

The Quebec Crisis

The Dismissed Quebec Ministers Heard From.

A Brief Letter from Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.

Speeches by Mr. Morier and Mr. Tarte.

Some Interesting Disclosures Coming Out.

QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—The operatives of St. Roch and St. Sauveur assembled Saturday night in Jacques Cartier Hall to hear what the dismissed Quebec Ministers had to say about their dismissal by Lieutenant-Governor Angers. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one. The hall, which contains 2,000 seats and can hold at least 4,000 people standing, was filled to its utmost capacity, and on the square outside a surging mass of people accompanied the speakers on their arrival and sang at intervals popular songs such as "Le Marsillais" and "O Canada, beau pays maritime." The burthen being frequently taken up by the more excited portion of the audience inside. The different speakers sought to impress upon the people the principle that whatever may have been the conduct of the Mercier Government their judges are the people by their representatives in the Legislature and not named by the Federal Government. The most effective speech was certainly Mr. Tarte's, whose intimate acquaintance with the Mercier Government gave him the means of making a rather startling disclosure of a considerable number of Federal and Local members of Parliament, surrounded the ex-Ministers on the platform.

LETTER FROM HON. WILFRID LAURIER.
Hon. G. Brodeur, Legislative councillor, presided over the meeting, and Hon. Joseph Sheehy, as member of the division, was the first to speak. He commenced by reading a letter from Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, in which the following is a translation: "Dear Mr. Sheehy—I regret that pressing engagements do not allow me to take part in the meeting called for to-morrow in the division which you represent in the Legislative Assembly and I in the House of Commons. I beg you to inform your constituents of Quebec East that before long I will myself call a meeting to give them my views on the situation of affairs in the province, and the system of proclamations and coups d'etat, which would soon degrade the constitutional regime in this country to the state of the Spanish republics of South America. Your devoted friend, W. L. Laurier."

Mr. Sheehy also read a letter from Hon. D. A. Ross, ex-president of the Council, who, being unable to attend, made in writing a vigorous appeal to the people against the Lieutenant-Governor.

HON. JOSEPH SHEEHY.
Mr. Sheehy said that Mr. Angers' action was a serious menace to the autonomy of the Province, and if the people of Quebec would become a mere municipality.

MR. MERCIER.
Mr. Mercier was received with cheers. He said he had come to appeal not to the passions but to the reason of the people. Governments and men might pass away, but the people would remain. He respected liberty but not the right to be deceived. He had come to say to the people of the Province, "Have a care, your enemies are opening to you a path which leads to slavery. They do not deny that facts have been committed, all men being liable to error, but he denied that the Government were to blame in the Baie des Chaleurs transaction. Even supposing they were, who else than the people by their representatives in the Legislature had a right to judge and condemn them? He concluded by declaring that he had no doubt whatever of his return to power, and that when he returned certain changes would be made in the composition of his Cabinet.

MR. GARNEAU.
Hon. Mr. Garneau said in a few words that he had carried through the Baie des Chaleurs transaction, that he had done his best to do so honestly and in the interests of the Province, that he had nothing to regret, and, apart from the Baie des Chaleurs transaction, of which he had no knowledge at the time, nothing to regret.

