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IMPORTANT GATHERING IN TORONTO.

Mr. Plewes Resigns the Position of Secretary—Interesting Resolution Respecting Flour Standards—Professor Shaw's Report.

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—The first session of the Dominion Millers' Association special meeting was commenced yesterday afternoon. Thomas Goldie, president of the association, occupied the chair. A large representation of the millers of the Dominion was present.

The first question discussed was that of flour standards, and a resolution in reference to this question was presented by J. L. Spink. William Hamilton of Glenburnie was the seconder. The motion provided that owing to the standard grade of straight roller flour, as selected by the examiners for the serving year, having been found of a higher color than the standards selected for winter wheat patents; and that owing to a great many of the very best bread-producing wheats, such as democrat and red winter, being placed at a lower range of values, thus resulting in a serious loss to the farmers of the province on account of millers not being able to manufacture these very desirable varieties of wheat into straight roller flour; and that in view of the fact that millers are being put to serious loss, not being able to fill contracts for straight roller flour on the new standard, it being impossible even in the best-equipped mills to make flour in color equal straight roller standard; therefore be it resolved that a memorial setting forth the above considerations be transmitted to the Dominion Government, requesting them at the earliest date practicable to pass an order-in-council authorizing the Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and London Boards of Trade to select one delegate each to meet in Montreal and fix a straight roller standard more in harmony with this year's winter wheat product. It was also provided that the expenses to be incurred in the accomplishment of such a scheme should be paid in the usual way. The resolution was carried.

Prof. Shaw's Researches.

A motion by John Brown, seconded by David Plews, was carried, placing on record the appreciation of the association of the invaluable services which have been rendered to the millers and farmers by Prof. Shaw's researches, assisted by his staff, at the Experimental Farm. A committee, consisting of Sir William P. Howland, Messrs. John Brown, J. G. Bechtel, David Goldie and R. L. Rice was appointed to further confer with Prof. Shaw, looking towards receiving such recommendations and suggestions to the Government as may make the farm of still more value to the country.

A resolution providing for a change in the method of appointing the committee for fixing the flour standards was moved by J. L. Spink of Toronto and seconded by Neil McCahill of Forest. The objection to the present committee is that the gentlemen composing it are not actually engaged in milling, and the motion provided for the meeting of a committee composed of five members, one each from the Quebec, Montreal and Toronto Boards of Trade and two from the Dominion Millers' Association, at Montreal, any time between June 1 and Oct. 15, for the purpose of regrading the standards or the standard of any particular grade of flour for color only. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Incorporation Negatived.

For the past six months a committee of the association has been working on a scheme of incorporation, and yesterday they presented an exhaustive report. The first resolution relative to it was moved by Edward Peplow and seconded by Neil McCahill. It simply provided for carrying out the details of the scheme. After considerable discussion the resolution was lost by a vote of 19 to 23. This result came as somewhat of a surprise to the larger millers present, who were strongly in favor of an adoption of the committee's report.

The Wheat Buyer.

The central wheat buyer, C. B. Watts, presented a lengthy report. It commenced by stating that ten new members had joined the association on account of his having been authorized at the last meeting to sell to non-members at double the commission charged to members. The total value of his purchases in August were $471.35; in September, $509.16; in October, $611.50, and in November $577.50.

Clause 4 contained a warning to millers to be on their guard against the practice of some grain dealers of putting 50 to 100 bushels of goose wheat in the bottom of a car and then fulfilling the remainder of the order with good wheat. The office, he concluded, now shows a surplus of $713 over expenses, being the result of nine months' operations. This, if it were thought desirable, would enable a refund to be made of 50 cents a car on the wheat purchased during that period, making the commission charged on Ontario wheat only $3 and on Manitoba wheat $2.50.

