

NEW CHWANG AS JAPANESE BASE

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There Upon Manchuria.

THE JAP OPERATIONS IN KOREA

Mikado's Army Strongly Entrenched
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Mountain Passes.

London, Thursday, March 24. — The stringent Japanese censorship is likely to be relaxed early in April, says the well-informed Daily Telegraph. Seoul's correspondents have been busy with the numerous indications of the imminence of land operations. In the meantime the Japs have made no official statement, but they are undoubtedly from any other source, concerning the last bombardment of Port Arthur. The rumored naval battle of March 15 is also totally unconfirmed.

TO SEIZE NEW CHWANG.

The Times this morning publishes an opinion of a correspondent that Japan will land her main army at New Chwang, which will be turned into a magnificent base, and that she also will seize Hai Cheng (15 miles eastward on the railway) as an additional base, and that, without seriously attacking either Port Arthur or Vladivostok, the war will be fought out on the plains of Central Manchuria. It is almost certain, in the correspondent's opinion, that the war will be a long one, and that at worst Japan will maintain a way to retreat overland into Korea. If she secures New Chwang, he says, her prestige will be established, and her army will be able to move on to the north, where it will be of inestimable value in some what counterbalancing the weakness of Japan in her cavalry.

A St. Petersburg dispatch, dated 6:15 this morning, says: "Two belated press dispatches, dated Mukden, March 22, have been received. They were briefly to the last bombardment of Port Arthur, but shed no new light on the result of the attack. The Soviet holds that the failure of this bombardment, despite the different disposition of the enemy's ships from that of the fruitless attack of March 10, confirms the opinion of the inability of the Japanese to effectively conduct war."

ANTI-TAX RIOTS.

The Daily Mail's Che Foo correspondent comments on a report that the United States consul at Che Foo has received of native anti-tax riots at Chong Ang Choo, where the Germans were massacred in 1895, as giving Germany a pretext to safeguard her interests in the Province of Shan Tung.

AT VLADIVOSTOK.

A Vladivostok dispatch dated March 22, says: "While the situation here remains quiet, it is not expected that Vladivostok will continue to be much longer free from the vigorous operations of the Japanese. In anticipation of the appearance of the enemy and of a possible siege, a ladies circle has been formed, which sits six hours daily at the ministry of marine preparing bandages of linen for sick soldiers and sailors. Most of the women in Vladivostok belong to this circle, including the representatives of the aristocracy, who have determined to relieve the distress of the operations with their husbands. In Nikolaev (40 miles north of Vladivostok, on the railroad), a committee has been formed to collect donations towards the increase of the fleet.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Journal says that Don Jaime de Bourbon, son of Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, has left for Harbin.

The Paris Journal prints a dispatch from St. Petersburg, which says the emperor has decided to create 25 new infantry regiments.

JAPS' STRONG POSITION.

A series of messages, dated between March 16 and March 17, sent by a correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chinampo, Korea, describes the perfect organization and arrangements of the Japanese in Korea. Elaborate preparations have been made for landing troops and advancing them through the country, and pontoon bridges and stables are built everywhere. The Japanese hold two enormous strong positions at Ping Yang and on the Mokkuk Song, the Japanese at Hwang Ju and Seoul. The latter, the correspondent says, is probably impregnable, and he says the Japanese have been making the most of the event of defeat it is intended to hold the passes at Kazan, thus protecting the Japanese from the Japanese troops are suffering from dysentery and pneumonia, and many of the cavalry horses, which the correspondent says are poor, have died, but the army is full of spirit. There are probably 20,000 Japanese at Ping Yang, which the correspondent points out might easily have been taken when the Russian scouts first arrived, there having been only 250 Japanese soldiers there. The correspondent intended to make Anju their base, but owing to the delay in the arrival of reinforcements they were afraid they would be cut off, and so retired. Meanwhile the Japanese advanced to Ping Yang by forced marches, the troops being almost without equipment. According to this correspondent, the Russians are preparing to prevent the Japanese landing at Pak Chon, 20 miles west of Anju, and he says the Japanese sailors admit that Port Arthur is so protected by mines and torpedoes that it would mean death to approach it.

DISEASE ATTACKS JAPS.

Paris, March 23. — A dispatch from Shanghai to the Temps says: The four Chinese cruisers which have just left have bound northward, were provisioned from Japanese sources.

The Koreans in Tak Chen and Anju are in a state of terror, and are fleeing to the mountains.

The Japanese forces in Northern Korea are being decimated by sickness.

THE MANDJUR.

Shanghai, March 22. — The Russians continue to evade the carrying out of the agreement to dismantle the gunboat Mandjur. A Japanese cruiser

remains at Woo Sung, ten miles from Shanghai, at the mouth of the Woo Sung River.

RUSSIA IS UNITED.

St. Petersburg, March 23. — The report printed in Europe and the United States to the effect that a state of siege such as has been proclaimed in Siberia and in Saratoff Province, in southeastern Russia, through which the Siberian Railroad runs, will be extended to the people of European Russia, is officially declared to be absolutely false. No such measure has been contemplated, it being considered quite unnecessary. The authorities express the greatest satisfaction with the internal situation of the empire. The hearty patriotic response which the war with Japan has met in all parts of Russia has profoundly impressed the authorities. All the reports received by the ministry of the interior indicate that the critics of the Government instead of profiting by the war, have been almost completely disarmed.

SEVERAL BRUSHES REPORTED.

Seoul, March 23. — A brush between the opposing forces has occurred at the outskirts north of Anju. One Japanese was killed.

The Tong Haks are giving trouble in the northeastern part of Korea, and not a word has yet been issued, either officially from Japan or unofficially from any other source, concerning the last bombardment of Port Arthur. The rumored naval battle of March 15 is also totally unconfirmed.

AN IMPERIAL EDICT HAS BEEN ISSUED

opening Yonpung to foreign trade.

TARTE AND THE MILITIA

How Foxy Israel Attempts to Arouse French Hostility.

Ottawa, March 24. — A dispatch to the Toronto World from Ottawa, represents the Quebec Liberal members as being the arms over Sir Frederick Borden's militia bill. This does not, however, appear to be the case. The bill contains nothing calculated to arouse the hostility of the Quebec members. On the contrary, the amendments, being in the nature of enlarging our powers to look after our own affairs, are such as the gentlemen referred to would naturally approve of. The opposition to the militia bill comes not from the French Liberal members, but from the English Liberal members, which, in tonight's issue criticizes the measure all along the line, including the long-established provision by which all persons not physically unfit can be called out for the defense of the country, and winds up by saying: "So, you see, the Government-General call to arms all the male population of Canada." The manifest intention of the last sentence is to try and arouse the French-Canadian population at the idea of being forced on active service when this country is threatened with invasion.

A WRIT AGAINST AMES.

Toronto, March 23. — The National Trust Company, as liquidators of the Ames & Co., has been authorized to issue a writ against A. B. Ames & Co., for \$61,000. This is the amount settled by the Ames & Co. to the National Trust Company, but it was to be paid under the first proposition, and, you see, the Government-General call to arms all the male population of Canada.

NEW STUNT FOR SANTOS-DUMONT

Famous Aeronaut Engaged by Japs to Drop Dynamite On the Russians.

New York, March 24. — Commissioned, he says, by the Japanese Government to experiment with war balloons and airships, and if possible to develop his plans of dropping dynamite on warships, Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, is on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd Line, en route eastward upon his secret mission for the Mikado, says the American.

Prior to leaving this city on Monday, Santos-Dumont confided his purpose to friends, and he intended to proceed directly to Japan. He will take one of his airships stored in Paris.

ATTACKED BRITISH

German Southwest Africa Revolt Spreads to Nigeria.

Berlin, March 24. — Governor von Puttkamer, of the German colonies, cables that the revolt of the natives has spread to Cross-River (one of the points making the boundary between German territory in West Africa), and has extended to British territory in Nigeria, and that the British customs guard has been attacked. The greatest difficulty facing the Japanese is the commissariat, as, owing to the poor food supplies in the colonies, it is impossible at present to maintain 90,000 men. The Japanese hold two enormous strong positions at Ping Yang and on the Mokkuk Song, the Japanese at Hwang Ju and Seoul. The latter, the correspondent says, is probably impregnable, and he says the Japanese have been making the most of the event of defeat it is intended to hold the passes at Kazan, thus protecting the Japanese from the Japanese troops are suffering from dysentery and pneumonia, and many of the cavalry horses, which the correspondent says are poor, have died, but the army is full of spirit. There are probably 20,000 Japanese at Ping Yang, which the correspondent points out might easily have been taken when the Russian scouts first arrived, there having been only 250 Japanese soldiers there. The correspondent intended to make Anju their base, but owing to the delay in the arrival of reinforcements they were afraid they would be cut off, and so retired. Meanwhile the Japanese advanced to Ping Yang by forced marches, the troops being almost without equipment. According to this correspondent, the Russians are preparing to prevent the Japanese landing at Pak Chon, 20 miles west of Anju, and he says the Japanese sailors admit that Port Arthur is so protected by mines and torpedoes that it would mean death to approach it.

SIR EDWARD ARNOLD DEAD

Celebrated Journalist and Poet Passes Away at London.

London, March 24. — Sir Edwin Arnold, the author, died in London this morning. He was born June 10, 1832.

