

LIBERALS WANT TO TALK.

HARCOURT AND GLADSTONE OBJECT TO BEING MUZZLED.

Lord Salisbury Speaks at Watford—Exciting Scenes in the Hungarian Diet—General Cable News.

LONDON, March 19.—Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, in opposing the motion of W. H. Smith, the Government leader, to give precedence to the vote on account until it was passed, accused the Government of shirking discussion and of trying to introduce a new and surreptitious form of closure. He said the time was drawing near when the House of Commons would become simply a vestry for the registering of Government transactions.

Mr. Gladstone denied the right of Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to calculate beforehand what time should be allowed for the discussion of the vote. He said that questions of great delicacy must be discussed. He denied the right of the Government to take away the right of the House to the time necessary for a full discussion.

Lord Salisbury Will Stick It Out. LONDON, March 19.—In a speech at Watford this evening Lord Salisbury stated that nothing short of a vote of want of confidence would bring the Government to a premature end and that those who thought otherwise were amusing themselves with vain dreams.

Stocks Firm in London. LONDON, March 19.—The stock exchange closed firm.

The Paris Bourse Quiet. PARIS, March 19.—Societe des Metaux shares closed at 40f. and Rio Tintos at 27f. The Bourse closed quiet.

The U. S. Copper Market Not Affected. NEW YORK, March 19.—There was practically no interest in copper on the Metal Exchange here to-day. Cables from London and Paris indicate a quieter and easier market.

The Bank of Paris Shaken. PARIS, March 19.—A pessimistic feeling prevails regarding the position of the credit houses, especially of the Banque de Paris, which is much discussed. It is reported that the bank is deeply involved in the copper troubles and is not expected to pay a dividend for the past year.

DeBani Deputies. PARIS, March 19.—Senator Naquet and Deputies Laquerre and Turquet, who are being prosecuted by the Government for their connection with the Patriotic League were arraigned before an examining magistrate to-day. They refused to answer the questions put to them and declared that as their prosecution was of a political nature and illegal they would only justify themselves publicly before the Correctional Tribunal.

An Exciting Day in Hungary's Diet. PESTH, March 19.—In the lower house of the Diet to-day Heri Eotvos, a member of the Opposition, charged Premier Tisza with procuring the construction of railways where he owned estates, for the purpose of increasing their value. Herr Tisza, who was received with cheers, refuted the charges. Herr Baross, Minister of Public Works, also repudiated the charges and condemned the attempt to slander the ministers. The House, only the Independents dissenting, resolved to take formal notice of the replies of the ministers.

German Notes. BERLIN, March 19.—A Government detective named Wachman has been sent next to 2 years' imprisonment for falsely accusing two men of being anarchists. A cotton mill at Unterhassen near Pfenning, Wurttemberg, was burned to-day. Loss 1,600,000 marks. The Queen Dowager of Bavaria is dying of droupy.

To Connect the Elbe and Trave. COLOGNE, March 19.—The Prussian Government has granted 6,000,000 marks to aid in the construction of a canal connecting the Elbe and Trave Rivers.

Ex-King Milan at the Austrian Court. PESTH, March 19.—Emperor Francis Joseph granted an audience to ex-King Milan of Serbia to-day. The Emperor will give a dinner to the ex-King to-morrow.

The Pope and the Universities. ROME, March 19.—The American College gave a grand dinner this evening in honor of the leaders of the American pilgrims. Many prelates were present. Bishop Keane, President of the new Catholic University at Washington, spoke in English, Latin and French. His remarks were much applauded. The Pope's vicar, Cardinal Parocchi, delivered a powerful Latin oration on behalf of the Pope. He expressed the Pope's admiration of American institutions and spoke of the deep interest taken by His Holiness in the birth of the Washington University, which he regarded as one of the chief glories of his pontificate.

A Change in Saturn's System. GENEVA, N. Y., March 19.—Prof. Brooks, director of the Smith observatory, has obtained several observations of the new white region on Saturn's ring and announces his discovery that the light is variable and that pulsations of the light at irregular intervals have been detected by him. This evidence of a change in Saturn's system is of the highest scientific interest.