At the evening session a committee which had been appointed in the afternoon to discuss the various considerations presented in the grain buyers report, presented its report. Although the earnings of the office showed a surplus which would enable the present commission to be reduced 50 cents per car on all the wheat purchased so far, still it would be better not to make any change in this regard until the next annual meeting. In concluding the report the committee bore witness to the energy, ability and probity which had characterized the central buyers' conduct of the business of his office. Edward Peplow, supported by N. McLaughlan, proposed the adoption of the report. It was carried unanimously.

Mr. Plewes Resigns.

David Plewes, Brantford, who has been for the past two years and a half the energetic secretary of the association, wished to resign his position. This action was rendered necessary on account of his having accepted the office of flour seller in Great Britain and Europe. William Galbraith, seconded by John Brown, moved the acceptance of the resignation. In doing this they bore unqualified testimony to the ability the late secretary had displayed in the transaction of his onerous duties.

On motion of N. McLaughlan, seconded by A. H. Baird, C. B. Watts was appointed secretary at a salary of $600.

Who Were Present.

Those present at yesterday's meetings were: Thomas Goldie, president, Guelph; David Plewes, secretary, Brantford; J. S. Robertson, editor of The Canadian Miller; Edward Peplow, vice-president, Peterboro'; William Galbraith, treasurer, Toronto; N. McLaughlin, Toronto; John Brown, President Citizens' Milling Co.; C. B. Watts, central wheat buyer; J. L. Spinks, Toronto; J. D. Saundby, London; William Hamilton, Glenburnie; R. R. Edmundson, Oshawa; R. L. Rice, St. Mary's; Neil McEachren, Forest; J. Warkrup, Oakville; A. H. Baird, Toronto; W. H. Fisnemore, Burlington; John Cave, Wingham; H. J. Gould, Uxbridge; P. J. Griffin, Mt. Vernon; F. W. Hay, Listowel; W. S. Ireland, Avening; S. Plewes, Cresmore; J. E. Pearen, Brampton; Charles Smith, Campbellford; N. Wenzer, Ayton; D. Clark, Ayr; J. Kuox, Stayner; John Galbraith, Allandale; H. Barrett, Port Hope; E. McKenne, Kirkford; R. S. Edmondson, Oshawa; A. [illegible], Beaverton; G. S. Baldwin, Aurora; T. N. Stephens, Glencairn; John Campbell, St. Thomas; R. C. Scott, Highgate; James A. Robb, Valleyfield; S. R. Stewart, Mitchell; T. H. Taylor, Chatham; R. Rayburn, Deseronto; J. Polkeham, ——; Peter Inness, Delhi; D. Goldie, Ayr; George H. Harper, Dundas; Lake & Bailey, W. R. Robson, Hamilton; W. R. Brown, Exeter; Hunt Bros., London; R. Noble, Norval; Angus Plewes, Markdale; A. Moyer, Listowel; D. Sloan, John Brown, Toronto.

Shot His Brother.

NEW HAMBURG, Ont., Dec. 9.—This morning a young man named Nargang, living one mile south of here, had been shooting sparrows and left the gun loaded in the house. A younger brother, not knowing that it was loaded, pointed the gun at him, when it went off. The charge entered the young man's mouth, coming out a little below the ear. He now lies in a precarious condition.

Latest United States Reciprocity Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A commercial convention under the reciprocity clause of the McKinley Act has been practically concluded between Germany and the United States, which contemplates the free importation of German sugar into the United States, and the reduction of duty on American cereals imported into Germany from five marks to three and a half marks.

Pieton Man Frozen to Death.

BAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 9.—Hunters have found the remains of Peter Demarest of Pieton, Ont., frozen to death 10 miles from Alger. Demarest was on his way to a lumber camp and was caught in a blinding snowstorm.

A Favorite Garment

With many ladies nowadays is a fur-lined wrap with double fronts and it will be good news to intending purchasers to learn that at the Boston Fur Store these beautiful garments are cheaper than ever before.

VICTIMS OF COCAINE.

They Imagine That They Are Tormented by Legions of Bugs.

