

THE BELL OF THE ORIENT.
—OR—
THE HINDOO MERCHANT'S
LEGACY.
A STORY OF THE EAST AND WEST
Continued.

The weather had cleared, though the wind still blew hard from the south-westward. There was not a drop of water in the long-bow, nor a bit of biscuit, even, to allay hunger. The passengers and one of the crew—five souls in all—were still on board the little craft, at anchor and hungry, but with no prospect of present relief.

They felt that they were better off, however, than they could have been to have tarried longer upon the deck of the Emperor, whose fate they were ignorant of, but which they had no good reason to believe had escaped the jaws of destruction which were so eager for when they were forced away from her side. They regretted that more of the crew had not followed their way into the boat, to share with them the scanty, but still far lessened perils they were now subjected to; but regrets were vain, and they stood off before the breeze, with their sluggish boat and flimsy sail, without compass or probable destination.

Before the wind had set, a cry suddenly went up from the sailor in the long-bow, that started the weary souls to their feet. "Sail! he!" he shouted, at the very top of his lungs, as he strained his eyes and pointed across the water.

"Where away?" answered Hargrave, looking up, but responding thus to him rather than otherwise, for all he could plainly see was a hazy light down to windward, directly in their wake!

The helm was put up, the long-bow went astern, and in a few moments they were sailing on a French vessel, the "Vent d'ouest," bound to Marseilles, from London. She came up to the wind immediately, her sails were set, and away she went. The passengers were immediately taken on board the brig, where they were comfortably provided for, as she proceeded on her course to the southeast. Five days afterwards, the rescued passengers were comfortably housed, at the Hotel de Maronne, in the port of Marseilles.

As soon as they had had time to refresh themselves, Hargrave proceeded on to Boulogne with Katrin, intending to take passage home by the first opportunity. His far charge had been too much exposed, however, in the previous few days, and had taken a severe cold in the midst of the storm, which terminated in a violent illness. On their arrival at Boulogne she was unable to proceed on a physician called, who pronounced her to be in too critical a condition to be moved further, and she was placed under the care of a nurse whom Hargrave procured, forthwith. On the following day, a settled fever exhibited itself, and the lieutenant was deeply alarmed to learn from her medical attendant that she was seriously ill!

A letter which Hargrave had despatched for England by a ship that sailed three weeks before he left Calcutta, had reached his friends a month previously to the accident he had now encountered. In that communication, he informed his father that he should return home in the Emperor, probably which had then just arrived in port, and would leave in the course of three weeks. The family, and that of Mr. Matland, were anxious looking for George's arrival; and their feelings may be conceived, upon learning as they did one morning, that the Emperor had gone ashore off Brest, and all on board had perished! This intelligence had been brought to England by a barque that sailed in company with that which had carried the storm with considerable danger, and which had picked up a piece of the Emperor's stern frame next day, to which was attached a portion of the ill-fated vessel's name.

This then was the terrible fate of poor George Hargrave—the kindly and dutiful son, who had braved the dangers of the Indian Ocean to save his father's tottering craft! The boy had been lost, after his untimely mishap at Calcutta, after suffering for months from the horrors of a crushed limb, far from a foreign land, after he had been so eminently successful in his voyage, and when he was so near the result of his aid so timely placed within his father's reach, had been turned to such good advantage, and at the hour almost when his grateful foster-parent was hoping to clasp the brave youth to his heart, and thank him for his assistance—at such time and under such circumstances the Hargraves were called upon to mourn his violent death at sea!

So constantly had the time of young Hargrave been occupied, since he arrived at Marseilles, and so confidently did he expect to be able to reach England before any letters could be received at home from him, that he omitted to write at all, until he arrived at Boulogne. As soon as he found himself settled at this place, where he now said that he would be compelled to remain for some days, at the least, he immediately communicated to his father the details of the wreck, briefly, and informed him of his present safety. In the most delicate manner possible, he informed him of the occasion of his detention there, and the circumstances that had prompted him to bring to his British home one of India's loveliest daughters.

