

A HUNDRED HOMES BURNT

TERRIBLE FOREST FIRE IN THE 'OLD DOMINION.'

The Flames Sweep Through a Virginia County Like a Tornado—One Life Known to be Lost—Four Men Missing.

DANVILLE, Va., April 15.—Information has been received of a terrible forest fire in Patrick County, which swept everything before it. One man, six horses, a large number of hogs and cattle and numerous dwellings and tobacco barns were consumed. Many poor people are left destitute. Such a fire was never before known in that section.

The fire extended from Patrick Springs to Critz Depot, covering an area 10 miles long and three to six wide. The fire commenced Friday and burned until a heavy rain aided the men Sunday night in stopping it.

The flames impelled by a gale swept through the fertile valley called Wildcat Hollow like a tornado, preceded by sounds like rolling thunder, and dashed up the mountain side casting a lurid glare over the country for miles around and terrifying the mountaineers.

Over a hundred families were left homeless, escaping with only the clothes they wore. Every vestige of fencing in the track of the fire is gone.

One man is known to have been burned to death and four others are reported missing. The damage will amount to many thousands of dollars.

FIREBUGS IN DURHAM.

Extensive Incendiary Fire—A Farmer Loses Heavily.

PORT HOFF, April 15.—An extensive incendiary fire occurred on the premises of Mr. Thom, Col., lot 25, 7th con. of Hamilton. The fire was first discovered about 2 o'clock this morning. Two barns, two stables and a lot of farming implements, cutter, robes, two or three sets of harness and all the grain and feed on the farm, with all the seed grain, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at between \$3000 and \$4000, insured for about \$1400.

A Blaze at Welland.

WELLAND, April 15.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning the store and residence of Frank Maccomb were discovered to be on fire. The stock and store were completely demolished, the residence being badly wrecked. Part of the furniture was saved, but damaged greatly by water and fire. Loss, \$3000; insurance, \$1200 on contents in Mercantile, \$1000 on stock in Mercantile, \$500 on stock in Commercial Union, \$300 on building in Queen's. Mr. Duncan's residence was slightly damaged; covered by insurance in Royal. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Perished in the Flames.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15.—A stable, owned by James Miller, a colored man, was burned at 2 o'clock this morning. Miller and his colored driver, Felix Williams, perished in the flames.

Tortured by Thieves.

MEYERSDALE, Pa., April 15.—Masked men Saturday night invaded the house of Christian Yoder near here and spent several hours torturing the old man, who was infirm and ill, in order to make him disclose the whereabouts of his money. They hanged him to a hook, took him down and hanged him up again, as though he were an old coat, and then secured \$186 and left, taking two of his best horses. The horses, however, have since been recovered at Pinkerton Tunnel. At the time there were in the house a hired man, two servant girls and Mr. and Mrs. Yoder. Yesterday the hired man's wife, wondering at his continued absence, went to Yoder's house and found the doors locked. She finally gained an entrance and there on the floor was the old man, his wife, the two girls and her husband, all bound and gagged.

Up Goes Beef in Minnesota.

DULUTH, April 15.—Friday the Legislature passed a meat inspection bill, which practically prohibited Chicago and Kansas City dressed beef from being sold in this state. To-day Armour and Swift withdrew their beef business from Duluth and prices advanced 25 per cent. Similar reports have been received from other places.

Contributions Will Still be Received.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Irish Parliamentary Fund Committee, which has contributed largely to the support of Parnell in his fight against the London Times, adjourned sine die to-night. Eugene Kelly, the banker, will receive further contributions.

Trouble in de Church.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 15.—Saturday night during a festival in the A.M.E. church in Mount Pleasant a dispute arose about some change and a riot ensued, in which knives, clubs, etc., formed the prominent weapons. Chief of Police Wolfendale had an ear almost bitten off, besides sustaining other injuries, and George Twining, another policeman, was stabbed twice in the back by George Lightfoot, the leader of the gang. With difficulty the disturbance was quelled and George Lightfoot, John Grant and Lemuel Strander were jailed.

No Idea of Buying Cuba.

MADRID, April 15.—In his note to the Madrid Government Mr. Blaine states that the United States Government has no idea of purchasing Cuba, but that it is simply desirous of establishing better commercial relations with the Spanish West Indies.

