LATEST LONDON GOSSIP.

THE GLADSTONIAN VICTORY IN KENNINGTON.

Lord Randolph Churchill Continues to Puzzle Polificians and Plain People as Well-Spontaneous Enthusiasm.

LONDON, March 17 .- By elections are supposed to turn on questions of high policy, and they are discussed as if they did. There is immense exultation on one side, and depression on the other. Home Rule stock goes up or down as respectable gentlemen labelled Liberal or Tory get a few hundred more or less votes in suburban districts. A secondrel like Pigott or a scamp like Gent Davis may do more for the Irish cause at a given moment than Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Parnell. Kennington, beyond doubt, will influence general opinion, whether it expresses general opinion or not. To use a phrase current on these occasions, it is a blow to the Government; The Daily News says a death-blow, but this Government has already received at least a dozen death blows from that journal, and yet it miraculously and maliciously survives them all, and may even survive this:

Serious Tories do not pretend, as The Standard says, to minimize the importance et this defeat. All the explanations in the world will not deprive figures of ' ir significance. Such explanations as that and other journals of like faith now give are of the usual kind. The Tories have not lost votes; there has been no changing from side to side; Mr. Beresford Hope polls more votes than did Gent Davis: Mr. Beaufoy's increased support came from what is called the reserve vote. Mr. Be esford Hope is a nephew to Lord Salisbury and a cousin to Mr. Balfour. Whether these kinships helped or harmed him seems uncertain. Mr. Beaufoy is a local man and employs a great number of Kennington workmen; the head of a firm of distillers, yet he had the support of the temperance party. Mr. Gladstone, when he sat for Greenwich, was junior colleague to a gin distiller.

But enon thof details. It is sufficient to say that the Gladstonian victory in Kennington is a victory won by a far greater majority than the most sanguine hoped, and will give fresh vigor and volume to the Liberalery for dissolution and fresh stiffness to the Tory resolve not to dissolve.

Randy the Sphinx.

London, March 16. Lord Randolph Churchill's attitude continues to pozzle the politicians, and puzzles plain people still more. His civilities to Mr. Stanhope on the Army questions were not, it appears. meant to go beyond Mr. Stanhope. Toward the Admiralty, and especially toward Lord George Hamilton, he is as implacable as ever. His letter to Sir Edward Reed has in it that note of personal as well as political antagonism which Lord Randolph sel-lom takes the trouble to conceal where it exists, "Such an exposure and confession," writes he, " of utter incompetence would insure prompt dismissal and probably professional ruin if Lord George were a private person. The exposure and confession are, of course, in Lord Randolph's mind, to be found in Lord George's speech on Admiralty affairs.

This morning appears another letter from Lord Rando pa, explaining that he is not against all schemes for strengthening the navy, but against all bad schemes. This will not give much comfort to the Govern-

\$5000 Worth of Enthustasm.

London, March 17. - The Tory papers have got hold of a confidential circular sent out by the organisers of the National Protest against coercion. If you believe them, the spontaneous enthusiasm of Wednesday at St. James' Harl cost \$5000. It was surely cheap at the money, but only a quarter of that sum has been collected, and the other three quarters are urgently wanted. Hence the conndential circular.

The Albert Hail Le Carnival.

London, March 17. - The ice carnival at Albert Hall has the attraction of novelty, and brought together an enormous crowd to see the Duchess of Teck open it. It is a big bazaar, and not much eise, but a dozen American ladies are helping their English friends in the selling, and people go to stare, as usual, at the English and Americans

Parts Financial News.

Paris, March 17. - With the exception of the transactions in rentes and foreign securities the Bourse yesterday was dull, being engaged in the settlement. Final transactions were made at 225 france for Comptoir d'Escompte shares and 80 francs for Societe des Metaux shares. The directors of the principal financial houses of Paris met at the Ministry of Finance Friday night and again last night. It is reported they decided that the Comptoir d'Escompte should be placed in liquidation and reconstructed. It is said that 20,000 shares in the proposed new bank are already subscribed for. The employes of the Comptoir d'Escompte have been invited to withdraw their deposits in that bank, which from motives of delicacy they have hitherto left intact.