To Investigate Canadian Railways. WASHINGTON, March 19.—At a meeting of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce to-day arrangements were made for pursuing the investigation of Canadian transportation matters ordered by resolution of the Senate Aug. 3, 1888. It was determined to meet in New York City May 15 and spend a week there examining witnesses. It is probable that before the summer is over the committee will go as far west as Duluth, if not over the entire length of the Canadian Pacific road.

Bitten by a Mad Dog. NEW YORK, March 19.—A mad Newfoundland dog created a panic in the 9th ward this morning. Two men and a woman were badly bitten. The dog was killed.

ONTARIO'S LEGISLATURE.

Another Debate on the Teaching of French in the Public Schools.

TORONTO, March 20.—There was another debate in the Assembly yesterday on the subject of the teaching of French in the schools. When the Provincial Treasurer moved the House into supply, Mr. Craig moved an amendment that all the words after "that" be struck out and that there be substituted therefor the following:

The English language is the language of the Province of Ontario, and no system of public instruction which does not ensure that in every school aided by Provincial funds or supported in whole or in part by local taxation, the teachers employed are capable of imparting instruction in the English tongue and that not recognize and act upon the recognition that every pupil is instructed in it, and which does the English language to be the language of such schools and require that the books in use in them, except those employed in giving religious instruction when and where such instruction is permitted by law, shall be approved of by the Department having the charge of educational affairs: is satisfactory to this House or will meet with the approval of the people of this Province.

Mr. Craig said that he wished to provide not only regulations and laws but to see that they were carried out. Such regulations did indeed exist making the teaching of English obligatory. But unfortunately these regulations had not been carried out. He asserted that there were schools in the Province where English was never taught, and contrary to the claims of the Minister of Education the teaching of English was being gradually driven out.

The Attorney-General replied that while, perhaps, as he understood the motion there might be no objection to it, brought forward as it had been an insuperable difficulty was created. It had been offered as an amendment to go into supply and therefore forced a division upon the House. Secondly, the amendment asserted the right to legislate in regard to the text books used in the Separate Schools. The Attorney-General was not prepared to say that the House had that jurisdiction. It seemed to him that it had not.

Mr. Meredith contended that in all matters of a non-religious character the state should be supreme. He hoped Mr. Mowat would recede from his position, and that it would not go forth that the educational interests did not belong to the people of the country. There was no reason why this question should not be considered on its merits exclusive of party feeling.

The Minister of Education characterized the amendment as a parliamentary trick by which a censure upon the Government might be secured. With regard to that portion of the motion which stipulated that every teacher should be able to teach English, the fact was, said Mr. Ross, that all these teachers could teach English.

Mr. Evanturel claimed that the French of Quebec had made far greater concessions to the English minority there than did the English of Ontario extend to the French minority in this Province.

Messrs. Fraser, Clancy, Caldwell, Creighton and Hardy also spoke and the amendment was voted down by the following division:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Party, and Vote. Includes names like Blyth, Clancy, Clark (H.E. Tor), Craig, Creighton, Cross, etc.

IN THE EVENING THE HOUSE WENT INTO SUPPLY. A number of items were passed, after which the estimates with the exception of a few items were concurred in.

In the discussion in committee on Mr. French's bill to amend the law of slander Mr. Meredith contended that the provisions contained in that amendment should extend equally to men as to women. To discriminate against men would be unjust and unfair.

The Attorney-General was of opinion that whatever merits the provisions might possess it would be out of the question to extend them to women. It was decided that the provisions should apply only to women. But little of the original measure could be recognized when the committee rose.

An assorted lot of other bills also received consideration in committee. Mr. Ley's bill to prevent the spread of contagious disease among horses and other cattle was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Ostrom, his bill to amend the Saw Log Driving Act was discharged.

The House adjourned at 10.40.

DUE TO DRINK.

A Few Yorker Cuts his Throat with a Pen-knife at Belleville.

