



## House and Lobby.

The Life and Death of the Present Parliament.

How the Men in Power Try to Postpone Defeat.

Division on the Gordon Bill to Take Place Early on Wednesday.

Ottawa, March 17.—Nearly the whole time of the House was taken up yesterday afternoon in discussing the question of the duration of Parliament, the subject being introduced by Mr. Edgar, who questioned the Supreme Court, as the life of Parliament would expire on April 25. That seemed to him rather an extraordinary course. According to the Governor-General's proclamation the date of the return of the writs in the last election was the 26th of April, 1891, and according to another proclamation Parliament was called and met four days later. It was therefore clear enough that the life of the present Parliament terminated on the 26th of April next. Why, he asked, had any other date been suggested? For the reason that on the 26th of June, 1891, a writ was presented of the election of a member for Algoma. Evidently there was an error on the part of some official in not holding the election in the proclamation on the date set forth in the proclamation, viz., 26th of April. Errors of this kind were, however, expressly provided for in the Dominion Election Act. He maintained that a returning officer's error could not in any way or form affect the life of this Parliament. If a returning officer could delay the return of the writ for a month and a half, he could do it for a year and a half, and hence the contention that such a course could influence the life of Parliament was manifestly absurd. The case of the Ontario Government in regard to Algoma had been referred to, but it must be remembered that in that instance the election in that constituency was held by special proclamation. The Ontario Legislature had power to extend its life, but this Parliament had not.

Mr. Edgar claimed that a reference to the Supreme Court would settle nothing. It would unsettle everything. It would involve giving notice to all interested persons, and any way there was no time for consulting the Supreme Court, to say nothing of the Privy Council. "I must say," he observed, "this House has reason to know that her Majesty's Privy Council does not always on constitutional questions agree with the view of our Supreme Court. I think, therefore, the suggestion that this should be heard, if indeed it could be heard, by the Supreme Court, is futile, and was never intended at all." In any event, the decision of the Supreme Court was only advisory and not obligatory. The best way to put an end to the existing doubt was for Parliament not to sit after the 26th of April. The Government having squeezed a sixth session of Parliament, were now raising a legal question in order to extend the sixth session still further.

Mr. Dickey said that there was nothing so uncertain as law, and, while not expressing an opinion on the subject, there was possibly some force in the contention that Parliament could legally run along until the 1st of June.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell) made a long and able argument, citing precedents from Magna Charta onward, to show that April 25 was the last day on which Parliament could meet. The courts, he pointed out, did not pretend to undertake to consider Parliamentary law; they undertook the construction of the law from Parliament itself. He held that it was not the period at which the writ was returned that determined the question, but the period fixed in the proclamation for the return of the writ. The House met by authority of the Crown, and it sat as counsel for the purpose of advising the Crown. The Crown fixed the time for the meeting of Parliament, and the proclamation having fixed the date for the return of the writ, the House could not go beyond that date legally. The purpose of fixing in some other way the period at which Parliament would legally begin to exist. This House was the judge of its own privileges, and as such it decided when its life began. There could be no doubt whatever that the period for which this Parliament was elected began on April 25, 1891, and would expire on April 25 of the present year.

Dr. Weldon (Conservative) said there might be a question as to when the life of a Parliament began, but there could be none as to the length of time it could live. The present Parliament began making law on April 29, 1891, and so, at most, it could not sit beyond April 28, 1896. He was strongly of the opinion that Parliament would die on April 24.

Mr. Davies took the same view, and Sir C. H. Tupper and Mr. Hazen argued that June 3 was the proper date.

Mr. Choquette quoted as the opinion of Quebec lawyers a letter written by Senator Landry in the *Moniteur*, of Lévis, the Hon. Mr. Angers' organ, in which it was emphatically declared that Parliament would expire on 29th April.

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The House returned consideration of the Canadian Jockey Club bill. Mr. Martin entered his protest against the provisions of a bill which gave twelve years permanent control of this club, which purported to be a representative institution for governing racing in Canada. The bill was read a third time.

Mr. Dickey informed Mr. Casey that the Government had chosen the improved rifle for the use of volunteers on the report of experts, and, after mature consideration, the Lee-Enfield magazine rifle had been selected, which was practically the same as the Lee-Enfield. It was of an improved groove, which greatly prolonged the life of the rifle. It was of the newest pattern known, and the one to be given to the Imperial forces.

Mr. Costigan, in answer to Mr. Casey, said 45 gill net and 33 pound net licenses were granted on the north shore of Lake Erie. Licenses were not allowed to transfer their licenses to American citizens.

On motion for adjournment of the House, Sir Richard Cartwright asked when the Government proposed the Remedial Bill debate should close.

Mr. Foster replied on Tuesday night before rising.

Sir Richard Cartwright thought the arrangements would be inconvenient on account of the number who wished to speak.

Mr. Foster replied that it had been arranged between the whips. It is now believed that the division will not take place till Thursday morning.

Mr. Foster sent for a prominent member of the Opposition yesterday and discussed the proposed conference on the school question. It is understood that Mr. Foster will seek an interview with the Liberal leader and suggest his taking part in a conference. If the Government are candidly anxious to leave Manitoba to dispose of the problem, Mr. Laurier would, it is said, agree to take part. The motive governing this would be the desire to make any agreement reached a permanent one, and the concurrence of both political leaders would prevent a new Government, no matter which party is represented, reopening the question in any form. It was further intimated that he would be prepared to consider an official invitation from the Ottawa Government to a conference. Sir Donald Smith does not believe there is any necessity for going on with the bill. Under all circumstances it is disappointing to see the Government apparently bent on pressing the motion for a second reading.

Hon. D. C. Fraser and Dr. Landierkin will address meetings at Flenserton and Markdale on Friday and at Paisley and Chesley on Saturday.

Mr. James Pearson, Toronto, has withdrawn the bill for divorce before the Senate, as he regarded it as impossible to have it put through this session.

Senator Vidal was among those who opposed the proposed construction of a high level bridge at Detroit when the matter came before the Senate yesterday. The bill was read a third time.

