

THIRD YEAR.

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JOURNALISTIC JUMPS.

JOHN CAMERON OF LONDON EDITOR OF THE GLOBE.

What will the Dead Senator Say?—The Globe Policy of Thirty Years to be Turned Upside Down—History of the Changes and Those Connected with it—Opinions of the Press.

Manifold are the changes which the duty may bring about: many unhelpful things had the gods brought to pass; what seemed, often happened not, and for untold things the gods find out a way: such hath been the result of this affair—Euripides in two places.

If the removal of Gordon Brown from the control of the Globe a week ago yesterday was a surprise, the putting of John Cameron of the London Advertiser in his place—as was done yesterday—is a revolution.

For it means:

That the record of the Globe is to be discarded.

That the Globe is to become the personal organ of Mr. Blake.

That the man who tried to start a paper rival to the Globe and failed, is to be pitched into the seat of the man who forced the Liberal fiasco.

That if there is to be much harmony in the party, there is to be little independence in so far as the Globe is concerned.

And that the Globe is to become the organ of a number of jobbers.

This whole Globe change is a public question, and the World, in dealing with it, looks at it as such, and therefore if it has to say some things that are unpleasant, it says them from a public standpoint. Having said that Mr. Cameron is a nice man, a gentleman against whom personally nothing can be said, that he is just the man to edit a paper, let us proceed to lay the facts before the public and size up the revolution of yesterday and the men who are parties to it.

THE CHANGES.

Mr. Cameron arrived in town on Saturday. On Sunday he was in close consultation with J. D. Edgar. The Globe director met yesterday forenoon. Gordon Brown was at the meeting and emerged therefrom with a smiling face, and then went off to eat his Christmas dinner with Mrs. George Brown at the Beverly street house. The cause of Gordon's hilarity was doubtless the thought of his successor. How he got to be known, but he saw the whole thing through and it tickled him. Mr. Cameron was voted in as general manager by the board, John F. Taylor (Don paper mill) was made president, and Charley Taylor, the business back bone of the concern, was continued as secretary-treasurer at an advance in salary of nearly one thousand dollars, while John T. Hawke, who had been trying to get in and Gordon's boots and lost himself there, was offered a position under Mr. Cameron as news editor, but gave no certain answer whether for time to consider it and his request was granted.

MR. CAMERON'S POSITION.

Well, what is really Mr. Cameron's position? Is he all that Gordon Brown was? His friends say he is, and no doubt Mr. Cameron thinks he is. But remembering that Gordon was president and managing director, editor, business head, etc., and the official heir of George Brown, Mr. Cameron is as yet not a director, he is therefore neither managing director nor president, and Charley Taylor is not likely to play second to any one in the matter of financing the concern, and running the advertising. So there is a sort of vacant managing editorship and this Mr. Cameron is going to fill. And most important of all Mr. Cameron is no heir of the Browns, nor of the family, but the failed rival thereof. None of the Brunonian prestige attaches itself to him.

MR. CAMERON'S RECORD.

Mr. Cameron has had considerable journalistic experience. He is one of the firm that have built up the London Advertiser, a paper of some reputation, of some notoriety, a combination between the don't-give-a-frog religious-daily stamp. Mr. Cameron and his partner McIntosh (now holding a government berth at London) were selected to start the Liberal in Toronto in 1875 as a Blake organ and a rival of the Globe. It lasted five months or less. It closed up on an hour's notice. Mr. Blake consented to go in the government of Mr. Mackenzie, and his partner have always been understood to have lost money by the venture. In some respects the paper was a good one, its editorial writer Christopher Tyler was without an equal, but he was left without a definite policy being given him, and he was as much surprised at the sudden collapse as anyone could be. Lighter in pocket, richer in experience, the westerners jacked their valises and sought again the humbler walks of "London in the woods." Since then they have not been heard of to complain of their Toronto losses. They were so sick of the Toronto business, however, that when it was suggested to them that there was a splendid field for them to begin an evening paper in Toronto with the plant of the Liberal they held up their hands and said the Globe would not let it live. With the same plant (only rented at the first) and with little capital John Robertson got on his feet again and is now "a solid man."

