per dozen. William Mara, 280 and 282 Queen-street west, Toronto. d

One Doz. oysters and a glass of ale, 25c, at the Hub.

Told in a Line or Two.

A snow storm is raging in Iowa.

Fire occasioned $20,000 loss in the office of The Evening Star, Washington, yesterday.

Several buildings were destroyed by fire in Yarmouth, N.S., last evening.

In a fight between a sheriff's posse and rustlers at Riverside, Wyoming, 46 men are reported to have been killed.

The U.S. Government has agreed to pay 120,000 francs to the families of the Italians killed in the New Orleans lynching.

Two men were killed by falling from the new Astor Hotel Worldorf, 5th-avenue, New York, yesterday.

CHIT-CHAT FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Dullest Day of the Session—Sir John Thompson's Little Joke.

OTTAWA, April 13.—This has been about the dullest day of the session. The House passed a few motions for papers, advanced half a dozen bills a stage, went into supply on militia items for an hour and adjourned until next Tuesday.

Sir John Thompson does not often treat the House to any touches of humor, although those who know him are aware it is not because he does not possess a good supply of that article, but to-day he could not resist the temptation to poke a little quiet fun at Mr. Mills when that gentleman moved for all reports made by the Minister of Finance relating to his visit to the West Indies, together with copies of any speeches delivered by him.

Sir John, with a merry twinkle in his eye, said he was sure the House would sympathize with the hon. member's desire that any speeches the hon. Minister of Finance may have made should be laid upon the table, because they were always matters of great information and satisfaction to the House, at which there was an audible mirth in which even the flute-like tones of Mr. McMillan were heard.

The Boiler Inspection Companies Bill was read a third time to-day and passed.

A subscription, headed by Hon. Mr. Chapleau with $100, is being raised for the purpose of defending Labelle, now in jail on a charge of murdering his wife, and whose case comes up at the assizes which open here Tuesday, Judge McMahon presiding. It is said an effort will be made to get the trial postponed until next term on account of the absence of an important witness.

HE WAS TIRED OF LIFE.

But the Means He Adopted Were Curiously Insufficient.

William Dooling, who professes to be homeless, concluded yesterday at 7 o'clock in the evening to shuffle off this mortal coil. At least so it appears, for he precipitated himself from a wharf into the bay and tried to drown in three feet of water. H. Wallace Hall and Albert Jacobs, 26 Lakeview-avenue, fished him out and he thereupon tried to cut his throat with a very dull penknife. He failed to make even a little cash, and he was lodged in No. 1 police station. There he attempted his life by means of his braces, but was once more unsuccessful. He will this morning answer the Colonel on a charge of drunkenness.

Died From Exposure.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., April 13.—Two men belonging to Sugar Island named Tate left here for Garden River in a small boat. On the way down the boat upset. One of the men was drowned, but Tate tied himself to the boat, which was bottom upward, and in this manner floated down to Garden River, where he was discovered yesterday evening. He was immediately taken into a house and cared for, but expired shortly afterwards from the effects of the exposure.

Immigrants Pouring In.

WINNIPEG, April 13.—During the first quarter of 1892 sales of lands in the Northwest have aggregated 80,000 acres, compared with 15,000 during the same period of 1891, an increase of 433 per cent.

During the same period 6000 actual settlers have arrived, an increase of 100 per cent. The majority have located in the Souris coal fields district and in the Saskatchewan Valley, near Edmonton.

Gave Up Its Dead.

BARRIE, Ont., April 13.—The body of William Shanacy of Grenfel, who left Barrie for home 10 days ago, was fished from the river at the foot of Mulcaster-street. He had evidently fallen into the water.

A Gambler's Fate.

SUDBURY, Ont., April 13.—Charles Aylwin, a former well-known resident of this town, has been sent to the penitentiary for seven years for shooting a man dead in a gambling room in a mining town near the Rocky Mountains.

To Re-Enter the Pulpit.

WINNIPEG, April 13.—Grace Methodist Church here, which had called the late Rev. Dr. Lane to its pulpit, now proposes to call Rev. Leonard Gaetz, formerly of the Metropolitan, Toronto, and St. James Church in Montreal. Mr. Gaetz some years ago settled in the Red Deer country, north of Calgary, for the benefit of his health.

On Suspended Sentence.