Sir Edwin Arnold was the author of the world-famous "The Light of the World," "The Voyage of Itihobal," and many other works in verse and prose. He was married three times, his last wife being Tama Kurokawa, a Japanese lady. Recently he had been attached to the editorial and literary staffs of the London Daily Telegraph.

ATTEMPTED HER LIFE

Chatham Woman Takes a Big Dose of Laudanum.

Chatham, March 23. — Mrs. Fralick attempted to commit suicide here last night by taking laudanum. The act was the outcome of a violent quarrel between her and a man named Prentice, who, it is said, beat her yesterday. Prentice threatened to kill her, it is alleged, and was prevented from further violence by the interference of Constable Weaver. A city physician by hard work managed to save her life.

"YELLOW PERIL" IS A DELUSION

Ex-U. S. Minister Seward
Says Japs Are in Right.

ENGLAND HER NATURAL ALLY

Thinks Russian Victory Would Bring
On a World-Wide
Conflict.

New York, March 24. — George F. Seward, formerly U. S. Minister to China, and who spent nearly twenty years of his life in the Far East, addressed the Unitarian Club last night on "The Foreign powers in China and Japan, with special reference to the war."

Mr. Seward said his sympathies were with Japan, "Japan," said he, "is really fighting for all Asia against the peril of European encroachments." He scouted the "yellow peril" idea, "Asia," he said, "is not a thing to be feared by Europe. Europe has to fear Asia."

"To round out her eastern territory Russia needs Manchuria and Korea. She has now plunged into a war with Japan instead of agreeing to make no invasion of China's territory. England is not desirous of acquiring more territory; she is the natural ally and friend of China and Japan. England, like America, is desirous of maintaining the integrity of China. The alliance of France and Russia is chiefly sentimental. France is not a colonial power and so far as sustaining the integrity of China is concerned, France may be said to be of a negative quality. Germany is an ambitious nation, and she has seized a part of great value on the coast of China, just back of Seoul. This port is the greatest rift and coal deposit in the world. This is Germany's objective point, and she is not far from taking up this territory only 100 miles from the sea. With Germany in possession of these lands and Russia in possession of Manchuria, the rest of China would prove an easy victim. The division of the remaining territory would probably involve the nations of Europe in a war, the like of which this world never knew."

ALIEN G. T. R. BUILDERS

Government Will Be Asked as to Nationality of Engineers.

Ottawa, March 24. — Mr. Clarke will ask the Government what answer, if any, has been returned to the demand of the Dominion Institute of Amalgamated Engineers respecting the employment of alien surveyors for the National Transcontinental Railway. He also desires to know whether in the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific provision was made for the employment of British subjects as engineers in the work of surveying and constructing the new line, and what steps will be taken in these operations will be deported.

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WIFE-MURDERER

Man Who Hacked Spouse to Pieces Near Ottawa Eludes His Guards.

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Ottawa, March 24. — Joseph Menard, of Brook, a station on the short line of the C. P. R. between Ottawa and Montreal, murdered his wife some three weeks ago, hacking her almost to pieces with an axe, after which he attempted suicide. Menard is said to be insane. As he was thought to be dying from his injuries he was left in a private house at Brook, with two constables looking after him. Last night he walked out of the house, taking the constables' hats, and has not since been seen. His escape has created great excitement in the locality.

OUR PRODUCE EXPORTS

Value Has Increased in Seven Years Over Ten Millions.

Ottawa, March 24. — The annual report of the department of agriculture draws attention to the fact that Canada's exports of agricultural and animal products have grown at a wonderful rate during the past seven years. In 1886 they amounted to \$39,718,212. In 1896 they were \$50,591,002, and for 1903 the total stood at the enormous sum of \$114,441,863. The British market now absorbs the great bulk of our exports of farm products, and, nevertheless, it still offers a vast field for the further extension of Canadian trade. Taking, for example, the case of dairy products, meats, breadstuffs, forage and live stock, the total Canadian exports to Great Britain were \$102,542,115, whereas the total imports into the United Kingdom of the same classes of farm products from all countries aggregated \$55,858,569. It will thus be seen that in his biggest year Canada supplied of the foregoing classes of products less than one-fifth of Great Britain's requirements. To obtain a larger share of this market it will be necessary to pay careful attention to the following points: Superiority in quality, regularity in supply, ability to sell at as low a price as competing countries, and the use of attractive packages of the kind demanded by the market.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.
London, Thursday, March 24. — Sun rises, 6:14 a.m. Moon rises, 10:59 a.m. Sun sets, 6:23 p.m. Moon sets, 1:32 a.m.

The weather has been decidedly mild the last few days. The temperature has risen, and cold from Manitoba to the Rockies, with moderate snowfalls over the southern portion of the Territories. Another pronounced disturbance is centered tonight in Wyoming.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34-42; Calgary, 12 below-5; Qu'Appelle, 8 below-10; Edmonton, 20 below-12; Winnipeg, 14 below-8; Port Arthur, 6 below-10; St. John's, 24-36; Ottawa, 24-41; Montreal, 34-49; Quebec, 24-49; Halifax, 32-43.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, March 24—8 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong easterly winds; fair and cold.

Friday—Showery.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Cloudy.
Calgary	20	18	22	Cloudy
Winnipeg	14	12	16	Fair
Port Arthur	6	4	8	Fair
Ottawa	30	24	36	Fair
Montreal	34	28	40	Fair
Quebec	34	28	40	Fair
Halifax	32	26	38	Fair

The sign — means "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

Fine, mild weather prevails from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, whereas in the Territories and Manitoba it keeps cold, attended by local snowfalls. A pronounced disturbance is centered over Nebraska promises showery conditions in Ontario on Friday.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended 8 p.m., Wednesday, were: Highest, 47; lowest, 27.

THE WAR NEWS.

An early opening of the land campaign and a test of Russia's fighting qualities is foreshadowed by dispatches from many points. Japan has intimated to the newspaper representatives that the great advance is about to take place. Japan is believed to be strongly fortified at Ping Yang midway between Seoul and the Yalu River, and is also holding the Korean mountain passes. It is persistently stated that the Mikado is to seize New Chwang and make it his base for attacks on Manchuria, which will probably be the scene of the campaign.

THE RUSSIAN CAVALRY MEETS THE WAY TO THE YALU IS EVIDENCED

The Russian cavalry met the way to the Yalu is evidenced by frequent skirmishes. Doubtless it is the intention to retard the Mikado's advance without coming to a general engagement until Karopatin arrives and gets his armies moving. Nothing definite is known as to Port Arthur, although the landing of Japanese troops to the north of the fortress with the intention of cutting it off from the sea is a possibility. The Russian outposts are continuing to be reported from Northern Korea, in one of which it is said the Cossacks were defeated by the Koreans with a loss of 35 men. Considerable sickness is reported from the Japanese camps.

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GENERAL PING LUG DENIES LOSSES

Says There Was No Fight at Port Arthur On March 19.

DIDN'T LOSE 600 ON THE YALU

Vladivostok Almost Depopulated by War-Russian Troops Thirsting for Revenge.

St. Petersburg, March 24. — Major-General Ping Lug telegraphed from Mukden under today's date as follows: "There is absolutely no truth in the report published in England to the effect that the way to the Motief Pass, where a strong Russian detachment is alleged to be stationed, is open to the Japanese. The Russian reports published in London newspapers from Japanese sources of an engagement alleged to have taken place at Port Arthur, March 19, and of the encounter at Chiyong Syong (on the Yalu River, in which the Russians were reported to have lost 600 men killed or wounded)"

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THE NAVAL RESERVE

Measure for Formation of Corps to Have Early Hearing.

Ottawa, March 24. — There is a possibility that the bill for the formation of a naval reserve may be introduced next week. The force, it is learned, will not at the outset exceed 2,000 men, and they will be trained if possible on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The men employed in the fishery protection service will be incorporated in the reserve. At present their period of employment terminates when the weather becomes too rigorous, but the intention now is that when their ships go out of commission they will be instructed in naval duties during the winter months.

MAY REDUCE OIL DUTY

Government Expected to Take Some Action Re Crude Petroleum.

Ottawa, Ont., March 24. — There may not be any changes, but there is a disposition to think that reductions will be made in the coal duties. Some members are inclined to favor the abolition of the duty of 2 cents a gallon on crude oil, and to reduce that on refined to 3 cents a gallon. The cost of pipe and carriage of Ohio crude would, it is alleged by some members, be sufficient protection to the producers in Canada, and a duty of 3 cents a gallon on refined product would keep the Sarnia refinery going. Be that as it may, some alteration in the coal oil duties are looked for.

A NON-CONFORMIST ROW

Rev. R. J. Campbell Criticised for Attending Court With Bishop.

London, March 24. — Consternation has been caused in British Nonconformist circles by a speech of Robert W. Perks, Liberal member of Parliament, for the south division of Lincolnshire, delivered yesterday at the opening of a Methodist bazaar at Louth, in which he vigorously criticised the Rev. Reginald John Campbell, minister of the City Temple here. Both men are pillars of nonconformity. The two main points of Mr. Perks' attack were the Rev. Mr. Campbell's recent presentation at court by the Bishop of London, and the projected surmounting of Mr. Campbell's choir of the City Temple.

