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THE PARIS SWINDLING BANKER'S GREAT HEAD.

The Pope sent Him a Picture—A Curious Libel Suit Arising Out of a Canvass—Church and State in England—The Strikes in England and Wales.

PARIS, Feb 11.—The real name of the banker known as Victor Mace, whose disappearance was announced yesterday, is Berneau. Among his clientele were about 6000 priests. The Pope recently sent to Berneau the papal benediction and a photograph of His Holiness bearing his autograph. This had the effect of increasing the banker's credit among the clergy. The money deposited with Berneau amounted to 1,000,000 francs monthly. The banker kept no books and made no record beyond the simple entry of deposits made. He gambled on the bourse, on the turf and at cards. His luck turned recently and he lost 250,000 francs monthly. As a last resort he went to Monte Carlo.

CURIOUS LIBEL SUIT.

How the Cobden Club Bought Advocates in Sweden.

LONDON, Feb. 11. A curious libel case has just been before the law courts in Sweden. It appears that a Swedish newspaper, Morgon Posten, accused certain persons of high social position, one being the late General Director of Customs, and another the present Lord Lieutenant of the county of Stockholm, with having received subsidies from the Cobden Club amounting to £12,000 for carrying on a free trade agitation in their country.

The court dismissed the libel, the writer pleading that all the statements were true and claiming that Prince Bismarck had been able through the German Embassy in London to obtain a copy of the club's secret accounts, and that these accounts fully bore out the statements that had been made.

The writer of the article received his information in such a way that there could be no question about its authenticity, and he further alleged that these secret accounts would be very soon published in Berlin.

CHURCH AND STATE.

An Open Question About Catholics and Two British Offices.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In the House of Commons Mr. R. K. Asquith, Gladstonian, member for West Southwark, asked whether Catholics would be eligible to occupy the position of Lord Chancellor of England or Viceroy of Ireland. Sir Richard Everard Webster, the Attorney-General, declined to answer, on the ground that eminent lawyers differed on the question, which would become practical if any Government appointed a Catholic to either of those positions.

REVOLUTION IN BULGARIA.

An Alleged Treasonable Plot Unearthed at Sofia.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 11.—Many conflicting rumors are circulating here in regard to a treasonable plot alleged to have been discovered in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. The conspiracy is said to aim at the overthrow of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and his Cabinet. A Bulgarian, Servian and a Macedonian have been arrested at Sofia and judicial enquiry is in progress. Some think one of the prisoners concocted the story of the conspiracy in order to be revenged for some fancied injury upon his fellow-prisoners.

What Caused Prince Bandouin's Death.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The sensational and unfounded rumors as to the death of Prince Bandouin, some of them of the wildest kind, have not subsided with the funeral. There seems, however, some ground for believing that the immediate cause of death was, after all, suppressed smallpox. Every member of the royal household, from the grand marshal down to the brushers, has since been carefully vaccinated; and the example thus set has been widely followed in Brussels, where the increase of the smallpox epidemic occasions considerable alarm. Prince Albert is already at St. Raphael, and as soon as Princess Henrietta is strong enough to move the whole of the Count of Flanders' family will migrate to the Riviera. During their absence from home an attempt will be made to place their whole abode in thorough sanitary repair.

Strikes in Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The strike situation on the Albert docks is becoming critical. The striking laborers are only restrained from overt acts by the presence of a formidable body of police. Work on the steamers Lydian Monarch and Sorrento has ceased and the companies charge the laborers and stevedores who had been engaged on the vessels with having broken faith with their employers.

CARDIFF, Feb. 11.—The dock laborers' strike grows in bitterness although free labor is plentiful.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—A great strike at the glass works of Lyons and the vicinity is impending. A desire for an increase of wages is the cause of the agitation.

The U.S. Minister and the Premier Discuss Behring Sea.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—United States Minister Lincoln had his first interview today with Lord Salisbury since the former's return to this country. The interview lasted a long time and gave rise to the rumor that the main subjects discussed were those connected with the Behring Sea question.

Goschen on the McKinley Tariff.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Goschen, in reply to questions on the subject, intimated that he would not promote the passage of a gold-coinage bill until he saw his way clear to proceed with other measures dealing with the currency.

