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The Liverpool Wood Market

The Timber Trade Reports in the London Timber Trades' Journal of 8th inst., are not very encouraging to shipside of the Atlantic. Under the head of Liverpool, the

If any proof were wanting of the Messrs. James Smith & Co.'s auction £16,000,000 acceptances amount to £21,sale to-day (Thursday.) Here was a 000,000 while their assets at present catalogue which on the face of it should have proved sufficiently attractive to have drawn a good company of buyers

The catalogue as usual was headed in prominent red type "without re- Russia's withdrawal of several millions The debts of the bank secured by GRAND SINGLE NUMBER DRAWINGS take place serve," save by the brokers, which we in each of the other tea months of the year, and are presume to mean that they hold disall drawn in public, at the Academy of Music, New cretionary powers to sell or withdraw the goods to prevent a knock out.

The company present was limited almost entirely to the local trade, but from the indifference displayed during the proceedings it was evident that than any desire for business.

consignment of 206 logs of hewn pitch pine timber, ex Norma, from Pensacola, described in the catalogue as being "fresh," and a "prime cargo." The license allowed in description to auctioneers, as well as to poets, was fully borne out in this instance.

wood, and after trying the parcel in every possible way the broker, Mr. Smith, sold the last lot of smallest sizes absolutely without reserve at 12d. per foot. Probably the shipment will find pine planks, ex Phidias, 12 to 31 ft., 3x9, sold at 121d. per foot.

An effort was then made to sell the cargo of spruce deals, ex Hialm from Shemogue, Bay Verte, landed at Gar-Pres. Union National Bank. ston, but so apathetic was the company that not a single bid was made MAMMOTH DRAWING for any let. The pine deals, per Primula, from Dalhousie, were not landed. and as no one will buy these goods until inspection there was no bid. And thus the sale came to a "most impotent conclusion.

Reviewing the course of the past month's business we may summarise it as being one of an unsatisfactory nature, for, though the import has been within moderate bounds, and the deliveries, taken all round, have been fair, yet have neither prices improved nor has any degree of confidence in the future been manifested.

timber which is not in excess of all McKinley bill sought to prove that the probable wants, and if we make any measure was needed in order to equalize exception it is in birch timber of good the difference between the higher wages quality, which fairly maintains its

We have before commented upon the fallacy of taking monthly statistics of such important articles in this market as spruce deals, owing to outside circumstances which may arise, and either precipitate or retard their arrival upon the market; but, as we said last month, it is safer to take a longer space of time in considering the value protected ones. of statistical comparisons on this subject. And upon examining the records show that the consumer always paid the we find that up to the present time we have had not less than 21,000 standards sent into the Mersev ports than last year. But as against that we may possibly have an access into Fleetwood. Barrow, and similar ports, which are

merely adjuncts of this market. Prices of these goods, especially of the better classes, such as St. John, N. B. and Campbellton, do not show any the framers of the bill might be suspected decline in value, but common qualities of a covert attack upon Canada. He deare with difficulty holding their late clared that Canada would be able to book, and the boy's longing for an autograph figures.

mark that we have had many times in than twenty years the United States will the past to speak in eulogistic terms of the quality of some of the shipments from Campbellton, and we cannot refrain from saying that one of the finest cargoes landed here for many a day is one now discharging at the Union Dock, of an extraordinary average length, for Messrs. Thos. Hughes &

"Agin the Government."

They have their methods of turning even ordinary disasters to political account in England as the following despatch shows :-

LONDON, Nov. 12 .- Lord George Hamil-

ton, First Lord of the Admiralty, made a speech to-night at a Conservative banquet at Acton. He began as follows: "I am sorry to say that just before I came here I recived a telegram saying that the torpedo cruiser Serpent had been lost on the Spanish coast. I fear there has been a great loss of life. The Serpent was one of our best cruisers and was a valuable vessel. She had excellent officers and a fine crew. I cannot tell the cause of the disaster." This announcement caused a momentary sensation among the guests, but apparently the startling news was quickly forgotten. Lord Hamilton made a rollicking speech provoking frequent outbursts of laughter. The incident was a topic of conversation in the clubs late tonight and was generally denounced as scandalous. An old charge made against Mr. Gladstone is that he attended the theatre on the evening of the day on which the news vas received here of the death of Gen. Gordon at Khartoum. It is believed to-night's

cusation against the ex-premier. The foregoing despatch is published in different papers with such headings as, "Ministerial Brutality," Lord George's Callousness," etc. It is evident that the much assailed minister has been guilty of no impropriety what-J. B. SNOWBALL. | ever, If his censorious critics are

incident will be used as a set-off to this ac-

right the principle they seek to establish would require ministers of governments who have wars on hand to go about daily as mourners. The Serpent disaster was a sad one, but it did not constitute a special claim for display of government crape. Men It is interesting to observe the efforts should be just, even under sad and

The Barings in Difficulties.