"Mr. Campbell would have been far better advised if he had asked the veteran leader of nonconformity, the Rev. James Guinness Rogers, to introduce him to King Edward, instead of going to a levee hanging to the apron-strings of an Anglican bishop," said Mr. Perks. Referring to the surmounting of the choir, he said: "The choir in gowns and velvet caps, Mr. Perks said: "Possibly the next thing we shall see is Mr. Campbell in a military uniform, with a sword at his side, and the aisles of the City Temple, followed by his surmounted choir, chanting a processional hymn, with the reluctant 'deus in excelsis'."

The Rev. Mr. Campbell declines to discuss Mr. Perks' remarks.

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Fine Art Figured Satens, light and dark grounds, beautiful colorings, splendid value at 20c. Sale price

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Fine line of Art Denims, for cushions or fancy work, light and dark grounds, regular 12½c. Sale price

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A MARITIME ROMANCE

Millionaire After Eighteen Years' Absence Returns to Sweetheart.

Halifax, March 24.—A romantic ending to a lengthy courtship occurred at Glace Bay, when Frederick R. Strong, the millionaire mine owner of South Africa, returned, and claimed as his bride Miss Mollie R. Newhook, of the Newfoundland village of Tilt's Cove, to whom he became engaged eighteen years ago. They were then a plain country lad and lass of 17 and 15 years respectively. Strong left for the Canadian west, went into the Klondike at the early strike and made half a million dollars. Leaving Dawson City he went to South Africa, invested in mines, and is now worth two millions. He never forgot the pretty maiden at home, and a few days ago returned to Tilt's Cove to claim his bride. Miss Newhook was then at Glace Bay, C. B., and there Strong hastened and the wedding took place Monday night, the clergyman receiving a fee up in the thousands. Mr. and Mrs. Strong sail today for Cape Town.

HE'S PERFECTLY CURED.

That's Maxime Boucher's Statement—Had Kidney Disease—Used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Humberston, Que., March 21.—(Special).—For twenty-five years Maxime Boucher, of this place, suffered from Kidney Disease. Its aches and pains and feebleness had become so much a part of his daily life and the different medicines he had tried had done him so little good that he had almost abandoned all hope of ever being better.

But Mr. Boucher read of so many cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills that he resolved to try again and the result is he is out with a statement that tells of his long suffering and ends, "I am perfectly cured, Dodd's Kidney Pills did it."

It is never too late to cure your Kidney Troubles. Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure them.

FIVE HUNDRED LOCKED OUT.

Lynn, Mass., March 23.—Thirty-three shoe manufacturers of this city locked out 500 turn workmen today and unless a settlement is effected within a week or fourteen days 3,000 hands will be idle. The present difficulty is the most serious that has occurred in Lynn since the fight began between the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union and the Knights of Labor early in 1903.

The trouble is due to the strike of turn workmen in three factories over the question of wages, and it is said that the lockout is part of a plan adopted by the Manufacturers' Association looking towards a general readjustment of prices.

DUCK IN THOUSANDS.

Windsor, Ont., March 23.—Hunters are out in full force shooting wild ducks swimming into Detroit River from the south in thousands. This is the close season in Ontario, but the ducks on the United States side may be shot at the present time, and it would be a hard matter to secure conviction against Windsor sportsmen, as these could hunt sufficiently close to the international border to make it a question on which side of the line the game was bagged.

TO CALL IN THE STOCK

Northern Securities Will Surrender 99 Per Cent of Shares.

New York, March 24.—Following a day of great excitement in stock market and numerous conferences among the leading financial interests, the new plan of the Northern Securities Company, was made public this evening. In substance it provides for a stock dividend of 99 per cent, this to be effected by a reduction of the amount in the capital stock of the Securities Company.

For every share of Northern Securities stock surrendered the company will deliver \$30 of stock of the Northern Pacific R. R. Company, and \$30 of the Great Northern Railway Company. The shares of the Northern Pacific Company, which were taken over by Northern Securities at 115, and those of Great Northern at 130, will be distributed on this basis.

IMITATED BILSEN

New German Military Novel Confiscated by the Authorities.

Berlin, March 24.—"First-Class Men," a military novel on the pattern of Lieut. Bilsen's book, "A Little Garrison," which related incidents of the abuse of soldiers, was confiscated in the Berlin book-stores today. It is supposed that proceedings will immediately be initiated against the author of the book, Count Wolf Baudis.

THE COMMONS ON THE CIGARETTE

Its Prohibition Discussed by the House—The Measure an Impracticable One.

Ottawa, March 23.—In the House today, Mr. MacLean moved his measure in amendment of the railway act. He asks that the railway companies shall have jurisdiction over the express companies, and also proposed to take away from Mr. Blair, the peculiar power given to him as chairman of overruling the findings of his two associates in matter of law. Mr. MacLean based his argument largely on Mr. Blair's recent decision with respect to the Bell Telephone Company case. He said there was too much law and too little administration of justice in Canada. He reiterated his stock arguments against monopolies and combines. The bill was read a second time.

ANTI-CIGARETTE MEASURE.

Mr. MacLean (Huntingdon) introduced his measure to prohibit the manufacture or importation of cigarettes. He backed up his argument by statistics to show the demoralizing effects from using cigarettes.

The debate was continued up to 6 o'clock by Messrs. Richardson, Oliver, Holmes, McCarthy, Henderson, Puttee, Douglas, McPherson, Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Borden (Halifax), and the Premier.

Mr. Borden, while deploring the widespread use of cigarettes by boys and youths, did not think the bill was likely to remove the evil. So long as tobacco was sold the boys could roll their own cigarettes. It was a subject that should engage the most thoughtful consideration of Parliament. He would do his best, and he was not of a practical nature. He admired the spirit and intent of its mover, but felt

HORSE'S TAILS; GREYNA GREEN

House Talks of Heading Off Runaway Marriages.

MAY AMEND MARRIAGE ACT

Dr. Routledge Withdraws His Measure to Prevent Docking of Equine Tails.

Toronto, March 23.—In the Legislature today, Mr. Hanna again brought up the question of Mr. Connors' and Mr. Bowman's interests in the Soo companies. He asked if the two gentlemen had secured a judgment for over \$400,000 against the Algoma Central Railway and if the judgment had been paid. Mr. Connors was absent, but Mr. Bowman declared he had just seen the question on the order paper, and was not prepared at the moment to supply the information.

Mr. Connors appearing later was asked the same question by Mr. Hanna. He showed that he had already fully answered the question. This closed the incident.

DOCKING OF HORSES.

Another lively discussion took place on Dr. Routledge's bill preventing the docking of horses.

Col. Matheson said that as amended by the agriculture committee the measure would only bring the law into contempt. A man who could not get his horse docked in an Ontario municipality would get it done in another.

Mr. Dryden said it did not matter much whether the bill went through or not, because it would not prevent the docking of horses.

Several other members opposed the bill.

Dr. Routledge then rose and said that, having achieved his object, namely, to bring the cruelty of the practice to the attention of the House and the public, he would withdraw the bill.

GREYNA GREEN.

Dr. Reaume's bill to amend the marriage act by providing for the publication in a local newspaper for seven days previous to the intended marriages, said he was trying to put a stop to a traffic in marriage in the border towns and cities that was not creditable to the Canadian people.

Mr. Stratton suggested that the bill be referred to the legal committee, where a clause might be added upon which would achieve the object of Dr. Reaume.

Mr. Caracallen thought it might be provided that notice of the intended marriage in Canada of persons resident abroad should be posted in the office of the clerk of the peace for 48 hours prior to such marriage.

Mr. Auld (South Essex) said the clerk of Wayne County, Michigan, was the man who caused the trouble in his attempts to head off the great quantity of fees which were going to the Canadians. As for the Windsor ministers, he was certain there was not one who would tie the knot for any couple unless satisfied that everything was right.

Dr. Reaume produced a document, showing that of 700 divorce suits entered in Detroit last year, the parties in 102 acknowledged that they had been married in Windsor. These runaway couples were coming in at all hours of the day. It is his belief that possible respect for the Windsor clergymen of all denominations, but under the present act, they were powerless.

The Attorney-General said the publicity idea was distasteful to him, but he thought some way might be devised of overcoming the difficulty.

The bill was then referred to the legal committee.

Mr. Whitney was informed by the Minister of Agriculture that the Government did not intend to appropriate any sum towards defraying the expenses of the railway companies in live stock at the St. Louis fair.

The evening session was spent in committee of the whole on the municipal taxation bill.

The House adjourned at 10:10.

Mr. Dunlop (North Renfrew), will ask: "Is the honorable member for South Bruce, R. Truax, a creditor of the allied companies of Sault Ste. Marie, or any of them, to whom the Government has agreed to guarantee a loan of \$2,000,000?"

THE PETTYPIECE BILL.

H. J. Pettipiece (East Lambton) announced this afternoon that he was determined to press for a second reading of his bill to amend the assessment act so as to compel railways to pay their share of taxation.

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that so long as tobacco was allowed to be grown and used in Canada such legislation would have little effect, if reform is needed, it is needed in the boys from the use of tobacco in any form; but that was the duty of the parents. (Applause.) So far as legislative interference is concerned, he contended, with the provincial legislatures, instead of with the Federal Parliament. To the good ladies he advocated this measure, he would say that the remedy was in their own hands. Good cooking and noble home surroundings would do more to set the youth of the country on the right path than all the statutory enactments that could be devised. He would get, he asked, the legislature to reach the man who supplies the noxious weed to the boy? That was a problem for his friend, the Attorney-General. He hoped he could solve it.