HAS THE CHANGE BEEN BRWING?

It was asked by many yesterday. For about three months ago, the London Advertiser was put into joint stock company of \$60,000 capital, the control being retained by John Cameron, his brother William, C. R. Robinson and others holding the balance of the stock. The question asked yesterday was, Was this joint stocking all part of a plan well laid some time ago, looking to the deposition of Gordon Brown and the positioning of Mr. Cameron? Events will tell.

THE POLITICAL BEARING OF THE DEAL.

The London Advertiser has been a Blake organ out and out, of rampant free trade doctrines, and the sworn foe of tall chimneys and home manufactures. It has been the personal organ of Hon David Mills in this respect. Any views it had on this point it got from him. He wrote the anti-N.P. articles of any account that appeared therein. And John Cameron comes into the Globe with David on his back. There would be less likelihood of a collapse if the positions were reversed. The Liberal was the Blake organ in that it was admitted to the Very Presence. Well, Mr. Cameron comes into the Globe with not only Mr. Mills but also Mr. Blake on his back. The Globe will be only a Blake organ, and no paper of the reputation of the Globe for independence of party leaders can hope to retain that position and be the mouthpiece of any one man, however great he may be. It is neither good for the paper nor for Mr. Blake, for no matter how he may protest he will be held responsible for its every utterance, right or wrong, foolish or wise, temperate or intemperate, and he will not be able to help himself. Mr. Blake is going to speak in Bowmanville to-morrow, the reform convention is about to be held, the Ontario Legislature is in session, the dominion soon will be and a provincial election is near at hand, so that things are in a very uncertain state and the present move is with a view to setting the political house in order.

What will be the relation of the London Advertiser to the Globe? Does John Cameron burn his ships when he lands in the Globe office, does he sever all connection with the Advertiser? Will he give up his proprietary control in one, for the uncertain tenure of an office in the other? Can he own a self-styled rival and work on the rival? Or will the Advertiser become a donkey-engine of the Globe, or the Globe perhaps a donkey-engine of the Advertiser? Oh! what would George Brown say were he here!

MR. CAMERON'S CAPACITY.

As Daniel O'Connell once said of a gentleman under discussion, "He may be a very nice man, but he's not the man for Galway." He knows little of Toronto or her interests; for years he has been looking at them through the jealous spectacles of London, which for some reason or other goes out of its head when the word Toronto is mentioned. Metropolitan journalism is different from London newspaperdom, as he found to his cost when he read it.

From the Browns to the Camerons is a wide stretch! Has Mr. Cameron the ability to spot a jobber when he comes round with his scheme? Has he the nerve to oppose the directors in using the Globe as the touter of some of their schemes as he has been flagrant in the case since Gordon went out? Otherwise he is an affable little man who will keep the paper straight with the city-men, will be all right with the temperance community, and on very good terms with the newspaper men of the country generally. But to run a great paper something more is needed, sometimes called courage.

MORE PRESS COMMENTS.

From the Commercial Press (Liberal). The Globe has undergone a change of management, whether for the better or the worse remains yet to be seen. There is said to be any unpleasant consequence upon this action—that it was understood all round; but Mr. Brown's refusal to resign and his forcible removal take away all claim to belief from that story. Mr. Brown still remains on the board of directors, but that is probably because as executor to his brother's estate he could not help it or he could not be removed. It is in the history of the Globe this change marks a great era. Hereafter the Globe and the Browns were inseparable. Their ability and energy made the Globe, and the Globe in turn made them; each raised the other to greatness. That the future of the Globe newspaper will be as fruitful of success as the past we take leave to doubt, notwithstanding that the old management had everything to provide out of their own mental and physical capacity, by which we would convey the meaning of politics in the narrower sense. If they were called upon to give a reason, we venture to say they could not give a reason that would justify their extraordinary action. Mr. Brown in addition to great ability had experience, the experience of a long lifetime spent in what many truly be called one of experience's hardest schools. Ability is very good, is in fact indispensable; but ability without experience will play and have with a great newspaper. This is the position then in which the Globe is now found; it is affright, and with an inexperienced navigator none can tell where it may bring up. It has passed, or rather has been arbitrarily forced from the control of those whose capacity has made it what it is, into that of those who will unquestionably have much to learn at its expense. Assuming that those who took it upon themselves to judge was right when they took the ground that there were grievances to be remedied, they will yet find out that they were far wrong if they thought that in their course there were not grievances to be incurred.

