THE WRIT FOR HALDIMAND

NOMINATIONS FIXED FOR JAN. 23, POLLING JAN. 30.

Judgments Delivered by the Supreme Court Yesterday—The "Soo's" Boom—Mover and Seconder o the Address.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The writ for Haldimand has been issued. Nominations will take place on Jan. 23 and polling on Jan. 30.

The Supreme Court met to-day and delivered the following judgments: The Exchequer Court appeals, Beaubien Estate v the Queen and Paradis v the Queen were dismissed with costs, Judge Fournier dissenting. These were both cases of expropriation of land for the St. Charles branch of the Intercolonial Railway. In the Beaubien case the Crown offered $55,575, but the arbitrators allowed $76,791, which was greatly reduced by the Exchequer Court. The estate claimed $144,000 and appealed to the Supreme Court. The court reversed the judgment of the Exchequer Court and gave judgment for the amount awarded by the arbitrators

Dansereau v. Bellemare—Appeal allowed with costs. This was a case for infringement by Bellemare of patent rights held by Dansereau, a Montreal carriage maker, and the effect of the judgment is to confirm Dansereau in his rights.

The Rimouski election case, Perrier v. Fiset, was dismissed on the ground of want of jurisdiction, the case not having been tried within the six months' limit. This confirms Dr. Fiset in his seat.

The hearing of the cases of Macdougal v. The Law Society of Upper Canada and Brown v. Lamontagne were postponed until the May term. In the former case Mr. Macdougal is appealing from a judgment ordering him to pay a fine for practising his profession without paying the annual fees of the Benchers' Society.

The Quebec list was then taken up. In Gilbert v. Gilman the appeal was dismissed with costs, the amount involved being under $2000.

The case of the Bank of Lower Canada v. the Hochelaga Bank was taken up, but the argument was not concluded when the court rose.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council met this morning. The application of the Ontario and Quebec Railway for an overhead crossing of the London and Bruce divisions of the Grand Trunk and for a level crossing of the s Sarnia division of the same road w postponed until larger plans showing more of the surrounding country were submitted. There was no serious opposition in either case. Permission was given the Ontario and Quebec Railway to make two overhead and three level crossings in the city of London without prejudice to any future application of the corporation of London for the railroad to erect gates at level crossings. The Ontario and Quebec Railway was also granted permission to cross certain roads in West London.

Sir Adolphe Caron, General Middleton, Colonel Powell and General Cameron will probably attend the Royal Military College club dinner at Montreal on Jan. 18.

Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, Chief Government Engineer, has reported that the interlocking switch at the crossing of the Canada Southern and Erie and Huron Railways is imperfectly constructed.

W. H. Plummer of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., who is here, says there is a great boom at the "Soo," which will shortly be lighted with electricity, a company having been formed to utilize the water power of the Ste. Marie River for that purpose. Over $250,000 worth of new buildings was put up last summer.

A deputation from Halifax is expected here shortly to urge the construction of the Harvey-Moncton link on the Short Line Railway.

It is understood that the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department has reported favorably on the plans submitted of the Red River Valley Railway bridge across the Assiniboine River at Winnipeg.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne will probably be moved by Mr. R. S. White, the newly elected member for Cardwell, and seconded by Mr. H. R. Dickey, the new member for Cumberland.

NORFOLK REFORMERS.

Mass Meeting of the Liberals of Both Ridings at Simcoe.

SIMCOE, Jan. 15.—A union mass meeting of the Reformers of North and South Norfolk was held here to-day. A resolution was passed congratulating Hon. Oliver Mowat on his victory in the St. Catharines Milling Company case.

These officers were elected: North Riding—John Kitchen, Delhi, President; J. G. Wyckoff, Townsend, 1st Vice-President; J. C. Ross, Tilsonburg, 2nd Vice-President; Hal. B. Donly, Simcoe, Sec.-Treas. North Riding—O. D. Dewitt, Langton, President; Jonathan Ellis, Port Dover, 1st Vice-President; Jas. McBurney, Simcoe, 2nd Vice-President; Geo. D. McCall, Vittoria, Sec.-Treas.

