

FIFTH YEAR.

A BROOD OF BRIBERS.

Wholesale Attempt to Buy up Mowat's Supporters

MONEY AND POSITION OFFERED.

The Affair Exposed in the Legislature Last Night.

\$1800 OF CORRUPTION MONEY.

Bunting, Big Push Wilkinson, Meek and a Yankee Lawyer in the Ring.

TWO OF THEM ARRESTED.

A Complete Exposure of the Conspiracy.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT IMPLICATED.

The Members Who Were Approached—Where the Money Came From—The Affair Precipitated by the World—The Matter Referred to a Committee of the House.

The scene enacted last night on the floor of the legislative assembly was as exciting and memorable as any ever before enacted in a Canadian parliament. Though the faint revelation of a base conspiracy to buy up supporters of the Mowat government was known to a considerable number of persons, they kept their counsel well, and the explosion therefore came with stunning effect, not merely on the opposition, but apparently also on many members on the government's side, and on all the spectators, who got a spier performance than they had bargained for. There was nothing in the proceedings of the afternoon or early evening to indicate that a storm was impending. The house, at eight o'clock, went into committee of supply and passed the estimates for "legislation." After this was over the premier, about half-past nine, moved the speaker into the chair and commenced to address the house on a question of privilege. His first words were:

Without preface or circumlocution he asked the speaker to open two sealed packets which had in the course of the day been placed in his hands. Mr. Clarke did so. The first contained a written statement made by Mr. McKim of West Wellington, that J. A. Wilkinson had paid him the sum of \$1000 as a bribe to induce him to go in opposition to the government. The thousand dollars—ten \$100 bills—were counted by the speaker in the presence of the house. The second packet was from Mr. Balfour, of South Essex, who stated in his letter that "Big Push" Wilkinson had paid him \$800 to seduce him from his allegiance to the Mowat government, and once more the amount of the bribe was counted, in \$100 bills, before the eyes of the assembled crowd. This little drama, which had been performed amidst breathless stillness, being over, Mr. Mowat arose and explained that Messrs. Balfour and McKim had acted in the matter with the knowledge and concurrence of the government. He then read the following declaration and resolution, taking upon himself the entire responsibility of the statements it contains:

That the attorney-general, a member of this house, has from his conduct in the matter which he is credibly informed and believes that divers persons named by him, to-wit: Christopher W. Bunting, John A. Wilkinson, Edward Meek, F. S. Kertland, and others, have entered into a conspiracy to accomplish the defeat of the government in this house by corrupting members and other persons against the government and government measures. That the first-named persons are well known and active members of the party in this province opposed to this government, and that the last-named two persons are American citizens. That for the purpose of corruptly influencing the votes of members of this house the said five persons have at divers times during the present session of this legislature approached several members of this house with money, offers of money, promises of money, and other personal advantages to such members. That divers members of this house so approached being ignorant of the criminal conduct proposed to them have deemed it to be the fitting course on their part to refer the matter to their constituents and the public, acting herein with the approval of the government, and to inform the government, in order to secure detection, exposure and punishment of the persons guilty of making such corrupt attempts, and have in pursuance of their duty from time to time disclosed to members of the government the approaches made to them, and the several acts of such persons in relation to whom such corrupt attempts have been made. That Mr. Robert McKim, member for the west riding of Wellington; Mr. William D. Balfour, member for the south riding of Essex; and John F. Dowling, member for the south riding of Renfrew; that in carrying out the object of the said conspiracy the said Wilkinson, to influence the vote of the said McKim repeatedly offered him money, and has at length delivered to the said McKim \$1000, that Mr. McKim immediately on receiving the money placed it in the hands of Mr. Speaker, to be by him produced to the said Bunting and the said Wilkinson and the said Bunting for the same corrupt purpose offered and undertaken by the said McKim, and that the said McKim should be appointed registrar in the N. W. P. and that the said McKim and the said Bunting should be appointed

the said Bunting assured the said McKim that the dominion minister of the interior had pledged to him his word that their said promise of the said office would be carried out, and the said Bunting, in carrying out his word to the same effect; that for the same corrupt purpose already mentioned, and to influence the vote of the said McKim, the said McKim repeatedly offered to pay, and did this day deliver to the said Balfour the sum of \$800 in cash, and undertook to pay a further sum of \$1000 on a future day; that for the same purpose the said McKim also offered to pay to him the sum of \$1200 that immediately on receiving the said sum of \$800 Mr. Balfour placed the same in the hands of Mr. Speaker, to be by him produced to this house; and that further to secure the same purpose the said McKim repeatedly offered to pay to the said Bunting the sum of \$2000, and to pay him a further sum of \$2000 on a future period; that the sum so offered to be paid down was exhibited to him by the said McKim, and that there is reason to believe that other corrupt offers were made by the said conspirators, and to be made by other members of this house, and it is hereby resolved, That the clerk and members referred to and not forth in said statement of the information and belief of the attorney-general be forthwith referred to the standing committee on privileges and immunities, with instructions to inquire and report thereon, and with power to send for and examine all necessary persons and papers in or concerning the premises.