**LONDON WEST METHODISTS.**  
Annual Report of the Sunday School—Pleasant Tea and Concert.

The annual entertainment and presentation of reports of the London West Methodist Sunday school drew a large audience last night. The chairman, Rev. B. Clement, introduced the following programme: Quartet, Hill street male last night; piano solo, Miss Milligan; recitation, Miss Wright; vocal solo, Miss Fowler; vocal solo, Mr. Forsyth; recitation, Miss Horton; twenty-minute address, Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D.; piano duet, Miss Milligan; vocal solo, Miss Fowler; quartet, Hill street male quartet; recitation, Miss Wright; vocal solo, Mr. Forsyth; recitation, Miss Horton.

The report of the treasurer, Miss E. M. Woodward, showed receipts of \$227.05, and a balance on hand of \$49.27. The report of the secretary, Mr. R. Donaghy, showed a gratifying growth in the school. There were 118 girls and 93 boys on the roll, with an average attendance of 81 and 66 respectively. There were 23 teachers and eight officers; average attendance, 19 and 7 respectively. The school had had 149 visitors. The girls had recited 10,299 verses during the year and the boys 10,299. A feeling reference was made to the loss by death of two earnest workers, Misses Ida Berry and Bertha Herlihy. The energetic superintendent, Mr. Wm. Gibson, was warmly praised.

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## A Great Speech.

Why Hon. L. H. Davies Opposes the Manitoba Coercion Bill.

The Better Way, the Nobler Path, Mapped Out by Mr. Laurier.

Ottawa, March 17.—In concluding his great speech against the bill for the coercion of Manitoba, Hon. L. H. Davies, Liberal leader in the Maritime Provinces, said:

"I oppose this bill because it is a political fraud, a Parliamentary juggler; because it embodies the maximum of evil with the minimum of good; because it is applying a coercion hateful to all Canadians; it is confessedly inefficient and unworkable; because on its very face it lacks finality, and by calling for further amendments must necessarily rekindle and encourage the bitterest of religious disputes. I oppose it because it invokes an interference with Provincial rights, only to be tolerated in the last resort, and after careful investigation proves the existence of well-founded grounds on which the Legislature will not remedy. I oppose it because, while technically within our powers, it is under present circumstances morally outside them; and because it is an unequal and arbitrary exercise of a limited constitutional privilege or power, only to be resorted to when all other means have failed. I oppose it because, while ostensibly pretending to give redress to the grievances of the minority, it gives them no effectual relief, and, while creating a vast and obnoxious machinery, provides no motive power either to start it going or keep it moving. I oppose it because the experience of the Province has shown that the majority in each Province will, if left to themselves, do even-handed justice to the minority. I oppose it because, while violating the estimate of the great statesman of a century, it creates a precedent which, if followed, may eventually disrupt and destroy the confederacy. I oppose it because, involving one of the greatest questions of State policy, it is a question pregnant with most far-reaching and dangerous results, it is beyond the moral competence of this dying Parliament in its dying hours to enact. I oppose it because, in my judgment, it is more than doubtful, whether, once passed, it can afterwards be altered or amended by this Parliament, because the power given to us to legislate at all, strictly limited and under certain antecedent conditions, once exercised is exhausted, and cannot be again acted upon; because it is probably final and irrevocable so far as we are concerned, and, because it is a necessary and inevitable result of investigation on our part before being made the law of the land. I oppose it because the present exercise by us of the power is bitterly opposed by the wishes and desires of the vast majority of the Manitoba people. I oppose the bill because the higher law, the golden rule, bids me do unto others as I would be done by, and, as I would bitterly resent coercion being applied to my Province, so I will decline, unless in the last resort and after the fullest investigation, to join in applying it to another Province. I oppose it because I do not believe in force as a remedy for wrong."

**THE BETTER WAY.**  
But, while I oppose this bill, I know there is a better way, a nobler path to follow, a simpler and more British method by which the grievances may be removed and justice for the minority obtained. That way, that path, that method is the equitable and British Liberal party. His earnestness, his sincerity, his ability, are beyond cavil or doubt. His race, his creed, his experience, render his position unique, and his power in such a case as this is very great. His noble and statesmanlike views, put forward in his speech during this debate, have established for him a reputation and a confidence rarely before enjoyed by a Canadian public man. His position for a settlement of the Manitoba question is a common sense and involves an amicable settlement through Provincial legislation, based on conciliation and compromise, and after thorough discussion and investigation. Sir, I can not but believe that, with coercion abandoned and conciliation substituted, the Protestant majority of Manitoba will be ready to accord to their weaker brethren a full measure of justice pressed down and running over."

**THE HANDSOME STOWAWAY.**  
A Romance Aboard the Atlantic Steamship St. Paul.

A Chicago Girl Falls in Love With a Stowaway—Offers to Pay His Fare, But Was Refused.

New York, March 17.—The St. Paul had three stowaways on board when she came into port last night. They were a young man and a young woman, who had been hiding in a small room between decks.

They were questioned on the steamship yesterday by an inspector of the Emigration Bureau. While the examination was going on a handsome young woman attempted to get near. She seemed greatly agitated.

The ship's master-at-arms caught her with no gentle grip and pushed her back.

"I wish to see that young man," said she.

"You cannot; step back," said the officer.

The young man was the best-looking of the three stowaways. He is only nineteen, but has a magnificent specimen of physical development. His features are regular and strong. His name is John W. Bradbury. The young woman was Miss Mary Olson, of Chicago. She was a second cabin passenger. She was dressed in good taste.

"I will pay that young man's fare and his fine, too, if you will allow him to land," she said, the tears beginning to flow. She waved a roll of money. The fare was \$27.50 and the fine \$10.

"Impossible," said the master-at-arms.

Miss Olson began to sob. The lips of the handsome young stowaway twitched. The master-at-arms was firm. The law, it seems, forbids payment under such circumstances.

After the examination the three stowaways were manacled to one another, placed in the transfer boat and taken to Ellis Island. As the transfer boat moved away Miss Olson threw a kiss to Bradbury.

Olson, the eldest of the trio, said the home of the stowaways was in London. They walked to Southampton and slipped aboard the St. Paul the night before she sailed. They hid in the coal bunkers. When the pilot had been dismissed next day they crawled out and went to the second engineer. All three were set to work passing coal. Besides passing coal they did watch duty on deck four hours each day.

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Early in the voyage the handsome Bradbury had attracted the attention of Miss Olson. She learned his story and made his acquaintance. The ship's officers have several notes which were found on Bradbury. They were written by Miss Olson and are full of expressions of affection.