The case of Dr. W. H. Rothert, of Cincinnati, has called renewed attention to the horrible effects of the persistent use of cocaine. Dr. Rothert began injecting

CLIPPING OFF HIS SKIN.

the drug into his system with a hypodermic syringe about a year ago to relieve local pain, and soon became what is known as a "fiend." When the collapse came he was taking seventy-five grains of the drug daily, and had reached a frightful state of nervous exhaustion. An attempt is being made to restore him to a normal condition by a gradual reduction in the size of the doses, but the patient's chances for life are considered doubtful.

A queer feature of the cocaine habit is that the victims imagine that they are tormented with bugs. That is Dr. Rothert's delusion, but he has not gone to the extremes reached by a fellow sufferer who was recently cured. Of this latter patient the attending physician said:

"He was in a terrible state at one time. In his case the belief was that bugs had crawled under his skin and were constantly moving about. He would shrug his shoulders and go through the most fearful contortions in the effort to secure relief from the imaginary insects. Sometimes they were ants and other times slimy bugs. The peculiar hallucination was productive of awful agony. When finally his condition became such that further concealment was impossible he was placed under the treatment of the most eminent physicians of Cincinnati. When they examined his body a startling discovery was made. His thighs and the lower parts of his limbs were found to be scarified in numerous places. It was evident that small patches of skin had been removed, and many of them quite recently. The work had been done with a sharp instrument.

"Nothing was said to the patient, but he was placed under a close watch. One evening the attendent noiselessly entered the door. He was surprised to see the patient sitting in a chair in the middle of the room. His head was bent over and he seemed to be intently busy at something. His back was to the door, and so quietly had the nurse entered that the attention of the patient was not attracted. Curious to solve the mystery, the attendant tiptoed to one side until he had a fairly good view. What do you think the 'fiend' was doing? He had taken a small pair of tweezers and a scalpel out of his case of instruments. With the iron pincers he had raised the skin, and before the nurse could reach his arm he had given it a whack with the scalpel, severing a piece of the cuticle nearly as large as a five cent piece.

"He had started toward the window, still holding the patch of skin in the tweezers, when the nurse touched him on the shoulder. He turned around with an innocent, inquiring look. In answer to the attendant's questions he said that he merely proposed to examine the particle under his microscope. He talked very rationally, saying that bugs had got in his skin and were crawling around. He had frequently examined them under the powerful magnifying glass, describing their shape and appearance in the minutest detail. He talked intelligently of the great annoyance they had given him and of the peculiar disease with which he was afflicted. He even grew enthusiastic over the good work he was doing in the cause of science, and said he proposed to write an extended article for a leading medical magazine on the symptoms and cause of the new malady and giving the results of his personal investigation."

THE FRENCH UNEASY.

Jealous of Germany's Alliances and England's Intrigues.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Herald's Paris despatch says: The news of the signature of a commercial convention between Germany and the United States has made a deep impression. People here are asking each other whether Germany, who has already signed treaties of commerce with Austria and Italy and who is on the point of contracting others with Belgium and Switzerland, intends to combat French interests wherever she meets them. The prevailing optimism on certain points has been succeeded by a widespread feeling of disquietude. In political circles peace is not thought nearly as probable as it was lately. According to the reports which the French Government has received from its agents, England is taking a lively interest in the movement of the Radicals in favor of an abolition of the concordat. On making inquiries regarding the reasons of this curious fact, the Government has ascertained that England is equally interested in the attacks of Italy on the Vatican. It would seem England still expects to derive profit from a crisis which might lead the Pope to take refuge in Malta. While avoiding all official interference in the matters at issue, she is working by secret and indirect means to bring about this crisis. But she is wasting time; the departure of the Pope from Rome is not within measurable distance, and if it did not occur would do no good to England.

RUSSELL SAGE'S INJURIES.