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES.

Three Girls Lose Their Lives in a Fire at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A fire broke out in the blacksmith shop of Henry Haas, 717 East Fifth-street, at 11 o'clock to-day, and spread rapidly to the three upper floors occupied by the New York Patent Cigar Box Manufacturing Company, where girls were at work. The firemen were soon on the spot. Three girls, however, were cut off from escape and lost their lives. Lena Schmidt, who was taken out through the window, was so badly cut that she had to be sent to the hospital.

An Oshawa Bakery Burnt.

OSHAWA, Jan. 15.—This morning about 1 o'clock fire broke out in the bakery of Aylesworth & Leek, and although the fire brigade was soon on the spot the building was burnt to the ground. The building belonged to the Ontario Loan and Savings Company and was insured.

A Listowel Fire.

LISTOWEL, Jan. 15.—About 6.30 o'clock this morning the large frame stable belonging to the Royal Hotel and owned by Geo. Zilliax was discovered to be on fire in the hay loft, and was totally destroyed. There is no insurance as far as known. The photograph gallery of S. M. Smith, Printer & Sanderson's harness shop and Gable's jewelry store were considerably damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Killed by "Conjured" Pudding.

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 16.—A remarkable case of poisoning has created some excitement here. On Sunday, Jack Coates, a colored inmate of the jail, received a slice of molasses pudding from his wife. He thought it was "tricked" and refused to eat it. Yesterday Squire Fawkes, another inmate of the jail, ate the pudding and was soon taken sick and to-day died in great agony with every symtom of acute poison. The woman who made the pudding has been arrested. There is much excitement among the negro population because of the superstition that the pudding was "conjured."

Ode to the tailor—A suit.

LONDON GOSSIP.

The Coming Session of Parliament—Mr. W. H. Smith to Resume His Position.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister have been corresponding regarding the position of the eldest son of the heir-appaaent. What negotiations have been made no one quite knows, but when Parliament meets it is expected that the announcement will be made that as soon as Prince Albert Victor decides to marry an application will be made to Parliament for an allowance for him.

The ministry has decided that the estimates shall be taken up as soon as parliament meets. Nothing could be easier than to come to such decision, but a good deal is going on now that may just a little interfere with its being carried out. It seems highly probable that before parliament meets Messrs. William O'Brien, Condon, Cox, Tanner, Long, John O'Connor and Sheehy will be in jail, while Messrs. E. Harrington and Finucane are already there. It must be a very sanguine minister who supposes that Mr. Balfour will be able to make this wide sweep of the net without remonstrance. The debate on the address nowadays is generally good for three working weeks, even when nothing unusual has happened. It is scarcely likely to take much less this year, when the imprisonment of seven or eight members of parliament during recess will have to be gone into. If Mr. Harrington's moustache has been cut off every hair of it will be the cause of a speech some time or other during the session. Mr. Balfour can scarcely expect to have this new "rape of the lock" passed over in silence. Altogether the prospect before the government is not quite so serene as some official organs appear to think.

Mr. Smith will resume his position as leader of the House, and this will be in accordance with the general desire of his party. Naturally there are many Conservatives who would prefer to have one of their own number at the head rather than any man, however distinguished, borrowed from the opposite ranks. Mr. Smith is very much liked personally; if not particularly brilliant, he is always safe. He never makes enemies. A leader who tried to be smart and epigrammatic might not in the long run suit the temper of the house so well. I hear Mr. Smith's health is fully restored, and, although he would doubtless like to be released from the slavery of leading the house, there is scarcely any doubt that he will patiently bend his neck to the yoke for yet another session. In so doing he will show a loyal obedience to emphatic wishes in very high quarters.

