

The Fair Captives

OR THE SECRET CABINET

CHAPTER XXI.

"He has sent for me to go to the library. What on earth shall I do? I'm regularly in for it! Vera, you must come too," says Griselda, who is evidently in the lowest depths of despair.

"I don't see what good I can do," says Vera, recoiling from a second interview with her uncle.

"You can. Every good. Your presence will restrain him. And if it is to be a case of assault and battery, you will be an invaluable witness." Even through all her onest, fright she cannot refrain from making a miserable little attempt at a joke.

"Come, I'm ready," says Vera with a sigh. She moves towards the door.

"I'm a wretch," cries Griselda gently. "There. Stay where you are! I'll face the old dragon alone! He can't do more than murder me, and I dare say I'll be no great loss. Oh, Vera," as Miss Byarsart shakes her head, and declares herself willing to see her through with it, "it is too much to expect."

"The longer he is kept waiting the more unpleasant he will be. Vera reminds her sensibly, and together they go down to the library.

"I hardly expected the pleasure of your company," says the old man, lifting his half-closed eyes to Vera—a vicious light in them. "I do not remember that I even solicited it."

"You did not. I have come because Griselda wished it," replies Vera. "Does Griselda control this house? Are we all to be guided by her? My nerves are not in a fit state this morning to give audience to more than one at a time. I feel thoroughly unstrung."

"Yes—yes. You really do look very ill," says Griselda, with eager sympathy. "Indeed, if you excite yourself further, I should not answer for the consequences. We will both go away. By-and-by—next week or so—you can let me know what it is I am to do for you. Try to persuade him, Vera, to spare himself."

Under cover of this burst of anxious concern Griselda makes a careful glide or tiptoe towards the door with intent to make good her escape but to evade the argus eyes of Mr. Byarsart one would have to be born with that happy old knack of growing invisible at will.

thinner the already too thin old lips. "I think—if you will let me explain," interposes Vera hurriedly, "I may be able to set right what now seems a little obscure, a little open to misconception." She comes quickly forward as she speaks, but Byarsart, putting up his hand, checks her.

"You are really too good, coming to my help like this, trying to take the trouble of my shoulders, but I assure you I am quite capable of undertaking this case," he says icily, "and your presence, as I before remarked, is not wanted here. What," turning again to Griselda, "not a word! Am I to understand that that you, my niece, have commenced a low flirtation with a man unknown to you, a man who may be, for aught you can say to the contrary, the common son of a common butcher, or baker, or—"

"He is the son of no butcher or baker," interrupts Griselda, her cheeks aflame, her eyes flashing. "No! You have discovered so much? You seem to have got a good deal of information out of the young man, personal information, which, between lovers, I am told is always the most interesting. If not the son of a resident butcher or baker or attorney, perhaps he told you whose son he was? If so, pray satisfy my burning curiosity."

"He has told me, certainly," says Griselda defiantly. "And sworn you in not to betray the knowledge, I see," says Mr. Byarsart with an irritating laugh. "Cautious youth!"

"He swore me to nothing; nevertheless I shall tell you nothing," retorts she. "The truthfulness of your attitude and expression convey that to me without words," says Byarsart with a contemptuous shrug. "Unhappily for you, however, heroes are completely thrown away upon me. Now hear me," his manner grows suddenly hard and stern, and leaning forward he compels her gaze to meet his. "One word for all—you shall meet this lover of yours no more."

"Lover!" cries the girl, stung by the insolence of his tone. "Ay, lover. You forget, perhaps, that scene I saw with my own eyes yesterday. Capital eyes they are still in spite of my years—have you ever noticed their brilliancy?" fixing them remorselessly on her as he speaks, with such a steady glare that Griselda shivers. Surely there is something uncommon about those awful eyes. "They showed me this young man of yours, this wail and stray cast up of the mud of humanity to gratify your vanity—this fellow whose name you are ashamed to pronounce—kneeling prostrate before you, worshipping at your feet, so close to the public highway that all who pass might read! It was charmingly romantic, no doubt; ideally perfect, deliciously unconventional, and permit me to add, grossly vulgar and indecent!"

"Uncle!"—breaks in Vera, tremulously, but beyond a glance at her full of verulent malice, he ignores her interruption. "I am your guardian," he goes on, addressing Griselda always; "an unwilling one, be assured, but still your guardian, and as such I shall see that for the future you do not disgrace yourself or me."