From the Montreal Witness (Lib).

The extremely bitter personal attacks made by the Globe not infrequently will never be forgiven by many of its enemies and cannot be justified by its friends. It is said by some of the most pronounced, that its political enemies had not been recently in full command with the policy of the Liberal party, of which it was the accepted mouthpiece. We know nothing beyond what it is made public by that party of its political ideas,

methods and aims, nor how far the leaders and the various supporters of the party are agreed, but we cannot believe that the management of the Globe newspaper has been overturned for the purpose of making it abandon the firm stand which it maintained upon principles with which its names of "Liberal" and "Reform" have ever been identified. We are aware that a good many newspapers calling themselves liberal and reform, but which owed all the claim they possessed to such names to political accidents, carried at the Globe because it scrupulously refused to compromise on the question of the national policy in order to win the late elections; because it was not so willing as they were to abandon principles for the sake of success, which would not have been of any worth unless it had been the outcome of those principles. But that the real leaders of the party—not the hangers-on and political post-hunters, however prominent they may be—desired the Globe to veer about, and have now brought about a change in its management for the purpose of making it give up its liberal and reform principles, we do not believe. If they have done so then, as we believe they have, it is a matter of political, moral or spiritual, is such that we believe that the reform party will not have saved itself from destruction by securing the Globe, but will only sink as it deserved to do, but dragging that paper with it like a chip which a drowning man might or might not grasp. Instances that paper has it owes to its adherence to the principles which it has taught and inculcated too thoroughly to the rank and file, to accept even in its hands anything so degrading as would be implied in such a change. If such a change is intended then we would say that something more than an ordinary injury is about to be done to the memory of the late Hon. George Brown, and to Mr. Gordon Brown. We do not understand the extreme relations with which Mr. Gordon Brown should relinquish the control and guidance of the great organ of public opinion which his brother and he had gradually hammered out and constructed. The responsibility of relinquishing voluntarily such a powerful instrument to the hands of those who have so easily taken by a conscientious man, it would be an inconceivable injury to such a man to have that control and guidance taken so violently from the hands that he formed it, and in other hands turned into a direction which would have been abhorred by him. It is an injury to those who have to a greater or lesser degree accepted his guidance, and one which we are convinced they would not long endure. The whole transaction goes to show the utter want of common sense, a system which is now almost universal. Once a concern, whether a railway or a newspaper, is put into joint stock, the shareholders, and the influences are at work to revolutionize it. It is hard to measure the desolation of a man who sees the enterprise to which he has devoted the greatest of his energies and strength of a long lifetime suddenly torn from his hands and perhaps diverted from the advocacy of the principles which he holds dearest.

From the Ottawa Free Press (Liberal).

We do not say this is the case with Mr. Gordon Brown, but evidence has not been wanting that under that gentleman's management the Globe has not been in the possession of the progress of liberalism in Canada. Perhaps the director felt this, as the torres felt the same sort of thing when they started the Mail in order to get rid of Mr. James Dealy and the Leader. Out of the chaos that followed confederation there has gradually been growing a new order of parties. The development thereof has been hindered to some extent by the old leaders of Canadian parties. Sir John Macdonald, on the one hand, sought by appeals to the passions of the masses the direction of liberal ideas by Tory methods. On the other hand we find Mr. Blake representing an ungodly liberalism, the fruit of a national aspiration by patriotic methods. He knows the conditions which have secured the temporary success of the Macdonald party, but he is equally aware of the nature, extent, and inevitable outcome of those conditions. The "boom" that has turned so many heads must play itself out before very long. The season of common sense must return, and with it sober reflection and the restoration of honest methods in government. Therefore, it is above all necessary that the great organ of assured liberal thought should be in perfect accord with the leader of the party who must, and will be, the centre round which the elements of the party gather. By him it is directed and through him it aspires to put in practice those ideas of the tariff in the common bond of union. If the change in the management of the Globe newspaper helps in this direction, the movement is one on which we are glad to see the public eye. The fact will likewise be satisfactory to the public, while the result must be beneficial to all concerned.