The financial surprise of the generation was the public announcement on Saturday last that the great London banking and brokerage firm, Baring Brothers, had failed. The startling news leaked out in a position in our public affairs similar London, on Thursday but it was not until Friday evening that it was known on this side of the Atlantic. Before the opening hour for business at the stock exchange in New York on Saturday morning, private advices had conveyed the intelligence to that active monied centre and steps were taken to avoid a panic. Despatches stated that the Bank of England, Rothschilds and other bankers had doing. If any journal of repute would taken up the accounts of the great firm conference of New York brokers was at once held, and it was decided have buyers in every stock that could be handled to bid an advanced price at the opening so as to avert a sudden shock. As a result prices for nearly all the active stocks opened ½ to 2 per cent. above the previous night's close. Then the liquidation of weak accounts set in in full force and prices gave way rapidly in all directions. A London despatch of Saturday is as

The Bank of England has subscribe one million pounds, three joint stock banks have given 750,000, pounds each 429, as against \$5,578,269 in 1889. The and two others 500,000 pounds each to assist Baring Bros. Several other houses subscribed smaller amounts the subscriptions making a total of £10,000,000, 845,000.35 in 1889 while deposits bearthree years. It is roughly estimated the total liabilities of the firm including prices are valued at £24,000,000. The 1889, and government demand notes government has authorized the Bank of England if necessary to issue an additional three million pounds in notes, and it deposits on learning of the firm's dealings in Argentine and Uruguay bonds.

A Boston despatch of same date says:-Kidder, Peabody & Co., were to-day asked for information regarding the liquidation of Baring Bros. & Co., and their own business connection therewith: They stated that the New York branch of Kidder, Peabody & Co., telegraphed tothey were attracted more by curiosity day that the Barings had gone into liquidation. This of course was a formal ex dividend, equal to \$449 per share, The first parcel in catalogue was a notification to stop drawing exchanges while at the same time last year it was on them. It is evident, they say, that there need be no anxiety on the part of any creditor of the London firm, as their assets in excesss of liabilities are probably as much as £40,000,000. They have vir- Montreal has opened in Chatham, as well tually been carrying the Argentine republic loan and taking back the holdings of those dissatisfied customers to whom The company did not appreciate the they had sold any parts thereof. Kidder, Peabody & Co., state that in any mand in the community, and to provide in ten or fifteen years," remarked the event they would help Baring Bros. & Co. over their temporary difficulties, and all their difficulties cannot be more than temporary. The connection of the Barings with Kidder, Peabody & Co, has of its management, make it a most safe its way into some dealer's hands on been of a most intimate nature, but their

the Boston firm. It is stated that the Dominion Government will not suffer material loss by the failure, although it is understood that it was through Baring Brothers that maturing dominion securities were liquidated and interest paid on the debt

ings will pull through all right.

Sir Lyon Playfair on the Protective Tariff Question.

stituents at Leeds on Thursday last, gave a serious riddling to the principal fallacies | happens. of the McKinley tariff bill and also showed what should be the policy of Canada in dealing with the tariff question, After giving the tariff history of the United There is hardly any article of square | States he said that the promoters of the of that country and the lower wages Europe, but their argument would not bear examination. There is no intimate connection, he said, between the tariff and wages. As a whole, wages in Ameritariff, and there seems to be no tendency to raise them. Wages are highest in the unprotected industries and lowest in the

extra duties. He entered upon a lengthy discussion of the effects of the tariff, contending that it would be disastrous to American agriculture. The farmers would find that while their foreign markets were dwindling every necessity was increasing in price merely to enrich a few manufacturers. He thought that supply Great Britain with all the food she Whilst on this subject we may re- now gets from the United States. In less have no surplus food to send, so it is to Canadian husbandry.

The natural effect of the McKinley act, he maintained, would be to draw England and Canada close together. pelled to buy from us. If Canada would reconstruct her tariff on the principles of revenue Europe and Asia would contribute to her future commercial prosperity. She could become one of the greatest and most prosperous countries in the world by maintaining her political independence if she only had a profounder conviction of the vast benefits of commercial freedom. He argued that the protection of commerce naturally led to the restriction of immigration and would have an adverse effect upon an already unsatisfactory population. Then how, he asked, are increasing manufactures to be absorbed by decreasing consumers?

Referring to the American Meat Inspection bill, Sir Lyon declared that the overpowering of the President by Congress to boycott nations was a brutum fulmen unworthy of a great nation. The boycott had never hitherto been recognized by international law. He considered that the reciprocity clause in the McKinley bill had the same direction bu a deeper meaning. It was a safety valve to prevent the high pressure from blowing up protection.

He believed that Mr. Blaine intended t rather as a reciprocity clause than as retaliation clause. If the United States is to continue as a nation of protection its policy of do ut des. Commenting on the recent elections in

their flags furled. He declared that already there were signs in Gennany. Italy and elsewhere in Europe of lames of distress in the protection camps.