The Morier incident still continues to excite public interest generally, both here and abroad. It is evident how very much he has incensed Prince Bismarck, for the bitterness of the "reptile press" is unending. Many people may not know that Sir Robert has had many opportunities in his diplomatic posts to come across Prince Bismarck, but the real quarrel between them took place in 1866 at Frankfort. Mr. Morier, as he was then, was quite as masterful and resolute as Count Bismarck, and if the former was only a charge d'affaires at Darmstadt, the other was only a Prussian delegate there. Unwittingly, Prince Bismarck has done Sir Robert a great service, for he has marked him for a man of character and determination, and his future career is now assured.

A Scotch correspondent informs me that the salmon disease prevails extensively both in the Tay and the Tweed, and the spawning season has been by no means a good one.

The Italian government has ordered 250 new field pieces from Krupp, of Essen, and they are to be delivered at Milan in April.

EDMUND YATES.

A Desperado Killed.

ST. LOUIS, Jan, 16.—Wesley Barnett, a half-breed Creek Indian, up to last Saturday evening was the most fearless desperado in the Indian territory. He was the leader of a desperate band of horse thieves and general outlaws and for years had run riot over the Creek Nation, slaying in cold blood nearly every one who had opposed him or tried to arrest him. A few months ago he deliberately murdered United States Marshal Phillips near Eufalia and later killed the noted Mose McIntosh of the Creek police and wounded two or three others while they were trying to arrest him. He openly defied all law and during the late session of the House of Warriors of the Creek Nation stood before that body and dared any one to take him. A large reward was offered for him, dead or alive, and last Saturday Wallace McNae, a Creek Indian, lay in ambush for him near Okmoulgee and when the outlaw appeared emptied both barrels of his shotgun loaded with buckshot into his body, killing him.

U. S. Naturalization Laws.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The House Judiciary Committee yesterday authorized the sub-committee on naturalization to draft a bill amendatory of the naturalization laws in lieu of many bills on the subject referred to the committee. Mr. Oates, chairman of the sub-committee, briefly sketched his ideas of the bill which should be prepared, proposing to dispense with the present declaration of intention on the part of the immigrant who desires to become a citizen, making five years' residence in this country a necessary condition for citizenship, and requiring the applicant to prove his good moral character and fitness for citizenship before the proper officer in the presence of some person representing the interests of the Government.

Indian Relics Exposed by a Freshet.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan 16.—A freshet on the South branch of the Potomac, near Romney, Hampshire County, has laid open a great Indian cemetery. Hundreds of skeletons have been found in a good state of preservation. All were lying on the left side. With the skeletons were found beads, arrow, spear and tomahawk heads and what is believed to have been Indian money, made of bone and ivory. Some of the beads were of bone, others of small stones and all were beautifully colored. Among the trinkets were many bone fishhooks, and copper articles used by the Indians for some purpose unknown at this day. The trinkets were all perforated with very small holes. The bones of hundreds of sqaws and pappooses were found buried with the braves.

The Whistler Not Allowed to Whistle.

WORCESTER, Jan. 16.—Ella Chamberlain, the whistling soloist, was prevented from appeasing at a concert at the theatre Sunday night with the Boston Ideal Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Club and a local band. One of the local ministers objected, and the Mayor refused to allow the whistler to whistle anything but sacred music; consequently the whistler did not come, and the entire program had to be changed.

Suicide by Hanging.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Pedro Benzangoli Pedrazzo, aged 77, the well-known fresco painter, committed suicide to-day by hanging. A will left by the deceased shows that he was possessed of $12,000, deposited in various savings banks of this city. He had been troubled with spinal disease for some time.

Blaine, jr., is a locomotive helper.

NEWS OF THE OLD WORLD

RUMORED GOVERNMENT SCHEMES CONCERNING IRELAND.

The Succession to the Dutch Crown—Bismarck Exhibits Anxiety Not to Offend England—Shot by the Kaiser.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Rumors attributing to the government various schemes affecting Ireland are in active circulation and rapidly multiplying. A writer on The Star asserts that the Irish Office is preparing a bill for submission to Parliament at an early date to compel Lord Clanricarde to sell his Irish tenants the holding they now occupy, the bill fixing the price they shall pay. Another writer claiming to speak upon authority states that the minority will introduce a measure to release Irish tenants from the payment of arrears. The latter statement finds few believers in its full purport, but the conviction is rapidly growing that the Government has found it necessary, under pressure from within as well as without the Conservative party, to deal with the question of arrears, and will pass a measure which will afford tenants at least partial relief from the burdens imposed upon them by the arrearages which it is impossible for them to pay in full.

