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THE BILL HAS NO CHANCE

DEFEAT FACES THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS SECOND READING.

Conference Between the Premier, Sir Charles Tupper and the "Doubtful" Ones—Who the Conservatives are Who Will Oppose the Bill—The Situation Carefully Sized Up in Detail.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—An interesting gathering took place in the Privy Council Chamber this morning, when Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper met a number of Conservative members who were supposed to be "doubtful" in their support of the Remedial Bill. Among those who attended were Messrs. Carpenter, Coatsworth, Corbould, Carscallen, Boyd, Bennett, Davin, Hutchins, Henderson, Ingram, Guillet, W. W. McDonald G. H. Macdonell, Marshall, McGillivray, Mara, McKay, Pridham, Wilson and Wilmot. The result of the meeting was to show a great diversity of opinion on the part of the gentlemen present. Some expressed themselves as in favor of Remedial legislation; others were opposed to it, while others are still within the category of doubtful. The conference broke up at 1 o'clock

What the Position Now is.

The position in regard to the Remedial Bill now is that 20 Conservatives from Ontario and three outside of Ontario have signified to the Government that they cannot vote for the second reading. Twenty-one Conservatives from Ontario are willing to vote for it, three are absent, and 12 are doubtful, though of the doubtful ones most of them will be against the bill, notwithstanding the efforts of the Government to hold them.

The 20 Conservatives from Ontario who declared against the bill are: Messrs. Bennett, Calvin, Carscallen, Cockburn, Craig, Denison, Henderson, Hodgins, Hughes, Hutchins, Ingram, Maclean, McGillivray, McNeill, Rosamond, Smith, Sproule, Tyrwhitt, Wallace and Wilson.

The three Conservatives from the provinces outside of Ontario who have declared against the bill are: Messrs. Weldon (New Brunswick), Davin (Northwest) and Ross (Manitoba).

The Conservatives from Ontario willing to vote with the Government are: Messrs. Bergin, Boyle, Cargill, Carling, Carpenter, Cochrane, John Ferguson, Grant, Guillett, Haggart, McKay, McLennan, Masson, Metcalfe, Northrup, Read, Robillard, Roome, Stevenson, Tisdale and Wood.

The two absent members from Ontario are Messrs. Corby and Montague, and Speaker White will not vote.

The doubtful members from Ontario or those who have not declared themselves, are: Messrs. Burnham, Coatsworth, Fairbairn, C. Ferguson, Macdonell, Marshall, Miller, Moncrief, Pridham, Ross, Ryckman and Taylor. Outside of Ontario the doubtful are: Wilmot (New Brunswick), Corbould and Mara (British Columbia), Boyd and McDonald (Northwest Territories.)

It Means a Cold Defeat.

The Government's best available majority on any party question is less than 40. If the Opposition vote solid against a second reading of the Remedial Bill, as they declare they will, with one exception, and 20 out of the 23 Conservatives who have declared against the bill, not to mention half a dozen of the doubtful Conservatives, who will certainly go against the bill, the Government will be defeated.

They Want to Scare Greenway.

All sorts of rumors were in circulation to-day with reference to the situation. It was said that the Government is specially desirous of securing the second reading of the Remedial Bill, as it will then be a pointer to Mr. Greenway that the bill will become law. When this stage is reached, report has it that rather than allow the Federal interference to take place, the Manitoba Premier will proffer a measure of substantial justice to the Catholic minority of Manitoba. This is the story which is mentioned in some quarters to-day, although there are many who discredit it. Then, it is represented that some of the waverers could quite consciously vote for the second reading and express their disapproval of the bill at the subsequent stages, that is in committee on the third reading. This would be contrary to Parliamentary usage, as voting for the second reading would certainly imply an acceptance of the principle of the measure.

The Bill Stands No Chance of Passing.

The Opposition are credited with the intention of moving amendment after amendment, which will enable their men to talk any number of times and that, in this way, the time of Parliament will be wasted until April 25 arrives. In Conservative circles it is said to-night that in the event of the second reading not taking place by the 1st week in April, or indeed substantial progress being made in committee of the whole, the Government will at once close the work of the session by dissolving the House. Every day seems to show what little likelihood there is of the measure of 112 clauses passing the House, except after a strenuous fight. By the rules of the House it is possible in committee of the whole for a member to talk as long as he likes and as often as he likes, and under these circumstances the Liberals will avail themselves of their undoubted right.

