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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The First Division of the Session—A Flood of New Bills.

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Mr. W. R. Meredith moved, on the third reading of the bill respecting voters' lists, introduced by Hon. Mr. Fraser, that clause 14 be so amended as to prevent the judge, unless positively certain, from striking the name of any voter of the list.

Hon. Mr. Fraser objected, and Mr. Meredith at once raised the cry of "Divide, divide." This aroused the entire House from the comparative lethargy into which they have fallen during the present session, and the whips were at once dispatched to the Government side of the House to bring in straggling supporters, recognizing the disadvantage they were at by the numerous vacant benches on their side.

The amendment was rejected, 33 to 47. There was a flood of new bills yesterday. Among the more important measures introduced were these:

To enable the City of Ottawa to issue debentures for the construction of water-works and for other purposes—Mr. Bronson.

To amend the Election Act, and to amend the Act respecting seduction.

To incorporate the Waterloo Junction Railway Company—Mr. Master.

To amend the act respecting land security companies—Mr. Loya.

To simplify the sale of property held in trust by the Church of England of the Diocese of Toronto; and respecting the formation of new counties—Hon. Mr. Hardy.

To amend the Pharmacy Act—Hon. Mr. Gibson.

To amend the Ontario Insurance Act, respecting contracts for life insurance; to authorize the Diocese of Huron to sell certain lands; to amend the Judicature Act; to amend the act respecting building societies and arbitration—Mr. W. R. Meredith.

THEIR FAITH WAS STRONG.

And They Were Cured of Diseases That Baffled Medical Skill.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 13.—Considerable interest is being manifested throughout this neighborhood by the remarkable healing of different diseases by the much-talked-of faith cure. Situated in the Wesley Park property is the Young Ladies' Seminary, open during the summer season, which has for its principal Mrs. Rev. J. E. Irvine. Some time last fall Mr. Irvine, who had been pondering seriously over the faith cure question, became convinced that there was really something in it, and the result was the conversion of the seminary into a mission and divine healing establishment.

Three weeks ago Miss Amelia Ziegler of Buffalo came to the mission to be healed of a disease in her eyes of five years' standing, which caused her much pain and greatly impaired her sight. She had been treated for it by specialists and other doctors in vain, and given up as incurable. After remaining here and attending the meetings for two days, she was ready to believe in Christ for healing, and at one of the Sunday afternoon meetings was instantly healed through faith and the laying on of hands. A few days after she gave her testimony at a meeting in the house in the presence of Rev. John Morley, Rev. Mr. Emery, Rev. Mr. Hobbs and a number of others. She also answered the many questions very satisfactorily, concerning her disease and the healing, which were put by the clergymen. Miss Ziegler has returned to her home in Buffalo, and writes that the cure has been permanent.

Another young lady, Miss Brennan, went to Hamilton intending to take treatment at the Hospital for severe diseases of long standing, and hearing of the wonderful work being done here, decided to come and try the faith cure remedy. She soon became deeply convinced of her need of salvation, and received Christ as a Saviour from her sins and then believed Him for physical healing. She is now rejoicing in Christ as the Saviour of both body and soul.

Mr. Hicks, well known in this town, testified last week at the union revival meetings in the Presbyterian Church that he had been healed at the previous Sunday afternoon meeting at the mission, through prayer and the laying on of hands, of severe diseases, for which he had been doctoring and taking medicine for over twenty years.

TO INCLUDE CANADA.

An Amendment to the American Arbitration Conference Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Townsend of Illinois today introduced a bill amending the act authorizing the President to arrange a conference between the United States and the republics of Mexico, Central and South America, Hayti, San Domingo and the Empire of Brazil, so as to include Canada in the conference.

The objects of the conference are the devising of some plan of arbitration for settling disputes that may arise and to consider the establishment of regular and frequent communication between the ports of the several countries. Mr. Townsend hopes that Canada's participation will settle the fishery and other questions that have vexed the United States and Canada.