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## TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Mr. A. Griffith, of Thorndale, is paying a visit to his son, Wm. A. Griffith, who is at Niagara Falls, N. Y. He is convalescing from typhoid fever and hopes soon to be able to go home.

A most enjoyable social evening was spent on Thursday evening last at the residence of Mr. George Seates, Ekfrid, it being the occasion of a card party by the Mayfair Whist Club. After a number of interesting games were played, prizes were awarded to Mrs. D. Sonter and A. Jones, as champions of the evening. The gathering dispersed at a timely hour, all well pleased with the hospitality of the genial host and hostess.

The social meeting of the Arva Epworth League was held at the parsonage on Friday last. A good programme, consisting of readings, songs, instrumental and vocal music, was rendered by the members and others, after which reports were read and suggestions made by those who attended the recent convention held at Lakeside Center Church. A very enjoyable and profitable time was spent.

The league is in a flourishing condition, consisting of 53 members, with the following officers: Honorary president, Rev. W. Penhall; president, Mrs. E. McRobb; vice-president, Mrs. Penhall; Misses Jackson and Lawrence; secretary, Miss B. Jackson; treasurer, Mr. A. Cummings; assistant and corresponding secretary, Miss Lawrence; organist, Miss Belle Jackson.

Mr. E. J. Levetz, of Parkhill, formerly of Biddulph, is dangerously ill at his home in Parkhill.

**DELAWARE.**  
Delaware, March 16.—Mr. F. Ireland was in town Saturday, and reports business prospects satisfactory in Adelaide village. Mr. J. Hammond has returned from assisting him to open his new store.

The Presbyterian choir of this village gave an excellent song service at Cook's Church, Canadoc, Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. Tiffany is very ill at present. During last week large quantities of logs have passed through the village for London and the various local saw mills.

Our aged friend, Mr. W. Giles, is laid up with a dislocated shoulder, which he received in an upset while returning from London last week.

Mr. J. McIntosh, brother of Lieut. Gov. McIntosh, of Manitoba, was in town Friday, looking up old friends.

Mr. W. W. Shields, who has been absent for some time prospecting in Toronto, expected home this week.

The Misses McEwen have just settled in their new home, the former residence of Mr. Fox.

**STRATHROY.**  
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Strathroy, March 17.—The remains of the late Thomas Richardson, who died in Sarnia last Tuesday evening, at the age of 63 years, were brought to Strathroy yesterday morning for interment. Mr. Richardson was at one time a resident of Strathroy, leaving here for Sarnia when the hub and spoke works were removed to that town. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons and two daughters, with whom much sympathy is felt by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place under the direction of the McIntosh and was largely attended by friends of the deceased.

Mr. W. E. McIntosh, son of Mr. J. H. McIntosh, who has been gazetted lieutenant, leaves with Mr. Wm. Whitehead in April to spend a term at the London Military School.

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## Death of Parliament.

Senator Boulton, a prominent North-west Conservative, speaking of the duration of Parliament, said that it was evident that it could not extend beyond April 25. The Parliament sat before June 11. It elected a Speaker, and transacted legislative business. If, therefore, Parliament does not expire until June 11, then the election of the Speaker was illegal; the Speaker has illegally occupied his seat all this time, and the whole legislation for the life of the Parliament is illegal.

In face of these unassailable facts, the men in power at Ottawa confess that they are still trying to prolong the life of the moribund Parliament. They fear and tremble as they think of the result of an appeal to the people, and even at the risk of having it declared that Sir John Thompson, Sir John Macdonald and those responsible for the assembling of the present Parliament on April 25, 1891, were either fools or knaves, they are ready, if they dare, to so affirm. "Anything to keep office for a month or two longer" seems to be the cry.

## McGill's New Principal on Anglo-Saxon Unity.

Prof. Peterson, the new principal of McGill University, Montreal, gave an address on "The Unity of the English-speaking People," in New York city, the other evening, which stamps him as a broad-minded, patriotic man, who will have great influence for good in the molding of the minds of young Canadians placed under his care. It is a mistake to suppose, remarked Principal Peterson, that because Britain has a monarchical form of Government, it is, therefore, the less democratic. The sovereign rights of the people are even more fully recognized in some respects than in the United States. England was taught a lesson by 1776 which has proved useful to her ever since in the treatment not only of her colonies, but of her people at home. Principal Peterson claims that the democracies of both countries are bound together by the strongest possible ties, and it is the duty of all to make stronger those ties that bind the two nations together. The life of the United States is indissolubly connected with the other great English-speaking people beyond the seas. The subjects of the British crown are one in race and religion with the citizens of the great republic of the west, and the statesman who, in the remote future, will succeed in bringing them together in a confederacy for the advancement of civilization, will have done the greatest act for progress and humanity in modern times.

Mr. Peterson did not mention Canada, the land of his adoption, as a necessary unit in this confederacy, but of course no Anglo-Saxon union, in which the motherland and the United States would be participants, could be complete without the Dominion.

Principal Peterson assured his hearers that Englishmen appreciate the march of progress in America, and are proud that the great republic was founded by men of their own race. Hence it was, he said, that in his opinion, the two great countries would never enter into a fratricidal struggle to prove which was the greater. It was the duty of every patriotic citizen of both countries, he said, to nurse the forces of cohesion that are at work. If England and the United States could coalesce their action would have a mighty influence on the other nations of the world. Such a confederacy might be a dream, but it was a dream worth cherishing. Referring to the dispute between England and the United States, he said he did not propose to discuss it in the present stage of the case, except to echo the wish of an American writer that England might accept the Monroe doctrine and America might lend its influence towards saving the Christians in Armenia. In conclusion he said that the coalition of the English-speaking people would be the strongest agency for the maintenance of peace ever established, for no other nation would ever dare to attack them.

These statements are in accord with the views of the best minds of the English-speaking people on both sides of the Atlantic. Realization of the coalition will come all the sooner if in each of the two great countries every man of good sense will frown down jingo outbreaks tending to keep the face apart, to foment international disturbances and retard mutually profitable commercial intercourse.

## To Prevent Betrayal of Confidence.

After his late experience with the men in power at Ottawa, Premier Greenway will be warranted in refusing to have anything further to do with them unless in the presence of witnesses and with a shorthand writer to take down every word uttered on either side. If the Manitoba Premier does not take this precaution he can expect nothing but misrepresentation in the event of his attitude being such as not to fall in with the schemes of Sir Charles Tupper and his allies.