MR. TARTÉ.
Mr. Tarte, after explaining to the people that if they intended to remain their own masters they must resist all invasion of popular rights, said that the circumstances of the present case were particularly aggravated. The matter was submitted to judges who were specially selected from the Legislature. These judges had declared that Mr. Mercier was not guilty, although blaming some members of the Cabinet. They had never reported regularly. They had addressed their report directly to the Lieutenant-Governor, which they had no right to do; they had communicated directly with a representative of the Crown who the Queen herself would not communicate with; and a peer of the realm without the presence of one of her Ministers. The two judges who had thus driven to Spencerwood to advise the Crown should be impeached before Parliament. If Mr. Mercier were to be dismissed his successor should have been chosen in the majority, but instead a man irresponsible to the people had been called. If DeLocheville would resign his seat in the Legislative Council and run for Montserrat (Mr. Tarte would give him such a beating as never a Christian had received. "Suppose Mr. Mercier were guilty," continued the speaker, "who are his accusers? They are men whom I know to be far worse than he. The Federal Ministers, who knew of the Langevin-McCreary frauds, and at whose special request the speaker had made his charges would like to know whether Sir A. C. Caron did not know of some of the body else besides Mr. Mercier who had signed or endorsed promissory notes ever been called upon to pay, but had been repudiated. The last Dominion election had 2,000 Conservatives who were more Mr. Tarte pledged his honor that he would demand an investigation and prove that such a sum had been expended and would prove also that the day before yesterday at the last election a Federal contractor

had arrived in Quebec with \$45,000 to be expended in Tory corruption, and that a Minister of the Crown was perfectly cognizant of that fact. These statements, made as clearly as they are reported, caused a deep depression.

JUDGE JETTE'S LETTER.
QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—The Telegraph says: "There is good authority for the statement that Judge Jette, in the letter sent by him to the Lieutenant-Governor, but brutally withheld by Mr. Angers from Mr. Mercier, takes God to witness—the God whom, lying on a bed of pain and suffering, he expected to meet at any moment—that, in his opinion, the evidence adduced before the royal commission does not warrant the condemnation of the ex-Ministers. Yet, with this letter in his possession, the president of his own commission, dictated under the most solemn of all circumstances, Lieutenant-Governor Angers had the audacity to force a report on the spot from the other two judges, who have compromised themselves and the bench beyond recall."

"WEST TOO FAR."
OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Citizen, the local Government organ, in an editorial this morning, discusses the Quebec situation at length. The article has apparently been inspired, and seems to indicate that Lieutenant-Governor Angers went too far in dismissing the Mercier Government. It says: "The right and authority to dismiss Ministers has been at all times a subject of general debate in all constitutionally-governed assemblies, and has none more so than in this portion of her Majesty's dominions. 'Since Confederation only one case has been argued and decided—that of Letellier de St. Just's violent disruption of a government, supported in 1878 by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature. His subsequent downfall, although his action was induced by a bare majority, and the expression of opinion by great Conservative leaders on the question, are matters of history not to be recalled by a general reader; hence it is but natural that students of constitutional procedure in Canada should hesitate to accept without reservation in 1891 doctrines they refused to subscribe to or approve of in 1878.'"

The article goes on to say: "We do not criticize the man or the governor, rather the principle involved and the danger growing out of any official being clothed with such supreme and arbitrary jurisdiction, not in one but in each individual Province, where divers matters of passion, personal vindictiveness or political necessity may at any time prompt a violation of these written and unwritten safeguards which, destroyed even weakened, would jeopardize the entire commonwealth. 'Hence this unquestioned power should be sparingly and cautiously and diplomatically exercised only as a last resort. Only after every other resource had been exhausted; only when law, order, human safety and public policy urgently demanded so sweeping a necessity should the authority be enforced.'"

MASSACRE IN CHINA!

A Thousand Native Christians Murdered.

BEIJING, Nov. 22.—A dispatch at the Catholic mission at Ghent from Father Rutges, the vice-apostolic of Mongolia, states that Father Minn, a Chinese priest, and 1,000 native Christians, were massacred by the rebels during the recent troubles in Northern China. All the Belgian missionaries are safe, and assistance has arrived which will prevent further danger for the present.

BURNED OUT.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Early yesterday morning fire consumed four barns on High John D. Campbell street, twelve valuable horses and many choice cattle were burned to death. Loss, \$15,000.

The large stock buildings of James Murphy, near Cooper's N.Y., were destroyed by fire at midnight Saturday. Twelve valuable horses and many choice cattle were burned to death. Loss, \$15,000.