From the London Standard (Cons.)

Everything passes away, grows weary, d-d-ays; and the end of all things is change. Such is nature's law; the Globe itself is just exempt therefrom. That journal has just undergone changes which appear to be the point of departure of a new era in its existence. It is now announced that Gordon Brown, its managing director since the death of its founder the senator, has been removed from the management. His retirement has determined that of Mr. Pardee the senior of the leader writers who did not care to accept the offer which was made him to take the management of the sheet in the place of his old chief. The Globe under the control of Gordon Brown was not sufficiently devoted to Mr. Blake; hence without doubt the reason of his being thrown overboard. Mr. Blake means to be master, and to have an organ which will take from him the word of command, instead of seeking to impose it upon him. That is his own affair and no one can blame him therefor. After having displaced Mr. Mackenzie as leader of the opposition, he finds means to supplant by his own, the influence which that gentleman still exercised on the Globe; and this is perfectly legitimate. The attitude of the Globe towards the question of the tariff in the election of June 20 has contributed not a little to the defeat of the liberal party. No one ought to know this better than Mr. Blake. Hereafter he will find in the Globe a faithful interpreter of his views, for we do not see that the forced resignation of Gordon Brown will have any other significance under the circumstances. The blow ought to be as severe on Mr. Mackenzie as it is on his old friend Mr. Brown. As for the Globe, we believe that it will not gain by transforming itself under the inspiration of Mr. Blake. The great body of liberals, above all those in the province of Quebec will hail

with pleasure this transformation of the Globe.

From the Montreal Standard.

As the Brown family organ, the Toronto Globe may be said to be extinct. Mr. Gordon Brown, after some thirty years of most indefatigable service, has been removed despite himself. New hands are "at the bells," and the Blake wing of the reform party is in future to be paramount. The Mast Jesters of the Globe even when the latter in *extremis*, charges the changes to have been made in the interest of one of our greatest railway organizations.

OVER THE DON.

Friday afternoon W. H. Doel, J. P., held a magistrate's reception at the Tramway hotel, when Ald. Maughan complained that John Etherington did unlawfully break down a fence, the property of said complainant, at Berkeley near Norway. Several witnesses were called "pro and con," among whom was Mr. Casel, the employer of the defendant, who owned the fence. The lot to the alderman and claimed a right of way through a lane. The case was very complicated, lasting over four hours. The magistrate reserved his decision.

There is no truth in the rumor that Mr. Potter does not intend to stand for the position of school trustee for Riverside. He intends to go to the poll next Wednesday.

The candidates for municipal honors in the township of York are Messrs. Duncan and A. L. Wilson for reeve, Messrs. Potter, Gibb, Doherty, Turner, C. E. Watson, Shepard, Frankland and Clarke for deputies.

St. Matthews church, Riverside, is beautifully decorated with flowers and greens. 150 yards of magnificent wreathing contributed by Mr. George Reading of Leslieville. Services will be held this afternoon at 7 o'clock. M. A. of the church and holy communion celebrated at noon.

The Bolton street schools, Riverside, were closed on Friday last. The scholars showed great proficiency in their studies to the delight and entertainment of a large number of ladies and gentlemen who were present. Saturday afternoon a gang of youths assembled outside the residence of Mr. Woodrow, Kingston road, and conducted a riotous and disgraceful manner. Mr. Woodrow ordered them away, a request met with a volley of oaths and abuse. A local magistrate happened to be passing and secured the names of three of the ringleaders who had to answer a charge under the vagrant act.

