

The Glengarry News.

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A contemporary advises Canadians "to say nothing but saw-logs."

What's wrong? here's a whole week gone by and not a single interview from the pen of Tupper or Foster published.

Both the C.P.R. and the G.T.R., as well as the Standard Oil Co., recognize that Canada now has a government which governs.

South Perth gave practical expression to the sympathy we all feel for the poor old Topy, which has not won anything for years and years.

Canada's finances continue to grow and they keep on as at present to the close of the financial year there will be a surplus on consolidated revenue of between four and five million dollars.

Attorney-General Longley has introduced a resolution in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly for a Memorial to the Queen in favor of reforming the Dominion Senate.

Though in public Hon. George E. Foster and Sir Charles Tupper try by loud whistling to keep up their own and their party's courage; in private they fall on each other's necks, and weep over the perversity of Canada in keeping them wandering in the wilderness.

Between September 1 and February 28, returns to the Trade and Commerce Department show that Canadian butter to the extent of 118,573 cwt. was imported into the United Kingdom out of a total importation of 316,796 cwt. During the same period of 1897-98, 84,963 cwt. of Canadian butter was shipped to the British market out of a total importation there of 247,000 cwt.

There is a movement on foot at present to extend the jurisdiction of Division Courts, now limited to \$100, to include claims for accounts up to \$500. The cheapness and efficiency of the Division Courts makes the movement a popular one and the large majority of people would consider the change a desirable one.

Denunciation is always on top when Tupper stands by the epigot; Laurier has it dished up by Sir Charles Tupper lavishly and undiluted because he did not bring home a completed treaty from Washington; if he had brought one home with him, one that was most favorable to Canada, the flood gates of denunciation would be let loose just the same.

Sir Charles Tupper, that grand old 'has-been,' came to West Huron to curse the cause of Robert Holmes, but like Balaam, the son of Beor, the tenor of his speech was so changed that the curses became blessings to Holmes, and great good resulted. He spoke at Clinton and Goderich, and Colborne and Goderich township are contiguous to these points. In these municipalities the Conservative vote dropped away from the vote of last December, by 191. If we could have got the old man into the heart of Goderich township that grand old Conservative preserve would have been made to break even. Tupper is still the grand old wrecker of his party.—Goderich Signal.

When referring to honors conferred on Sir Wilfrid Laurier the Montreal Star (bitter Tupper) speaks contemptuously of "tinsel titles"; does it imagine that its readers are not quite cognizant of its desire to win a title which carries with it the right to be called "Honorable" and the right to sit in the Senate, which more than anything else, resembles a dead house, unless it is a living catacomb? where the tireless hours drag out the yawns and snores of an queer collection of human beings as ever was seen. There are old chaps there who have got around life's corner and are now passing giddily through second childhood. The Star's contempt for titles cannot be genuine else it would not, as it has done, have allowed itself to earn one from Tupper.

From the annual report of the Minister of Education for Ontario, it appears that the number of school pupils in this province between the ages of 5 and 21 years of age is 590,056 or 1,602 less than last year. The expenditure on Public Schools was \$5,918,591 being an average of \$8.75 per head; and for High Schools \$1,715,976 or an average of \$20.35 per head.

Of the 8,876 primary teachers, 2,690 are men, and 5,686 are women, the average salaries paid being \$891.00 to men and \$294.00 to women. The high school teachers number 679.

The public library number 103 and they report that 371,439 volumes were issued. The report deplors the fact that so little attention is paid to Arbor Day and the improvement of the school grounds and premises, particularly in the rural districts where there is ample room for shade trees and flowers.

The chief defect noted in school premises is the limited extent of the grounds set apart for the use of the pupils, and the opinion is expressed that in Canada where the cost of land is so cheap the area of the school grounds in rural districts should be from two to three acres instead of one quarter to one-half acre. 15,481 trees were planted in 1897.

ONTARIO'S REVENUE ADJUSTMENT.