Deaf in One Ear and His Hands and Right Leg Hurt.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—It is feared Russell Sage received a permanent injury to his right ear from the explosion in his office on Friday. When he was first brought home he could hear very little with either ear, and until yesterday he was unable to hear the ticking of a watch on the left side. Yesterday, however, the hearing of the left ear showed considerable improvement, but the right ear remained practically deaf, and Dr. Munn is inclined to believe the drum has been fractured. In all other respects Mr. Sage's condition yesterday was much improved. The nervous reaction which was very apparent on Sunday has disappeared. Mr. Sage received the worst injuries on his right hand and right leg. The right hand, besides being cut in several places, appears also to have been badly burned. It is kept completely wrapped in bandages, with the exception of the finger tips. The left hand also had ugly-looking cuts on the back, but it has already nearly healed and requires only court plaster.

TO PRESERVE GAME.

Meeting of the International Fish and Game Commission.

HAMILTON, Dec. 9.—The final meeting of the International Fish and Game Commission is now being held in the city.

One resolution under consideration is to the effect that provisions should be introduced into the laws of all the states represented in the conference, forbidding the taking and having in possession of salmon trout and whitefish of the weight of less than two pounds each, bass of the weight of less than one pound and blue pike of less weight than three-quarters of a pound.

This resolution is the one of most interest here: "That we ask of the Canada Fish Commissioners a prohibitory law that will prohibit the use of all kinds of nets in the Canadian waters of the St. Lawrence River, the same as the New York State codification bill now recommends; we also ask of them to include the same time for their close season on the St. Lawrence River, for all kinds of game fish, that the above-named codification bill recommends."

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

MARCH 10 FIXED UPON FOR THE WEDDING

The Queen Names the Date—Her Visit Postponed Until After the Nuptial Knot is Tied—General Cable News.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—At the Queen of the Queen the wedding of Princess Victoria Mary and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale is being arranged for March 10, the 28th anniversary of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The ceremony will take place in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

The Queen will not leave England for the continent until March 28 or 30, and Her Majesty's plans of foreign travel are quite undecided. The sanitary arrangements and water supply of Florence will scarcely have been organized too soon, and at present the chances are greatly in favor of the Queen going to Aix Les Bains, as the air of that place suits her admirably, and she is always much better for the baths and massage treatment.

Prince George of Wales is to go to the seaside to recruit his health as soon as he is well enough to travel, and the Queen has offered to place Osborne cottage at his disposal.

The German Emperor has rather a dislike for racing, because he regards it as giving encouragement to gambling, but he is indirectly the largest owner of race horses in Germany, as the Gradity stud belongs to the crown, and the horses trained there have won more than those of any other owner. The Gradity stud has been credited with nearly £12,500. Herr Simon, Prince Furstenberg and Baron Von Oertzen, other owners, amounted to £4000.

The Archduke Henry of Austria left behind him about 1,000,000 francs, half of which consists in a life insurance policy. This fortune will be inherited by his only daughter, the youthful Baroness Waldek.

A HANDFUL OF EARTH.

From the Country He Loved, Placed in Dom Pedro's Coffin.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The body of Dom Pedro, the ex-emperor of Brazil, was placed yesterday in the coffin prepared for it. While some of his old servants were overhauling the effects of Dom Pedro preparatory to removing them, they found in a chest belonging to the dead ex-emperor a bag of earth, part of the soil of Brazil, which he had treasured as one of his most valuable possessions. It was known that it was his desire to sleep his final sleep in Brazilian soil, and so the valued earth was placed in the coffin, and the dead ex-ruler was tenderly and reverently laid upon it. Thus, in a measure, was his oft expressed wish complied with.

DIVORCE SEQUEL.

Miss Williams Will Bring an Action for Damages Against Earl Russell.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The solicitors of Miss Williams, the young woman whom Earl Russell testified he betrayed while she was a servant in the family, will bring an action for libel against him, laying the damages at £10,000, if he refuses to retract the statement and give ample compensation.

