

IN DIVORCE ACTION
DECISION HANDED DOWN IN
FAMOUS SUIT.

Mother Retains Children—Court
Thinks She May Have Visited
Stable Too Much.

Fitzgibbon, Dec. 14.—Judge Robert S. Fraser, has handed down his decision in the sensational Hartig divorce case.

The petition of Augustus Hartig, the millionaire paper manufacturer, for a divorce against his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Hartig, whom he charged with immorality with Thomas Madine, a former coachman, is inconclusive, the decision says. Judge Fraser cites the following points:

The servants' stories of Mrs. Hartig's wrongdoing are quite different from those based in Mr. Hartig's petition. The story of Susie Wagner, a maid, was grossly exaggerated and she was under the influence of Hartig's family. Mrs. Hartig, perhaps visited the stable too often, but her fondness for horses sufficiently explains what might be considered an indiscretion.

The letters introduced are open to suspicion and are conclusive of nothing. Experts' testimony is of little value. The stealing of the said letters from Madine's room, as testified to shows those who produced them to be law-breakers.

The preponderance of testimony shows the letters were not in Mrs. Hartig's handwriting and at the trial she abandoned all his charges except the one relating to Madine.

The decision does not refer to the question of alimony, but Mrs. Hartig has a motion pending in court for alimony. The two children, Mary Louise Hartig and John Scott Hartig, will remain with their mother. The entire cost of the proceedings are placed on Mr. Hartig, and the suit for divorce filed by his wife, will be tried when it is reached in the regular order.

Patti's Richest Season.
Toronto News.
The last two songs sung in London by Adelina Patti before her final retirement from the stage were "Home, Sweet Home," and "Comin' Through the Rye." Needless to say the applause was phenomenal. One reason, of course, was that everyone in the audience understood what she was singing.

In a recent interview Madame Patti said her highest fee was six thousand dollars a night for two consecutive seasons of sixty nights each at Montevideo, in the Argentine Republic.

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HOUSE IS HISTORIC.

New Council to Hold Sessions in
Structure.

The old parliament house in Dublin, in which it is expected, the new Irish council, or parliament, soon to be created, will hold its sessions, is one of the historic buildings of the old world. It stands in what is known as College Green, and is placed nearly at right angles with the west front of Dublin University. At present the structure is used as the head office of the Bank of Ireland, but before its rooms were arranged for banking purposes the apartments of the old parliament house were spacious and eminently fitted for the purpose for which they had been constructed. The room was circular in form and about fifty-five feet in diameter. All around the room were arranged for committee rooms, cloakrooms, etc. The chamber in which the House of Lords met was forty feet long by thirty-two feet wide. At one end was a circular niche for the throne of the English viceroy, over which was a canopy of rich crimson velvet. Artistic decorations marked both apartments, with beautiful Corinthian pillars and tapestry pictures.

The first stone of the building was laid on February 2nd, 1728, and it was completed in 1739. The independence of the Irish parliament was declared in 1782, but this was nullified by the act of the union, which was adopted in 1800, and a few months later the historic structure was sold for 40,000 pounds. The expense of making arrangements for the meetings of the new Irish council would be considerable. This body, as intimated, will consist of 103 members, the number of Irish members in the British House of Commons, with the addition of forty-eight councillors directly elected for larger areas having a taxable value of more than \$100. In the scheme as mapped out, arrangement is made to have the chief secretary for Ireland ex officio chairman of the Irish council, and Irish representation at Westminster will remain as at present.

The old parliament house stands on the spot formerly occupied by the building known as Chichester house, where the first parliament convened in Ireland after the restoration assembled on May 8th, 1661, and where the first parliament convened in Ireland after the wars of the revolution met in 1692.

Glendower Notes.
Glendower, Dec. 13.—The fellow-parliament have ceased operations for a while. Christopher Lowman, who went to see his brother, Alvin, in Buffalo, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. John Snider visiting at Sanford, and other places in the neighborhood.

On August 22nd, 1895, the 8 p.m. train from Boston ran to Aberdeen a distance of 640 miles—in 8 hours 32 minutes. This is a British record. The pigeon and the turkey have each a natural temperature of 109 degrees, which is 10 degrees higher than man's natural temperature.



Equestrian Statue of General Wade Hamilton, C.S.A., to be unveiled at Columbia, S.C., on December 20th. It is bronze, of heroic size and is the work of F. Wallington Ruckstuhl.

AGE LIMIT FOR MEN.

Rule Against Employing New Men Past 35.

Some railroads out-of-date (other not long ago) by adopting a rule forbidding the employment of new men past thirty-five years of age.

It is gratifying, says the Railway Carmen's Journal, to learn that the absurdity of limiting the age at which a railway man is eligible for employment is passing away more rapidly than the promoters of such a measure expected.

Already the experiment has been tried where the principal roads in America have abandoned the regulation. The Boston and Maine, the Alton, the St. Paul, and the Burlington are virtually ignoring the age limit regulation and, guided by common sense, are hiring men more with a view to their qualifications than to the exact number of years which they may have lived.