The fact that, owing to the legislation adopted by the local legislature last session in regard to the sawing of logs in Ontario, a fall in revenue was bound to follow has necessitated the imposition of taxation in order to keep up the revenues and thus meet the inevitable expenditure of the province. In the matter of taxation Ontario has had little reason to complain in the past and in the means now proposed to keep up the revenue she will have as little. The principle the Ontario Government has had and still has in view is to lay this weight of taxation where it properly belongs, so that the poor man suffers least and those who are most able are compelled to shoulder the burden. A number of the opposition journals have been doing a certain amount of signaling, not because they felt there was anything wrong in the bill, but because they are chronic criers. The following paragraph, however, from the Toronto News, a staunch Conservative journal, goes to show that even the more independent of the Conservatives are satisfied with the bill:

"The new bill that Hon. Mr. Harcourt introduced in the Legislature Wednesday, is based on sound economic principles, and while the Opposition will no doubt criticize it adversely, it is likely to prove generally acceptable to the people of the province. The main features of the bill are additional taxation of a luxury in the shape of alcoholic liquors and a tax upon money invested in financial stocks of various kinds. It is to be expected that the liquor interest and the managers of loan companies will not look with any degree of favor upon the act, but the general public, who have no money invested in stocks and who are not heavy consumers of alcoholic liquors, will not feel the pressure of the new taxes. When the necessity of gathering additional revenue is taken into account, it will be difficult for any person to show that the means of obtaining that revenue than the one the Government has adopted. As far as the contention that this is a resort to direct taxation is concerned, there does not seem to be any ground for it. Certainly the principle of the bill is not direct taxation, as the people of the province understand the phrase. The general apprehension of a direct tax is that of a poll tax, so that, while the political hair-splitter may call this measure by any name they choose, the people of the province will not call it direct taxation, any more than they call tariff on manufactured articles direct taxation."

Our Ottawa Letter.

OTTAWA, March 6th.—It is expected that there will be some drastic amendments in the customs tariff proposed when the budget is brought down to the House at the approaching session of parliament. Among them will probably be a proposal to abolish the present high protection on coal oil. A total remission of this particular tax was considered impracticable when the tariff was re-cast last year, as, for the purpose of revenue, it was deemed necessary to continue the tax, although reduced to an appreciable extent, and not only for revenue but to preserve the industry at Petrolia from being swamped by the flood of American oil which would pour into the Dominion upon the removal of the duty.

The Conservative administration, however, over-protected Canadian oil and the result was that the Petrolia-refiner enjoyed a monopoly in the oil production in Canada and at the same time supplied the consumer with a most inferior article as compared with American refined oil. The people of this country have been anxiously looking forward to the time when a total repeal of the coal oil duties would be declared, and it has been the universal demand that the present onerous tax should be modified or entirely removed. There is now no reason for its retention since the Canadian oil fields have become the property of the Standard Oil Company, which is a foreign corporation. Last week a large and representative deputation from the mine of fuel oil for manufacturing purposes waited upon the government to ask that oil be placed upon the free list. It was then pointed out that the amount of oil used for fuel purposes was increasing and the price had risen from 80 cents per barrel to \$1.25 per barrel very recently. Since the Standard Oil Company has acquired the Canadian oil fields it is stated that it has become impossible to obtain fuel oil, in sufficient quantity, in Canada so that some manufacturers, who depend upon this article for fuel supply, have been compelled to close down their works and are likely to follow. There is no enough of this class of oil, to be had in the Dominion. One-third of what was now required has to be imported and, at present, the enormous rates of duty levied upon the imports virtually make it prohibitive. The duty on this article is now equal to 100 per cent ad valorem, and if the freight rates be added it makes a protection of 150 per cent. Canada has now no oil interference and nothing stands in the way of a remission of the coal oil duties should the Government conclude, as it is expected they will, to wipe out this extreme protection altogether, and let the people of this country enjoy one of the prime necessities of life without having to pay over twice as much for the refined product as it can be purchased for in the United States. The country would prefer a total repeal of the duty, but, failing that, the demand is strong for a radical reform of the onerous high rate of taxation on this necessity of life, which has, for so long a time, burdened the masses in Canada. The Petrolia monopolists formerly argued that the Canadian industry of refining petroleum oil would be stifled by any lowering of the tariff wall on this article, but since this industry has fallen into the hands of a foreign monopoly such argument has no longer any weight, and the government, if it acts upon the proposed principles of free trade, or tariff for revenue only, should at once remove this most profound example of high protection from the tariff schedule.