Mrs. Boucicault Divorced.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Dion Boucicault (Agnes Robertson) has been granted a divorce.

The Dutch Crown.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Unless unforeseen events should occur to change the natural course of things the Dutch crown will, upon the death of the now almost moribund King of Holland, fall to the Princess Wilhelmine, aged 8 years, and Luxemburg will become a part of the German Empire. Holland's civil list is enormous and is secured by the revenues from Borneo, which are greater than the sum required.

Bismarck Talks in the Reichstag.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Prince Bismarck was in the Reichstag to-day. He made a speech in which he disparaged the reports recently published in the newspapers concerning the British East Africa Company. Count Herbert Bismarck said the matter was being arranged between the English and German Governments. Herr Richter criticized the investigation which had been made by the Government with a view to the suppression of the slave trade in Africa. Prince Bismarck replied and took occasion to denounce the lack of patriotism displayed by the Liberal press, which, he said, was seeking to embarrass the policy of the Fatherland for the benefit of foreigners.

During the debate on the expenses of the German Consul at Zanzibar, Prince Bismarck said he would not now refer to the Government's colonial policy, but would speak on the subject during the debate on the East Africa Bill.

The Daily Summons.

DUBLIN, Jan. 15.—A summons has been served upon Denis Kilbride, M.P. for South Kerry, to answer charges made against him under the Crimes Act.

A Fatal Collapse.

MARSEILLES, Jan. 15.—A house in the Quartier Bellemai inhabited by Italians collapsed to-day. Seven of the occupants were killed and nine injured. The building had been undermined by floods.

John Dillon Talks.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—Mr. Kelly, a National League organizer, was arrested at Falcarragh yesterday. Father McFadden was served with a summons at the same place for inciting tenants to adopt the Plan of Campaign.

John Dillon made a farewell address at the Nationalist Convention at Maryborough yesterday. He praised the Luggacurran tenants for their struggle against Lord Lansdowne and advised them to continue the contest until he returned from his tour. He was confident that the movement would soon be brought to a successful issue.

Bismarck Exhibits Anxiety.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Prince Bismarck made nine short speeches yesterday, and the fact is taken to indicate anxiety on his part to avoid annoying England. The Opposition abstained from provoking the Chancellor. The Geffcken and Morier affairs were not referred to.

The Kaiser's Bad Aim.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—While on a shooting excursion at Buckow yesterday, the Emperor, having by accident slightly wounded a citizen of Berlin who was looking on at the sport, expressed his deep regret for the occurrence and begged the victim of his misdirected aim to pay him a visit as soon as he recovered from his wounds.

Cheers for the Chancellor.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Crowds lined the route from the Chancellor's palace to the Reichstag yesterday. The carriage in which Prince Bismarck was seated was constantly blocked in its progress by the surging mass of enthusiastic people and at one time was nearly overturned.

Trying to Beat Weston's Record.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A pedestrian named Green of Southampton yesterday began an attempt to walk 5100 miles in 100 days with the object of beating Weston's record of 5000 miles.

American Contributions to the League.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—The contributions from America to the National League during the past two weeks amounted to £2000.

King William is Better.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 16.—The King of Holland is better. He was up for a short time yesterday, and was able to transact business.

A New Comet.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 15.—Director Swift of the Warner Observatory received notice today of the discovery of a new comet by Prof. Brooks at Smith Observatory, Geneva, at 6.05 o'clock this morning. Its position is as follows: Right ascension 18 hours 4 minutes, declination south 21 degrees 20 minutes, with a rapid westerly motion. The comet is faintish.

Among the Railways.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The directors of the Central Pacific Railway Company to-day declared a semi-annual dividend of one per cent.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway to-day voted that no dividend be paid for the last quarter of 1888.

