HON. WILFRID LAURIER ILL

The Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic.

BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Messrs. John McGillivray & Co. Assign — To Build Twenty-five Miles of Suburban Electric Railway—Hughie Wilson's Relapse.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier will have to be returned to Arthabaskaville, but was prevented from doing so by illness. Dr. Lachapelle had to be called in and prescribed for him. Madame Laurier is expected to arrive this morning.

Feast of the Passover.

The Hebrew community not only in Montreal, but throughout the whole Dominion, are making active preparations for the forthcoming Passover and feast of unleavened bread, for as is well known the modern Israelite follows strictly the example of the ancient Israelites, who were accustomed to open the harvest season with a religious feast. In ancient days no one tasted the new grain nor even partook of fresh ears of corn till the first sheaf had been presented to Jehovah and then all hastened to enjoy the new blessings of divine goodness by eating unleavened cakes without waiting for the tedious process of leavening the dough. This natural usage became fixed in custom, and at a comparatively early date a new significance was added to it by a reference to the exodus from Egypt, when, as tradition ran, the people in their hasty departure had no time to leaven the dough already in their troughs. The two elements of a thankful recognition of God's goodness in the harvest, which prince was eager to taste the increase that Jehovah had received His tribute at the sanctuary, and of grateful remembrance of the first proof of His kindship over Israel, went very fittingly together.

Messrs. Fraser, Viger & Co., of the Italian Warehouse, St. James street, have for some years past made a special feature in importing goods for the Passover holidays, and no great has been the orders in the past that the firm has been compelled this year to open a special department in their large store for the exclusive execution of all Passover orders. This department is in charge of Mr. L. Mittenthal as shomer, and is at once accessible from the other departments by the number of mero-glyphs which adorn the walls. Among the many articles on exhibition are square matzoths, potato flour, Berliner patent meal macaroons, from the New York firm of Messrs. Meyer, Londons and Goodman. In addition to Frankfurter, ring and salami sausages, Messrs. Zimmerman & Goldmann, Messrs. Fraser, Viger & Co. have also imported the following additional specialties which will be greatly appreciated by the Hebrew population: Gouda (Kosher) cheese, with the Rabbi's certificate; Spanish Queen olives, slivovitz and brandy for Pesach, with certificates, and also Pesah loaf sugar, "Hut Zucker," specially imported from Austria for the coming festival. Already the firm has received large orders, extending from Halifax and Cape Breton to Vancouver, B.C., which demonstrates that the firm's enterprise has been recognized by the Hebrew community of the Dominion.

The Great Days of Yore.

An extremely rare and interesting old document, one of the official records of the "Trial of Edward Coleman, gent., for conspiring the death of the King (Charles the Second), the subversion of the Government and the Protestant religion, and who, upon full evidence, was found guilty of high treason and received sentence accordingly, on Thursday, November 28th, 1678," is in the possession of Mr. Henry Hogan, of the St. Lawrence hall. This memorable old curio is in a remarkably good state of preservation and will bear careful perusal. On the first page are the names of the jury empanelled, among them several baronets and a number of "esquires." The letters are of the old English style, while the printing and the paper are of fine quality. The sentence passed by the Lord Chief Justice sends rather a shiver through one, and gives rise to the feeling of thankfulness that these are not the times of the 17th century. It reads:—"You shall return to prison, from whence you will be drawn to the place of execution, where you shall be hanged by the neck and be cut down alive; your bowels burned before your face and your quarters severed, and your body disposed of as the King thinks fit, and so the Lord have mercy upon your soul."

Hughie Wilson Has a Relapse.

Mr. John Wilson, of the Valleyfield Paper mills, and father of the young man Hughie Wilson, one of Shortis' victims, was in town yesterday. He states that his son has recently had a relapse and has been threatened with inflammation of the bowels. His physicians, however, have spoken of his complete recovery notwithstanding his present serious condition. A gentleman in this city who is thoroughly conversant with the ins and outs of both sides of the Shortis case, says that the endless stories about the arrival on this side of Shortis' parents is mere idle talk. It has been their intention ever since the tragedy to only come out a couple of weeks before the trial, that is, about the middle of May. The gentleman was also confident that the change of venue from Sherbrooke to Montreal would be effected.

