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HOW THE PARTIES STAND.

Sir Oliver Mowat had the morning after the general election, forty-seven members in the house of 91—exactly one-half. He has won London, West Algoma has been declared vacant and it is expected that Mr. Connors will be elected by acclamation. Haldimand will be declared vacant, and if it fails to return a liberal the government will yet have a majority of four over patrons and conservatives combined.

IRREVERENT ACTION.

The Moncton "Transcript" announces that "a sale of the pews in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday night realized \$2,300." Shades of Calvin and Knox and several other saints! Seats put up in a Presbyterian church to the highest bidder and a direct premium put on pride of purse in the sanctuary! The poor ye have always with you, but in the back seats! A church which cannot live without extracting big prices for pews through the selfishness and grasping desire of the rich for the best seats and the ostentatious display they assist should give way to a pure and more self-reliant church organization.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Mr. Maiter is still busy explaining his London somersault on the prohibition question. He says his utterances were "quite unpremeditated." It was probably related to Foster's "moment of weakness." Dr. Ryerson might be able to trace it.

The students in the state university, Toronto, have boycotted Prof. Mavor, whose political science they do not think up to standard. By the way if any of the undergraduates really want to imbibe pure political science they should register in Queen's.

The smoke nuisance afflicts all who live in cities and travel on railroads. Successful experiments have been made with oil and crushed coals, as steam-makers for engines. "Blessed is the man that invented sleep," exclaims Saucio Paza. And blessed is the man that invents smokeless fuel.

The "Empire" can now see what a gilly it has made of itself. It shouts for a legislative session to test Mowat's majority ceased abruptly with the London election; and now its pesilient, mean little pre-emption of Hon. Mr. Hart's has met with a fitting rebuff by the unsetting of Smythe. It is enjoying a lucid interval.

Prescott is to have a standing elevator. Architect Jamie-on, of the Canada Pacific railway has taken the contract to complete it this winter for \$150,000, less \$2,000 of stock he subscribes towards the project. Meanwhile the Kingston end of the Montreal forwarding companies' sleep, especially while other people are paying taxes to keep the town up.

While Rome the greater is having a huge bank scandal Rome the less, just over the border, is presenting something unique in the same line. The cashier and teller of a local bank have embezzled about \$40,000 and the latter official, Samuel Gillett, happens to be mayor of the city. He has absconded—is still silently staying away, in fact. But the cashier is in a Roman dungeon.

The "Globe" says that one of the first effects of the national policy was a very large increase in the revenue from taxation. The second was a large increase in expenditure. It costs more now to govern the country than when a rebellion was being suppressed and when the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway was going on. There must be increased taxes next year to meet this large expenditure. What is needed, however, is a reduction in expenditure.

There are nineteen members in the Ottawa cabinet who cost about \$100,000 in salaries. The government should act more liberally; it should take all on its side into the cabinet. The present partiality is not becoming! Why was George Taylor, M.P., left outside? By the way, 65,000,000 millions of people in the United States only require eight cabinet ministers. If Canadian procedure were to rule there it would require thirteen times sixteen, 208 ministers and thirty-nine controllers!

Burglars got \$200 at Deseronto.

EDITOR'S NOTE BOOK.

Jottings as They Came to Hand in the Sanctum-Sanctorum.

The K. & P. and B. of Q. railways brought great loads of people to Kingston on cheap fare days this past week. Public improvements at Elgin will be aided by an entertainment under the auspices of the amateur dramatic club on Friday, Jan. 4th.

The Kingston medical students had a fine dinner on Thursday last. They are noted for these spreads and in style this last outdid all others.

A celebration on New Year's day at S. Shanks', South Canoto, will include a shooting match, a horse race, heavy draught contest and a ball at night.

An oyster supper and entertainment will be given in connection with the Anglican Sunday school in Victoria school, Thorpe, on New Year's night.

Several days have gone by now without leader Marder changing his mind. If he keeps on like this much longer he will be getting a reputation for consistency.

The Queen street Methodist church, Kingston, had a great Christmas Sunday school event—a Santa Claus snowball, with entertainment and gifts far above ordinary efforts.

The Kingston conservatory of music gave an entertainment by pupils last week and had to refuse so many the first night that a second appearance produced another crowded house.

Sir John Carling stands forth as a horrible example. He has been dumped out of the Ottawa cabinet as punishment for the loss of the local representation at London. Essery is revenged! Let brotherly love continue!