MR. LAURIER MAKES AN OFFER.

To Pass a Three Months' Supply From July 1 to Pay Official Salaries.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special)—It is said to-night that Mr. Laurier has made an offer to Mr. Foster to permit three months' supplies to pass the House without opposition in order that the public services of the country may not be at a standstill upon July 1. This means, of course, that the main estimates for the next year will not be passed by this Parliament.

Cost of the Militia in Lowe.

Ten representative citizens of Lowe Township, including Fathers Foley and Blondin, interviewed the Minister of Justice to-day and urged that $2000 of indebtedness, recently incurred by sending the militia into the Township be incurred by the Government. The total charge is $5000. Mr. Dickey promised that the matter would receive the careful consideration of the Government.

Some General Notes.

A. Gordon, C.M.G., late secretary of the Governor-General, and Mrs. Gordon left for England to-day. A large number of Ottawa friends were at the station to see them off.

About a dozen deputations were here to-day, mostly from Quebec, asking for subsidies of different kinds.

The Senate resumed to-night, Hon. D. Ferguson leading the House in the absence of the Premier.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Mrs. McCarthy gave another dinner party to-night.

Mr. Choquette puts on the order paper to-night a letter written by the Bishop of St. Albert, asking Sir John Thompson's opinion regarding the Territorial school law. He wants to know if Sir John Thompson ever answered the letter.

Cholera Again in Hong Kong.

Singapore, Feb. 25.—Advices from Hong Kong show that the disease which ravaged the native quarter of the city some time ago has reappeared. There have been numerous deaths.

SIR DONALD TALKS A LITTLE.

He Says Premier Greenway and Archbishop Langevin Are on the Best of Terms—The School Question.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—(Special)—Sir Donald Smith arrived home to-day and, in discussing the school question, said: "You may perhaps imagine that there is a very strong feeling between the Archbishop of St. Boniface and his priests and Mr. Greenway and his lieutenants. I can assure you that the two parties are personally on the very best of terms, and that they meet upon public occasions and mingle together at private functions in the friendliest possible manner."

"It has been stated, Sir Donald, that you have privately advised the Government to drop the Remedial Bill."

"No. I scarcely see how this matter is going to be arranged now, but I believe that Mr. Greenway would be able to do a great deal to settle the question if it were to be arranged locally."

"What of the proposed scheme of making the Manitoba schools entirely secular?"

"There have been many rumors to this effect, but nothing has yet been done, so far as I know. It is a strange affair, this school question. Why, after I left Winnipeg and was returning by way of the United States I met many of my American friends, who are good men and good Catholics, and they said to me: 'Why have you all this trouble about your schools? We have none here, we all get along together very harmoniously, and we cannot understand why you don't do the same.' I hope the time will soon come when it will be settled and we shall have time to build up this great country of ours with its opportunities for millions of workers."

SHE TOOK THE DOWNWARD COURSE.

Minnie Johnston, an English Waif, in Kingston Jail for False Pretences.

Kingston, Feb. 25.—Minnie Johnson, alias Gump, who has been obtaining goods by false pretences by forging orders, was arrested yesterday, and in court admitted her guilt and was remanded for sentence. She was an English waif brought out by a society, was adopted, grew incorrigible, and, deserting friends, has been on the downward path for some time. She was fond of dress and took the forged order plan to recoup her stock. She is in a delicate condition.

A GENERAL MELEE AT QUEEN'S.

The College Senate Will Investigate the Cause of the Big Fight.

Kingston, Feb. 25.—The Queen's College senate will investigate the cause for the big fight yesterday in the college, when a door was smashed down and a melee with clubs, brooms and fists ensued. The members of '98, with their supporters, objected to the trial of one of its membrs by Concursus iniquitates, because of the alleged partizanship of one of the officers of the court. The '98 men were overpowered, the trial proceeded, the victim convicted and fined. There is much excitement in college circles over the affair.

A PICKFORD MERCHANT KILLED.

His Load of Merchandise Upset and He Was Buried Under the Goods.

Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 25.—David Healy, a Pickford merchant, left the Soo at an early hour this morning with a load of general merchandise for his store. His sleigh upset 14 miles from here, and he was buried under the goods. Help was near at hand, but he was dead when extricated.

INCREASING UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

Six New Battleships and Fifteen Torpedo Boats to be Constructed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The naval appropriation bill has been practically completed. It is believed that the sub-committee has practically decided upon six battleships and 15 torpedo boats. Authority is given to enlist 1000 additional sailors, to enable the Secretary of the Navy to put ships which will be completed during the next fiscal year into commission.

Exhibition of Paintings.

A selection of paintings from the studio of Mr. Dickson Patterson, R.C.A., has been placed on view at the gallery of James Bain & Son, King-street west, where they may be seen to-day and to-morrow, previous to their being forwarded to the Academy exhibition to be held in Montreal. The collection includes a distinctly successful portrait of Mr. Justice Burton, as well as other portraits, and a couple of ideal heads, contrasting types of female loveliness, which display the well known characteristics of Mr. Patterson's ability in coloring.

Two Hundred Chinese Killed.

London, Feb. 25.—The Times will to-morrow publish a despatch from Shanghai saying that the Anhui troops at Kiang Yin, 55 miles from Shanghai, mutined recently. The magazine was blown up. Two hundred persons were killed and many wounded. The troops killed a captain and imprisoned a general, who is now awaiting death. The foreign instructors at Kiang Yin are safely protected by the Hunan troops.

The U.S. Venezuelan Commission.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Venezuelan commission has received an intimation from the Royal Geographical Society of England, through Clements R. Markham, its president, that all the maps and records of that society will gladly be placed at the disposition of the commission. A courteous reply has been sent declining for the present the offer, in view of the willingness already officially expressed by both the British and Venezuelan Governments to furnish all necessary information.

Interferes With Miss Barton's Work.

London, Feb. 25.—The correspondent of the United Press in Constantinople telegraphs as follows: The unwisdom of the American press in coupling the Red Cross Society with their denunciations of the Sultan is making Miss Clara Barton's work difficult and perhaps impossible. This is the general opinion here.

Chronicles of Brigadier Gerrard, by A. Conan Doyle. The Harold A. Wilson Co., Ltd., 35 King-st. W.

Butcher Weyler Arrests a Reporter.

Havana, Feb. 25.—Charles Michelson, correspondent of The New York Journal, was arrested here this morning. The reason for his arrest has not been made public, but it is supposed he is charged with having gone outside the Spanish lines.

Quebec's New Electric Road.

Quebec, Feb. 25.—The American capitalists associated with Mr. H. J. Beemer in the Quebec electric street railway enterprise left Baltimore to-day for this city to complete arrangements for the commencement of the line as soon as the snow disappears.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts. Bank Commerce Building, Toronto

$200,000 Fire at Binghamton, N.Y.

Binghamton, N.Y., Feb. 25.—Fire broke out about 2 o'clock this morning in the basement of the four-story brick building, No. 176 Washington street. All four floors are occupied by the Binghamton House Furnishing Company. The entire building was soon ablaze. The total loss is about $200,000.

A Whirl Asunder, by Gertrude Atherton. The Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King Street West.

A Sister Killed in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Feb. 25.—Sister Ursula, formerly attached to a convent at Limerick, Ireland, but for many years a resident of this city, was killed by a passenger train at the Louisiana street crossing at noon to-day.

Physicians recommend "Salada" Tea.

Russia is Playing the Spy.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25.—Three Russian naval officers, who were detected making sketches of the forts here, were arrested and fined.

LIBELLING SIR CHARLES.

EDITOR M'CONNELL OF HALIFAX GETS INTO TROUBLE

Over an Open Letter Which He Addressed to Messrs. Weldon and Cahan—An Underhand Method of Attacking a Public Man—The Secretary of State Takes Criminal Libel Proceedings.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special)—A most sensational incident was the publication to-day in The Montreal Herald of a special despatch from Halifax, of what purports to be a copy of an open letter addressed to Dr. Weldon and C. H. Cahan, ex-leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Local Legislature, and signed by Mr. McConnell, editor of The Halifax Chronicle. Mr. McConnell calls on the two gentlemen named to make good certain charges, which he alleges they have been circulating freely in Nova Scotia and elsewhere to the effect that Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., was guilty of improper action.