The time has now arrived when, in view of the wonderfully improved condition in the financial and trade situation of the country, the government should give ear to the voice of the people and remove the heavy restriction which surrounds the importation of coal oil. It should without delay relieve the poorer classes from the burden, some exacting they have so long suffered by giving them, without danger now of any depreciation of revenue, this article of necessity at as cheap a rate, almost, as it can be obtained in the United States.

THE YUKON POLICY.

One commendable change in the Yukon administration is the recent promulgation by the Interior Department of the new rule that no government official in the Yukon district will hereafter be permitted to own mines in that region or possess any interest in mining claims either directly or indirectly. It is said that some scandal arose out of the disregard of the established principle that knowledge acquired while in the public service should not be turned to personal advantage by officials under government for the purpose of enriching themselves out of the public domain. These officials who were first appointed to posts in the Yukon have first provided to themselves in the Yukon before having fathomed their chests with information given in confidence by lucky prospectors. In consequence of these reports the Minister of the Interior has been violently assailed both by the American newspapers and the Tory press of this country. The new regulation will now effectually remove this cause of complaint.

A change has also been made in regard to the issuance of permits to sell liquor in the Yukon. The Minister of Interior, when asked as to what extent the department proposed to issue liquor permits in the Yukon district this year, said that he had delegated the authority in that matter entirely to the local council at Dawson City. Application will therefore have to be made direct to Mr. Ogilvie, the local council, to obtain these coveted permits, and the Minister has adopted a wise expedient in referring this liquor patronage to the Yukon administration at Dawson.

DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Pruned, Punctured and Preserved in Pithy Paragraphs for the Personal of Practical People—Personal, Political and Profitable.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society will apply at the coming session of Parliament for an act of incorporation.

THE FIRE RECORD.

At Nanapan on Sunday the photograph gallery of J. S. Hulett was destroyed by fire. Joy & Perry's grocery stock below was badly damaged by water.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Revelstoke, B.C., has been proclaimed a city and will soon elect a mayor and aldermen.

A block of buildings, to cost \$1,500,000, is already in sight for the coming summer in Winnipeg.

POLITICS—CANADIAN.

A cross-petition has been filed at Osgoode County Court, against Robert G. MacDermid, the defeated Conservative candidate in the recent by-election in West Elgin. Donald McNish, M.P.P., is the petitioner. The usual charges are made.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Grand Trunk Railway system earnings, Feb. 23 to 28, 1899, \$257,686; 1898, \$451,487; increase \$76,099.

At the special meeting of the Delaware, Lehigh Valley, and Reading Railroad, Sloan resigned as president and W. H. Truesdale was elected as president.

THE WEATHER.

Another blizzard raged on Thursday in Colorado, and railways are tied up. In the West people are living on one meal a day and are checking up their fuel.

If the present warm weather continues there is every likelihood of the ice in Toronto Bay breaking up before it did last season. The bay was clear on the 18th of March last year, and this season so far the whole eastern end from Yonge street to the gap is free of ice.

MARINE MATTERS.

The Dominion liner Labrador was wrecked last week on the Skerryvore rock, Scotland. The passengers, among whom was Senator Agonelli, and crew, numbering over 100, were all saved.

It is said the Great Northern Railway Company will establish an ocean line from Seattle to Yokohama and Hongkong, with other stops going to Vladivostok. Ten million dollars is to be spent on the enterprise.

The Brig Great Emperor, which was sent from Liverpool to try to recover the mails from the wrecked steamer Labrador, has returned to Tobernory, having been unable to salvage the ship, owing to the heavy weather. It is said that the Labrador has been raised.

CASUALTIES.

While C. Ames, son of G. W. Ames, banker at Warton, Ont., was playing with a revolver on Saturday the instrument exploded, the ball passed through his left hand, narrowly escaping his chest.