"She is the only child of the wealthy Sedd Rajah," he concluded; "but, for her renunciation of the Hindoo religion, and for embracing Christianity, the old man disowned her! Tell our friend Mr. Matland, and add—by the way—that Rajah died in Calcutta, a few days before we left. His property went in bulk into his wife's possession, and Katrin (that is his daughter), hasn't a shilling in the world! You will smile I know, at this part of my India speculation! But when you see my Hindoo bride, whom I love with my whole heart, I beg you to trust me—you will think I have been indiscreet. She will soon be better, I hope, and in a little time, I shall, with good luck, have the happiness to present her to you, and to greet my many friends at home. My own health is excellent. I have entirely recovered from my late injuries, and I beg you to make my kind regards—once more, to the Matlands and my friends."

The sickness that prostrated Katrin did not prove so serious as it had been feared it would be. After a week's detention, she was able to rise out in the open air, and at the end of a fortnight, she returned to undertake the journey to Paris. Here they waited for a few days, at the end of which, she was quite recovered—and at length the lovers took diligence for Calais, and crossed the Channel to Dover, in excellent health and revived spirits.

Tarrying at Dover a single day only, they proceeded on by post to London, where they reached the late residence of Mr. Hargrave, senior, at last, where they were most cordially and affectionately received, and con-

gratulated upon their final escape and safe arrival. Three hours after they arrived, the good old Mr. Matland entered the house. He was a "privileged visitor," he said, and did not wait upon etiquette for the opportunity to shake his old hand by the hand. He was overjoyed at meeting George Hargrave, and he was honest in his greeting. He had no reason or motive to bring otherwise.

"And a charming Indian bride you have brought home with you, my boy," continued Mr. Matland happily, as he took the two little hands of the beautiful Katrin. "O, don't mind me," he added, as the girl exhibited a diffidence at his pleasantry; "don't mind me! I am an old Indian myself. I knew your father well, and have made many a rupee, out of him, and with him. I introduced George to you, for his letter, when he went out to Calcutta, five, or six months ago, and more ago. And don't you thank me for it?"

"Ah, then very much," said Katrin. "And you knew my father?"

"Very well indeed, and I regret to learn of his death. I am not surprised that you ran away, George, with this treasure. I claim the privilege, remember, when you are ready for it, to give the girl to put her in. You've got the bird, I'll provide the cage, recollect!"

"Thanks, sir, thanks. I understand you," said Hargrave.

"Now come down to Sunnyside, too, right away. To-morrow, and stay a month. I have every thing to say to you. Bring Kachum, Kaurum, here—what did you say the name was?"

"Katrin, sir, Katrin."

"Never mind, then, Katrin. A very pretty name, to upon my word. Will you come to Sunnyside?"

"Most assuredly," said Hargrave.

"To-morrow?"

"If you insist."

"By all means! You're nothing now to do, but to rest and rest, and we've nothing at all to do, at Sunnyside, you know, but to entertain our friends. So I rely upon you for a month at the least, and forthwith."

There was no hesitating this pleasant and earnest invitation, and George promised to take Katrin over with him on the following evening.

His original purpose had been to have married the runaway beauty, and brought her home his wife. But a hundred occurrences prevented this intention; and when they arrived at Paris he proposed his father's post-mortem, if Katrin were content until they should reach his friends and relatives, under the circumstances.

To this she readily assented, and they now found themselves in the midst of George's associates, where the lovely foreign found scores of ready friends and more than one admirer!

"When the family party went forth upon their morning's ride from the bridge of Calcutta, in the opening chapter of this story, we did not call the attention of our readers to a quiet and pretty nook that made up into a sort of head in the upper road which the Matlands and their friends then traversed—a crescent, at the eastern side of Mr. Matland's property, which was known, from its peculiar situation as *Riverdale*.

This estate was originally the property of a fine neighbor, but had been purchased of him by Mr. Matland latterly, and had been very beautifully refitted and ornamented, to suit his own generous taste and fancy. The grounds, his walks, and drives, and the house of *Riverdale*, had been renovated and remodelled. New conservatories had been built by Mr. Matland, a variety of exquisite statuary had been placed in rightly and appropriate spots over the grounds, fountains had been established, the buildings and stables of the estate had been refitted and renovated, and the whole had been brought to a state of comparative modernity in decoration and area, was a very delightful and pretty estate. The chief roads were all opened into the main drive-ways that communicated with Sunnyside, and the stranger there would suppose, from appearances that both belonged to the same estate.