The Libellous Letter.

The letter itself reads as follows:

To Richard C. Weldon, M.P. for Albert County, N.B., and Charles H. Cahan, ex-M.P.P., Halifax:

Gentlemen,—A considerable number of citizens have been informed by you during the last month that Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., the present Secretary of State, had been guilty of gross malversation of office on a former occasion, when a Cabinet Minister, whereby he dishonestly obtained $40,000, and that as a consequence of such conduct he has not been entrusted since by the Ottawa Government with any important financial transactions in London, notwithstanding that the creation of the office of High Commissioner was sought to be justified by the plea that he would be available in London to transact such business for the Government.

I, in common with many others, venture to think that, in view of the aspirations cherished by Sir Charles and the tremendous injury to Canada such a man could inflict if given larger control of public affairs, and especially if placed, as he undoubtedly desires to be, in charge of one of the large spending departments, you will be but doing a public duty, however distasteful to yourselves it may be, if you give the public the authority for your statement, noted above, which has been made so freely and unequivocally and to so many persons.

Some citizens have asserted that an ex-Minister of Finance, Sir Leonard Tilley, has expressed his willingness to Dr. Weldon to substantiate the charge. Another staunch Conservative, the editor of The Atlantic Weekly, recently declared editorially that "It would be a crime before high heaven" to make Sir Chas. Tupper Premier of Canada, and it is understood that this strong statement was based, in part, on his belief that Sir Charles was guilty of the charge repeated on various occasions by you. Still another Conservative editor, whose name is withheld for the present, has repeatedly made similar statements.

Under all the circumstances, it is manifestly proper, not to say imperative, that the complete facts in connection with this statement should be declared as soon as possible, so that such a grave matter may be dealt with as the interests of the country demand.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT M'CONNELL.
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 24.

Criminal Libel Proceedings.

As soon as The Herald arrived there was a great rush to get the paper. The attention of the Secretary of State was called to the article, and he at once took legal advice regarding it. Sir Charles was informed that the letter was distinctly libellous, and accordingly, he telegraphed to Donald MacMaster, Q.C. of Montreal, to enter an action for criminal libel against The Montreal Herald, and to Borden & Ritchie, the leading firm of Halifax lawyers, to take similar action against The Halifax Chronicle, in which paper McConnell's letter also appears to-day.

What Dr. Weldon Says.

Your correspondent sought out Dr. Weldon to-night and asked him if he had anything to say in regard to the matter. He replied, "You are authorized to say, so far as I am concerned, that Mr. McConnell has been imposed upon by false and slanderous statements."

Mr. Cahan Denies in Toto.

Halifax, Feb. 25.—The open letter from R. McConnell, addressed to B. C. Weldon, M.P., and C. H. Cahan, ex-M.P., calling on them to substantiate statements they are alleged to have made reflecting on the honor of Sir Charles Tupper, has caused considerable talk in political circles.

In an interview to-day, Mr. Cahan said: "The statements attributed to me in The Morning Chronicle were never made by me, and for at least three or four months prior to the publication of the article referred to in The Atlantic Weekly, I did not have any communication, directly or indirectly, with the editor of that journal in reference to any subject whatever, nor did I know of that article until I saw it published in The Morning Chronicle. Nor did I ever make any statement to the editor of that journal, or any one connected therewith, upon which that article was or could be based."

ANOTHER SENTIMENTAL FOOL.

Two Young Ladies Declined to be Kissed and McCloud is Now in Jail.

Laporte, Ind., Feb. 25.—A sensation has been caused at Valparaiso by the arrest and conviction of James McCloud of Menominee, Mich., on a unique charge preferred by the Misses Mattie Nelson and Mary Miller, Standish, Mich., young ladies attending school in that city. McCloud, who is also a student, was arrested on complaint of the pretty young ladies for attempting to hug them. He had also on divers occasions made proposals to kiss them, but his osculatory advances did not meet with the approval of the young ladies, and his arrest speedily followed. He was given a preliminary hearing, and in default of money to satisfy the ends of Hoosier justice now languishes in jail.

Burial Permit for a Living Child.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 24.—On Saturday morning the infant daughter of George C. Herbstrieth apparently died, after having been ill since its birth, and its parents called an undertaker, who arranged for the funeral, even getting a burial permit from the Board of Health. When he went to put the baby into a casket the child yawned, opened its eyes and showed unmistakable signs of life.