The Panama Canal Company.

PARIS, April 15.—The liquidators of the Panama Canal Company have informed the shareholders that they believe that a re-issue of the unsold lottery bonds of the company under par would realize 13,500,000 francs and save the canal, but that the Government is reluctant to propose such a measure fearing that Parliament would not consent to its adoption.

An Engineer Killed by This Collision.

TROY, N.Y., April 15.—A mixed train collided with a wildcat freight at Putnam, Lake Champlain, on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad this afternoon. The two engines were wrecked and one car was thrown into the lake. Sydney Sherman, an engineer, was killed. No passengers were injured.

A Rock Salt Vein in Kansas.

KINGMAN, Kans., April 15.—The workmen to-day at the Salt Shaft struck rock salt at a depth of 675 feet. The salt seems to be absolutely pure.

Sunday Baseball Illegal in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, April 15.—Judge Ellison rendered a decision in the Court of Appeals to-day that under the laws of Missouri baseball playing on Sunday is illegal.

The House of Commons.

Cannot pass a law that will prevent people having coughs, colds, catarrhs, bronchitis, influenza, diphtheria, and other ailments, but Haggarty's Peppermint Balsam does away with the difficulty by promptly curing all affections of the throat and lungs. It is the pleasantest and safest cough remedy in use.

He who is of no use to himself is of no use to any one.

GABRIEL'S GUFF.

Dunton: Stirring Up Discontent Among the Halfbreeds.

WINNIPEG, April 15.—Gabriel Dumont has been indulging in a lot of guff at his old home. He told the French halfbreeds that a given number of them well armed could lick a similar number of any other nation. He said amnesty had been granted and all the rebels should get back their cattle and other goods confiscated. A petition was being prepared and would be sent to Governor Royal for signature, and if he refused he (Dumont) would go to Ottawa himself with it.

Nearly all the wheat in the west has been delivered. There is about 1,000,000 bushels in inland elevators and as much more at Fort William.

Manager Miller of the Merchants Bank has been promoted to the management of the Toronto branch.

THE OUTLAW'S ABETTERS.

Judge Dugas to Go to Sherbrooke on Thursday to Try the Prisoners.

MONTREAL, April 15.—Judge Dugas states that he will go back to Sherbrooke on Thursday next to continue the preliminary investigation in the three first arrests.

"Why did you not admit those men to bail?" he was asked to-day.

"It is a felony," replied the judge. "There is evidence that two of the men had threatened to shoot the would-be captors of Morrison. I see I am blamed for having met Morrison. I have already stated that I hesitated, but the mayors of Stornoway and Gould and a number of Justices of the Peace insisted that I should go and assured me that Morrison would surrender to me. Had I not gone I would have been blamed. Some one said I had two revolvers with me at my so-called interview with the outlaw. That is not true; I was unarmed."

OVER THE MOUNTAIN.

A Cock-Fight Between Toronto and Hamilton Roosters—Anti-Prohibition Burglars.

HAMILTON, April 15.—On Saturday night there was a big cock fight over the mountain between representative Toronto and Hamilton roosters. Eleven carriage loads of sports went out from the city to attend the festivities. Hamilton birds won five battles out of six.

Last night Daniel Sullivan's grocery at the corner of Walnut and O'Reilly streets was entered by some anti-prohibition thieves, who got away with nine bottles of brandy, four or five bottles of port wine and six flasks of whisky.

There were thirteen applications for the vacancy on the police force caused by Constable Strouman's death. John S. Green, 5 ft. 11 in., 198 lbs., 26 years old, a native of Waterdown, secured the appointment.

Wm. Harper, one of the oldest and most generally respected of the Grand Trunk Railway employes in Hamilton, died on Saturday night after a short illness.

At the Police Court this morning on the charge of assaulting an officer Henry Hanley was fined \$10, and on charges of interfering with the police George Johnson was fined \$1 and Frank Doolan and John Kelly \$5 each.

THE END OF A DEBAUCH.

A Drunken Woman Accidentally Suffocated at Kincairdine.

KINCARDINE, April 15.—Yesterday morning Margaret McLeod, a middle-aged woman living with her son, was found lying on the floor dead. Her son was asleep in another room and was awakened by Edwin Batman and Kenneth Matheson, who discovered the body. An inquest was held to-day. Although foul play was at first suspected, it would seem that Margaret, her son and a young man had been drinking on Saturday night, that they all became drunk, the men fell asleep and the woman, in falling off her chair, was suffocated.