Later on, replying to a question as to the effects of the McKinley bill upon British trade, Mr. Goschen said that the Government had no intention to start a policy of retaliation against the United States protective tariff, especially as it was hoped that the Americans themselves would perceive the mistake they had made of adopting the McKinley tariff.

Drew on the Reserve.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The management of the Nottingham & Nottingshire Banking Company has found it necessary to withdraw $125,000 from the reserve fund in order to cover the defalcations of Robert James Beard, one of its managers, who disappeared some time ago and whose body was subsequently found in the River Trent.

The Koch Lymph Christened.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Medical men have finally dubbed the Koch lymph "Tuberculine."

The Seals Not Dying Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 11.—According to officers of the Bear and well-informed gentlemen familiar with the subject, the statements of the treasury agents on the Seal Islands presented to Congress to-day are biased. The agents, Nettleton and Doff, left the islands in July and do not know anything about the seals after that time.

In September, October and November thousands of seals were on the rookeries, more than in June and July. The story that the natives are suffering is untrue.

The Lesse had plenty of flour and all kinds of food. Before the cutter Bear left in November over 2000 seals were killed on St. George and 3500 on St. Paul's Island for winter food.

To Blow Up a Brewery.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—A man named Gibson has been arrested here on a charge of conspiracy to blow up the Brewery of the Schufeldts Company. An infernal machine, the materials to make it effective, etc., were found in Gibson's possession.

Died Drunk in a Ditch.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 11.—A colored man was frozen to death near Edgar's Mills on Monday night. He, with a companion, started for home while drunk, and yesterday morning he was found in a railroad ditch with his head and shoulders out of the water, frozen stiff.

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WOLFE ISLAND EVENTS.

A Concert of Much Merit by the Foresters at Marysville.

WOLFE ISLAND, Feb 9.—The annual concert, under the management of the English church, occurred on Jan. 26th to a large audience in McLaren's hall. The appearance of the group of performers as they stood arrayed in variegated costumes reminded one of an imaginary presentation of Shakespearean drama. The different parts in the charades were taken with animation, especially by Misses S. Baker, E. Dawson, N. Pyke, M. Going, K. L. and F. Christie, and Messrs. D. Dawson, R. Eccles, James and John Christie.

The annual open court and literary entertainment of the I.O.F. society occurred on Feb. 6th. Notwithstanding there were four balls in close proximity, one on the opposition ticket, a large and select audience assembled. Considerable disappointment was felt at the non-arrival of some of the Kingston contingent, but J. B. McKay and some choice local talent made up for the deficiency. Mr. Milne, P.H.C.R. (Court Frontenac, presided, and Messrs. Drennan, Moore, Hunter and Lowe in turn expounded the merits of the order. Intermixed with this were humorous little speeches by McKay, and splendid vocal and instrumental music by Misses F. Horne and E. Dean and Messrs. Kiel, Pierce and Horne, also good comic songs by Messrs. D. Moore and Horne. Rev. Mr. Watts, of Batterseas, former C. D. of this court, was on hand and aided materially in the successful management of the affair. After the meeting concluded the visitors and local entertainers were treated to a delicious repast of coffee, cakes and sandwiches, prepared by Mesdames Cooper and Pyke.

On Jan. 28 William, youngest son of Samuel Forbes, died very suddenly of hemorrhage. He had been ill for some time, but of late appeared to be much improved. This makes the fourth member of the family that has died within a short time of each other, the oldest not being dead a year. The funeral services of the deceased were conducted by Rev. Mr. Chambers. The body was placed in the vault.

Rev. Mr. Roadhouse conducted his quarterly meeting services in the Methodist church on Sabbath last. Communion service was also conducted in the Presbyterian church on the previous Sabbath by Rev. Mr. Chambers. The service was very impressive; a large number of communicants took part.