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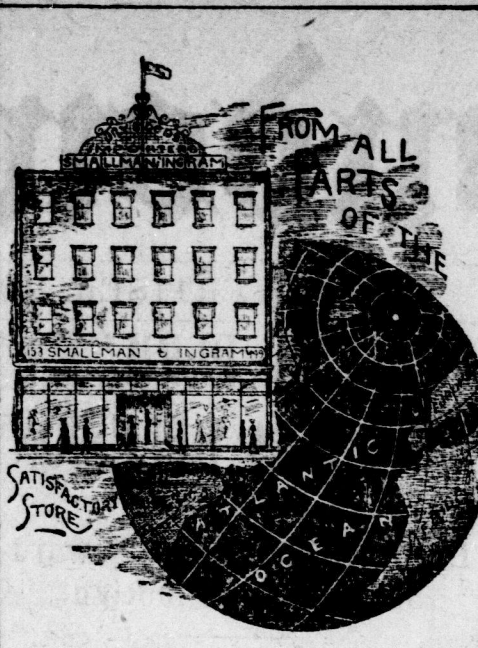
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One divorce to every eleven marriages is the statistical showing for the United States. When a divorce is granted, a proportion greater than that of any state or nation on earth. This 6,250 square miles in Northwestern Ohio was settled while a part of the Northwest Territory, almost exclusively by Connecticut and Massachusetts folk, and its people are now the purest Puritan stock to be found west of the Hudson River.

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Results of the Preference.

The Dominion statistician, Mr. George Johnson, has prepared a memorandum for the Duke of Argyll, dealing with the operation of the Canadian preferential tariff. Before the adoption of the preference British exports to Canada were rapidly sinking. The annual values at decennial periods were:

1873.....\$68,522,776
1883.....52,662,465
1893.....47,148,412
1897.....29,412,188

A few more years of the National Policy apparently would have wiped Canada out of the British exporters' accounts. With the adoption of a preferential tariff of 25 per cent on British goods the tide turned. British exports rose to \$22,500,917 in 1898, and \$37,060,123 in 1899. The preference was increased to 33½ per cent with these results:

1900.....\$44,739,739
1901.....43,018,164
1902.....49,206,062
1903.....58,896,901

In the first six months of the fiscal year, 1904, the imports from Great Britain were \$32,155,428. When the year ends on June 30 next, the total will be found to almost reach the record year of 1897, and will be over double that of 1873, when the preference went into effect.

A most instructive comparison is furnished by the statistician with regard to the amount of customs taxation which falls on the Canadian consumer. In the three years, 1895-6-7, British dutiable imports paid 30 per cent. In the three years, 1901-2-3, they paid less than 24 per cent. Mr. Johnson gives the official figures to show that if Canadians had been charged the same rate of duty on British imports in 1901-02-03, as in 1895-96-97 they would have paid \$4,464,596 more to the customs collectors. This is a very effective answer to the charge that customs taxation has increased. It is true that Canadians are contributing more to the revenue than before 1897, because they have more money to spend for foreign goods. But they have saved \$4,464,596 in the past three years through the abolition of the National Policy. The maritime statistics show an increase in the last full year of the preferential tariff over the last full year with no preference of 146 per cent in the number of British vessels carrying cargo to Canada, 127.4 per cent in the tonnage employed, 128.7 per cent in the cargo carried, and nearly 137 per cent in the number of men given employment in managing those vessels. Mr. Johnson adds:

"The conclusion I feel warranted in drawing from these figures is that the preferential tariff has saved a business which before the adoption of that tariff was rapidly dwindling, and has, in fact, so greatly increased it that there is a reasonably sure prospect that the palmiest period of the trade in the past 30 years will be overshadowed in the near future."

The Franchise Grabbers.

The Legislature should decide some means of checking the grab for electric railway charters. During the past three or four years dozens of companies have been incorporated with powers of expropriation, bonding, and other privileges conferred by the electric railway act. They are uniformly required to commence operations within two years after incorporation and complete their undertaking within five years. How many of them have complied with their charters? Probably the London and Southwestern is the only one in the Province that has laid a mile of track, or even taken surveys and levels. If any others have done half as much, they have escaped our notice. A good many promoters are talking of the great things they intend to do, but they have no thought of investing their own money, and the majority are holding their charters for auction. If the electric railway act required a substantial cash deposit from incorporators as security for the fulfillment of charter requirements, there would be less of this wildcat element. It would be also a protection for bona-fide promoters against the attacks of franchise grabbers. When a company has lived up to its contract it is unfair that speculators should be given a charter to build over the same route, when they may have no other object than to be bought off by those who have invested their capital in the enterprise. If they had to put up forfeit money they might not be so eager for a competitive franchise.

A Vigorous Administrator.

The annual report of the Department of the Interior is an inspiring record of Canadian progress and a reminder of what the country owes to the vigorous policy inaugurated by Hon. Clifford Sifton. In the last year under the hopeless management of the old regime, only 1,857 homestead entries were made. In the year 1903 the entries numbered 31,382. In 1896 the sales of land in the Northwest aggregated 108,016 acres, the value being \$361,338. Last year they aggregated 4,229,011 acres valued at \$14,651,757. In the four years ending 1896 the total sales were 400,000 acres, worth \$1,150,000, or \$2.90 per acre. In the last four years the sales have been 7,700,000 acres, valued at \$26,600,000, or \$3.45 an acre.

A large share of the prosperity of Canada today is based upon immigration, and the increase in immigration is largely due to the brains and energy which Mr. Sifton has put into his department. Before Mr. Sifton took charge, the country had no immigration policy worthy of the name. He had to reorganize and remodel the whole system, and the vigorous propaganda carried on in Europe and the United States has already yielded results which have transformed this country. This has not been achieved without an increase of expenditure, but it is noteworthy that the revenue of the Department of the Interior has correspondingly increased, being \$2,444,062, for the last fiscal year, as compared with \$268,552 in 1896.

Manchester's Great Enterprise.

The growing commerce between Canadian ports and the Manchester district has been facilitated by the Manchester canal, which is the largest investment of the kind ever undertaken by one municipality. It is evident that Manchester has not regretted the price it paid to become a port as it intends to spend another \$7,500,000 in deepening the canal from 26 to 28 feet. This waterway, which connects Liverpool and Manchester, is 35 miles long and has cost over \$75,000,000. It has been in operation ten years, and since then the traffic has increased from 686,153 tons to 3,555,636 tons, or about five fold. These figures represent the tonnage carried by sea-going vessels alone. In addition there is a large traffic of 300,000 tons yearly.

The canal has never paid dividends and was not expected to. The city of Manchester is the heaviest stockholder, and in lieu of interest is perfectly satisfied with the increased business which the canal brings. The interest on bonds held by private investors has been met, but stockholders and the city of Manchester are receiving as yet no direct return. The city is to give the canal company easier terms of payment and the canal officials believe that before long they can raise their tolls as to largely increase their revenue. The fact that the canal is to be improved and enlarged is sufficient proof that all parties concerned believe the costly experiment to be a success. Before this great enterprise Manchester was in a condition of decline, but the canal has resulted in a distinct revival of industry and commerce.

The British budget will show a deficit of \$3,000,000, which is just about the size of Canada's surplus.

As General Kuropatkin nears the seat of war the excitement rises to fever heat. It is terrible to contemplate what this man may do.

The Australian premiers will try to decide on a scheme to attract immigration. Just now the stream is flowing in Canada's direction, and they will have hard work diverting it to a land of drought and debt.

Hon. Charles S. Hyman has been re-appointed chairman of the railway committee of the House of Commons. The Liberals evidently think that Mr. Hyman is equal to all the work they can throw on him.

GUIDE TO TABLE MANNERS.

[Baltimore American.]
The fern-dish in the center of the table is always intended to be purely ornamental, and its contents should never be molested no matter how poor the rest of the bill of fare may be.

THE SANDS O' DEE.

[Charles Kingsley.]
"O Mary, go and call the cattle home,
And call the cattle home,
And call the cattle home,
Across the sands o' Dee."
The western mist came down and dank with foam,
And all alone went she.

The creeping tide came up along the sand,
And o'er and o'er the sand,
And round and round the sand,
As far as eye could see;
The blinding mist came down and hid the land—
And never home came she.

Oh, is it weed, or fish, or floating hair?—
A tress of golden hair,
A crowned maiden's hair,
Above the nets at sea?
Was never salmon yet that shone so fair
Among the stakes of Dee.

They rowed her in across the rolling foam,
The cruel, crawling foam.
The cruel, hungry foam,
To her grave beside the sea;
But still the boatmen hear her call the cattle home,
Across the sands o' Dee.

HOW IT STARTED.

[Chicago Post.]
"I gave my husband a dressing gown," was what she told the gossip.
"It's a pity those people can't agree," was what the gossip said to a neighbor.
"What's the matter?" asked the neighbor.
"Oh, they've been quarreling," explained the gossip.
"Surely you must be mistaken," said the neighbor.
"She told me herself," asserted the gossip. "She said she gave her husband a dressing gown."

FROM INSIDE.