He is Wanted in France.

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—A young Frenchman named Emile Victor Michen, hailing from Valence, France, has been arrested on the charge of having forged in France a title deed on which he raised \$600. He has been in Montreal since June last and has worked for Mr. Beullac, the art decorator on Notre Dame-street. His forgery was discovered by a letter sent from France to the Consul-General for that country at Quebec, Mr. Dubail, who instituted enquiries and located him at Beullac's. The Consul-General yesterday afternoon appeared before Judge Dugas in Chambers and applied for a letter of extradition. Evidence was tendered concerning the forgery, after which the application was adjourned. The young man on being arrested said that he had been working hard to repay the money, and expressed a doubt as to the legality of the proceedings.

Killed by Kentucky Whisky. LOUISVILLE, Feb. 13.—At Beaver Dam, Ky., Charles Bunch is dying from drinking bad whisky, and John Ferguson is dead. The county is under the local prohibition law. The two young men named and Thomas Crim bought a quart of whisky and drank it. Crim was found insensible on the steps of his house, Bunch was discovered barely alive by the roadside, and Ferguson lay a short distance away lifeless. It is supposed that drugs were used in the whisky.

Foundry at Smithville Burnt. SMITHVILLE, Feb. 12.—Fire at 4 o'clock this morning destroyed J. S. Bates & Son's foundry and James Tester's blacksmith shop. Bates & Son's loss is about \$4000 and Tester's \$200. No insurance.

Invited to Subscribe. LONDON, Feb. 12.—Dhuleep Singh has sent to India a proclamation inviting the people to subscribe £4,000,000 with the object of throwing off the English yoke.

Misses Armour, Chicago, have \$10,000,000

DOINGS IN THE DOMINION.

THE CANADA HOLINESS CONVENTION AT TORONTO.

A Queer Strike—Bishop Dowling of Peterboro Appointed to the Diocese of Hamilton—Ambitious City Note.

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—The annual convention of the Canada Holiness Association is in session at Temperance Hall. There were about fifty delegates present at the morning meeting yesterday, which took the form of a love feast and experience meeting. Rev. W. Burns of Toronto presided. With him on the platform were Secretary Colling of Simcoe, and Rev. Mr. Mitchell of Sheffield. Pending the arrival of delegates from outside towns, the afternoon and evening meetings were of an informal nature.

Wilton, the fellow who was convicted of assaulting a little girl on the Kingston road and sentenced to two years imprisonment and 50 lashes, will receive the first dose of the cat on Friday morning.

A ludicrous strike was reported yesterday morning. It was represented a little time ago that it was hardly fair to compel the drunks in the jail to work and permit the thieves to pass the time in idleness. The Governor held that he had a large enough staff of assistants to deal with prisoners of that class in an emergency. He, however, accepted the suggestion, and yesterday morning tried an experiment. He turned out twenty-six prisoners into the jail yard, where he showed them a like number of barrows, which he ordered them to fill with sand and wheel to a dump a short distance away. Five of them obeyed, but twenty-one refused point blank, one of them saying, "They would leave the jail first." They were ordered back to their cells, and the Governor is now trying to work a solution to the problem.

It is said that another lawyer is in difficulties. Misappropriation of trust funds. For two years the clients have been getting their interest all right—from the lawyer—but no principal can be found. In the meantime the friends of the lawyer are being asked to square it up.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

Magnitude of the Illicit Traffic From British Columbia to the States.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The fact that the quantity of crude opium imported yearly into British Columbia from China has increased from 11,100 to 101,000 pounds, or 800 per cent, since 1878, has attracted considerable attention here and with a view to ascertaining how the product of this crude article is disposed of a member of the House informs me to-night that he will bring the question up in Parliament this week. He said of course it is an open secret that nine-tenths of the prepared opium which is produced by the fitted opium factories in Victoria, B.C., is destined for and smuggled into the United States. The object of bringing the question up is to ascertain what steps the Dominion Government, who are cognizant of the facts from information supplied by their own customs officers, intend taking to assist the United States authorities in preventing this wholesale system of defrauding the United States revenue, by imposing a high or prohibitory duty on the crude material.