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THE TROUBLE IN THE ARMY.

Ballington and Mrs. Booth Both Declare That They Were Dismissed—Where His Brother Herbert Came in.

New York, Feb. 24.—Ballington Booth was offered the leadership of an independent American Salvation Army yesterday. The officers he had raised up, whom he had created in all parts of the country, besought him to become their general.

Ballington Booth retired for a short time to his private quarters, accompanied by his wife, who had been by his side during all the exciting scenes. They locked the door. They knelt down and prayed for strength. The emissaries came again with their tempting offer. He met them calmly and firmly.

"It cannot be," he said. "I thank you, dear friends, for the honor you have tendered me, but I must decline."

Both Were Dismissed.

In the immense meeting which took place later, both man and wife spoke, asserting absolutely that they had been dismissed. Mrs. Booth was particularly passionate in denouncing their foes.

"Bitter words have been said against me," exclaimed Mrs. Booth. "Men have declared that I am to blame for taking the Commander out of the Army. They have said that even the cadets will rise up to curse me, and that I and my children will starve in the streets."

Half Her Audience in Tears.

For half an hour the little woman spoke. Half the audience was in tears, and the sobs of the women of the slum corps, who fairly worship her, rose into half-suppressed wails of sorrow. Still Mrs. Booth kept on, her eyes dry and her voice more harsh in tone than it was ever heard before.

Then Eva Booth, who had been watching the dramatic scenes, could listen no longer, and at some bitter words against the lack of tender affection in the Booth family, she rushed from the room with her eyes full of tears of anger. The newly appointed commander of the American Army ran upstairs to a room that had been set apart for her. The door was locked, and no one gained admission for hours.

Ballington's Brother Herbert.

Ballington, in his speech, was particularly moving when alluding to his brother Herbert.

Speaking of the demand for his keys, he said: "Like a flash there came over me the astonishing revelation, the saddest I ever had, striking me dumb, that my younger brother had been empowered to depose me, to dismiss me from my position."

Mrs. Booth as Consoling Angel.

Ballington Booth's voice choked as he said it, and his head sank before his attentive listeners. Close by him his wife had sat, weak and exhausted, in a chair by an open window, hoping that the cool air would revive her. Her eyes were closed and her face was ashen pale. She heard the faltering words of her husband, and sprang to his side. An arm stole around his neck and a hand sought his. She looked up into his face.

"You may be dismissed," she said, tenderly, "but you are still my beloved husband."

The tall, strong man, unmindful of the men around him, reached down and took the sweet face between his hands. "And you are still my queen," he replied.

Herbert Booth has telegraphed from Toronto that Ballington is unspeakably dear to him, and the officers at Headquarters are sending out circulars in all directions asserting the untruth of the statement that Ballington was dismissed.

Who Handles the Property?

R. C. Alexander, attorney for Ballington Booth, declared yesterday that his client would not turn over the American property of the Army to the new chief, now coming from London to take charge of the American Army.

"The Salvation Army is not organized as a corporation," said Mr. Alexander, "and cannot hold property in its own name. Legally he is the absolute owner of property valued at more than $700,000. There are no restricting clause about holding in trust or as trustee in any of the title deeds. The War Cry belongs to him also. He may do with it exactly as he pleases. Neither his father nor anyone else has a legal right to interfere with its management or to claim a penny of what the paper earns."

JOSEPH BROOKS ONCE OWNED HIM.

Henry Heard, a Runaway Slave, Has Just Died at Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 25.—Henry Neard, who came to Windsor as a runaway slave over 40 years ago, died yesterday after a lingering illness. His father was a white man, an English Baptist minister, but Neard was born in slavery, being the property of Joseph Brooks of Chatham County, North Carolina. Early in the fifties Neard determined to make a break for liberty. He got as far as Ohio before he was arrested. He succeeded in deceiving his captors as to his identity and made for Canada, and got safely across to Windsor.

ANOTHER CHURCH DEDICATED.

Peterboro Methodists Have a Fine New Edifice in North Ward.