Old nations have each their own Christmas traditions and forms. We in Canada have those of all countries. We have the pudding, holly and mistletoe of England, the stockings of Scotland, the burning bush of Germany, the Santa Claus of Holland and so on.

The nominations for Amherst Island occurred on Monday, this township being a week in advance of other municipalities, under special legislation. Robert Filson was named for re-election as reeve. The name of S. K. Tugwell was presented in opposition. He retired, however, before Wednesday, so Reeve Filson is elected by acclamation together with D. T. Findlay, W. T. Hill, John Richards and Edward Scott, jr., as councillors.

"Starved"—A 19th Century Incident. This incident was recently chronicled in the press as occurring in a popular centre of England and was vouched for as absolutely true by Kier Hardy, the English labor M.P.

"O God on high," is his piteous cry, "Must I gaze on those I cherish, While with hunger gaunt, in woful want, I see my loved ones perish?"

He silently stole out into the gloom Of the gathering shades of night, Closing the door of the cheerless room, And quenching the candle's light, He sought the street through its hurrying throng.

With lights' speed he sped, Too well he knew an absence long Meant returning to the dead.

"Stop the thief!" a bluecoat cries, As a swiftly on before him flies A human form whose fast flying feet Scarce touched the paved the starry street, Till soon from sight, like a spectre flown, Ere light is stayed or deed is known, But the watchful guardian of the peace Had quickly followed in the chase; He found the door wherein had fled The thief (?) who stole—a loaf of bread.

(Such dire offence 'gainst law and order Had raised his utmost ire, He'd have followed to the very border Of the "lake of perpetual fire.")

Like a hound on the scent to the covert he flew, Where the poor human quarry dissolved from his view, Through the wide open door, up the "trembling stair" He followed his victim (of pursuit unaware), But what does he see that should cause him to stare?

Why pause on the threshold? What presence is there? 'Tis the presence of death—swifter than they, Whose call when it comes none may disobey. What he saw and found in the twilight, Seemed rather pathetic, even to him, The children were fighting like dogs for the bread.

The man was unconscious, the woman was dead. Wolfe Island. J. J. B.

The Late Mrs. Miller. Deseronto Tribune. Mrs. Miller, relict of the late Samuel Miller, North Fredericksburg, died at her son-in-law's, James Asselstine, Deseronto, on Dec. 17th, having only taken ill on the previous Saturday. Deceased, whose maiden name was Wagar, was a native of Fredericksburg, and survived her husband about sixteen years. She remained on the homestead with her son, Elias J. Miller, and on his death in March last she came to Deseronto, where she has resided ever since. She is also survived by the following sons and daughters: Philip W. Miller, Kaladar; Wm. E. Miller, Trenton; S. Hampton Miller, Deseronto; Jacob E. Miller, Trenton; Mrs. Jacob Sills and Mrs. Jas. Asselstine, Deseronto. Deceased was a consistent member of the Methodist church and held in high esteem. There have been three deaths in the family in a short time. Last spring her son, Elias Miller, in August, his little son, Frank, and now the old lady.

Compliments Of The Season. I have not seen a paper I would prefer to the WHIG.—Alfred Carlisle, Green Point. I think you deserve credit for the independent and enterprising way in which you run the WHIG.—Chas. A. Walker, West Lake.

The WHIG is the best weekly paper in Canada to suit me.—Donald Graham, Hillier.

We still continue to take the WHIG.—George Buell, Peole's Resort. I enjoy the WEEKLY WHIG very much.—B. Waggoner, Rochester, N.Y.

Murder Coincidences. It is a remarkable circumstance that the two most sensational murder cases reported in Ontario in recent years—the Williams murder near Port Credit and the Hendershott murder near St. Thomas—were perpetrated on Dec. 14. It is equally remarkable that the only two executions which have taken place in Ontario in the past two years—that of Luckey at Brockville and Truskey at Sandwich—also occurred on Dec. 14. The Williams' murder and the Luckey execution occurred on Dec. 14, 1893; the Hendershott murder and the Truskey execution took place on Dec. 14, 1894.

Mr. Metcalfe's Move. Moncton, N.B., Transcript. "Getting in out of the rain," appears to be the new tory watchword. Mr. Metcalfe, M.P., who captured Kingston from the liberals, will accept permanent office and abandon the seat at the coming general elections! Discretion is superior to valor.