HARRY PHILLIPS TOO.

The Noted Sport Arrested for Complicity in the Alleged Jewelry Steal.

MONTREAL, April 15.—Harry Phillips, late manager for John L. Sullivan, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of helping Andy Maloney to steal \$14,000 worth of jewelry from Von Reinholz, agent of P.W. Ellis & Co. of Toronto. The case will come before the court to-morrow.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC.

Leading Features of the Grain and Produce Markets at Home and Abroad.

TORONTO, April 15.—St. Lawrence market was quiet yesterday morning. There was only a small supply and little demand. Quotations are unchanged.

Receipts of hay and straw were small, and prices unchanged at \$16 to \$18 for hay and \$10 for straw.

The sales of grain on the street were: 150 bushels of barley at 49 to 53 cents, and one load of peas at 57 cents.

The quotations on Call were: No. 2 fall wheat, offered at \$1.06; No. 2 red, \$1.05 bid; No. 1 hard, \$1.25 bid; \$1.30 asked, to arrive; No. 2 hard, \$1.25 asked, at Carleton Junction.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports: Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn, nil. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, rather more enquiry; corn, quiet, Mark Lane—Wheat, quiet; corn, turn easier; flour, quiet. Spot good No 2 club Cal. wheat, 32c was 32 1/2; present and following month, 29s 9d, was 29s 9d; do. Danube corn, 22s 6d, was 23s; prompt, 20s 3d, was 21s; do. mixed American corn, 19s, was 19s 3d; same flour, 26s, was 26s 5d; No. 2 red wheat, prompt steamer, 33s 3d sellers, was 38s, present and following month, 36s 3d, was 38s, but no recent quotation since other grades declined. French country markets quiet. English farmers' deliveries of wheat during past week 43,933 qrs., average price 29s 11d, was 30s 1d. Liverpool—spot wheat, hardening; corn, turn dearer. Corn 3s 9/4d, unchanged. Peas, 5s 5/4d cheaper.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool reports: Wheat, firm, demand poor; holders offer sparingly. Corn steady, fair demand. Spring wheat, 7s 8d; red winter, 6s 10 1/2d; No. 1 Cal., 7s 1 1/2d. Corn, 3s 9/4d. Peas, 5s 5/4d. Pork, 65s. Lard, 35s. Bacon, short and long cleared, 32s and 33s. Tallow, 26s. Cheese, white and colored, 52s 6d.

Pauper Emigrants at Castle Garden.

NEW YORK, April 15.—At Castle Garden to-day over 200 emigrants, of 4000 landed, were detained as liable to become a public charge.

Baseball Games Yesterday.

At Baltimore: Baltimore 8, Boston 12. At Newark: Brooklyn 9, Newark 6. At Jersey City: New York 25, Princeton 4.

At Philadelphia: Athletics 16, Philadelphia 7.

At Trenton: Cuban Giants 7, Syracuse 3.

At Indianapolis: Indianapolis 7, St. Louis 3.

At Washington: Chicago 18, All America 6.

At Cincinnati: Cincinnati 10, Toledo 9.

At Springfield: Springfield 6, Toronto 14.

Smith's falls is to be made a customs port.

BIRMINGHAM FOR BRIGHT

HE IS ELECTED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

The Liberal Unionists Poll More Than Double the Gladstonian Vote—The Imperial Finances—Mr. Goschen's Budget.

LONDON, April 15.—John Albert Bright, the candidate of the Liberal Unionists, was to-day elected to succeed his father, the late John Bright, as representative of the Central Division of Birmingham in Parliament. Mr. Bright received 3610 votes against 2560 for William C. Beale, the Gladstonian.

At the last election in the Central Division of Birmingham the late John Bright was returned without opposition.

Mr. Goschen's Budget.

LONDON, April 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the Budget. The revenue for the year exceeded the estimate of the last Budget by £1,645,000. The expenditures were £941,000 under the estimate, leaving a surplus of £2,586,000, the largest amount since 1873. The revenue from spirits and tobacco decreased, while that from tea shows a small increase.

