A BIG PRIZE FOR CANADA.

TRADE WITH THE WEST INDIES AND BRITISH GUIANA.

Hon, John Macdonald Tells Toronto Mer chants How the Dominions' Commerce Can be Increased.

TORONTO, Jan. 19, -Senator John Macionald's remarks at the recent Board of Trade banquet excited so wuch attention that he was invited to read a paper to the numbers of the board last night on the present prospect of commercial relations beween Canada, the West Indies and British

Suiana. The Senator said : Within five or six days' journeying from our own city there are islands strangely beautiful, wonderfully productive, islands where perpetual summer reigns, whose lofty mountain peaks rise to the height of 5000 or 6000 feet, and whose low lands present such pictures of loveliness, arising from their great fertility and marvelous vegetation, as are not to be surpassed on the face of the earth. It is under such circumstances that one realizes the vastness and the power of the British Empire, embracing within itself every climate, almost every class of people, and every product of the earth.

The British West India Islands (excluding the Bermudas, which are situated in about 32° 50 north) embrace some twenty-two important islands, and extend from the Bahama group, situated in about 27 ° 40 north, to Trinidad in 11 ° north; or, if the line be extended to the important colony of British Guiana, to 6° north of the equator. The islands embrace an area of 15,121 square miles, British Guiana an area of 76,000 square miles, and include a population under British rule of at least 11 millions.

Now it will readily be apparent that the needs of such a population implies for the mere necessaries of life an immense consumption, and, as a consequence, with some nation or nations a very large and a very important trade. "From whence," asked the Senator, "are the islands supplied?" In answering this question he said: Barbadoes draws its sup-

United States	£367,117
British N. A. Colonies	92,134
Brazil	57,215
British West Indies	30,529
British Guiana	18,406
Calcutta	14,595
Trinidad draws its imports:	
United States £	360,537
Venezuela	359,918
British West Indies	118,129
France	401,386
British East Indies	92,976
British North America	54,532
British Guana supplies herself from:	3
United States£	347,021
India	169,588
British North America	94,249
British West Indies	32,577
France	17,878
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"Do we then," he asked, "as compared with the United States, get our fair share of the West Indian trade?" I think not! In Barbadoes, for example, they do four dollars for our one, in Trinidad about seven dollars to our one, in British Gaiana three dollars and thirty-seven cents to our one.

Canada has taken a very leading position as a cheese-producing country. Why then, it may be asked, do our dairymen allow our neighbors to monopolize the market, so that while to three of the colonies only they send 434,993 pounds, we to the same colonies send only 300 pounds? Can we not produce as good butter as they do? Is our flour not equal to theirs? Have they a monopoly in the making of bread? Have they all the lard on the continent? Are their meadows better than ours? Do their fields grow better grain than ours, or their forests yield better lumber? Why, then, if these questions have to be answered in the negative, do we find the strange differences which exist in the trade of their country and ours with these islands, the difference being immensely in favor of the United States? Why, for example, as against the 21,050 pounds of bread which we send to three of these islands, do our neighbors send 4,848,-339? Why, as against our paltry shipment of butter, amounting only to 558 lbs., do our neighbors send 1,031,755? Why is it that the Americans can find a market for corn and oatmeal to the extent of 8,551,120 lbs., and we are unable to send a pound? Why, they, 310,-606 barrels flour and we not one? Why, we not one pound of lard and they 1,803,368?

And perhaps Ald. Frankland will be able to render the public a service by explaining why it is that the United States can send to two islands alone, those of Barbadoes and Trinidad, meat to the extent of 6, 106, 136, to the former, 3,163,547 lbs.; to the latter, 2,942,589 lbs.; while we appear to be unable to send one pound? Again, why they, the United States, exclusively supply Trinidad with staves, we do double the amount in staves in British Guiana which they do? We do double the amount in shingles in Trinidad which they do; and it appears to me a very natural question, if we can beat them in shingles in Trinidad, why cannot we beat them in staves ?