The mother of Miss Williams was foster-mother to the earl. She and her husband had charge of the house at Teddington, and the daughters were housemaids at the same place. Mrs. Williams alleged that Russell was engaged to marry the youngest daughter, and denies there was any seduction. The girl swears she was forced to fly to her mother for protection. Owing to this, Earl Russell dismissed the entire family from his service. They made a claim on him for wrongful dismissal, and he paid them £500. The girl did not receive the money, and did not bring action for breach of promise of marriage. Medical evidence has been taken in support of the girl's innocence.

Verdict in the Maybrick Case

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Court of Appeals has handed down a decision in the Maybrick insurance case. The action was brought by the brothers of Mr. Maybrick, the Liverpool merchant, for whose murder by poison Mrs. Florence Maybrick, his wife, is now serving a life sentence in Woking Prison. They sought to recover on a policy for $10,000, issued by the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Insurance Company on the deceased. Mr. Maybrick made over this policy to his wife, and she in turn made it over to her lawyer, Mr. Cleaver, to cover the costs of defending her against the charge of murder. The insurance company refused to pay the policy, and action was brought to compel it to do so by the brothers of Mr. Maybrick, who were the executors of his estate. The master of the rolls, in giving the verdict, said the insurance company must pay the amount of insurance to the executors of Mr. Maybrick's estate, holding that the policy was only payable to them. The wife's assignee, owing to her crime, could receive nothing.

Persians Stop Smoking Because of an Obnoxious Government Edict.

TEHERAN, Persia, Dec. 9.—The new tobacco regie established by the Government is meeting with much opposition from the people. The Mullahs, in particular, are greatly opposed to the new order of things and, taking advantage of the position, they have ordered the people to abstain from smoking. This order has been generally obeyed, with the result that the sales of tobacco have greatly fallen off. Tobacco merchants who are found guilty of exciting the populace against the regie are exiled from the country.

Fatal Tragedy at a Consulate.

MADRID, Dec. 9.—A fatal tragedy occurred yesterday in the French consulate at Sansebastian. Count Despreaux de Savier, who has for some time represented France as consul at that place, got into an altercation with the vice-consul, whose removal to Carthagena, an inferior post, St. Saueveur is said to have recommended. The vice-consul mortally stabbed the consul and then killed himself. The recommendation to transfer is believed to have been the cause of the tragedy, as the vice-consul was deeply offended by it.

Mourning at St. James'.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A special issue of the official Gazette yesterday said that the Queen has ordered the court to go into mourning for a fortnight, on account of the death of Dom Pedro.

A CURIOUS YARN.

Husband and Wife Have a Pig for a Bed-fellow.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 9.—Mr. Charles Felton of Burford is authority for the statement that a certain couple, man and woman, living on the third concession of that town line, have a pig sleeping in the same bed as themselves. The woman, when spoken to about the subject, seemed to think such companionship quite proper, but complained that the porker bit her feet.

John L. Fighting Drunk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—John L. Sullivan left for Southern California yesterday in a state of helplessness. He was lugged on board the ferry boat like a sack of wheat. Sullivan bore evidence of having been in a fight, and it is said he and Ashton had one in San Salito on Sunday. Ashton and Sullivan got into an altercation over their cups. Ashton was, comparatively speaking, sober, John L. was drunk. Words led to blows and the "big fellow" was knocked down. A rough and tumble fight ensued, in which Ashton got far the better of it. Friends rushed in and separated the pair and John was persuaded to go home. His cheek was marked and claret was drawn from his nose. Sullivan was drunk nearly all last week, but managed to sober up every night for the performance. He seems to have completely lost his grip since his failure to get on a match with Slavin.

Passed an Awful Night.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The channel steamer Victoria, which struck the pier at the entrance to the harbor of Calais last night, and being unable to make the harbor owing to the heavy gale which prevailed, was obliged to put to sea again, returned to Dover at 4 o'clock this morning. Her port paddle-wheel was badly damaged by the collision with the pier. The Victoria's passengers upon landing at Dover stated that they had passed an awful night. The steamer was going at full speed when she struck the pier at Calais, and her escape from at once going down with all on board is considered miraculous.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

The "Long Swiss Boy" Has to Pay His Own Fall $3000.

