

A POLICEMAN'S SAD END.

He Dies While His Whole Family is Prostrated. The Poor Man Had Received of Absence to Nurse His Wife and Children.

Policeman Patrick McGuinness, attached to the Agnes street police station, died in the general hospital at 11 o'clock yesterday morning under peculiarly sad circumstances.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

FIFTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

The following Private Bills were passed through committee and read a third time: To amend the charter of the Ocean Mutual Marine Insurance Company.—Mr. Tupper (Huron).

To incorporate the Provincial Bank.—Mr. Macmillan (Middlesex). To incorporate the Commercial Bank of Manitoba.—Mr. McCarthy.

To further amend the charter of the South Saskatchewan Valley Railway Company.—Mr. Gilbert.

A Bill respecting the Kingston & Pembroke Railway was, on the motion of Mr. Gunn, referred back to the Railway Committee.

The following Bills were read a second time and referred to the proper committees: Respecting the Central Ontario Railway.—Mr. Platt.

Respecting the Manitoba Colonization Railway Company.—Mr. Ross. To incorporate the charter of the Ontario & Rocky Mountain Railway Company and change the name to "The Battleford & Peace River Railway Company."—Mr. Woodworth.

To incorporate the San Francisco, Winnipeg & Hudson Bay Railway Company.—Mr. Coyne.

To incorporate the Niagara Frontier Bridge Company.—Mr. Cameron (Victoria). To incorporate the Traders' Bank of Canada.—Mr. Beatty.

Mr. Wallace (York) moved the second reading of the Bill to legalize the agreement between the village of Parkdale and Grand Trunk Railway and other railway companies and for other purposes.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) presented the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bills were read the first time: Mr. Pardee—Bill protecting the public interest in rivers, streams and creeks.

Mr. Mowat—Bill to amend the election law, for the better prevention of corrupt practices.

Mr. McCraney—Bill to amend the Act respecting Public, Separate and High Schools.

The House in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Baxter in the chair, considered the Bill further to amend the Act incorporating the Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston in Canada in each Diocese.

The Bill is one dealing chiefly with the power to acquire and convey lands.

The following Bills were read a second time: To incorporate the Sarnia & Lambton Southern Railway Company, to incorporate the Brockville, Westport & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company; to incorporate the Midland Junction Railway Company; respecting the Toronto & Nipissing Eastern Extension Railway Company.

NOTICES OF MOTION. The Attorney-General—On Wednesday next—Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts respecting life policies for the benefit of wives and children.

Mr. Waters—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend chap. 11, 43 Vic., being an Act respecting coroners' inquests.

Mr. Ross (Huron)—On Wednesday next—Bill to authorize the substitution of terminable annuities for railway aid certificates.

Mr. Pardee—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Railway Act of Ontario.

Mr. Monk—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return—(1) Copies of all contracts for the erection of additions to the Legislative Assembly at Hamilton, or any part of the work connected therewith; (2) a statement showing what changes have been made in the plans and specifications for said additions and the effect of them upon said contracts; (3) a statement of the amount paid on account of such additions; (4) copies of all reports of the architect in charge with reference to such charges.

Mr. O'Connor—On Wednesday next—Bill to abolish distress for rent.

The Attorney-General—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the law as to property of married women.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend "The Public Health Act, 1882."

Latest from Ireland. The ejections about Kerry seem to be increasing.

A new public library for Kilkenny, it is expected, will shortly be established.

Mr. Thomas Hamilton has been appointed a resident magistrate for the county of Dublin.

On January 27th the police proceeded to Ballyoran and arrested Michael O'Connell, John Nolan, Thomas Kennedy and Lawrence Hannon, all of Ballyoran, on a charge of having four years ago murdered Wm. Mahon, a gamekeeper.

LONDON GOSSIP.

The Talk of the Metropolis of the World—Social, Political and Other Notes.

A London cable special says: It has been arranged that the Queen will start for the Continent the first week in April.

The exact date will be kept a secret, as also the route by which she goes, as the Queen is still troubled with fainting spells.