Still more remarkable is the disparity in our favor in Barbadoes, for while they supply to the island 556, 150 shingles, we supply 3,520,850, while in Barbadoes and British Guiana, they supply 6.406,685 feet of lumber, we supply 13,175,645. While they send to Barbadoes 1,812,517 bushels of oats, we send 2,401,752 bushels; and while we send 16,734 bushels of potatoes to British Guiana, they send but 1715 bushels; and while we send to Barbadoes and British Guiana fish to the extent of \$5,712,006, they to the extent of \$406,213 only. I come now to the consideration of my sec-

ond question: Is it possible to increase our trade? We say to you to-day, go up and get your fullest share of this West India trade, the share that is yours by proximity to them, the share that is yours by affinity with them, the share that from their interest and yours they desire you to have. You ask, What, a trade conflict with a nation of 60,000,0000 with any hope of success! The answer is, "There are the markets, and there are your competitors,'

It would be idle to expect any material change in trade relations with matters as they exist at present. I have asked : Is it possible to increase this trade? It is. But this can only be brought about under certain conditions. But let us look at what will be necessary to

secure this end : 1. A rapid and regular steam communi-

cation. A direct and inexpensive cable ser-

3. A regular and prompt postal service, An efficient light-house service; and, A new departure bringing our mer-

chants, millers, lumber dealers and manufacturers into direct contact with the great leaders in trade in the various islands and in

In conclusion the hon, gentleman said : Our destiny is in our own hands and not in the hands of any foreign power, however near or however great, and realizing this fully I feel that if in working it out we are but true to those great underlying principles of truth and righteousness, which are the guaranters, not only of a nation's prosperity but of a nation's stability; if we are but true to our country and true to ourselves nothing can stand in the way of our progress, nothing could by any possibility retard our development. For then we shall be prosperous and contented at home, and we shall be honored and respected abroad.

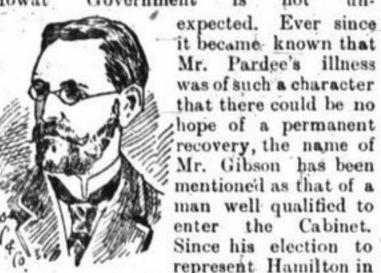
White Caps Pure Cowards. HUNTINGTON, Ind., Jan. 18 .- White Caps at Andrews, this county, are making good the warning sent to parties in that place. Sunday night William Dowell, who fails to provide for his family, was surprised by twenty masked men when in a saloon and dragged out. A rope was thrown over his neck and he was swung up to the nearest telegraph pole. Citizens who had been attracted by his cries came to his rescue, and the White Caps fled without being recognized.

Hair my e laited and yet be golden.

ONTARIO CABINET CHANGES.

Io 1, T. B. Pardee Steps Out and Hon, J. M. Gibson Sworn In.

TORONTO, Jan. 19. - Hon. John Morrison libson, M.P.P. for Hamilton, was sworn in resterday as Provincial Secretary of Onario, vice Hon. A. S. Hardy, who has been appointed Commissioner of Crown Lands in place of Hon. T. B. Pardee, who has resigned on account of ill health, The call of Mr. Gibson to become a member of the Mowat Government is not



recovery, the name of Mr. Gibson has been mentioned as that of a man well qualified to enter the Cabinet. Since his election to represent Hamilton in

HON J. M. GIBSON. the Legislature in 1879, he has taken a prominent part in the proceedings of the House.

At a meeting of the Civic Executive Committee last night it was unanimously determined to recommend that the 'Mayor be given a bonus of \$1000 over and above his salary of \$3000 for 1888 as a slight token of appreciation of his valuable services.

A writ was issued yesterday by W. R. Bingham against Police Sergeant Hales for \$3000 for false arrest and imprisonment in connection with the "coon fight." Canon Knox Little' preached four times

yesterday to large congregations. The Police Magistrate yesterday sentenced Ellen Sullivan to 40 days for theft of dress goods from Messrs. John Ryan & Co. Inspector Archabold preferred a charge against Caterer Harry Webb of violating the liquor law by the furnishing of wines at the Board of Trade dinner at the Pavilion. No evidence was heard and the case was ad-

journed till Tuesday. A young man named William Winches ter, aged 18, and living at 27 Saulter-street. while skating last evening was drowned in the new channel of the Don.