A Society with a Long Name.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Workingmen's Mutual Benefit and Widows' and Orphans' Provident society was held last evening in their rooms on Craig street, Mr. Wm. Greig in the chair. The reports, which showed the society to be on the whole in a prosperous condition, being read, the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. S. Cuupar; vice-presidents, Messrs. Burroughes and Stillwell; treasurer, Mr. J. Warden King (re-elected); secretaries, Messrs. J. H. Vincent and John Jones (re-elected); financial secretaries, Messrs. William Stenhouse and James Atcheson (re-elected); auditors, Messrs. J. Bast, A. Watt and W. M. Briggs (re-elected); honorary solicitor, Mr. R. D. McGibbon (re-elected); trustees, Messrs. Cole, F. Bond and James Wright (re-elected.)

The Last Skate of Winter.

One of the most fancy dress carnivals of the season was held at the Beaver rink last evening. The ladies' costumes were very pretty and they looked at their best. The gentlemen, too, were not slow as regards comic characters. The rink was tastefully decorated and with the calcium light effects it looked very gay. The M.G.A. band was in attendance and during the evening played a nice selection of music. This is the last of a series of the most successful carnivals ever held in Montreal. The management of the Beaver Hockey and Skating club deserve credit for the able way they conducted the several carnivals held so far this season. The rink has been run first-class all season.

The State of the River.

The mild weather of the past few days has had, as yet, no perceptible effect on the ice in the harbor, although signals have been placed on each side of the river, giving warning that it was dangerous for either pedestrian or vehicular traffic, there seemed to be no decrease in the number of persons crossing to and from the city yesterday. In the harbor itself the water is very low, and river authorities are of the opinion that if the present mild weather continues there will soon be an ice shove, which will greatly facilitate the early opening of navigation. Last year the river was open for navigation on April 12, but the first vessel did not enter the port until April 27. From the official table at the Harbor Commissioners' office the average date of the first arrival from sea in the last 20 years is May 2.

The Work of Repatriation.

Father Paradis, who was in the city on Monday, en route for his new colony at Varner, Ont., reported that last week 28 families left Lake Linden, Mich., for Varner. It is probable that forty or fifty more families will be transported thither this week. All these people possess a small capital, ranging from $700 to $1,000, so that they can easily face the expense of building comfortable homes. As regards the majority of the other Canadians who wish to return from Michigan, and who are too poor to pay travelling expenses, the American railway companies refusing to reduce their rates, Father Paradis hopes to be able to have them brought by water to some point on the C.P.R., whence they can reach their destination at the greatly reduced rates granted them by the Canadian company.

Why They Refused.

Mr. Burns, president of the Brassworkers' association, was seen yesterday and asked for the reason for prompting his society in refusing to have any connection with the Trades and Labor council, as it was understood to be asserted that they had done. Mr. Burns stated that delegates had been elected by the Brassworkers to represent their society in the Trades and Labor council, but owing to reports published in the press to the effect that speakers in the council had denounced independent labor unions as "scabs" and of no practical use to the cause of labor, the Brassworkers had acted within their rights and rescinded the motion sending delegates to the council. The Brassworkers' association is one of the most flourishing unions in the city both numerically and financially.

John McGillivray & Co.

The outcome of this firm's embarrassment is the judicial abandonment of its estate at the instance of Th. Michau & Co., of London and Paris. The creditors are eight in number, and all in Europe. From the firm's persistent endeavors to meet their obligations to the last, the direct liability has been brought down to about $12,000. The amount under discount and secured by customers' papers is also very small. Michau & Co. is the largest creditor, but their claim was considerably reduced by the voluntary surrender of a number of cases of goods in bond last November. Michau's people appear to have done quite a business with this house, as by the books of the firm the total purchases since the initiation of the business come to within a little of $300,000.

Went Through the Ice.

Quite a breeze of excitement was caused in the little town of St. Johns, Que., at an early hour on Monday morning by the discharge of firearms in the vicinity of the river. Several soldiers of the barracks hurried to the scene and found that a waggon and two horses had broken through the ice and the men had discharged their pistols to attract attention. One horse was rescued with the waggon and the men proceeded on their way. Now it turns out that the waggon was loaded with contraband tobacco and cigarettes from the Americaside. How it took so long for everyone concerned in the accident to find out this fact is a puzzle.

A Meteorological Chart.

The secretary of the Harbor Commissioners, Mr. Alex. Robertson, has received from Mr. R. F. Stupart, the new director of the Dominion Meteorological service, a neatly gotten up and very interesting little chart. It shows the mean temperature, the difference from the mean average temperature, also the total rain and snowfall for the past month, as well as the depth of snow on the ground all over the Dominion on the last day of the month. Mr. Stupart has requested a table of the dates of the opening and closing of navigation for as many years as the Commissioners have kept record. He has been furnished with the dates up to as far back as 1842.