The income tax realized £1,201,000 over the estimate, the postal service £300,000 and the stamp tax £100,000. Other increases were in the Custom House duty and the revenue from the telegraph service.

It is calculated that the revenue for the current year will be £8,050,000 and the expenditures £86,967,000, making a deficit of £1,917,000 caused by increased army and navy expenses. This deficit will be met by taking £1,000,000 saved last year and putting an additional tax of 1 per cent. upon the death duties on estates of the value of £10,000 and upwards and adding a duty of 1-14 of a penny upon every gallon of beer.

Mr. Goschen promised that the Government would deal apart from the Budget with the question of light gold currency due to wear, and would take care that the proposals would not tend to decrease the gold reserves.

Hugh C. Childers congratulated Mr. Goschen upon meeting the increased expenditures without placing a burden upon the general taxpayers. He said he approved of the new death duty on estates.

Perjurer Molloy Convicted.

LONDON, April 15.—Patrick Molloy, summoned as a witness for the Times before the Parnell Commission but who gave evidence at variance with the statements he had made to the Times' counsel before he was placed on the witness stand and who was tried on a charge that he perjured himself during his examination, was convicted to-day. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at hard labor.

That Persian Cession Denied.

LONDON, April 15.—Sir James Fergusson, Under Secretary for the Foreign Office, denied in the House of Commons to-day that Persia had ceded to Russia the frontiers at Kalatqudir.

The Pope Indisposed.

ROME, April 15.—The Pope blessed paschus in the chapel of the Vatican yesterday. To-day he was slightly indisposed and was unable to give the household Easter communion. It is expected he will officiate at the service in the Pauline Chapel Thursday.

The Samoan Conference.

BERLIN, April 15.—The Post says that the Samoan Conference will open May 1. The German delegates are Count Herbert Bismarck and Dr. Kraud of the Foreign Office. Count Herbert will preside.

England's Representative.

LONDON, April 15.—Sir Edward B. Malet, the British Ambassador at Berlin, will represent England at the Samoan conference. He will be assisted by two officials from the Foreign Office.

How's This, Mr. Blaine?

COLOGNE, April 15.—The Gazette says: "The omission of Mr. Sewall as disbursing officer of the American commissioners to the Samoan conference, together with the appointment of Mr. Bates as a member of the commission, warrants the supposition that the Washington Government does not seriously desire a friendly settlement of the questions concerning Samoa."

The Societe des Metaux in Liquidation.

PARIS, April 15.—The Tribunal of Commerce has entered a decree for the judicial liquidation of the Societe des Metaux.

Closer Amity Desired.

MADRID, April 15.—The Marquis de Armiijo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has prepared a reply to a communication recently addressed to the Spanish Government by Secretary Blaine. In it the Spanish Minister expresses a desire to draw closer the bonds of friendship uniting Spain and the United States.

European Personalities.

LONDON, April 15.—It is stated that Lord Salisbury will visit Prince Bismarck about Easter.

Mr. Parnell's action in the Irish Courts against the Times will be cancelled.

Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, now at Turin, has suffered another relapse, and his life is deemed of.

ON THE WARPATH.

Turbulent Coal Handlers at Cleveland—Willing to Take the Old Rate.

CLEVELAND, April 15.—The coal handlers on the docks fronting the river are on the warpath. Last season they were paid 14 cents for loading coal into vessels. Early this season they concluded they should have 16 cents, but their employers decided to reduce the price to 12 cents. The old men laid down their shovels and new men were employed. This morning about 100 strikers, carrying sticks which they used for canes, marched from dock to dock. They ordered everybody to quit work and their command was respected. At the Pennsylvania Railroad docks the workmen resumed work shortly after the strikers had disappeared, as policemen arrived to protect them. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon all the docks except those belonging to the Pennsylvania Company were deserted. The strikers are now willing to accept 14 cents.

Pennsylvania Labor Notes.

PITTSBURGH, April 15.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers will demand that all the iron mills be closed for two months during the summer. This move meets with general favor among the iron workers. The two-months would give the iron workers a chance to rest and the employers to make repairs. The suspension would throw 25,000 men in this district out of employment.