BELLEVILLE, March 19.—A man named H. D. Smith, aged about 32 years, from Gloversville, N. Y., committed suicide at the Henderson house in this city at 9.30 this evening. He had retired to his room in the second story of the hotel about 9 o'clock and in about half an hour he committed the deed. The instrument used was a small pen-knife, which he thrust into his neck in close proximity to the right ear, cutting the jugular to the sidewalk below, a distance of about 15 feet. He was immediately carried into the hotel, but breathed his last before medical aid could be summoned. The cause which led him to commit the deed is unknown, but it is supposed to be drink.

Woodstock Notes. WOODSTOCK, March 19.—The temperance people are taking a verbatim copy of the petitions for the repeal of the Scott Act. They report that nearly one-third of all the names are from the town of Woodstock, although the whole county was thoroughly canvassed by the repealers. At least 100 of the Woodstock names are duplicates, some of them quadrupled. A large number of Scott Act meetings are being held just now throughout the county and the temperance people are resolved that the white flag shall not come down in Oxford.

Rev. W. McKinley has resigned his charge of the congregations of Innesburg and Ratho. Rev. Messrs. McKay and Robertson with their respective elders are confer with the people in regard to the matter.

These are the commissioners from the Paris Presbytery to the General Assembly to meet in Toronto next June: Dr. Cochran, Rev. W. T. McMullen, Rev. John Thomson, Rev. G. Munro, Rev. W. A. McKay, Rev. D. M. Beattie. Six elders are yet to be appointed.

The Ottawa Separate School Fund. OSHTAWA, March 19.—The controversy over the Ottawa Separate School and its funds has not abated any and formed the sole topic of conversation throughout the town to-day. Some of the Roman Catholics are now saying they did not follow Mr. McSweeney's course five years ago. It is said that nothing will settle the quarrel between some of the members but a court of justice.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

THE BUDGET DEBATE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE.

Sir Richard Cartwright's Amendment Defeated on Division—A Lot of Deputations at the Capital.

OTTAWA, March 20.—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir John Macdonald laid on the table the correspondence and other papers relating to the Jesuit Estates Bill, which were called for under Mr. Barron's motion.

The Budget debate was resumed and continued throughout the day, it being the day when, under the arrangement across the floor of the House, the debate was to be concluded. Mr. Cockburn, the member for Center Toronto, was the first speaker. He tackled his brother Scott, Mr. McMillan of Huron, and sought to turn into ridicule some of the statements he had made based upon figures. He read Mr. Hitt's resolution and his speech to show that the idea of international Free Trade as known in the United States involved American control of the Canadian tariff. On the strength of this he denounced the whole proposal and held up to the scorn of loyalists those who made it. He hoped devoutly never to live to see the day when Canada would be added to the United States.

Mr. Davies followed. He said he had no doubt that on a question of what taxation the farmers had to bear nine men out of ten would rather accept the statement of a practical man like Mr. McMillan than of Mr. Cockburn, a resident of a city. He took Mr. Cockburn to task for his imputations as to Liberal loyalty, declaring that Liberals did not hold loyalty to the Queen to involve loyalty to that particular fiscal policy which the member for Toronto might think best. He reviewed the question from a maritime province standpoint at length, and in conclusion showed what reason there was to believe that the Americans would negotiate with Canada for a trade treaty which would be mutually advantageous, and urged the importance of taking the step proposed by the amendment.

Mr. Madill and Mr. Cargill followed from the Conservative side of the House and Mr. Semple argued in support of Unrestricted Reciprocity.

Mr. Haggart, the new Postmaster General, spoke, but not at great length. He condemned the amendment and referred to the loyalty of the Canadian people to the British flag. He contended that the Liberals had noticed how their proposal flew in the face of the loyalists and had changed it. They would drop their present policy for another soon. They did not know what they wanted. He held that Canada could do well under present conditions.