THE AFTER-CLAP. Mr. Meredith was about to address the house when Mr. Balfour rose to his feet, the silence becoming, if possible, more intense. The member for South Essex is thin and pale at all times; but when he arose to speak last night strong but well-suppressed excitement made him look even more odorous than usual. In a few impressive sentences he stated that the efforts to bribe him had been very persistent, and that no inducement that could be held out would suffice to make him betray the government and his constituents. There was great curiosity to hear what

THE OPPOSITION LEADER would say about it. He agreed with the attorney-general that the charges should be promptly and thoroughly investigated, but held that the members who had been approached would have occupied a more creditable position if they had spurned the offers made them instead of appearing to accept them for the purpose of leading others into criminal acts. His speech was a dead-heat effort to weaken the condemnation which is sure to follow the exposure, but even so mild a depreciation met with little or no response from his own followers.

THE DEBATE. Mr. Morris took much the same line as his leader, going so far as to charge Mr. Mowat with being accessory before the fact to the crime committed. In a few burning sentences Mr. Fraser returned, describing the conspirators with apt alliteration as a "braiding brood of bribers hatched under the eaves of the Mail building." He argued that the informing members had done simply their duty in taking the course they took, and told the opposition leaders to their faces that what troubled them was the exposure, not the crime, as the former would forever prevent them from copying government benches. The course taken by Balfour and McKim was warmly extolled by a number of ministerial members, and by one or two on the other side admitted to be the only proper one under the circumstances. Not a single member of the opposition except Meredith and Morris ventured to express disapproval, and the dramatic interest of the scene was heightened by several members describing the efforts made to bribe themselves. One of the most conspicuous was Dr. Cascaeden, who was offered money and an office, the latter to be either the registrarship of Regina or a customs post in British Columbia. Scarcely less so was Mr. Murray of North Renfrew, who almost immediately after the general election, a year ago, was offered in Ottawa very strong inducements to break faith with the government and betray his constituents. Dr. Dowling said receiving \$2000 only by the speaker.

THE ARREST OF WILKINSON. The machinery of the law was set in operation on Sunday as soon as the first payment of money was made. The county attorney was notified and ordered the arrest of the strangers and the summoning of the home conspirators. Kertland was about the house during the afternoon, apparently unsuspecting of danger, and after tea he was arrested in the lobby just after the opening of the house for the evening session. Shortly afterwards Wilkinson was nabbed while on his way to buy up Dr. Dowling, as above mentioned, and both were hurried off to spend the night in the cell of the police station. In addition to any penalty which the law may inflict on the offenders the assembly is empowered by its own constitution to keep them in confinement as long as the session lasts. It is not likely that bail will be allowed even it is asked, as the evidence of the conspirators is wanted by the committee on privileges and elections as well as in the police court.

THE MORAL EFFECT of the whole affair has been to greatly strengthen the government and correspondingly weaken the opposition. Public opinion will now run strongly in favor of Mr. Mowat and against Mr. Meredith, who will, rightly or wrongly, be generally regarded as an accessory. Mr. Mowat carried the country fairly a year ago, but with a majority greatly reduced by, as the public will now believe, the money supplied from Ottawa. Ever since that time persistent efforts have been made to unseat his followers in the courts, to carry by elections thus made necessary, and finally to purchase his supporters in the assembly by the most sordid and material of bribes. Nor can the dominion government escape. The offices offered McKim, Balfour and Cascaeden are in the gift of the minister of the interior, Senator Johnston, and the seduced members have testified that "Big Push"

Wilkinson promised the offices in Senator Macpherson's name. The whole proceeding is calculated to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every citizen of the dominion over the length and breadth of which it will this morning be floated in all its disgusting details.

AN M.P.'S INTERVIEW. After the excitement had somewhat subsided, forth from the house issued Mr. McCraney, M.P.P. for East Kent, and Deputy Attorney General, arm and arm. They walked straight to No. 2 police station, where the prisoners were incarcerated. Mr. Fenton gave the open sesame, and Mr. McCraney went into the cell and spent over half an hour with the prisoners. When he came out a reporter, who was refused the same privileges, interviewed Mr. McCraney, who said that Kertland had become a personal friend of his, and that he had known him for many years. Kertland owned enormous tracts of timber lands in Wisconsin and Minnesota and wished evidently to make a career in timber by changing the government policy here. He had approached him (Mr. McCraney) on several occasions, but had not made any success. He had gone to see Mr. Kertland from pure friendship.