One of the members from British Columbia who has just arrived stated to me to-night that the Canadian customs officials had already been instructed to co-operate with the American consul at Victoria in following up shipments from the factories to their destination and bringing the guilty parties to justice. He says that it is impossible to estimate the magnitude of the frauds which are at present being perpetrated upon the United States Government through smuggled opium, which traffic is being carried on right under the eyes of the United States officials, who so far have been helpless to break up the gang.

The discussion which will follow the introduction of the subject in Parliament promises to bring out some interesting and startling facts in connection with the illicit traffic.

BISHOP DOWLING IT IS.

The Long Expected Appointment to the See of Hamilton Arrives.

PETERBORO, Feb. 12.—His Lordship Bishop Dowling to-day received the Roman Bulls appointing him Bishop of Hamilton. Cardinal Simeoni congratulates the Bishop upon his appointment. P. McEvoy, Chancellor, Diocese of Peterboro.

Welcome News in the Diocese.

HAMILTON, Feb. 13.—The announcement of Bishop Dowling's appointment to the See of Hamilton is welcome intelligence to the thousands of members of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Hamilton, to whom the name of Bishop Dowling is a household word. There never, it seems, has been any discussion upon the part of the authorities at Rome to oppose the desires in this matter of the clergy of the Hamilton diocese, who, it is well known, voiced the unanimous opinion of their people when they presented the name of the good Bishop of Peterboro to the Pope. And, though willing to render obedience to any Bishop whom the Holy Father might set over them, many no doubt would have been disappointed had the report of the project to send a distinguished prelate from the Old Country to the diocese been verified.

Bishop Dowling will receive a right hearty welcome when he returns to the scene of his youthful struggles in the city, and to the diocese in which for years he labored so faithfully and with never-varying success for the welfare of the flocks placed under his care.

Ambitious City Note.

HAMILTON, Feb. 12.—Charles Perkins, a strong and healthy young man, about 22 years old, was found dead in bed at his boarding-house, 105 King William-street, this morning. Perkins was a brother-in-law of C. W. Powell, dealer in window shades, 220 King-street east, and had worked with him for about six years. It is not known what was the cause of death, but Dr. Griffin, who examined the body, is of the opinion that the young man took a fit and was smothered.

J. V. Testzel has been appointed assignee of Valancey E. Fuller's personal estate. A. Bruce, Q. C., S. Slater and Wm. Roberts, of the Bank of Commerce, have been appointed inspectors to wind the estate up. The assets are \$42,000; liabilities over \$300,000.

They Called Spiritualism a Delusion. ELMIRA, Feb. 13.—G. H. Brooks, a spiritualistic lecturer, last night went gunning for the clergymen of this city. The reverend gentlemen had hurt him in a tender spot when, at a private meeting a few days ago, they resolved that spiritualism was mainly a delusion, but there was something about it beyond human understanding relating to superhuman agencies. The superhuman element, it was agreed, did not consist in visitations from the dead, but from the devil. The clergymen believed there were spirits, but they are evil spirits. These somewhat astonishing views aroused the lecturer. He said the ministers had become scared by the growth of Spiritualism, and were afraid of losing their salaries. Spiritualism, he said, was going to crush out religion, and Romanists and Protestants had become filled with fear.

Wedding Bells at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—The wedding of Miss Abbott, daughter of Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, and Rev. Mr. Phillips, rector of Hawkesbury, took place to-day.

Chemical Works Burnt.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 12.—The Chemical Works at Highlands have been destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,000, partially insured.

Successful miner—A hole-soled fellow.