[From Judge.]
Employer—And now that we are engaged to be married, I suppose I shall have to hire a new typewriter. Typewriter—Not at all, dear. I shall attend to the hiring of your typewriters after this.

THE DUKE VISITED HIM.

[Guelph Mercury.]
"Your bulletin regarding the death of the Duke of Cambridge," said Mr. J. C. Elsie to the Mercury, "reminded me of one little incident in my life which I can never forget. When I was a young lad of about 18, shortly after I had enlisted, I was one day painfully injured by a horse, and was confined to the hospital for a time. While there the Duke of Cambridge came in one day and sat down by my bedside, asked how I was getting along, how I had been injured, and other things, and chatted away for about a quarter of an hour. That was just his way, a bluff, hearty, kind-hearted Englishman."

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[Ethelwyn Wetherald.]
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Or strongly win, what matters it?
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Except to serve with might,
I was not told to win or lose,
My orders are to fight.

OUTFIT OF ENGLISH JUDGE.

[London Daily Mail.]
The outfit of an English judge costs about \$3,000. He has to have at least five gowns of silk, besides a girdle, a scarf, a casting cap, a beaver hat, a cocked hat, a silk hat, face bands, and two full court suits with swords.

WE ALL FEEL IT.

[Montreal Herald.]
King Edward is spending more money on household expenses than his mother did; still, everybody knows how the price of living has gone up.

THE KINGBIRD AND THE CROW.

[Buffalo Courier.]
Ever see a Kingbird lick a Crow? A great big, coward, croaking, carrion-crow.
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Or even come in sight,
You'd die to see the crow get up and hike.

The scrappy little Kingbird swarms about,
And promptly puts the carrion Crow to rout.
He fights the Crow for fair,
And he biffs him everywhere,
And soon the crow is down and counted out.

GOYETTE BROKE DOWN.

The L'Original Murderer Sentenced to Hang April 28.
L'Original, Ont., March 24.—After a three days' trial at the Prescott County spring assizes, Clement Goyette, formerly of Montreal, was yesterday afternoon found guilty of the murder of Daniel Collingan, owner of Alfred Township, and his young son, Thomas, on the night of Jan. 24 last.

The murder was the outcome of a quarrel in which Goyette, who was his hired man, to task for improperly feeding the cattle, Collingan and his little son were killed. The father was slain with a broad axe, and Goyette was taken red-handed by the neighbors, while attempting the lives of the rest of the family, and taking

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OF THE ATLANTIC
Crew Suffers Agonies While Bark Drifts Helplessly for Many Weeks.

London, March 24.—The survivors from the British bark, Mary A. Troch, which was abandoned at sea while on a voyage from Pensacola for Rio de Janeiro, have arrived at Southampton. They relate terrible experiences. The bark encountered a gale, during which her boats were swept away, her mainmast and mizzenmast were broken, and her bulwarks and hatches were ripped off. The bark became water-logged, and for 26 days tremendous seas swept over her. The carpenter was drowned.

At the end of 19 days all the food, consisting of a barrel of flour, a can of apricots, were eaten, and all the water was drunk. The crew chewed head and wood to relieve their cravings. The captain's niece, in addition to the agonies of hunger and thirst and exposure, lost all her warm clothing and was compelled to improvise clothing from sacks.

The gale was very fierce, and those aboard the bark were compelled to lash themselves to the deck to prevent themselves being swept overboard. At the same time they had to work the pumps to keep the vessel from foundering.

When they were reduced almost to skeletons, and were half mad from the privation, and when the condition seemed hopeless, the steamer Cairnsia sighted her. She pluckily took off those on the bark, notwithstanding the heavy and dangerous seas. The survivors were landed at Havre, whence they were brought to Southampton.

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STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 23.—At New York—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen; Ceve, from Liverpool; Necker, from Naples; Liguria, from Genoa.
At Halifax—Laurentian, from Glasgow.
At Algiers—Canopic, from Boston.
At Moville—Ethiopia, from New York; Pretorian, from St. John.
At Malta—Grosser Kurfirst, from New York.
At London—Menominee, from New York.
At Liverpool—Westerland, from Philadelphia.
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.....Foreman Molder.....Municipal Engineer
.....Refrigeration Engineer.....Bridge Engineer
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.....Elec. Mach. Designer.....Ad. Writer
.....Electrician.....Window Dresser
.....Electric-Lighting Supt.....Sheet Metal Draftsman
.....Railroad Engineer.....Ornamental Designer
.....Surveyor.....Navigator
.....Mining Engineer.....Bookkeeper
.....Textile Mill Supt.....Stenographer
.....Textile Designer.....To Speak French
.....Sanitary Engineer.....To Speak German
.....Heat and Vent. Engineer.....To Speak Spanish
.....Building Contractor.....Commercial Law
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THOUSANDS ARE NOW COMING IN FROM STIFF-NECKED REPUBLIC

Rev. L. N. Tucker Enthusiastic Over the Prospects in the Canadian Northwest.

The most important sessions of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association of the Diocese of Huron were held yesterday. The morning and afternoon sessions were occupied with addresses and the reading of several good papers, besides the election of the officers. Two splendid addresses were given at the evening session. The audiences at both of these meetings completely filled Crown Hall.

The annual statement of the board of management was received and the facts contained therein showed the work that had been done and the bright outlook for the future. The diocesan organization had met the demands made upon it with splendid spirit, and it seemed that the same advance would again be experienced.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

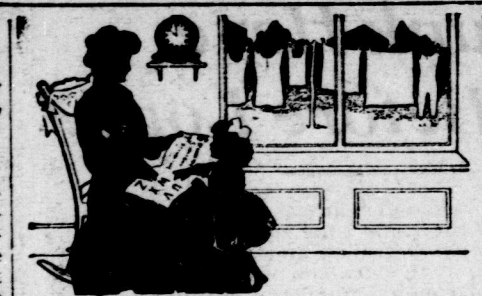
President—Mrs. Baldwin.
Treasurer—Mrs. Sage.
Recording Secretary—Miss Bethune.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Falls.
Secretary for Juniors—Miss Fox.
Deacons Secretary—Miss Gower.
Zenana Secretary—Miss Battersby.
Port Dover.

The delegates to the triennial meeting are as follows: Miss Battersby, Port Dover; Miss Sandys, Chatham; Mrs. Griffin, Dresden; Mrs. Medley, Galt.

Bishop Baldwin opened the evening session with an outline of the work done in the year and said that he felt deeply grateful at the contrast that had been shown between the past and previous years. Never had there been such a year in which the advances were so great. The church now had a Missionary Association that consisted of all the members of the Episcopal Church from the Atlantic to the Pacific. When the call for funds had come the people groined under what they thought was a great burden. In

the Diocese of Huron, the sum of \$11,000 had been asked for, and the congregations had responded so generously that \$15,000 was raised. The people were gradually coming to learn that the one great subject was the cause of the missions. The society brought the clergy and the laity closer together and created a glorious new spirit.

Rev. W. L. White, of China, was the first speaker on the programme. He was garbed in picturesque Chinese costume, and his very interesting remarks were made more interesting by the fact that he illustrated them with a collection of curios. In China, he said, ladies wore skirts only on special occasions, and the men regulated the weather by the number of coats that they wore, the sleeves of which were made long, because of a custom that called for the covering of hands in the presence of superiors, and bracelets were worn to charm away the evil spirits. To have the cue cut off was a sign that a man had been degraded or that he belonged to the criminal class. Mr. White said that latterly his work had been to look after fifty-seven churches, which had about eighty native teachers. He was the only Protestant in the Foch Kion, and there were many places where churches were needed. The modes of Chinese living and travel were gone over, and in the course of his remarks Mr. White stated that foreigners were compelled to carry their own food. In the other case, they would be in danger of becoming very ill. There were no newspapers in China, and proclamations were sent from the Government from time to time. Several of these were shown. One of them bore particular significance, in that it was the one in which the Dowager Empress had ordered that all foreigners in China be killed. Two of her chief ministers had changed the proclamation, so that the Christians were given time to fly to safety before the Emperor's massacre occurred. When the Empress discovered this, she called the men to court. Their defense was that they had done it for the sake of their country, but they paid for their action with their lives. Placed in barrels filled with



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spikes they were rolled about and afterward taken out and cut in two. This showed the readiness of the Chinese to die for their country. If they were taught to love Jesus they would die for their religion, too. Fifty thousands of them had already sacrificed their lives for Christ. It was common for widows to be allowed to commit public suicide. The people thought such a thing was honorable, and altars were built without the gates of the city for the purpose. Little baby girls were ruthlessly killed, sometimes by drowning, and at other times by strangulation. Figures were given to show that as many as ten babies had been slaughtered by one mother. When any of these women were Christians the great destiny that they had killed their own children was terrible. The houses were full of idols and ancestral tablets, the latter of

which were worshipped with as much fervor as the idols. Another curse and a great check upon the work of the missionaries was the opium habit practiced by great many of the Chinese. Originally this terrible drug had been imported by England into China, and morally the British were to blame for its effects. The Chinese who were Christianized were very strong in their faith, and would walk scores of miles to attend church, said Mr. White.