Mr. Robert Johnson, residing near Logan's Mill, slipped on a piece of ice on the sidewalk on Saturday night, breaking a bone in his left leg. Dr. Mackenzie set the fracture yesterday.

The Willow street (city) schools were closed on Friday for the Christmas vacation. The school was nicely decorated. Mr. Woodrow was present, and after hearing the pupils in recitations, songs, etc., distributed certificates of honor to the scholars. Mr. Woodrow, Mr. John Phillips presided.

THE CHANGE IN THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The interregnum which has existed in the management of the Northern and Hamilton and Northwestern railways for some time has been brought to an end by the appointment of Mr. Barker, late solicitor of the Great Western railway, to the general management of the united companies. The interregnum has been a time of uncertainty whether the two roads still retained their integrity, and whether they would be strictly independent of each other, or whether the syndicate. The information gathered was that the road would be neutral and that Mr. Barker would be independent of the syndicate. How it will be in the state of things will continue to be of course doubtful.

In reference to Mr. Barker the Hamilton Standard has the following: The announcement of the appointment of Mr. Samuel Barker to the general management of the Northern and Hamilton and Northwestern railways will be gratifying intelligence to that gentleman's friends and fellow-townsmen of this city. Mr. Barker is a thorough lawyer, and a man of clear and penetrating judgment. He has successfully conducted some of the most delicate railway negotiations that have taken place for years past, an experience which will be of much advantage to him in his new position. Mr. Barker's manner is unaffected, his disposition obliging, and his character is of the highest order. He is a man of extensive reading and ripe culture. The appointment is a most excellent one and will be thoroughly satisfactory to all concerned.

The Times also speaks highly of Mr. Barker as the right man in the right place. It further adds: "Taken as a sign of the times, Mr. Barker's acceptance of the new position may be read in this way: 'He does not change his base with the wind.' The position of manager of the N. & N. W. will only be temporary; he considers it possible to have the independence of the N. & N. W. roads."

THE LITTA CONCERT.

A fair sized audience attended this concert last evening in spite of the threatened rain. The concert opened with a selection on the piano by the accompanist, Mr. Joseph Harrison, which was very well rendered. Then followed a song by the basso Berghy, which was loudly applauded. Mr. Blumenberg on the violoncello delighted his audience with his handling of the instrument, and was loudly encored. Next came Litla, who was of course the chief feature of the evening. She sang with unvarying vigor and power, and certainly deserved a better audience than she was at the Gardens last night. The other artists of the concert were the tenor, Mr. J. H. Duff, and Miss Annie Beere. The latter sang very sweetly indeed, and her rendering of "I love my love," in response to an encore, was especially good indeed. But the best feature of the evening was the last act of Faust, the opera of Gounod. This was acted and sung as well by these artists as by any one who has visited this city. The performance is well worth the patronage of the musical public of Toronto. Litla and her company appear again to-night.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

There were large crowds at the two performances of "The Black Dwarf" at the Royal Opera house yesterday. The play is especially designed for the holiday season, and consists of spectacular arrangements and transformation tableaux. The piece will be on the boards for the rest of the week and it will certainly draw large houses. A more extended notice of this play to-morrow.

A CHAMPION DEFAULTER.

THE RECORD OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY.

Stealing \$300,000 in Thirty Years—Fasting is Cancelled—Compos—False Entries—And Sateide at Last.

From the Montreal Standard.