A HORR B _ E ACCIDENT.

Two Miners in Quebec Province Blown to Atoms by Dynamite.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 18 .- A terrible accident occurred this morning at the Albert copper company's mines, Copelton, ly which Denis Couture and Joseph Neel, both married men, were killed in shaft No. 3. They were endeavoring to thaw out a stick of dynamite, which exploded, blowing both men to atoms. The terrible accident has caused great excitement among the miners, and quite unnerved them, to so great an extent, indeed, that although the accident occurred at 2 o'clock no work has since been done. The remains of the men were with difficulty found amongst the debris of the shaft. In fact the head of Denis Couture has not yet been found.

Ran off With His Brother's Wife.

St. Louis, Jan. 19.—Charles and Albert Marx are sons of a wealthy Hebrew shoe manufacturer of St. Louis. Charles is 24 years of age and Albert 21, and both occupied positions with their father. Both fell in love with the same young lady, Miss Eva Berger. Charles, the eldest young man, won the prize, and on May 27 last he married Miss Berger, and they went at once to keeping house. Meanwhile, Albert left the city and opened a branch store in Arkansas. He returned just before Christmas, and yesterday he eloped with his brother's wife to Arkansas. The husband is very much affected by the elopement, but he says he will not follow nor prosecute the guilty couple,

Battle With Moonshiners.

SHELRY, N. C., Jan. 19. - United States Deputy Marshal George W. Moans, with a posse of five men, was fired at from ambush by about twenty five moonshiners last night. Moans was thrown from his horse, and his shoulder injured; W. B. Wray, one of the posse, was shot in the neck; one prisoner, name unknown, was shot in the leg and carried off by the attacking party, and one moonshiner was shot.

New York Cigarmakers on Strike.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. -All the cigar makers employed in forty Havana cigar manufactories in the city struck to-day against a reduction of \$2 per 1000 which the bosses made eighteen months ago. The strikers are mostly Cubans with a sprinkling of Americans and Spaniards. Four firms gave in to the demands of the men.

Montreal's Masonic Temple.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18. - The subscriptions of stock for the Masonic temple here are coming in fast and a board of provisional directors has been nominated.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

An Important Engagement-Small-pox in Syracuse-Railway Charges.

Utica is ordering a general vaccination against small-pox.

There are five cases of small-pox in the Syracuse penitentiary. The steamer Magic will be sold at auction on March 13th, at Clayton.

A father and son drowned near Sandy Creek while venturing on weak ice. The Watertown butchers petitioned the

council to stop farmers selling meat on the The Watertown driving park will be re-

plotted into large lots and fine dwellings The feeling rgainst the high charges of the R. W., & O. railway grows stronger

A Carthaginian is the inventor of perpetual motion. As usual the motor is a profound secret.

The Presbyterian church at Cape Vincent is in need of a pastor, Rev. Mr. Hillman having resigned." Considerable sickness in Watertown. Four

prominent citizens have died after a few days' illness with pneumonia. C. F. Bassett, trick roller skater, is to skate at the carnival of nations in St. Petersburg, at \$1,000 for two months' ser

We Must Sell Our Stock.

vice. His home is in Gouverneur, N.Y.

Seven pounds Spanish onions, 25c.; Cana dian onions, 30c. peck; 3 lbs. green peas, 10c; evaporated corn, 10c; tomatoes, 10c. a can; cranberries, 10c. quart; jam and jelly, 12 c. Ib ; table and cooking apples, 20c. a peck. Jas. Crawford.

Is sac Fraser Aylesworth has asked the Napanee Express to correct the statement that he forced himself upon the electors of Ernesttown in the late municipal contest or stand a libel suit. The paper publishes the lawyer's letter and asks its readers to think none the less of I. F. Aylesworth because he allowed his friends to force the centest instead of doing it himself.

Timber for decking the schr. W. R. Taylor and steambarge Isaac May has been shipped from Pembroke to Port Colborne.

A GLADSTONIAN VICTORY.

THE UNIONISTS DEFEATED IN THE GOVAN DIVISION. I

dberals Elated by the Result of the London County Elections-Provisions of the German East Africa Bill.