A Slump in Grain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The failure of De Brassa & Co., heavy dealers in grain at Amsterdam, was reported to-day and caused a decline in prices here of 1 1-8 cents.

Why he Killed His Mother.

EATON, O., Jan. 15.—Elmer Sharkey has confessed that he murdered his mother last Friday night because she objected to his paying attention to a young lady.

An Alabama Lynching.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 15.—George Meadows, the negro who outraged Mrs. Killâm and killed her son, was lynched at Pratt Mines this morning.

Room for argument—The court room.

AMBITIOUS CITY NEWS.

A Libel Suit Against The Toronto Mail—A Missing Husband.

HAMILTON, Jan. 15.—At the Assizes today Judge Falconbridge charged the jury in the libel case of Carroll v. the Penberthy Injector Company, and after being out over an hour the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for $300.

The attention of the court was then turned to another libel suit brought by Thomas W. Ross against The Toronto Mail for damages. Ross was formerly a detective on the Grand Trunk Railway. On Sept. 15, 1888, The Mail published a paragraph in its telegraphic correspondence from London stating that it was charged that Ross had tampered with the witnesses in the case of certain prisoners arrested on suspicion of having attempted to wreck a train. On account of this Ross alleges that he was discharged by Superintendent Stiff from his position on the railway, and claims special damages. C. W. Bunting, managing director of The Mail, and a number of other witnesses were examined. The newspaper brought evidence to prove the justifiable nature of the publication. B. B. Osler, Q.C., and H. S. Osler appeared for the plaintiff; W. R. Meredith and Mr. Clark for the defendants. The jury failed to agree and were discharged.

At the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery to-day Rev. W. S. Fisher, West Flamboro, was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. The presbytery approved of the site for a new church in Lynden. Rev. Mr. Cathcart tendered the resignation of his charge in Strabane and Kilbride, and the congregation will be cited to appear in their interests on Feb. 5. Discussion followed on the Welland canal Sunday closing question.

The graduates and undergraduates of Toronto University will hold their annual dinner at the Royal Hotel at 7 o'clock next Friday evening.

Christina Wainwright, 12 Cherry-street, called at police headquarters this afternoon in search of her husband William, who disappeared, taking $120 with him. Wainwright came here from Caledonia on Jan. 1 and has been rather despondent because he could not get work. This morning he took out the money he had in the bank and went away without telling his wife where he was going. Mrs. Wainwright said he had talked about going to the Old Country to see his mother, and she thinks he has gone there.

James Faye, a carpenter, slipped off a roof this morning, sustaining serious but probably not fatal injuries.

Wm. Gourly and Fred A. Long, the runaway boys, were this morning sent to Toronto by Chief McKinnon.

Samuel Williams, who has been committed for trial by the Police Magistrate on one charge of chicken stealing, was committed on two further charges this morning.

There were three "tough" dances in progress in the centre of the city at 2 o'clock this morning, at each one of which a large crowd of young girls were present.

Ralph Cole and David Young, two 13-year-old lads who were arrested for attempting to burglarize Joshua Brundle's store, were to-day remanded by Police Magistrate Cahill until to-morrow morning. They confessed to Detective Reid that they had tried to get into Brundle's store at 12 o'clock Saturday night. The window was cut by a diamond and the job was neatly done.

At the Police Court to-day Thomas Baine pleaded guilty to allowing the consumption of liquor on his premises during prohibited hours and was fined $20.

Henry McDonald, a lunatic about 20 years of age, escaped from the asylum this morning.

The last regular meeting of the City Council of 1888 was held last night and a bylaw was introduced making the Mayor's salary for the year $1700 instead of $1200. At the close of the session Mayor Doran banqueted the council, city officials and representative citizens at the Franklin House.

St. George's Benevolent Society held its annual meeting last night. The receipts during the year amounted to $3306, expenditures $2701, balance $604. T. Mason was elected President, R. Ellicott, 1st Vice-President, H. N. Kittson, 2nd Vice-President, and C. D. Blachford, secretary-treasurer.