Where Tramps Abound.

On Sunday night, while the family of Mr. James Currie, Seymour avenue, were absent the house was entered by burglars and a number of valuable articles in the shape of watches and jewellery stolen. As yet there is no clue to the thieves. This case may serve as a warning to the residents of the West end, who, in many cases, leave their houses in a most unprotected condition, especially on Sunday evenings. Of late a number of most suspicious characters have been seen around Seymour avenue and that vicinity generally, and it would be well for residents to be upon their guard.

A Chinese Entertainment.

A very original and enjoyable entertainment was the social given in Emmanuel church the other evening by the Chinese students to their teachers. Miss Lightball, superintendent of the school, was in the chair, while a most interesting address was given by Rev. Mr. Silcox, which was afterwards translated into Chinese by Mr. Wing Sing. The refreshments were of the usual Chinese description, pressed fruits and sweetmeats being in abundance. The well known game of "Donkey" concluded the jolly evening's entertainment.

Electric Railway Extension.

Hon. Senator Thibaudeau having returned from Europe, a meeting of the Montreal Park & Island directorate was held yesterday afternoon in the company's offices, Place d'Armes hill. After the meeting had adjourned the Senator told a GAZETTE reporter that work on the coming summer's work would not be taken until Mr. Morrice's return. He stated, however, that the company would build the Lachine, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Laurent lines, as well as one or two short pieces of road, or about 25 miles in all.

Laval University Notes.

Although the examinations in the medical faculty of Laval university were concluded over a week ago, the results will not be posted for some days yet.

At the opening of the next session in October, both the medical and law faculties will occupy their fine new buildings on St. Denis street, which are expected to be quite ready before that time.

The arrangements and appointments of the new premises are spoken of as perfect in every detail.

Mock Parliament Presentation.

Members of the Mock parliament will assemble in room No. 85, Temple building, on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of presenting Speaker Hibbard with a testimonial in appreciation of his services as speaker of the House during the past season. This will end the meetings of the society for the year, and all members are invited to this reunion.

Lady of Lyons, Hamlet and Richelieu will form James Young's repertoire at the Queen's next week.

Howett Grant.

A marriage that took place in Bath, England, on the 11th of the month will be news to many Canadians. The bridegroom was Commander Geo. Hagley Hewett, R.N., son of the Vicar of Babcombe, the Rev. J. Hewett, and the bride, Miss Eventhen L. Grant, daughter of Colonel Charles Coote Grant, late of H.M. 16th regiment, Hamilton, Ont. The officiating clergymen were the father of the bridegroom and the Rev. J. Jacobs, and the function was an extremely smart one.

To Abolish Lent.

A petition, it is stated, has been sent from certain parts of Canada to the Congregation of the Propaganda asking that the year be given to the severer climate and for other reasons, the customary Lenten season, extending from Shrove Tuesday to Easter, be done away with, and that, instead Catholics in these dioceses be required to observe every Friday in the year as a day of fast and abstinence, and not merely as fast days, as at present.

Hospital for the Insane.

The medical superintendent's report of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane for the week ending March 23rd, 1895:—Number of patients in residence, 247; admissions during week, 1; discharged during week cured, 2; deaths during week, 1.

The visiting governors for the week commencing the 1st of April are Messrs. Hector Mackenzie, Robert Reford, J. B. Learmonth and Hugh McLennan.

Mr. Hilliard's Diorama.

There was a very good audience in the St. James Methodist church lecture hall last evening to witness Mr. Hilliard's spectacular diorama. The subjects were "To the Heights" and "The Front Revolution." The views were exceedingly pretty and much admired by all present. They were all contained in an interesting way by Mr. Hilliard, who at times used an organ, a piano and chimes of bells to illustrate several scenes.

A Case of Highway Robbery.

Giovianna Binda, the fruit peddler, who stands at nights in front of the Theatre Royal, while proceeding home on Monday evening, was knocked down and robbed of $11 by three highwaymen, who left him lying senseless on the sidewalk, where he was found by a friend. The gang is suspected to be the same who robbed the railroad man on Commissioners street on Sunday last, as told in Monday's issue.

