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THREE SUPPORTERS
ASSURED THE GOVERNMENT
FROM KING'S COUNTY.

Attorney-General White Speaks of the Situation—A Change in Plans Brings Mr Fowler Into the Provincial Arena—Mr Fowler Against Himself

St. John, Feb 15.—Attorney General White was seen by your correspondent and asked if he had any objection to expressing an opinion with respect to how matters stood politically in King's county. He said— "I am not much given to prophecy, but I do not think it would require much prophetic vision to be able to foresee that the government ticket will be sustained in this county by a very respectable majority. While I say this I am not at all inclined to underestimate the strength of our opponents in the fight, and if they think there is any likelihood of their attaining success by a feeling of over confidence on the part of the government candidates, they will be very much mistaken. I think it is recognized on all sides that the fact that Mr Fowler is a candidate after having announced his intention of retiring from the provincial arena, is an indication that the ex-minister of finance, Hon George E Foster, will abandon York county and seek reelection here in the Federal field. Of course you know it was on the cards to run Mr Fowler for the Conservative interest for the dominion house, and he was to keep out of the provincial fight in view of his having been until recently a very strong provincial government supporter. Things seem to be looking so blue from Mr Fowler's standpoint in York county, now that there has been a change in the cards, and Mr Fowler is now a candidate in the provincial field, that he had approved most heartily up to within the last month or so. "There does not seem to be much disposition on the part of our opponents to criticize the general policy of the government. They are relying almost exclusively on the scandal of the bridge, and by the government supporters and papers friendly to the government, that the government is not likely to be improved most heartily up to within the last month or so. "There does not seem to be much disposition on the part of our opponents to criticize the general policy of the government. They are relying almost exclusively on the scandal of the bridge, and by the government supporters and papers friendly to the government, that the government is not likely to be improved most heartily up to within the last month or so.

SECRETS OF PRISONS.
MORRO'S GREWSONS DUNGEONS AND THE HORRORS OF CABANA.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 4, 1890.—The Morro and the Cabanas, as they rear their drear walls above the harbor and city, frowning down at the hundreds of American and Cuban flags, seem to cast a still lingering shadow over the dawn of Cuban independence. Although the red and yellow of Castle no longer floats over those battlements, the grim fortresses still represent the shackled menace of Spain's vanished power. Within those walls, deep down in the rock's recesses, many a budding aspiration and thought of liberty has been fully cramped. There are blood stains in those cells which no cleansing process can remove, and they must remain, mute evocations of freedom's martyrdom, until the prison walls crumble.

WORLD'S RICHEST GOLD FIELD.

William Pritchard Morgan Talks of His Interests in China.

LONDON, Feb 15.—William Pritchard Morgan, M.P., is the most sought after man in the city of London today. Fabulous stories are circulated of the millions he has secured from the Chinese government. Speaking of the matter he said— "I do not wish to be over sanguine, but I have no hesitation in saying that this country will be perfectly safe to return this year a certain number of return those government supporters on next Saturday. "Another expedition to the gold fields of the province of Szechuan. The principal investor is John Macdonald, a member of Pritchard's party, who has gone with the first expedition to peg out mining claims in the province of Szechuan. "It is one of the biggest enterprises ever undertaken by any syndicate. That province teems with all kinds of minerals and has especially rich deposits of gold, both in its surface and in its interior. It is estimated that the United States and labor can be had there for 12 cents per day. Another expedition will start next March from Peking and another in May. "I was invited by the Chinese government to advise it on the development of the mineral resources of China. I recommended the creation of an imperial department of mines, with subordinate provincial departments, on the American plan, to secure uniformity in mining laws. I advised, too, against granting any concessions. "In October last negotiations were conducted by me in behalf of my syndicate with regard to the province of Szechuan, the richest in China in mineral deposits. I am returning to China shortly to commence operations. "I have been in every great gold-mining field in the world for the last thirty years, and I am convinced that Szechuan is the richest in the world. I respect American capitalists will profit largely by the Chinese development. "Pritchard Morgan made his fortune originally in the Australian gold fields. More recently he was in the great West Australian gold boom, and was regarded as a very shrewd and highly experienced prospector.

BOSTON SHIPBUILDING.

Considerable Advance in This Line of Industry.