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 9.—A jury in the Under Sheriff's Court yesterday awarded Miss Mary Ann Simmonds £600 damages against Adolphe Saurer, for breach of promise of marriage. The plaintiff, a fashionably dressed young woman, aged 26, was formerly engaged as chief saleswoman at Messrs. Stedall's mantle establishment at Nottingham, and estimated her earnings, with commission, at £5 weekly. She made the acquaintance of the defendant when he was engaged in a large lace embroidery machine factory. They kept company three years, and some hundreds of letters, which were produced in court, had passed between them, defendant, a Swiss, addressing her as "My own darling precious" and "My only Poll," and describing himself as "Long Swiss Boy." He made her several presents. The date of the marriage was fixed. Defendant's attentions began to slacken, and ultimately he broke off the engagement, without assigning any reason, after plaintiff had purchased her wedding trousseau at a cost of £60. Proceedings being threatened, defendant's uncle came from Switzerland, and first offered £200 and then £400 in settlement, which she refused to accept. Defendant afterwards wrote from Arbon, Switzerland, that she might now do what she pleased. It was stated he was entitled to £3000, as well as a large interest in his relative's factory in Switzerland.

A CUP FOR EACH.

An Ohio Clergyman Inaugurates a New Feature in the Methodist Service.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—A novel feature in communion service was inaugurated in the Scoville-avenue Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday. It has been customary in the Methodist church to serve communion wine to all partakers from one cup. Rev. H. Webb held that it was as much a vulgarism to do so as to require a tea party to drink from the same tea cup, and, on the ground of decency, good taste and politeness, he furnished each member who attended the service with a separate cup. There were 72 in all and the cups would not go around, so some of them had to be washed.

BIG RAILWAY CASE.

A Quarter of a Million Dollars is at Stake—C.P.R. vs. Commes and McLennan.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The next case which comes up in the Supreme Court here is one of the most important, as it is certainly the largest that has ever come before the court. It is the appeal of the Canadian Pacific Railway vs. Commes and McLennan. The appeal is from the judgment of the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, delivered Aug. 1, 1889, whereby judgment was directed to be entered for the respondent against the appellants for the sum of $251,737, with costs of suit, and dismissing the appellants' counter claim with costs. The plaintiffs' action was commenced on the 5th of October, 1885, and on the 31st of October, 1885, the defendants commenced a cross-action against the plaintiffs. The latter action was afterwards stayed by an order of the Court of Appeal, and the company, the defendants therein, were thereby ordered to set up the matters claimed by them by way of counter-claim in the present action. Mr. Commes is the local member for Western Algoma, and constructed, along with McLennan, a section of the Canadian Pacific Railway north of Lake Superior. The claim against the company was for extras and other matters in connection with the work. Before the case was taken into the courts it was heard before three arbitrators, who had all the power of judges, and who sat for weeks in Toronto hearing evidence. All the leading lawyers in Toronto were engaged on either the one side or the other. From arbitration the case was taken to the courts. There are in all some 10 volumes of printed matter in the appellants' factum, and it has been found necessary to prepare an index to the mass of matter contained in the evidence, pleadings, judgments, etc. It is expected that argument in the case will last for two or three weeks. The counsel engaged in the other cases on the list contend that a special sitting of the court should be held for this case, seeing it is no ordinary one. Hon. Edward Blake, Q.C., and Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., aided by other counsel, will appear for the Canadian Pacific Railway, while Mr. D'Aalton McCarthy, Q.C., Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., and other counsel will act for Messrs. Commes and McLennan. Hon. Mr. Blake was one of the counsel in the case now going on, that of Duggan vs. the London & Canadian Loan Company, and spoke for ten and a half hours.