Experience and capability are the real tests of a man's fitness for any position, and if a railway official makes the mistake of hiring an incompetent man there is no law compelling the company to continue to employ him. Years in themselves are no criterion.

Some men are old at forty. Others are young at sixty. In any event it is safe to assume that a lack of the suppleness of youth is often more made up for by the wider experience of added years.

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SPORTING NOTES.

Interesting Items on Various
Sporting Matters.

London Free Press: Yes, Maule, London has hockey player—good ones, too. They are to be found in a group photo taken 486 B.C.

The Manitoba League will adopt the O.H.A. rule providing that a player is not allowed in taking the puck immediately from his own goalkeeping material that money can secure.

Various had their first practice of the season yesterday afternoon, about fifteen being in uniform. All of last year's players were out, with the exception of Broadfoot. New players in line were Roy Thomas, McElroy, Dave Ross, and a number of others.

The Hamilton Hockey Club has applied for admission to the O.H.A., and is ready to play in the intermediate series. Hamilton, Waterloo, Niagara, and McStravick, are all on the line-up. Arrangements are being made for Peterboro to play the Marlboro in 2 games on Christmas Day. Queen's University will play at Peterboro on December 25th.

A Fitzgibbon paper says: The Canadian Soo team looks to be much better than any that has ever represented that city in this league. All are fast skaters, good stick-handlers, accurate shotmen and when they become conditioned they will become a big factor in the race. Mellobie, as cover, seems to be their only weakness, and if strengthened these they are liable to be permanent contenders. "Marty" Walsh, Schaefer, and Roy Brown were their stars.

General Sport.

Zello, the strong man, whose back failed in the curling game, 2,400 pounds, has issued a challenge to the world.

Toronto Telegram: Bradford are back in the curling game. Seems funny doesn't it, to see Stephenville playing anything that doesn't precipitate a receipt.

Abilities of the University of Chicago have taken part in a professional game, even after the winning of the "C." will be asked to return the coveted mantle.

President Falliam, of the National League, is correct, says an exchange. Baseball will never replace cricket across the water for the average Englishman. The "C." will go outside and find a rope and pick out a good tree.

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LEPER POLITICIANS.

Island a Paradise For Campaign
Spillholders.

The lepers at the leper settlement on the Island of Molokai have a new amusement. For the first time in the history of the settlement it has a real election, and the entire community is devoting itself to the matter to the exclusion of all other things. Under the new county act the settlement is created a county, but all the functions of government are given to the board of health, except the election of a deputy sheriff. A large number of candidates for this office has arisen, and a campaign, which surpasses anything ever known anywhere else in its progress.

The conditions at the settlement are ideal for political campaigns. The people have absolutely nothing to do but take part in political campaigns. They do not have to work for a living, for the territory supports them. They are housed and fed at public expense. A political campaign affords them excitement and relief from the wearisomeness of monotony. The result is that the entire community has given itself up wholly to politics. Campaign meetings are being held almost continuously. Campaign oratory is never silent.

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Dundee Advertiser.
A Texas judge was robbed of a horse, not long ago, and the thief, being arrested, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so, and then delivered himself of the following:

"Going to a personal prejudice, the court will not hear this case. It will be tried by the bailiff, who will find a verdict in accordance with the facts. In the meantime," he added, impressively, "the court will go outside and find a rope and pick out a good tree."

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BIBBY'S Christmas Bulletin BIBBY'S

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Comfortable Storm Overcoats—Made with large collars, \$7.50 to \$16.
See our \$10 Storm Ulsters.

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It takes a rainy day to make a man prize a Raincoat, still they are just as useful in fine weather, for they include all the smartness and durability of an overcoat. You can wear these Raincoats anywhere in any weather. The materials are handsome Oxfords, Dark Greys, Fawns, Broken Plaids, Mixtures, etc. Prices range, \$10, \$12.50, \$15 and \$18.
See our \$12.50 Dark Grey Raincoat—It's a beauty.
Top Coats—A fine thing to wear under fur coat, \$6.50 to \$12.
Leather Coats—\$5 to \$10.
Lamb Lined Refters—\$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50.
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See our \$4.75 Fur-lined Overcoat—Fine quality muskrat lining.

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See our Special \$2 Umbrellas.

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Children's Buster Brown Suits and Overcoats—\$3 to \$5.
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Boys' Corduroy Knickers—\$6c. to \$1.
Boys' Tweed Knickers—\$6c. to \$1.

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We'll give you an "eye-opener" as to securing smart clothes and then you can decide for yourself whether it is worth while to pay your tailor as much more.
Some of the best-dressed men you meet are wearing our clothes of quality.
Men's Serge Suits—\$10, \$12.50 to \$20.
Men's Cheviot Suits, \$12.50, \$15, \$16, and \$20.
Men's Tweed Suits—\$5 to \$15.
Men's Fancy Imported Worsted Suits—\$12.50 to \$18.50.
Men's Worsted Trousers—\$2.50 to \$5.
Men's Tweed Trousers, \$2 to \$3.50.
See our \$12.50 Serge Suits.

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