Mr. Paterson of Brant ridiculed the Conservative claim that they did not understand the Liberal proposal. It meant just what it said, to negotiate for a treaty of freer trade with the United States. On the other hand, could a single Conservative say what their view on the subject was. They contradicted themselves, sometimes alleging that Canada could get along best by herself and then declaring that they wanted freer trade with the United States.

The debate was continued by Mr. Dickey and Mr. Weldon (St. John) and then the House divided on Sir Richard Cartwright's amendment, which was as follows:

That all the words in that bill struck out and that be read that "The Speaker do not now leave the chair but that in the present condition of affairs, and in view of the recent action of the House of Representatives of the United States, it is expedient that steps should be taken to ascertain as what terms and conditions arrangements can be effected with the United States for the purpose of securing full and unrestricted reciprocity of trade between the two countries."

The amendment was lost, 77 to 121.

MANY DEPUTATIONS.

The Government Interviewed About Com-bines, Postage, Flour Duties, etc.

OTTAWA, March 19.—Clarke Wallace's anti-combines bill was the subject of a protest made to the Government to-day by a large deputation including representatives from the principal cities of the Dominion. From Toronto there were A. M. Smith, J. J. Kenny, W. D. Matthews, Wm. Incr., M. McLaughlin, James Carruthers, S. E. McKinnon, H. C. Boomer, E. A. Wills, Alex. Nairn, Hugh Biam, Ald. T. Davies, and W. Roof. Hamilton was represented by J. Glasgow and J. N. Sterling and London by A. M. Smith. The deputation asked that the bill should be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce so that they might state their objections there. They claimed that there was no necessity for the passage of such a measure and that if it were passed the uncertainty as to its meaning would seriously hamper commercial operations. The deputation had able support from Senator Drummond. He is specially interested in the sugar combine. Adam Brown, M.P., was spokesman for the cotton and iron industries and Mr. Kenny spoke for the Underwriters' Association.

A deputation from the Toronto and Hamilton Boards of Trade in company with Messrs. Brown, Masson, Roome and Curran, M.P.'s, waited upon the Postmaster-General to-day to protest against the proposed increase in the rate upon drop letters and also against the proposed increase for registered letters. Lastly, they asked that a better quality of mucilage be put upon the stamps. Hon. John Haggart said he would lay the views of the deputation before the Government, but the department must be made as nearly self-sustaining as possible.

Ex-Mayor McMurrich of Toronto formed the head of the deputation which to-day interviewed the Government in the interest of a grant to the Nipissing and James' Bay Railway. They were accompanied by Messrs. Brown, Small, Cockburn, Demson and White of Cardwell. They asked a Dominion Government subsidy for the first 80 miles of the road, which with other subsidies promised would suffice to build it from North Bay to Lake Temiscaming. Sir John promised consideration, but said the Government could not satisfy everybody in the matter of railway subsidies.

The Toronto Board of Trade deputation interviewed the Government on the matter of wheat and flour duties, asking a readjustment. Sir John in reply admitted the force of the claim made and said the question was at present receiving the consideration of the Government.

Ida's Revenge.

DETROIT, March 20.—Miss Ida Corneau has entered a complaint in the Police Court against Joseph Brule for intent to kill and murder. Brule is the young man who about two weeks ago shot at Miss Corneau, after which he tried to put a bullet in his own brain. He is still at the hospital but will probably recover.

Peel Reform Convention.

BRAMPTON, March 19.—The Reformers of Peel met in convention here to-day, 130 delegates being present. Mr. K. Chisholm, M.L.A., was selected as the party standard bearer for the Local House, and Mr. Joseph Featherstone of Toronto Township for the Dominion House.

Oklahoma Boomers Fired Upon.

CHICAGO, March 19.—A Topoka (Kan.) special says: "The United States District Attorney has just received a telegram from Oklahoma Station stating that the boomers at that point had been fired upon by the regular troops and that further violence was hourly expected."

TORONTO TOPICS.

Suicide of an Old Printer—A Gilded Youth Fleeced by Gamblers.

