

PREPARING FOR FINAL STRUGGLE

CRISIS IN CONFERENCE IS CLOSE AT HAND

The Japanese Envoys Keep the Government at Tokio Advised of Every Development.

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HON. MR. BULYEA MAY BE SELECTED FOR ALBERTA

And Hon. Mr. Forger For Saskatchewan—C. P. R. and Atlantic Mail Service.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, commissioner of public works for the Northwest, will probably be the first Governor of Alberta, and Hon. A. M. Forger, the present governor of the Northwest, will continue as Regina as Governor of Saskatchewan.

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Charlotte, Aug. 17.—The American boat Irroquois today won the fourth race in the contest for the Canada Cup, defeating the challenger Temeraire by about three minutes.

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