When Sir Donald Smith went to Winnipeg to confer with Premier Greenway, he told the Manitoba Premier that he came as a private member, and in no sense as a Government emissary. Sir Charles Tupper made a similar statement to Parliament, which was led to believe that the conference of Sir Donald with Mr. Greenway was strictly of a private nature. It now turns out that the men in power at Ottawa were informed of what took place in these avowedly private interviews, and Sir Charles Tupper confessed to Parliament that he had read a private communication sent to Sir Donald Smith by Premier Greenway, and had emulated it so as to conceal from the House of Commons its most important paragraph. Commenting on these acts, the Montreal Witness very properly says:

"It seems obvious that Sir Charles Tupper's accession to the Government is a source of the greatest weakness to it in seeking honorable dealings with any party. How can it be expected that any Government or body of men will treat with Sir Charles Tupper for a conciliatory settlement of any question when they know that he will not hesitate to betray their confidence if he sees any advantage to be gained in doing so. As he treated Sir Donald Smith and Mr. Greenway, so he treated Mr. Blaine and the United States Government when negotiating a reciprocity treaty on behalf of Canada. In that case he not only broke faith but he uttered, invented and published a deliberate falsehood, which the United States Government compelled him to confess and apologize for before it would reopen negotiations with him."

An apology is now due to Premier Greenway. But what think the public of a leader who puts himself constantly in the wrong in order to uphold his case? The cause so championed must ever be injured.

## By the Way.

Hon. David Mills, the respected member for Bothwell, has been suffering from la grippe for over a week past, and was for several days confined to his room. His many friends in the West will be glad to learn that he is now in much better health, and was able to take his seat at Monday's session of the House of Commons. Mr. Mills is one of the most useful Parliamentarians, and his views are always listened to with respect by every section of the House.

London, or rather Central Africa, has produced a man who possesses strong claims to rank with Abe Sluggsky, Dink Botts, and others of that galaxy of American heroes whom the New York Sun has immortalized, or our own Shipley Spurr of Nova Scotia. His name is Sydoo Umvetiquasanghanghamo. He got lost the other day, or rather he disappeared from his lodgings, and his landlady besought the police to find him. He has been discovered, and, as might have been expected, he proves to be a prince, a grandson of Prince Sangwyahagutem of Mandingo's Land, West Central Africa. He has taken to the lecture platform as naturally as a duck takes to water.

The indications are that McKinley of Ohio will be the Republican nominee for the Presidency in the convention at St. Louis next June. He has already pledged to him 325 votes of the 455 necessary to nominate. Much money is being spent to insure his nomination. This is very unusual at this stage of the game. The custom is to save the wealth till the actual fight between the parties begins.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. A. F. Cross, editor of the Observer, a newspaper published in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England, the native town of George Eliot, the novelist, which is graphically described as "Milby," in the writer's earliest success: "Scenes of Clerical Life." Mr. Cross informs us that it has been decided to erect a public memorial library in that town, somewhat after the fashion of the memorial theater at the neighboring town of Stratford-on-Avon, and to form a collection of MSS., pictures, relics, etc. From the resident librarian admirers of the famous novelist will be able to obtain every information connected with the great author and artist. The treasurer of the memorial fund is Mr. J. H. Bland, clerk of the urban council, Nuneaton, to whom all contributions to the fund from this side of the Atlantic should be sent. The works of George Eliot have many readers in Canada.

## A WORTHY TITLE, INDEED.

Ridgetown Standard.  
The "London Advertiser" hails Mr. Laurier as the Canadian Gladstone. It is indeed a worthy title.

## A CRIME IN ANY CASE.

Toronto Telegram.  
The Ontario member who votes for the coercion of Manitoba is committing a crime. The character of such a crime is not changed by the Government's ability to offer in the proposed conference a faint hope that something may turn up to save the country from the consequences of that crime.

## MODERN SAMSONS.

Atkinson Globe.  
To the boys who are raising heavy crops of hair: The famous men with

long hair first made themselves famous, and then raised the hair. You are beginning at the wrong end.

## Ontario Legislature

Important Measures Brought in by Sir Oliver Mowat.

Two of Mr. Hobbs' Bills Got Their Second Reading.

Toronto, March 17.—Mr. Hobbs moved the second reading of his bill to have the municipal elections held on New Year's Day. He said the measure is intended to allow workingmen to exercise their franchise without inconvenience. The bill got its second reading, and went to the municipal committee.

Mr. Hobbs' bills, empowering, under certain conditions, municipal councils to appoint free libraries and mechanics' institutes, and to provide for the re-division of wards in cities of between 30,000 and 80,000, each got second readings.

The bill for extending the Sabbath Day observance law to farming operations, brought in by Mr. Charlton, was read a second time.

Mr. Whitney asked: On what date was Dugald Campbell retired from the position of farmer, or assistant farmer, at the London Asylum? Was he asked to end in his resignation, and if so, for what reason? Who was appointed to succeed him?

Hon. Mr. Gibson—He was retired from the office of assistant farmer on Oct. 31, 1895. He had been sick for some time, and was asked to send in his resignation because, owing to sickness, he was unable to properly attend to his duties. No successor has been appointed, the duties now being discharged by an ordinary farm hand.

Mr. Meacham asked how many of the 1342 children who passed the leaving examinations in 1895 were now attending the high schools of Ontario.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross said that he had no means of furnishing the information except by writing to the principals of each high school. This he promised to do if Mr. Meacham would wait. Mr. Meacham got an order of the House for the return.

In reply to Mr. Marter, Hon. J. M. Gibson stated that the cost of the Central Prison investigation was \$182 75. This was for traveling expenses of witnesses. There was still one claim pending decision.

A number of important measures were brought in by Sir Oliver Mowat yesterday. One of these prohibits traveling shows, circuses, menageries, wild west shows, and such like aggregations, from exhibiting in Canada without taking out licenses from the Province at a cost of \$50 a day. It makes it the duty of Provincial constables and detectives to be present at all such exhibitions and see that the public are protected against fraud and imposture. The bill further provides that Dominion and Provincial detectives shall have free access to every menagerie, circus, horse race, agricultural and industrial exhibition, and to the grounds, tents and buildings thereof.