TORONTO, March 20.—John Armstrong Watkins, an old time printer, residing at No 102 Mutual-street, retired to his room about 11 o'clock Monday night, taking with him his young son, who slept in the same apartment. Before disrobing he took up a small flask containing carbolic acid and remarked: "I'll have no more bother." Then he swallowed the contents, throwing the empty bottle out into the yard immediately afterwards. He soon lapsed into unconsciousness and died at 11.20 yesterday morning. He leaves a widow and four children, his age being 42. The causes which led up to his death are shrouded in mystery, as his domestic relations were all that could be desired, and he had sufficient of this world's goods to assure him a peaceful and happy old age.

The second C.P.R. excursion for Manitoba and the Northwest was sent off last night. It consisted of ten colonist trains, consisting of about 150 cars of stock and freight, having a colonist sleeper attached to each train, and two passenger trains of 10 cars containing about 600 passengers. The specials carried 425 passengers, making a total of 1025. The passengers are nearly all from Western Ontario, but come from as far east as Peterboro. Another train will join the excursion at North Bay from Brockville, consisting of 600 colonist sleepers and 86 cars of freight.

The gamblers of the town are considerably excited over a case of "doing up" of one of our gilded youths, and there may be some trouble in certain quarters before the thing is over. This gilded youth was caught in a resort east of Yonge-street. He was roped into a game of poker and drank freely of liquor. Considerable money he lost in the place referred to, and the scene of the game was latter on transferred further west. There the sharper gave him a good dose of his brace game, and when the chips were cashed in, and the rake-off passed, and the gas turned down the young man found that he was out \$100 in cash and the sharper held his check for a large sum, said by some to amount to \$1000. Payment on the check was stopped at the bank, and there is not a little talk over the matter.

DECIDED TO AMALGAMATE.

St. John (N.B.) and Portland Vote for Union—49,000 Population.

ST. JOHN, N.B., March 19.—The electors of St. John (east and west) and Portland by their vote decided to-day on amalgamation, by which the united population of the new city, which will be called the city of St. John, will be about 48,000.

The Atlantic Mail Service.

OTTAWA, March 19.—Since Sir Charles Tupper's arrival there has been a general understanding that the contract for the fast Atlantic service would be awarded to the Andersons, who have the Canadian Pacific Railway at their back. This means a quasi-amalgamation of the Pacific and Atlantic services and subsidies, and a handsome thing for the Andersons, who as agents will get ten per cent on the gross earnings of the new company, including the subsidies. The shareholders are not likely to realize a fortune, but the agents will. Such a service as that of the Umbria and Etruria to New York will not at the start pay to Halifax for half the year, even if it should do so in the summer months to Quebec. But it will boom Canada and our transcontinental highway, and as long as it lasts will be a far-far-so-good sort of arrangement. The introduction of a new and powerful corporation as a candidate for its share in the trade of the St. Lawrence will not be welcomed by the Allan and Dominion lines, which have done so much in the past to build up a business which of late years it is understood has been the reverse of lucrative.

The Sentry Shot Himself.

HALIFAX, March 20.—The result of the military court of enquiry which investigated the case of the sentry of the West Riding regiment who was shot while on duty at the Richmond magazine is now made known. The military are of opinion that the injuries were self-inflicted, but that there is no sufficient evidence to show whether it was done by accident or design.

Fire at Quebec.

QUEBEC, March 20.—Garrigue & Co.'s novelty store in St. John street was badly gutted yesterday through a defective chimney. The stock is a complete loss, uninsured. The building is owned by Judge Tessier whose loss will be about \$1000, insured. There was a small insurance on Garrigue's furniture.

Shot by a Wronged Husband.

HARRISON, Mich., March 9.—May Tuttle was shot while in the notorious Carr house at Meredith last night and is barely alive to-day. She is probably fatally wounded. She was shot by her husband who found his wife and daughter there.

Navigation Opened in Lake Erie.

DETROIT, March 20.—The steamer City of Cleveland sailed yesterday and will begin her regular trips to Cleveland to-day or to-morrow. Lake Erie is clear of ice.