In opening his address, Rev. L. N. Tucker, D. D., the general secretary of the W. A. M. A., said that the former speaker should be wearing the miter of a bishop. Dr. Tucker stated that he had come in contact with all kinds of Canadians and that the work was progressing grandly. There were thousands pouring into Canada from the "stiff-necked" republic to the south, and into the English Church. This was the greatest opportunity the church would ever have to do the greatest work of the age and see that character was molded, so as to make the new-comers the good Canadians they should be.

Dr. Tucker was very enthusiastic in referring to the prospects of the Canadian Northwest. He said he believed that within twenty years the west would be five million souls in the west. The future of Canada was bound up in the west and the great missionary enterprise which had been started. The Northwest had qualified for a great destiny, and the church should take hold and try to mould and shape the inhabitants into religious, law-abiding citizens.

BANQUET FITTINGLY CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL SEASON'S WORK

Y. M. C. A. Glee Club and Friends Spend a Pleasant Evening—A Presentation.

As a fitting conclusion of a winter's work, and after two distinct public successes, a dinner was given last evening by the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club, that was attended by a large number, and enjoyed by everyone present. A feature of the evening was the presentation to the club's energetic secretary, Mr. W. R. Marshall.

The speeches followed one of the best dinners the ladies' auxiliary has ever prepared for any organization in the association building. The tables were laid in the form of a triangle, emblematic of the Y. M. C. A. and the banquet room, including these tables, were well decorated.

In the toastmaster's chair sat Mr. J. A. Cottam, who made one of his appropriate and excellent speeches in introducing the toast list. Before him on the programme, however, was Physicist Instructor McLaren, who was president of the Glee Club. He made a characteristic address, which was well received in better humor even than they had been during the dinner.

After the health of his Majesty had been drunk, the toast "The Association" was proposed. In proposing this Mr. Cottam pointed out how the association had grown since Mr. Hopper assumed the secretaryship. He asked him to give some figures, with which request Mr. Hopper complied. In August last, said the secretary, the number of members was 485, while the year closed with 501 members. He pointed out how the association had grown to the members, and what it meant to have their co-operation in the work. He reminded them that while the cost to the members was last year but \$5, the cost per member to the association was \$12.50. The association was growing, and he trusted it would continue to grow.

Dr. Cunningham was the first to reply to the next toast—that to the Glee Club executive. In doing so, he thanked those who had worked so hard to bring about the success that the concert had been. Before taking his seat, he introduced something that was not on the programme, reading an address, accompanied by a check, to Mr. Marshall, upon whom had devolved a great amount of work. The secretary of the club, thus surprised, expressed his gratitude in a few words. Mr. O. H. Gidley was then called upon to respond to the same toast, which he did with much credit to himself.

Mr. A. D. Jordan told of what a pleasure it had been to direct the chorus, and expressed his satisfaction with their work. Mr. George McBride also responded to the toast to "The Musical Directors."

The praises of the end-men were sung by the toastmaster, and Messrs. T. B. Taylor and W. R. Marshall replied in speeches which were characterized by a strain of end-men minstrelsy that was appreciated. To the toast to "The Chorus," Messrs. Mel Dale and Charles Percy ably responded.

Representatives of the Orient and the St. John's Clubs had been invited. Mr. S. K. Milroy spoke on behalf of the former, and Mr. Arthur Gidley was called upon to speak for the latter. Mr. Milroy made an impressive speech, in

which he told of the Orient Club's existence for thirteen years. And the principles upon which it was run. He was glad to see the Y. M. C. A. broadening as to as ally of such an entertainment, and he hoped that some day they would allow billiards and whist. Upon this the toastmaster commented that he, too, hoped to see the day when the Y. M. C. A. would have a billiard table. As Mr. Milroy pointed out, the only thing wrong with such things were the associations where they sometimes were played. If the best things in the Y. M. C. A. were united with the best things in such clubs as the Orient Club, Mr. Milroy thought they would have an ideal association that would take in almost every young man.

The members of the hockey team were among the guests and were given much praise. Mr. Percy Williams proved a most capable sponsor for the very happy replies for "The Ladies" were given by Messrs. C. H. Wickett and C. B. Chapman. Acknowledgments were also made to the press of the city.

Naturally there was considerable music last night. Mr. Allan Blackwell sang an excellent solo and the "Washington Pie Quartet," Messrs. Banghart, Martin, Johnston and Nancekiville, gave a rendering. The club sang just at the request of the ladies, the barnyard song that made such a hit, and entered heartily into the chorus of "Tessie," which was given as a corned solo by Mr. C. C. Irwin. During the evening, Mr. Frank Murphy favored with a story. There was much satisfaction with the financial result of the concert, and the manner in which the boys enjoyed themselves was an evidence of the good effect the organization of the club had in bringing together a large number of the members of the Y. M. C. A.

At the conclusion of the dinner a brief session was held, at which the following officers were elected:

President—George A. McLaren.
Vice-President—Allan Blackwell.
Secretary—W. R. Marshall.
Treasurer—C. Wickett.

OUR TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Discussed at Banquet to Canadians at Liverpool.

NO ANNEXATION SENTIMENT

Canada Is Willing to Raise Tariff Against the United States Says Montrealers Present.

London, March 23.—Sir Alfred Jones, head of the firm of Elder, Dempster & Co., yesterday entertained at luncheon at the Palladium Club, Liverpool, Messrs. Hodgson and Ames, of Montreal. Sir Alfred, in proposing the health of the Canadian visitors, said that the people of the Dominion were very much indebted to the Canadians for the hearty and hospitable reception accorded the representatives of the British Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the congress in Montreal. There was at the present time a great desire on the part of the people of Great Britain and the people of the Dominion for closer relationship. He thought this could best be promoted by means of reciprocal commercial arrangements.

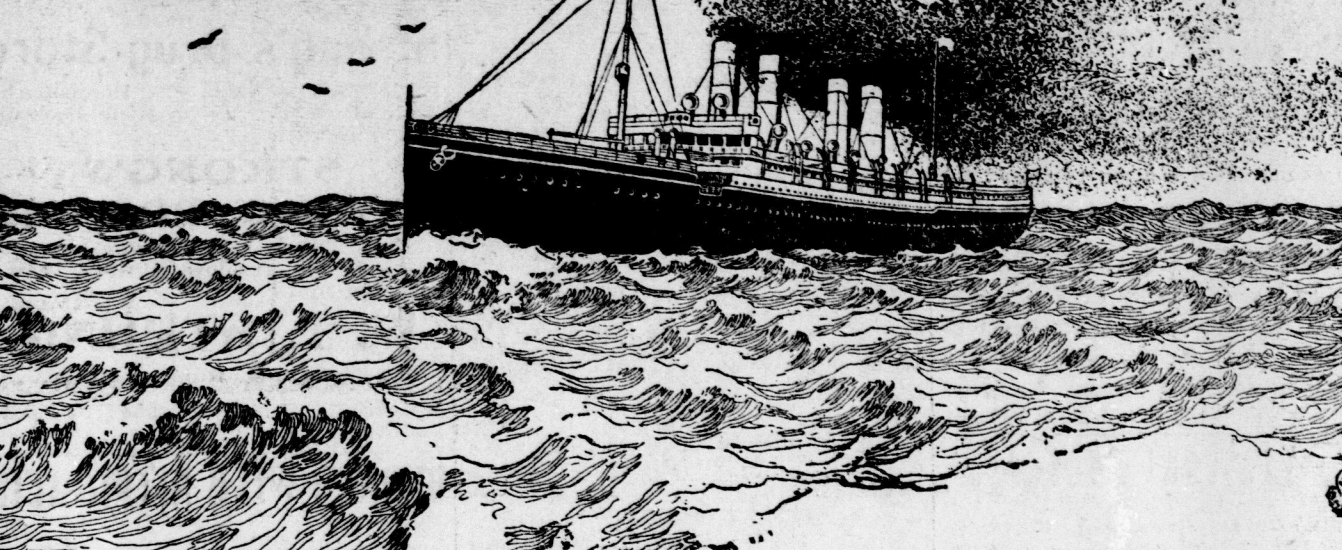
Mr. Drummond, in replying, ridiculed the suggestion that Canadians were anxious for annexation to the States. He pointed out that the strong desire of the present generation was to remain British. As to the fiscal question, he hoped it would be kept out of party politics, and that some satisfactory solution would be found which would be conducive to the best interests of the colonies and the mother country. They in Canada had no selfish object in view. It was absolutely necessary that they should have their diversified employment if they were going to maintain the Dominion in the position it ought to occupy as an outpost of the British Empire. Mr. Drummond hoped a commission would get to work on the subject of the fiscal question, with a view to a satisfactory solution.

Mr. Hodgson said that Canada had shown a willingness to share in bringing about closer relationship with the mother country, and a preference for raising the tariff to Americans. Regarding the St. Lawrence route, they had invited visitors from England to come out and see for themselves what had been done to make the river perfectly safe for navigation night and day.

Mr. Ames said: "Sir Alfred hopes that Canada will buy goods from England, but they in England must do more in the way of selling to Canadians the goods they want and which they desire to use. Americans and Germans are upon the spot ready to make any outlandish thing the people will buy, and are taking trade from Britain."

Arrangements are being made for the celebration in Britain of Empire Day, May 24. Entertainments such as lectures and concerts, with descriptive recitations from colonial literature, tableaux, representative of the costumes and customs of the colonies, and historical events connected with them are suggested. Canadian scenes of snow and ice will be omitted.