WINNIPEG, April 13.—The Young woman Loder from London, Ont., who committed bigamy by marrying her husband's partner, has been discharged.

The Purchasing Power of 50 Cents.

On Thursday and Saturday of this week 50 cents will purchase the choice of any necktie in quinn's mammoth and peerless stock of neckwear, the regular selling prices being 75c, $1, $1.25 and $1.50. To prevent people in the trade gobbling up these bargains not more than three ties will be sold to one person. 456

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One place—Richmond-street. Chivrell's

The Contractor Not Liable.

BRANTFORD, April 13.—Mrs. Golding sued William Jones, contractor, at the assizes to day for $1000 for permanent injuries to her foot through catching it in a hole left by employes of Jones in a sewer excavation. Verdict for defendant.

Pin Tickets.

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Hon. Alexander Mackenzie.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING LOCAL ELECTION.

Enthusiastic Conservative Meetings Last Night—Unanimity in All the Wards—Several Batches of Delegates for the Convention Chosen—No Labor Candidate—Names Freely Mentioned.

The Conservatives are getting ready for their convention next week. The remainder of the wards selected delegates last night. The names talked of are:

George Blackstock.—He declined the Young Conservatives' nomination, and it is said he will decline a nomination from a unanimous convention of the whole party. Others say, however, that he could be prevailed on to accept the latter.

Next comes Mr. J. G. Holmes, who is still in the field and well backed by the Young Conservatives and has a good following in the party generally. Mr. Holmes would not let the honor pass if it is tendered him.

Barlow Cumberland has suddenly developed into a strong man and his name was received with great favor yesterday. He has not yet said that he would accept.

Ald. John Shaw will be presented to the convention by a strong delegation from St. Paul's Ward. Mr. Shaw will only be in the field if Mr. Blackstock declines.

E. E. Sheppard turned up last night as the Dark Horse and his name was received with a boom. He would run and make a great fighting man if elected.

St. Lawrence Ward.

The Conservative Association held their annual meeting last night, when the following officers were elected: Thomas Mitchell, president; Ald. Stewart, first vice-president; John Whitfield second vice-president; H. Hogarth, third vice-president; T. Thompson, treasurer; W. Henderson, secretary.

Mr. E. Westman, who has held the presidency for 14 years, refused to be returned again. He is to be presented with an engrossed address.

The following are the delegates elected to the convention:

J. W. Whitfield, Ald. Stewart, Thomas Greenway, W. Fitzgerald, J. Beamish, ex-Ald. Thomas Davis, Ald. Hallam, Ald. Westman, J. Killock, W. Williams, H. Hogarth, J. P. DeLong, A. Kennedy, R. Courtney, J. Lockie, Thomas Mitchell, E. Hodgskin, J. McDougall, D. W. Thompson, A. Smith, J. Chisholm, F. Mauthie, J. Clarke, J. Warsnop, T. Bulley, D. A. McKenzie, W. K. Cole, T. Bell, J. Beatty, G. Evans, Lakeview; Geo. Free well, Thomas Thompson, John Perkins, A. Kennedy, A. Gooderham, D. McClay, A. Boyd, T. E. Washington, J. Eldridge, G. Tozer, Harry Harris, Geo. Apted, E. Apted, J. Beales, T. E. Ellis, G. Boyd, A. R. Boudney, James Dudley, James Frame, W. H. Beaty, W. Laidlaw, M. Vickers, R. Ellis, W. Jenison, Thomas Reading, R. Ellis, H. C. Boomer.

Chose Their Delegates.

St. Thomas Ward Liberal-Conservative Association met last night about 100 strong at McKay's Hall and held an enthusiastic meeting. Resolutions of condolence were passed with the widow of the late H. E. Clarke and the family of the late Ald. Leadman. The chief business transacted was the election of delegates. The following are those selected: Mr. Noble Martin, John H. McMillan, T. Faraghar, W. Faragher, James Aikens jr., George Ludar, J. C. Cooper, James Aikens sr., A. R. Armstrong, W. A. Foote, J. Harrington, H. Armstrong, W. L. Beale, Richard Love, William Thompson, R. W. Clewlo, William Tatts, James Grandfield, Captain F. Jackman, T. Whitesides, John Hewitt, John Mills, R. R. Davis, H. Johnston, George Darby, C. Roddy, John Wilson, C. McCaffery, Robert C. Smith, A. G. McLean, E. Hewitt, William Adams, J. G. Holmes, William Douglas, P. H. Drayton, William Walker, James Greer, O. Giroux, James Adamson, J. F. Byam, H. J. Hasket. The president, Mr. William Adamson, was in the chair.