It was learned later that no decision was reached at the meeting in regard to the liquidation and reconstruction of the Comptoir d'Escompte. It is believed a further 20,000,000 francs will be necessary to save the Comptoir d'Escompte from judicial liquidation.

There was an exciting scene in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. M. Laguere of the Patriotic League made a speech attacking M. Constans, the Minister of the Interior, whom he accused of having engaged in doubtful transactions while acting as president of a financi.l concern in Lyons in 1882, and ended by calling him a fraudulent minister. The speech created a tumult in the Chamber and the Speaker formally censured M. Laguerre for his utterances.

M. Constans made an indignant denial of the charges and retorted upon M. Laguerre by saying that nobody quite knew where that gentleman's fortune came from. The matter was then dropped.

The Soir asserts that the Government has warned certain wealthy foreigners residing in France, who are known to have assisted Gen. Boulanger in a financial way, that they will be expelled the country unless they stop supplying him with funds.

The Bank of France will advance 29,000, 000 francs to uphold the Comptoir d'Escompte provided another 20,000,000 france is subscribed, of which 16,000,000 has already been promised.

France's Trade.

Paris, March 17. - The French Board of Trade returns for February show an increase of 21,454,000 francs in imports and a decrease of 11,330,000 francs in exporta compared with times of February, 1888.

A Stupendous Coa' Syndicate. LONDON, March 17 .-- A coal syndicate representing £100,000,000 proposes to purchase all the collieries of Cumberland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Northumberland and Durham. The proprietors of the mines will meet soon at Manchester to consider the ay marcule a stupour ous proposa...

TORONTO TOPICS.

A Coroner's Jury Censures the Grand

Trunk-Provincial Appointments. TORONTO, March 18 .- The coroner's jury which investigated, the death of James Bracken, the fireman on the Northern Railway who was scalded to death the other day, returned a verdict of accidental death, with a rider attached blaming the company for not thorou lily inspecting the engine before sending her out. No blame

was attached to the engine driver. The following appointments are officially announced : Arthur W. Coe of Madoc, in the County of Hastings, to be clerk of the Sixth Division Court of Hastings, vice Dr. Loomis, deceased; Edward D Hand of Fenelon Falls, in the County of Victoria, to be clerk of the Second Division Court, vice George Cunningham, resigned; Homer Stills of Cornwall, in the County of Stormont, to be a bailiff of the Third Division Court; W. H. McDougall of Alliston, is the County of Simcoe, to be bailiff of the Eighth Division Court, vice F. M. Woodcock.

Letter patents have been issued incorporating the Wallaceburg Electric Light Company, the Utterson Lumber Company, the Ontario Terra Cotta Brick and Sewer Com-

Late Saturday night Inspector Stephen visited a vacant house on the northeast corner of Victoria and Richmond streets and there seized 35 dozene of beer, which he had removed to headquarters. So far no owner has turned up for it, but the police think that had the stuff been left undisturbed an ex-hotel-keeper in the vicinity might have come in on the deal.

Ellen Witouski is in the General Hospital and Jane Harding is at Police Headquarters with a charge of felonious wounding registered against her, of which the fair Ellen is the victim. On Saturday night Ellen paid a visit to Jane at the latter's residence, No. 119 Jarvis-street. A quarrel arose and Jane ordered her visitor out The latter declined to go and Jane seized a kettle of boiling water and poured it over her enemr. Witouski's coudition is somewhat serious.

Peter Glenn. a farmer from Markham township, put up at the Commercial Hotel on Friday night last. Saturday morning seeing nothing of him at breas fast, the proprietor forced open the room, to find the gas escaping at a high rate of speed and Glenn insensible on the bed. The ambulance took him to the General Hospital where he is slowly progressing back to life.

A week ago yesterday "Billy" Ur,e, better known as "Pig's foot Bill," from his peddling these succulent dainties, got into a dispute with a friend whose name he refuses to furnish to the police, in the course of which he was stabled in the head. He neglected the wound until Saturday, when his condition became such as to necessitate his removal to the General Hospital.