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He had seemed very much weakened during all this troublesome descent of a vast staircase, a fact that smote Dysart with a terrible remorse—for was it not his father's hand that had brought him thus low?—but now, as the man catches sight of the old-fashioned bureau, a light springs into his eyes, a fresh life into his limbs. Loosing himself from Dysart's kindly support he makes his way unsupported to the side of it, and by a subtle touch unlocks the secret spring. The door swings back, the hidden shelves and their contents lie all unobscured. Seizing upon a fast yellowing parchment, Sedley draws it out, and overcomes by fatigue and excitement, drops upon his knees. Eagerly he opens and scans it, and then holds it out to Dysart.

"Compare that," says he, in a high tone of triumph, "with the will of your grandfather, that left all to Gregory Dysart, cutting out the elder son. Compare it, I say, and you will see that this was executed three years later than that other—that other which is now in force and has been these twenty years." Mechanically Dysart takes it. No word escapes him. Speech, indeed, is impossible to him, so busy is his mind trying to take in all the miserable dishonor of the story that as yet has but the faint outline of a tale. He looks at the old man's face, and she's as knowing as a file in his opinion as you'll meet in a day's walk. You can see our two signatures. Eh, can't you read 'em? We witnessed it. We alone knew, and he bought us over. Well, 'twas worth a quid or two; 'tis a fine old place."

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respected parent?" with a sneer. "Not for me, my lad. None of your tricks, say I. I've had enough of that with the old chap. Don't try it on; I'm wide-awake this time, and no mistake. We'll settle now or never. You see you're in my power, my fine fellow, and I'm not the one to be overruled."

"Sir, I'm in no man's power," says Dysart, calmly. "I trust in God. I never shall be. This will, striking it with his hand, 'though which my uncle and his daughters have been—been fraudulently'—he says the word with difficulty—'kept out of their property for so many years, shall be at once restored to its proper owner.'"

A yellow tint overspreads Sedley's face. As if entirely overcome he sinks upon a chair.

"You surrender?" he says with a gasp. "Give in? 'Chuck it up? Well, you're a poor devil! 'Tis enough to make the old man turn in his grave. Ah!—a swift clean lights his face, and a look of diabolical cunning lights his eyes—'so that's your little game, is it?—You'll marry the girl, secure the property, and do the virtuous besides? Then I'm d— if you do, without a word from me thrown in! I'll blow you; she shall know whom she is marrying, and why he is in such a mighty hurry. I'll—"

"Be silent!" says Dysart, in a low, but terrible tone, that for a moment

looms the brute before him. "I shall never marry my cousin!"

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Waterloos Carried Off Ice After Their Victory Over Lornes in Junior City League.

At the Jubilee Rink last night, the Waterloo, for the second time in their history, captured the Smith cup along with the championship of the Junior City League. The largest crowd of the season was present and they saw a first-class game, although the ice was covered with water in several places.

In the first half the play was all in the Waterloo's favor, the puck being in the Lornes' territory the greater part of the time. Time after time, the Lornes tried to get away, but their rushes were always broken up and the puck carried back by the speedy Lornes. Carruthers made some beautiful stops, but at last Nichol scored on a pass from the wing. Then the play was a little more even, but in six minutes Towse scored another for the Waterloo, making the score at half time 2-0 in the Waterloo's favor.

In the second half, the Lornes went at it with a rush and made a far better showing than in the first half. Their only goal was scored by Smith early in this half. The play was now marked by a number of end to end rushes, and very close checking, during which Balfour broke his skate, causing a delay of five minutes. Shortly after play was resumed, Reid, of the Waterloo, with a swift, snappy rush, scored the final goal, thus making the score 3-1 in the Waterloo's favor. When time was called, a scene of the wildest excitement prevailed. Hats

were thrown in the air and the victorious team was cheered again and again, and finally carried off the ice shoulder high.

Both teams played an earnest, clean game, and they are equally deserving of credit in this respect, but there is not the slightest doubt but that the best team won.

The line-up:
Waterloos—Goal, Kennedy, point, F. Marshall; cover point, Spencer; rover, Towse; center, Reid; right wing, H. Marshall; left wing, Nichol.

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Referee—Jack Brown.
Summary:
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Second Goal—Towse (Waterloos), 6 minutes.

Third Goal—Smith (Lornes), 6 minutes.

Fourth Goal—Reid (Waterloos), 11½ minutes.

Both of the teams that took part in the struggle were banqueting at the close. According to a promise made, Mr. Reid took the Waterloo, of which he is the president, to a downtown restaurant, where a whole-some spread had been prepared.

Very pleasant time was spent, and speeches laudatory of the abilities of Jack Towse, as a captain, and of the team as conscientious workers, were made.

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The letter was dated New Orleans, March 15, 1902, and is addressed to William O'Hara, of Cincinnati, appealing to O'Hara for an immediate advance of \$500 for a scheme "to get big money quick."

"I am scheming to get hold of a bay filly like Sarah Black," reads the letter, "and I see a chance to make all the money wanted to square up everything and put in a book this summer. You understand what I want is to ring in a good fast filly at Roby in a cheap maiden race and get a long price as Sarah Black—100 to 1 or more. Sarah Black is out of existence, but I have one picked out here that won't lose, and that I can buy for \$1,500. Everybody will think she is Sarah Black, and make her get 200 or 1." J. A. Wilkerson, of Chicago, testified today that the day following the contested race Farley confided to him that Almies had been rung in as Sarah Black.

Wood Hoffburg, of Chillicothe, and Clifford Westfall, of Los Angeles, testified that they recognized the winning mare as Almies.

BASKETBALL.
AN EASY VICTORY.
A game of basketball was played last evening at the Y. M. C. A. between the team that is to tour for the association colors, and St. George's team of West London. The line-up was: Y. M. C. A.—Willis, Shepherd, Browne, Duncan, Woods, St. George—Durdin, Kennedy, Ramsay, Anderson, Lottion, Howard.

Equally refereed. The Y. M. C. A. boys defeated the visitors by 15 to 6.

BASEBALL.
SOLD TO NEWSPAPERMAN.
Washington, March 23.—Bao B. Johnson, president of the American Baseball League, has sold the Washington Baseball Club to Thomas C. Noyes, a member of the editorial staff of the Evening Star, and Wm. F. Dwyer, one of the proprietors of the Bulletin and the Columbia Theater.

GOLF.
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.
The annual tournament of the Royal Canadian Golf Association will be held at Montreal on June 29, 30, and July 1 and 2. The association will hold an open championship this season for the first time in the history of the R. C. G. A. The morning of the first day will be devoted to the qualifying round, the first sixteen to play for the championship, while the second sixteen to qualify for the second cup. Thursday and Friday will be given to the match play for the first and second cups, while on Saturday the open championship will be played off at the same time. In the qualifying rounds the play will be over an eighteen-hole course, while the finals, the championship and the handicap will be thirty-six holes.

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THE DIVORCE PROBLEM
Protestant Churches in Conference to Draft a Common Law.

New York, March 24. — Agitation against divorce and the marriage of divorced persons resulted in a meeting here of eminent Protestant ministers and laymen, who will attempt to solve the problem of uniform legislation on the subject by the states of the Union. A meeting of the executive committee of the conference, presided over by Bishop Doane, of Albany, drafted a rough outline of the proposed law which later will be presented to the full meeting for discussion. The conference is a direct result of action taken by the Protestant Episcopal Church in its last general conference at San Francisco.

"Every effort will be made to forever solve the divorce evil, so far as the Protestant churches are concerned," declared Right Rev. David H. Greer, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal archdiocese of New York. "The Roman Catholic Church was invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference, but declined. The opposition of that church regarding divorce is well known, however."

"Personally, I do not believe in divorce or remarriage, but in separation only. Other gentlemen at the conference may have other views, but it is the purpose of the representatives of Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Lutheran, Baptist, Congregational, Universalist, Unitarian and Reformed Presbyterian Churches to decide upon some final method involving a comity of relation and uniform practice to treat the great evil of divorce in this country, so that persons who were married under the rites of one church cannot after securing divorces, remarry under the rites of some other Protestant church."

—Mrs. S. F. Houser, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning, was a former resident of Ingersoll. She had been ill a number of years, and left Ingersoll for the hospital a few weeks ago.



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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss M. Harris is visiting Mrs. Lyons Biggar, of Ottawa.

—Thomas Young, of Union, has left that place to reside in London.

—Port Huron Times: Miss Eva Quinn left today for a two weeks' visit at the parental home in London, Ont.

—Major Laybourn, of Wolsely Barracks, has been at Kingsville inspecting the armory of Squadron D, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

—The death of the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Michel, of Toronto, formerly of this city, took place yesterday, after a long illness.

—Hon. Charles S. Hyman and Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, Solicitor-General, will attend the East Elgin Liberal convention at Aylmer on Monday.

—Principal Merchant, of the Normal School, will deliver his lecture on "Wireless Telegraphy" in the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning.

—Mr. James Hooper, of Winnipeg, formerly of this city, at present King's printer of Manitoba, has been appointed provincial secretary of Manitoba.

—A Reader—Being a grandson of George III., the lake Duke of Cambridge would have been in line of succession for the throne, had the late Queen Victoria died without issue.

—Mrs. Samuel Hunter (nee Dowell) and her little daughter, who have been visiting at the parental home, 563 Adelaide street, for some time past, left this afternoon for their home in St. Paul, Minn.