Another bill amends the Judicature Act, and the law relating to the Superior Courts in a number of particulars. These are mostly in anticipation of the coming revision of the Ontario statutes. One very important change is that all actions against municipal corporations for injuries sustained through the non-repair of streets, roads and sidewalks, shall hereafter be tried without juries. The protection which police magistrates and justices enjoy in the case of actions against them is extended to constables.

Another bill by Sir Oliver Mowat provides that for sending out notices in the collection of debts, imitating Division Court papers, a fine of \$20 a day shall be inflicted.

Sir Oliver brought in another measure to provide that the Surrogate Court judge need not necessarily be the county judge. This will only apply to future appointments. It also simplifies the procedure in the matter of small estates.

Mr. Murter has a bill to authorize the mayor and chairman of finance in cities of over 100,000 to sit on the public and high school boards and free library boards; to construct and maintain public lavatories and to offer and pay rewards for the conviction of impersonators at municipal elections.

Mr. Charlton gave notice of a bill to amend the act to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and of diseases affecting fruit trees.

Mr. Craig withdrew his bill to confirm a bylaw to authorize the town of Mount Forest to lend certain moneys to a manufacturing concern. When the bill came before the municipal committee, the committee decided that it would have to secure a two-thirds vote of the ratepayers of the town.

Windsor Salt for Table and Dairy, Purest and Best.

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SPRING WEATHER CHANGES ARE THE CAUSE.

Old People the Severest Sufferers—Prevent danger by the use of Scott's Sarsaparilla—the greatest of Spring Medicines.

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One dollar will buy a bottle of Scott's Sarsaparilla; one bottle is a sure guarantee against the diseases of spring; every reliable dealer keeps this king of blood purifiers; ask for it; don't take anything else. If you can, get it in your own neighborhood write to the manufacturers, Edmondson Bates & Co., 45 Lombard Street, Toronto.



No matter how violent or excruciating the pain the Rheumatic, Red-ridden, Inflamed, Oppressed, Nervous, Neuralgic or Prostrated with diseases may suffer.

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Will afford instant ease.

For headache (whether sick or nervous), toothache, neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and weaknesses in the back, spine or kidneys, pains around the liver, pleurisy, swelling of the joints and pains of all kinds, the application of Radway's Ready-Relief will afford immediate ease, and its continued use for a few days effect a permanent cure.

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CURES THE WORST PAINS in from one to twenty minutes. Not one hour after reading this advertisement need anyone SUFFER WITH PAIN.

Internally—A half to a teaspoonful in half a tumbler of water will in a few minutes cure Cramps, Spasms, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Vomiting, Heartburn, Flatulency, Diarrhoea, Cholera, Flatulency and all internal pains.

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Travelers should always carry a bottle of Radway's Ready-Relief with them. A few drops in water will prevent sickness or pains from change of water. It is better than French brandy or better as a stimulant.

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All Liver Disorders.

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Are deserving of your early inspection; new patterns, bright colors, excellent fabrics, at such low prices as can be found only here.

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In pink, blue, green, yellow, navy and black, beautiful effects, fast colors, at 12½c.

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In spots, checks, figures and floral effects, in all the newest and best shades at 12½c.

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Fancy patterns in cardinal, crimson, pink and blue, with figures, stripes and spots, fine finish and fast colors, at 8½c and 10c.

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# Incurable

During the past winter and spring he became rapidly worse. We took him to a specialist, who said it was hip disease. At this time the affliction became so severe that we could not move him without causing screams of agony. He became reduced in weight to 30 pounds, and was but a shadow of his former self. We had about given up hope when we read of a cure by Hood's Sarsaparilla of a similar case. We resolved to try this medicine. Jimmie was decidedly improved after taking the first bottle. He was even

# Better

after the second. We have since used over a dozen bottles of the medicine, and the change has exceeded our expectations. James is now able to walk without the aid of crutches and goes to school every day. He has been wonderfully cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. O. RUDDELL, Oakley, Michigan.

Druggist C. C. Tubbs says he knows the little boy has been wonderfully

# Cured

by Hood's Sarsaparilla and that Mr. Rudgill is thoroughly reliable. He has a good sale of Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills, both of which are giving perfect satisfaction. He says Hood's Pills seem to be the coming family cathartic.

N. B. If you decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy any other. Insist upon Hood's, because

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Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

## CRAZY CANADIAN.

Daube Buffalo Churches With Red Paint Under Arrest.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 17.—The mystery of the daubing of 30 West Side churches with red paint has been solved. The detectives have taken the dauber in custody. His name is Tyrrell Kony, and he came here from Canada. He says: "I received a message from God to rebuke the wickedness of our churches. Why should there be denominations, when there is but one church, the Church of Christ? I started out to fulfill my mission in a practical way. I went to Post's paint store and bought a pot of vermilion. In broad daylight I went forth and daubed the signs of the more enlightened churches of the West Side. I did not erase the whole inscription, but merely that part which distinguished their denominations, leaving the word church undaubed. Thus have I rebuked them and served the Lord. Now I am arrested, I am happy." Kony is locked up charged with insanity.

## THE McCORD CASE.

His Disease Pronounced Diabetes and Incurable—Given Up by Himself and Friends—Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Richmond, March 16.—The talk of farmers and others in town is mostly about the astonishing cure of Wm. McCord, a farmer near here. His presence made assurance visible, and he said: "After the doctors pronounced my trouble diabetes no one thought recovery possible. I was partially paralyzed, was lame months in bed and I was down until I was a mere shell. When I commenced taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I stuck close to directions. One box helped me and nine cured me. Am 60 years old and have lived here 40 years." Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and dealers. Price, 50 cents a box.

If you are bald or find that your hair is breaking or falling out, it will pay you to call at Madam Ireland's parlors, 211 1-2 Dundas street, who can positively restore your hair and prevent falling out. Her celebrated toilet and shaving soaps cannot be excelled, and her fine medicinal face powder is of the finest. These can be procured from Cairncross & Lawrence. ywt

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# Victorious Curriers.

Forest City Club Defeats Chatham and Detroit.

"Bright Eyes" Knocked Out by Walcott

In Seven Rounds—A Colonial Turf Swindle—Other Sporting News.