There is much sickness on our isolated Island this winter. Among the most serious cases at present in the village, are Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Fred Whitmarsh. Charles Vanness, seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs, is recovering. Simcoe Island is also having its share of affliction. Rev. Mr. Christie has been called to conduct funeral services on several occasions lately. R. J. Darragh, boot and shoe manufacturer, formerly of the island, but latterly of Kingston, has returned and again opened up business in T. Keys' store. He thinks the island custom the surest after all. For the past few weeks one of Kingstons prominent photographers has been sending his cards to many of the islanders. As a result he has been reaping a rich harvest for they have been putting on their best looks and driving over to the city in sleigh loads to have their profiles painted. A piano tuner was surprised to find twelve pianos in our little hamlet and several more in the outskirts. The spirit for music runs high among the people. Among the visitors last week were Misses B. Donnelly and Barney, of Kingston; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Porteous, of Glenvale.

BATTERSEA BREEZES.

The Events of the Week Placed into Short Space.

BATTERSEA, Feb. 11.—G. DeWolfe, formerly of this place, but lately of Kingston, has opened up a blacksmith shop here. One of our merchants was surprised on Friday last on receiving a box per stage which, when opened, was found to contain two of the feline race. The box was put on by some unknown person in the city. A number have signed a petition for a post office at Keelersville and another near Jones' Falls, with a mail three times a week. At the regular meeting of Court Granite, No. 651, I.O.F., the following officers were elected: C.R., Frank Kabe; V.C.R., William Johnston; R.C., Nathaniel Caverley; F.C., Isaac Lake; treasurer, W. J. Anglin; S.W., N. H. Williams; J.W., John Gilbert; S.B., William Shannon, jr.; J.B., John E. Knapp; P.C.R., S. Graham; chaplain, Rev. Mr. Sproule. It was decided to hold the regular meeting on the first Monday of each month, instead of the third as formerly. The managers of the Battersea cheese factory have re-engaged W. Willoughby as cheese maker for next season. He is already fixing up the factory for business.

The farmers around here have taken advantage of the excellent sleighing in getting out wood-logs, binders, etc. Those around here who were confined to the house with grippe and inflammation of the lungs are convalescent. Isaac Holder has been appointed justice of the peace. We commend the government on making this appointment, as Mr. Holder is the right man in the right place. If Mr. Holder will consent to act we will soon get rid of the sneak thieves who are stealing the whips out of the church shed. The special meetings carried on by Elder W. Ebersole, in temperance hall, have been discontinued. Simpson Lake, who leased the Balmoral hotel to William Keelor, has again taken charge. He keeps a first class house. Mr. Keelor has returned to his farm on the Carrying place. Joseph Lemmon, a most enterprising merchant in this place, has sold his general store to his sister, Mrs. Fraser. He intends to remain and carry on the boot and shoe business. The teacher of the public school intends holding a concert soon. Miss Lottie Campbell has left Chaumont, N.Y., after spending a pleasant time with friends.

On Sabbath, 8th, the third quarterly meeting was held in this place. Rev. Mr. Thompson, assisting the pastor in holding revival services at Sunbury, officiating. His text was from the book of Father. The discourse was a fine one and listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Thompson, a fine singer, frequently interspersed his discourse with sacred song. Special services will be held here, commencing this week, in the Methodist church. Reformers around here are ready for the campaign and are bound to give their opponents a hard battle.

RECIPROCITY WITH VENEZUELA.

The Treaty Has Not Been Ratified by the Southern Republic.

From the C.P.R. Telegraph Company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The *Herald's* Washington says it will be some months before reciprocity arrangement with Venezuela will go into effect. According to Senor Peraza, Venezuelan minister, no arrangements as yet have been made. Secretary Blaine prepared about two months ago, a statement of articles which the states would like to have admitted into Venezuela free of duty, or at least less duty than that paid other nations. This list included breadstuffs, agricultural implements and most of the other articles covered by the recent convention with Brazil. Senor Peraza had no authority from the government to concede an agreement in the matter, but merely promised to transmit the ideas of Blaine to his government. About time enough has elapsed for a reply if the government of Venezuela had acted upon the matter at once. The president of the republic, however, was absent in the interior at the time the treaty was received; the country and cabinet was under going reorganization. The minister of foreign affairs had resigned to enter the senate and the assistant did not feel authorized to act and the result is that nothing has yet been done. If Venezuela was disposed to accept Blaine's proposition, just as he prepared it, the acceptance might arrive here almost any day but it is more probable that the southern republics will desire to suggest some amendments and that some time will elapse before an agreement is reached.

The Late Treasurer in Trouble.