London, Jan. 18 .- In the parliamentary election in the Govan division to-day. Wilson (Gladstonian) received 4420 votes and Pender (Unionist) 3349. In the last Sontest Perce (Conservative) received 3574 and Dickson (Gladstonian) 3212.

The London County elections have been completed. Of the 118 members 70 are Reformers, including Lord Rosebery, Sir John Lubbock, Lady Sandhurst, Mr. Harris of the Drury Theatre and the socialist Burns, and 48 are independents. The contests did not involve politics, but the large proportion of the Liberals returned causes rejoicing in the party, as indicating a change of opinion in the metropolis. All the candidates who were members of the board of works associated with the recent plunder revelations were rejected.

The German East Africa Bill.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The East Africa bill was submitted to the Bundesrath bo-day. It is entitled "A bill for the protection of German interests and combatting the slave trade in East Africa." It asks a grant of 2,000,000 marks. The task of executing the provisions of the bill is entrusted to a commission which shall have the right to supervise the proceedings of the East Africa company. Regarding the proposed expedition the bill authorizes the Chancellor to draw the necessary money from the Imperial funds.

Riotous French Strikers.

Paris, Jan. 18. - Strikers at Origuy are resorting to riotous demonstrations. They have set fire to one factory and seriously damaged others. A detachment of soldiers has been sent to suppress the rioters.

SCOUNDREL, THAT'S MY WIFE. An Injured Husband Exposes Her Perfidy -A Cab-Chase,

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The spectacle of two excited men chasing a cab down Broadway attracted much attention at 10 o'clock last night. The cab at length stopped opposite the Metropolitan Opera House and a well-dressed, handsome man sprang out. 'He led forth a beautiful young woman, who was richly dressed and who wore several large diamonds. By this time the two followers had arrived on the scene and the younger one at once jumped at the man with the lady, exclaiming: "You scoundrel," that is my wife !"

"I know it," was the reply. "You have got all the evidence you want for a divorce. Let her go with me.

With a cry of rage the husband beganeto pummel the stranger, the woman screamed and the lively rough and tumble fight drew a big crowd. The whole party were arrested and taken to the Thirtieth-street station. The husband said he was Augustus Stuhler, a clerk of No. 347 East One Hundred and Twentieth-street, and the man with him was his father. He said that his wife and Charles J. Harrison, a wealthy resident of Waterloo, N.Y., had stopped at the Gedney House the previous night, and he had found it out and watched them. When they started out in a cab he had followed them.

The three men were locked up on a charge of disturbing the peace. Mrs. Stuhler begged Sergeant Schmittberger to lock her up in a cell next to that occupied by Harrison, but her request was refused. The parties are said to be well known in Harlem, and a spicy story is expected when they are arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court Mrs. Stuhler went away alone and spent the night at a hotel.

DIVORCED BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT.

Some one, Presumably, Personates Mrs. · M'Murdy and Gets a Decree.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.-Mrs. Marion E. McMurdy, according to her statement embodied in a petition to the Superior Court, is the victim of an extraordinary plot by which she was divorced from her husband without her knowledge and consent. She alleges that she was married to John H. McMurdy at Georgetown, D.C., June 12, 1886, and lived with him until May, 1872, when he deserted her. She thinks

he is now somewhere in Colorado. Some time last month she was shown papers purporting to be divorce proceedings instituted by her against her husband in the Superior Court in this city, which resulted in a divorce absolute in her favor. The papers show that service was made on her husband in this city Nov. 9, 1871, by H. J. H. Miller, the summons being signed by Charles T. McKay as her attorney. The testimony taken by Referee Bushnell was given by a woman purporting to be Mrs. McMurdy, supported by evidence given by John McDonald and John E. Bemus. Mrs. McMurdy says she never authorized the institution of the proceedings, never saw Mr. McKay, never gave any evidence and was never in New York until 1872, when she came here with her husband. It is supposed some woman personated her in the proceedings.