"I forbid you to speak to me like this," says Griselda, in a low choked tone that vibrates with wounded modesty. "It is you who disgrace yourself when you speak of—"

"Of your evident longing to throw yourself into the arms of the first man you meet?"

"Vera, will you permit this?" demands the girl passionately, turning to her sister a face from which the angry blood of a moment since has flown, leaving it white and set as marble. "It is intolerable!" says Vera. "Uncle Gregory, I shall not stay here to listen to such words addressed to Griselda!"

LEADING MARKETS

The Ruling Prices in Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—Wheat—Ontario firm at \$1.04 to \$1.05 for red and white; spring, 97c to 97c; goose, 88c; Manitoba, steady, No. 1, \$1.09; No. 2 northern, \$1.05; No. 3 northern, 99c to \$1.01; Georgian Bay ports; 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Dull; 90 per cent. patents, \$4.20 to \$4.35, buyers' sacks, east and west, 15c to 20c higher for choice. Manitoba, \$5.40; \$5.40 for first patents, \$5 to \$5.30 for second patents, and \$5 to \$5.20 for bakers'. Millfeed—\$14 for bran in bulk, \$16 to \$16.50 for shorts east and west. Manitoba, \$19 for shorts, \$18 for bran, exports. Barley—4c for No. 2, 4 1/2c for No. 3 extra and 4 1/2c for No. 3 malting, outside, Toronto freights. Rye—7 1/2c to 7c for No. 2. Corn—New Canadian yellow, 4 1/2c; mixed, 4 1/2c f.o.b. Chatham freights; new American No. 3 yellow, 5 1/2c to 5 1/2c; mixed, 5 1/2c to 5 1/2c. Oats—Scarce, with prices at a wide range. Quotations are 35c to 36c for No. 1 white east, 34c to 35c middle freights; No. 2, 34 1/2c to 35c; low freights, and 34 1/2c to 35c north and west. Rolled Oats—Easier, \$2.90 for cars of bags and \$4.15 for barrels on track Toronto; 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c for broken lots outside. Peas—Dull, 66c to 67c for No. 2 west and east. Buckwheat—53c east and west.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The supply of good butter is fair and the demand good. Creamery prints, 22c to 24c do solids, 22c to 23c do tubs, 19c to 20c Dairy tubs, good to choice, 16c to 17c do medium, 14c to 15c do inferior grades, 12c to 13c Dairy lb. rolls, good to choice, 17c to 18c do large rolls, 16c to 18c do medium, 14c to 15c Cheese—Is fairly steady and quoted unchanged at 11c to 11 1/2c per lb. for large and 11 1/2c to 12c for twins. Eggs—Fresh are quoted at 20c and lined at 18c to 19c. Poultry—Turkeys, 12c to 15c; ducks, 13c to 14c; geese, 11c to 12c; chickens, choice, 12c to 14c; old, 8c to 10c. Potatoes—Ontario at 65c to 70c on track, and 75c to 80c out of store. Eastern, 75c to 80c on track, and 90c to 95c out of store. Baled Hay—Is coming forward fairly well and the market is quoted steady at \$8 per ton for No. 1 timothy and \$6.50 to \$6.75 for No. 2 mixed clover. Baled Straw—Car lots on track here are quoted unchanged at \$6 to \$6.50 per ton.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Grain—The strength in oats still continues to be the most prominent feature, and prices to-day secured a further advance of one cent per bushel. Demand continues good for car lots, and sales of No. 2 white were made at 43c and No. 3 at 42c per bushel ex-store. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, pattern, \$5.89; strong bakers', \$5.50 winter wheat pattern, \$5.70 to \$5.80; straight rollers, \$5.30 to \$5.40, and in bags, \$2.50 to \$2.60. Feed—Manitoba bran in bags, \$17; shorts, \$19 to \$20 per ton; Ontario winter wheat bran in bulk, \$17 to \$18; shorts, \$19 to \$20; monilla, \$24 to \$28 per ton, to quality. Meal—No change in rolled oats, for which the demand is still limited at \$2.05 to \$2.07 per bag; corn meal quiet, \$1.35 to \$1.45 per bag. Hay—No. 1, \$9 to \$9.50; No. 2, \$8.25 to \$8.75; clover mixed; 7 to \$7.50, and pure clover, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per ton in car lots. Beans—Choice primes, \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel, \$1.35 to \$1.37 1/2 in car lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$16.50 to \$17.50; light short cut, \$16.50 to \$17; American clear cut fat backs, \$20; compound lard, 6 1/2c to 7c; Canadian lard, 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c; kettle rendered, 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c, according to quality; hams, 12c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7.50; heavy fat hogs, \$4.75 to \$5; mixed lots, \$5 to \$5.15; select, \$5.25 to \$5.50 "off cars"; country dressed, \$6 to \$6.75. Cheese—Ontario full white, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; colored, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; Quebec, 10c to 10 1/2c.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—Receipts were light at the city Cattle Market this morning, and the butchers' cattle offerings were well taken at prices showing an advance of 10 to 15 per cent. Small meats were in less demand. Hogs unchanged. Butchers' cattle—There was an excellent demand for good beefs, and as there were not enough cattle offered to go around prices advanced, one sale of a picked lot of steers, averaging 1,050 lbs. each, being reported at \$4.50 per cwt. Export cattle—There were very few shipping cattle offered, but the demand was good, and a couple of odd lots were purchased by Mr. Dean at 5c per cwt. Stockers and Feeders—Trade was rather slow, and prices are unchanged.