One of the most extraordinary series of defaultations recorded in Canada, or anywhere else perhaps, has just been unravelled in London, Ont. The defaulter was John Brown, late treasurer of the city council. He had filled that office over thirty years, and it is now made apparent that during the whole of that period this unjust steward was engaged in an unbroken career of mal appropriation. Still more extraordinary to record, the fact was only discovered after his death, which took place by his own hand a few months since. Then began what should have been undertaken much more than a quarter of a century ago— a complete examination of his books under competent supervision. This tardy examination led to the discovery of a series of defaultations by the late treasurer, who had continued to withdraw city money for the payment of coupons which proved to be fraudulent. The coupons of spoil-debitors to the city were \$57,141.14 in May, 1854, a defaultation in the cash account of \$329.74 is found; the deficiency in the tax sale account of \$889.83 for sterling exchange in 1875 was placed to the credit of the account in the bank of Commerce. In January, 1876, and in 1879 the treasurer took credit in his next year's cash accounts by erroneous journal entries for deposits of \$9,000 and \$4,000, which coupons never made. The county of Middlesex vouchers show that he purloined until a few days before his death \$71,187.48 in 1879, \$5,062.25; in 1881, \$22,449.92, and 1882, \$756.20; in all, \$79,397.35. In all, \$80,000, in large and small items, over thirty years and never detected, apparently never even suspected! It seems incredible, and compels the reflection whether the various members of the council that during all this period followed each other in an annual succession were all imbeciles. A pension a sum amounting to \$3,000 per annum being periodically abstracted for a period of thirty years—over \$7 per diem for nearly eleven thousand days! The amount of the defaultation is \$80,000, which is not enough to detect this extraordinary plundering! It looks as if the city of London would have to put up with a deficit of \$100,000 with lost interest—as an irrecoverable loss.

Dr. With on Anti-Christ.

Dr. With discussed last Sunday on the mystic number 666. His text was taken from Revelations, XIII chap, 18th verse—"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred, three score and six." The lecturer said that no less than 35 passages had been identified with the mysterious number indicated in the text, and who was generally referred to as anti-Christ. But if men had studied the scriptures, which scriptural prophecy was set forth, they would not so often have been led astray. According to the bible, anti-Christ was not to appear until the Jews had returned to Jerusalem. Both of the Napoleons had been identified with the number, and the reasons for so being drawn over the tender hair, which, were so clear that the speaker was inclined to believe that the real anti-Christ would prove to be one of that family. Anti-Christ was to be a Jew, and it was a historical fact that the Buonapartes were Greek Jews.

The New Magdalen.

Marie Prescott and Lewis Morrison, the leading support of Salvini, who does not appear in Toronto after his appearance on Friday night, will assume the leading role in Wilkie Collins' beautiful and pathetic drama entitled "The New Magdalen," which is to be produced at the Grand Opera house on Saturday (matinee) afternoon and evening. The actors who support Salvini, and Mr. A. Brown have been selected to fill the important characters assigned them. This particular event will no doubt crowd the Grand Opera house to its utmost capacity.

Presentation to Manager Sheppard.

A pleasing incident occurred before the last act at the Grand Opera wherein Mr. Sheppard, the manager was presented at the hands of Mr. Knight, a costly clock by the employees of the opera house. Mr. Sheppard, in a neat and appropriate speech, manifested his thankfulness for the testimonial and the good will of his employees, which he regarded even more than the good wishes of his patrons, the public, which no doubt he has Mr. Sheppard, after the performance, regaled his "faithful retainers" with an oyster supper.

The Bell Telephone Company.

The Bell telephone company of Canada now has exchanges or agencies in nearly 100 cities or towns in Canada, has some 4250 subscribers, and gives employment to about 250 people. The company, at its factory in Montreal, manufactures all the instruments which are used in Canada. Montreal has 865 subscribers, Toronto 525, Hamilton 320, Ottawa 250, St. John, N. B. 275, Winnipeg 250, Quebec 240, London 230, Halifax 170, Victoria, B. C. 130.

Midland Railway of Canada.

The traffic for the week ending Dec. 18 was: Passengers and mail, \$5355.45; freight, \$9,084.28; total, \$14,439.98; as against \$11,125.99 for the corresponding week of 1881, being an increase of \$3313.99; and the aggregate traffic to date is \$1,028,389.69, being an increase of \$204,014.99 over 1881.

THE C. P. R. LANDS.

Work Done During the Past Season—The Best Wheat Sections—The Fuel Question—Lands Sold.

In reply to a Sun (Winnipeg) reporter Assistant Land Commissioner Hamilton said that six million out of the twenty-five million acres of syndicate land had been allotted. During the past season over four million acres have been examined and surveyed.