Advices to Denver from Toronto indicate that a snowslide on Granite Mountain has killed Mrs. Alta Stout and Mr. William Syvase and one of their children, besides destroying \$200,000 worth of property of the Granite Mountain Mining Company.

By an explosion of gas in the No. 1 shaft of the Kingston Coal Company at Wilkesboro, Pa., late Thursday night, David A. Thomas and Harry Evans were fatally burned and Wessil Shadruck was probably killed, and his body has not been found. Thomas and Evans cannot recover.

THE DEAD.

Mrs. Honora Ann Alenay, widow of the late Hon. John Sharpley, died on Friday at Enoch, was nearly eighty years of age. Her estate is estimated at \$6,000,000. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

George Lavery, a farmer on concession 1, Enoch, was suddenly seized with apoplexy and died before he could be got home from Illington on Saturday. Deceased was 71 years of age.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Four burglars in dress suits, fully armed, and driving to the homes of their victims in a carriage, are the latest novelty in Chicago criminal crime.

Two men named Warren and Harrison are in jail at Chatham charged with missing a \$1 bill to \$100,000. Neil Watson, who had the information at Ridgeway and Chief Grant of that town arrested the men, who passed one of the raised bills on Mr. Watson's business partner, Mr. McCork. They had \$15, a revolver and cartridges when arrested.

Corn amounting to 56,000 bushels is being shipped this week from the C.P.R. elevators, for export to Europe. The remaining 200,000 bushels of grain which is in the elevators will be cleared out before navigation opens.

Wesley J. Jolly, butler of Mattawa, who left Mackay Station for Otter Lake on the Dunsmuir last week, about 40 miles above Des Moines. His friend, Timothy Tomney, rescued him from his perilous position, killing many of the wolves.

Friday marked the close of the United States Congress so far as legislation was concerned. The House was like Indian land and the Senate was like a bull-and-bear fight in the Chicago wheat pit or a pale day in Wall street on an ordinary legislative hall.

G. T. Howard, who left Rampart City, Alaska, about Dec. 15, has arrived at Seattle, Wash. He brings a story that a party of ten tenderfoot who started out late in October to go from Rampart City to the Koyukuk River have not arrived at the latter place yet, and are thought to have perished.

Canada's revenue for the eight months ending Feb. 28, was \$29,283,648, an increase of \$4,818,000 over the previous year. The expenditure for the same period was \$26,597,000, or over \$2,686,648 more than paid for itself and it is safe to predict that the ensuing fiscal year will record a substantial balance added to the country's revenue from the royalty and other miscellaneous sources of income. The gold output is conservatively estimated to be this year at least \$20,000,000. According to the recent announcement of the Minister of Interior, the gold royalty is to be retained.

"The royalty policy," he said, "will be my policy as long as I am in the government. The Yukon will pay if the trade can be kept in Canada. At present, owing to the Senate's action, it is not, and we are absolutely dependent on our American friends for railway facilities into that district."

Gen. Otis telegraphed Washington from Manila that the insurgents do not hold a single American prisoner of war, while he is in the Philippines.

Plans are making for a series of elaborate manoeuvres by the French Mediterranean squadron shortly. They will include a surprise attack on Corsica.

General von Moltke, commander of the Spanish troops at Santiago de Cuba, has been arrested and imprisoned by the Spanish authorities previous to being tried by court-martial on the charge of capitulating to General Schafter in that place on July 14 last.

Major-General Hutton, commander of the militia in Canada, accompanied by Captain Bell, A.D.C., arrived in Toronto on Friday morning, and immediately proceeded to Stanley Barracks, where he made an inspection of a troop from the Governor-General's Body Guard, and later took part in the deliberations of the District No. 2 militia, which was considering the adoption of the new Oliver equipment.

PURELY PERSONAL.

It is reported that Lieutenant-Governor Forget of the Northwest Territories is a very sick man at Regina, and his friends are apprehensive.

The announcement is made in the London newspapers that the Senate of Glasgow University has resolved to confer the degree of LL.D. upon Sir Henry Irving.