Peterboro', Feb. 25.—The new Methodist Church, in the North Ward, was opened and dedicated here to-day. The church, which is a very handsome one, and has been erected at a cost of over $3500, will be of the most far-reaching benefit to the residents in that part of the town. This afternoon at half-past 2 the dedication ceremonies were held, in which the Rev. S. J. Shorey of Lindsay officiated. The place was packed to the doors, and the services held were of a thanksgiving nature.

BOTH MAN AND WIFE ARE DEAD.

It was a Murder and Suicide, the Husband Being the Culprit.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 25.—A. W. Patterson, a wealthy and highly connected citizen of Madison, last night, after the family had retired, shot his wife through the head and then blinded. The noise awakened a daughter sleeping in an adjoining room, who rushed into the room and found her father dead on the bed and her mother lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Mrs. Patterson cannot live. The couple leave five children. No reason for the deed is known.

President Kruger Returns Thanks.

London, Feb. 25.—In reply to the message of the Queen, expressing her sympathy with the victims of the explosion at Vlediendorp, President Kruger has sent a cable despatch, in which he says: "If anything can allay my pain and sorrow, it will be expressions of sympathy like Your Majesty's."

A boon and a blessing to those suffering from weak digestion—Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum. Beware of imitations, which pay the dealer larger profit.

The New Primate of All Ireland.

Dublin, Feb. 25.—Right Rev. William Alexander, bishop of the united dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, has been elected archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, in success to the Most Rev. Samuel Gregg, who died on Jan. 11 last.

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Now is the Time 136

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HIS SAIL.

POLITICAL CASTAWAY: If this don't catch the coming breeze and carry me safely away from this rock, I don't know what will

SOME CALL IT A BACKDOWN

THE MANITOBAN RESOLUTION AS VIEWED IN WINNIPEG.

Doctors Seem to Differ as to Their Opinions Regarding it—Some People Say it is a Dodge to Induce the Federal Government to Withdraw the Remedial Bill.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Political opinion here as to the meaning of the resolution proposed in the Legislature, protesting against the Remedial Bill now before the House of Commons, is very diversified. Most Conservatives state that it is the first step in the complete backdown of Premier Greenway. Their ideas are that as Mr. Laurier has no hope of defeating the Government on the second reading of the bill, the game of bluff may as well end and the inevitable be accepted. Others believe it is only a dodge to induce the Federal Government to withdraw the Remedial Bill, for the present session, so that Mr. Laurier can remain behind the lines of Torres Vedras until after the general election. The Liberals, however, maintain that the resolution means exactly what it says and is calculated to aid Mr. Laurier and his supporters at Ottawa in defeating the coercion measure.

The Provincial Ministers are very guarded in their utterances. In an interview Premier Greenway said: "It would appear that it is a very carefully worded document, seeing that both sides are able to take comfort out of it."

Mr. Sifton says: "I fancy those who look upon it as a backdown cannot have read the document."

Mr. McMillan: "I don't think it will be looked upon by many people as a backdown."

Mr. Watson: "The wish must be father to the thought of any person who sees a backdown in the resolution. The Government has, by Order-in-Council, taken certain action, and it is to have this action endorsed by the House that the resolution is proposed."

One of the Ministers also said Sir Donald Smith received no promises of concessions, and that the Manitoba Government cared not a button how the politicians at Ottawa were affected.

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LOUIS NAEGLE IS FREE AGAIN.

The Ex-Montreal Detective Has Served Out His Long Sentence.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The Court of Appeals to-day reversed the decision of the jury which found Daniel Boyd and Andrew Somerville guilty of obtaining $51,000 from the Eastern Townships Bank by false pretences.

Ex-Detective Louis Naegle, having served his term of seven years at St. Vincent de Paul for complicity in the Bonaventure Depot robbery, was liberated to-day.

No Fear From the New Comet.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 25.—Great interest in the new comet has centred at Yale among the astronomers, and they have watched its course, figuring out the problem as to whether the comet will strike the earth.

They announce to-day their conviction that it is not likely to strike our planet.

Trouble Increasing in Corea.

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 25.—Seoul despatches report that disturbances are increasing in Corea, spreading throughout the kingdom. The Russian Government officially disclaims any intention of asserting exclusive control over Corea.

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FIXING THE GRAIN STANDARDS.