What its purpose was, in purchasing and renovating this beautiful place, no one knew for he never afforded any one the slightest information on the subject. His wealth was immense, and his income very great, and he chose to expend his money when and where it pleased his taste and leisure.

The affairs of Mr. Hargrave, senior, suddenly assumed a turn entirely. About the time that he received the sum due to his son, from the owners of the Sea Gull, one of his principle debtors—a man for whom he had become responsible in a large amount—who was honest in principle, but unable to pay, became the heir, very unexpectedly to a handsome portion, in the hands of a respectable merchant as he was, he came forward at once and not only relieved Hargrave from his future liabilities for his account, but immediately paid over to him the entire amount he had before disbursed for him, with interest! At about the same time a fortunate investment had been made by Mr. Hargrave, which turned him out on a splendid profit, and he was able to get along, admirably, and refused in bank, to his son's future order every shilling he had used of his money. When young Hargrave arrived in Southampton, therefore, he found a credit in his account in the Branch Bank of England there, for nearly forty-five thousand pounds! A matter which turned him out on a splendid profit, and he was able to get along, admirably, and refused in bank, to his son's future order every shilling he had used of his money. When young Hargrave arrived in Southampton, therefore, he found a credit in his account in the Branch Bank of England there, for nearly forty-five thousand pounds! A matter which turned him out on a splendid profit, and he was able to get along, admirably, and refused in bank, to his son's future order every shilling he had used of his money.

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Katrin's presence at *Sunnyside* acted like a charm upon the gay circle of visitors there. There was so much of romance in her history, that she had been learned in its details, that the ladies were delighted with her, though some who met her there, envied her gentleness and glorious beauty. The gentlemen, old and young, were in ecstasies about her. Within a few days, she had become the center of attraction, and a throng of fashion crowded to *Sunnyside*, for several days, subsequently.

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muscular looking substance, enclosed in two unequal shells, *valves*, for the purpose of protecting the soft parts of the body, and are joined at the back by a strong muscular ligament that answers all the purposes of a hinge. By the construction of this ligament the oyster can open its shells at pleasure, to the extent of about one quarter of an inch. It is firmly secured to each shell by four strong muscles, with which it can close its shells, and keep them closed as long as it considers the dangerous side of the animal.

The oyster, like the rest of its species, is furnished with vital organs, though these are distributed in a very extraordinary manner. Its respiration is carried on by the means of gills, which form long and numerous tubes, which extend through the water.

to the climate almost as well as England, from what I have seen during the last season.

—B. W. WINTON, in *London Field*.

MARRIAGE in 'HIGH LIFE.—It is stated in the *Montreal Advertiser* that it is destined to be a most extraordinary one. The Rev. Mr. Goshon, the Canadian Giant, who last autumn and winter exhibited himself, was married in St. Wacaster, C.M.S. on Thursday the 10th inst. to Miss Celestina N. Townes, of Montreal, who is 26 years old, and weighs 115 lbs. The Giant, it will be recollected, is 21 years old, is 7ft. 5½ in. in height, and weighs 617lbs.

A double pig—two heads, four arms, four legs, and one trunk—was born last

their differences in Italy, they will be left without a cause of quarrel, but with a million of men in the hands of the victors. The two great parties demand a part of these enormous series, instead of keeping Europe agitated at the prospect of another disturbance? As long as there is the sight of means to do ill deeds we may expect that there will be ill deeds done.' If the forces within the two Empires had been reduced one half, the world would have had more hope and less war, and less angry monarchs and more power to launch armies at one another's dominions it is vain to expect that the world will believe in peace. In the history of the last two months we have a proof of the losses of the mere apprehension of war inflict on a civilization like ours. If

Another telegraph says that on the arrival of the vessel under the Stars and Stripes, the crew, who were not numbered the crew, rose to salute and insisted that the Captain should steer for Cork.

