

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

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Express.....	6:47 a.m. 4:52 a.m.
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Express.....	1:10 p.m. 6 a.m.
Mrs. BRENNAN, Station Master.	JOSEPH HICKSON, General Manager

The Daily British Whig.
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MONDAY EVEN'G, JAN'Y 22, 1877.

REMINDERS.

MONDAY.—Adjourned Meeting, 8 p.m., Lecture by Rev. H. Wilson—Y.M.C.A., Hall, at 7:30 p.m.
MARION ROBINSON and Harry Lindley at the Hall—8 p.m.
COUNCIL at 2 p.m.
Board of Trade—Exemption question discussed at 7:30 p.m.
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MISSIONARY Meeting at St. John's Church, Portsmouth, at 7:30 p.m.

TURKEY.

The war news from the East is positively wearying. The news of an impending conflict one day is spoiled by the report of a new shuffle on the part of the Powers, and a further postponement of the agony. It is as difficult to ascertain who are the gentle and the stubborn as it is to learn what the squabbling is all about, for the proposals have come from so many quarters, and been twisted and changed so often that the original programme has been lost of, and each day a new arrangement is on the tap. On Saturday, war seemed close at hand, but today it is said the ambassadors to the Porte will also leave, but no rupture of diplomatic relations will necessarily take place on that account, as the Powers will still be represented by chargés d'affaires. To-day a general war council is announced. The farce is about played out.

IMPORTANT!

From a "special" to the Ottawa Citizen we learn that the "most popular gentleman" in Cornwall and vicinity is Mr. A. F. McIntyre, who has been elected by the ladies and their friends at St. Columba Church as a fit and proper recipient of a gold-mounted cane, by a majority of 172.

The "special" further informs us that "frantic efforts were made to secure the prize for Mr. J. G. Snaatanger, M.P.P., but without success," and that this "baazaar ball came off on Monday night, and was a great success." We are thus particular, because, in recording an event so momentous, no detail should be omitted. We cannot persuade ourselves that this incident, like the Governor-General's "just grits," has no "political significance." In the severe disappointment at the loss of the stick, Mr. Snaatanger may have, if he requires them, our sincere condolences, unless he wishes us to reserve them for the heavier affliction of the coming loss of his seat in the House, and the vanishing of his name of the magic initials as they appear above. Without foreboding, however, we have in this incident itself, indubitable proof of the reality of the "reaction." The "popular gentlemen" are triumphant. They are carrying by storm all those pious constitutencies that assemble at religious "balls" and "baazaars," and are getting possessives of all the gold headed canes in the country. The only crumb of reassurance we can find, is, that these "swells," though possessing an acknowledged fitness for twirling canes or for whirling their fair supporters in the giddy mazes of religious "balls," or manipulating the gambling operations of modern church bazaars, may, after all, fail to reach the head of the poll in the climb for parliamentary honours. This, however, is only, on our part, hoping against despair. We know it will do our candour greater credit to acknowledge defeat in advance, to look forward with all possible resignation to the success of the "popular gentlemen," and to the approaching event of the gold mounted cane parliament.

SLANDER'S LATEST SHAF.

"Evidently the wound rankles," is the gloating expression of the *Mail* in closing a discreditable reference to the Hon. Mr. Mowat's self-vindication from the false insinuations of corruption against him in the columns of that journal. The remark may be quite true of a hurt produced in the self-respect of an upright public man by the poisoned arrow of malicious misrepresentation. One of the Premier's law partners, Mr. Macleishan, had, it appears, accepted a fee from some one in a suit against the Government. The organ thereupon jumped to the conclusion that Mr. Mowat must have received a share of the money. More than that—the Attorney-General possibly provided Government cases in order that himself and his partners might reap a pecuniary advantage from them. The *Mail* thinks "the wound rankles" because the Premier has deemed it advisable to make a second explanation more explicit, if possible, than the first. Mr. Mowat distinctly asserts that he has never participated in any fees received by his partners in any case in which the Government was interested; that, on the contrary, in order to avoid giving the faintest colour for suspicion he had exacted from his law-partners a promise not to engage in any case again against the Government. Notwithstanding this distinct, and—to any honest man—satisfactory refutation, the organ, as is its wont, returns to the charge, but with such variations as evade the direct replies of the Premier. We think the Hon. Mr. Mowat's only mistake in the premises is his attaching an exaggerated importance to slanders emanating from such a source. The public faith in the Ontario Premier's personal and political rectitude is too strong to be shaken by such reckless charges, made, in the first place, without a shadow of truth, and undeniably repeated in the face of the most distinct disproof. Such slanders are their own refutation, and their reflex injury on those who stoop to utter them will be far more damaging than any direct effect they are maliciously intended to accomplish.