Judge Drugo yesterday denied an application to set aside the decree. Henry Daily, who is retained by Mrs. McMurdy, refuses to state what further steps will ber

Back to Springfield for Trial. SPRINGFIELD, Mass, Jan. 19.—City Marshal Southmayd has gone to Philadelphia to effect the extradition of Harry Taylor, an employe of Forcpaugh's circus under arrest in that city for the murder of James T. Borthwick, an old farmer. The murder took place on June 13 last, while the show was exhibiting here. Taylor was an usher on the reserved seats. Borthwick, who had been drinking, tried to force his way into the inclosure without a ticket, and after a dispute Taylor struck him a heavy blow on the jugular vein and Borthwick fell dead. Although the murder was committed in sight of 3000 persons, Taylor was able to disappear, and was not heard of again until his capture a few days ago.

Killed by Half a Gallon of Whisky. LOUISVILLE, Jan. 19. - John Owsley, a stout colored roustabout, had a dispute with one Geoghegan as to how much whisky each could drink. Finally they decided to toss coppers to see which should test the other's capacity. Geoghegan won and Owsley undertook to drink all the liquor Geoghegan could buy. Geoghegan had just \$1.35, which paid for half a gallon of the cheapest whisky at a levee saloon, and Owsley drank the stuff. An hour later he was found on the wharf unconscious and, although remedies were administered, he died within twenty-four hours.

No Chinese Laundry for Them. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—The colored washerwomen of Atlanta have served notice upon Chung Lee, a Chinese laundry-

man who arrived there yesterday, that he must leave the city at once. A year ago they drove a couple of Chinese laundrymen out of the city by force. The Chinaman says he will go

A cat boat ought to be good in a squall.

THE PULSE OF TRADE.

lome Improvement in the Situation-Strike

Statistics-Why Wheat Dropped. NEW YORK, Jan. 18 .- Ten out of fifteen elegraphic advices to Bradstreet's from the arger distributing centres report a noticetble improvement in the movement of geneal trade. With few exceptions mercantile collections are no easier. Fears that very anfavorable results will be shown by some expected railroad reports check the other bullish elements in the speculative situation. Bonds are strong and active and invest-nents are in good demand. Money at New York is plentiful and rates are becoming even easier on stock requirements.

There have been thus far in January 33 strikes involving 6865 men, against 60 strikes involving 36,000 men (2800 in the Reading strike) in 1888. Of the 6865 strikers this month 5000 are accounted for by the coal-miners' strike in West Virginia and cigarmakers' strike in New York City. There were 659 strikes reported to Bradstreet's in 1888 involving 207,841 employes, against 884 strikes involving 340,785 employes in 1887.

It is estimated that the total United Kingdom supplies of wheat since Sept. 1 have been sufficient to increase stocks there 10,834,000 bushels, allowing for 4,000,000 bushels weekly consumption. The outlook is for stocks larger than the normal average on April I next. The United States Government report of 10,000,000 boshels more wheat in the 1888 crop than had been announced in previous reports, together with the large stocks abroad, broke the wheat market 31c.

The Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Business failures during the last seven days, as reported to Dun, Wiman & Co., number for the United States 284 and for Canada 46, a total of 330 against 381 last week and 387 the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 314, made up of 276 in the United States and 38 in Canada.

TORTURED BY THE SKIPPER.

Henry King's feet Frozen and His Mind Gone Through Cruelty at Sea.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A horrible tale of cruelty at sea was told last night by a young man who limped into the Charles-street Station House with both feet fearfully frozen and begged to be sent to a hospital. The sufferer said that his name was Henry King, and that he shipped in London in the latter part of December as coal trimmer in the tramp steamship Rio Janeiro, bound for this port. The voyage had scarcely begun when the captain, whose name he could not remember, began to treat him with the utmost brutality, punishing him unmercifully on the slightest

When all other modes of torture had been exhausted the captain caused the unfortunate fellow to be carried up on the bridge and there lashed, exposed to a violent storm which was then raging, for twelve hours. This was on January 4. When unfastened both his feet were found to be frozen. On the 10th inst., according to King's story, the vessel reached this port, How he has spent his time since then he was unable to say. The poor fellow, who is little more than a boy, has a terrible impediment in speech, which renders him almost unintelligible. Hs also appears to be half-witted. He was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital.