ONTARIO'S POLITICAL AVALANCHE

Administration of the Hon. George W. Ross Buried.

MR. J. P. WHITNEY NEXT PROVINCIAL PREMIER

Conservatives in New Legislature Have 40 Majority.

FIVE MINISTERS WERE SLAIN

Premier Has a Narrow Squeeze in West Middlesex.

MR. ROSS WOULD NOT TALK

Condemnation of the Ross Government is Very Complete and the Popular Majority for the Conservatives Totals Up, From the Incomplete Figures At Hand, to 30,875—List of the Elected Candidates, Together With the Name of the Defeated and the Majority at Last Election. Conservatives Elected . . . 69 Liberals Elected . . . 29 Ministers Defeated. Hon. John Dryden, Agriculture. Hon. J. M. Gibson, without portfolio. Hon. W. A. Charlton, Crown Lands. Hon. T. E. A. Evanturel, without portfolio. Hon. F. R. Latchford, Attorney-General.

THE PEOPLE'S VERDICT.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The people of Ontario spoke yesterday. They condemned the Ross Government. They gave the Conservatives an overwhelming majority. Narrow Squeeze For Ross. Other Ministers narrowly missed sharing in the disaster. Premier Ross had the narrowest squeeze of them all, and for a time it looked as if he would not pull out. The last returns available last night gave him 50 majority, with two places to hear from, which are expected to go Conservative. Mr. Ross had 604 majority two years ago. His two new Ministers survived the wreck, Graham by something over a hundred and Mackay by about three hundred. Toronto gave a popular majority of about 10,000 for the new Government.

Premier Ross Alone—And Silent.

Hon. G. W. Ross was the only Cabinet minister in the city yesterday. He remained in his office at the Parliament Buildings surrounded by a coterie of officials, and remained in his private office until the last election returns came in by special wire. Premier Ross continued to sit in his office, but as the returns came in, his friends gradually left him—by 10 o'clock he was alone. Representatives of the press were waiting to get his views, as to the probable issues which had turned the current of opinion against his party and his Government, but sphinxlike the Premier was silent. The last returns had struck him dumb and with that stoicism which is characteristic of Mr. Ross when he is at bay, nerved to hang on to power to the very last, he said that he had nothing to say—"not a word to the press to-night." It was quite late before Mr. Ross returned to his home, but as he left the buildings which for 32 years had given shelter to a Government of which he is the last chieftain, and encountered the cruelly cold north wind that was blowing outside, the retreat of Napoleon from Moscow could hardly have been more chilly or depressing.

MEMBERS ELECT.