ELECTIONS IN THE STATES.

The Presidential Electors Perform Their Perfunctory Task.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The electors of the various states met in their respective state capitals yesterday and cast their ballots for President and Vice-President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison of Indiana and Levi Parsons Morton of New York, the Republican nominees, being elected. There was no interest in the proceeding, the duties of the electors being purely perfunctory, though such was far from being the original intent of the constitution. The inauguration will take place on March 4, and will be followed by the usual ball.

A Batch of Senators.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 15.—Anthony Higgins (Rep.), was to-day elected United States Senator to succeed Eli Saulsbury (Dem.).

BOSTON, Jan, 15.—The Legislature to-day re-elected Senator G. F. Hoar (Rep.).

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 15.—W. P. Frye (Rep.) was to-d y re-elected United States Senator.

MILLERS' MEETING.

A Convention at Palmerston—Seeking to Remedy an Alleged Grievance.

PALMERSTON, Jan. 15.—A largely attended meeting of the Millers' Association of the counties of Huron, Bruce, Perth, Grey and North Wellington was held here to-day. Among other important business transacted a resolution was unanimously passed appointing a committee to wait upon the Minister of Customs and call his attention to the present depressed state of the milling business in Ontario, asking him to remedy the descrimination against Canadian millers in favor of American millers in relation to the light duty imposed upon American imported flour as compared with that on wheat.

A Lighted Pipe Caused His Death.

TAUNTON, Mass., Jan. 16.—Milton Reed, an East Taunton woodchopper, met his death last night in a peculiar way. While at work his clothing became saturated with pitch. Returning from a carouse last night he lay down on his doorstep to sleep, leaving a lighted pipe in his pocket. The matches in the pocket were ignited, the woodchopper's pitch-saturated clothes caught fire, and very soon the heavy slumberer was a mass of flames. Before help arrived he had burned to death.

Nearly Murdered by Thieves.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 16.—Ex-Sherriff Hobanseck of Union county, O., had a terrible experience with two robbers last night. Hearing a noise in his barn, he went out to investigate. Two men set upon him, shooting him twice and inflicting seven wounds with a knife. They threw the wounded man into a manger, and set fire to the barn, which was destroyed after Hobanseck had been rescued by members of his family. The injured man will probably die. Suspicion rests upon two colored men.

Ova worked—The hen.

DOINGS IN THE DOMINION.

A BIG BATCH OF GOSSIP FROM ONTARIO'S QUEEN CITY.

How the Branch Bank of Ville Marie at Hull Was Swindled Out of $7252—Death of "Joe Beef."

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—The case of Mackie v. Tyler, at the Assize Court yesterday, created no little interest from the fact that the plaintiff is the same as in the crim. con. case of Mackie v. Abel, settled the other day. In this the plaintiff sues the defendant, an auctioneer, to recover $1500 value of furniture sold by him at the instance of the plaintiff's wife, and which it is claimed was owned by the plaintiff. A number of amusing and racy letters were read, which exhibited the gulf that separated the husband and wife.

Mr. W. G. Davis, more familiarly known as "Billy" Davis, and who had been for years connected with the dramatic profession in a managerial capacity, died yesterday morning at his home in this city.

The anti-annexationists of Parkdale have secured a legal opinion from the law firm of Blake and Lash as to the legality of the bylaw recently passed to provide for the amalgamation of that suburb with the city. While the opinion affords some hope to the "antis," when simmered down and divested of its verbiage it would seom on the whole to be adverse to their desires.

On Saturday night last Staff Inspector Archibald and Inspector Stephen visited the room of Mr. Herbert Bailey, in Wellington-street, where they supposed that gambling was or had been carried on. They broke open the door but found no one inside; nevertheless they ransacked the place. Mr. Bailey proposes to ascertain whether or not the officers mentioned had just cause for their conduct.

Sir John Macdonald was in the city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. He returned to the capital last night.