THE COMPROMISE BILL.

In comparison with the joys of a wife all other bermouettes are trifling. The wife she who fills so large a space in the domestic heaven; she who busied herself so unrewardingly for the precious ones around her; better is the tear which falls from her cold clay. You stand beside her coffin and think of the past. It seems an amber-colored pathway, where the sun shone upon beautiful flowers, and the stars hung glittering in the sky. Fair would the world have been. Fair are the remembrances save those your hands have unwillingly planted. Her noble, stately heart lies open to your innocent gaze. You think of her now as all gentleness, all purity, all beauty. But she is dead. The head is laid upon a pillow of clay. The hands that have ministered so untiringly are folded beneath a gloomy paling. The heart whose every beat measured an eternity of love lies under your feet. The flowers she beat over with smiles, bend now over her with tears, because her life is over. Their petals, like the violets around her, are not green and balsamifera. There is not such a arm over your shoulder, no speaking face to look up into the eye of love, no trembling lips to murmur. "Oh it is too sad!" There is no such a hug in every room; no light footsteps passing around; no smile to greet you at night-fall. And the old clock ticks and strikes—it was such music when she could hear it. Now it seems to knock on the house through which you watched the shadow of death gather on her sweet face. And every time the clock repeats that old story. Many another tale it tells, too full of beautiful words and deeds that are registered above. The grave cannot keep such a spirit. She will live again.

THE LOSS OF A WIFE.

In day's despatches President Grant is reported to have expressed the opinion that the Compromise Bill is patriotic, statesmanlike and equitable. At any rate it is evident to be the only means of getting out of a difficulty which nothing short of a compromise, made binding by legislative enactment, can effect. The provisions of the Bill, summarized, are these:

"It provides that the two Houses shall assemble on the second Wednesday of February, in the hall of the House of Representatives. The President of the Senate shall be the presiding officer. Two tellers are to be appointed on the part of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall open all the certificates of Electoral votes, in alphabetical order of the letter A, and the tellers, having read the same, shall make a list of the votes as they appear on the certificates. They shall verify this list to the President of the Senate, and the person having a majority of the votes shall be declared President of the United States. If any question shall arise on the reading of any certificates as to whether the same shall be counted, the objection having been stated by the presiding officer, the Senate shall withdraw to its own Chamber; the objections raised shall be considered and decided without debate, and unless both Houses concur in sustaining the objections, the vote objected to shall be counted. When two sets of returns have been received from any State, they shall be opened by the President of the Senate, and laid before the joint meeting. In case there is more than one set of returns, all accompanying papers, to be referred to a Committee to consist of five Senators, to be elected by the Senate, and five members of the House to be elected by the House, and the four Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court, for the first, third, eighth and ninth circuits, and these four Associate Justices shall select a fifth Justice who shall not be the Chief Justice. The decisions of this Commission shall be made in writing to both Houses, and the Commission shall stand unless both Houses concur in rejecting it. The bill is expected to be voted on Saturday afternoon, and the Senate will be adjourned to the 1st of March.

—The Russian Imperial Prince Alexis is to visit Montreal next month. J. B. Caya & Co., boot and shoe makers, of Montreal, attachment.

—Beaureas & Perrault, clothiers, Montreal, compromised for 66 cents on the dollar.

—The poor of Hamilton are employed in quarrying and breaking stone for the streets.

—The boiler in St. Joseph's College, Ottawa, exploded on the 18th, tearing a portion of the building to pieces.

—Mr. Porteous has been appointed Assistant General Freight Agent on the G.T.R.

