

PREMIER BOWELL

His Excellency Calls on the Veteran Minister to Form an Administration.

The Hon. Gentleman Accepts the Responsibility—A Popular Leader Chosen.

He Was Sir John Thompson's Right Hand Man and Senior of the Cabinet.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—About 10 o'clock to-night Hon. Mackenzie Bowell was summoned by His Excellency to meet him in his office in the Eastern block, whither he at once proceeded and he remained in consultation with His Excellency until 11. The result of this interview, I am authorized to state, was that His Excellency informed him that after carefully considering all the aspects of the situation, he had decided to ask Mr. Bowell if he was prepared to undertake and assume the responsibility of forming a new cabinet.

The above despatch sets at rest the speculations mentioned in those printed below, earlier received.

Speculation is rife to-night as to what turn the political situation may take. A late analysis of all that has happened since the resignation of Sir John Thompson is as follows: The late Premier, Sir John Thompson, was in the city on the morning of the 12th, and he had been in the city since the evening of the 11th. He had been in the city since the evening of the 11th, and he had been in the city since the evening of the 11th.

A NATIONAL TESTIMONIAL.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special)—With a thoughtfulness which most commend itself to the Canadian people, and by greatly appreciated by Lady Thompson and family, the Imperial Government to-day, through His Excellency the Governor General, offered to have the remains of the late Premier conveyed to Canada.

His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen arrived from Montreal at 1:30 this afternoon. They immediately drove to Lady Thompson's residence, and after His Excellency had spent some minutes with Lady Thompson, he left for his office in the Eastern block. The Countess of Aberdeen, however, remained with Lady Thompson for over two hours, after which she proceeded to the residence of Mr. Gordon, His Excellency's secretary. Lord Aberdeen spent an hour or so with his secretary with out communicating with any outsiders.

LATEST HONORS.

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JAPANESE CRUELTY.

New York, Dec. 12.—A cable to the World from Yokohama says that the Japanese troops captured Port Arthur, Nov. 22, and massacred practically the entire population in cold blood. Detonations and screams were heard in the streets, and the bodies were unacceptably mutilated.

NEWFOUNDLAND BANKS.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 14.—Several small firms have failed in the last two days but their liabilities are insignificant in comparison with the huge failures of Monday. The shareholders of both the Union and Commercial banks are demanding statements but have not received them.

PARDONING KY.

PARDONING KY., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of Samuel Owens, colored, charged with the killing of Sam Oglivie last September, returned a verdict of guilty yesterday afternoon, and fixed his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for life. No avoid lynching he was ordered taken to Eddyville at once by train.

CABLE ITEMS.

Earthquakes in South Africa and Italy—Doing in the German Reichstag.

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LONDON, Dec. 13.—A Cape Town dispatch says slight shocks of earthquake were felt there yesterday morning.

The Bureau Gazette says the new Russian loan has been subscribed forty times in excess of the sum required.

In the French chamber of deputies to-day Vice-President De Maby delivered an eulogy upon the late President Burdeau. Twenty thousand francs were voted for the purpose of giving the funeral of Burdeau a national character. The chamber then adjourned out of respect for the dead.

The discussion of the budget was resumed in the German Reichstag to-day.

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Marcus de Ripon, secretary of the Colonial Office has given repeated expressions of his regard, and with Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Robert Mead and all the leading officials of the government offices, will go to the request made in Sir James' church to-morrow.

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