From the C.P.R. Telegraph Company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The *Times*, Jefferson City, Mo., says ex-State Treasurer Noland, who went out of office under a cloud, is awaiting trial for scalping nearly $40,000 of the state's funds. It is an open secret that Noland lost money at poker, and it is generally believed that the money, or a large portion of it, was won by men who are prominent in political circles. Desperate efforts have been made, and so far have proved successful, to keep the world from finding out who it was that fleeced Ed. Noland. The shortage has been made good and it is hoped that Noland can be saved from the penitentiary.

The ladies of the orphans' home most gratefully acknowledge a donation from Capt. Dix, of the Regiopolis skating rink, half of the proceeds of the carnival on Friday evening, Feb. 6th.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

O'BRIEN AND DILLON FAIL IN THEIR MISSION.

And Will Surrender Themselves to the English Police To-day—Circulars From O'Brien and Parnell—The Reasons Why the Negotiations Failed.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The prospects of an amicable settlement of the Irish imbroglio grow darker as the time for the proposed final meeting draws near.

The Gladstonian assurances are not considered adequate by Parnell, and it is said he refuses to bind himself to retire for a period longer than the present session of Parliament.

He also insists upon remaining in control of the Irish party until the next general election. Some of the Healyites intend to demand at the meeting that negotiations be broken for the reason, as they assert, that too much deference is paid to Parnell's position and claims.

The McCarthyite members seen in the lobby of the House of Common to-day say Parnell's refusal to come to amicable terms will stiffen their attitude and increase their resolve to resist his claims. It is not certain that all the points will be settled at to-morrow's meeting.

The Evening Telegraph says: "Parnell will at the proper moment disclose matters upon which he is backed by his supporters. The Telegraph adds that Parnell insisted from the outset that he favored peace, unity and safety, but peace and unity without safety for Home Rule is something a responsible statesman and leader would be unable to ratify without an act of betrayal.

The Pall Mall Gazette says heavy responsibility rests upon O'Brien and Dillon, who, according to The Gazette, have shown strange vacillation in treating Parnell as coequal with the Irish representatives, and in negotiating on the lines of Committee Room 15 as if no deposition of Kilkenny election had occurred. The Gazette adds that when Parnell's defeat promised to become final it was incredible weakness to consent to a one-sided truce, leaving Parnell to prosecute his ends while O'Brien suppressed the only organ of Dublin opinion left to the Irish people. Parnell has haughtily ruptured the negotiations his opponents humbly initiated. The Gazette does not doubt that O'Brien and Dillon will repair the mischief done and revert to the anti-Parnellite position which they assumed in their December manifesto.

In an interview to-day Mr. Parnell declared he would not recede from his position, which he said was consistent. He would not submit, he said, to the dictation of Mr. Gladstone and the priests. He believed the general election would not be held for two years yet.

A CIRCULAR FROM O'BRIEN.

He Reviews the Situation at Length—His Suggestions.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—William O'Brien has issued a long statement on the Irish situation. He says: "In an otherwise difficult position the delegates to America had the advantage that they were free from heat of partisanship and could offer themselves as mediators. The experience of the past five weeks gathered from personal interviews, letters and newspapers of all sides completely confirms the conviction that only a hearty re-union can save the Irish cause. It is my duty to solemnly declare that no difficulty has existed which a little more sacrifice of personal feelings on both sides might not have surmounted."

Mr. O'Brien explains that the idea of a public truce was abandoned because both sides declared it was impossible and no useful purpose would follow the publishing of the details of the negotiations. Therefore it had been decided to regard the negotiations as confidential. Mr. O'Brien thinks, however, that some of the parties concerned will seriously question that upon the main points contended for on both sides a substantial agreement was established. "I cannot too strongly express," continues Mr. O'Brien, "with what feelings we found a settlement so vital shipwrecked at the last moment by mere contests of words and phrases—contests which with a little more magnanimity and less suspiciousness on both sides might easily have been arranged and which to my mind offer a shockingly inadequate excuse for committing the country to a struggle involving consequences so appalling. We are hampered at every step. Not merely by the malignant tittle-tattle and giddy mischief-making of a section of the English press but by the more serious impediments placed in our way by responsible persons, who under the influence of some extraordinary infatuation have seemed to grudge every hour devoted to peace-making and to resent every attempt to give a less barbarous character to the conflict."