The Patrons of Industry at Portage la Prairie Objected to the Proposals.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—When Senator Kelley, on behalf of the Manitoba and Northwest representatives, began preparing the argument in favor of the proposed changes in the Grain Standards Act, considered to be necessary in the interest of the farmers, he was confronted by the following telegram, the nature of which decided the members to defer action this session, so that they might personally confer with farmers and obtain their opinion previous to next session.

Portage la Prairie, Feb. 18.—E. Mihall, Commissioner Inland Revenue, Ottawa:

Press reports of proposed grain standards received will be positive injury to producers. Please defer action till you receive our memorial mailed to-morrow. Charles Brouthwaite, President P. of I.

The foregoing telegram differs from other representations received from the Northwest. On the other hand, the feeling in Ontario takes an entirely opposite trend, and it is probably well that the Government decided to defer legislation until the views of all bodies interested can be obtained.

TAKING TIME BY THE FORELOCK.

The Wise Man Looketh Ahead and is Never in the Lurch.

Only a few more days before March, the month when spring commences. Taking Time by the forelock, one of Toronto's most enterprising firms, Dineens, the famous hatters and furriers, at King and Yonge-streets, ordered their immense stock some months ago and now daily the consignments of new spring goods are being delivered. Each trans-Atlantic steamer brings instalments of the heavy stock ordered. Some of the cases of spring hats have already been opened and the sale has already begun. By the early part of March the stock will be complete in anticipation of the Easter sales. Dineens are at present showing new styles for gentlemen in silk and felt hats, also fedoras and other descriptions. For children there are some very nobby styles—Boys' Scotch caps, cloth and tweed, and every kind for school or street wear. And now a pointer to the ladies: Dineens' fur clearing out sale is not yet over. There are many bargains left—some in seal jackets at $150, Persian lamb, $100; Greenland seal capes at $15; mink neck ruffs, $2 and $2.50; ladies' gauntlets, $4 and $5; men's fur caps, $1, $3, $4, $5. A great many articles have been reduced in price nearly 50 per cent., to clear them out before the packing away time arrives. The pretty milliners who visited Dineens' yesterday appreciated these bargains.

SHE CARRIED AID FOR CUBANS

But U.S. Revenue Officers Swooped Down on the Steamer Bermuda.

New York, Feb. 25.—The steamer Bermuda, flying the British flag, was seized by revenue officers last night. One hundred and ten Cubans, including Gen. Garcia's son, were taken into custody, with $4000 in Spanish gold, two million cartridges and a large quantity of arms. At noon to-day all the prisoners were released, excepting Garcia, Capt. Hughes, John Brabazon, in command of the Bermuda, and John D. Hart, one of the leaders. The abortive expedition cost the filibusters $100,000. With the exception of Hart, the prisoners were allowed bail.

TO PROTECT THE SULTAN'S LIFE.

Streets are Being Dug Up in Constantinople Looking for Mines.

London, Feb. 25.—The Standard's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that two of the narrowest streets through which the Sultan will pass on Feb. 28, on the occasion of his visit to Constantinople proper, for the purpose of kissing the Prophet's Mantle, are being dug up by order of the authorities, it being feared that mines have been paid to kill His Majesty. A special watch is being kept on the bridge spanning the Golden Horn, from Galata to Constantinople. A large number of persons suspected of being implicated in a plot to assassinate the Sultan are being arrested daily.

THE DOMINION ARTILLERY.

Annual Meeting of the Association—The Rearming of the Canadian Militia, Thanks to Cleveland.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association took place this afternoon, there being a large attendance of members. Col. Prior, president, occupied the chair, and among those present were His Excellency the Governor-General, Senators Desjardins, Gen. Gascoigne, Lieut.-Cols. Irwin, Aylmer and MacPherson of the Militia Department, Col. MacDonald, Major Davidson, Guelph, and Capt. McNaughton of Cobourg. The annual report was adopted on motion of the president, seconded by Col. Cole of Montreal.

Col. Prior, in the course of his remarks, advocated more liberal treatment and better pay for the artillerymen. He hoped a team would be sent to Shoeburyness this year.

His Excellency made a brief speech, in which he congratulated the association on its excellent work. He spoke in high terms of the president and of the late Adjutant-General.