The Cornwall Weavers' Strike Over.

CORNWALL, March 20.—The weavers who have been out on strike for the past four weeks have decided to return to work.

Burnt at Sea.

NEW YORK, March 19.—A cable received here from Rio Janeiro states that the steamship St. Cloud, which left here for Batavia Jan. 21, had taken fire and been abandoned near that port and the crew landed there. The vessel carried a cargo of oil but no passengers. The vessel was totally destroyed.

INTERESTING ITEMS BY WIRE.

South Huron Farmers' Institute met at Seaford yesterday. Sandwich is making efforts to have a dry dock and shipyard established there. A Port Colborne despatch says the prospects indicate an early opening of navigation.

Victoria, V.I., is already moving in the matter of a gigantic celebration of the Queen's birthday. Capt. Clinton Tremper, one of the best known steamboat men on the Hudson river, died at Rondout, N.Y., yesterday. Charles H. North & Co., of Boston, the second largest pork packing firms east of Chicago, have assigned. Liabilities \$750,000.

Patrick Kelly, farm laborer, had both legs cut off on the Welland railway yesterday near Welland Junction, and is dying. He was unmarried. Ex-Premier Grashdanin of Serbia announces that he will publish the true reasons for Milan's abdication. It is expected the disclosures will cause a sensation. Mr. Higgins, member for Esquimaux, has moved in the British Columbia Legislature for railway extension on Vancouver Island, which will connect the Straits of Fuca with the northern end of the island. A serious collision on the Intercolonial railway is reported from Riviere du Loup, Quebec. Conductor Michaud, Driver Whitney and Fireman Fohey and Lesvesque were killed instantly. No passengers were hurt. A Windsor plasterer who had secured work in Detroit was turned back by the customs officers the other day, while over a hundred workmen came over from Detroit to work on this side and were unemployed.

MATTERS IN MONTREAL.

TWO MEN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

An Iron Merchant Arrested on a Capital—Murderer McGrath's Wife Seriously Ill—The French Defaulter's Case.

MONTREAL, March 20.—Alexis Gregoire, boot and shoe manufacturer of St. Henri, assigned yesterday with \$22,000 liabilities. John Hennessy and Michael Mulcahy were yesterday committed to the Court of Queen's Bench on a charge of criminal assault on a young girl named Roberts.

Fredrick A. Lallamand, wholesale iron merchant, has been arrested on a capias at the instance of the Bank of Nova Scotia for \$12,083 promissory notes endorsed by him. He is accused of secreting his property. Mrs. Magrath, wife of the murderer of Holden whose plea of guilty of manslaughter was accepted yesterday, is lying in a serious condition in the general hospital from prostration. She is not yet aware of the turn of affairs in her husband's case.

John Baylis of the Provincial Police has been instructed by friends of Holton to look after his effects. Baylis has a letter from the sister of deceased in which she states that his aged mother is longing for him to return home and if he does not it will kill her. It is stated that Holden is highly connected in England, was heir to a considerable sum of money and instead of being a mere house decorator was an artist of considerable promise.

In connection with the proposed amendments to the license law this telegram was sent to the Quebec Government by the Dominion Alliance: "The Dominion Alliance protests against the granting of special licenses to fairs, races, etc., as immeasurably mischievous and demoralizing; and again the monstrous assertion that this is done in the public interest; and also against the word 'knowingly' as applied to minors, removing as it does all hope of the enforcement of the provision protecting them."

Victor Emil Michea, the young French deserter, was again committed for extradition by Commissioner Dugas on a charge of appropriating to his use a bond worth 3000 francs and collecting that amount on it, the bond having been in his possession simply in trust. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for.

MALONEY AGAIN REMANDED.

Bail Refused—What the Defence Will Try to Prove.

MONTREAL, March 19.—Detective Howie and Jeweler P. W. Ellis of Toronto arrived to-day in connection with the Maloney case. Reinholdt is stated to be in New York. Mr. Greenhills this afternoon argued that Maloney should be set free under bail, as it was not fair to hold his client under arrest simply in order to give the detectives a chance to work up a case against him. He offered any bail the court would ask.