St. Andrew's Ward Delegates.

St. Andrew's Ward Liberal-Conservative Association met in Occident Hall last evening and elected the following delegates to the general convention:

H. A. Collins, David Creighton, J. A. Worrell, Alex. McNeil, N. Sweetman, Thomas Graydon, J. W. Cheeseworth, R. R. Clarke, James Morrison, James Norris, A. E. Browne, J. W. Bridgland, J. King Dodds, W. Smith, L. S. Levee, Samuel Phillips, W. Playter, John Gibson, Erwood, James Kerr, Fred Hurst, William Penny, Fred Armstrong, W. Bewly, Thomas Hutchinson, B. M. Armstrong, W. J. Burroughes, J. L. Bird, W. Chaytor, J. H. Jackson, James Shaw, James Hughes, W. H. Vallieare, J. Auchenloss, A. E. Gautt, R. E. Stanley, George Haskins, jr., John Reid, W. W. Gaunt, Thomas Young, George Haskins, sr., E. J. Firman, W. J. Newell, David Dunlop, Major Bennett, David Millar, David Hunt, G. F. Clarke, jr., W. Kirkness, George Burry, James Worthington, James Thompson, W. Calhoon, W. E. Lemon, I. Hammer. Substitutes—J. B. McLean, Joseph Lamb, A. McMurchy, J. H. Lamb, Jackson Little, W. Haskins, Robert Gautt, James McGee, John F. Dunlop, John Fox, J. A. McGillivray, Joseph Hudson, J. J. Main, Thomas Pearce.

Stirring addresses were delivered by ex-Ald. E. King Dodds, Mr. J. A. Worrell, Q.C., Mr. James Morrison, J. A. McGillivray, H. A. Collins, J. W. Cheeseworth and W. W. Hodgson.

Swelling the Lists.

The St. James' Ward Liberal-Conservative Association held a meeting in Yonge-street market and appointed the following delegates to the convention to be held on the 20th inst.:

J. A. Worrell, Q.C., Charles Pearson, Alex. Dixon, William Laidlaw, Q.C., C. W. Lee, W. G. Murdoch, John Pearson, John Bain, W. Millichamp, E. F. Pearson, James Hewlett, J. J. Foy, Q.C., R. H. Bowes, H. Arnold, J. Baird, Thomas Blaikie, Joseph Johnson, W. S. Lee, F. Arnoldi, Robert Thompson, Alex. Magee, Thomas Caswell, G. W. Grote, Henry Brock, W. A. Lyon, E. J. Walsh, J. G. Holmes, J. F. Murphy, W. F. Murray, C. H. Ritchie, Q.C., John Mehrg, W. T. Allen, James Hales, W. B. Newsome, Thomas Long, W. J. Hammond, A. Baird, Dr. H. B. Allins, C. J. Lennox, A. W. Smith, Dr. Adam Wright, Alexander Patterson, Rufus Hudson, John Pringle, W. Briggs, Dr. Allen, J. W. Cook, Thomas McMurrich, R. L. Fraser, S. McKeown, H. J. Bowell, F. Herbert, J. Stewart, J. H. Mead, G. A. Sherrard, George Walton, W. Dickenson, George Thompson, J. Beaty, Q.C., George Emory, N. J. Smith, E. J. S. Vickers, John Douglas, L. A. Wood, Harold Lyon, John Dickson, Thomas Colley.

Mr. Alexander Patterson presided at the meeting, which was most enthusiastic. Among the speakers were Messrs. William Laidlaw, Q.C., J. A. Worrell, Q.C., William Millichamp, W. G. Murdoch and Dr. Nesbitt.

No Labor Candidate.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night the report of the Special Committee in reference to placing a labor candidate in the field at the coming contest was read by Mr. W. G. Watson, who asked for the discharge of the committee in order that the council could go into committee of the whole on the question.

Moved by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. W.G. Watson: That the council go into committee of the whole for the purpose of nominating a labor candidate.

Mr. John Armstrong and others spoke against the advisability of bringing out a candidate at so short a notice; it would take too long to get the feeling of the labor body of the city.

The motion was lost.

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