In conclusion Mr. O'Brien says one of the saddest things in this tragic business is that circumstances have rendered it impossible for me to give organized effect to the overwhelming public longing for a reconciliation, while the field is held by heated partisans, who, impelled by motives which I do not question, but who are fatally deceived as to their own and their opponents' strength, and the consequences of continued discord, have done their worst by exasperating language and insulting suspicions scarcely veiled threats and rumors and intrigues to make the work of peacemaking impossible. Continuing, Mr. O'Brien said: "The irreconcilables of all sections have carried the day, Mr. Dillon and myself can no longer stand between them and their deplorable work. We should have been more sensitive to the obloquy we incur by refusing to participate in such a conflict had we ever shrunk from a conflict with Ireland's enemies. We can do nothing more till we have recovered freedom of action by getting through with the sentence standing against us. On the expiration of that term I shall be happy to submit myself to the judgment of my constituents, and if I cannot otherwise assist I can enable them to commit their interests to other hands." Mr. O'Brien expressed the hope that the inevitable conflict forced upon the country may be conducted without personal bitterness and degrading personalities, so that when the unhappy passions of the hour have exhausted themselves all may again co-operate in the nation's cause.

A Statement by Dillon.

Mr. Dillon in a shorter statement admits he had been largely influenced to mediate by the action of Parnell's most prominent opponents. Mr. Parnell, he says, had been assailed with shocking personal vindictiveness and brutality in utter disregard of what was due him in return for his splendid services. This personal element had in many minds hopelessly obscured the great public issues and driven thousands in Ireland and America into Parnell's camp who otherwise would have opposed his continued leadership.

Mr. Dillon continues: "I have resented unceasingly the whole of Mr. Parnell's proceedings. I was utterly unable to accept his leadership after the famous manifesto, yet had I been free from the sentence of imprisonment I should have found it difficult, if not impossible to throw myself heartily into a struggle conducted in a method utterly abhorrent to me. The Havre conference found myself in perfect accord with Mr. O'Brien on the facts submitted to me; that no alternative but the arrangement he suggested would free our cause from disaster. I therefore felt it to be my duty, cordially and loyally, to support him in the difficult task he had undertaken. Events have fully borne out Mr. O'Brien's views and proven that the arrangement he contemplated was perfectly possible, but from the beginning of the negotiations powerful influences were working on both sides against peace, and we are now compelled sorrowfully to announce failure. Those who either from ignorance or malice sneered at and misconstrued our efforts will before long realize the full extent of their responsibility. For my own part I cannot even now abandon the hope that the good sense of the Irish people will assert itself and insist upon an end to the insane conflict that can result only in her humiliation and ruin."

WHAT PARNELL SAYS.

The Uncrowned King to Continue as Leader of the Party.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Mr. Parnell has written to Mr. O'Brien as follows: The last information Mr. Gill conveyed to me on our negotiations being of a final character I conclude that nothing is left to be done on my part but to bring our endeavors to a close. I regret that it has not been rendered possible for me to consider national interests so safeguarded that I could feel that there would be no danger to the cause in my now surrendering the responsibility which has been placed upon me, and which I have accepted from the hands of our nation and race. I have been ready to act up to the letter and spirit of our understanding to the last moment and I regret that no course is left but to withdraw from the negotiations. The seal of confidence which covers what has passed between us prevents inviting a public judgment, but if it is ever removed I am confident that it will be held that I have done everything in my power consistent with national interests to promote peace and re-union. Do not fear that the cause is lost. Although these negotiations have failed they have not been entirely unsuccessful in advancing it. On this at least you may congratulate yourself. The country has recovered considerably from its painful distraction and panic and the controversy is raised to a plane whereon unless it sinks again it can be conducted without national humiliation and discredit, although I regret to have perceived in the last few days the existence, in quarters where one might have expected it, a spirit breathing the deadliest hostility to me. But whatever side true Irishmen may be on they owe you thanks for your beneficent efforts. I am sure that the country will agree that you have acted throughout in the spirit of a true patriot.

O'Brien and Dillon Leave for England To-Day.