THE MEN IMPLICATED. Joshua Wilkinson is well known as a conservative politician and an agent of the party. He has been engaged in many elections in promoting conservative interests. It was he who first published the "Big Push" letter in his paper, the West Durham News. After that he was known by the name of Big Push Wilkinson. He is a member of the Conservative party, which appeared in Muskoka, Algoma and West Middlesex. Edward Meek is a lawyer who occupies offices in the Mail building. He is a member of the Young Men's reform club once, but went over to the conservative party in the present election. He has been one of the most venomous enemies of the reform party. He has taken part in many election campaigns, and is the frequent opponent of Bunting, Meek will be summoned. Christopher Bunting is managing director of the Mail building. He was charged by the Hamilton Times with trying to bribe members some weeks ago. He was not arrested with Kertland and Wilkinson, but he has property and cannot fly the country. F. S. Kertland (or Kirtland) hails from Wisconsin. He is five feet eleven in height, slender build, black hair, long thin whiskers, heavy moustache, and shaven chin. He is extremely handsome in appearance though of middle age. He has been here since before Christmas and spent a great deal of his time in playing billiards in the Rossina house where he is a guest. A West reporter saw him bid a gentleman good-bye yesterday, so he was evidently intending to leave the city, but the reporter did not see him.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT. The World of yesterday that something of this nature was going to be done, precipitated the matter. The intention of the government was to hold back till Mr. Meredith got up and moved his vote of confidence. But the speaker got aloft in the day time scared the opposition off and they did nothing. Mr. Mowat thereupon had to take initiative, and as one member of the opposition last night to a World reporter: We had to bring it up for fear that your paper would have the whole world in the morning.

RAILROAD A HERO. "You are a hero," said one prominent member of the party to Mr. Balfour after the adjournment. A West reporter would have dared to do what you have done." "I was so annoyed by the approach of the government that I determined to expose the bribers."

THE MEMBER FOR HAMILTON. Mr. Gibson of Hamilton did not say anything, though the Hamilton Times said that he was one of the members approached by the government. He is a member of the party who could have made a most damaging statement had he desired to do so.

THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. The coalition government will consist of Mr. Meredith (attorney-general and premier), Alex. Morris (minister of education), D. Craig (minister of justice) and three members from the reform side whose names have not transpired. They will however be given in the evidence of the members of the coalition government.

ANOTHER MEMBER APPROACHED. Dr. Cascaeden (West Elgin) was approached by Meek, who was a schoolmaster of his twenty-four years ago. He has been an intimate friend ever since. He told the doctor that he was the solicitor of certain parties who were desirous of forming a coalition government, that if Cascaeden would support them in this he would make him registrar at Regina with a salary of \$1800 and a house worth \$2000 or more down for expenses. Meek suggested that he should see Bunting. Dr. Cascaeden met Bunting yesterday, and he was interested in certain timber lands, and was anxious to defeat the government. He dr. Dowling was to interview, but the doctor did not leave it.

WHAT DR. DOWLING WAS TO GET. Dr. Dowling was approached by Kertland, who had offered him a large sum of money (Dowling) would vote with the government on a vote of confidence motion. To earn this \$2000 Dowling had to vote against the government. He was promised other \$3000 if he would resign his seat in favor of a catholic, who was to run for it as a member of the coalition government.

THE MEN APPROACHED. The men approached were Dowling, McKim, Cascaeden, Balfour, Lyon, Hart, Murray. A very peculiar article appeared in the Telegram about two weeks ago suggesting the very coalition government that was now transpired to have been the one in view in all these negotiations. Who inquired this article will form part of the investigation. It was double-leaded and attracted some little attention at the time. The penalty prescribed by law is two years in penitentiary and a fine of \$500. The detectives working on the case were Murray of Toronto and Wym of Giffon, Rodgers of Barrie. They have taken a lot of baggage. The centre of the conspiracy was in Meek's office in the Mail building, and the chief accessories were Bunting, Meek, Kertland and Wilkinson. About north end and elders were proceeding homeward last night from the council meeting when the news reached them at the corner of Yonge and King streets. It is stated that the city fathers like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and an adjournment was made to a restaurant near by, where the situation was discussed till midnight.

H. Murray Scott's concert. H. Murray Scott's grand concert concert off at Shalesbury hall Thursday night. The following artists will participate: W. Wangh Laune (soprano), Mrs. Adamson (violinist), Mrs. Bradley (soprano), Miss Morgan (contralto), Mr. Torrington, E. E. Doward, J. W. Frazer, E. W. Schuch.