Mr. Desjardins, Minister of Militia, also addressed the meeting and referred to the important proposals for the rearming of the militia which the Government had under consideration. President Cleveland had rendered good service to the militia of Canada by arouring a feeling in favor of better arms and equipments here.

General Gascoigne said that since it had been announced that the Government intended to ask Parliament to vote an appropriation for strengthening the defences and rearming the militia, he had received many recommendations and suggestions. While not prepared to state exactly what the Government's intentions were, it might be taken as a settled fact that the very best equipment and arms would be procured.

Col. Prior was re-elected president and Major Donaldson of Ottawa, secretary.

HOW SERGT. BACK ENDED HIS LIFE.

A Hamilton Man's Terrible Death in the Citadel at Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 25.—There was great excitement in the Citadel last night when it was discovered that Sergt. Percy Back had blown the top of his head off with a rifle. When he failed to turn up at supper his friends went to look for him, and found him in his quarters lying on the floor dead. Blood and brains were spattered all over the place. Across his legs was his Martini-Henry rifle, which had evidently caused the ghastly spectacle. The general impression is that it was a case of suicide. Deceased was a native of Hamilton, Ont.

Back a Resident of Hamilton.

Hamilton, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Percy Back, who committed suicide in Quebec yesterday, was a resident of this city till seven or eight years ago, when he left for Kingston. His parents reside in Ancaster, and his brother, Arthur, is a flour and feed merchant, John street south. Before leaving this city he was employed with the D. Moore Company, and was well thought of by a large circle of acquaintances. He was a member of the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry, and was popular with the members of the regiment.

THEY GO TO MEET YELLOW JACK.

Another Batch of Spanish Troops are on Their Way to Cuba.

Madrid, Feb. 25.—It is announced that 6000 fresh troops from Spain will reach Cuba by the end of the present month. The Heraldo publishes a despatch from its correspondent in Havana denying the truth of the report of the death of the rebel leader, Maceo. The despatch also says that the rebel leader, "El Inglis (o.)" who has been captured by the Spanish, is claiming to be an American citizen in order to escape being tried and condemned by court-martial.

DEATHS.

PARKES—In this city, on the 24th inst., Mary A. Parkes, in the 82nd year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, 199 Wilton avenue, on Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m.

JAMESON'S TRIAL BEGINS

CHEERED VOCIFEROUSLY AS HE ENTERS THE COURT.

What the Charge Against the Transvaal Invaders is—The Judge in Bow Street Makes Some Remarks on the Gravity of the Crime and Warns the Doctor to Keep Dark.

London, Feb. 25.—Dr. Jameson, with his officers, was taken off the steamer Victoria by a police launch, which reached Waterloo pier at 6.30 p.m. A large crowd had gathered at the pier and when Jameson appeared he was loudly cheered. The party entered two omnibuses which conveyed them to the Bow-street Police Court, the cheering crowd running alongside the vehicles throughout the journey. Upon their arrival at the Bow-street Police Court Dr. Jameson and his comrades were promptly arraigned before the Magistrate upon formal charges. After hearing evidence briefly the Magistrate adjourned the examination for a fortnight, releasing Jameson and the others upon their own recognizances of 2000 pounds each.

Jameson's Great Popularity.

Fourteen others were charged with Dr. Jameson with having made war upon a friendly state. Jameson and his companions were loudly cheered as they entered the court room and there was a renewal of the popular enthusiasm after the party got inside, the Magistrate being unable to put a stop to the demonstration. The party were again cheered as they left the court and were followed after they got outside by a great crowd, who repeatedly gave expression to their enthusiasm in cheers.

What the Charge Is.

The exact charge preferred against the prisoners was that "The defendants, in the month of December, 1895, in South Africa, within Her Majesty's dominions, without license of Her Majesty, did unlawfully prepare a military expedition to proceed against the dominions of a certain friendly state, to wit, the South African Republic, contrary to the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870."

A Crime of Great Gravity.

After the bare evidence of the arrest of the prisoners had been submitted and formal statements had been made by counsel relative to the conduct of the case, the sitting magistrate, Sir John Bridge, remarked: "No graver offence could be charged against these men. It is a crime of the highest possible gravity and must be so regarded by every person who considers the risks of performing the offence. It involves, first, the danger of a battle at the time, in which many lives may be lost and many homes desolated, besides the great