## OUCELING.

Four rinks of the Forest City Curling Club went to Chatham and Detroit yesterday and won two games. In the afternoon they played at Chatham, where they had an easy victory by 19 shots. In the evening they went to Detroit and won by 10 shots. In both places the Forest City players were cordially entertained, and it is likely that return matches with both clubs will be played in this city in a few days. The score:

FOREST CITY. Rink No. 1.

J. M. McWhinney, J. C. Pritchard, W. J. McIntosh, W. E. Risley, W. T. Strong, skip, 16 G. P. Schofield, skip, 6

Rink No. 2. Pritchard, 8; Grey, 10

Rink No. 3. Pritchard, 8; Johnson, 10

Rink No. 4. Pritchard, 8; Johnson, 10

Rink No. 5. Pritchard, 8; Johnson, 10

Rink No. 6. Pritchard, 8; Johnson, 10

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Rink No. 70. Pritchard, 8; Johnson, 10

Five times Joe swung fearful rights and left on Collins' neck, sending him to gas at every blow. His second cheered him on, and each time he got up stronger than before. At last Walcott measured the distance carefully, and with a fearful left-hand swing on the jaw felled the Texan. Bright Eyes fell to the floor on his back with a thud, and turned completely over. He put his face on his hands and lay there with his limbs twitching, while the referee slowly counted him out. The round lasted two minutes and fifty-five seconds. Bright Eyes was game to the core, but no match for the colored wonder.

## TO FIGHT IN ENGLAND.

Toledo, Ohio, March 17.—Pugilist Johnny Lavack has received a letter from the National Sporting Club, of London, announcing the articles forwarded some time ago for a fight with Billy Smith, had been properly signed. The match will come off early in June or the latter part of May. It will be for a purse of \$1,000, and Lavack is allowed \$250 for traveling expenses. In company with Sam Fitzpatrick and Kid Lavigne he will sail for England soon.

## BODY BLOWS.

"Bob" Fitzsimmons says: "Maher can lick any man in the world that he goes up against. Bar ma, Corbett can't put him out if he punches him all day, and if he hits Corbett, it's good day, 'Jim.' If I had Peter for three months he couldn't lose 'I'll bet \$100 on it now. 'Nother beer.'"

It is announced that George Dixon, the feather-weight champion, will enter the ring no more after the battle with Jerry Marshall at Australia, in Boston tonight. Pugilists, like actresses, make many a farewell, but they return if there is a dollar in sight.

Bob Fitzsimmons is inclined to modify his proposition to fight at Chatham. Corbett as regards the latter's desire to fight him. "If he will go and defeat Maher," said Bob, "I will have something very important to say to him. By doing this, I sincerely believe that I am letting him off very leniently. I receive dozens of letters every day from persons all over the country, urging me not to fight him until he does something. I have the sports with me, and I think I'm doing right."

The proposed battle between Steve O'Donnell and Owen Sullivan is well under way. A cable dispatch from London states that the mill is set for April 20, and that it will come off before the National Sporting Club, for a purse of \$1,000. O'Donnell does not consent to a match as he is inclined to hold out for a \$1,500 purse, and \$250 for expenses. The National people will only allow him \$200 for expenses. Articles of agreement have been already signed by Sullivan and are now on their way for O'Donnell's signature.

## BASEBALL.

Mr. J. Cookman, who did good service at short for the Maple Leafs last year, left for Roanoke yesterday to report for duty.

Outfielder Hutchinson, who is now at 'Varsity, is wanted by London and Guelph. He will play with 'Varsity through the schedule of exhibition games to be arranged by the students.

Tim Hurst has been secured to umpire the exhibition games at Philadelphia. Pitcher Billy Wittbrook, who was with Toronto last season, has signed with Little Rock.

It will look odd enough to see the Chicago White Sox season without Hutchison in the pitcher's box. He will twirl for Walter Wilmet's Minneapolis nine.

Patsy Tebeau is quoted as having figured the result of the season down to a nicety. He figures out that Cleveland will finish ahead of the Baltimore just four games.

According to the National agreement, all players under reserve must receive a contract before March 1. Several players assert that the clubs have failed to fulfill this agreement.

All the Cincinnati players put themselves on record with the prediction that the Reds will finish well up in the race this season. This guess will come home to roost long before the season is over. Connaughton and Fuller are having a pretty race for the regular position of shortstop on Manager Irwin's team. If "Shorty" could only strike a batting streak it would soon be a runaway affair.

From an authoritative source it is stated that "Kid" Gleason is pretty sure to play third base for the New Yorks. This would permit George Davis to go to the outfield, where he is needed.

The Philadelphia players will start south today for their spring practice. They go to the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, and leave Cross and Tucker camped and signed with the club Saturday.

Regarding John T. Brush's assertion that he is ready to lay out all kinds of money to strengthen his Cincinnati team, the local press calls attention to the fact that thus far this season Mr. Brush has expended \$1,000 and sold \$1,500 worth of baseball material.

Queer how a few dollars will change the destiny of a ball player of a team that wants his services. George Breitenstein, a few days ago, denouncing the Browns as having no business on earth. Since he received his advance in salary and signed a St. Louis contract he thinks the Browns will show their heels to several of the league clubs.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle says: There is joy once more in the camp of the Rochester baseball magnates, who have received a copy of the letter written by "Nick" Young to the manager of the Austin, Tex., club, in regard to the case of Pitcher Donnelly, who has been claimed for the past few months by Providence, Austin and Rochester. Young gives the player to Rochester.

## HOKEY.

A LOCAL CHALLENGE.

To the Sporting Editor of the "Advertiser":

The London Rowing Club challenge the L. C. L. hockey team to play a match to decide the junior championship of London, at the Princess rink on Wednesday evening, March 18.

W. MARTIN, captain L. R. C. H. T.

## BILLIARDS.

Frank Ives, the billiard player, will arrive in this country within three weeks. He is now in Berlin giving exhibitions, and will go to London before sailing for New York. Garner, the Frenchman, will get here about the same time, and arrangements for three days' exhibition, with a rowing exhibition, will be made. The Frenchmen, Ives, Garner, and Schaefer are entered, will be completed.

## FOR THE ARGONAUT FOUR.

London, March 17.—The illuminated address to the Argonaut Rowing Club's four, which has been for some time in preparation, is now ready, and will be on view at the London Rowing Club during the practice of the Oxford and Cambridge crews at Putney, after which it will be forwarded to Toronto. It is an artistic production, with a representation of the Henley Stewards' Challenge Cup at the top, and below are the royal arms.