—The German Minister at Pekin is mediating between China and Spain as to the latter's unsettled claim.

—Work on the fortifications at Metz and Strasbourg is being pushed forward with the utmost haste.

—The Republican House of Louisiana has voted \$150,000 for members' indemnity and mileage and Assembly ex-pended.

—Henry Ludwig was blown to atoms by the explosion of a can of nitro-glycerine at Sing Sing yesterday.

—Heirs are wanted for the estate of Jacques Dubois de Holland. Property valued at \$24,000,000.

—The *Montreal Advertiser* cautions producers of cods not to supply the refiners at too cheap a rate.

—March 1 has been fixed for the execution of McColl, the murderer of Wild Bill in Dakota Territory.

—Forty thousand tons of ice are to be furnished from the Detroit River this winter to Louisville and Cincinnati.

—Sir Alexander T. Galt, of Montreal, arrived from Liverpool in the steamship Britannia, and is at the Gilsey House.

—And now they say that Lily D'everaux Blake has scored on the whole male race—has become a pickle Lily, &c. to speak.

—The joint committee of citizens and aldermen of Ottawa have resolved in favour of exemption of churches, school rooms and other public grounds.

—Paul Murphy, the once renowned chess player, lives in New Orleans. His mind is completely upset, but he dresses elegantly and is quiet.

—The Canadian District Telegraph Company, of Montreal, capital \$24,000, is applying for incorporation, proposing to erect local telegraph lines in cities and towns.

—Now, that's handsome. A Wilkeson gentleman played Santa Claus this year, by presenting each of his twenty-two children and grandchildren with a check for \$100.

—Small-pox is ravaging the town of La-Salle, Ill., the public schools have been closed while the Mayor has issued a proclamation closing upon all the inhabitants to get speedily vaccinated.

—Mrs. A. T. Stewart has bought the chimes that occupied the terrace in front of Machinery Hall during the Centennial. She will hang them in the church at Garden City, Long Island.

—The appropriations for Asylums and Prisons have passed the Committee of Supply. There was very little discussion on any of them, though the estimates for some of the institutions have been increased.

—A few days since the roof of the dancing hall of the Prospect House, Niagara Falls, gave way, through the accumulation of snow, doing damage to the extent of \$2,000.

—At the railway station, Brampton, Mary Houstrance, a girl about 14 years old, in attempting to pass through a partly freight train, was caught between the cars and killed.

—John Blacklock, a woollen manufacturer in Hastings, but who has an office in Toronto, is trying to compound with his creditors for 50 cents on the dollar: liability about \$32,714.

—The skating costume of the session for ladies is the red satin petticoat, over which is looped an ordinary silk skirt, black or of some other dark color, saffron, saffron and turmeric.

—There was a war in Utica between the B. & W. RR. and the people about the snow along the line of the road. Wednesday afternoon the residents of the street shovelled the snow upon the track and the snow plow forced it back again.

—A sad story of the rain wrought in a family an erring son comes from Washington, where a young man named Taylor, the son of an old and respected physician, has been convicted of forgery. The disgrace killed his mother, and the cost of the trial ruined his father financially.

—At the evening sitting, during the discussion of votes for the maintenance of public institutions, the question of supplying intoxicating liquors to these establishments occasioned a brisk debate, several members of the legal fraternity giving their opinion that the use of stimulants was necessary, while Dr. Clarke took the opposite view. The Provincial Secretary expressed an opinion that the only alternative before them was to close the institution or to enlarge it. It was very obvious that the proportionate expense of educating 40 or 50 students was far greater than that of a hundred or more. At the suggestion of Mr. Crooks, the item stood over. The Committee then rose and the House adjourned.

—A Hint for Councillors.—Judge Leggatt, of Essex, gave judgment on a Wind-sor by-law recently, quashing it. He held that for a by-law to be legally passed it was necessary to do it at a regular meeting of the Council, and have it engrossed, signed and sealed by the presiding officer and clerk, then and there, in presence of the whole Council. Otherwise, as His Honor said, there was nothing to prevent the presiding officer or clerk making some change in it, if they so inclined, and thereby to a great extent altering its contents.

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