In conclusion Sir Lyon said he hoped. though England might be injured for a year or two by the United States lariff legislation, she would not dream of reprisals.

The London Times in a long editorial says that Sir Lyon Playfair's speech is the most complete exposure yet publish ed on either side of the Atlantic of the futility and absurdity of the McKinley tariff. The opponents of high protective duties, it says, could hardly do better than to circulate his dispassionate argument among the American electorate before the next contest for the control of the executive power, which is almost certain to be fought on this issue.

Bank of Montreal.

TATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS FOR TH HALF YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31. Montreal, Nov. 14.—The statemen of the Bank of Montreal for the halfyear ended October 31, 1890, was issued to-day as follows : Balance of profit and loss account, 30th

April, 1890 Profits for the half-year ended 31st October, 1590, after deducting charges of management, and making full pro-

\$1,446,693 17

Dividend 5 per cent payable 1st Dece n-Balance of profit and loss carried for-A comparative statement of the bank's liabilities shows the amount of notes in circulation in 1890 to have been \$5,723,deposits for 1890 not bearing interest were of the value of \$3,626,150.12 against \$7,- looking fellow. years. The assets comprise the following items: Gold and silver coin current. \$2,012,144.62, against \$2,365,057.57 in \$1,950,289.75, against \$1,930,453.75 in

1889. The value of current loans and will suspend the bank act if requisite. bills discounted was, this year, \$31,450,-The original cause of the trouble was 653.15, as against \$32,710,799.68 in 1889. mortgage or otherwise were this half year, \$123,937.82, as against \$259,128.17 for the same period last year, while the overdue debts, not specially secured, amounted to \$113,299.56, while last year they were \$16,405.14. The market price 2361, equal to \$472.50 per share.

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS :- The Bank o as in other places where it has agencies, a savings deposit department. This has been done in order to meet a growing de. additional savings bank facilities for the deputy. people. The great financial resources of and simple plan, its new enterprise will that they hung an innocent man."

THEY ARE SATISFIED :- Monday was the last day allowed by law for filing petitions against the return of the members elected in York county at the election Latest news indicates that the Bar- held in October. No protest was filed, though some persons tried very hard to make people believe that such a document would be entered. The representatives of York therefore may consider that they Sir Lyon Playfair, addressing his con- will be undisturbed for some time to come unless something extraordinary 4 o'clock Dr. Rice, the gaol surgean, called

Birchall's Execution.

The last hours of the murderer, Birchall's. He smoked a good deal, being supplied with if I were to raise the window and ask them cigars by compassionate men cutside the how much they are getting for the job?' cution he finished putting up a number of engaged to prepare his meals, brought his souverirs for friends, to be delivered after supper up to him and passed it into the cell his death. Bouquets of flowers were receiv. The meal consisted of a bowl of oysters, a ed by him for several days and he had re- large stake of venison, potatoes, bread and ceived a number of letters, telegrams and two cups of coffee. Birchall seemed to have ca had already been reduced under a high cablegrams. They were nearly all the rav- a ravenous appetite and ate everything ings of persons who appealed to the officials before him while he conversed with his to avert the execution, in language that had attendants. The venison he thought was at that late hour of their hero's life become too young, still he seemed to enjoy it. hysterical and extravagantly threatening, or Sir Lyon cited a host of statistics to they were protestations sent to Birchall of an anonymous character, but asserting undy- and a college friend of Birchall's named ing confidence in his innocence. A few were Arthur Leetham. Leetham did not enter from friends, and signed. One of these, a the gaol. Mrs. Jones remained an hour and Oxford friends who had written to Birchall often, read :- "Confidence unabated. Could read :- "You are to be hanged on my birthday; be a brave actor." It was signed "G. F. Leonard, New York." When this mes-

not write." One of these singular messages sage was taken to the gaol the telegraph messenger asked to have Birchall sign his was satisfied. Birchall's demeanor remained unchanged to the last. He took an interest in the ap-

proaching event as though he were to have England's interest to aid in developing no personal concern in it. The scaffold was put up almost directly under his cell window, and while he could not see the operations he could hear the sound of the hammers. Unable to see the men at work, he grew curious and asked his day guard. If we buy from Canada she will be com- George Perry, to draw him a design of the structure and explain its working, which being done he exclaimed "My, but it's crude!" He was talking to his guard of death by hanging and said, "It is painless, and I will never know what struck me." He ate fairly well, and although his sleep was not so good for a week or two, as formerly, his guard said he rested better on Wednesday night than for several nights before. When the cook took supper to him on Thursday evening he was traversing his corridor with long and stealthy steps, showing his guard the way he stalked game.

He told the guard that he would not say nything under the gallows and he kept his word, prompted, no doubt, by indifference as to the future and desiring to perpetuate the doubts of his guilt entertained by his relatives.