DEBATED TILL MORNING.

THE ORANGE BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Attempt to Barke Discussion—Blake Explains His Course—His Followers Left to Ask They Choose. WINDSOR, March 17.—About 10 o'clock yesterday morning a well-dressed, smooth-faced and innocent-looking gentleman boarded the ferry at Walkerville. As he was closely scanned he appeared a trifle uneasy. His description answering to that of Kennedy, Captain Shanks delayed his boat, losing his trip. Nesbitt, who had been out on an exploring party, heard that Kennedy was being held for identification. Hastening to the boat he at once recognized Kennedy, who made no resistance and was immediately arrested and taken to the Windsor lock-up. When it became known about at the wharf that one of Leach's murderers had been arrested there was a rush to see him.

A crowd gathered about and became wild with excitement. Cries of "lynch him" "lynch him" were heard on every side, and for a time it was a question whether another tragedy would not be enacted, but the crowd gradually broke up, and Kennedy was cool and dogged when first arrested, and refused to have anything to say, but when the crowd gathered about, the threats of lynching became general, he shook like an aspen leaf, and clung to the officers for protection. At the lock-up he became more calm and freely about the murder, and claimed not to be responsible for it. He said that Callaghan was severely wounded during the shooting in the jail, and when they reached the catholic church he was too weak to walk further. He asserts that Callaghan was shot by a man who he will identify, but he would not be captured, but the officers take no stock in what he says as they believe he is trying to shake matters in such a way as to give his accomplices time to escape. The other prisoners in the jail did not seek to escape. Davis was out of his head at last accounts, but the doctor thinks he will eventually recover. A Sheriff Hill has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of Callaghan, and volunteers are being sought to go along the river to see that he does not escape to the other side.

AN ILLICIT STILL CAPTURED.

Hamilton News—Celebration of St. Patrick's Day—Child Barred. HAMILTON, March 17.—City inland revenue officers to-day discovered an illicit still in full operation at the house of M. T. Evans near Ancaster village. The officers arrested Evans, David Davis and W. Fox, who were presiding over the machine. Two barrels of whisky were emptied out and the apparatus was brought to this city. The whisky was distilled from molasses. The prisoners were jailed. Davis was taken to the Toronto brewery and Evans in a Dundas brewery. St. Patrick's day passed off quietly. The Emerald benevolent association attended service at St. Patrick's church, where a high mass was celebrated by Rev. Chancellor Kough, assisted by Rev. Fathers Cleary and Enick. Father Dowling preached the sermon. James Cahill to day completed his twenty-first year as police magistrate.

THE OLDEST INHABITANT DEAD AT LAST. NIAGARA, March 17.—There died here this morning at the great age of 121 years, a colored man named "Dr." Henry Brown. Deceased was born on the plantation of Lionel Clayton in the James river, near Jamestown, Virginia, and when 60 years old escaped from a slave and hid in Ontario and came to Canada where he has lived ever since. He claimed to remember George Washington, and said on one occasion he drove that gentleman from his master's plantation to Washington.

Served Him Right. NEWCOMB, Tenn., March 17.—A man named McKinney came home drunk to-day and began abusing his child. His wife interfered when he turned on her and began choking her. She shot him dead with a pistol she had concealed in her clothing.

Failure of Tobacco Firms. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 17.—The failure of the Mason and Semoline tobacco firms here depressed the tobacco trade very greatly. Mason's liabilities will reach \$100,000 or more. Semoline is still missing and is believed to have left the country.

Formation of a Trotting Circuit. BELLEVILLE, March 17.—For the purpose of forming a Canadian circuit a meeting will be held here on March 25, when delegates from the trotting associations of Sherbrooke, Montreal, Brockville, Kingston, Cobourg, Toronto and other places are expected to be present.

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Callaghan Still at Large—How Kennedy Was Captured.

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UNITED STATES NEWS.

Fifteen thousand immigrants arrived in the United States in February.

A large number of horses are dying from blind staggers at Portland, Oregon. King's opera house and several adjacent buildings at Jackson, Tenn., were burned last night. Sargent has been allowed the option of remaining at Berlin or becoming minister at some other court. Twenty-five Cuban men, women and children claiming to be refugees have arrived at Vineyard Haven. At Hancock, N.Y., Louis Couch indicted because she was tired of living and suffered from a bad toothache. The searches for the Arctic ship Jeannette cost the United States government to the present over a quarter of a million. In New York a thousand men and three hundred women last night celebrated the 13th anniversary of the uprising of communists in Paris.