—Mr. W. E. Matthews, son of Mr. Philip Matthews, John street, and formerly on the teaching staff of the Forest City Business College, has been elected president of McMaster University Literary Society. McMaster University held the Toronto intercollegiate debating Union championship during the past three years. Bert's many London friends will be glad to hear of his continued success.

BOARD OF TRADE TO MEET.
The monthly meeting of the board of trade has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, when nominees for the year are to be nominated.

PROF. HUME TO SPEAK.
Prof. J. G. Hume, M. A., Ph.D., of Toronto University, will speak tomorrow afternoon at the Collegiate Institute, and at night at the Normal School, at sessions of the semi-annual meeting of the City of London Teachers' Association.

FUNERAL OF R. F. LONEY.
The funeral of the late R. F. Loney took place from the residence of his brother, Bruce, at 1000 Dundas street, yesterday afternoon. The remains were brought from Toronto on Wednesday, on the afternoon of which funeral services were held by Revs. Dr. Telling and J. T. Walker, which were attended by 150 members of the Brotherhood of Car Repairers.

BROUGHT GOOD PRICES.
There was a very large attendance at Mr. John McClary's sale, held at his farm in Dorchester Township, yesterday afternoon. As Mr. McClary is giving up farming, everything was sold. Bidding was good and prices realized were satisfactory. Twenty-two cows averaged \$41 each; one span of light horses brought \$200; a pair of heavy horses \$250. Auctioneers Dobb and Hunt conducted the sale.

PRESENTED WITH CHARM.
R. St. Clair Hamby, who has been associated with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company in this city for some time, has accepted a good position with the same company in Hamilton. Just before leaving yesterday he was presented with an address and a gold chain by the staff in their office here.

STARVED SEVEN DAYS.
Cumberland, Md., March 24. — Albert Crookin, a miner, of Henry, W. Va., is in the hospital here after having been rescued from a seven days' period of starvation in the mine of the Davis Coal and Coke Company, at Henry. He was entombed over a week ago by an explosion, in which three were killed. He was burned terribly, but it is believed that he will recover.

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IRISH BENEVOLENT PREPARES FOR ANOTHER BIG YEAR'S WORK

Elects Officers and Committees at a Bumper Meeting.

Mr. John Stevely Succeeds Mr. T. J. Murphy as President.

Presentations to the Retiring President and Secretary—Society in Good Financial Position.

The most numerous attended annual meeting in the 27 years of its existence was that of the Irish Benevolent Society held in the rooms in the Duffield Block, night. It was anticipated that the meeting would be an especial

Photo by Frank Cooper.

MR. JOHN STEVELY.
Unanimously Chosen to Succeed Mr. T. J. Murphy as President.

ly creditable one, and extra seating capacity had been provided, but when 8:30, the hour for the opening of business, arrived, it was found necessary to borrow chairs to accommodate the members. The Belvedere Club, which is situated on the floor below, very generously loaned all the chairs necessary.

The meeting, as a whole, was an enthusiastic one, and as reported, report was read, showing that the past year had been one of unprecedented success. The Irishmen threw their hearts and energies into the business of the evening and grew proud in proportion to the success they had achieved. During the evening an almost entirely new set of officers were elected, and the old officers handed over the reins of government to their successors. But while the new men were greeted with every mark of esteem by the members present, the men who had dropped out were not forgotten, and eulogies well put and certainly well deserved were heaped upon Lieut. T. J. Murphy, and Mr. W. A. Martin, the retiring president and secretary respectively. The former was presented with a handsome gold-mounted badge of a past president of the society, and the latter with a splendid gold-mounted umbrella, both presents being suitably engraved, as a mark of the esteem in which the society hold Messrs. Murphy and Martin, both as officers and members of the I. B. S.

The report of Treasurer P. F. Boyle showed the society to be strong financially.

DR. CLAUDE BROWN,
Successor to Mr. W. A. Martin, Who Retires from the Secretaryship.

President—John W. Stevely, proposed by Dennis Collins and John W. Pocock.

First Vice-President—Philip Pocock, by Dr. John D. Wilson and E. Ryan.

Second Vice-President—Dennis Mason, by E. C. McCann and Jerry Collins.

Third Vice-President—William McPhillips, by T. H. Scandrett and Thos. Wilson.

Secretary—Dr. Claude Brown, by Harry Buchanan and P. M. Mulhail.

Treasurer—P. F. Boyle, by T. H. Scandrett and Patrick Walsh.

Auditors—W. A. Martin and John Loughlin.

Physicians—Drs. Moore, John D. Wilson, Niven, Guest (St. Thomas).

Executive committee—Dr. J. D. Wilson, T. J. Murphy, J. M. Daly, Stephen Grant, J. W. Pocock, P. Mulhail, Harry Merritt, T. H. Scandrett, Harry Rutten, W. A. Martin, E. C. McCann, Thomas Wilson.

For the office of secretary, Mr. Harry Buchanan was nominated, but he declined for various reasons to allow his name to stand.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.
The new president and secretary were then called to the platform by Retiring President Murphy, who placed the insignia of office on Mr. Stevely, and con-

gratulated both he and Dr. Brown upon their election.

Upon taking the chair, President Stevely said that the proudest moment of his life was when the retiring president had placed around his neck the regalia which marked the highest honor within the power of the Irish Benevolent Society to confer upon a fellow-member—that of president. As a private member and as an official, he had acted as his conscience directed, and to the best of his ability, for the good of the organization. He felt fully the magnitude of the high and honorable position to which he had been elected, and he would do his very best to show the men who honored him, that they had not been mistaken in their choice. Looking back for twenty years, he said that many eminent men had filled the position he now held, and with brilliant results. He would do his best to live up to the honorable record and traditions they had left behind them. In all respects, he considered the I. B. S. an ideal organization, but in one particular it excelled, and that was in burying religious bigotry, Catholics and Protestants working cordially together for the common good. He paid the retiring officers a high compliment, and was applauded as he resumed his seat.

Dr. Claude Brown, the new secretary, made a short speech, saying it was an honor to be a member, much less an officer of the I. B. S. He thanked all for their kindness, and promised to work only for the good of the society in every way.

TWO PRESENTATIONS.
At this juncture, Mr. John W. Pocock approached the president's chair, and in a short speech announced that on behalf of the society he wished to present Mr. T. J. Murphy, the retiring president, with the badge of a past president. Mr. Pocock then pinned the badge on Mr. Murphy's breast, and the latter spoke a few words of thanks to all. A beautiful gold-mounted umbrella was then presented to the retiring secretary, Mr. W. A. Martin, by Mr. Philip Pocock, Mr. Martin responding briefly.

DR. DRUMMOND'S VISIT.
After these pleasant events the regular business was proceeded with.

A communication was read from the Daughters of the Empire stating that Dr. Drummond was being brought to the city.

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WOODS' FAIR.

London for the purpose of raising funds to erect a monument to the memory of the London heroes who died on the field in the Boer war, and asking the society to assist.

Ald. Forriest, Messrs. J. W. Pocock, B. C. McCann and others, warmly supported the work being done by the Daughters of the Empire, and the result was that the Irishmen then and there subscribed for two boxes at the Grand for the entertainment, and a large number of members also agreed to be in attendance.

On motion of Mr. B. C. McCann, a committee was appointed to look into the advisability of securing a new badge for the society. Though he was an "old boy," and though the present badge was a very handsome one, he objected to being continually approached by people who were anxious to examine the badge, and who always wanted to know if he was a hero of Balaklava or Inkerman.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. McCann for the able work rendered by him in the naming of the committee.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to pay \$20 each to Victoria and St. Joseph's Hospitals for the purpose of making up the full amount of \$200 guaranteed each institution for fitting up an I. B. S. room, the sum of \$180 having already been paid to the management of each institution.

It was unanimously decided to hold a banquet this year, the date to be fixed later on, and a committee was appointed to make a report as to the cost of securing permanent rooms for the society.

The very successful meeting did not break up till well after 11 o'clock.

WOODS' FAIR.

Stores Down Town Begin to Display Their Prettiest Lines.

The surest sign of the breaking up of winter is the activity shown in the stores in displaying their spring goods. This is in evidence everywhere, but among the retail stores where pretty, varied and tempting lines are shown, Woods' Fair is foremost. Its windows have long enjoyed a great reputation for attractiveness, and present now as pleasing an appearance as has been seen in this city. The same successful effort to make the store attractive has been shown in every department. The candy stall has been made especially interesting, particularly to the children, none of whom should be denied the pleasure of visiting it to see the huge Easter eggs that hang above it. The many other easter novelties to be seen there, and elsewhere throughout the store. There are only two seasons in the year when such elaborate efforts are made to prettily display the goods that are for sale—at Christmas and Easter, and as next Christmas is still a long way off, the present opportunity to see it should not be allowed to pass.

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White Lawn Waists, Friday 89c.
Ladies' Fine Lawn Waists, with full French front, made with six large hemstitched tucks and hemstitched collar and cuffs, tucked back, Friday 89c

Black Sateen Waists, Friday 95c.
Ladies' Black Mercerized Sateen Waists, yoke made of fine tucks and hemstitching, tucked back, new sleeves and tab collar to match, Friday

Ladies' Black Waists, Friday \$1.50.
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