The hangman arrived on Thursday morning. His name is J. R. Radeliffe, and for Sunnyside Boating Club at Parkdale, Toronto. An Englishman of slight build and bea heavy brown moustache. He rode up numbered about 200. No one was allowed from the station on the driver's seat of the to stand in the corridors. The hangman bus, and was taken to the gao', with his dressed in a corduroy coat, grey tweed black valise containing the ropes and tackle pants and a soft wide rimmed hat, came into necessary in his strange profession. He says the yard shortly before eight o'clock. He at a number of hangings in the old country. bundle of rope in his hand. evils may be lessened by the Bismarckian principal was in Canada. He officiated at and a cross beam which leaned against the

Children Cry for

the United States. Sir Lyon said that the the execution of Kane, the Toronto wife protectionists were not destroyed, but murderer; of Davis, the Marmora assassin, north east corner of the west yard. that they would fight in the future with and of Smith, the aged wife murderer of London, 'so that this will be my fourth execution," he said. He went down town during the day and again in the evening, and, dressed in corduroy coat, was a conspicuous figure on the streets in the evening. newspaper representative asked him if he would wear a mask. "No," he answered,

ed between the two uprights. The weight was raised ten feet and as the "why should I? The execution is legiti mate. It is sanctioned by law. The judge prisoner is a man of only a few inches over does not put on a mask when he pronounces five he would have a drop of five feet. Dr. Chamberlain, prison superintendent, the sentence, nor do the jurymen when they bring in a verdict of guilty." If the hangstood by the hangman all the time questionman regarded his calling with complacencey, ing him closely as to every detail. so seemed Birchall also to regard it. The crowd in the yard increased gradually, the victim saw the executioner in the yard, and sun shone out brilliantly and melted the asked the guard if that was "the professor."

There must be a large number of people possessed with idle craving for the purely sensational, as the proprietors of the new right to exhibit a head, bust and figure of him in their museums in Buffalo and Toronto. The clothes were given up by Mrs, Birchall on Thursday last, and the contract with Birchall giving the museum the exclusive right to exhibit him in wax, was signed

by him. The price was \$150. Perry asked Birchell if he was ready-A receipt for a revolver bought by Birchall a few days before he sailed from England was found in his clothes. The receipt was from Th. Hartmann, 31 King William street, London, dated 4th February, 1890. and is for several articles, as follows :- One Then the march of death begin. box of type, 7s. 6d.; one holder, 1s. 2d; one ink and pad, 6d; one revolver, etc., £1 0s. 6d. Total, £1 9s. 8d.

street overlooking the western vard.

man. At the foot of the spiral staircase the

procession re-formed, and Birchall's friend,

Cameron followed them, and after the hang-

man the aged sheriff was supported to the

door of the corridor overlooking the west

vard. The march was slow along the corri-

doomed man. Outside, the witnesses were

On Thursday, Birchall spent all of the or endeavoring to sleep and was successful in dozing off, at while doing so. Seeing the hangman moving about the gaol yard in the afternoon he expressed a hope that he would not make a bungle of the job, and said "He is a smart-

"Yes," replied Deputy Sheriff Perry.

"So I'm told," was Birchall's cool re-

"I'm told not," said Mr. Perry. "At Mr. Leetham, walked on one side of him, Belleville they say he did not do a very good with the day guard on the other. Jailor "Well. I hope he will be successful with me, and I guess he will, from what I heard of him. Does he pull a lever?" "No: he pulls a rope."

dor and out into the yard. Then the discussion turned on the quesed close and held one hand in both of his. tion of capital punishment as compared with life imprisonment. At first Birchall seemed to favor the former as between the two evils, and listened attentively to the views of his attendants.

natured deputy, "as long as there is life there's hope." The doomed man quickly caught the idea, and his face lightened up with a bright smile. "Yes," he said, "and after you are in prison for a time the true facts of the case will become known and you will get reprieved."

'Or by good behavior you would get out

"I would not care to take chances on that the Bank of Montreal, and the excellence If I were guilty I would rather hang, but I am not, and that is why perhaps I had repository for the funds of the people; and | hoped strongly for a commutation of the private terms. A parcel of 455 pitch relations will not lead to any complications if it conducts its savings bank depart- sentence. The facts will come out some day ment, as it doubtless will, on a very plain about this murder, and then you will know As the officer was about to leave Birchall

grasped him warmly by the hand and said

"Good-bye, old man. I will see you in the morning, but before you go let me present with this memento," and the murderer drew from his pocket a photo of himself. on which he wrote in one cornor. "To John Perry, Esq., deputy sheriff, Oxford County." On the opposite corner were the words "From Reginald Pirchall, Nov. 13, 1890." Rev. Rural Dean Wade and the Bishop of Huron visited Birchall at 3 o'clock, and remained three-quarters of an hour. About and had a long talk with the prisoner. Birchall asked about the effect of the drop. and whether his neck would be broken. He also asked about the post-mortem. Later in the afternoon, when the men had almost guard, "What would Craib and Stewart say On the day preceding that of his exe- At 6.20 Henry Whitehead, the special cook

Mrs. Birchall went to the jail at 7 o'clock, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. West Jones, cablegram, signed "Elward and Johnny," Mrs. Birchall stayed much later. The wife was allowed to meet her husband in the corridor, and with only the night guard

present had her last interview with the The woman wept piteously though she | the cush of blood tried to confine her tears for a while. Then she wept aloud in her abandonment of misery. The man kept cool for a time. then he adopted a carressing disposition. Mrs. Birchall did not faint and help had not to be called in at any time. It would be charitable t- draw a veil over the agonizing scene. After an hour had passed by, Mrs.