The new Italian priest-composer, Perosi, is the hero of the hour at Paris. Perosi declares that all his talent shall be devoted to sacred music. He has refused offers for an opera.

The mysterious disappearance of A. E. Beach still the sensational topic at Dumfries. An agitation is on foot to petition the Attorney-General for a full enquiry into Beach's strange disappearance.

Prof. Wasserman, one of Prof. Koch's ablest pupils, is believed to have discovered a new serum for the cure of pneumonia. He inoculated rabbits and mice with his serum, and thinks it can be applied to human beings.

Henry A. Acheson, at one time champion runner of the United States, was married by Mayor Diehl at Buffalo on Saturday to Miss Carolyn A. Haller of Chicago, who is a daughter of the late Albert Mueller, a sturdy widow. Frau Mueller was appointed last week to succeed her husband, who until his death, was municipal geologist.

P. M. LeBreton, brother of Mrs. Lily Langtry, the actress, obtained a decree nisi in the Divorce Court, London, on Saturday, owing to his wife's misconduct with Lord Granville, who was married to her in 1876. The divorce was granted by Lord LeBreton and Lord Granville were almost like two brothers.

ENGLISHMAN ASK IDENTITY.

For the Damage Done Them by the U.S. Fighting in the Philippines.

London, March 6.—It is learned that during the past week a majority of the British houses trading with the Philippines have made representations to the Foreign Office regarding damage done to their properties in the recent fighting at and around Manila. On Thursday several representative tradesmen had interviews with Mr. Chamberlain, the British Secretary of State, and asked to be indemnified for their losses. Mr. Broderick replied that the Government would carefully consider the matter and see whether there was any such damage as was represented, and if so, in what manner claims for compensation could be made upon the United States.

Death of Rev. Dr. W. M. King.

Winnipeg, March 6.—Dr. King, principal of Manitoba College, the head and front of Presbyterianism in western Canada, formerly of Toronto, died yesterday afternoon after a long illness of several weeks. He was attacked with pneumonia, but the inflammation subsided three weeks ago, and the hope was expressed that he would be in sight. He did not gain in strength, however, and slowly sank away. Mention of his death was made from every pulpit in the city.

Rev. John Mark King was born at Yorkville, Ontario, in 1828, and was consequently in his 70th year.

Will They Settle Accounts?

London, March 4.—It is officially announced that, as the treaty of 1863 gave France a right of high seas rights in Oman, the capital of which Sultanate of Arabia is Muscat, Great Britain has withdrawn her objection to France placing coal sheds on the shore similar to those of Great Britain, provided France does not attempt to obtain territorial rights in Oman. This is understood to be part of a general scheme for the extension of the various districts between France and Great Britain.

China Supports Britain.

London, March 6.—According to the Pekin correspondent of the Times, the Chinese Government supports Great Britain against the protest of the Russian Government regarding the terms of the Nivangwan Treaty extension loan, recently subscribed in London, the ground of Russian objection being that the clause appointing a British subject chief engineer was a violation of the Nivangwan Chinese agreement.

POWDER EXPLOSION.

NAVAL POWDER MAGAZINE IN SOUTH FRANCE EXPLODES.

Explosion Took Place Early on Sunday Morning With Awful Results Soldiers and Citizens Killed—Forty Corpses Recovered—Cable News.

Toulon, March 6.—The naval powder magazine of La Goulette, between La Seyne and Toulon, in the Department of Var, southern France, exploded at half-past 2 o'clock yesterday morning. All of the soldiers on duty at the magazine were killed and the inhabitants of the surrounding districts, the buildings in which were razed, also fell victims. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

The Explosion Was Awful.

Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country round about the magazine fell in ruins of two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned and discolored, fields devastated and covered with stones and black dust. Some of the stones are estimated to have weighed 100 lbs. and fell in the suburbs of Toulon and in the city itself. Even at St. Jean de Var, five miles distant, windows were shattered and doors blown in.

Forty Soldiers Killed.