The railroad coal miners belonging to the Progressive Union have accepted the operators' scale proposing a reduction of 2 1/2 cents per ton in wages for the ensuing year. The K. of L. miners withdrew from the meeting because the Progressive officials controlled. The Knights then met and denounced the action of the Progressive officials. It is thought the Knights will also accept the scale.

It is wise not to seek a secret and honest not to reveal it.

TORONTO TOPICS.

A Disgusted Alderman—The New Civic Loan—Andy Maloney's Peril.

TORONTO, April 16.—At the meeting of the City Council last night Ald. E. A. Macdonald tendered his resignation saying that he thought his usefulness was at an end and he seemed to have no influence in that body. The council declined to accept the resignation, although it was again tendered in an amended form.

The case of fraud against Andy Maloney the Montreal gambler, is assuming a serious phase for that gentleman. Ever since George Von Reinoltz fled from Montreal after being victimized he has been in constant communication with P. W. Ellis & Co., whose property he allowed to slip through his fingers. Mr. P. W. Ellis has made several trips to the States to interview him. The result was that Reinoltz consented to come back to Montreal and testify against Maloney if guaranteed government protection. This was secured and on Sunday night he arrived in Toronto, leaving yesterday morning with Mr. M. C. Ellis for Montreal on time to be on hand when the case is called this morning. He is bitterly hostile to the Montreal crowd and said while stepping on board the train that he would make it hot running for the men who had ruined him.

The new Toronto debentures have been well taken up in London. The total applications amounted to £205,400 sterling, at prices ranging from the minimum to 104 1/2 per cent. The average price obtained for the ten year bonds is £102 2s. 6d., and for the twenty year bonds £102 16s. 11d.

The Spring Criminal Assizes opened yesterday before Mr. Justice Rose. Two young Central Prison convicts, Frank Smith and T. W. Henderson, were found guilty of attempted prison breaking. There is a heavy docket for trial, including a batch of bucket shop cases.

Ex-Policeman William Thompson, who resigned a year ago from No. 5 Division and who then opened a butcher's shop on Queen-street west, has disappeared. His family are extremely anxious about his whereabouts.

Shortly after midnight a private of "C" Company named Jacob Wright was walking down University-street near Queen-street when he was brutally attacked by three men. He was knocked down and got a severe beating. He received serious injuries to the head from blows with a stick. The ruffians stole his cap and stick and made off. He was found by a policeman, who took him to the nearest drug store, where his wounds were dressed.

CAPITAL GOSSIP.

The Recent Loan and the Jesuit Question to Come Up Again in a New Guise.

OTTAWA, April 15.—Sir Richard Cartwright is again to bring up the subject of the recent loan by an inquiry as to whether the Government have demanded from the High Commissioner and the financial agents explanations of the insertion in the prospectus of the unusual clause over which all the talk has taken place, also whether the Government have demanded a list of applicants for the loan and the parties to whom it was allotted.

Mr. Watson has a rod in pickle for Warden S. L. Beison of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, lately appointed Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 91st Battalion and also an extra A.D.C. to the Governor-General. He wants to know whether these appointments were with the knowledge and consent of the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Barron will inquire if it is the intention of the Government to cause legal proceedings to be instituted in order to test the legality of the Jesuits Estates Act; if not, does the Government propose to bear any proportion of the costs which may be incurred in testing the constitutionality of the act.

Mr. Searth, M.P., left for Winnipeg last evening and will not return.

Mr. Justice Strong, acting as Deputy Governor, will attend in the Senate to-morrow to give the Royal assent to bills so far passed. This will be the second batch of bills put into effect this session.

In the Senate to-day the Adulteration Act amendment bill was withdrawn. Senator Abbott stated that since its introduction the Minister of Inland Revenue had been considering the question of increasing the facilities for prosecution of persons guilty of adulteration. He is satisfied that a more extensive measure is required, especially in regard to representations made at the dairy convention recently held. Such a measure is in course of preparation and will be presented next session.

Sir John Macdonald has given notice of a resolution asking legislation of the Imperial Parliament to define the westerly, northern and easterly boundaries of Ontario.

The Final Deposit Made.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The representatives of John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain met here to-day and made the final deposit for the fight to take place on July 8, selecting Allan H. Crigge the well known bookmaker as final stakeholder.

The Largest Gas Well Ever Struck.

PITTSBURGH, April 15.—The largest natural gas well ever struck is near Belle Vernon, 26 miles from here. It is running off 40,000,000 feet a day.