At the General Sessions on Saturday John Martin, the expressman who stole a quantity of goods from a Front-street wholesale house, was sent to the Central Prison for two months. Thomas Hope, the seed wheat swindler, freely acknowledged his guilt and showed that he had made arrangements to recoup all those whom he had defrauded He was allowed to go on giving bonds in the sum of \$1000 to appear for sentence when called on, H. W. Simmons, found guilty on two charges of stealing from the trunks of fellow boarders, was given three years in the Penetentiary.

As Robert and William Parker were passing Fred Roberts & Co.'s jewelry store at 186 Queen-street west at 2.30 yesterday afternoon they saw a hard-looking man fumbling among the cases. They stopped to investigate, when the man disappeared. They ran around to the rear in time to see two men waking off up the lane. They started in pursuit but had to give it afterwards reporting the matter to the Agnes - street Sta-Tripp, Policemen Stewart and Martin proceeded to Mr. Robert's store immediately and were agreeably surprised to find the two men again in the place. Determined to make a haul they had returned just in time for the officers to catch them. At the station they gave their names as John and Patrick Doyle, and their address as the Model Lodging House. They have already served a term in prison for larceny. A number of gold rings and a silver watch were found on them.

Ex-Policeman Jarvis, who arrested Rev. F. W. Wilson because he would not move on, has been committed for trial, with his two brothers, on a charge of having, at Schomberg, Ont., brutally assaulted Robt. Hersey, a drover, who resides at Weston.

The Servant Girl Will Die.

St. Catharines, March 17. - Emma Harrison, the servant girl who fell from a second story window while cleaning the windows at a residence where she was employed, is still at the general hospital in an insensible condition and recovery is hopeless.

INTERESTING ITEMS BY WIRE.

All is quiet in Samoa.

The total amount subscribed at New York to the Chinese famine fund to date is \$13,000.

The Chicago Republican City Convention Saturday renominated John A. Roche for Mayor. Right Rev. Winan Michael Wiggar,

Bishop of Newark, N. J., is ill at Rome with pneumonia. Methundy & Meyer, lumber dealers at St. Louis, have assigned, liabilities not

known. Assets \$248,500. The Chicago Democrats have nominated for Mayor Dewitt C. Creiger, who was Commissioner of Public Works under Mayor

Carter Harrison. · There was a \$25,000 fire in the Architectural Iron Works of Campbell & Van Tassell, on West Thirty-third-street, New

York, Saturday. The British Chaunel aquadron has arrived at Tangiar to support England's claims regarding tha cable and other matters. The fleet will not depart until the Sultan's reply

has been given. Governor Wilson of West Virginia has decided to call an extraordinary session of the Legislature about June 1 next, to settle the gubernatorial muddle, and to all on certain other legislation.

Russell B. Harrison, son of President Harrison, has purchased an interest in Frank Leslie's Weekly from W. J. Arkell of Judge and will take charge of the western end of the business.

The Duke of Cambridge, commander of the forces, has issued a royal warrant, declaring the Queen is convinced of the Honorable Artillery Company's loyalty, and restoring to the Company its ancient privi-

Ex-President Cleveland made his first public appearance as a private citizen at the 105th anniversary of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York Saturday night. He responded to the toast. "The United States.

The popular hostility against syndicates is growing. In the House of Commons W. H. Smith, the Government leader, while refusing to interfere with the salt syndicate, declared that such combinations worked their own cure, and tended ultimately to reduce the price of articles the rates of which they temporarily raised.

A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

BENSON ACQUITTED OF THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE.

It is Said a Son of the Prince of Wales in Soon to Make an Extended Your of Canada-Andy Maloney Arrested.

MONTREAL, March 16. - The trial of Bensen for the murder of his wife, Bridget Doyle, was concluded to day, when the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

The Star to-night says: "It is stated that Sir George Stephen will be accompanied on his return by a son of the Prince of Wales, who will make an extended tour of Canada and the United States.

Andy Maloney was arrested to-day on his arrival in town from Hot Springs. He is charged with the larceny of \$14,000 worth of jewelry. Bail was refused and the case fixed for Monday afternoon. Reinholtz, who it is alleged lost the goods in Maloney's gambling house, was a traveler for P. W. Ellis & Co. of Toronto.