GAMBLING AND BETTING.

THE VARIOUS FORMS IN WHICH THE VICE IS FOUND.

It is Done Under Cover of Legitimate Business—Gambling Said to be Indulged in Kingston at Pool and Billiard Tables—Betting is Most Widespread—Mayor Stewart, of Hamilton, Scored.

EV. J. R. Black in Bethel church, last Sunday, had much to say touching the "Sin of Gambling and Betting" and basing his remarks on the words found in Jeremiah, XVII:—

"As the partridge setteth on eggs and watcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."

He spoke of the gambling spirit as being second only to the evil of strong drink in its baneful effects on the people. Gambling is done at present under cover of legitimate business. Men deal in stocks, food, fuel and land in such a way as to make of their acts gambling. As illustrations of this he gave trading in "options" and "futures" in coal, cotton, sugar and wheat. In such transactions there is no mutual advantage, for what the one gains the other only loses. The lottery was given as another form of the gambling vice. Lotteries are sometimes adopted by the state for revenue purposes, and are found in the garb of piety as the friend of the church, the poor and the sick. Under this species come the raffle. The lottery or raffle is wrong because the person who buys a ticket or pays for a throw of the dice, gets goods from his fellow for which he gives no equivalent. Public pool and billiard tables were next passed under review, and it was asserted that at the few tables licensed in this city considerable gambling was done. Card playing for money is carried on in hotels, clubs and private dwellings. But it is in the form of betting that the gambling spirit is most widespread among us.

The revelations in connection with the present local election trial were cited as evidence. Our sports are also infected with this moral malady. He mentioned football specially as somehow productive of more than ordinary energy in this vice. The preacher just here scored Mayor Stewart, of Hamilton, for the ostentatious which, at the close of the football match here, this autumn, he paid to the winning gamblers the money of which he had been made the temporary custodian. The race course was set forth as a prolific source of the sin of gambling.

Reference was made to the moral insensibility of some people by which they failed to recognize betting as a moral wrong. But the wrong in the practice may be readily seen. The man who receives the money has given nothing for it. If the sum received is a dime, a dollar or a hundred dollars, the winner has no more right to it than has the thief to the money he purloined from the till, or the highway man to the money he forced from the pockets of the traveller. And the fact that the loser is a consenting party to the transaction does not make it right, as grievous harm may be done another with his consent. And while neither legal nor ecclesiastical force is employed in making a losing party pay his bet, another force more powerful than both, which lies in the sense of honor and public opinion, is frequently employed by the gambler as an instrument of extortion.

Some evening Rev. Mr. Houston, of Cooke's church, denounced in very strong language the practice of corruption in elections. The sermon was listened to with great interest and had a direct bearing on the recent election trial.

Missionary Meeting. Revs. Messrs. Secombe, Odessa, and Whiting spoke in Brock street Methodist church on Sunday at the annual missionary meeting. Mr. Whiting read part of the missionary report for the past year; \$242,955 was raised for missions. Mr. Secombe said the church should look to Christ and leave science and politics alone. It would take 1,000 years at \$1,000 a day to christianize China alone. How long would it take to reach the whole of India and her millions? But Christ said it should be done. There are now 1,000,000 adherents of the gospel in India, 100,000 in Burma and not a heathen in the Fiji Islands, while the queen and 200,000 people of Madagascar are christians. He closed with an appeal for aid to increase the good work so rapidly going on.

Church Paragraphs. The collection at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday, amounted to about \$1,200. Canon Pentreath, Winnipeg, will likely be appointed bishop of New-Westminster, B.C.

The Bridge street Methodist church Sabbath school, Belleville, has a membership of 1,000.

G. T. O. Elwell, of the Catholic Apostolic church, Ottawa, has been called to Chicago. Mr. Blackstock, who has ministered in Kingston, goes to Ottawa.

Bishop Thompson, D.D., of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, died at Newburgh, N.Y., in his seventy-sixth year. He was born in slavery at Winchester, Va., 1818.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mooney presented a magnificent chair to be used in the sanctuary of the Church of the Good Thief. The contributions for Christmas amounted about \$125.

Crossley and Hunter continue their campaign in St. Catharines until the 31st. On Jan. 4th they leave for Boston. Their meetings there will be held in the People's Temple, the largest church in the eastern states. From Boston they go to St. John, N.B.