Later reports show that of the seven soldiers, four were killed outright and the others severely injured. The corporal being literally scalded, and the scalp covering his face, the face itself, a large number of soldiers are now employed in clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult. It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number of killed, but it is believed that no fewer than 100 were injured. Although it was a clear night, the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rainfall.

Continually the neighboring magazines escaped. It is now believed that the explosion originated in the chemical decomposition in smokeless powder. There is no suggestion of foul play.

Terrible Toll.

To-day the whole city is in mourning, flags are at half-mast and the theatres are draped and the casinos closed. Both the Government and municipal authorities are forwarding the bodies of the dead to their families. A list of 10,000 names forward to the maintenance of the families of the victims; and a public subscription has been opened here.

Bodies Terribly Mutilated.

All the bodies found or recovered are terribly mutilated. Sixteen were found on the beach, near the shore, and the rest were precipitated into the sea. A vehicle moving along a road near the sea was lifted bodily into the water by the force of the explosion, leaving its occupants being drowned. The scene at the village of La Goulette was appalling. The cries of the wounded were agonizing, and the people were busy and calling stations. No doubt the explosion was distinctly felt there.

A SILENCE FOR ITALY.

Chinese Government Declines to Grant Cooling Station at Samun Bay.—The Dispatch Returned.

Pekin, March 6.—The Tsung Li Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office), has returned to the Italian charge d'affaires, Marquis Salvago Raggi, his despatch containing the demand of the Italian Government for a lease of Samun Bay on the same conditions as those under which Germany holds Kiaochow Bay, accompanying it with a letter declaring that the Chinese Government is unable to grant the request.

Italy Will Persist.

Rome, March 6.—Little attention is paid here to the refusal of the Chinese Government to grant the requested lease of Samun Bay to be used as a naval base and coaling station. No doubt is entertained that the concession will be made after further negotiations. Rear Admiral Gonet embarked yesterday on the Italian cruiser "Stefano" at Naples to take command of the Italian squadron in Chinese waters.

Italian Marines Land.

London, March 6.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Italian Marines have landed at Samun Bay, thus virtually making good Italy's demand for the lease of the bay. Italy will pay nearly \$500,000 for the concession. The Tsung Li Yamen wishes to reduce the lease to 50 years."

British Supports Italy.

London, March 6.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "It is asserted that since the Tsung Li Yamen returned Italy's request to Germany, the British Minister at Peking has presented a note supporting Italy's demand, and it is probable that Italy will soon take possession of Samun Bay, notwithstanding the Chinese resistance."

Will Help China to Test.

London, March 4.—The Daily Graphic announces that the British Minister to China, Sir Claude Macdonald, acting upon Lord Salisbury's instructions, has notified the Tsung Li Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office) that Great Britain will hold China to the terms of the contract on the recent railway loan, and will also support her in resisting any aggression intended to force her to repudiate her obligations under that contract. As the result of British action, according to The Daily Graphic, Anglo-Russian negotiations have been resumed, with the prospect of an amicable arrangement.

SPAIN'S NEW CABINET.

Senior Silveira, Conservative, Succeeds Senior Sagasta as Premier.

Madrid, March 6.—The new Cabinet took the oath of office on Saturday. The Ministry is composed as follows: Senior Silveira, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Senior Sagasta, Minister of Finance; Marquis Villa Verda, Minister of Finance.

Senior Duran, Minister of Justice; Gen. Polavieja, Minister of War; Marquis Pidal, Minister of Public Works for the Colonies; Admiral Canaris, Minister of Marine.

The President of the French Senate, Paris, March 4.—The Senate yesterday elected ex-Minister Fallieres to be president of that body by a vote of 161 against 85 votes cast for ex-Minister Comans.

FOR SALE BY.

JOHN MCLEISTER, Chemist and Druggist, Alexandria, Ont.

THE NEW TAXATION.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt Brings Down His Bills to Supplement the Revenues of the Province—House Proceedings.

Toronto, March 4.—On Monday the Legislature was very busy in its deliberations. A number of amendments to the municipal law were introduced, several bills were read a second time and sent to committee, and some reports were brought down. One thing of interest to farmers was the answer Mr. Dryden made to a question asked by Mr. Little (Cardwell) concerning the barley subsidy. The Minister of Agriculture said that it probably affected the growing of grain and it was recommended by the O.A.C. that it be destroyed.