Her Brief Dream is O'er.

MONTREAL, March 17. About three weeks ago the 21-year-old daughter of Mr. Stewart, a wealthy man who resides in one of the suburbs of New York, eloped with her father's coachman, wad was exceedingly handsome. The two had carried on furtive flirtations unknown to the young lady's parents and one morning the latter woke up to find their daughter had left the house and that the coachman had also taken flight. Pinkerton detectives were engaged on the case, assiduously worked on it and were successful Friday in locating the pair living together in the little village of Bord a Plouffe. The runaway couple were surprised to be discovered in such an out-of-the-way place but the young lady voluntarily offered to return home with the officer. She was repentant and regretted the step which has caused ner parents so much trouble. After saving farewell to the coachman she came to Montreal in charge of the detective and took the first train for home. The man was not proceeded against.

The Negro Lxodus From North Carolina. RALEIGH, N.C., March 17.-The negro exodus from this State is about to take the form of colonization of acgroes in Arkansas. The negroes are holding mass meetings almost nightly. Negro oralors and preachers of this section are esta ally active in the matter and issued a circular yesterday calling a meeting toprganie the North Carolina Emigration Association for the purpose of securing organized as 'ion toward colonizing all the negroes in the State of Arkan sas, where they are, offered lands for a trifle. The circulars say that the white people don't want them here and they have determined to go. It is complained that the election law, school law, and other laws passed by the last General Assembly were passed to crush them out. They propose to colonize on unoccupied lands in Arkansas and follow agriculture.

Jersey City Officials Indicted. JERSEY CITY, N.J., March 17.-The grand jury yesterday presented indictments against fourteen members of the Board of Freeholders and four members of the Board of Public Works. The charges in the case of the Freeholders were gress mismanagement of county affairs, was my public money and general develiction amounting to misdemeanor. In the case of the Board of Publie Works the accused were similarly charged, and in addition it was alleged that they had shown favoritism in giving out contracts, awarding them to persons other than the lowest bidders.

The Last of the Buried Miners Rescued.

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., March 17. - Peter Nearshalsky, after 50 hours imprisonment in the Black Diamond colliery, was hoisted to the surface at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His appearance was the signal for cheers from thousands of throats, which were heard for miles. He had given up all hopes when his reseners teached the breast in which he was imprisoned. Strange to say his injuries, asnie from nervous prostration, are not serious.

Evarts to Get the English Mission.

NEW YORK, March 17 .- A well-known banker of this city, a friend of Senator Sherman and of Senator Evarts, who returned from Washington yesterday, said the President would nominate Senator Evarts for the English mission immediately after the assembring of the senate to morrow. This gentleman says he knows from the very hignest source that this is a fact; that the President has already offered the place to Senator Evarts and that Senator Evarts has accepted it.

He Speculated in Stocks.

Boston, March 17. Edgar Swan, teller of the City National Lank of Lynn, was locked up yesterday in default of \$30,000 bail. He is a self confessed defaulter, in what amount is not known, the officials declining to make any statement beyond the announcement that the net loss to the bank will be \$35,000. Speculation in stocks is the cause of Swan's ruin.

Flagman Hannigan Acquitted.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., March 17. - Flagman Hannigan, charged with being responsible for the fatal collision of excursion trains at Mud Run station, was acquitted yesterday afternoon. The jury was out only halt an hour. Engineer Major's case will come up for trial Monday,

Insane Over Spiritualism.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 17. - Charles Naujack, an attendant at the City Hospital, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head with a horse pistol. He stood in front of a mirror and aimed the pistol. He was believed to be insane over spiritualism.

The Etusive Tascott.

WINNIPEG, March 17. - There is no doubt that a few days ago Tascott, the murderer of Millionaire Snell of Chicago, was in this vicinity. The report that Tascott was captured at Lake Winni eg was due to the tact of some strangers being seen there. The best inquiries available indicate that the searchers for Tascott have gone to the Pacific co st.