He Was Guilty of Another trime.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala, Jan. 19. - Everything is intensely quiet in the Pratt mines. The men are all back at work and the lynching of George Meadows is not even talked about. It is not so among the officials, however. In the county jail is a yellow negro named Louis Jackson, who was arrested several days ago and who answers to the description of Mrs. Kellum's assailant much better than Meadows did. Mrs. Kellum never positively identified the man who was lynched and it is believed the mob made a mistake. Jackson said that he had been employed at Thomas furnace, but the managers declare that this is untrue. The negro who was hanged was guilty of a previous assault on a woman, however, and no remorse will be felt by the lynchers if it is proved that he was not the man who assaulted Mrs. Kellum. Jackson will be taken before Mrs. Kellum to-day.

Accused of Strangling His Child.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .-- William H. Shenck, colored of Jamesburg, N.J., is in jail at New Brunswick, upon a charge of burglary, but must now face a much more grave accusation-that of murdering his own 2-year-old boy, who died on Christmas day. Schenck, having suspected his wife of infidelity, took it suddenly into his head that the boy was not his. Entering his house on Christmas day, he dashed the infant into its cradle and stifled it to death. So say two colored women, who peered through the window. County Physician Riva and Detective Oliver went to Jamesburg yesterday morning and exhumed the body of the child, which showed evidences of death by suffocation.

A Batch of Opium Smugglers Sentenced. ALBANY, Jan. 18. - In the United States District Court to-day the grand jury made its presentments. Chang Lee, Low How and Ah Quong of Buffalo were indicted for smuggling opium into the United States from Canada. Ah Quong and Low How pleaded guilty. Low How was fined \$400. Ah Quong was sentenced to the Albany County Penitentiaay for two years and fined \$100. The evidence against Chang Lee was insufficient and he was acquitted. William Lund and Edward Mellinger of Erie County, accomplices of the Chinamen, pleaded guilty to the charge of smuggling opium at Suspension Bridge and were fined \$400 and committed to the Erie County Jail until it should be paid.

Librarian Hannah Returns.

New York, Jan. 18.—George Hannah, the librarian of the Long Island Historical Scelety in Brooklyn, who disappeared last Saturday, returned to his home in this city a little after 9 o'clock yesterday morning. He looked pale and tired. He appeared dazed and gave confused answers to the questioning of his family. He said he left the library intending to take a walk in the fresh air to see if he couldn't get over a headache. He remembered going across the bridge and finding himself finally in the stateroom of a steamer bound for Boston. He remembered nothing further consecutively, but his answers showed he had some dim idea of having read about his disappearance in the papers.

Impersonated the Messiah. Belvdere, N.J., Jan. 18 .- The jury in the case of M. Nason Huntsman, indicted for impersonating the Son of God, allowing his followers to pay him divine honors and passing judgment on those for whom he conceived a dislike, brought in a verdict of guilty last night. The court this morning sentenced him to six months in the county jail and to pay \$100 fine and the cost of prosecution. The prisoner made a speech setting forth that his life was in keeping with the life of Christ and the apostles, and that he stood ready to suffer anything for his religious belief.

Winnipeg had a blizzard on Thursday.

DUTY ON CANADIAN CARS.

THE RECENT U.S. CUSTOMS ORDER ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

Con. Mr. Bowell Talks-Statement of Exports and Imports for December-Imperial Federation League Meeting.

OTTAWA, Jar., 18.—The order issued by the American customs authorities to collect duty on Canadian cars transporting point in the freight from one United States to another passing through - Canadian territory is attracting considerable attention in railway circles here. The opinion is that both the Cana dian Pacific and the Grand Trunk have enough American-built cars to carry all such freight and that no great amount of inconvenience will be felt unless the Cana dian Government should retaliate and prohibit the carrying in bond of freight through Canada in American cars. The Minister of Customs said to-day that there were conflicting statements published about the matter and until he had more definite information he could not express any decided opinion. He added, however: "I don't imagine it is probable that the American Government would think of doing it. There is no reason why the Americans should at this moment interfere with a system which has been in vogue ever since the existence of railways.

It is stated that the Joliette election will

The statement of exports for December shows a total of \$5,340,446,of which \$5,111,-739 is the produce of Canada.