West Jones returned in a cab, but she had The spiritual adviser declared that Birchall needed the brief remaining hours of his life for preparation. This was at 1.30 a. m. The effect of the prolonged interview had somewhat unnerved the prisoner, but he smiled coldly as he parted with his wife forever. For a time after she had gone he was as a child in the hands of the clergyman, then he lay down and in his exhausted condition tried to sleep, but sleep was impossible. Then he got up and declared he would sit it out. He laughed and joked at the guards again but after a while began to pay attention to the administrations of Mr.

At six o'clock the prisoner, who had again lain down for a few minutes, rose and robed himself in a dark suit of clothes, a white shirt with cuffs and col'ar, and silk socks. Mr. Wade prayed earnestly and was thus engaged when the hangman entered the

sation, but it was a failure. At this time half a hundred newspaper men had been ad- had parted with her husband forever, of the accounts, and were much surprised mitted to the jail yard for it was then halfseveral weeks he had been steward of the past seven and hundreds of people lined all complexion and was clean shaven except for of people who got admission to the jail yard

HISTORY OF THE CASE. he is a professional hangman. He assisted was smoking a long pipe and carried a is not out of place here, although our readers ing office, \$13.00; boy's wages, \$68.00 and stated that his first engagement as a The scaffold, consisting of two uprights Birchall was born in Church, Lancashire, Grant and J. M. Grant occupy the same

wall for support, had been erected in the voungest of four children, and was educated It took the hangman some ten minutes to a fast life, and his associates have always of \$4,462 exclusive of the annuity of \$400 to

adjust the ropes and run them through the been of evil character. pulleys. He was then assisted by half a dozen constables to hoist the 350 pound weight into position. The weight was on one side of the upright nearest the northern wall and the hangman's knot was suspendminutes after eight when a squad of county constables with batons came into the vard and shoved back the crowd, forming a semicircle around the corner where the gallows stood. The hangman re-entered the prison while Dr. Chamberlain stood guard by the

rope. Outside the prison walls crowds had On February 5 Mr. and Mrs. Birchall, been collecting and some men climbed up into the branches of the shade trees of the Birchall and strapped his arms. During this on the six o'clock train the next morning to up like on parade while being pinioned. Pelly and Mrs. Birchall.

First came Rural Dean Wade in his surelbows down his arms were free. His step about the finding of Benwell's body and said the following letter from Mr. J. M. Grant: was steady. His jet black hair and moushe would go at once and see the body. tache made the pallor of his face like marble. Pelley accompanied him. Birchall then There was such an expression of immovable | showed Pelley a telegram from Benwell at resolution and undaunted courage that the New York requesting that his luggage be sent there. Pelley then went to New York worthy of death in the eye of the law, forand Birchall went to Princeton and identigot that he had shot a friend in a lonely swamp. The faces of half the men there were as white almost as that of the doomed

The evidence showed that Birchall lured his victim to the lonely swamp where he was as a true, faithful and valuable friend to found and sent a bullet through his brain. He sent a letter to Renwell's father three days after the murder stating that Ben well liked the farm and requesting that the £500 be sent ever immediately. There was no evidence against Mrs. Birchall.

to be hanged. Petitions for his reprieve On one side of the prisoner Leetham walk- were but meagrely signed, and an appeal to the Minister of Justice failed to secure a with all the assurance of a friend's hearty commutation, and the sentence was duly clasp. On his right side day guard Perry carried out.

held Birshall's arm. Walking in front of Those who expected the wretch to make a confession were disappointed. On the him and partly backward the deputy sheriff "It's like this, Birchall," said the good- grasped Birchall's right hand, and one could Monday preceding his execution he wrote the following letter :-see the strong fingers close with impulsive pressures over the slenler figures of the