A drawn battle—A war picture.

BRAZILIAN TROUBLES.

Fever and Drought—Unprecedentedly Large Immigration.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 13.—Yellow fever is making progress, and so numerous are becoming the gastric and other fevers which have been the usual precursors of epidemics in other years that the sanitary authorities are looking forward to an epidemic this summer. The large arrivals of immigrants furnish the pestilence with material for slaughter. The River Plate papers are publishing sensational telegrams of thirty to forty cases a day in Rio, but these are exaggerations, and the mortality in Rio does not yet reach seven a day.

During last year immigration returns reached the unprecedented figure of 130,000, and such is the strength of the influx that the number will probably reach 200,000 in this year. Before the extinction of slavery 30,000 was the highest figure attained. Besides the Europeans, immigrants from drought ravaged Ceara are arriving at the rate of thousands every month, greatly to the joy of the coffee planters, who thus see themselves released from dependence on the uncertain labor of the ex-slaves.

The drought in Ceara is spreading to the rest of the neighboring province. Already the cattle in the back of Pernambuco are dying by thousands, the rear of Bahia is fast drying up, and all circumstances point to a drought like the fatal one of 1877-80. Warned, however, by that terrible experience, the Government is removing the refugees of the interior to other provinces with all possible speed, and the New York packet now due here has already been requisitioned to convey eight hundred to Rio.

The law on banks of issue, based upon the United States national bank system, has been put into effect. The deposit on four and a half per cent. bonds is limited to 200,000,000 milreis, which is about \$112,000,000.

A MAMMOTH ELEVATOR.

Able to Unload Sixteen Grain Cars in Twenty Minutes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A Winnipeg man who was in the city yesterday gave an interesting description of the Canadian Pacific's new grain elevator just completed at Fort William, on Lake Superior. Elevator B, as it is called to distinguish it from the first elevator built there by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has a capacity of 1,400,000 bushels. There are 14 elevating legs, each capable of elevating 7000 bushels per hour. Each of these legs is furnished with a self-elevating boot, the invention of W. J. Loss, the company's Superintendent of Buildings. Owing to a provision having to be made for the tightening of the belt which carries the elevating bushels there has always been a certain amount of grain remaining in the boot which requires to be frequently cleaned out by hand, and always so when changing from one grain to another. This boot has an ingenious arrangement by which a shield is attached to the frame carrying the pulley. This shield is always just kept clear of the baskets no matter what position the pulley takes in the boot while tightening the belt from time to time. Grain men will understand the advantages of always having a clean boot to start elevating with. The whole of these legs are driven by friction clutches attached to the shafting, two lines of which are run the entire length of the elevator. These two lines of shafting are driven by a single, massive seven-ply rubber belt 56 inches wide and over 3000 feet long. This method was first tried in Elevator B at Montreal, and found to work so satisfactorily that it was decided to accept the same arrangement at Fort William. This elevating machinery, with the steam shovels, will enable a train of 16 cars to be unloaded and stowed away in the bins in 20 minutes.

Effect of Religious Excitement.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 11.—Lillie Rodner, who is about 14 years of age, and lives at Highland, a town near here, was converted at a religious revival recently, and soon afterwards fell into a trance, in which state she has been much of the time since. She believes herself to be in heaven, and imagines that she is in the company of the Saviour. In the middle of a conversation on some religious topic she will stop speaking, her form becomes rigid, her eyeballs roll upward and remain fixed and her hands and arms continue firm and stiff in whatever position they happen to be when she sinks into the trance. When in that state the most varied expressions pass over her face. The trances last from five minutes to half an hour, and don't leave her in the least exhausted.

Said the Rev. Mr. Keefer, her pastor: "It is a wonderful case, but it is no mental aberration, I am not a Spiritualist, in any sense of the word, but I do believe that this girl has direct communication with the spirit world. She is with them, she speaks to them. She is a manifestation of the Divine power. I could give you columns of strange things she has told about people whom she never knew before. She has described Heaven and she does not believe she is on earth. It is a great mystery, indeed."