Worn 85 94 a 94 2d. White 85 94 a 10s. Corn steady; Yellow 55 10d a 62 2d. White 7s 7 3d.

Beef quiet. Pork dull and all qualities had slightly declined.

Pot ashes dull. Pearl ashes quiet. Sales unimportant. Sugar quiet.

Breadstuffs quiet. Wheat declined 1d a 24 on Eng. sh.

THE HOUSE YESTERDAY.
MR. A. P. McDONALD'S ACCOUNTS
A RICH SCENE.

A considerable part of the afternoon of yesterday was given to discussing the divorce bill of Mr. John McLean of this city. The measure was opposed by Messrs. Cline, McGee, and Bureau, who exhausted their

depression which amounts are thrown away on corrupt partisans. But the fact that the recipient is a member of the House, that he exchanges his votes for grants from the public treasury is infinitely worse. If such a thing were discovered to exist in England the Ministry would be driven from office, and the Government would be compelled by public opinion to resign. Here the Government has only expended their wrath on the Opposition, ministers laugh at such trifles. It is only \$13,696 gone, and, as to arbitration, it may be postponed for a time, the papers may be delayed till the session is over, and then the Ministry will settle the matter as they please. The Government have not even asked the Public Accounts next year, and have not asked Mr. A. P. Mackenzie to be made

MEASURING HAY AND CORN IN BULK
—A cube of 8 feet square is estimated to make a ton of hay in stack or mow, after it is well settled. Allowance must be made for the looseness and compactness of the hay; for fine hay is in the bottom of the mow or stack, and it will take less than the above measure; for coarse and lightly pressed hay, it will take more.

"What is the meaning of a backbiter?" said a reverend gentleman during an examination at a parochial school. "I was very puzzled. It went down the class and the teacher took time for arching, 'wagging' and 'perambulating' as a reply."

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

From the Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, a copy of which we have received, it appears that during the year 1894, the number of patients under treatment, for longer or shorter periods, was 553, of whom 478 remain—leaving 57 discharged and 18 dead. Of the 553 there were admitted within the year, 87 out of 206, for which application had been made. The number of cases of insanity occurring in the Province, is estimated at 250 per annum, of which only 80 can be admitted, that being the number of vacancies expected as resulting from 50 discharges and 30 deaths.

The general health of the patients during 1894, is said to have been highly satisfactory—the number of deaths having been only 18 (in 10 months) out of 553 persons.

Of the 478 persons now under treatment, 365 are considered incurable, 41 curable, and 72 doubtful. Of the 478, one third "have been inmates from seven up to eighteen years." During these eighteen years, 2,119 have been in the institution, with 1,210 discharges, 31 elopements, and 4/10 deaths.

Of the recoveries a larger proportion occur amongst men than amongst women, and amongst married men more than amongst single men. There are more admissions of single men and married women than of married men and single women. The children of very old men seem predisposed to insanity.

The previous occupations of the afflicted are 69 labourers to 58 farmers, and 141 female heads of families to 82 household servants, and 13 sempstresses.

The religious of the patients are 147 Roman Catholics, 142 Church of England, 99 Presbyterians and 54 Methodists. (We omit the very small numbers.)

The birth places are 220 from Ireland, 87 Canada, 65 Scotland, and 62 England.

Of the localities 131 are from Cities and Towns to 347 from Counties. Of the former Toronto furnished 70, Hamilton 21, Kingston 21, London 12, and Ottawa 7, from which it appears that in the Cities one case has arisen in every 544 of the population, and in the remainder of the Province one in 2,538. Of the admitted cases 17 per cent, of those from cities have died and 13 of those from the country.

Of the present 478 patients 385 are harmless, 73 violent, 71 noisy, 34 destructive, 127 paroxysmal, 21 epileptic, and 496 industrious. Religious services are performed by Protestant and Roman Catholic Clergymen; there is a library of 400 volumes; there is musical entertainment twice a week in the ward; most of the Canadian newspapers are sent by their proprietors.