Annual Special-Offer. One dollar and seventy cents from any old subscriber, who remits in advance, will pay for his own and a new subscription for 1895. If he gets two new names \$2.40 will pay for all three; if three new names are sent \$3 will pay for the four, making his own free. Sample copies sent free to any address. A three months' trial trip for 25¢.

The WHIG is the newest weekly in Eastern Ontario and it always pays to take the best. Every subscriber's help is solicited to enable the publisher to make a still better paper. Kindly send in at least one name.

Mr. Miller, Belleville, has shipped eight tons of poultry to the English market.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION.

What the Leading Township Councils Are Doing.

PALMERSTON, Dec. 16.—All present. A communication from Delbert Wood and Jas. Allen was laid over for further consideration. A rebate of \$2 was allowed to Mrs. Flott, a widow, on her taxes. A rebate of \$1.70 allowed, Jas. Watt on his taxes on account of high assessment. On motion of Shanks-Watt, Godfrey Arkle's application for assistance on his road laid over till spring, when all the road work is considered. On motion Miller-Watt, the by-law for establishing James Chappel's road, South Canoto, was deferred for further investigation. The township treasurer was authorized to pay to the treasurer of the county the whole of the county rate for 1894 by Dec. 31st. The township treasurer was empowered to pay the school monies to the respective treasurers as fast as the taxes were received.

By-law appointing time, place and deputy returning officers for municipal election was passed. Nomination at the township hall on Monday, Dec. 31st, from noon till 1 p.m. Election on Monday, Jan. 7th. P.S.D. No. 1, Isaac Allen's store; D.R.O., Isaac Allen. P.S.D. No. 2, township hall; D.R.O., the clerk. P.S.D. No. 3, Omphah hall; D.R.O., H. Dunham. On motion of Watt-White, the clerk to erase the name of John Ranger from the rolls of 1893-94, from lot 15, con. 7, pt., having been entered in error. Sums voted: To the reeve and councillors, seven days' attendance each, at \$1.50; \$52.50; selection of jurors, \$3; township treasurer, salary, cordwood, caretaking, repairs to hall, etc., \$85; John Elkington, clerk's salary and copying minutes, \$58; John Elkington, services court of revision and voters' list, on Judge Price's certificate, \$24.60; John Elkington, postage and stationery, \$3.16.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 22.—Present, the reeve, deputy reeve and councillor Franklin. Moved by Mr. Franklin and resolved that as W. Gordon has given the deed of road he be paid \$5. Accounts passed: Turner & Esford, on account for work, \$4; W. P. Maitland was relieved of the office of assessor, and by-law passed confirming the same. On the petition of J. Mullen, S. Armstrong and others re draining of lands in 5th and 6th concessions, moved by Mr. McLean and resolved that D. Williams, provincial land surveyor, make the examination asked for and report plans, specifications and assessments of the lands and roads liable for benefit. On motion of Mr. McLean the reeve to get a culvert built across the Lachapelle street, recently established.

HOWE ISLAND, Dec. 15.—Members all present. On motion of Mr. Rochfort the nomination and election was appointed at school house, section No. 1, N.E. and confirmed by by-law 122. Accounts passed: WHIG, \$16.24; Rathbun Co., lumber, \$12.89; McRossie, do., \$22.82; Dan Driscoll, work on roads, \$4.50; Peter McDonald, do., \$2; Robert Gillespie, work on McNinch road, \$5; David Welsh, do., \$1; Robert Simpson, do., \$5; George Baillie, do., \$2; Robert Keyes, do., \$1.50; George Walker, do., \$5; Polger Bros., dockage, \$15; selection of jurors, \$3; postage and stationery, 49¢. On motion of Mr. Rochfort the assessors were voted \$5 each for the year. The collector's time was extended till Jan. 1st. The treasurer's statement was presented and adopted. The clerk was voted \$2 for writing out and posting up the number required by law. On motion of Mr. Rochfort the trustees of school section No. 1 were voted \$2 for cleaning school house after last election.