A Pennsylvania Failure.

MORRISTOWN, Pa., April 15.—The Conshohocken Worsted Company assigned to-day. The company operates three mills, and the pay roll amounts to \$35,000.

INTERESTING ITEMS BY WIRE.

Boulanger's sympathizers are said to be growing in numbers. Dr. Brinkmann, Bishop of Munster, a champion in the Kulturkampf, is dead.

The London sugar market is extremely excited and prices have risen two shillings.

It is said there is a well authenticated scheme on foot in California to capture the Lower Peninsula.

The Czars second son George, attended by a large naval squadron, will go to France to visit the Paris Exposition.

A freight train on the Cairo Short Line was wrecked about a mile from Belleville, Ill., yesterday by the sinking of the track over a coal mine.

King Humbert and Signor Crispi, the Italian Prime Minister, will leave Rome for Berlin, May 30. They will remain in that city for a week.

Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, President of the Council in the British Columbia Government, died at Victoria, B.C., on Saturday from paralysis.

The London Chronicle says it will prove that Boulanger began collecting money for his propaganda while in America attending the Centennial fetes.

At Hempstead, Texas, a mob of masked men took George Drigg, colored, charged with attempting to outrage a white woman, out of jail and hanged him.

Charles F. Hatch, president of the Wisconsin and Minnesota Railway Company, committed suicide at Minneapolis yesterday by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver.

Twenty thousand men threaten to quit the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio road and tie up the trains if the plan of compulsory accident insurance adopted by the company is persisted in.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

ANUMBER OF BILLS PASSED THROUGH THE HOUSE.

The Minister of Finance Gives Notice of a Resolution Authorizing Several Steamship Subsidies.

OTTAWA, April 15.—Hon. John Macdonald's bill respecting the new Toronto Board of Trade building was sent over from the Senate this afternoon and rushed through its three stages in the House. Mr. Small moved urgency and the rules of the House were suspended to press the bill through all its stages. By the old charter of the Toronto Board of Trade, that organization was limited to holding but \$250,000 worth of real estate. The new fire-proof building which will be erected will cost over \$350,000, and without this amended legislation the board could not own such a structure. Had the bill gone over till the next session the board would lose \$10,000 in interest on the subscriptions to erect the new building on account of its being unavailable for a year. This is now relieved and the board can go straight ahead with their proposed stupendous pile.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney introduced a bill to consolidate and amend the Northwest Territories Act. In view of certain minor amendments desired it was postponed, he said, to consolidate the three acts now existing relating to the Northwest Territories. Hon. Mr. Laurier objected to a consolidation bill being introduced at this late stage of the session, and Hon. David Mills also objected, declaring it to be a most monstrous proceeding. Sir John Thompson said he saw no cause for alarm, as the amendments were very few and simple, and there being not the slightest expectation of Parliament closing before the end of next week, there would be plenty of time for consideration.

Hon. John Costigan introduced a bill to amend the General Inspection Act. The amendments include provision for the determination of the wheat standards west of Port Arthur, to be fixed by a board chosen from that locality. Authority is given to inspectors and deputies for the Northwest and Manitoba.

The Bagwell, Wand and Middleton divorce bills were read a third time and passed.

On motion that the House go into committee on the bill for the relief of William Gordon Lowry, Sir John Thompson moved the six months' hoist. Though the evidence showed that the petitioner was not guilty of collusion the case rested only on the admission of the wife, an admission made under circumstances which rendered it of very little value.

The House having divided, Sir John Thompson's motion was lost, 55 to 69, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The Senate amendments to the bill to amend the statute respecting the safety of ships were concurred in. So also were the Senate amendments to the bill respecting the Harbor of Belleville.

The bills from the Senate to amend the Summary Trials Act and to amend the Summary Convictions Act were passed.

The House then went into committee on the bill respecting the expropriation of lands, which was adopted with amendments.

After recess Hon. John Carling introduced the resolution, of which the details were given some days ago, reducing the amount of interest payable by the Menonite body upon the loan made to them in 1876 to aid needy immigrants. In place of 6 per cent. compound interest the rate is made 4 per cent. simple interest. Computed at this rate the loan, principal and interest, has been repaid.

The resolution was adopted