Boston, Feb 15.—Shipbuilding in East Boston has been carried on quite briskly this winter, and work in the yards on the various craft being built or repaired has made good progress. At the Atlantic works Richard Keogh, the well-known builder, has under construction two ocean tugs, to be called respectively Boxer and Teaser, and the work has advanced rapidly since the keels were laid. The tug Boxer is already planked and the Teaser is all in frame and ready for ceiling. They are being built for the Union Transport Company of this city. At the adjoining yard William McKie is constructing the new ferryboat for the Boston, Severe Beach and Lynn railroad. The craft is already in frame and partly planked. Down at Lockwood's is the new ferryboat for the East Boston route, which is already ready to receive her boilers when the weather permits. Further up Border street is the yard of John McKie, and there has been laid the keel of a harbor tugboat which is to be 65 feet long and 17 feet beam, and is probably for the service of the Lewis Towboat Co. of this city. The three-masted schooner Charles E Schmidt is on Braham's railway, having a practically new bottom put on and extensive repairs made, the whole to cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000, making almost a new vessel of her. The schooner was ashore in the November storm and had her bottom about knocked out of her.

McKinley's Touring Party.

WASHINGTON, Feb 15.—President McKinley and party left Washington for Boston at 5:25 o'clock this afternoon over the Penna road. The train is due to arrive at Jersey City at 10:35 this evening. The steamer Maryland will there be taken for Harlem River station, where a New York, New Haven & Hartford train will be taken for Boston, which will be reached at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning. "Being disappointed with Mr Emerson's capable and honest administration of affairs in connection with the legislative buildings and funds, any, the opposition society was next levelled at the expenditure on permanent bridges. The opposition felt sure that Mr Emerson, with all the multitude of other official duties the premises must attend to, could not expend \$85,000 upon 264 bridges, situated in some varying from \$150 to \$3,700, and having to deal with all sorts of men, without some misappropriation or unwise expenditure. Mr Pinder, the deputy commissioner of public works, Winslow, were present to aid the critics in their investigation, and when a most thorough search was completed

Congress May be Called.

WASHINGTON, Feb 15.—The president has conveyed assurances to some of the party leaders in congress, in addition to those given last week, that he will certainly call congress together in extra session if it falls to pass the army reorganization bill at the present session.

No Mails at Calais.

CALAIS, Me, Feb 15.—No mails have been received in this city since Monday, but the Washington County Railroad is nearly clear of drifts.

POLITICAL ACROBATS.

CANDIDATES IN CHARLOTTE, CARLETON AND KING'S WEO CONDEMN THE GOVERNMENT.

But Whose Every Argument is Answered Out of Their Own Mouths—Food for Reflection for Dibble, Clarke, Chipman and Fowler—Opinions Changed While You Wait—An Inconsistent Quartette. The debates of the legislative assembly for the past few years afford very interesting reading and give undoubted evidence of what a happy family the members of the present opposition must be. During the session of 1890 Mr Fowler moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and made a great speech in support of the government and its policy. Referring to the speech of Mr Fowler, Dr Stockton, the leader of the opposition, said: "We had listened with special interest to the remarks of the honorable member for King's on the development of the salt industry. It was a well known fact that was owing to the use of fresh salt that the government had succeeded so well at the last election." Mr Shaw also spoke with respect to Mr Fowler's address as follows: "The mover of the address has come fully up to his name as an orator. He (Shaw) had heard of his name a little less than a year ago, when he attended an opposition meeting in St John and delivered a speech not less eloquent than that which he delivered yesterday." During the same session Dr Stockton made a bid for the support of many of the government supporters, and was asked by Mr Dibble "how many supporters (as you count on now)" Dr Stockton showed his high estimate of the salt industry by stating: "I hope it may be a long time before I have supporters enough to form a government: if they cost the province the same proportion as the Carleton county member (Dibble) cost."

WRECK REMOVING RIVALRY.

Possible Controversy Over a Sunk Vessel in the Harbor of Tacoma.

A lively row has been kicked up out in Tacoma over the ship Andelana, which recently sunk in the harbor there. It is over the right to remove the wreck that the trouble comes. The owners say they are the rightful parties, and two or three wrecking masters of the immediate counties are fighting for the privilege. The boat went down in midstream. The authorities of Pierce county, on the side of the river, say the vessel came within their jurisdiction, while the officials of King county, on the opposite side of the stream, think she is under their jurisdiction. The present wrecking master of Tacoma is making arrangements to remove the ship. His authority is disputed by another who says he was elected to the office of wrecking master two years ago, and as the term is in the present year, he claims the wreck. He is still in office, and the man who should have the job. Another man has stepped into the controversy, and says that before the legislature in 1888, Mr Dibble supported and declared: "That he thought the section was all right as it stood, because he thought the wreck was in the harbor and he was not wished to have their wreck protected from the ravages of dogs." The opposition are anxious to make it appear that members of the government were unwilling to furnish all information within the scope of the committee's duties had been given them by the different heads of the departments. He thought the opposition simply wanted to make a little capital out of the episode. In speaking of the report of the public accounts committee, Mr Fowler, who was chairman of the committee, stated that "the opposition hoped to develop Mr Dibble's kicking propensities and to get the matter squarely on the other side of the house. The opposition needed a little help over there, but he (Fowler) thought the honorable member would not make much by their acquisition when they got him (Dibble) out."