- First Named in the Constituency With Majority Where Possible—Also Defeated Candidate and Former Member With His Majority. ADDINGTON. Con. W. J. PAULL, 100. Lib. Hiram Keech. Last member Reid (C) Maj. 57. ALGONA. Con. W. R. SMYTH, 140. Lib. T. G. Wigg. Last member Smyth (C) Maj. 227. N. BRANT. Con. J. H. FISHER, 100. Lib. Daniel Burt. Last member Burt (L) Maj. 152. E. BRANT. Lib. T. H. PRESTON, 200. Con. W. S. Brewster. Last member Preston (L) Maj. 346. BROCKVILLE. Lib. Hon. G. P. GRAHAM, 127. Con. A. E. Donovan. Last member Graham (L) Maj. 376. C. BRUCE. Con. HUGH CLARK, 322. Lib. R. Malcolm. Last member Clark (C) Maj. 44. N. BRUCE. Lib. C. M. BOWMAN, 54. Con. John George. Last member Bowman (L) Maj. 258. B. BRUCE. Con. Dr. R. E. CLAPP, 100. Lib. R. E. Truax. Last member Truax (L) Maj. 64. CARDWELL. Con. E. A. LITTLE, 808. Lib. John Semple. Last member E. A. Little (C) Maj. 808. CARLETON. Con. G. N. KIDD, 1226. Lib. J. Campbell Smith. Last member Kidd (C) Maj. 1226. DUFFERIN. Con. DR. LEWIS, 400.

- Pro. W. A. Wansborough. Last member Barr (C) Maj. 1334. DUNDAS. Con. J. P. WHITNEY, 500. Lib. G. L. Brown. Last member Whitney (C) Maj. 504. E. DURHAM. Con. J. J. PRESTON, 723. Lib. Dr. W. W. Nasmith. Last member Preston (C) Maj. 684. W. DURHAM. Con. L. DEYVITT, 123. Lib. Wm. Rickard. Last member Rickard (L) Maj. 88. E. ELGIN. Con. C. A. BROWER, 169. Lib. J. C. Dance. Last member Brower (C) Maj. 112. W. ELGIN. Con. F. G. MACDIARMID, 504. Lib. Peter Stalker. Soc. John Burton. Last member Macdiarmid (C) Maj. 502. N. ESSEX. Con. Dr. J. O. REAUME, 800. Lib. E. Girardot. Last member Reaume (C) Maj. 328. S. ESSEX. Con. Dr. J. A. AULD, 500. Lib. Dr. A. C. Anderson. Last member Auld (L) Maj. 484. FORT WILLIAM. Con. DR. SMELLIE, 302. Lib. D. C. Cameron. Last member Cameron (L) Maj. 302. FRONTENAC. Con. J. S. GALLAGHER, 200. Lib. W. H. Reynolds. Last member Gallagher (C) Maj. 57. GLEASHERRY. Lib. JOHN A. McMILLAN, 300. Con. W. D. Macleod. Last member Macleod (C) Maj. 484. GREVILLE. Con. H. WARD FERGUSSON, 300. Lib. Dr. McLean. Last member Joynt (C) Maj. 360. N. GREY. Con. G. M. MACKAY, 300. Con. G. M. Boyd. Last member Mackay (L) Maj. 272. S. GREY. Con. DR. JAMESON, 300. Lib. John A. Kitchie. Last member Jameson (C) Maj. 458. C. GREY. Con. I. B. LUCAS, 1000. Lib. D. G. Gilhe. Last member Lucas (C) Acc. HALDIMAND. Lib. J. KOHLER, 467. Con. M. McConnell. Last member Holmes (L) Maj. 143. HALTON. Con. W. A. NIXON, 100. Lib. D. O. Cameron. Last member Barber (L) Maj. 16. HAMILTON. Con. H. CARSCALLEN, 