The statement of goods entered for consumption during December is as follows: Duty collected

The statement of circulation and specie shows the amount outstanding Dec. 31 to be \$16,632,467, being ac increase of \$75,933 during the month The excess of specie and guaranteed debertures is over \$2,000,000.

At a meeting of the Orangeoun last night a petition to the Governor-General was adopted praying for disallowance of the Jesuit Estates Act. The effect of want of snow is being severe-

ly felt in the Upper Ottawa and Gatineau regions, and lumbermen here begin to fear that unless the weather changes shortly it will be impossible to get out enough logs to keep the mills ruuning next summer. The only regions where sufficient snow has fallen are along the Petewawa and Kippewa Rivers. The ice in the Ottawa below the Rideau Falls

commenced breaking up this morning and moving down the river, and unless heavy frost sets in all the ice in the Lower Ottawa will probably go down. Crossing even on foot is entirely stopped. This is believed to be unprecedented. A despatch to the Marine Department

says that a gentleman left Georgetown at 5 o'clock by the Stanley for Pictou and arrived at Halifax at 1.30, making the journey in less than nine hours, the fastest time on A deputation from Belleville waited on

the Minister of Justice to-day and submitted the draft of the bill of which notice will be given to incorporate the Belleville Harbon Commission. The first annual meeting of the Ottawa

branch of the Imperial Federation League was held this evening, about thirty members being present. The annual report reviewed the business of the branch during the year and showed the organization to be in a flour ishing condition. President Sandford Flem ing, C. M.G., in his annual address spoke of the objections taken to the name of the league as indicating a leaning to imperialism and centralization of the powers of government in one arbitrary exe cutive, and declared this to be far from the purpose of the league. He thought the aims and purpose of the league would have been better expressed by some such name as the British, Alliance or the British Union League. Sandford Fleming was re-elected president. Vice-Presidents-J. S. Featherston, Thomas McFarlane, Rev. Father Dawson, Treasurer. The mas McFarlane; Secretary, R. G. Code.

Notices From The Gazette.

CTTAWA, Jan. 19. - To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain the appointment of J. A. Corise of Forest. Ont., as sub-collector of customs.

The bank statement for December will

be is ued to morrow. An order-in-council has been passed that articles won as prizes by citizens of Canada in any regatta or other public competition in a foreign country, to be held by the winners thereof for a limited period, may enthe receipt of the same in Canada be entered for warehouse and in considered as constructively warehouse and may be left in the possession of the winner during the time for which he iauthorized to retain the same, then to be entered for exportation ex warehouse, and must be actually exported under the surveillance of an officer of the customs in the usual manner and the duty thereon re-

An order-in-council has been passed providing that wheat or grain grown in Canada may be taken into the United States for grinding and the produce thereof in Jour or meal returned free o customs duty into Canada, provided the owner resides more than five miles from any Canadian grist mill and that he observes and complies with certain regula-

Notice is given of application for letters patent incorporating the Bay of Fundy Steamship Company; capital, \$100,000;

headquarters, St. John, N.B. Notice is given that the Canada Atlantic Railway Company has deposited with the Secretary of State a mortgage deed to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company to secure the issue of \$3,450,000 first mortgage bonds.

Notice is given of application to Parliament for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway from Cobourg to a point on the Trent River, thence to the Canadian Pacific Railway and thence to a point in the mining region of Belmont, Marmora and Madoc.

The Union Trust Company gives notice of application to Parliament for power to change the head office to Montreal and extend the power of the company.

Was He Poisoned, and by Whom? FISHKILL LANDING, Jan. 19.-Wm. Gaohl, a gardener and marketman, died here last week, leaving property valued at \$15,000, and was buried on Sunday. Now there are queer rumors as to the cause of death and the coroner is collecting evidence. It is said that Gachl was poisoned. His widow is nearly 30 years younger than her husband was. A man living in Newburg' is thought to know more than he will tell about the ...se.

U. S. International Money Orders. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The House Committee on Postoffices has authorized a favorable report on the bill to increase the maximum amount of international money orders from \$50 to \$100.

Gabriel Dumont is ill at Montreal.