LUTHERBURG, Dec. 17.—By-laws 182 and 183 passed. The clerk was instructed to notify county treasurer of a number of changes made respecting lands to be sold for back taxes. Moved by B. Buck, resolved, that Wm. Peters be granted the timber on the Perth road south from Ira Darling's as remuneration for underbrushing said road to a width of forty feet. The councils of Bedford and Portland were requested to meet at Daniel Deyo's at one p.m., December 25th, for opening a road in line of boundary between townships interested. Moved by W. Tronsdale, seconded by B. Buck, and resolved, that \$75 be placed in the hands of the reeve for the purpose of settling with Jno. Freeman for the right-of-way across his place for a road forty feet wide. On motion of W. Tronsdale, Geo. Purdy was accepted as bondsman for Wesley Sills, collector, in place of Jos. Woodruff released. Jas. Carey and others were granted the use of hall free for the evening of Dec. 28th. The free use of hall was also granted to a committee who purpose giving a charity concert on New Year's night. W. Sills was appointed to collect balance of taxes. Accounts passed: Chas. Cranston, plank and labor for repairing two culverts on Raitton Road, \$4; S. Martin, gravel on road leading to his place, \$7.20; Jno. Tierney, breaking stone and drawing same on Raitton road, \$15; Geo. Kemp, repairing Otter lake bridge, \$16; W. T. Shales, three jobs on Bedford road, \$9; J. W. Silver, two jobs on Bear and Buck lake roads, \$29; W. Griffith, cord wood for Miss Dean, \$3; the reeve and treasurer each for making out financial statement, \$2; F. Lawson, preparing deed for road allowance, \$1.50; Ira and Sidney Orser, for road allowance, each \$1.50; Thos. Holland, quarter's salary and hall supplies, \$2.89; Timothy Connolly, statute labor performed after return of list, \$2; the collector \$3.41 for taxes against lot 22, 6th con., wrongfully assessed.

WOLFE ISLAND, Dec. 4.—Members all present. Moved by H. Halliday, seconded by E. Briceland, and resolved, that the following persons, be appointed deputy returning officers, and that a by-law be passed confirming their appointment: No. 1, Robert Grimshaw, at D. Haggerty's residence; No. 2, Jas. McGlynn, town hall; No. 3, Robt. Bullis, Jas. Kyle's residence; No. 4, W. G. Woodman, No. 14 school. Moved by E. Briceland and resolved, that the clerk notify Patrick O'Reilly, pathmaster, to repair bridges on road south Reid's creek bridge. Moved by E. Mosier, seconded by P. Vanness and resolved, that this council appoint R. J. Spoor to wait on the city council and ask that better accommodation be provided, for the people of Wolfe Island reaching the city by way of improving the locomotive works ship, the ice in said slip being worn out by the exhaust steam from said locomotive works. Accounts paid: Mrs. Orser, balance salary, \$4.75; R. J. Spoor, \$20; R. Mosier, \$20; H. Halliday, \$20; E. Briceland, \$20; P. Vanness, \$20; D. J. Spoor, half year, \$50. Moved R. J. Spoor, seconded by H. Halliday, and resolved, that R. Mosier and Edw. Briceland be appointed to examine the Rathbun Co's account. Adjourned till Dec. 15.

WOLFE ISLAND, Dec. 17.—Present, the reeve, deputy reeve and councillor Briceland. The financial report was adopted and the clerk instructed to have the requisite number printed. Moved by R. J. Spoor, seconded by E. Briceland, and resolved, that R. Berry be given the bushing of the road on the ice from Wolfe Island to the city. On complaint of Miss Baker, that a number of persons had injured a fence in front of her property, resolved that on further complaint this council will prosecute said parties. Accounts passed: The WHIG, printing, \$48.39; the "News," printing, \$10.50; John A. McRae, rip scraper, 75¢; Edward Griffin, rip scraper, \$1.50; C. Cummins, nails for bridges, \$2.88; C. Cummins, charity to Mr. Orser, \$5; Mrs. Niel, charity to J. Bulger, \$2; the Rathbun company, on account, \$1.50; C. Cummins, salary as treasurer, \$40; R. Armstrong, half ton of coal to Mr. Orser, \$2.63. The reeve reported that in compliance with a resolution of the council he had an interview with the mayor and aldermen of the city council with a view of providing a more suitable landing place for the inhabitants of Wolfe Island at Kingston during the winter, and had a very satisfactory result, as they promised to give the matter their earliest attention and take such step as will make the Fenwick slip at the foot of Gore street a suitable landing.