A Raise For This Firm's Puddlers. Pottstown, Pa., March 17 .-- The iron puddlers employed by Ellis & Lessig, who are paid according to the price received for iron by the firm, will receive a raise of 25 cents per ton for puddling hereafter. This is the first advance in puddlers' wages in the Schuylkill valley for several years.

Scranton's Peril.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 17 .- Eight chambers in the 14-foot vein and those directly above it in the rock vein of the Central Colliery Company have caved in and the crush is still in progress. The damage that may ensue cannot be determined as the cave-in is almost in the very center of the Hyde Park section of the city.

No Export Duty on Iron Ore For Sweden. STOCKHOLM, March 17. - The first chamber of the Diet has rejected the bill for the imposition of an export duty on iron ore. The bill had before been rejected by the second chamber.

NOTES OF THE DEEP.

High Tide on the New Jersey Const-Marine Disasters.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 17 .- It has been many years since the tide has been as high here as it was yesterday. The water was away up among the cottages and the meadows were overflowed. The storm which has prevailed on the coast caused the high water and for a few hours Atlantic City was cut off from the world westward of it by the flooding of the railroad tracks which cross the meadows. The trains on the Camdenand Atlantic Railroad tried to cross early in the morning but failed. The water was so high that the fires were extinguished, and with what steam they had the trains were compelled to return. Only slight damage has thus far been done in the city. The cellars of a number of cottages and the basements of several large houses were flooded but the foundations remain intact. About noon the floods receded and trains began to run again.

Collapse of a Life-Saving Station.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 17. - While the life-saving station at Far Rockaway was being taken on scows from Rockaway to Long Beach on Friday, a heavy gale washed it ashore, and yesterday morning the force of the waves caused it to collapse. Loss \$10,000. The gale played havor with the summer pavilions, a tug was strauded and 100 feet of the beach was washed away.

Many Days Overdue.

BEAUFORT, N. C., March 17. - Fears are entertained for the safety of the schooners Eunity R. Dyer, bound for New York, and tieorge Taulane, bound for Baltimore. Both are overdue many days. For 60 hours past a northeast gale has prevailed.

Found Watery Graves.

NORFOLK, Va., March 17.-Captain W. T. Bernard of the Philadelphia tug Argus has found the wreck of the Portland (Me.) bark E. L. Pettengill, Captain C. C. White. She lies in Chesapeake Bay between the tail of the Horseshoe and Cape Henry in five fathoms of water in the track of vessels going out of and entering the capes. There is no trace of the crew and there can be but little doubt that the thirteen men who formed it have found watery graves.

Wrecks Of Samoa.

San Francisco, March 17. -- The steamer Zealandia reports that on Feb. 14 during a heavy gale he American barkentine Constitution struck a reef in Apia harbor, Samoa, and sank. A boat from the United States man of war Nipsic saved the Constitution's crew. She was owned by Nicholas Bischard of San Francisco and was freighted with a general cargo. The schooners Matanla, owned by Rugi & Co., and Tamasese were also weeked. From other points on the island similar disasters to small crafts are reported.

Wreck of an Inknown Bark.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., March 17.- The quarantine steamer Woodworth reports a bark sunk in' the lower bay 10 miles out, in six fathoms of water.

At the German Capital.

BERLIN, March 17 .- In addition to the new income tax which is said to be the subject of dissension between Bismarck and his colleagues, Minister von Gossler disagrees with the Chancellor on the question of the state granting financial support to the clergy. The subject of discord between Minister von Schloz and Bismarck is the currency question. The former advocates a gold currency while the latter favors bi-

At the last meeting of the Provincial Council of Danzie, members of the council reproached the brother of Minister von Puttkamer for the wholesale expulsion of Poles which the minister had ordered. Herr von Puttkamer, defending his brother the minister, said the latter deplored the consequences of the expulsion on economic grounds, but he was overruled by Bismarck, who considered political interests of greater importance.

In receiving the Central Committee of the Unit d Trades Guilds yesterday, Emperor William dec ared the sole object of his European tour had been to maintain peace, the only means by which trade could prosper. He believed he had ensured this result for years to come.

The Samoan conference is not expected to present formidable difficulties.