The late Mr. George Eyvel, who was then on the Hansard staff, was one of the stenographers who took the evidence given before the arbitrators, and it was while leaving one of the sittings of the court, a bitter cold winter's night, with his notes in his pocket, that he was set upon by footpads, robbed and knocked senseless. Picked up by a stupid policeman, he was thrown into a cell with his hands and feet frozen, and only conveyed to his home and medical aid procured when a reporter arrived on his morning rounds at the police station and identified him. Mr. Eyvel only lived a few days. As far as the present case is concerned it may be said that all the notes taken by Mr. Eyvel, and which he had not transcribed, were afterwards transcribed by others, notwithstanding that the evidence was of a technical character.

A Speaker of Few Words.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mr. Crisp was duly elected Speaker yesterday amid a storm of applause. Mr. Crisp said:

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: For the great honor you have conferred upon me I return heartfelt thanks. I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office of Speaker with courtesy, with firmness and with absolute impartiality [Applause.] Let us unite in the hope that our labors here may result in the advancement of prosperity, the honor and the glory of our beloved country. I am now ready to take the oath of office."

The U.S. Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Vice-President called the Senate to order promptly at 2 o'clock, when Mr. Kerr, the new clerk of the House, made his first official announcement to the Senate informing them of the organization of the House and the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

Oat Mill Burned.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 8.—The drying kiln of Cartley & Thomson's oat mill, together with a large quantity of oats, was destroyed by fire about noon yesterday. Loss fully covered by insurance.

Killed in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 9.—A boiler explosion occurred in Lee, Holland & Co.'s planing mill at 7.30 yesterday. One man was killed and three injured.

INTERESTING ITEMS BY WIRE.

Several fatal cases of influenza are reported in St. Petersburg.

Trouble is expected with the Indians at Tongue River, Montana.

Mrs. Parnell will receive $200,000 under the will of her aunt, the late Lady Wood.

And now the fault finders are trying to prove that Lord Lytton was a plagiarist!

A terrible wind storm is reported from Puget Sound. Many persons perished.

Walcott Bolestier, author of "A Victorious Defeat," is dead at Dresden.

John Coffee of Boston, baggageman on the Northern, was killed by a train yesterday.

Senator Sanford of Hamilton will leave this week on a two months' trip to England.

Orion C., the noted pacer, was burned in Asher Lillasli's large barn at West Milton, Ohio, last night.

In some of the Russian famine districts priests refuse to marry peasants who have no means of support.

Dr. James Bell, aged 81, county clerk of Hastings, was stricken with apoplexy at Belleville yesterday and is dying.

Lord Aberdeen was entertained at dinner at Delmonico's, New York, last night by the National Federation of America.

Herbert Capowell, arrested at Toronto and taken to Montreal to answer a charge of false pretences, has been discharged.

HE WAS A POET'S SON.

IDENTIFICATION OF A CALIFORNIA STAGE ROBBER.

He Proves to be a Son of Joaquin Miller—A New Departure in Connection With the Dispensing of the Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Joseph McKay, who is in jail at Ukiah, Cal., charged with stage robbery, has been found to be the son of Joaquin Miller, "the Poet of the Sierras." The real name of the young man is Harry Miller. He is 22 years of age and is the son of the poet and the latter's first wife, Minnie Myrtle. On Nov. 15 Miller held up the Ukiah and Eureka stage 18 miles from Ukiah and secured the express box. He was later arrested at Santa Rosa.

The boy's mother, Minnie Myrtle, the first wife of the poet, was an exceedingly bright woman, whose reputation for intellectual ability was little short of her husband's. She died in New York some years ago.

Miller says he was hard up and he thought he would try stage robbing. Joaquin Miller himself does not have anything to do with the boy.

THE EXPLORER A FAKIR.