UNTHROFF, Ont., Dec. 22.—Jas. Edmonds' sawmill was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday. Loss about \$3,500; partly insured.

\$2,000,000 Worth of Silk on Board.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The Pacific Mail steamship City of Peking arrived yesterday from Canton with small cargo on board. She has on board \$2,000,000 worth of silk.

Shocking Gun Accident.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 21.—David Sutherland, a son of a prominent Angus farmer, was almost instantly killed on Friday by the accidental discharge of a gun. He was getting over a fence when he fell, and both barrels of the gun were discharged. His stomach was completely cut out and he lived only a few minutes. He was 19 years of age.

Death of Dr. Stafford.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 22.—Rev. E. A. Stafford, D.D., pastor of the Central Methodist Church, died yesterday afternoon after an illness of four weeks. The exact nature of his illness is uncertain. Dr. Roseburgh, of this city, says Dr. Stafford died suddenly from heart and nervous symptoms of an obscure character. Dr. Stafford was one of the most striking personalities in Canada Methodist. He was born in Canada, and at the age of 20 years became a probationer for the ministry of the Methodist Church, in which he was engaged for 31 years. He has filled appointments in Dominion Church, of Montreal; Wesleyan Church, of Winnipeg; Metropolitan and Sherburne street churches, Toronto. He had been invited to stay for the three years in every country he had been pastor. He was president of the Methodist annual and Toronto conferences, and representative of the Methodist Church of Canada to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States in 1888. He had conferred upon him the degree of D. D. by the Central College University, was a graduate in arts and law of the Victoria University, and received from his alma mater the highest degree, that of LL.D., on examination. He had been pastor of the Century Church, this city, since July, and had a host of friends here and elsewhere who will regret to hear of his death.

Give Halloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

HIS OWN SUCCESSOR.

The Virginia Legislature has elected John Warwick Daniehl to a second term in the United States Senate, to commence March 4, 1893.

He was chosen six years ago as the successor in the same body of Gen. Wm. Mahone, Senator Daniehl was the son of a judge of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, and was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1843. He was a law student when Virginia seceded in 1861, and entered the Confederate army as a second lieutenant and rose to the rank of major. He was an officer on the staff of Gen. Jubal A. Early, and participated in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, when he was thrown from his horse by a shot which crushed his thigh. After the war he studied law at the University of Virginia, and soon acquired a lucrative practice. Senator Daniehl served in both houses of the Legislature and was a candidate for the Governorship of the State in 1881, resigning his seat in the Senate for that purpose. He is a ready debater, and is in great request as a public speaker.



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THE HAUSS HOMICIDE.

Developments of the Coroner's Inquest.

Verdict of "Willful Murder" Against Martin Reinhardt—Domestic Quarrelling and Drink the Cause.

BRESLAU, Dec. 21.—Martin Reinhardt, who is alleged to have murdered Michael Haus at New Germany Saturday night, has four sons living in Breslau, two in the hotel business and the other two section men. Young Haus, who was murdered, was a stepson of the old man, and since Reinhardt's second marriage family quarrels are said to have been of frequent occurrence. The stepfather and Haus had several fights within the past few weeks, the fight on Saturday night Reinhardt and his wife disagreed over some trivial matter, and Haus is said to have taken his mother's part, whereupon the old man stabbed him to the heart. The prisoner was brought here to the county jail.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 22.—Further particulars of the murder of Michael Haus, by Martin Reinhardt at New Germany on Saturday are developed by the coroner's inquest. Evidence given by Theresa Reinhardt, Michael Tomasing, Andrew Zinger, Chas. Weiler, Clemens Weiler, and Dr. Joseph Krieger went to show that when Reinhardt did the deed he was under the influence of liquor, and had been for some time before brandishing a knife on several occasions.