The Haffield Murder Trial.

WINNIEG, March 17. The medical testimony in the Haffield murder trial yesterday supported the theory that Mrs. Haffield died from suffocat on after falling against the house. Counsel for the defence had not finished addressing the jury when the court

McGarigle, the Chicago boodler, leaves shortly for Toronto. He speaks of the Weldon Extradition Bill in contemptuous terms and says it would not affect his case.

Cordial Reception of the Pilgrims.

NEW YORK, March 17 .- The Catholic News has received this cablegram from Rome: "The pilgrims will be received by the Pope Monday. Yesterday morning the leader of the pilgrims, Very Vev. Charles A. Vissani, O. S. F., was received by Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary of State. The Vatican authorities gave him a cordial welcome and expressed themselves pleased at the visit of the Americans.'

The Prohibition Deleat in New Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., March 17. - Complete returns from all but one place show that all the constitutional amendments are adopted except the prohibitory amendment and that striking the word "Protestant" from the bill of rights. The vote on the latter was : Yes, 27,989; no, 20,880-not the required two thirds in its favor. The prohibitory amendment was defeated by a vote of 25,273 yeas to 30,774 nays.

Patriotic League Plots Revealed.

Paris, March 17 .- The police have made further searches of the residences of members of the Patriotic League. It is reported they have seized papers showing that a plan had been matured for a descent by members of the league up:n the Palais Bourbon where the sessions of the legislative chambers are held and the Elysee, the residence of the president.

Mahdists Defeated with Heavy Loss, Cairo, March 17.—A messenger who has arrived at Wady-Halfa reports that a battle between the followers of Senoussi and the

Mahdists has taken pl ce at Sinan, to the southwest of Bara, and that the former were victorious. Both sides suffered heavy losses. Among the killed were two Mahdist chiefs. The Weavers' Strike.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 17 .- The first

in the final game 300 to 267.

week of the weavers' strike closes without any appreciable change in the situation and the question now settles down to one of endurance.

Frey Wins the Pool Championship. BROOKLYN, March 16. - Albert Frey won the poel championship of the United States to-night in Brooken, defeating James Malone

TOPICS FROM THE CAPITAL

WHAT THE RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS

ARE ASKING.

One Probable Outcome of Mrs. Bell's Suit

mand of the Wimbledon Team.

Against Sir Charles Tupper-7he Com-

OTTAWA, March 17 .- Sir Charles Tupper "

leaves for Montreal this afternoon. He will

be in Toronto on April 5 to be examined in

connection with the arbitration between the

Canadian Pacific and the Government. It is

altogether likely that Sir Charles will visit the

Maritime Provinces before returning to Eng-

Messis. Edgar and Purdom, representing

the railway mail clerks of Western

Ontario, waited upon Postmaster-General Haggart yesterday with a view to securing an improvement in their financial position in the service. They point out that their work is more trying and their hours much more irregular than those of clerks in city post offices, and they ask that their pay be put on an equality with the latter. They would like to be put upon the same basis as the city clerks, and have their mileage allowance done away with. In case this is not done they want their superannuation based not upon their salaries alone but upon salaries and allowances combined. They also ask that the amount deducted monthly from their pay for superannuation tund purposes may be so placed as to form an annuity fund for their widows.

Mr. Bell, husband of the woman whose suit against Sir Charles Tupper ended on Friday night in an intimation from Judge McMahon that she had rendered herself liable to indictment for blackmail and perjury, has for years been employed as sessional messenger in the Commons. He was a witness in the case and was included in the Judge's remarks about the perjury. In consequence of his connection with the case it is understood that Bell's services in the Commons will be dispensed

