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LONDON, Jan. 15.

Mr. Gladstone, in withdrawing from his position as leader of the Liberal party, writes to Earl Granville as follows: "The time has arrived when I ought to revert to my letters of March 1874."

After reviewing a number of public and private considerations, Mr. Gladstone says: "I see no public advantage in my continuing to act as leader of the Liberal party. A few forty-two years of laborious public life, I think myself entitled to retire with the present opportunity. This retirement is dictated by personal views regarding the method of spending the closing years of my life. My conduct in Parliament will continue to be governed by the same principles as heretofore, and all arrangements for the treatment of general business to advance the convenience of the Liberal party, will have my cordial support."

Earl Granville replied: "I have communicated in detail the reasons for which I profoundly regret, and deplore your decision. My late colleagues fully agree in this regret at the failure of endeavor to disengage you from your purpose, and doubtless the Liberal party also concur with us in the observations we addressed you. Promptly by considerations of public advantage, and not merely by a sense of your service and our admiration and attachment."

The steamship Alice, from Cardiff for Antwerp, has been lost at sea and twenty persons drowned. Breadstuffs quiet; wheat 9s 9d for Canada; 8s 6d for Red Western Spring; corn 30s 6d for 40s flour 21s 2d for Western Canal.

New York, Jan. 15. Gold weaker, 112 a 111 1/2. Exchange 84 3/4 a 84 1/2. The examination of Moulton was continued yesterday and to-day. He quoted several letters written by Beecher in support of some of his former statements, but otherwise his testimony was of the same tenor as his original charges.

A fire at Rutland, Vt., last night, destroyed \$200,000 worth of property; insured for half that sum. (Special Telegram to Tribune.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 15. The appointment of W. Smith of Halifax to be Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia is gazetted to-day; also the appointment of G. F. Everett of St. John to be Superintendent of the Money Order branch of the P. O. Department for New Brunswick.

(Special to the Tribune.) The Gloucester School Rats—High-handed Outrages. There is violent work at Gloucester, ensuing out of the school meeting. The oppositionists abused and threatened Messrs. Rice and Blackhall, Jrs., who had to fly after much violent language all on one side. The meeting adjourned to next day.

On Friday a party proceeded to the Post Office, broke the windows and pulled down the stove. With difficulty the building was saved from being consumed. They proceeded then to the premises of Hon. Robert Young, where they were prevented from upsetting the stove and were bribed to retire. They beat John Blackhall severely, but could not get hold of St. J. R. River. All quiet for the present.

LONDON, Jan. 16. GLADSTONE'S RESIGNATION. The leading men of the Liberal party, with the exception of the Duke of Argyll, Viscount Cardwell, Lord Watson and John Bright, met at the residence of Earl Granville for consultation in view of Mr. Gladstone's resignation. It is understood that the prevailing opinion at the meeting was in favor of the selection of Mr. W. E. Forster as the future leader of the party. All present were agreed that Mr. Gladstone ought to retire from Parliament. It is stated that the constituency at Greenwich will present a resolution calling on the ex-Premier to resign his seat for that city. His resignation of the Liberal leadership surprised his opponents. It is not anticipated that his resignation will be formally announced until the re-opening of Parliament, when a general meeting of the party will be held. The names of the Marquis of Hartington and Sir Wm. Harcourt are mentioned, as well as Forster, in connection with the leadership, but the indications are strong that Forster will be chosen.

A COLLIERIES STRIKE. A strike is in progress among the colliers of Dean Forest, Gloucestershire, and the workers have become riotous. Messengers have arrived at Monmouth asking for military to quell the disturbance.

A CREW SAVED. The crew of the ship City of London, ashore on Carnarvon Point, the island which was made. An effort to land the cargo will be made.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. THE LOSS OF THE GEORGIA. The British Consul at Portland has ordered an investigation into the loss of the steamer Georgia, to be held in that city next Tuesday. The captain has abandoned the vessel to the insurance companies.

LOUISIANA. The Sub-Congressional Louisiana Committee unqualifiedly condemns the returning Board as illegal, and the Kellogg Government as despotic. The full Committee go to New Orleans to obtain further information.

(Special to Daily News.) OTTAWA, Jan. 15. The election petitions against Fred. Mackenzie, Montreal West, and James Tom White, A. Robertson, C. S. Hodier, M. H. Gault, Wm. McNaughton, &c., were presented yesterday in the Election Court. Sir Hugh Allan, President of all new railroads centering in Montreal, and a number of capitalists have formed a company to build a bridge over the St. Lawrence, via St. Helen's Island.

An arrangement has just been concluded between the City of Fredericton and County by which all prisoners confined in the jail in future will be compelled to work for their support.

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