PARLIAMENTARY.

The debates in the House for some time past have not been of much general interest. The only question of any importance before the House being the Inspector General's resolutions for amending the tariff customs.—These have been passed through the House and are now the law of the land. We have received a copy and intend publishing it in our next week's issue. Some of our exchanges assert that it is the intention of the Hon. J. S. Macdonald to retire from public life, and that his friends have sent him many urgent appeals to forego his desire, and remain connected with the Coalition. A bill has been introduced, and is likely to pass, for the purpose of enabling County Councils to raise money and assist farmers who are unable to procure seed for their Spring crops. An act for the relief of insolvent debtors has been introduced by Mr. Robison, and an attempt is being made to amend the law of dower, by Mr. Walbridge. An Act to authorize Township Councils to have plans of Villages made and registered in County Registry offices and a bill for the management of Spenchthrifts, and the custody of their real and personal property are also before the House.

In reference to the business of the session, the Globe faults the ministry for legislating more for the Lower than the Upper Province, and says that they have no reason to complain that the Opposition have hindered their operations, and yet they have made no more progress than in former sessions. Their bills were not ready, and in regard to many of them there have been doubt and hesitation—much troubling and many Cabinet councils in their preparation. The great measures of the session are not yet before the House, in fact. The Segregiation Tenure resolution, as it is said, is in print, but have not been distributed. The ministry desired to postpone their appearance to a still later period, until the supplies had been granted. The French Canadian would not trust Mr. Cartier, however, and the resolutions are promised for Tuesday next. They are said to be the most stirring character, outdoing all the previous efforts of the coalition in the way of corruption. We shall not anticipate the retort of Wednesday, however.

Other business is likewise in preparation, and we expect to witness a very busy week, with the view of inducing the Opposition to fall in line. It is utterly impossible, with the schemes to which we have alluded to, that the session can finish so soon. If the ministry get through at all, it will certainly not be in three weeks. The real crisis of the session has not passed. It comes always after the supplementary estimates have been brought down. We may add that the above stories about divisions among the Opposition are not at all true. The Opposition are not divided, and the opponents of the ministry are more united, as they are more numerous, than they have ever been before. Their position has been changed since last session, and their tactics are somewhat different, but there is not one who has unseemly thrown himself as the common enemy when the opportunity arises.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

By a letter from Barbadoes, dated Feb. 11, we learn that His Excellency the Hon. Francis Hincks, Governor-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, was expected to leave for Canada, via Havana, and New York about the 12th inst. Mr. Hincks' arrival in Canada may therefore be looked for about the first week of April. His stay in Canada will be necessarily short, as he proposes visiting London before his return to his Government, about the middle of May.

The Baltimore 'Advocate' says:—Congress expired on the 4th of March. The several appropriation Bills, after much sparring, were finally passed, except the Post Office Bill. It remains to be seen whether the loss of the bill will compel the President to call an extra session. It is said that rather than do so he will shut up the Post Office. This is nonsense, and we do not believe that the President made any expression of the kind. Thirty millions of people clamoring for their newspapers, would be a sight too strong even for the iron nerves of Andrew Jackson.

We learn that the prospect of the growing wheat crops has materially improved in Central and Southern Illinois within the past fortnight, and that the farmers in those portions of the State are now encouraged to expect a fair average crop. Up to the 24th ult., it was supposed that most of the fall sowing had been effectually winter killed; but since that time the prevalence of warm, moist weather has infused new life into the young plants, and many fields that were supposed to be utterly ruined now give signs of vitality truly refreshing and encouraging. This is especially the case in the timbered regions; but even on the prairies there is a marked change in the appearance of wheat fields, and unless there should be a return of hard freezing weather, fair crops will be grown where only a few days ago nothing was expected.

The Chatham Planet has been informed that on Thursday and Friday evening last, several farmers in that vicinity were engaged in ploughing their fields, preparatory to putting in their spring crops. From farmers in the surrounding Townships of Downie Ellice and North and South Ellice, we are glad to learn that the Fall Wheat looks pretty well. Some fears are expressed, however, that the present weather, fine as it is, may do harm owing to its freezing in the night time and thawing in the day.