## CRICKET.

The Australian cricket team for England engaged in a match at Sydney, with the combined strength of

Australia. Only one day's play has yet been reported. Australia scored 117, and the team for England 186 for four wickets. Donnan got 71, but out, and George Griffin was run out without scoring.

## THE WHEEL.

The \$12 Japanese bicycle story is not dead yet. It seems almost incredible that so ridiculous a yarn should find such a wide circulation, and so many believers. As a matter of fact there is one small bicycle factory in Japan that makes children's wheels, which sell at \$30. American exporters are selling standard wheels in Japan now at \$12.

McLeod, Davidson and McIntosh, of Toronto, will prepare for the season's riding campaign in Louisville, leaving for that place the first of next month. They will probably remain in the south for a month or six weeks.

## SEATING.

## THE WESTMINSTER CUP.

The fourth race for the Westminster risk challenge cup was slated last night between Bert Thomas, who has won it several times already, and John W. Stockton, of St. Thomas. Stockton proved a more formidable opponent for Thomas than many of the local sports who have previously tried their luck, and for a time he gave the South Londoner a good pace. At the end of two miles he slipped in turning a corner and lost half a lap and the chance of winning.

## Forty Dead!

## Disastrous Effects of a Gunpowder Explosion.

## The British Steamer Matadi Blown to Atoms.

## Totally Destroyed on the Congo River—Victims of the Accident Were Sleeping at the Time—Officers and 14 of the Crew Escaped.

London, March 17.—The British steamer Matadi, which sailed from Sierra Leone on Feb. 5, has been totally destroyed at Boma by an explosion of gunpowder. Some of her passengers and crew were saved.

The whole fore part of the Matadi was blown into the air and 40 persons were killed, including a missionary named Hawk and his wife.

It has now been learned that the explosion on the British steamer Matadi occurred at Boma on March 7. Boma or Boma is on the Congo River, only about 60 miles from its mouth.

Twenty-two of the Matadi's crew, two passengers and sixteen native laborers were killed. Sixteen of the crew escaped without serious injury. The Matadi had on board ten tons of gunpowder, a quantity which sufficiently accounts for the disastrous effects of the explosion.

The mail and specie which were on board were saved. The victims of the accident were asleep at the time of the disaster. The officers of the steamer escaped.

## He Brew a Knife

## When Being Put Off a Train by the Conductor.

## West African Tramp Gets a Month in Jail—Frank Rourke's Great Record—The Bold McIntyre.

Police Magistrate Parke had a quartet of the toughest looking of the tough to administer justice to this morning. One was a native of the west coast of Africa, another was an experienced roadster, while another had a record only surpassed by one man who has ever figured in the court.

Wm. Reeves was the name given by a young colored man charged with vagrancy. Reeves had been hanging around the C. P. R. yards, East London, for several days. He boarded a freight train bound for Detroit one day, but was spotted by the conductor, and after being ordered off drew a large knife and threatened to make things interesting for the official.

Reeves told the magistrate that he was a native of the west coast of Africa, but lately he had been working as a dish washer in a hotel in British Columbia. He always had an eye out for work, but since he left his last situation he had poor success. He walked, stole and worked his way from the Northwest, and was bound for the States.

The large blade of the knife which Reeves pulled on the conductor was four inches in length. A fine of \$5 or one month was imposed.

Frank Rourke was up again for vagrancy, having been arrested late last night while hanging around in store doors on Richmond street north. P. C. Woolway said Rourke had been loading around town all winter.

"This paper shows that you have been arrested 40 times," said the magistrate, as he held up Rourke's record. "I don't deny that," said Rourke, "but I have been working nearly all winter."

"Have you got a home?" asked the court.

"Yes, sir, I have; up near the lot you used to own, at the corner of Talbot and Regent streets, your worship," replied Rourke.

Rourke was remanded for a week at his own request to allow him to disprove the vagrancy charge. He admitted being drunk. The last time he was arrested for vagrancy he was given six months in the Central, but he appealed to the county judge and had the conviction quashed.

John McIntyre was fined \$5 or a month for drunkenness and vagrancy. McIntyre is a fireman on a lake boat, and is on his way to Hamilton. He held up several pedestrians at the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets, and also played on the sympathies of Mr. McCullum, the druggist.

Fred Lyons' case was very brief. "Were you drunk, Lyons?" asked the magistrate.

"Yes, yes."

"Five dollars or twenty days."

Joseph Neilson, a hard-working citizen, was fined \$2 or a week for disorderly conduct. Neilson is a teamster, and was hauling a load of wood over Clark's bridge yesterday, when the sleigh got stuck on the bare planks. Two extra teams were hitched on to the sleigh, and the load was pulled across. One of the traces on Neilson's horses broke in the pull, and this so enraged the owner that he caught hold of one of the men who assisted and threatened to throw him into the river. Neilson was given time to pay.

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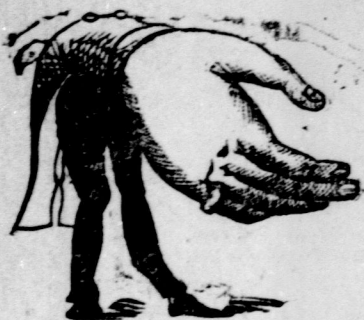
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below—24; Parry Sound, 4 be-  
low—32; Toronto, 14—29; Ottawa, 0—28;  
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16—30.