595. Lib. Dr. H. S. GRIBB. Last member Carscallen (C) Maj. 142. W. HAMILTON. Con. J. S. HENRIE, 423. Lib. Geo. S. Kerr. Last member Hendrie (C) Maj. 160. N. HASTINGS. Con. T. W. PEARCE, 806. Lib. Luther Cornell. Last member Pearce (C) Maj. 316. EAST HASTINGS. Ind. Lib. E. W. RATEBUN, 20. Con. J. H. Richardson. Last member Russell (L) Maj. 36. W. HASTINGS. Con. M. B. MORRISON, 400. Lib. H. Pringle. Last member Morrison (C) Maj. 321. E. HURON. Con. A. HISLOP, 100. Con. James Bowman. Last member Hislop (L) Maj. 465. S. HURON. Con. H. EHLBER, 429. Lib. Rev. Mr. McEllan. Last member Elber (C) Maj. 53. W. HURON. Lib. M. G. CAMERON, 400. Con. Dudley Holmes. Last member Cameron (L) Maj. 21. E. KENT. Con. P. H. BOWYER, 200. Lib. John Cochrane. Last member Lee (L) Maj. 276. W. KENT. Lib. A. B. MCCOIG, 200. Con. C. H. Matheson. Last member Parde (L) Maj. 235. KINGSTON. Lib. E. J. P. PENSE, 16. Con. D. M. McIntyre. Last member Pense (L) Maj. 135. E. LAMBTON. Con. HUGH MONTGOMERY, 100. Lib. H. J. Pettipiece. Last member Pettipiece (L) Maj. 100. W. LAMBTON. Con. W. J. HANNA, 400. Lib. F. F. Parde. Last member Hanna (C) Maj. 152. N. LANARK. Con. DR. R. P. PRESTON, 446. Lib. A. H. Edwards. Last member Caldwell (L) Maj. 38. S. LANARK. Con. W. MATHESON, 706. Lib. A. G. Farrell. Last member Matheson (C) Maj. 287. LEEDS. Con. J. D. DARGAVEL, 500. Lib. Rev. F. Chisholm. Last member Beatty (C) Maj. 609. LENOX. Con. T. C. CARSCALLEN, 65. Lib. M. S. Madole. Last member T. G. Carscallen (C) Maj. 3. LINCOLN. Con. DR. JESSOP, 764. Lib. J. K. Black. Last member Jessop (C) Maj. 633. LONDON. Con. ADAM BECK, 563. Lib. F. G. Rumball. Soc.ist Labor, J. Pearce. Last member Beck (C) Maj. 131. MANTOULIN. Con. R. R. GAMEY, 400. Lib. W. J. Tucker. Last member Gamey (C) Maj. 253. W. MIDDLESEX. Lib. HON. G. W. ROSS, 50. Con. George A. Stewart. Last member Ross (L) Maj. 604. E. MIDDLESEX. Con. GEO. W. NEELEY, 318. Lib. Dr. Routledge. Last member Routledge (L) Maj. 21. N. MIDDLESEX. Con. C. C. HODGINS, 35. Lib. W. H. Taylor. Last member Taylor (L) Maj. 202. MONCK. Lib. HON. R. HARCOURT, 200. Con. J. Ross. Last member Harcourt (L) Maj. 390. MUSKOKA. Con. A. A. MAHAFFY, 632. Lib. Dr. Howland. Last member Mahaffy (C) Maj. —. E. NIPISSING. Con. CHARLES LAMARCHE, 200. Con. Arthur Limoges. Last member James (L) Maj. 294. W. NIPISSING. Con. O. AUBIN, 100. Lib. Joseph Michaud. Last member Michaud (L) Maj. 242. N. NORFOLK. Lib. COL. T. R. ATKINSON, 250. Con. Dr. F. S. Snider. Last member Little (L) Maj. 100. N. OXFORD. Con. S. PRATT, 400.