We understand that the several parties who were injured at the late unfortunate accident on the Great Western Railway are progressing favorably. Those at Copetown are all out of danger, with exception of Mr. McEneaney, whose recovery is to a certain extent doubtful. They are under the care of Dr. Billings, Hamilton, and Dr. Mullin, Copetown. The wounded who were taken on to Hamilton, are all out of danger, and several of them have proceeded home.

In connection with the payments lately made on account of the removal of the government from Quebec to Toronto, Mr. Hogan states that a clerk in one of the departments received payment for the removal of one of his children which has been born since the transfer to Toronto! It seems to pay well enough, sometimes, to count chickens before they are hatched.

Lord Bury has again introduced into the House of Commons a bill for legalizing marriages with a deceased wife's sister. Lord John Russell has reluctantly decided that he ought to vote in favor of it. It is thought it will be lost in the House of Lords.

The body of Mr. James G. Moore, who was drowned in the Bay of Quinte, on the night of the 10th of November 1894, was found on Wednesday the 16th inst. An inquest was held by Dr. Burdett, and a verdict of "Found Drowned" returned.

There is a rumor from St. Petersburg that the establishment of a synagogue in the capital, where heretofore Jews had only been allowed to reside, under very severe restrictions, is about to be authorized. This, if true, is an evidence that the Russian Government has resolved to enter the path of religious liberty.

A mission to the regions lately explored by Dr. Livingston is likely to be set on foot by our two great Universities in concert. A most influential committee, has been formed in Cambridge, and more than \$400 has been subscribed. Several meetings were held by the committee, and the University of Oxford have been invited to join in the work.

In the neighborhood of Chatham the farmers speak in glowing terms of the present prospects of a good crop, so far as the Fall wheat is concerned. Just now the fields certainly look promising, and we do sincerely hope the expectations and wants of the farmers and country at large, will be supplied next harvest.

On Friday evening last, says the Guelph 'Advertiser,' Thomas Malone, from Guelph, was robbed in the streets of Guelph of a silver watch and pocket book, containing \$20.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Brown presented a petition to parliament from over 5,000 inhabitants of the City of Toronto praying for a Maine Liquor Law. The petition was over 85 feet long.

Mr. George Jacques of the township of Cavan, was so seriously injured on Tuesday last by a falling tree, that he died on Wednesday. It is somewhat singular, says the Port Hope Guide, that Mrs. Jacques is a second time left a widow from the same cause. Her first husband, Mr. Martin, was killed by a falling tree; and one of her brothers lost his life a few years ago in the same manner.

The deepest coal pit in Great Britain, and probably in the world, after twelve years' labor, has been completed and opened at Duffield, Cheshire. The shaft of this pit is 616 fathoms deep, and the shaft of the last year was 512 fathoms deep, and the sinking of it cost nearly one hundred thousand pounds.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

We regret to hear of a fatal accident, resulting from the careless use of a gun, by which a young man named Gardner, of Dalhousie, lost his life on Friday last. He was in the act of drawing the gun towards him by the muzzle, when the hammer caught in a twig, raising it up and letting it fall on the cap, which exploded. The shot entered his breast, causing his death in a few minutes.

THE RYERSON LETTERS.—These letters which have appeared at different times in the Toronto press, have been collected and published in pamphlet form, making a brochure of over 100 pages. These who are interested in the discussion between Mr. Brown and Dr. Ryerson should possess themselves of the work.

A descent was made on Monday upon a disorderly house in Canal street, New York, for a long time kept by a notorious woman, and the discovery made that the proprietor of the place was a Seventh ward policeman.

TORONTO CORRESPONDENCE.

Toronto, 24th March, 1895.
MR. EDITOR.—The new Tariff has passed both Houses of Parliament, and will receive the royal assent this afternoon; it will then go into operation as soon as the officials are notified; and arrangements are made to understand, to telegraph to all the Customs House Officers, from one end of the Province to the other, so that the increased duties will be levied after four o'clock to-day.