Tuesday saw the end of the budget debate and, as a consequence, the House went in session on the supply bill. Several items were passed. The closing speech of the budget debate was delivered by Mr. S. J. Ross (W. Victoria). After the introduction of some private bills the Assembly adjourned.

The New Taxation.

On Wednesday, Hon. Mr. Harcourt brought down his bills by means of which he proposes to supplement the revenues of Ontario. The first imposes another tax on distillers, brewers, wholesale and retail liquor dealers. The second will impose a tax on chartered banks, life (except mutual) insurance companies, fire insurance companies, railways, telegraph and telephone companies, natural gas companies, electric and loan companies. By the operation of the first bill Mr. Harcourt expects to get \$100,000 more revenue for the province, and by the second \$200,000 additional.

When the leader of the Opposition, in criticizing the measures claimed that they had been foreseen by the Opposition and that the province had now to resort to direct taxation.

On Thursday Mr. Pattullo introduced his bill to stop municipal aid, direct or indirect, to any form of business. After a speech in its favor by the mover, Hon. G. W. Ross, Mr. Macpherson, and by Mr. Connel, the debate was adjourned. Mr. Ross' bill respecting agricultural teaching in the public schools was read a second time, as were a number of municipal amendment bills. On this day Hon. Mr. Hardy gave notice of motion of a resolution against the continuance of the present clauses of the B.N.A. Act respecting the Senate.

The resolution favors difference between the two Houses being settled by a joint vote, and the appointment of Senators for a term of years instead of for life.

Mr. German's resolutions in opposition to the continued monopoly and the agreement between the Government and the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company, unless the latter strictly carried out the terms of its agreement, were carried; also, one affirming that the House favored the bringing about of the largest possible development of Niagara power at the earliest possible moment.

Report of the University.

The Governments has received the report of the University of Toronto. The institution is hardly a financial success, there being a deficit of \$6,088, which has to be made up from the endowment of \$748. Education for the year cost \$192,290, and fees brought in \$41,942. Thus the Crown provided about 75 per cent. of the cost of education, which is necessary to supplement the endowment of \$748. From residence the institution received \$157 above the expenditure, receipts being \$4,020, and expenditure \$3,863.

JUMPED INTO THE NIAGARA.

A Deported Canadian Inmate Man Escapes From His Confinement.

Buffalo, March 4.—Louis Fralick, a Canadian, was deported across the river by Inspector DeBarry as an insane man on Thursday. Officer Griffin took him to Fort Erie and turned him over to Constable Griffin of that place. Griffin was warned that Fralick was dangerous, and that he had threatened to take his life. The Buffalo officials advised the constable to keep a close watch on him.

Griffin locked his man up in a room in the Town Hall, and in the evening turned him over to Arthur Yeomans. Yeomans was told to watch Fralick closely.

About 3.30 yesterday morning, Yeomans says, Fralick suddenly opened a window and jumped to the ground. He ran down the railroad track to the river with Yeomans in hot pursuit. The insane man was lost of foot, and when the bank was reached, and before his pursuer could overtake him, Yeomans says, he made a leap into the water and disappeared. There was no sign in the river at the time. The body has not been recovered.

Fralick's mother, his only near relative, lives near Lawa. He has distant relations at St. Catharines. He left his home, near Ottawa, about two months ago, and has been working at his trade since then at Rochester.

When arrested Fralick had considerable money in his possession.

British Budget Will Show a Deficit.

A Woman's Crime.

A THRILLING STORY OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE.

BY LAWRENCE M. LYNCH.

Author of "John Arthur's Ward," "The Diamond Coterie," "Against Odds," Etc., Etc.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

A FAMILY ENCOUNTER.