Judge Desnoyers replied that such an outrageous act as the one of which Maloney stood accused, namely, of appropriating \$14,000 worth of jewelry in the manner charged, was not one for which he could accept bail. Of course Maloney might be innocent of the crime as charged but the suspicion was against him, the goods or a large portion of them having been found in his possession. He would therefore remand him until next Friday but he would take bail on that day if nothing special turned up.

It is stated that a bill of sale of the jewelry from Mr. Ellis to Van Reinholdt, showing it was the property of the latter, will be produced. The defence also stated that Van Reinholdt was offering the jewelry all through the city and that among the articles he offered to a well-known jeweler a \$600 gold watch for \$300.

FROM THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

Indications of a Cabinet Shuffle—An Elevator at Carberry Burnt.

WINNIPEG, March 19.—Haffield, the wife murderer, was sentenced this morning to fifteen years' imprisonment for manslaughter. Spence, charged with criminal assault on his step-daughter, was found not guilty. There are indications of a general reconstruction of the Provincial Cabinet before long.

Rouison & Co.'s elevator at Carberry, with 12,000 bushels of wheat belonging to Adam Mackenzie of Brandon, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is \$17,000, on which there was a light insurance. Two Monmouths nearly killed an old lady named Mrs. Herbert, living near Gretna, yesterday during her husband's absence.

Donald McQueen of Wapella yesterday lost a little boy by drowning in a pool of water two feet deep in which he was playing.

Found in Niagara River.

NIAGARA, March 20.—Arthur J. Powell, aged 48, was found floating in the Niagara River near Olden's dock, Youngstown, on Monday. It is supposed that he fell in by accident. Powell was weak minded. In September, 1887, in Michigan while felling trees, a tree crashed upon him, severely injuring him, and his mind never fully recovered from the shock. He was married, but was not living with his wife. No one believes that he committed suicide.

Belleville Briefs.

BELLEVILLE, March 20.—A 6-year-old boy who fell into the river Monday evening was rescued by Mr. H. W. Bell, who at the peril of his own life jumped from a wall 12 feet high into a swift current 6 feet deep and saved the child. The City Council last night passed a by-law requiring all bread to be of full weight. There are eleven cases to be heard at the chancery sittings which will be open on Thursday.

W. H. Garrat of Trenton has prepared a charge against License Inspector Granger and an examination took place at Trenton yesterday.

Hamilton Presbytery.

HAMILTON, March 19.—At the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery to-day it was decided to apply for their home mission grants: Niagara, \$150; Blackheath, \$25; Merrittton, \$100; Wentworth-street, Hamilton, \$90; Port Dalhousie and Lenth, \$150; Haynes-avenue, St. Catharines, \$150; St. David's, \$150; Dunnville, \$200; St. Ann's, \$100. A call from Ancaster and Alberton was sustained and accepted by Rev. John McClung, formerly of Shakespear. The induction will take place on April 5 at Alberton. Rev. D. H. Fletcher nominated Rev. Dr. Tating of Dundas, on behalf of the Hamilton Presbytery, for the position of moderator of the next general assembly. The nomination was carried unanimously.

Where is Walter?

HAMILTON, March 19.—A warrant was issued this morning for the arrest of Henry Walter, who came here from Cincinnati last fall and opened a mantle store in Copp's block. He is charged with receiving money by false pretence from John Malloy, from whom he got a pianon valued at \$165. It has also been reported to the police that a horse and set of harness he got from E. W. Ware have disappeared and have not yet been paid for. Walter cannot be found. His store is empty. The police believe he will not go back to the United States. He has been heard of there under the name of Henry Novack, Henry Wise, Frank November and Henry Engleman, in addition to Henry Walter.

Local Option Repeal in New Jersey.

TRENTON, N.J., March 19.—In the Assembly to-day the Wertz local option repeal bill was passed. All the Democrats and one Republican voted for it.