A noted gambling den in Baltimore was raided on Saturday night. Two hundred players, including many prominent merchants, were captured. At Galveston three hoodlums attempted to rob John Duffield, son of a prominent capitalist. Duffield stabbed and killed one of them. As the others were arrested, St. Patrick's day was quietly observed throughout the States yesterday. Several members of congress attended the Clan na Gael's banquet at Washington last night. The supreme court to-day affirmed the judgment of Sarrony against a lithograph company for the alleged infringement of a copyright upon the photos of Oscar Wilde.

A Novel Challenge.

PETERSBURG, March 17.—There is no active rivalry in this city between two representatives of safe manufacturers to see which shall secure the adoption by the banks of the "best safe in the world," which each claims to make. There has been much chaff between the agents, and the western man, on one fine not so hot-blooded that he threatened to chastise his eastern competitor, but no blows were struck. A \$10,000 challenge is now talked of by the western man on about the following terms: Each company is to manufacture a safe, and lock up in it the sum of \$5000. At a given signal each is to have the other's safe attacked by experts, and the one who first effects an entrance is to have the \$10,000.

The Laker's Matter.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs to-day unanimously agreed to a resolution in the Laker case to give an expression of regret at the death of a distinguished member of the German parliament on American soil, and states that the house has no concern in the relations between the German executive and the Reichstag. Warrille Politicians. PETERSBURG, Va., March 17.—A personal encounter occurred to-day between R. A. Young, a coalition republican and deputy United States collector, and C. B. Raine, a prominent stranger, who had been a stick and ball injured. Young unsuccessfully attempted to shoot Raine.

Relief for Kassala.

CAIRO, March 17.—Gen. Gordon has telegraphed Sir Evelyn Baring advising that a column of troops from Abyssinia be sent to relieve the garrison at Kassala. He also requests authority to threaten rebellious tribes around Khartoum with force should he consider it advisable.

Soldiers by Statute.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—A bill introduced by Representative Sloum to-day provides that every able-bodied male citizen, between 18 and 42 years of age, shall be subject to enrollment under the laws of the state or territory in what is known as the active militia.

An Eccentric Centenarian.

VINEYARD, March 17.—Pierre Cotte, aged 115, the oldest man in Indiana, is dead. He was very eccentric, used cayenne pepper for snuff, and swallowed large quantities of it to quench his thirst. A Fatal School Boy Trick. NEWARK, March 17.—Rollie Coleman, aged 10, son of Prof. Coleman, died yesterday after undergoing an operation to extract a lead pencil which had been laid perpendicularly under him as he was sitting down by a fellow pupil in the public school.

In Honor of St. Patrick.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—In the coal regions St. Patrick's day was honored by total suspension of work. Many thousands were idle. At some towns there were large processions. Masses were celebrated in all the catholic churches. Bro Downed at Morrisburg. MORRISBURG, March 17.—Yesterday afternoon while some boys were playing on the ice below the town a 10-year-old son of Carleton Primmer broke through and the current being strong he was drawn under the ice and drowned. Death of a \$10,000 Cow. IOWA CITY, Iowa, March 17.—Mercedes, the celebrated Holstein cow, died here this morning. The cow and her calf which also died were valued at \$10,000. Mercedes had the greatest milk and butter record in the world.

The Arctic Alert.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Arctic steamer Alert will sail from England for New York March 22. She has been entirely refitted by the British government, and only needs to be provisioned after arrival.

A Dynamiter Doomed.

PORCUPINE, March 17.—Judge Barnar this morning sentenced John B. Griffin, the Pawling dynamite murderer to be hung May 9.

Miners Drowned.

LONDON, March 17.—A subterranean spring flooded a silver mine near Schwatza, a town of the Tyrol, near Innsbruck. Several miners were drowned.

Incident of a Man and Wife.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Frederick W. Gadow and wife came here a month ago from Germany. They exhibited by day "Beautiful spring, with bright warm sun" to-day. The cause, despondency from failing to find work.

A CRITICAL CONDITION.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN DANGER OF BREAKING UP.