WHEAT LANDS.

"Where do you find the largest tracts of first-class wheat land?"

"Regina being a well-known point I will take that as a centre. The land extending to the east 24 miles, and west 10 miles, north to the Qu'Appelle river and south, I can't say the distance, but we examined 24 miles, and the land at that point was unsurpassed. The whole of this tract is almost unbroken No. 1 land, and I believe there is not in the whole Northwest territory a better tract of wheat land now ready for the plow. Between McLean station and Broadview would be what I would call our second choice, and may probably be a more inviting district for settlers, as it is well watered and fairly well supplied with fuel. East of Broadview, extending to the western boundary of the province, is what might be called the lake or park district, and is a section of country that specially invites the attention of those who are accustomed to dairy or stock farming, it having plenty of hay, abundance of water, and being well sheltered by numerous groups of poplar. You must remember that I am now speaking of new lands, not the well-known lands of Southern Manitoba or of the old province. The country lying between Alexander station and the western boundary of Manitoba I consider as third choice. The land can be described in a few words, as the soil being of a somewhat light nature, has a fair percentage of gravel intermixed in the surface and subsoil. To the south of the railway in what is often known as the Lake district, and extending along Pipestone creek, vast tracts of marshy lands are to be found."

THE FUEL QUESTION.

"Did the examiners come across any district that could not be supplied with coal?"

"The great plain of the Souris, extending from Regina south and east around the Moose mountain and Souris river, is magnificent land but has no fuel. A settler in the centre of this plain would be fifty miles from a supply of fuel. This is the only drawback to the settlement of that rich wheat-growing tract for ideas, etc., and not been met with, excepting on the Souris river, in the neighborhood of Roche Point. I may tell you that within the past few days a party dying party have reported the discovery of coal—a number of veins cropping out on the banks of the Saskatchewan at Medicine Bag Coulee, close to the crossing of the railway."

2,500,000 ACRES OF LAND SOLD.

"How many of those 6,000,000 acres have been sold?"

"Of those 6,000,000 acres, 1,250,000 sold, not including the 5,000,000 acres sold to the Canadian Northwest Land Company. Of the 6,000,000, over 2,000,000 acres have been allotted to the latter company."

"In what part of the country do you intend to take the other 10,000,000 acres?"

"Well, we are to get another 2,500,000 acres along the line of railway from Moose Jaw to the Rockies. We shall explore the country before choosing the rest."

MAN'S NIGHT-SHIRT.

From the Burlington Hawkeye.

We cannot cure baldness, as a bald head is beyond help, but if those who have hair and desire to retain it will follow our advice they need never show a clearing on the top of their heads. The cause of baldness is the habit men have of pulling their shirts and night-shirts over their heads. There are some who will laugh at this idea, but it is not intended that they should, as though it is a funny article. This is a business. The pulling of a shirt or a night-shirt over the head causes friction on the scalp, which in time tears the roots of the hair, and leaves a barren plain, a Sahara, forever. Suppose the night-shirt comes to a meeting, there is from five to six feet of tail drawn over the tender hair, which, were so clear that the speaker was inclined to believe that the real anti-Christ would prove to be one of that family. Anti-Christ was to be a Jew, and it was a historical fact that the Buonapartes were Greek Jews. Marie Prescott and Lewis Morrison, the leading support of Salvini, who does not appear in Toronto after his appearance on Friday night, will assume the leading role in Wilkie Collins' beautiful and pathetic drama entitled "The New Magdalen," which is to be produced at the Grand Opera house on Saturday (matinee) afternoon and evening. The actors who support Salvini, and Mr. A. Brown have been selected to fill the important characters assigned them. This particular event will no doubt crowd the Grand Opera house to its utmost capacity.

Separate School Nominees.

The nominations for separate schools will take place to-morrow. The members retire: Mr. Britton, St. Mary; Mr. Pettley, St. Thomas; Father St. David; Mr. Gibson, St. George's; St. Andrew's; Mr. McConnell, St. John; Mr. Flannery, St. Patrick's; Mr. John; Mr. Heeson, St. James. It stood all the retiring members of the Britton will offer themselves for re-election. Mr. Britton's will probably be Mr. Daniel Kelly.