Tenders for corporation advertising were to have been considered at a meeting of the Civic Printing Committee yesterday afternoon, but the aldermen were surprised to find that none had been received. There was no explanation save an unofficial one that the newspapers had combined to send no tenders. The aldermen proved equal to the occasion and in pursuance of their previous determination that for the future they would advertise in only one in place of all four city papers, they recommended to Council that the advertising be given to The Citizen, and that were insertion in two papers was called for by law Le Canada should be given the second choice. Of the committee of eight one favored dividing the spoils equally amongst the four, but the seven argued that the course agreed upon as above was the one best calcu-

lated to draw tenders next year. Another chapter in the Brown failure episode was enacted to-day, when rumors were in wide circulation that he had jumped his bad and bft for parts unknown. The police were quite agitated over the matter. It was learned however, from Mr. Wm. Finlay, who is Mr. Brown's bookkeeper and also one of his bondsmen, that that gentleman had merely gone to Metcalfe, a village not far distant, where his brother in law resides, and would return in ample time to appear in court on Friday next, when the criminal charge against him comes up on remand. Mr. Brown told an interviewer yesterday that he had no desire to avod trial.

Sydney Smith, jr., chief clerk of the Post Office Department here, left for Toronto this evening on receipt of intelligence that his father, Hon. Sydney Smith, was in a dving condition, there being no hope of his recovery.

There has been no little "kicking" done by some of the military men in the House about the appointment of Lieut. Col. Bacon to the command of the Wumbledon team. The choice is left to the chairman of the council, and in that capacity Lieut Col. Oumet. Speaker of the Commons, made the choice. The objection is not to Col. Bacon personally, but is on the score that Ottawa has too frequently secured this plum, this making the third time in six years that Ottawa has got the command. Last year the command went to Montreal, and the adjutancy to Ottawa. This year the same two cities get the positions, but in reversed order. The kick comes mainly from the Maritime Provinces. At art from the marter of territorial representation Col. Bacon's appointment is generally lauded as a handsome compliment to a lifelong friend of rifle shooting. It is interesting to note that there are six Ottawa men in the first twenty r flemen eligible for this year's team. There are three Toronto men: Tom Mitchell, R. McVittie and F. W. Curzon, all of the Grenadiers. Other Ontario men in the twenty are Capt. McMicking, 44th. Niagara Falls; Sergt. J. Rolston, 20th B.N.; Paymaster N. S. Russell, 45th; Lieut. J. A. Wilson, 33rd; Lieut, Conboy, 30th; and Staff Sergt, O.g. Guelich Field Battery. Staff Sergt. Ashall, Queen's Own, is sixth on the list of waiting men and will in all likelihood have a chance to go, as several of the first twenty always decline to go.

CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

The Association's Views Presented to Minister by the Deputation.

OTTAWA, March 16. - A deputation from the Canadian Copyright Association, concisting of J. Ross Robertson, Dan. A. Rose and J. A. Taylor, had an interview today with Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Carling, Mr. Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, also being present, concerning the bill now before the House. They submitted to the Government that it was of vital importance that provision should be made in the bill that registration of any work by the author to secure exclusive copyright should be made at Ottawa prior to or simultaneously with the publication of his work elsewhere. That further liberty should be given to all publishers to register works prior to publication, but should the authors also register prior to publication elsewhere, then only the authors' registration would be valid. They claimed that unless such was done the proposed bill would be useless, as otherwise our market would be flooded with American reprints

during the three months allowed to publish. Attenti n was also called to Chancellor Boyd's decision given last week, by which English editions of Canadian copyright books cannot be imported into Canada, and it was stated that as the law now stands it is offensive to the English publisher and also to the Canadian consumer who wishes a superior edition to the Canadian, so they propose that sec. 6 of our present act be struck out with the exception of the last lines which will then allow importation. Sir John Thompson stated to the deputation that it was the Government's intention to meet as far as possible the wishes of the deputation. In the afternoon the deputation again met Mr. Lowe, when the matter

was further discussed. It is expected the bill will receive its second reading this week.

Incendiary Fires.

WINCHESTER, Va., March 17. - A number of recent attempts of incendiaries culminated early yesterday morning in the destruction by tire of three storehouses, one dwelling house and two stables. Three separate fires were kindled at different times. An attempt was made to fire the building occupied by the United States Express Company. Much excitement prevails in the community over the action of the fire bugs.

The Latest from Haytt.

NEW YORK, March 17. The steamer Caroline Miller from Cape Haytien brings news of a decisive victory by Hippolyte over Legitime's forces on March 7, at La Celine. Hippolyte was on the field in per-