Accused of the Crime by Her Father.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Fannie Cullom, a prepossessing girl, aged 18 years, stood at the bar in the Yorkville Court, yesterday, charged with larceny by her father, Daniel Cullom, of No. 508 West Forty-ninth-street. The father said the girl was generally bad and that he wanted her sent away. He testified that she broke open a closet Friday night and stole considerable property therefrom. The girl tearfully denied his story and said that he had driven her from home by his cruel treatment. She took nothing from the closet but her own clothing. Justice Gorman discharged the girl and lectured the father severely.

Banning is Not Disorderly.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—William Wineback, a brass polisher of No. 445 West Thirty-first-street on the night of Feb. 5 was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and drunkenness by Policeman Gensheimer of the West Forty-seventh-street station. The day following in the Yorkville Court the accused stoutly denied his guilt and demanded an examination, which was granted. Yesterday he proved to Justice Gorman's satisfaction that his disorderly conduct consisted in his asking the policeman to pay an old debt and threatening to take the matter before the Police Commissioners. He was promptly discharged.

A Mexican Works on the U. S. Plan.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 13.—Luis Huller, concessionaire of the Lower California branch of the International Company, is accused by the stockholders of misappropriating funds, and the authorities have ordered his arrest, but he has concealed himself. The complaint was presented by Emille Palanco for the American stockholders. President Diaz is personally proceeding in the matter. Great revelations are expected.

Instigated by French Agitators.

ROME, Feb. 12.—It has been proved that the recent riots here were instigated by French agitators.

THE POLICY OF DYNAMITE.

DELIBERATELY SUPPORTED BY THE V. C. ORGANIZATION.

Lecaron's Cross-Examination Concluded—The Kind of Thing Begun in Buffalo—Those Mysterious Documents.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The cross-examination of Lecaron was continued before the Parnell Commission to-day. He said neither O'Kelly nor Parnell had ever written to him. The Fenians expelled O'Kelly because he had joined with Parnell in the open movement. O'Leary denied was a violent opponent of the League. Witness said he delivered sealed packets from Devoy and O'Leary to Egan in Paris in 1881, and acknowledges that the security of the seals alone prevented him from opening the packets. He again saw Egan in America in 1883. Egan introduced him to Parnell in the lobby of the House of Commons. He conversed with Parnell and was complimented by him on his work. The Irish Republican Brotherhood was then opposing Parnell so far as the home organization was concerned. Parnell complained of this opposition and said the home and sister organization would have been crippled had they not obtained assistance from America. The most important part of Parnell's conversation concerned his views as a revolutionist. He declared that he did not see why an insurrection should be unsuccessful.

Sir Charles Russell, counsel for the Parnellites, and Sir Henry James, counsel for The Times, have announced that they had agreed not to produce the documents which were the subject of discussion last Friday.

Witness said the Government had paid him £2000 between February, 1888, and August, 1870. He spent every cent for public purposes. The V. C. organization, which numbered 23,000 members, deliberately and knowingly supported the dynamite policy. In the convention of 1881, 162 of the delegates favored the use of dynamite. The convention held in Madison-square Garden, New York, in 1884, advocated the dynamite policy.

Lecaron said Senator Jones was considered a "carpet bag" senator. He had not heard of any crime being attributed to Jones. Lecaron produced a photograph of Parnell. He said he had received two of these photographs. One was mailed to him in care of Brennan at the League headquarters, Dublin. The envelope was stamped with the House of Commons stamp. Parnell in witness's presence signed one photograph. "You are very truly, C. S. Parnell." The other photograph was similarly signed. Lecaron was unable to swear whether the photograph produced was Parnell's gift or the one mailed him. Egan gave him his photograph, which was signed "Best regards," in Paris in 1881. Egan also gave him a photograph of a leading member of the League similarly signed. He saw Egan write the words mentioned on both photographs. Boynton sent Egan the two photographs with a note saying, "Please give these to our friend to take to America."