After a long and weary journey, the party arrived at the residence of the woman who had been the subject of the investigation. The house was a large, comfortable one, with a well-kept garden. The woman who had been the subject of the investigation was a woman of about thirty years of age, with dark hair and a pleasant expression. She was dressed in a simple, elegant manner. She greeted the party with a warm smile and led them into the parlor. The parlor was a large, comfortable room with a fireplace and a large window. The woman who had been the subject of the investigation was a woman of about thirty years of age, with dark hair and a pleasant expression. She was dressed in a simple, elegant manner. She greeted the party with a warm smile and led them into the parlor. The parlor was a large, comfortable room with a fireplace and a large window.

"What's the matter?" he said, addressing the woman. "You look as if you were in a hurry." "Oh, sir, help me. He is trying to arrest me," cried she, eagerly. "Here, policeman, take this woman in charge. She has been in a hurry to see you. She is a professional thief," said Jason Bradwardine, authoritatively. "The bold policeman stepped up to the woman, and grasped her as if she had been a desperado of several years' standing power, while the mechanic looked on, quivering with indignation, and apparently at a loss how to act. "Arrest this man, too, for assaulting me," said Bradwardine, who did not fail to take care in the young man's eye, and preferred keeping him at a safe distance until he could put himself out of harm's way.

"Perhaps you had better arrest me too," said Neil Bathurst, turning to the policeman. "Officers, handle this woman." "Who the devil are you?" growled Jason Bradwardine, turning upon him fiercely. "I'll attend to your case in a minute," retorted Neil, then turning again to the starting policeman, he said, with a significant brush of the sleeve, "Hands off, boys, or by Heaven, I'll show you the difference between a man and a woman." "Indeed I will," said Neil, "because she will not live two months longer with her present surroundings."

"What do you mean?" "I mean this: Your wife is being slowly poisoned," said Neil, "and you are mistaken," he said; "you must be such a thing is simply impossible." "Listen, Mr. Durand. When you go to this place, tell the doctor you consider most skilled, and ask him to analyze for you the contents of this phial," taking a small bottle from a pocket, and holding it toward Mr. Durand. "Then I want you to take that man to see your wife, and let her see his candid judgment. When you have heard that, you will be more than ready to accept my advice. And then I shall have more to say to you."

"Where did you get that phial?" fairly gasped the doctor, who had been looking at the bottle with a keen eye. "I took it from the stand near your wife's couch the day I called upon her, sir. Will you let me examine it?" "Most certainly I will. It's just my comprehending. But I can't have any doubt about a matter like this; if it is as you say, where the devil did you get it?" "Leave the guilty one to me, sir. When I have convinced you of the truth concerning your wife, then we will talk about this other matter."

"You have convinced me that you harbour a grave suspicion, and a strange one, and I want to hear all that you have to say now," said Mr. Durand, with sudden resolution. "Tell me what you propose to do, and then I will go straight to a physician. By the way, how came you to suspect anything of this sort, and to steal my wife's medicine?" "I tormented your wife's medicine, Mr. Durand," answered the detective, with a grave smile, "and my eyes told me that Mrs. Durand's life was being tampered with. I have had considerable experience in poisoning cases, and I recognized the symptoms as described by Mrs. Durand."

"Good heavens! I shall take this immediately to the doctor," said Mr. Durand, "I don't go to him, Mr. Durand," said the detective, gravely. "Why not?" "Because," said the detective, "that bottle has just returned from Dr. Worthing's hands."

"What?" "I have had it examined by him; and I would not put such a grave matter before you until I had made assurance doubly sure."

"And he said—what?" "He said what I have told you, the bottle has been tampered with; it contains a strong mineral poison."

"My God! Bathurst, tell me what to do," cried the old man, despairingly. "Will you act upon my advice?" "Yes, I will," said the detective, "but I will not without question take everything into your own hands, but tell me how to act. God of heaven, my wife might have been killed by this!" "True," rejoined Bathurst, gravely. "Listen, sir, and remember our compact: ask no unnecessary questions. Neil Bathurst leaves near the old man, and for more than half an hour they conversed, the former speaking in a grave, firm tone, and the latter uttering for the most part, broken, horror-stricken ejaculations, and listening with a face that grew set and stern, and almost vengeful before the discourse was done. At last the two men arose as if their conference was at an end."

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