She will make the voyage in the royal yacht Osborne, which will have the ships Albert, Eschscholtz and Galatesa as an escort.

The Queen will be away from England a month, the greater part of the time at Darmstadt, where she goes to attend the wedding of her niece, the Princess Victoria of Hesse.

The re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons, which will occur on the 6th of March, will be the occasion of a great Masonic ceremonial.

Lord Ernest Hamilton, an aristocratic candidate for a popular constituency, has last week pledged himself against any alliance to the Queen's grandchildren.

His Lordship added with a sigh that Her Majesty's family are certainly very prolific.

The N. Y. Sun says the throat of scandal is hoarse with ugly comments on the late so-called "peasant festival."

The universal verdict of the society journals is that there was never such a display of paint and powder, of doing up the Duchess, and of rickety old Marchionesses, tight-laced, powdered and painted, down to giggling youthfulness, while the young and pretty women are denounced for the too wanton revelation which they are said to have made of their charms.

Lady Wodeley, formerly Miss Murphy of California, was dressed in the most magnificent peasant costume ever dreamed of, and went about selling corn and giving no change.

Mary Anderson, with characteristic discretion, promised to go, and then pleaded sickness, though she had a grandstand in the gallery in the Commons on one of the nights of the festival.

The epitome of the whole business is that charity has become the cloak for the display by fashionable ladies of the manners of an unmentionable second-hand shop.

The report that Leigh Smith was to make an Arctic expedition in the summer in a vessel built for the purpose is untrue.

The report originated from the fact that Mr. Smith recently went to Aberdeen to select a whaler for the American Government.

The Brussels International African Association has decided to maintain Henry Stanley in command of the Congo country.

Gen. Gordon will be sent on an independent expedition to the Nile delta, and will be sent Mr. Stanley a letter filled with expressions of satisfaction and confidence in view of the results of his labors.

The Prince of Wales' maiden speech in the House of Lords last night created a furor among the Tory Peers.

The Marquis of Salisbury intended to limit the inquiry to dwellings in towns.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

Chat as to Present and Coming Fashionable Attire.

HINTS FOR KITCHEN USE. (By Aunt Kate.) To Clean Clothing.

The distilled essence of lemon, or citric acid, and the essence of lavender are good detergents, but, next to turpentine and benzine, ammonia is the most popular, being used above all for gentlemen's clothing.

To clean the sleeves and collar of a coat it is best to proceed in this way: Mix equal quantities of ammonia and water, spread on a board or table the part to be cleaned, and wet saturate it with the liquid.

Then with a paper-knife scrape off the dirt, constantly wiping the knife and continuing till nothing more is to be removed.

Saturate the stuff again till sure no dust remains, and then rinse with a sponge dipped in clear water and wipe with dry, clean cloth; then expose to air or fire till dry.

Cooking Without Eggs. At certain seasons of the year it is pleasant and profitable to know how to cook palatable dishes without using eggs.

Here is an excellent rule for making rice pudding without eggs. Wash a coffee cupful of rice in two or three waters, then let it soak all night in one quart of new milk.

In the morning add a little salt, a large spoonful of butter, a little ground cinnamon and grated nutmeg. Put in the pudding dish and set in the oven, allowing ample time, say two hours, for it to cook.

Stir it frequently, but without removing from the oven. When it is beginning to bubble add a quarter of a pound of brown raisins. Serve with powdered sugar sprinkled over it, when it is put in saucers.

How to Act in Case of Poison. In accidental poisoning there are two things to be attended to as promptly as possible; and these two things constitute all the treatment that is needed in the great majority of cases.

The first is to get rid of as much of the poison as possible; and the second is to neutralize what is left in the stomach.

To accomplish the first take an emetic; and the one most easily obtained is mustard, a tablespoonful in a glass of water.

To accomplish the second take the white of an egg or two—as soon as vomiting has ceased and the stomach is empty—do not neutralize all poisons, but it is effectual in most cases, and can be generally obtained without difficulty.