Funeral of Mr. J. Nelson.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Nelson, who had been an attache of the Custom house for some forty years, and was superannuated four years ago, took place yesterday morning from his late residence on St. Familie street. The cortege, which was a very large one, proceeded to the church of the Gesu, where service was held, and at its close the body was taken to Cote des Neiges for interment.

A Talk on Heredity.

"Heredity" was the subject of a bright and extremely instructive medical talk, by Dr. W. S. Morrow, in the Y.M.C.A. last evening. The lecturer spoke of heredity to the third and fourth generations and divided his lecture into talks on the egg and how it grows; inherited characteristics; the light of the unborn; a healthy public opinion. The lecture was appreciated by a large audience.

A 83,000 Fire.

At a quarter after 4 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm was sounded from box 24. The fire was in the boot and shoe shop of Mr. M. Beiser, No. 221 St. Lawrence street. The flames spread rapidly, and stream after stream was ordered on until they were five in the number. They were Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. The damage is estimated at $3,000, partly covered by insurance.

Meredith & O'Brien's Creditors.

The creditors of the firm of Messrs. Meredith & O'Brien met yesterday at the Court house and appointed Mr. A. W. Stevenson curator, and Hon. Louis Tourville and Messrs. Thomas McDougall and Andrew A. Wilson inspectors. The statement complete of the firm's standing is not yet ready, but it is understood that the estate will not pay over 25 cents on the dollar.

The Royal Commission.

The members of the Royal commission on the liquor traffic have been called together to-day for what will in all probability be the final consideration of their voluminous report. Just when the report will be ready for submission to the Government cannot be stated, but the work connected with the preparation is fast nearing a close.

C. P. R. Directorate.

The adjourned meeting of the Canadian Pacific railway executive was held yesterday afternoon in the usual place and hour. "Nothing particular except routine," was Sir William Van Horne's reply when the GAZETTE asked the president what had been done. The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday.

With Sugar for Montreal.

The ship Macedon, Captain Macmaster, is reported as sailing from Iloilo, Philippine islands, for Montreal with sugar on January 16. The sugar fleet from the East Indies for the St. Lawrence is not, so far this year, as large as usual.

Briefs

Mr. E. L. Bond has presented to the Natural History society of this city a couple of very fine specimens of polished marble from the Philipsburg quarry.

The trial of John Haight, one of the Brewery Mission inmates, charged with obtaining goods by false pretences from Victor Raby, grocer, has been set for today.

Mrs. H. Bellow, wife of the caretaker of the Civil courts, while at St. James Roman Catholic church yesterday morning, had her pocket picked of $11 and a pair of gold spectacles.

A special meeting of the Montreal Stamp Collectors' club will be held in their hall, 2204 St. Catherine street, to-morrow night, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of exchanging stamps.

Brother Theodore, of the reformatory Mignonne street, whose baptismal name was George Octavo Adam, is dead. The funeral obsequies will take place in the reformatory chapel to-day.

The Superintendent of the Water department has taken actions for $25,000 damages against *La Presse* and *Le Monde* for alleged libels contained in articles referring to the street hydrants.

The death is announced of Mr. Ed. Polan, St. Martin street. He was a member of the Catholic order of Foresters, as well as of the St. Ann's Young Men's society, being among the first to join the latter on its foundation.

The Wesleyan Theological Missionary society will hold a special missionary meeting in St. James church on Friday evening next. The Rev. Dr. Shaw will preside, and a very choice programme of music has been prepared.

The first meeting of the newly elected committee of the Caledonian society was held last evening. Mr. James Wright, president, occupied the chair. The principal business was the striking off the several committees for the coming year.

For the fifth time Mr. O'Connell, who keeps a candy store, is a sufferer by thieves, for between two and three yesterday morning some night hawks broke in his front door and cleaned out the place before they left. The detectives are on the hunt.

Mr. J. F. Cornell yesterday morning purchased by auction, at the rooms of Messrs. Frarer Bros., the brick-encased cottage, 168 Hillside avenue, Westmount. The price was $3,075. At the same place, Mr. L. Leroux purchased the tenement houses 292 and 294 Delisle street, for $1,400.

Hugh Tracey, at one time a driver for Whelan & Rafferty, beer bottlers, but now in the employ of Mr. Virtue, was arrested yesterday by Deputy High Constable Lambert at the instance of his old employers on the charge of having at different times stolen from them small amounts, which aggregated $109. He pleaded not guilty to the charge, and was released on $400 bail for enquete to-day.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

SUPERIOR COURT—JUDGMENTS.