- Lib. W. A. Charlton. Last member Charlton (L) Maj. 78. E. NORTHUMBERLAND. Con. DR. WILLOUGHBY, 700. Lib. G. M. Cryderman. Last member Willoughby (C) Maj. 283. W. NORTHUMBERLAND. Lib. SAM. CLARKE, 200. Con. F. M. Field. Last member Clarke (L) Maj. 210. N. ONTARIO. Con. W. H. HOYLE, 277. Lib. George Thompson. Last member Hoyle (C) Maj. 188. S. ONTARIO. Con. C. CALDER, 110. Lib. John Dryden. Last member Dryden (L) Maj. 132. OTTAWA (2). Lib. G. S. MAY, 372. Lib. D. J. McDougall, 372. Con. D. Murphy, P. D. Ross. Last member Murphy (C) Maj. 615. Last member Powell (C) Maj. 474. N. OXFORD. Lib. COL. MUNRO, 400. Con. R. E. Butler. Last member Munro (L) Maj. 960. S. OXFORD. Con. DR. SUTHERLAND, 257. Lib. W. A. Dowler. Last member Sutherland (C) Maj. 173. PARRY SOUND. Con. JOHN GALNA, 22. Lib. Milton Carr. Pro. D. E. Best. Con. Dr. Towle. Last member Carr (L) Maj. 117. PEELE. Lib. JOHN SMITH, 25. Con. Sam Charters. Last member Smith (L) Maj. 123. N. PERSE. Con. JAMES TORRANCE, 300. Lib. John Brown. Last member Brown (L) Maj. 206. S. PERTH. Con. N. MONTEITH, 67. Con. N. MONTEITH, 67. Last member Stock (L) Maj. 71. E. PETERBORO. Con. W. M. ANDERSON, 217. Con. H. A. Moore. Last member Anderson (L) Maj. 443. W. PETERBORO. Con. T. E. BRADBURN, 1240. Lib. R. P. McWilliams. Last member Stratton (L) Maj. 1194. PRESCOTT. Lib. LABROSSE, 400. Lib. F. E. A. Evanturel. Last member Evanturel (L) Maj. 748. PRINCE EDWARD. Lib. DR. CURRIE, 53. Con. R. A. Norman. Last member Currie (L) Maj. 116. FORT ARTHUR. Con. W. A. PRESTON, 100. Lib. H. W. Kennedy. Last member Connee (L) Maj. 559. N. RENFREW. Con. E. A. DUNLOP, 1442. Lib. Dr. McKay. Last member Dunlop (C) Maj. 602. S. RENFREW. Con. T. W. MCGARRY, 453. Lib. Hon. F. R. Latchford. Last member Latchford (L) Maj. 574. RUSSELL. Lib. THOS. RACINE, 1043. Con. Jas. Rolston. Last member Guibord (L) Maj. 807. SAULT STE MARIE. Lib. C. N. SMITH, 125. Con. Moses McFadden. Last member Smith (L) Maj. 251. S. SIMCOE. Con. A. B. THOMPSON, 323. Lib. C. E. Hewson. Last member Davidson (L) Maj. 44. E. SIMCOE. Lib. J. B. TUDHOPE, 400. Con. Mayor McCosh. Last member Tudhope (L) Maj. 447. W. SIMCOE. Con. J. S. DUFF, 400. Lib. John Birnie. Last member Duff (C) Maj. 977. STORMONT. Con. GEORGE KEIR, 25. Lib. W. J. McCart. Old Lib. Dr. Stark. Last member McCart (L) Maj. 288. E. TORONTO. Con. DR. A. R. PYNE, 2369. Lib. W. L. Edmonds. Soc. W. G. Bible. Last member Pyne (C) Maj. 922. N. TORONTO. Con. DR. BEATTIE NESBITT, 1229. Lib. Hugh Blair. Soc. Dr. Simpson. Last member Nesbitt (C) Maj. 282. S. TORONTO. Con. J. J. FOY, 3056. Lib. J. J. Hunter. Soc. Phillips Thompson. Last member Foy (C) Maj. 739. W. TORONTO. Con. THOMAS CRAWFORD, 3170. Ind. Lib. Dr. John Hunter. Pro. John G. Braith. Ind. R. B. Noble. Soc. F. J. Red. Last member Crawford (C) Maj. 1543. E. VICTORIA. Con. J. H. CARNEGIE, 763. Lib. John Austin. Last member Carnegie (C) Maj. 573. W. VICTORIA. Con. Sam Fox. Lib. Thos. Stewart. Last member Fox (C) Maj. 99. N. WATERLOO. Con. DR. LACKNER, 376. Lib. George Moore. Indep.-Labor, George Moore. Last member Lackner (C) Maj. 266. S. WATERLOO. Con. GEO. PATTISON, 400. Lib. Dr. Thomson. Labor W. G. Seyfert. Last member Krebs (C) Maj. 98. WELAND. Con. EVAN FRASER, 200. Lib. Joseph Battle. Last member Gross (L) Maj. 112. E. WELLINGTON. Con. MAJOR CRAIG, 85. Lib. J. M. Gibson. Last member Gibson (L) Maj. 454. S. WELLINGTON. Con. J. P. DOWNEY, 300. Lib. A. W. Tyson. Ind.-Temp. J. M. Hobson. Last member Downey (C) Maj. 227. W. WELLINGTON. Con. JAMES TUCKER, 200. Lib. Joseph Touché. Last member Tucker (C) Maj. 103. N. WENTWORTH. Lib. R. A. THOMPSON, 24. Con. Gordon C. Wilson. Last member Thompson (L) Maj. 31. S. WENTWORTH. Lib. D. REID, 250. Con. J. T. H. Regan. Last member Dickenson (L) Maj. 299. E. YORK. Con. A. McCOWAN, 225. Lib. W. Scott. Last member Richardson (L) Maj. 322. N. YORK. Con. T. H. LENNOX, 305. Lib. W. C. Widdifield. Last member Davis (L) Maj. 440. W. YORK. Con. H. W. ST. JOHN, 1568. Lib. G. W. Verral. Last member St. John (C) Maj. 491.