Whether Mr. Galt's expectations with respect to the amount of revenue to be derived from Customs' Duties, for the year, will be realized, remains to be seen, but I am of opinion that he will be disappointed. High duties are a premium on smuggling, and with the facilities which exist in Canada for carrying on this kind of traffic, I fear it will be practised to a very large extent. Mr. Hincks asserted that a higher duty than fifteen per cent could not be collected in Canada, and we will now have an opportunity of testing the soundness of his opinion, on this point.

Mr. Hincks, who you will recollect, is now Governor of Barbadoes, is on his way to Canada, on a visit. He has still many warm friends here; and he takes a deep interest in Canadian affairs.

It is rumored here that Sir E. Head, either is already or very soon will be, recalled, and Sir L. Bulwer sent in his stead. Sir E. is not, and never has been very popular, with any class of the community; and his recall will not be regretted.

On Thursday evening, some papers connected with the contract for the Chats Canal, were moved for in the House. In saying that they would be furnished, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Attorney General went, rather out of their way, in attributing improper motives to the parties moving for the papers. This raised the "danger" of the Opposition, and they "pounced" into the Ministry in fine style. I have seldom heard Mr. McGee more happy in his remarks. His sarcasm was of the most scorching kind, and yet so pointed with wit and good humour, as to keep the House in a roar. Mr. Brown also dealt out some very hard blows in his usual smashing style. Business is progressing very rapidly, and the session bids fair to be a short one.

Yours, E.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

The night freight train West had passed over the line from Hamilton to Copetown, leaving the night Express East at the latter place.

The line was then in good condition. There was however a quantity of water dammed up between the track and the mountain. This, it is supposed caused the slide. The chasm made by the washing away of the line is at least as long as three passenger cars, and from twelve to twenty feet deep. Into the locomotive rushed headlong, burying itself completely in the soil, and becoming a car of course, an absolute wreck. The baggage car fell above and on the locomotive; the first passenger car ran a slant upon this; the second passenger car slid under the upturned end of the first, and the third, the sleeping car, running into this, had its corner carried away.

The scene presented was of the most frightful description, and witnesses of it represent it as far more horrible than even that at the DeJardins' bridge. The furious equinoctial storm was raging in all its violence; it was blowing a hurricane, the snow was falling in flakes, but in positive masses. The water, too, was yet washing over the ridge of the mountain, on whose side the track is built, and the difficulty of securing the wounded, of extricating the dead and the living, was much increased.

The shock to the passengers in all but the last car very severe, in the last, or sleeping car, it was hardly felt, owing probably to its peculiar construction. Here it was, however, that the late superintendent of the Locomotive Department of the Railway, Mr. Brown, unfortunately happened to be. He was not in the berth, but sitting in the corner, near the stove chatting with Mr. Wilson and another gentleman. Bullets and timber from the passenger car in front entered the sleeping car, only wounding Mr. Wilson but killing Mr. Brown instantly.

The debris of the cars present so confused a mass of molten iron to the eye that a rumour was or a time in circulation that a second class car was attached to the train, and was hurled under the wheels. This is not the case, as the officials of the line inform us, although some people imagined they discerned portions of it amid the ruins of the others.

The greater part of the killed and wounded were taken back to Copetown. There was a doctor on board the train, who, with Dr. Mullin of Copetown, is attending to those who are not beyond their skill. A number also brought to Hamilton.

A GREAT TRUTH IN A SMALL COMPASS.—The Albany correspondent of the Courier and Enquirer thus discourses on a recent deplorable event:

The tragedy at Washington has been in all voices today. Beyond all other features of this case is that terrible article, that where a man of little intellect, articulates in such a case, "the survivor said." It is a sad story—such scenes cannot be—The story was told in the light of the future. An engineer on one of our great railways, had without fault or fault, and the tremendous power under his control, over a

human being. The body was removed from the rail; death had done its dread work; examination was made of the circumstances; and the engineer acquitted—the homicide was not in him. Yet a little while afterward, that engineer came to the Superintendent and asked to resign his place; he could not endure it any longer.