Found More Bad Beef.

HAVANA, Feb 16.—Brigadier General George E Ernst, of General Brooke's staff, has completed the examination of between 800,000 and 900,000 rations of beef in army storehouses. He found about two per cent of bad beef, which was received in the same shipment as the beef condemned last week. One box in every ten was opened and examined, and also every box that was small. The beef was in two and four pound cans and twelve and twenty four cans were in each box. Eight ounces of beef constituted one ration.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr Fowler is reported as declaring: "He (Fowler) did not believe there was a province in Canada, not a state in the Union, whose affairs were administered in the same economical and prudent manner as those of the province of New Brunswick. The country should be congratulated upon having so wise an administrator at the head of the public works department."

Mr Fowler is condemning the government for patronizing home bridge industries. It was the same Mr Fowler who in the legislature last year declared: "The honorable gentleman (Dr Stockton) seems to have a mania for misunderstanding. He (Fowler) did not know much about bridges, but it did not require an expert with regard to two bridges which he said in mind in King's county, one of which was built of material that came from Montreal, and the other from material supplied by the Record foundry, to see that there was a vast difference in their quality. It spoke well for the enterprise of Moncton that they had an industry capable of turning out the work." Mr Fowler is trying to create the impression that the chief commissioner should inform from the public accounts committee. He is the same gentleman who last year, in his capacity as chairman of the public accounts committee, declared at the close of the session: "In conclusion your committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the highly satisfactory manner in which the honorable chief commissioner of public works and the honorable provincial secretary furnished information to the committee with respect to the expenditures in the several departments. Mr Fowler is now demanding that provincial politics be run on dominion lines. Mr Fowler is the same gentleman who in the legislature in 1890 spoke with respect to the expenses of York county, saying, among other things: "He (Fowler) was not satisfied with talking of old dead issues, but was enough to do in this house if it devoted its attention to local interests which would interest the parliament to attend to its own." Mr George J Clarke is one of the opposition candidates in Charlotte county. Just prior to the last general election Mr Clarke, who is the editor of the St Croix Courier, wrote in his paper the following: "The fact that the four representatives for Charlotte in the last legislature appear in another column. It is not probable that any opposition will be put forward by Mr Clarke, and, however, there will be one or two. The people generally are satisfied with the administration of their affairs, and feel that their interests in the legislature are carefully guarded, and they will return their present representatives in all likelihood without a contest." In a later issue of his paper Mr Clarke wrote as follows: "A foreboding shadow has been cast over the election campaign, which could have but one result. Outside of the fact that the Blair government has dealt generously with stands well with the body of the electorate, the combination of the Blair government with the Blair government is about as strong a one as the county can furnish." In that election Mr Clarke could see no reason why dominion politics should be introduced into provincial affairs, and from that time, 1890, down to including the time of the Moncton convention he was a warm friend and supporter of the provincial government. Now, without rhyme or reason, he changes his course and condemns all that which previously he had supported. Referring to the by-election in Albert county in 1891 Mr Clarke wrote in his paper: "They had an election for the Local Legislature up in Albert county on Saturday and the government candidate, Omen, was elected by an overwhelming majority. This is but one of the many instances of the popularity throughout the province of Mr Mitchell's administration. Since the last session there have been four by-elections, and on each occasion a government supporter was returned. The people of the province are thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which provincial affairs are managed."

Gaspesia Still in the Ice.

MEAT COVE, C B, Feb 16.—Snow was falling this morning and a blizzard could be seen from Margalen Islands. Light west southwest winds prevailed. The steamer Gaspesia, when last seen yesterday evening, was jammed in the ice five miles north of Dead Man's Island. St JOHN'S, Nfld, Feb 16.—It is probable that a sailing steamer will be sent in search of the General Lister Fovola, the belief prevailing here that the machinery has become broken down in the ice somewhere off the Grand Banks. All incoming vessels report that the whole ocean south of Cape Race is covered with unusually heavy ice. Negotiations are in progress to dispatch a sailing steamer to the assistance of the Canadian Lister Gaspesia, from an ice floe in the Gulf of St Lawrence.

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