SLASHED BY A LUNATIC.

Insane Man Puled a Razor and Cut His Attendants.

A Toronto despatch says: While removing a lunatic from the House of Industry to the Queen Street Asylum on Wednesday evening Patrick Riley and John Webb, two inmates of the House of Industry, had a narrow escape from death. John Kaiser, another of the inmates, went violently insane a few days ago, and as it was feared that he would harm the other inmates, it was decided to remove him to the asylum. He and the men who removed him left in a cab, and when they had reached the corner of Queen street and Ducliel Avenue Kaiser drew a razor from his pocket and with two sweeps of his arm slashed his two attendants, inflicting a severe wound on the neck of each. As the men were in such close proximity to each other, Kaiser could not give his arm full play, and thus the lives of Riley and Webb were saved. Both men jumped from the cab, bleeding profusely, and were carried into George D. Reid's drug store, at the corner of Queen and Euclid. After being attended by Dr. Watson, the injured men were removed in the ambulance to St. Michael's Hospital. Riley was injured more severely than Webb. His wound, luckily, is not deep, the razor having struck him slantingly. Webb's ear was severely cut, but he was allowed to return to the House of Industry. Constable Steinhart took charge of Kaiser, and removed him to the asylum without further mishap.

TO SPEND FOUR MILLIONS

C. P. R. Contemplate Great Improvements in West.

A Montreal despatch says:—Mr. William Whyte, of the C.P.R., returned to Winnipeg on Thursday night, after being in conference for some time with the president, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, on the question of appropriations or improvements on the system during the coming year. It has been practically decided to double track the line from Port William to Winnipeg, but the awarding of the contract will not be announced until Mr. Whyte's return to Winnipeg. It has already been reported that Whyte's brothers will be given the contract for this important work, but the report is not officially confirmed.

Some four million dollars will be expended in betterment to the system, including 500 miles of new track of standard rails from Montreal to Winnipeg, with easier grade-ments, etc. A number of new stations will also be erected, including one at Redivick. It is understood that a good portion of the rails needed for the improvement will be secured at the "Soe."

IN JAIL FOR DEBT.

Quebec Indian Immured Year and a Half.

A Montreal despatch says: Because there is not any law in the Province of Quebec stipulating how long a man is to stay in jail for debt, Ignace Kennatasse, one of the Iroquois tribe, has been locked up in the county jail at Ste. Charles since June 16, 1903. The sum that Kennatasse would have to pay to secure his liberty is \$40, and he became responsible for it in a peculiar way. His brother, Joseph Kennatasse, chief of the tribe, was condemned in the civil courts to pay P. Brisols \$40 for stealing timber from his limits, and when Chief Kennatasse disappeared, his brother Ignace Kennatasse was appointed guardian and while acting in that capacity he allowed all the goods and chattels to be taken from the house. The guardian was then held responsible for the amount of the judgment, and on his refusing to pay it, was put into jail. He has steadily refused to pay the amount and the close confinement has almost caused him to lose his reason.

CANADA'S RAIWAYS.

Statistics Show 500 Additional Miles Laid.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Railway Department has completed the compilation of railway statistics up to June 30, 1904. The mileage of steam railways in Canada on the date was 19,611, compared with 19,077 for 1903, or an increase of over 500 miles. The paid-up capital, including Dominion, provincial and municipal subsidies, was \$1,186,516,918, compared with \$1,146,550,769 in 1903, or an increase of nearly \$40,000,000. The gross earnings were \$100,219,436, an increase of \$4,154,909; working expenditure, \$74,563,162, an increase of \$7,081,638. The net earnings were \$25,656,274, a decrease of \$2,926,729 over 1903. There were 25,640,765 passengers carried, an increase of 1,492,023; freight, 48,097,519 tons, an increase of 724,102 tons. Twenty-five passengers were killed, as compared with 53 in 1903.

A WOODLAND GRAVE.

Trapper Finds His Wife Dead in Backwoods Shanty.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says—While her husband was away hunting Mrs. John Johnson was taken suddenly ill, and died in their hut in the woods a few miles beyond the end of the Algoma Central Railroad. No doctor was within a hundred miles. The husband found her dead with the children grouped around her. He brought the children here on Tuesday, and placed them in the Shinnauk Home. He started back at once alone, and will bury his wife in a woodland grave by the side of the hut in which they lived. There will be no services. He is young and will be present at the burial.