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, Feb. 11.—William O'Brien left for Paris to-night. He will return here to-morrow. John Dillon says Mr. O'Brien and himself will go to England to-morrow but not with the intention of attending the McCarthyite meeting to be held in London Thursday.

The Reason.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The News says: We assume Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien have withdrawn from the negotiations with Mr. Parnell because the Liberal leaders declined to give any assurance in regard to the Home Rule bill.

MONTREAL'S BIG BLAZE.

The Bonaventure Station Buildings and Freight Sheds Totally Destroyed.

MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—Fire broke out this morning at 11 o'clock in the Grand Trunk Railway freight sheds at Bonaventure station, and by noon the whole building with all its contents was completely destroyed, the fire ending only when it had burned itself out with all the material within its reach. The flames were first noticed bursting from the windows of the customs department. The sheds, which extended parallel with the tracks from the station down to Mountain-street, being of wood soon caught fire all along their length and gave out so fierce a heat that the hose was burned even while filled with water. When the firemen entered the building they found two men, J. B. Flynn and C. T. Tough, who had become unconscious from the smoke. They were at once removed to the hospital. The only goods destroyed were those which arrived last night. The total loss will not exceed $50,000.

Postoffice Burned.

WINDSOR, Feb. 11.—Fire broke out at midnight last night at Sandwich, in rear part of Lassaline & Sons' furniture factory and storerooms, a two-story frame on the front street. The postoffice, which was separated from the furniture factory by a 20 foot alley, caught fire and was totally burned together with all its contents, except the mail matter, which was carried out. The furniture factory and contents were also burned to the ground. Proprietors estimate their loss at $4000; insurance, $2000.

LOVE RUNS ROUGHLY.

Many a Slip Between the Expectant Bride and the Silken Noose.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Jesse Osborne, a barber, employed by El Carrier at No. 113 Blue Island-avenue, last night shot and fatally wounded Blanche Clement at the door of her home, then fired a bullet into his own breast, but did not strike a vital spot. Osborne will recover. Jealousy was the cause of his act.

$20,000 Breach of Promise Suit Settled.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 11.—The suit for $20,000 damages for breach of promise, brought against S. Obermeier of Cincinnati by Minnie Lamb of this city, has been settled. Obermeier is the wealthy Cincinnati merchant whose marriage to an ex-nun of Chicago a few months ago excited so much comment. The suit of Miss Lamb was filed immediately after that marriage.

An Ill Assorted Elopement.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 11.—Hiram Kent, aged 70, and Rebecca Donnelly, handsome and only 22 years old, eloped from Greene county and were married by a Pittsburg alderman to-day. The groom has been a bachelor, and is the owner of many broad acres. The bride is the daughter of a neighbor, and Kent had fondled her on his knee when she was a baby. The girl's parents objected, and Kent, with the ardor of a youth, planned the elopement.

Suicide After a Runaway Marriage.

MARION, O., Feb. 11.—Dimmie, daughter of a wealthy farmer Oliver Monnott, living nine miles north of Marion, eloped with Jud McClinton on last Thursday and married him in Covington, Ky., afterward returning home. She took a fatal dose of aconite last night.

Drugged on Her Wedding Day.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 11.—Miss Millie Crayton, the daughter of well-known parents here, was drugged on the day appointed for her marriage to Charles Bardwell, and forced to marry a young man named Blakely, a rejected suitor. Her parents acquiesced.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—The unemployed of the city, numbering 300, held a parade and demonstration yesterday at 9.30. They gathered in St. Andrew's Market and marched thence to the City Hall, preceded by a drummer and a man bearing a flag, with the motto, "Bread or Work." At the City Hall delegates were sent to the Mayor asking him to say what the city could do to relieve the distress. In a speech delivered from the City Hall steps, the Mayor said the collapse of the building boom was a principal cause of the trouble, and said that the City Engineer had under construction all the works sanctioned by the council.

Sons of England Grand Lodge.

HAMILTON, Feb. 11.—The sixteenth annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge Sons of England is now in full session. Nearly 150 delegates are present, and they are about as jolly a crowd as have struck the city for some time.

The lodge was opened by the supreme grand president, assisted by Rev. W. C. Clarke, M.A., Toronto, who acted as chaplain.

