

Mr Charles speaks.

The complimentary banquet to Sir Charles Tupper, and to Hon. Duncan Gillies and Hon. Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, agents respectively for the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania, in London, at St. George's club on the 5th inst. was a most successful affair.

A Dreadful Accident.

News reached Quebec on Wednesday the 5th of a dreadful occurrence at Roberval, Lake St. John, on Tuesday night the 5th. The tidings were so shocking that the whole community was thrown into consternation.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Quebec Legislature prorogued on Saturday last. A general election may be held in March.

The Methodist Church at Truro, N. S., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,000 on Sunday last.

The Liberal Peers will meet on the 18th inst. for the purpose of electing a leader of the party in the House of Lords.

London advices say that the Irish coinage is to be reduced by 2,000 men, thereby effecting a saving to Ireland of twenty thousand pounds annually.

All the staff of the Canadian Sault canal, including the mechanical superintendent, have been discharged with the exception of superintendent Boyd.

The steamship Durham City, from St. John for Liverpool was sighted off Whitehead, N. S., on Sunday last, flying signals of distress. When reached it was found that her shaft was broken.

The Post Office Department has issued a notification that parcels for Queensland, Victoria and Australia may hereafter be forwarded via Vancouver, at the same rates as to Sydney—24 cents per pound.

It is as good as settled that the command of the year's Blaney team will fall to Major John Macdonald, of the 1st Regiment of Hamilton. The adjutant will fall either on Major Dunbar, of the 8th Rifle, or Lieutenant Page, of the Royal Artillery, Quebec.

The annual statement of the Charlotteville Savings Bank has been made public. The balance due depositors January 1st, 1895, was \$1,826,782.66; added during the year \$342,975.44, withdrawn, \$384,209.47, balance due depositors \$1,785,548.63; balance due depositors at Summerside agency \$315,954.71.

The Postmaster-General has in contemplation a radical change affecting the rate of way mail clerks. It is proposed to constitute them members of the inside service of the Post office Department, with a permanent head at Ottawa, B. M. Armstrong, of the Toronto Division, is spoken of as the head of the new branch.

A CORNISH M.E., despatch to the Guardian says: P. E. Gallant, aged 23, a brakeman on the Maine Central Railway, and a native of P. E. Island, fell from the train and was run over. Both feet were crushed so that amputation was necessary below the knee. One arm was also broken. He is here in the Maine General Hospital.

The successful candidates in the qualifying civil service examinations recently held at Charlottetown are: Rob Angus, Wallace Coffin, Frederick H. Hearis, Wm. A. Martin, Arthur Wm. Pigott, Brown, Wm. A. Fournier, Frederick C. McLean, Ellis F. Moyle, R. Reber Ramsey, J. Harry Williams.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s officials say it will take them until next March to fill all the orders they have already got for flour from Australia. They have been shipping to that continent since last summer, and in addition to the large quantity forwarded they have also sent about 1,000 tons of wheat to be turned into flour when it reaches there.

ACCORDING to the Sun word has been received in St. John that Capt. Allan Campbell of the big four-masted ship Andorinha was swept overboard and drowned while on the passage from Philadelphia to Calcutta. The ship arrived at the latter port on December 24th. Captain Campbell was a native of Prince Edward Island, and an uncle of Mrs. Walter Hazard, of St. Avard's. He leaves a widow who resides in Liverpool.

A MONTREAL despatch says that the Superior Court Judges, twenty-six in number, are almost on a strike. The city judges get \$5,000 a year, and those in the country \$4,000. They ask for higher salaries, or it is said that there are ten ready to retire if the pension is increased from two-thirds to three-quarters of the present salary. Some think that the Government will accede to the latter, the change will give Mr. Laurier an opportunity of providing for ten Grit lawyers.

The steamer Stanley came to this port direct from Picton on Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday forenoon she left for Calcutta. The ship arrived at the latter port on December 24th. Captain Campbell was a native of Prince Edward Island, and an uncle of Mrs. Walter Hazard, of St. Avard's. He leaves a widow who resides in Liverpool.

CAPTAIN DELANEY, of the steamer Tiber, who was supposed to be in command of the steamer at the present, is in reality living quietly at his home in Quebec. Captain Boulanger, chief officer, took the Tiber across to Great Britain. Captain Delaney remained behind at the advice of his counsel, as it was thought the Newfoundland authorities might attempt to re-arrest him in Great Britain. The discovery that Captain Delaney was not on board the Tiber was made after the steamer's arrival at Queenstown.

AN extraordinary celestial phenomenon was visible at New Orleans about 7 o'clock a few mornings ago. The sky was overcast with a peculiar pinkness, and the rays reflected gave the earth the appearance of being on fire. The remarkable display lasted perhaps ten minutes, but it was startling during its brief existence. It was followed by a dense fog along the lake front. Persons residing at the west end were much frightened. The waters of Lake Pontchartrain were driven in and overflowed Spanish Fort and all the roads leading from the city to the lake, in some places reaching a depth of three feet.

A HALIFAX despatch says: The schooner Sarah L. Ogden, Capt. Edward Hayes, of Herring Cove, was fishing off Chebucto Head, twenty miles from Halifax, when the vessel fouled a sunken wreck in forty fathoms of water. In hauling the trawl's baskets with deadweight attached was brought to the surface. It is believed to be that of the brig. Brazil that was coming here from the West Indies some years ago. She took a pilot off the harbor, was blown off and after heard from. She belonged to R. L. Hart, and it was one of the most remarkable marine mysteries ever heard of here, in sight of her wreck and never seen more and no trace of her pilot or crew ever found.

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List of Ratepayers for the City of Charlottetown

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Table with 3 columns: Name of Ratepayer in Default, Statement or Description of Property upon which such Assessment is made, and Amt. of Assessment in default.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 51 Victoria, Cap 12, Section 91, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment severally levied upon their Real Property in said City, I will make an application to His Honor, the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City, for Judgment against each and all of the lands above described for the respective amounts so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgment being duly entered I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands. Dated this 21st day of December, A. D. 1896. ROBERT VANDEBISTINE, City Collector.

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