Why Montreal Stock Drops.

From the Commercial Press (Liberal). One of the causes—in fact the one—which has produced the "drop" in bank of Montreal stock is by George Stephenson and Smith of all their stock in that the sale is regarded as significant.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Wm. Mulock, M. P., left the city on Sunday morning for California, where his mother is lying ill.

A public meeting will be held in the town hall, Parkdale, on Thursday night, to discuss general municipal matters.

The old street cars were out in full play on Queen and King streets yesterday; the omnibus buses remained on Yonge.

Jeff Wardell and Samuel Stomel had a pigeon match at Garrison common last Friday. Fifteen birds a side were put up and Jeff won by two birds.

A musical treat was given at the Metropolitan church yesterday morning. The large audience who were present seemed to enjoy the program exceedingly.

Sergeant Ballantyne has been lecturing in New York and Philadelphia with great success in both places. The distinguished barrister has been well received by the legal element of the United States.

A novel feature in the entertainment at the Grand Opera house last night was the rendition of the Handel chorus by the orchestra. It did not appear, however, to be appreciated by the audience.

In one boarding-house on Richmond street, in which there are sixty regular boarders, only five remained over Christmas. Christmas dinner in a boarding-house does not seem to be appreciated.

The theatres yesterday were the principal amusements. Shortly after the box office was opened it was impossible to secure a seat for the matinee, and very difficult to obtain anything like a decent seat for the evening.

Geo. Rosebeck, a butcher in St. Andrew's market, was thrown from his buggy yesterday afternoon on Queen street west, near Lanley, and received a severe scalp wound. As he was intoxicated a policeman took charge of his horse and sent him home.

John Kennedy was put out of the Little York hotel about 10 o'clock last night by the landlord for being disorderly. On being cast out Kennedy threw a stone through the window of the hotel. He is arrested by P. O. Winer and lodged in No. 1 police station.

Grand Opera House.

The house was crowded at yesterday's matinee and last evening to witness Bronson Howard's drama "Baron Rudolph," wherein the leading roles appeared Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knight. The play is an admirable one and the support was excellent. A deep interest is sustained throughout the entire plan in Baron Rudolph (Mr. Knight) and Rhoda his wife (Mrs. Knight). The baron was exceedingly well taken by Mr. Knight, and a vein of sarcastic humor ran through his lines while acting the drunken tramp that enlivened the otherwise melancholy part. Mrs. Knight as the sparkling young widow Dashwood showed herself a thorough actress, and her flirtation with her too elderly beau kept the audience in perpetual good humor when she was on the stage. Miss Adèle Bray as Ernestine Wagnand was quite charming in her artless manner, and the rest of the company were all that could be desired in their different parts. Altogether Baron Rudolph is well worthy of the patronage of those who like a good play and admire good acting. It will be produced for the last time on Thursday evening with a Wednesday matinee.

The Weather.

The weather yesterday was just what everyone did not want. During the week preceding Christmas all skaters were in anticipation of having a good time either on the bay or rinks. The hope, fostered a few days ahead, was however dashed to the ground when Christmas morning opened raw and soft. Not only were skaters disappointed, but pedestrians also, for the snow was in such a slushy condition that it afforded no pleasure to anyone to get out. It does not seem as though Canadians were ever again to enjoy a good sleigh ride or indulge in skating or tobogganing on Christmas.

MAN'S NIGHT-SHIRT.

From the Burlington Hawkeye. We cannot cure baldness, as a bald head is beyond help, but if those who have hair and desire to retain it will follow our advice they need never show a clearing on the top of their heads. The cause of baldness is the habit men have of pulling their shirts and night-shirts over their heads. There are some who will laugh at this idea, but it is not intended that they should, as though it is a funny article. This is a business. The pulling of a shirt or a night-shirt over the head causes friction on the scalp, which in time tears the roots of the hair, and leaves a barren plain, a Sahara,