Lecaron said the convention of 1881 in Chicago unanimously agreed to carry on a secret warfare. The V. C. comprised the dynamite party apart from the O'Donovan Rossa party. The secret organization was first conceived in 1868. The V. C. dated from 1872.

Witness had just received from America one of John Devoy's original letters dated, "Office of James Reynolds, No. 41 Orange-street, New Haven, June 24, 1881." It reads:

DEAR FRIEND: I thank you for your information and for the interest you take in a matter affecting us all so closely. I have not yet heard from H. [meaning Hines]. I received yesterday a short note from E. [meaning Egan] strongly urging me to come over but cannot understand why until I get your explanation. I should like to come if I could spare the time and if my visit would produce the effect anticipated but I fear it would not. I have asked our friends to advise me as to whether they think it the right thing to do. They will consider the matter, but I don't think now that I shall be so advised. They [Parnell and his friends] seem to misunderstand the dissatisfaction here. It is not caused by their action in Ireland but by the action they allow their friends to take here in their names. Opinions differ little on essential points, but we cannot tolerate the kind of thing begun in Buffalo. I will write again.

Lecaron said that "the kind of thing begun in Buffalo" related to the action of Parnell's friends in attempting at the open convention to depose, disorganize and disrupt the revolutionary organizations. No reference was intended to the protests made at Buffalo against violence and crime.

The witness identified the alleged speech by Parnell referring to the matter's determination to "sever the last link binding Ireland to England." He also testified that on the occasion of Alexander Sullivan's trial for murder Sheriff Agnew, who was a member of the secret organization, "fixed" the jury.

This ended the examination of the witness.

Mr. O'Kelly Appeared.

DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—In Danuog to-day James O'Kelly, M.P. for North Keshonagh, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for inciting tenants to adopt the plan of campaign. O'Kelly appeared.

The Bishop of Lincoln's Trial.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The trial of Right Rev. Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln and Provincial Vice-Chancellor of the Province of Canterbury, for ultra-rationalistic practices, was begun before the ecclesiastical court of bishops at Lambeth Palace to-day. Bishop King appeared before the court in full canonical robes. It is expected that the trial will be an exciting one, as the accused Bishop has prepared an elaborate defence and has the full support of the clergy and laity of his diocese, who have subscribed £17,000 towards the expenses of his case.

Emergency Granted.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—In the Senate to-day Premier Floquet introduced the act of arrangement (bill) and asked urgency for the measure, which was granted. Notwithstanding the protests of the Right, it was decided that the bureau should meet immediately and appoint a committee on the bill.

An Independent Witness.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Patrick Casey now here says he is prepared to testify as an independent witness before the Parnell Commission. He says he knows better than any other man everything connected with the matter.

M. de Lesseps Ill.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—M. de Lesseps is ill. Old age has suddenly fallen upon him with the collapse of the Panama Canal scheme.

Bismarck in a Bad Way.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Prince Bismarck's attack of neuralgia is complicated with rheumatism, renal disorder, want of appetite and insomnia. He continues to work against the advice of his doctors. His visits to the chancellerie are marked with frequent outbursts of passion and other evidences of extreme irritability.

Party intrigues aiming to sap his influence with the Emperor worry the Chancellor more than ever. Count von Waldsee, whom the Ultra-Conservatives hope to see succeed Bismarck, got the Emperor to consent to the stopping of the action against The Kreuzzeitung. It is said that Bismarck went to the Schloss to protest that the action must proceed, and was kept waiting a quarter of an hour in an ante-chamber. In a fit of violent rage he told Chamberlain Mirbach that the delay was an intentional insult arranged by the cabal against him.

The barbed wire pool has fallen through.