A conference of Sabbath school teachers of the Province, which will continue four days, was commenced in the lecture-room of Knox Church yesterday. Mrs. W. F. Crafts of New York delivered an address on "Illustrative Teaching applied to Current International Lessons." Public School Inspector James L. Hughes gave a statement of the principles of instruction. Rev. A. E. Dunning, Principal of the Chautauqua Normal Union, Boston, followed with an address on "The principles illustrated by Christ's teaching." Mrs. W. F. Crafts read a paper on the "Relation of the Primary Class to the Main School."

After a lingering illness Mrs. Warring Kennedy, wife of the prominent wholesale dry goods man, died at the family residence yesterday morning.

The World this morning in connection with its charges against the License Commissioners prints a fac-simile of a check for $10 given by A. R. Taylor, who kept a hotel at the corner of Agnes and Elizabeth-street, on May 30, 1887, to Mr. W. T. R. Preston and endorsed by the latter. The original of the check, The World says, is now in its possession.

At the Police Court yesterday Charles Holmes pleaded not guilty to having committed an aggravated assault on John Young. The latter bared his right arm and exhibited a long cancerous blister between the wrist and elbow. He swore that the prisoner scarred his arm with a red hot brick. A fine of $21 or 30 days was imposed on Holmes.

A pleasing incident in connection with the season of the Kellogg Opera Company took place last night in the Grand Opera House. Mr. Thomas H. Persse, one of the leading members of the company, an "old Toronto boy," was presented with a gold-headed cane by his old friends. Mr Persee was called before the curtain and made a graceful reply. He wore the Northwest medal which he earned by his action as a sergeant in the Winnipeg Field Battery during the Riel Rebellion.

Yesterday the clerical committee charged to make diligent and secret research into the alleged lapses and breaches of the moral code by Rev. T. W. Jeffery re-assembled in the Mission Room, Adelaide-street. A busy day they had, but all is secret as the doings of a Freemasons' lodge, not even the names of witnesses being officially communicated to the press.

A PUT UP JOB.

The Branch Bank of Ville Marie at Hull Cleverly Robbed of $7252.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The City of Hull, opposite Ottawa, enjoyed a first-class sensation to-day when a stranger entered the branch bank of Ville Marie and coolly walked off with $7252. Between 12 and 1 o'clock, while the teller was alone in the bank, a man entered and offered to make a deposit, at the same time throwing down an envelope which he said contained $40. The teller counted it and found only $38.

While he was speaking to the man a little girl came in and said a priest was outside and wanted to speak to someone in the bank. The teller went out at the front door but found no priest, and on coming back found that both the man and the girl had gone out at the back door and that all the funds in his desk, amounting to $7252, had disappeared.

As Billy Florence says in the "Mighty Dollar," it was a P. U. J. No trace of the robber has yet been found.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Annual Meeting of the Quebec Branch—Election of Officers.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—The annual convention of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance was held here to-day. The annual report of Secretary J. H. Carson gave a review of the past year's work. Discussions took place on the anti-license crusade and political action, and resolutions were adopted urging a reduction in the number of licenses, criticising Judge Dugas' decision. Addresses were delivered by President J. R. Dougall, J. A. Nicholls and others. These officers were elected: President, J. R. Dougall; Treasurer, James Baylis; Secretary, J. H. Carson. A reception was tendered to the delegates to-night.

Death of "Joe Beef."

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Charles McKiernan, proprietor of "Joe Beef's" canteen, once a soldier in Her Majesty's service but now known in every part of the world as "Joe Beef," died here quite suddenly this evening. He came here with the Imperial forces in 1864 and has for many years been one of the most notorious characters in this city.

Supt. Sheffield no Worse.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Superintendent Sheffield's condition was not any worse today. Chandler, who shot him, made a statement under oath before Judge Desnoyers this morning, in which he stated that he had been treated unfairly.

Business Disasters at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Nathan Kennedy, wholesale cattle trader, has made an assignment with liabilities of $150,000.

Beauchamp & Betournety, retail dry goods, have assigned; liabilities $16,000.

Mitchell has gone to England.