Woodstock Jail, Nov. 10, 1890. If after my death there shall appear in the press, or in any other manner whatsoever, gathered in a semi-circle 40 feet from the any confession that I had any hand in the corner that held the scaffold. The principal murder of Mr. F. C. Benwell or any previous knowledge of said murder with intent or actors in the tragedy halted about 10 feet malice aforethought, or any personal connecfrom the scaffold, where five minutes were nection with the murder on the 17th of Febspent in prayers by the dean. To the crowd ruary, or other day, or any knowledge that any such murder was likely to be committed, Birchall paid no attention, except to give or any statement further than any that I may have made public previous to this date. I hand this statement to the care of Mr. know that 200 curious persons surrounded George Perry, of Woodstock, Ontario, that he may know that any such confessions, or partial confessions, are entirely fictitious, Mr. Wade concluded all the service but and in no way were ever written by me, the recital of the Lord's prayer, before which neither emanated from me in any way whathe placed his arms around the condemned soever, to any person, and the whole are fictitious and without a word of truth. man's neck and kissed Birchall affectionate-This likewise applies to my story in The ly. Mr. Leetham advanced and did the Mail, in which I have made no such confessame, the hangman took Birchall by the arm sion or partial confession. This holds good and they walked together under the dangling | throughout.

rope. Birchall wheeled around and faced the R. BIRCHALL. crowd like a soldier on parade. All this A fac-simile of the foregoing displays time his face had not moved a muscle. If neat, excellent and rapid penmanship, the his lips were not compressed one would words being "run into" one another, by the imagine he was smiling by the bright, cheerpen not being raised from the paper in the ful look in his eyes. Birchall then shook hurry of writing, while there is not the hands with Leetham and the dean. The slightest suggestion of nervousness in the store whether of brandy, whisky, wine or executioner then placed his victim where

cross beam hung the rope, and about two feet to the left of this and a little in front of It is merely a denial that he has made it, stood Birchall. As the dean began the

The John W. Nichelson Estate

The affairs of the estate of the late John W. Nicholson are being made unpleasantly public by reason of the heirs becoming dis- tensely gratifying to the St. John public, they graspel each other warmly by the satisfied with the management of the trustces, or, rather, that of two of them, and Then the black cab was pulled over the developments in the equity court, as Birchall's head and the noose adjusted. published in Monday's Globe, are somewhat Birchall then began to pray half aloud, but suggestive of the familiar story of The his actual words were not aud ble to those Babes in the Wood. On Monday forenoon around him. Everything being ready the last Mr. J. D. Hazen appeared before Judge hangman stepped back and grasped the line | Palmer and read the petition of Mrs. Macwhich held the clasp or weight. He looked laren, Murray Maclaren, Sarah E. Nicholat the deputy sheriff, who nodded, and then | son, Isabella M. Nicholson and Ida St. G. bang! went the great three hundred pound Nicholson, asking that Messrs. Jas. M. weight, and with a loud, rasping noise the Grant and Ronald C. Grant be removed tope shot through the pulley and Birchall from their positions as trustees under the cross beam in his first flight, but alas! the Nicholson, and that other persons be aphangman had put him on the wrong side of pointed trustees in their room instead. The

That under the will the following were appointed executors and trustees: Mrs. Nichol-The body swayed to and fro till Radeliffe son, Jas. McG. Grant and Simeon Jones. took hold of it and steadied it. Part of the That after the death of Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. tion of Mr. Jas. McG. Grant that it would "He is choaking," cried the spectators, be better to appoint some person who was a Ronald C. Grant was appointed agent of

estate for 1889 amounted to \$2,459, ex at Harrow and Oxford. He has always led | penses of management amounted to the sum Jas. M. Grant as managing trustee. That In the summer of 1888 Birchall married | Simeon Jones is unable to have any change the daughter of David Stephenson, the gen- in management or reduction in expense eral traffic manager of the London and made in said estate, as he has always been Northwestern, Her parents were opposed opposed in his efforts to do so by the other to the match and the couple left England trustees. Jas. M. Grant and R. C Grant. and came to Woodstock. Ont. In the That the petitioners wrote to Mr. Jas. M. spring of 1889 they returned to England, Grant complaining of the charge made for and having patched up a peace with Mr. | collecting the income, as the appointment Stephenson resided at his house. Birchall of the agent covered that duty. That in continued a fast life, and was soon at his reply to a request of Mr. Grant for an inwit's end for funds. It was then that he formal chat over the affairs of the estate. induced Douglas Pelly and Colonel Ben- | the heirs wrote that they would meet him we'l, the father of the murdered man, to with the other trustees, at Dr. Maclaren's, enter into his plans. He concocted a story | but that Mr. Grant replied that he would that he had a large farm near Niagara Falls, allow the matter to drop, as he had no Several medical men had arrived by 15 lighted by electricity and fully stocked, and matter to bring before the trustees. That wanted Pelly and young Benwell to become at the suggestion of Mr. Simeon Jones, a partners with him. He induced the elder report was made by the heirs that Mrs. Benwell to let his son go with him to see | Mclaren be appointed an additional trustee, the farm, with the undertaking that if he | which Mr. James M. Grant refused, stating liked it he was to pay £500 for a half inter- that it would be an interference with the terms of the will, and the opinion of the other trustees would not influence him in Pelly and young Benwell sailed on the the least. The heirs then wrote to the Britannic and reached New York on Febru- trustees withdrawing their consent to the ary 14 and registered at the Metropolitan appointment of R. C. Grant as agent and It was just 8.15 when Deputy Sheriff Hotel. On the following Saturday they also as trustee, but, not wishing to interfere left on the Erie Railroad for Buffalo, where with his means of livelihood, they would murderer promptly jumped out and said he | they stopped at the Stafford House. It was | allow him to continue as agent if he would was. Then the executioner stepped up to decided that Birchall and Benwell should go resign his trusteeship, and asked that a meeting of the trustees be called to conoperation he showed no concern, standing the Falls and prepare for the reception of sider this matter. That in reply to the letter J. M. Grant stated that he was not At nine o'clock on the following night aware of any steps he could take in the Birchall came back alone. He said Benwell | matter, and R. C. Grant stated that having plice and reading the Courch of England | didn't like the farm or the people and refu- | been duly appointed trustee he had no inservice for the dead. Behind him Dr. Rice, ed to stay there, and that he had gone up tention under any circumstances of resignfollowed by Dr. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff | the country. The party then went to | ing the trusteeship Mr. Jones stated that Perry. The prisoner came next, deathly Clifton, Ont., and spent a week there, Pel- he called on Mr. J. M. Grant. and that he pale, but resolute, his jaws locked with the ley all the time fretting about the delay and refused to call a meeting. That on the times, although he muttered incoherently fixity of death- He came down the stairs | Birchall calming him with plausible stories. | 22nd Sept., 1890, during the absence from with one hand on the railing, for from his Birchall then showed Pelley the notice home of Dr. Mclaren, Mrs. Mclaren received