The Members Cannot Agree upon a Policy for Egypt—Rumors that Gladstone will go to the Country. LONDON, March 17.—The Marquis of Hartington has telegraphed Admiral Hewitt asking whether he has offered a reward for Osman Digma's head and warning him not to issue such proclamations without consulting the English minister at Cairo. Rumors are current in the lobbies of the commons that the resignation of Gladstone and other members of the government has been under consideration at three cabinet councils. The majority of the cabinet are in favor of a prolonged occupation of Egypt, to which Gladstone is opposed. Gladstone is suffering from laryngeal catarrh and requires rest and care. The News predicts the early resignation of the cabinet, and asserts that the existence of the government and of Parliament is in hourly jeopardy. The Echo says Gladstone's worry is retarding his recovery. The St. James Gazette asserts that a serious cabinet crisis is imminent. The Sudan trouble is not the only question about which there is disagreement. There are questions of the length of the ministry as regards the length to which Great Britain should go in the Sudan war, but not enough to cause a split. The ministers are confident that whatever happens Gladstone will insist upon the final decision of parliament on the county franchise question. Gen. Graham has been ordered to push a reconnaissance far beyond Handouk. It is not true that Turkish troops are going to Suakin, or that the British government decided to send an expedition to Suakin and Berber. The Standard says as the ministers are unable to agree and cannot persuade their followers to unite in supporting them they are bound to appeal to the country. The Times says whether the liberals or conservatives win in the coming strife, the victors will have to reckon with Parnell and his augmented following.

England's Undying Enemy.

LONDON, March 17.—An anti-English journal has been established in Herat by General Ed. Din, an Afghan chief. Ed. Din is acquainted with the prominent Irish nationalist. He claims to be descended from the prophet. His journal will be circulated in modern countries, and that of the relations between the German executive and the Reichstag. Warrille Politicians. PETERSBURG, Va., March 17.—A personal encounter occurred to-day between R. A. Young, a coalition republican and deputy United States collector, and C. B. Raine, a prominent stranger, who had been a stick and ball injured. Young unsuccessfully attempted to shoot Raine.

Dublin in Danger.

DUBLIN, March 17.—A railway train upon which Michael Davitt, the agitator, was journeying to-day was fired upon at Danganmore. The Spanish Conspirators. MADRID, March 17.—The conspirators arrested yesterday had formed a plot to seize the palace where the ministers were assembled and the king was residing.

The Khedive an Orphan.

CAIRO, March 17.—The khedive's mother is dead. Britons Must Have Their Beer. MANCHESTER, March 17.—A meeting was held here to-day to protest against the restriction placed upon the importation of foreign beer. A resolution was adopted condemning the house of lords for meddling with the contagious diseases of animals bill.

THE BANK CLERK.

Our local bank clerk is a dux of a fellow. With the shining boots, the tops of them yellow; All day at the bank he takes things quite aside; And at eve does the grand with some sweet little "Daisy." He is always well dressed, thanks be due to his tailor. He's a "steady" at dancing, as picnic a "nator." He lurches at Gus and dines at the Hub And is always a member of one or more club. He is anxious on mail day for letters from But we fear he thinks more of the coin that won't come. Than the filial injunction to be quiet and contented. To go to bed early, be pious and prayerful. Steady, my lads, have an object in life. Let the "sweet little daisy" some day be your wife; Think of her always when tempted to evil. And if "pals" press you hard tell them, "go to the mischief." T. K. E.

SIGNS OF SPRING.

The little children leap and run. You hear their voices ring. Far down the wet and lassy street. It is a sign of spring. And invalids their crutches old. Down to the corner bring. And stand and bask within the sun. Another sign of spring. And girls upon the front gate get Their lovers on a string. Which is, I think, another sign Of sweet and gentle spring. And tramps upon the Esplanade. They laugh like any thing. And sniff the summer breeze that comes. A certain sign of spring. The youth he paws his overcoat. For what the coat will bring. And buys a light and coolish suit. Another sign of spring. —The Khan.

BLACK AND WHITE.

He wrote on the snow With the quill of a crow: "Be bold, my boys, be bold; How sad to know You soon will go!" And I, with ink as black as a crow, Wrote on paper white as the snow: "Beautiful spring, with bright warm sun" To-day. The cause, despondency from failing to find work. —I. Ferns.

THE PEOPLE'S PASTIMES.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN SPORTING CIRCLES THE WORLD OVER.

Geo. W. Lee beaten by the California **Peerson**—The latter matched against **Healan**—A Hunter's Performance in **Harlem**—Winter Racing.

Arthur Croft, a leading baseballist, died of pneumonia at St. Louis yesterday.

Brookville intends to be well represented at the coming dog show in this city.

Herbert A. Spade is spending his in **Harry Maynard's** tender palace, San Francisco.

All the heavy-weight champions who have been boiling over with eagerness to meet Sullivan are invited to box Mitchell. The heavy weights **Jack McKown** and **Jerry Hawkins** had fourteen rounds with hard gloves at St. Paul yesterday. **Hawk** won.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio legislature to prohibit public glove contests under penalty of a fine not exceeding \$250.

At the skating rink tournament, **Waukegan**, the other night, **Jack Swartman** won the two mile race—\$50 first prize.