Why do you resign? said the Superintendent. "No one blames you." "Ah," said he, "I must go. Every night I am on the road, I see that man standing before the engine!"

SAGACITY OF A DOG.—During the recent sleighing, Mr. Elbert Hart, of Brighton, happened to pair a pair of young horses to a sleigh, partially loaded for the city. The horses took fright while standing without a driver, and ran away. A large mastiff owned by Mr. Hart, saw the horses start, and gave chase, pursuing for half a mile before he overtook the runaway. He passed them, and by presenting himself in the track in front of them, induced them to check their speed, but to no purpose; they actually ran faster for the barking of the dog. Failing in this, the dog dropped out of the track, and following behind, he seized the reins, drawing upon the ground, and did not relax his hold until the team stopped. After he had drawn for some distance, he pulled back, and then upon one line that upon the other which drew the horses towards a fence where they stopped. We are assured that this was an actual occurrence as stated.—Rochester Union.

SKELETON FOUND IN QUEBEC.—The men who were employed in excavating the water works for the purpose of the Water Works came yesterday upon the skeleton of some body which must have lain there for many years. The grave seems to have been dug and regularly dug, and the spot is upon the very highest point of the ridges. The skeleton lay at the depth of between three and four feet of the present surface lengthways across the road when we first visited the spot, the breadth of the excavation had lain bare the tibia and the femoral bones with part of the toes and bones of the feet, the upper parts being still covered by the superincumbent soil. Such a conspicuous position could never have been chosen for any purpose of concealment; and it might more probably have been selected as a favorable place of interment for the remains of some brave soldier who has nobly perished on the field of battle. The bones of a young man of about 17 years of age had been disturbed in their resting place, and exposed to the light. In the course of the afternoon the excavation being extended about two feet sideways, the bones of the arms and other principal bones were found, and also the skull in a shattered condition. Several of the teeth still adhered to the jaw in an excellent state of preservation.—Chronicle.

A HUSBAND JUST IN TIME.—The colored man Huff, convicted at the Quarter Sessions of stealing, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for two years, referred to last week as having broken jail and made off, has been captured. The capture took place at his own house, in this village, about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning last, and was thus accomplished.—Huff had been in the village for some time, and concealed himself in the loft of his house. On the night of his capture a friend of his, Huff came to the house, and in the presumed absence of her husband, made improper proposals to her and went to bed. Huff, hearing from his hiding place in the loft the dissonant proposals of the man, came down, and in the next moment, he was in the room, and he did not know him, being painted and otherwise disguised, and having his hair cropped short. Huff threw the man's clothes out of doors, not forgetting, however, in his rage to appropriate to himself a silver watch which he found in the vest pocket, and which led to his final capture. He had the watch in the loft, and representing himself as a cousin of Mrs. Huff, advised the man to go away quietly, without further trouble. This the man was not disposed to do without his watch, alleging that Huff had stolen it. Failing to induce him to give up the man, sought the assistance of Constable Coad, went to the house and not only found the watch in the loft but the escaped prisoner Huff, for whom a reward of \$50 had been offered by the Sheriff for his recapture. He lodged his prisoner once more in the Stratford jail, conveying the ends of justice while making \$50 by the transaction. Huff is sure he will escape from the Stratford jail, and will get him to Kingston; the Sheriff, however, is of a different opinion.—St. Mary's Argus.

COURTING ON A RAILROAD.—From the Cincinnati Gazette.

An incident occurred on the Little Miami Railroad, yesterday morning, which outrages in point of speed and endurance, and which is a somewhat different field, the lightning express, "fifty cents a mile," special train achievement which attended the delivery of the recent famous "delegation report in this city." The fact arose about thus:—A lady, somewhat passed that period of life when the word "young" is in point of speed and endurance, and which is a somewhat different field, the lightning express, "fifty cents a mile," special train achievement which attended the delivery of the recent famous "delegation report in this city." The fact arose about thus:—A lady, somewhat passed that period of life when the word "young" is in point of speed and endurance, and which is a somewhat different field, the lightning express, "fifty cents a mile," special train achievement which attended the delivery of the recent famous "delegation report in this city." 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