A Curious Tale Concerning Stanley—How He Won His Bride.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 9.—Lieutenant G. M. Fry, an officer in the English army, who for several years has served with the Princess Royal's Seventh Dragoon Guards, known as the Black Horse, now stationed in India, arrived in New York 10 days ago from South Africa. He is a personal acquaintance of Henry M. Stanley. In an interview he said "I met Stanley at Cairo, Egypt, as he was starting home from his so-called exploring trip. He is a great humbug and has accomplished no more in Africa than many others have done. He has gained a reputation by advertising himself. No one in Africa has any regard for him. Emin Pasha did not want to be found. There is no doubt whatever but that Stanley sacrificed Major Barttelot. I know positively Stanley proposed eight times to Miss Tennant before she accepted him. Her brother told me just before I left England that the Tennant family are very much dissatisfied with Miss Dorothey's marriage.

DEAD DUCKS.

They Get Caught in the Niagara Rapids and Are Carried Over the Falls.

LOCKPORT, N.Y., Dec. 9.—One of the strangest things that has happened at Niagara Falls in some time is the large number of wild ducks which have been going over the falls the past week. The birds, which have been centering in large numbers over the Falls for two or three weeks past, float down the river until they are caught in the rapids and seem unable to rise out of the swift current and are then whirled over the brink. The largest bag of this game was made the other night, when a dozen hunters picked up some 400 in the river below the falls.

SHOT AT A DANCE.

Murdered Because He Squealed on His Gambling Companions.

FRANKLIN, TEX., Dec. 9.—Saturday night last a negro named Luke Hubbard was assassinated at a dance near here. The coroner's investigation revealed the fact that a number of negroes, among them Hubbard, were gambling, and they each took an oath to kill whoever of the party should divulge anything connected with their doings. The county attorney became aware of the fact that negroes were gambling and summoned Hubbard, who, under stress laid the whole matter bare. The negroes cast lots to see who should kill him and Frank Abbey was the man selected, and he killed Hubbard by firing on him from a crack in a door at the dance. Abbey was arrested.

May Lose His Hands and Feet.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—During last week's storm Thomas Vance, a prominent Killarney farmer, was severely frozen and may have to lose his hands and feet.

The Best Yet.

DEAR SIRS,—My mother was attacked with inflammation of the lungs which left her very weak and never free from cold, till at last she got a very severe cold and cough. She resolved to try Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam, and, on so doing, found it did her more good than any other medicine she ever tried. MRS. KENNEDY, 50 Squish Av., Hamilton, Ont.

A surprise party drove to C. Day's last evening and spent an enjoyable time dancing.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

Bank of Montreal	224	243
Ontario Bank	115	110
Banque du Peuple	102	99
Molson's Bank	165	160
Bank of Toronto	224	225
Merchants' Bank	150	147½
Quebec Bank	000	114
Union Bank	50	91
Bank of Commerce	135½	130½
Montreal Telegraph Co.	137½	131½
N. W. Land Co.	80	70
Rich. & Nav. Co.	59	57½
City Passenger RR	180	177
Canada Pacific Railway	89½	86½

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKETS.

Patent winter, $5.00 to $5.20; patent spring $5.25 to $5.35; straight roller, $4.75 to $4.90; extra $4.50 to $4.60; superfine, $4.00 to $4.20; strong bakers, $5.00 to $5.10.

Wheat—No. 1 hard Manitoba, 1.08 to 1.05.

Wheat—No. 2 Northern, 1.00 to 1.02

Peas—70c to 77c in store.

Rye—61 to 62c.

Barley, feeding—48c to 50c.

Oats—35 to 36c per 34 lbs. Manitoba mixed

Corn—60c, in bond.

Pork—$16.00 to $17.00.

Eggs—13c to 16c for candled stock; 00c to 00c for ordinary; 00 to 18c for choice.

Cheese—10½c to 11c for finest white.

Butter—Creamery, 22c to 24c; Townships 19 to 20c; Western, 15c to 16c.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9.—Spring wheat, 6s 6½d Red winter, 6s 6½d; No. 1 California, 6s 11d Corn, 4s 0d; Peas, 6s 6d; Pork 48s 9; Lard, 32s 0d; Bacon 34s 3d to 36s; Tallow, 25s 6d; Cheese, 50s 0d.

COTTON MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9.—Cotton quiet; American middlings 4 5-16 d

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