Other treatment may be required to supplement this, and the advice of a physician should be promptly obtained.

But in nine out of every ten cases of poisoning a speedy vomit followed by a few tablespoonfuls of albumen (as the white of an egg is called), will accomplish all that any treatment can do.

Gowns and Frocks. By the way, the fashionable name for ladies' dresses is now "gown" or "frock."

Worth no longer fabricates dresses, but makes gowns and frocks, and does not upon unaccounted or long-drawn ears in quaint and rather pleasant.

A famous dress-maker here is making some marvelous "gowns" and "frocks" for Mrs. Gen. U. S. Grant and Mrs. W. Vanderbilt.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Mr. Cowser, the Radical English M. P. for Newcastle, is publishing some eloquent statistics respecting the drink traffic in England.

The year's consumption is \$690,000,000; the daily average for England, for each man, woman and child, is 10 pence; for the children, 4 pence for each adult; on the other hand, only 2 pence per day is spent on bread.

This is certainly an unconceivable quantity of soak for such a small quantity of bread. In fact, as much is spent on liquor, taking the adult population alone, as on all the necessities of life combined.

In a recent lecture at Birmingham Prof. Max Muller, of Oxford, referring to the Veda, the sacred book of the Brahmans, which may be termed the Bible of India, said that the Vedas were like other books in the Aryan tongue, and were the knowledge of what the world was like 1,500 years before the beginning of our era, and of what our own ancestors thought and believed nearly 4,000 years ago, is worth having.

It had been, and still was, the foundation of the religion of 163 millions of human beings—who were mostly the subjects of the Empress of India, the Queen of England.

The number of British subjects entitled to wear a ribbon or badge of the Queen's giving is about 2,000, all told.

Of the Garret there are 52 Knights, 31 English and 21 foreign; of the Thistle, 21; of the Order of St. Patrick, 25; of the Bath—87 Grand Crosses (72 English and 15 foreign), 208 Knights Commanders, and 928 Companions and Officers, making a total of 1,233 members of the Order.

Of the Star of India there were 261 Knights, 21 of the Order of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, 407; the Companions of the Order of the Indian Empire are 177; and last, the Victoria Crosses are 242.

The formal separation between Prince and Princess Frederick Charles of Hohenzollern and the breaking up of their establishment is a grievous blow to "society." The magnificent palace on the Wilhelmstrasse, famous for its rare and splendid collection of armor, which the Prince inherited a year ago from his father, Prince Karl, has lately been redecorated at a great expense in the most costly manner.

It was expected that it would become the scene of brilliant hospitalities, but now it is to be entirely shut up, as the Prince will retire to Glienicke, his residence near Potsdam.

Sir Stafford Northcote has been amusing a literary society by lecturing upon the subject of "Nothing," though he reminded them that he was not the first person who had attempted to discuss that theme.

Lord Rochester, the friend of Charles II., addressed a very clever poem to "Nothing," a French writer, quoted by Dr. Johnson, wrote a poem to show that Nothing is purer than water, Nothing is richer than gold, Nothing is higher than the heavens, and so on.

The speaker defined masterly inactivity as the art of sitting still and not committing yourself in any action, unless when it is not convenient you should do so.

Some idea of the magnitude of the business of raising sweet-scented flowers for their perfume alone may be gathered from the fact that Europe and British India consume about 155,000 gallons of handkerchief perfume annually; that the loss of revenue from our tea and coffee is \$400,000 annually, and that the total revenue of other perfumes is estimated at \$200,000 annually.

There is one great perfume distillery at Cannes in France which uses nearly 100,000 pounds of soap annually, 140,000 pounds of rare flower buds, 92,000 pounds of jasmine blossoms, 20,000 of tuberose blossoms, and an immense quantity of other material.

Mr. E. Cohen, of New York, in a recent lecture before the Hebrew Literary Society, suggested that if the Jews ever cease their wanderings and concentrate themselves in their former country, Palestine, the question of language would present itself as a very serious problem.