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Richmond Streets.**London and Environs**—Miss Bea Nangle, of Elginfield, is  
the guest of Miss Laura Robbins, of  
642 York street.—Miss Grace E. Davis, of Vancouver, B.  
C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Sheldrick,  
Grey street, and Mrs. Alex. Hay, South  
street, city.—The general stock of Mowat & Ros-  
siter, Shakespeare, was sold by Mr. J.  
W. Jones yesterday at J. A. Co., and  
this city. The stock was valued at \$4-  
608 82, and was purchased at 53 1-2  
cents on the dollar.—Last week over 1,300 books were put  
in circulation at the Free Library, an  
increase of 20 per cent compared with  
the previous week. Over 400 persons  
made use of the magazines in the read-  
ing room. The rush has been so great  
that for a month past nothing has been  
done in the way of cataloguing books.—The Lehigh Valley Railway man-  
agement intends to hold an exhibition  
in this city of 250 photographic views  
of places of interest touched by their  
road. The use of the Free Library  
building will probably be secured for  
two days for the purpose. Admission  
to the exhibition will be by invitation  
only.—The regular monthly meeting of the  
Charity Organization Society was held  
yesterday afternoon in their room, with  
President J. S. Pearce in the chair. After  
reviewing the work of the society since its  
inception, the members were much encour-  
aged with what has already been accom-  
plished, and its principles are being more  
readily accepted than they were at the out-  
set. A number of membership tickets were  
issued, and other business of interest trans-  
acted.—Miss Fanny Rice will appear at the  
Grand Theatre, in her latest and greatest  
success "Nancy at the French Ball," an  
operatic comedy, supported by a strong  
cast of ladies and gentlemen especially en-  
gaged. While Miss Rice is a very strong  
star throughout the country, she believes  
in surrounding herself with capable artists  
who can fully fill their respective roles, and  
therefore nothing has been spared to accom-  
plish this end. The costumes worn by Miss  
Rice have been the study of this little lady  
for many months. In order to secure the  
proper gowns to represent the play as it  
should be, they have been imported direct  
from Paris.**LONDON PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.**The annual meeting of the Presbyterian  
Council was held last night in the Bible  
class room of St. Andrew's Church. Mr. A.  
S. Macgregor, president, in the chair and  
Mr. H. Barty, secretary. The city ministers  
were present except Messrs. Talling and  
Robertson, the former being absent through  
illness. About 20 elders and managers were  
also in attendance. The meeting opened  
with singing and prayer. Rev. R. John-  
ston reported that Mr. Gilmore, of Montreal,  
and Rev. W. J. Clark, that Mr. P. Scott,  
of Toronto, were expected here in April, to  
carry on mission work in the north and  
south of the city respectively.The following were elected officers for the  
ensuing year: Rev. M. P. Talling, president;  
Mr. T. Alexander, vice-president; Mr. R.  
A. Gray, secretary; Mr. John Macpherson,  
treasurer. The treasurer read his report  
showing a balance on hand of \$50. Rev. R.  
Johnston gave a capital address on the ser-  
vice of praise, which was listened to with  
deep interest. After discussion the meet-  
ing closed with singing the doxology and  
benediction from Rev. J. G. Stuart.Italian Cream, the new toilet lotion, price  
25c at Anderson & Nelles' Drug Store.Scene at Shuff's, Dundas street, corner  
William.—"Do you keep wall papers here?"  
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choice and cheap that we can't keep them  
long." *yw***A Table-de-Hote Dinner**Will be served at the Hub dining-rooms,  
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o'clock for 25 cents. It is our desire to make  
this the best dining room in the city, and to  
this end we have secured the services of a  
French chef. The cuisine will include  
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Page 10.**THE TOBACCO HABIT CURED.**  
In the interest of the masses, for whom these  
reports are compiled, the United States Health  
Reports have examined and investigated many  
preparations having for their object the cure of  
the tobacco habit, but among them all we have  
no hesitancy in giving the editorial and official  
endorsement of these reports to the remedy  
known as "Uncle Sam's Tobacco Cure," man-  
ufactured by the Keystone Remedy Com-  
pany, at 215 La Salle street, Chicago. They are  
distributing literature this week all through  
the city, and in the light of our examinations  
and tests of "Uncle Sam's Tobacco Cure,"  
we are but performing a duty we owe the pub-  
lic when we indorse the same, and stamp it as  
the crowning achievement of the nineteenth  
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hence we earnestly advise you to read full  
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sale and retail agents for Canada, 238 Dundas  
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ed in such large questions as the G.  
T. R. shops they should not lose sight  
of the fact of the smaller business  
and manufacturing establishments are  
"salt and savor," as well as the very life  
of the city. Some of these unosten-  
tentious concerns employ more hands  
and pay higher wages than most peo-  
ple are aware of. A case in point is  
the wholesale and retail house con-  
ducted by Messrs. John and Phillip Po-  
cock. This house can now lay claim  
to the distinction of being the oldest  
shoe firm in the city of London, hav-  
ing been in business continuously since  
1876 without even so much as a change  
of initial. Other firms have come and  
gone—with a meteoric flash they crossed  
the business firmament of London  
and disappeared, other houses changed  
hands, took in partners, or in some  
way or other lost their original identity,  
but the firm of "Pooock Brothers" is  
the same today as it was twenty years  
ago.But while the firm is old established  
the proprietors are still young and  
firmly imbued with modern business  
methods and ideas, under the applica-  
tion of which the establishment has  
built up such an enviable reputation on  
the solid rock of success. Their estab-  
lishment is metropolitan in dimen-  
sions, facing both Dundas and Carling  
streets. Nine years ago the firm con-  
centrated their several branch houses,  
and recognizing London's established  
and growing reputation as a wholesale  
center, opened up their wholesale  
house—The London Shoe Company.  
The offices of this portion of the busi-  
ness are situated on Carling street.  
Ever since the inception of the London  
Shoe Company has been successful,  
and lately it has been found necessary  
to considerably increase the dimensions  
of the building. This work is just  
about completed, and the firm has now  
in its wholesale branch no less than  
10,000 square feet of flat or warehouse  
room.The retail portion of the store faces  
Dundas street, just opposite the Market  
Lane. There are four flats and the  
show windows are models of art and  
ingenuity, and always engage atten-  
tion. None but first-class clerks are  
employed, and the salaries range from  
\$600 up. By this means the proprietors  
are able to insure for their customers  
the immense benefit of experienced and  
expert salesmen. The store is divided  
into compartments, the front portion  
being devoted to men's and youths'  
goods. The rear compartment is set  
apart for the use of lady customers.  
The value of this plan is plain, and  
is also highly appreciated by the lady  
patrons of the place. The store has  
recently been remodeled and a new  
style of fittings introduced which great-  
ly simplify the handling of goods. The  
new fittings have a shelf capacity  
which will accommodate 20,000 shoe-  
boxes. The fittings cost over \$2,000.The first flat upstairs is utilized as  
a trunk room, where the firm carries a  
stock ranging from the packer to the  
steamer trunk, as well as almost every  
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