MONTREAL, March 26.

By Mr. Justice CARON.

ANNIE MCPHAIL vs. S. DAVIS.—The plaintiff, who was engaged as cook in defendant's establishment, claimed $199 damages for injuries sustained by an accident on the 19th February, 1894, when the rope working the dumb waiter broke and her arm was injured. The defence was to the effect that the injury was due to her own fault, and to her want of strength to attend properly to the working of the apparatus. The court maintained the action, but reduced the plaintiff had made proof of damages to the extent of $130, for which sum judgment was rendered in her favor.

DAME O. DE REPENTIGNY VS. ÉMILE LAVIGNE.—The plaintiff claimed $199 damages on the ground that she had been expelled unlawfully from the premises occupied by her. The defence was that the plaintiff had no right to the occupation of the premises in question, and that she had been ejected without violence. The court maintained the defence, and the action was dismissed.

DAME A. DAUGERON VS. LAVIGNE.—In this case a similar judgment was rendered.

FAUTEUX VS. LAVIGNE.—In this case also a similar judgment was rendered.

PARENT VS. BRETON.—This was an action for $500 damages for defamation. The plaintiff alleged that he had been engaged to a young lady, and the father of this lady had applied to the defendant for information as to plaintiff's character. It was alleged that defendant had described plaintiff as a person who did not pay his debts, and as practically worthless. The court maintained the action for nominal damages, awarding the plaintiff $5, with $5 costs.

THOMAS VS. BLAIRIE LITHOGRAPHIC AND ENGRAVING CO.—The action was for damages for wrongful dismissal. The defence was that the plaintiff had been dismissed for cause. It was proved that the plaintiff had not executed the work entrusted to him in a satisfactory manner. The plea was therefore maintained, and the action dismissed.

By Mr. Justice DAVIDSON.

CAUCHON VS. THE CITY OF MONTREAL.—The plaintiff claimed damages for injuries sustained by a fall on the sidewalk, on the 1st December, 1894, while going down Amherst street, between Sherbrooke and Ontario streets. The parties had arrived at a settlement for $75 damages, with costs for action as brought, and judgment was rendered accordingly.

By Mr. Justice MATHIEU.

L. BOURDEAU VS. DAME MATHILDE BOURDEAU et vir.—Judgment was given against the defendant for an alimentary allowance of $10 per month.

ITEMS BY THE WAY.

Li Hung Chang's Recovery.

Li Hung Chang refuses to have the bullet extracted from his cheek, but is progressing favorably and is consoling himself by smoking his favorite tobacco, Hirsch's Perique Mixture. Headquarters, Hirsch's Havana Cigar Depot, Opp. P. O.

Daddy was descending the Long Sault rapid of the St. Lawrence in one of the canoes, when he was startled to see a woman attracted his attention by her lectures to her little boy, meant for the ears of her neighbors. Pointing to "Johnny, say 'them things,' don't say 'those things'—Canadians say that." The Week.

Just the Thing.

For parties between the acts or light cigar smokers: El Progreso Lilipatanos for 5 cents each; $5.00 per hundred. Personally selected by me in Havana. E. A. Gerth, 2235 St. Catherine street, Queen's block.

The young ladies of Flushing, Long Island, have organized an anti-cigarette league and will refuse to receive the attention of callow youths who smoke cigarettes.

Tuxedo.

The best smoking tobacco on the market to-day is Tuxedo Perique Mixture. Price, $1.50 per lb.; 2 oz. sample package, 20c. at all good stores, 151 St. James street, and 2317 St. Catherine street.

According to a recent legal decision reported in the *Tinkerman*, hard wood is "any tree that has a leaf so distinguished from a needle." A man contracted to deliver to a railroad hard wood cord wood, and had strewed popular in part fulfilment of the contract. The railroad rejected this as not hard wood, and sued, but the contractor won the case on the evidence of the court, as reported above. Women will now have a distinct and lawful standard to gauge their hard wood furniture descriptions.

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"The charge against the prisoner is intimidating voters," said the judge. "Did he use actual violence?"

"No, actual violence, your Honor," replied the prosecuting attorney, "but it was intimidation, nevertheless. He was at the polls in the interest of the Republican ticket. He had a live mouse in his pocket, with a string tied to its tail, and when a Democratic lady arrived to vote, he would let the animal run across the floor. Your Honor can imagine the result."

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