The suggestion is certainly an interesting one, for the eight or nine millions of Jews settled in every nation on the globe speak the language of the country in which they respectively chosen as their homes.

The original Hebrew of the race is no longer a spoken language and, although young Jews are expected to acquire a passably good knowledge of it in the schools attached to the synagogues, it is a fact that the majority of them seldom become proficient readers of the language.

From a rough draft of Prince Bismarck's bill for insuring men against accidents and death, it appears that all the various employers will be required to establish insurance companies, and to pay the whole of the premiums, and to employ the services of their workmen, in proportion to the wages earned by the latter, and to the danger tariff. Thus one element in the previous bill, which formed such a bone of contention, has been dropped—namely, part payment by the State.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

Vice-Regal Life at Ottawa—Better Man Than Some. (Ottawa Correspondence.)

The Marquis of Lansdowne is having a ten-minute talk with each member of the House of Commons.

The members get little notices like court subpoenas signed "Melgund," asking them to call at His Excellency's office at 1.10 p.m., or 1.45 p.m., or whatever time it may be, for a ten-minute interview.

The office is in the eastern block, the handsomest of the two wings of the House of Parliament.

You don't have to inquire whether the Governor is in when you go, because when he is in the wings of St. George floats from the flag-staff, and the Marquis of Lansdowne holds to step into his sleigh the standard door to the roof.

His idea in having these ten-minute conversations is to get acquainted with the statesmen, though when they come he expects them to talk in free and easy talk with plainness.

But Lord Lansdowne talked to me just as you do; frankly, pleasantly, and with an evident interest in what I told him.

If the Ottawans see much of Lord Lansdowne it will be more than they saw of his predecessor. It is the custom of the Governor-General to sit at Rideau Hall most of his time, and to go to his office only to make the rounds.

He gives two balls, the A to M ball and the A to Z ball, each winter. The first one takes in half the members of Parliament alphabetically and their ladies.

The second takes in the other half. The ball-room is not big enough to hold them all, or he would give an A to Z ball, and have done with it.

He and his wife give occasional drawing-rooms, also, throughout the season, and in the spring they go to the other official residence, in the Citadelle of Quebec, whence they make trips to Montreal, up the Saguenay, or into the country, salmon fishing.

Rideau Hall is NOTHING BUT A PATCHWORK. The only modern parts of it are the wings that DuRoi built. The one you approach first is the hall from Ottawa to the east.

The other is the tennis court, the other cases meet in the portico. The two at the sides lead to the wings; the centre one leads to the original main hallway.

This hallway, which ends in the great and beautiful conservatory at the further end of the house, is the best feature of the building.

The parlors are at the one side and the dining-hall at the other. Visitors like this room because it is so warm in colors and cozy comfortable in its general effect.

It is neither grand nor pretty, but it is what the English call "jolly." The big ball-room, with its modern lambrequins and portieres of gray-tinted satin, is a fire apartment. On the top floor are the bedrooms, but nobody who is not a prince, a lord or a lady ever enters them.

The London Explosion. A London despatch says: The jury investigating the cause of the death of Donald Smith, one of the powder explosion victims, returned a verdict last night that Smith died of suffocation, that Percy Ince caused the explosion by carelessly handling the powder and exploding same with a lighter match, that the firm had not a fire-proof box in the place than allowed by the by-laws of the city, 10 lbs., that the firm had not a fire-proof box or safe for holding powder as the by-laws require. They also recommended that the city by-law regarding the storage of powder be rigidly enforced and that an inspection of premises be made monthly.

A good Baptist clergyman of Bergen, N. Y., a strong temperance man, suffered with kidney trouble, neuralgia and dizziness almost to blindness, over two years after he was told that Hop Bitters would cure him, because he was a traitor and prejudiced against "Bitters." Since his cure he says none need fear but trust in Hop Bitters.

"Don't marry until you can support a wife," is the advice of a college and law graduate. His pupils. This is good advice, but some men who don't marry until they can get a wife rich enough to support them seem to thrive pretty well.