Those officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Richard Ivans, Toronto, supreme grand president.
Ald. W. Hancock, Hamilton, S.G.P.
J. W. Carlee, Toronto, S.G.S. (re-elected).
B. Hinchcliffe, Toronto, S.V.T. (re-elected).

The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the society to be prospering exceedingly. During the past year 26 new lodges were instituted, and the membership is now 8500. There are six juvenile lodges and the naval brigade branch is growing rapidly.

The treasurer's report was of the most satisfactory character. The receipts were $7220.93, expenditure $4255.56, an increase of $3001.83. In the grand lodge fund the receipts amounted to $9242.75, expenditure $9087.31, balance $155.44. Funeral fund: Receipts, $1893.56, expenditure $9072, balance $4884.56, an increase of $2288.67. Benefit fund: Assessments $9057.87, balance on hand $1895.56.

The Harriers.

Mr. E. F. Painter, of the London, Eng., athletic club and Raceleigh Harriers, suffered from a strained tendon, and no remedy he tried did him any good until he used St. Jacobs Oil, which soon enabled him to resume his running and sports. It is the remedy preferred by all athletes.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

OPENING OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Ballantyne Elected Speaker—The Speech From the Throne—What the Lieutenant-Governor Had to Say.

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Campbell proceeded to the Legislative Assembly Chamber, where the members of the new Legislature were in waiting to receive him. Being seated His Honor directed the members to choose a Speaker from among their number and after stating that he would come down again to-morrow and inform them why they had been called together, the Lieutenant-Governor took his departure. On motion of Attorney-General Mowat the House then elected Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, member for South Perth, as Speaker of the Legislature of Ontario, and adjourned until to-day.

The Speech From the Throne.

In the Speech from the Throne this afternoon the Lieutenant-Governor referred to proposed regulations relating to the sale of mining lands in the great nickel-bearing regions which have been temporarily withdrawn from sale.

He also referred to the agitation respecting compulsory education and free text books.

The speech further announces that considerable advance has been made towards a settlement of the financial and constitutional differences between the province and the Dominion; that at the recent conference between representatives of Canada, Ontario and Quebec arrangements were made for an arbitration to settle questions of account and for referring constitutional questions to the courts in friendly actions, and that a measure providing for the proposed arbitration will be submitted to the Legislature.

The land improvement fund was referred to and the suggestion made that the share chargeable against this province be paid over to the municipalities, without waiting longer for a settlement of the balance, which is claimed to be chargeable against Quebec.

The speech referred to the commission on prison reform and the commission on the fish and game laws issued during the recess, and promised legislation.

Reference to the state of public health wound up the short address.

IN EVERY CONSTITUENCY.

Yesterday Witnessed the Choice of Many Candidates in Various Sections of the Province.

Centre Toronto—G. R. Cockburn.
West York—Charles Wallace.
East Bruce—R. Truax, reeve of Walkerton (Ref.)
Kent—A. Campbell (Ref.)
North Victoria—J. A. Barron (Ref.)
South Norfolk—Col. T. S. Tisdale.
Lennox—R. W. Allison (Ref.)
North Renfrew—Peter White (Con.)
South Essex—Louis Wigle of Leamington (Con.)
Centre Wellington—W. H. Hunter of East Garafraxa (Con.)
North Ontario—Frank Magill (Con.)
South Huron—John McMillan (Ref.)
North Huron—Dr. Bonnar of Chesley (Ref.)
North Lanark—J. Jamieson (Con.)
Glengarry—The Reform convention declared its willingness to join with the Conservatives in the selection of John McLennan.
South Wellington—James Goldie (Con.)
West Ontario—J. D. Elgar (Ref.) was chosen on the first ballot, receiving two-thirds of the votes cast.
East Peterboro—The Equal Rights convention nominated A. B. Kidd, the latter accepting on the condition that his expenses were guaranteed by the convention.
North Perth—James Grieve of Mornington (Lib.)
South Waterloo—George Clare, reeve of Preston and furnace manufacturer (Con.)
Halton—John Waldie (Ref.)
Montreal—Edmund Guerin was chosen to oppose Mr. J. J. Curran in Montreal Centre. In the east end Mr. L. O. David will oppose Mr. A. F. Lepine, the labor candidate. In the west division an opponent to Sir Donald Smith has not been chosen, but the name of Sir Joseph Hickson is mentioned.