[Confidential.]

St. John, N. B., Sept. 22, 1890

"MY DEAR OLLIE,-When I persued the joint letter of yourself and sisters, dated 1st Sept, and addressed to the trustees collec tively, I could not help being shocked at its contents. It was not only a threatening fied the body. He was arrested, together letter, but also a cowardly and insulting one, such as you ought never under any circumstances have sent to your uncle whom you have so repeatedly acknowledged yourself and sisters, and to whom you all Furthermore, it showed a venom worse than contempitible, for it threatened injury to your own chief mourner at your father's and mother's funerals, the playmate of your hildhood, who never did you the slightest injury or ever sail an unkind word to you. Birchall was found guilty and sentenced Furthermore, your conduct was neither way from the Dodds and other persons in the city. I repeatedly told you that the estate books were always open for your inspection. I have known every movement of yours in this matter, as the very people from whom you were seeking information were disgusted at the flimsy way in which you disguised your object. If I choose to retaliate as you richly deserve I could put the Dominion government in possession of information which would justify them either now or at any time within fifty years in seizing the books and property of the estate and leaving you all simply paupers with the reputation of the family irretrievably runied and the public astonished with a revelation of one twenty years of most successful fracto, not only on the government, but on themselves as customers. The question has often been put to me, how has fortune, when other liquor dealers could not? I and four others in St. John could answer that question and tell how night after night the shutters of the store would be put up, the door carefully locked and barred, all lights extinguished except on the lower story, all chinks in the windows covered over, the nuts cautiously taken off the copper hasps of the "customs bonded warehouse" the doors opened, cask after cask rolled out, one fourth of their contents transferred to empty casks rolled in the "duty paid" warehouse, the quantity abstracted replaced with alcohol water and coloring mixture, the additional casks back into the bonded warehouse and afterwards sold to the public and the government defrauded of the duty on the quantity abstracted. Every cask that came into the profit of every quarter cask averaged \$25. show that the estate is liable to the Dominion government for nearly three hundred thousand dollars, or in other words the duty on one-fourth of every cask of

"I am not desirous of atlempting to injure you as you have attempted to injure me; fortunately none of my family were ever engaged in the liquor traffic, and therefore any exposure, although it might be inwould be harmless to myself and family, but you can now see that your own selfishness and base in gratitude may at any time serious is the offence in the eyes of the law that had the particulars been divulged in cost him his liberty. I do not intend that either you or any of your sisters shall become Trustees, and I think that a rigid cross-examination in court would prove the undesirability of it, and you shall not, as you impertinently express it, "deprive Ronald of the means of a livelihood," although you may well blush for the source from which you derive your own wealth, accumulated by fraud, and the misery of others. will more probably eventually prove to be more of a curse than a blessing. I am now about leaving the city for a week, but on my return I will send each of your sisters. excepting Dora, a copy of this letter, as prefer to make the copies in my own handwriting, and keep the matter "confidential" among ourselves, but I shall place a copy of it together with sundry other papers appertaining to it in a sealed envelope in my private office.

"Your affectionate uncle. "J. MACGREGOR GRANT." "Mrs. Murray Maclaren and sisters ex-

cept Dora." That until May last the petitioners never had a legal adviser, but had acted wholly on the advice of their uncle, J. M. Grant. That Royald C. Grant's transactions as agent and trustee of the estate and his direct income therefor last year was \$2,150,-

That the petitioners believe that it is not n the interests of the estate for the three trustees to remain as at present, as now the estate is practically under the control of Mr. J. M. Grant.