Closing Services. IDA HILL, Dec. 24.—The closing exercises in connection with school No. 12, Storrington, were held on Thursday afternoon. After the pupils had been thoroughly examined in all their studies the following programme, was given: Chairman's address; chorus, "A Christmas Carol"; recitation, George Webb; chorus, "Canada, the Gem in the Crown"; recitation, Mary Balls; chorus, geography and grammar song; recitation, W. Webb; song, "Serving Our King," by eight pupils; piccolo solo, R. Patterson; chorus, "Exultation"; dialogue, "A Family Quarrel"; Richard Patterson and Mary Balls; chorus, "Parting"; "God Save the Queen." William Webb, trustee, who occupied the chair, congratulated both teacher and pupils on the good order and also the progress made during the term. He was pleased to learn that the parents are taking a greater interest in the school by being present at the closing exercises, a new feature in this neighborhood. Among others who made speeches were William Shannon sr., and John Kelly; each one remarking that when the parents visit the school it gives the teacher and pupils encouragement by showing them that their efforts are being appreciated and they (the parents) can prove for themselves the progress being made by the pupils thus (as in the present case) satisfying all concerned. Much credit is due Miss Lily Ryder for the way in which she and her pupils have succeeded during the past two years, and it is with profound pleasure that we hear of her engagement for another year at an advance of salary.—COM.

Napanee Notes. The market, on Saturday last, was a sight for epicures. The farmers must have been feeding up their poultry for the occasion; nothing like it has been seen here for many years, and good prices were realized for everything. The crowd on the streets after the market was like the fall fair, and the merchants for once were happy at the result of the day's business. Miss Sara Mills is spending her holidays with her mother. F. Bartlett, Peterboro, is spending Christmas with his brother, C. E. Bartlett.

Nelson Ellsworth, who has been teaching at Denbigh for the last year, is going to pursue his studies at the collegiate next year. J. W. Hough is spending his holidays with his sister, Mrs. D. Young, Sillsville, and rumor has it that a wedding is to take place on Tuesday at their house. Miss Smith and Miss Nichol, teachers in the collegiate institute, left on Friday last for their respective homes in St. Mary's and Toronto. Fraser Bowerman, who has been teaching at Ingle, has returned to eat his Christmas turkey at home and will pursue his studies in the collegiate institute next year.

Miss Ada Reid, who has been teaching at Overton, was presented with an address and an album on Friday afternoon last, the occasion being her resignation as teacher. Miss Reid was very popular and deservedly so. She will attend the collegiate next year.

Cloyne Capers. CLOYNE, Dec. 25.—F. Deighton has returned home from Manitoba. Many were glad to see him. Quite a number from here attended the ball at Erinsville. Mr. Delane will be a candidate for reeve at the municipal election. It is to be hoped that he will be elected by a large majority. Philip and Peter Flonko and the Lapin Bros. are doing an extra trade this winter. Mrs. W. Hawkins, Tweed, was the guest of her mother last week. A Christmas tree in aid of the Methodist church proved to be a grand success on Christmas night. Miss O'Donnell has gone to spend the winter with her brother at the Pines. Miss Evans has returned to her home at Crocyon. Our village can boast of a very interesting little paper called the "Women's Weekly Advocate." It has already a wide-spread circulation in this vicinity. M. Flynn has returned to Erinsville. Miss Eliza Gains has gone on a prolonged visit to Tweed. Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Allen in the loss she has sustained in the death of her only child, L. Keegan, Erinsville, paid us a visit last week. Mr. Richardson has purchased a valuable organ. A little visitor has come to stay at E. Storey's; it is a boy.

The Rich Die Too. The death of Mrs. William Waldorf Astor in her English home makes a stir in New York and London society. She was a Miss Mary Paul, a member of an old and wealthy Quaker family of Philadelphia. She was very beautiful and met Mr. Astor at one of the Patriarch's balls in New York in 1877. They have three children. Mrs. Astor aimed to be the social leader in New York, but her mother-in-law claimed to be "the" Mrs. Astor. Whether this had anything to do with the fact that William Waldorf Astor has made England his home cannot be said, but it may be one of the incidental phases.

Keeps Up The Family Credit. Lieut. Straubenzie, of the Royal artillery, son of Lieut.-Col. Straubenzie, of Kingston, is, says the "Military Gazette," maintaining in the motherland the credit of the good old military family from which he is sprung. At the military tournament held recently at Woolwich, he won the officers' award from seventeen competitors. And he led his battery—the 2nd Depot field—to victory in the driving competition.