Hamilton—A meeting of the executive committee of the Liberal-Conservative Association was held in Germania Hall last evening. There was a large attendance of delegates. Three names were submitted as candidates, C. R. Smith, Ald. Blaicher and Ald. Ryckman. Mr. Smith was dropped after the first ballot, and the vote between Messrs. Blaicher and Ryckman ended in a tie. The convention then decided to adjourn until Friday night, when it will be decided which one will accompany Mr. McKay to the polls for the Conservative party.

THE BEHRING SEA.

He'll Talk Canadian Reciprocity After the Sealing Squabble is Ended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The British Minister had a protracted conference with Secretary Blaine to-day. It is understood that it related to some very important matters, including the Sayward case, now before the Supreme Court, and the Behring Sea controversy. There was also some discussion concerning the proposed Canadian reciprocity schemes. The Secretary explained to the Minister what he meant by his letter to Representative Baker, in which he denied that any negotiations were pending looking to reciprocal trade with the Canadian provinces. It appears that at that time nothing had been done in that direction. The Secretary, however, is aware that some of the Canadian authorities are anxious to enter into trade relations, but from some cause or other the secretary is not disposed to entertain any propositions of that sort until some definite settlement is made of the Behring Sea dispute.

The proposed arbitration of Lord Salisbury, and the propositions mentioned in Mr. Blaine's letter, which are to be submitted for consideration, will, it is understood, not be taken up until the pending suit in the Supreme Court is out of the way.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A G. T. R. Passenger Gashes His Jugular Near Brampton.

BRAMPTON, Feb. 11.—Michael Norton, a passenger on the Grand Trunk train going west this morning, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Soon after the train had left Malton he was seen by some of the passengers and his hand stayed, but not till he had cut a deep gash in his throat. The conductor put him off here and telephoned for a doctor and the police officer, and after the wound was dressed he was lodged in jail. He says he lives near Orillia and is a farmer. He is thought to be mentally weak; $98 was found on his person. His friends have been wired for.

A Grand Trunk Express Narrowly Escapes Being Ditched.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A dastardly attempt at train-wrecking has come to light. It appears that on Monday night two rails were placed across the track of the St. Thomas and Port Stanley road a short distance south of the Port Stanley bridge, between this city and St. Thomas, evidently intended for the M.C.R. passenger train passing about 9 p.m., but a heavy freight train went over just previously and forced the rails off the track. G.T.R. detectives are working on the affair.

Some Insurance Figures.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—During the year 1890 the sums received for premiums by Canadian life insurance companies amounted to $4,028,478, compared with premium receipts of $3,616,857 during 1889. The net amount of policies in force at the end of the year was $138,775,563, as compared with $125,875,665 at the close of 1889. During last year death claims were paid to the amount of $1,155,703, of which the Canada Life paid $394,730; Confederation, $113,885; the Sun, $109,912; the Federal, $95,850; Ontario Mutual, $74,489; Manufacturers' Life, $44,646 and North American, $40,607.

John Finlay, Seeley's Bay, will hold a sale of farm stock and implements, Tuesday afternoon, March 10th; E. C. Sifter auctioneer.

Anchor flour is put up in 25 and 50 lbs. cotton sacks.
Anchor flour, at Crawford's.

THIS IS NO HUM-BUG SALE.
SPENCE & CO.
Have bought the entire stock of DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, Etc., from Spence & Crumley, at 63 1-2 cents on the dollar, and have decided to close out the same at the first cost of the goods, and in some cases considerably less. Not a yard of goods will be held from this sale until the whole stock is disposed of. Ladies of Kingston and District will find this sale an opportunity of a life time to buy first-class goods at less than cost to manufacture.
N. B.—10 Cases New Sateens and Prints will be placed on the counters at sale prices. Come and get some of the bargains.
Sale will begin on Saturday, Feb 14th.
SPENCE & CO., Opposite City Hote

FOR THE LADIES.
RICHMOND, ORR & CO.,
Have just received their New SPRING VEILINGS. All the required colors in Veilings all the new meshes in Veilings, all the new spots