Shad was introduced into California waters in 1877. Now they are so abundant there as to be too cheap to be regarded as a luxury.

Sullivan, it is said, intends to give both **Charles Mitchell** and **Frederick** a chance to settle with him as soon as he has disposed of **Duncan C. Ross**, pet, **Mervin Thompson**.

Robert Bonner, who has experimented on the feet of the famous racer **Little Brown Jug**, believes that he will be in condition to train this spring. If so, he will be sent to **John Spain** at Cincinnati.

Tom McAlpine offers to match **McHenry Johnson**, the colored heavy weight champion, known as the **Black Star**, to box **Mervin Thompson** of Cleveland four to six rounds, **Marquis** of **Queensberry** rules, for \$250 to \$500 a side.

The English jockey **Gifford** is on the way from Liverpool to Virginia with the eight-year-old thoroughbred **Charaxus**, by **Dian**, son of **Frankford**, and **Miss Lower**, by **Hesperus**; also a two-year-old filly by **Scottish Chief**.

At the rooms of the Star athletic club in Long Island Saturday, **Alexander J. Styles** defeated three contestants in a 10-mile running race. He covered the distance in 1h. 20m., and was the only one who finished.

A matched race for \$100 a side, strictly trotting, took place in five, between **Church's** **Church Boy** and **Brigg's** **Johnny B.** Results as follows:

Johnny B.	1 1 1
Church Boy	2 2 2

Time—2:06, 2:06, 2:10.

The Kingston races took place on Friday last on ice that was heavily covered with slush. In the free-for-all, **Gauthier's** **g. Lookout**, **Belleville**, **A. Hyatt's** **g. Bay George**, **Pictou**, **Horan's** **g. Fuller**, **Picton**, entered with the following result:

Lookout	1 1 1
Bay George	2 2 2
Fuller	3 3 3

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At a special meeting of the Montreal bicycle club on Friday evening last, **Mr. W. G. Ross**, the amateur champion bicyclist of Canada, was presented with a **Rudge** racing bicycle of the most improved pattern. **Mr. Ross** in responding said he was coming to Toronto on July 1 to compete in the races of the **Canadian Women's** association and in the fall would attend the races at **Springfield**. Much enthusiasm was shown by the club members and his abilities being held in very high esteem for his personal qualities.

A gentleman who witnessed the recent exciting collar-and-elbow wrestling matches at **Detroit** between **McLaughlin** and **Dufur**, says that when his wife is present he is sure to win, and that if she is absent he is sure to lose. His wife has been present at his experience thus far, and thus it happened that the only lady present in the Grand opera house among the two thousand and spectators was the pretty little occupant of one of the boxes—and the result justified the whim (if such it be) of **McLaughlin**.

Clay Pigeon Shoot.

The fourth clay pigeon match for a gold medal took place on the bay Saturday afternoon, and was well attended. The conditions were ten birds, each 15 yards. A **Keel** was referee and **Mr. Van Webster** scorer. Below is the score:

F. Martin, Jr.	10	C. Cockburn	7
W. Pollock	9	R. H. H. H.	6
R. Martin	9	W. Heathcote	6
G. Bright	8	F. Forman	6
W. Robinson	7	C. A. P.	5
J. Carstairs	7	R. Bailey	5
J. Ryan	7	R. Bailey	5

Peterson Beat Lee.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The rowing match yesterday of a mile and a half, with turn, for \$500 a side and the championship of the Pacific coast, between **Peterson** and **Lee**, was won by the former by fifteen lengths. A match had been arranged between **Peterson** and **Hanlan** for \$1000 a side and the championship. The race will be rowed in the east after **Hanlan's** return.

Beaverton Winter Races.

Beaverton winter races commenced yesterday, the results being as follows:

W. J. Conner's b.m. May Flower	1 1 1
T. McKee's b.m. Bay Chief	2 2 2
W. J. Conner's b.m. Bay Chief	3 3 3

(GREEN RACE.)

Mr. Langstaff's b.m. Sweetheart	1 1 1
Dr. J. McKay's b.m. Presbyterian	2 2 2
A. Edwards's b.m. Norman	3 3 3
H. Sherman's b.m. Little Girl	4 4 4
Silas Mann's b.m. Lottie	5 5 5
G. A. Mayne's b.m. Primrose	6 6 6

A Hunter Jumps a Fence in Harlem.

From the London World.