Mr. F. E. Barker and Mr. J. D. Hazen ppeared for the petitioners: Mr. C. N. Skinner for Mr. Simeon Jones and the petitioners; and Mr. E. McLeod and Mr. Chas. Palmer for Mr. J. M. Grant and Mr. R. C. Grant.

Mr. McLeod objected that the letter marked confidential was not part of the correspondence in connection with theestate and therefore should not be read. His Honor stated that, in equity, such evidence was admissible if the petitioners desired to enter it. Mr. Hazen then read the petition. The case was set down for hearing on the 4th December.

Whatever may be the truth or falsity of the "affectionate uncle's" pecting the alleged frauds upon the revenue-and those who knew the late Mr. Nicholson will require much better evidence than Mr. Grant's ill-timed assertions on the subject before they believe them true-the letter submitted by the petitioners will not greatly increase public confidence in the relative who appears to have been so implicitly trusted by the testa tor whose character as an honest man that person seeks to destroy in the estimation of his children, now that he is silent in death and the children seem to be only claiming their natural rights.

Mrs. W. C. Winslow. Chatham, Nov. 13th, 1890.

Pitcher's Castoria.

he wanted him. From the centre of the

Lord's prayer the executioner rapidly tied

Birchall's legs together and took out the

"Do you mind shaking hands with me,"

flew into the air. He almost touched the last will and testament of the late John W. the rope, which caught him in the back of petition sets out the following statements the head, preventing the noose from tighter-

left cheek was exposed under the black cap R. C. Grant was appointed a trustee : that and was seen to grow livid and dark under | this appointment was made on the sugges-

and the softer hearted turned away. The relative and resident within the province. pinioned form was writhing and the chest | That at the time of the appointment of Mr. vainly searched for the air that was never to Grant he was only 21 years of age and a law be breathed by it again. Dozens of convul- student at Harvard University. That on sions were counted before the tortured form | the suggestion of Mr. Jas. M. Grant Mr.

nine, when it was cut down. is that he died from strangulation and and shock. Several of the posterior ligators say he suffered no pain.

to the crowd.

in possession of all her faculties,

are, nearly all, well acquainted with them. office rent, \$100, although the said R. C. England, about 25 years ago. His father office occupied by the said J. M. Grant was for years the rector of Church Kirk and previous to the death of the said John W. rural dean of Whalley. Reginald was the Nicholson, That while the income of the

It was a matter of minutes, but it seemed | the estate with a salary of \$1,500 a year, years to those who watched the scene. At such appointment being made as it was then the end of two minutes his pulse was going stated in the interests of economy. That at the rate of sixty. At the end of six Mr. Grant drew the assent to the appoint minutes he was pronounced dead. The ment which was signed by the heirs and body was allowed to hang till a quarter of which they now believe to have been contrary to the intention of the will, that is, A post-mortem examination showed Birch- that a trustee should not be agent. That all's brain to be two and a half ounces heavi- the salary of Andrew Dodds, who was book. er than the average and the body to have keeper and clerk before the appointment of been unusually sound. The jury's verdict | the agent, was but \$1,000 and was amply sufficient. That the accounts have been passed each year in the probate court ; that ments of the neck were ruptured and doc- the heirs had never been represented by a proctor until the last year and that they Birchall protested his innocence up to the were never advised by the said J. M. Grant last, but disdained to make any statement | that they should be so represented, and that they were never furnished with a copy of The body was buried in the jail yard on the accounts passed, shewing in detail the items, but were furnished with an abstract It was some time after the execution be of the residuary estate account occasionally by the agent. That in February, 1889, the When her husband was being hanged she agent called the attention of the petitioners was unconscious from the effects of an opiate, to the fact that the net residuary estate was which-without her being aware of it-was less in 1888 than in the previous year by mercifully alministered by her physician \$2,324 83. That last May the petitioners after her return from the gaol, where she | were represented by a proctor in the passing

The leading features of the execution were | when informed by him that among the items related to her when she regained conscious- charged were \$362.67 paid Chas. W. H ness, by Mr. Leetham and Mrs. West-Jones. Grant, son of J. M. Grant, being commission The morning was clear and sunshiny a but as she was still in a dazed condition she at 21 per cent. for collecting interest and low the medium height, he had a ruddy hoar frost was on the ground. The crowd did not suffer as acutely as if she had been | tent for the said estate; as up to that time they were of the opinion that the income of the estate was collected by Ronald C. This extraordinary case, the last act of Grant, who received a salary of \$1,500 as which was the execution of Birchall, was in agent. That among other items charged so many points of such exceptional interest were: Accident Ins. premium for J. M. that a short summary of its leading features Grant, \$12.50; city directory, \$2.50; wash-