Charles Weiler and Clemens Weiler testified that the murdered man, who was a son of Mrs. Reinhardt by a former husband, after being stabbed rushed into his shop and exclaimed: "My God, boys! go and get a doctor!" but immediately reeled over and expired shortly after. They also testified that on approaching prisoner's house on Saturday evening with the doctors found him at the prisoner's quarrelling with his wife, and on his coming out of his house and seeing them he rushed at Haus and stabbed him.

It was also shown that the prisoner had not lived happily with his wife, who is much younger than himself, and they have on different occasions had domestic quarrels. The doctors found great difficulty in holding a post-mortem on the prisoner, who was completely saturated with blood. The wound, which was made by a long pocket-knife, with a blade 3 1/2 inches long, was sufficient to cause almost instant death. The blade entered a little to the left of the breast bone, between the fifth and sixth ribs, penetrating into and through both cavities of the heart. The heart was surrounded by a large clot of blood, on the removal of which the body was livid. After all the evidence had been taken the jury in fifteen minutes rendered a verdict of "willful murder" against Reinhardt, who was then conveyed to Berlin jail and committed to the prison for the night.

The prisoner, while going to and coming from New Germany, exhibited the utmost unconcern, joking and talking and sometimes contentedly smoking his pipe, not seeming to realize the awful situation he is placed in.

INCIDENTS OF INTEREST.

The News of the Day, Culled and Condensed.

The Bishop of Ontario is seriously ill.

Peria has abolished the tobacco monopoly.

About \$2,800 was taken in during last week's "Ben Hur" performance in Hamilton.

A. S. Thompson, for 30 years an employee of the Toronto Globe, died on Sunday, aged 69.

McManus & Sons, bankers, Mexico, Tex., were robbed Saturday of \$13,500 by the use of bogus telegrams.

Lee Herald, a 6-year-old Dundas boy, was drowned in some shallow water near the Dundas cotton mills.

The Canadian Football Union was revived at Montreal on Saturday, with Mr. A. H. Campbell, jun., of Toronto, as president.

Senator Preston B. Plumb (Rep.), of Kansas, died on Sunday in Washington from apoplexy, caused by exhaustion of the brain.

It is rumored Prince Bismarck's friend, Prince Fuentenay and Count Donnermark, are providing funds to start a great Bismarck newspaper.

The Cherokee Cession and the United States Commission have agreed upon the sale of the Cherokee strip of Indian territory for \$9,000,000.

William Wells, a pupil of the Brantford Institute for the Blind, has passed the examination for a position in the Canadian Division of Organizations.

A Guatemala telegram says: The daughter of President Barillas was married yesterday to Don Louis de Ojeda, formerly a resident of California. The bride's portion is \$4,000,000.

The painter Verestchagin writes that the painting of the Angelus and the recelling to France was a bogus transaction, being part of a trick of American art dealers to enhance the value of the painting.

Wm. Hopkins, known as a "Lasso Bill," and Jack Hill, two cowboys, fought a duel at Otto, Wyo., in the Big Horn basin, last week. The men quarreled over the ownership of horses. Hopkins was killed.

The Ontario Government has made the following appointments: J. King, M.P., acting judge of Halton County Court, the local master in that county in succession to the late Thomas Miller; George Francis Dutton, Toronto, and James Scott, Clinton, to be notary public.

The old boundaries of the city of Vienna were abolished at midnight yesterday, and the city now includes numerous suburbs, happening conjointly with the formation of the Zeiverein, many necessities of life will be cheaper. Duties will be levied on only nine articles instead of on 52 as formerly.

Nothing impure or injurious contaminates the popular appetite to pain, throat and lung remedy and general corrective, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It may be used without the slightest apprehension of any other than salutary consequences. Coughs, phlegm, catarrh, caries, bruises, cuts and sores respond to its action.

Land's sake, Amanda, look at the White Elephant! They do have some nice goods! Let's go in and buy something. R. Lewis is the name. 182 Dundas street. 20-2.

W. T. Szabo, druggist, 181 Dundas street, keeps a full line of toilet articles.

A FAMOUS MUSICIAN.

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