There was a sensational occurrence at **Melita** last week which will be the mad freak of the famous **Jack Mytton**—with this difference, that the latter was premeditated, and the other accidental. **Count Kinsky**, the owner of **Zoodone**, on whom he won the **Liverpool** steeplechase last year, drove an old hunter in a buggy to make a call in the neighborhood of **Melita**. On his servant getting down to open the gate leading to the house, the horse backed towards a ditch at the roadside, and on being struck with the whip to "straighten" him, he rushed in the opposite side, took it in his stride, and landed safely in the field beyond, without injuring the buggy or unseating **Count Kinsky**, who describes the incident as "rather peculiar." It was a marvellous escape under any circumstances.

Liquor Tea.

Like a blessing from Heaven, is providence upon us. Quite certain I am this is true. On all it is borne. On the wine of the morn. Refreshing us all like the dew. This is my friend for you and for me. Keep day you go out, for you get it for me. On the depot on Yonge street for Liquor Tea.

THE ART OF BORROWING.

Points Given Away by One Successful in Striking His Acquaintances for Money.

From the New York Sign.

"What are you doing now?" was somewhat worn-out question, asked by the reporter of a casual acquaintance whose means of livelihood were uncertain.

"Do you mean what I am doing for a living?"

"Well, yes; how do you do it?"

"I am borrowing now," was the reply.

"Borrowing? Not a very paying business."

"Why not? You invest no capital, and the only special training you require is a fair knowledge of the world. The proper study for mankind is man, you know. How is it done? You must be born with a faculty for it. Now, ordinarily when a man wants to borrow a dollar from another he watches to catch his victim alone. Then he speaks up to him, and if he is an awful fiend, he says something intended to flatter him. If he is only a fool of the usual kind, he makes a remark about the weather, or the affairs of the day. Then he says, in a kind of half-whisper, 'I wonder if you could spare me a dollar until to-morrow?' Or, 'Oh, have you got a dollar about you that you could let me have until to-morrow?' Or, 'Oh, by the way, I am a little hard pushed; would you mind lending me a dollar until to-morrow?' There are many other ways in which the simonists put it, but there is one thing in common, and two things in general, among them. They always make 'to-morrow' the date of payment, and rarely make their request exceed a dollar.

Now, the first objection to this is that they equate the advance forces. When you think you have an advantage over a man because he is alone, you forget that you are alone also. You have less hesitancy in appealing to him; but he has less hesitancy in refusing. Your reasons are exactly the same; you do not want strangers or friends to hear of your request; but do you think, if he would approach him at first, that he would have wanted either strangers or friends to hear his refusal? At any time a man is likely to speak to you, when confidentially conversing in pretty much the same tone that you speak to him, provided you speak first. If you whisper to a man your secret desire for a dollar he is very likely to whisper back: "I declare I have only twenty-five cents," and, as sure as you live, he will add, if he has a particle of prospective power, "Just enough to get home with." Too often such men will supplement their deception by expressing a hope of borrowing, within an hour or two, enough to supply your wants and their own.

There is a way of avoiding all this. When you want to borrow money from a man choose a time when his friends are about him. Then walk up to him and say pleasantly—"Oh, I nearly forgot about—half depend upon you for a couple of dollars to-night? You mustn't wait for his answer; he will do so before he speaks. Oh, it is only a few minutes, as though you were interested in something one of his friends was saying. If that man doesn't search his pockets for the money he is a rare avenger. Of course, if he hasn't got it you embarrass him; but you are less embarrassed yourself than you would have been had you and he been alone, and that is a great point, though not a lucrative one. But you ought to know your man before you ask him for a loan. I know all the men I strike, and I don't often strike men poorer than myself.

"Do you pay them back?"

"Only for the first two or three times. Then I get a larger loan and let them go. I very seldom borrow more than twice from a man after I have determined to stop paying him."

"But that cannot last. Your stock of friends must soon be exhausted."

"Of course the old stocks are constantly running out, but I am always searching for new ones. I never drop one until I have secured another or perhaps two to take his place. I have more now than I had a month ago."

"It seems an easy way of earning a living."

"It is. By the way, while I think of it, could you oblige me with a dollar until to-morrow?"

"Really," the reporter replied, "I have only twenty-five cents, just enough to get home with."

"Ah, I see," the young man remarked, "Your friends should have been around when you went up to him and said, 'Well, good day.'"

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A man in a sleeping car went through a terrible accident, in which the car rolled down an embankment, without waking. It was noted, however, that as the car struck the bottom he murmured: "Don't, Jane, don't; I'll get up and start the fire."

A Dumbie Benefit.

—James Moore, a prominent resident of **Leamington**, writes that he had tried himself of dyspepsia of a year's duration by one bottle of **Burdock Blood Purifier**, and two bottles cured his wife who had been for years a sufferer from the same disease. He conscientiously recommends it to all suffering from similar troubles. 2-4-6

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