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THIS CANADA OF OURS.

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION.

Foster Announces the Budget for Friday—Senators Want a Vacation—The Railway to Saskatchewan—After Uncle Thomas—Newsy Items.

Ottawa, May 2.—It is said that the Liberals will move for McGreevy's expulsion from Parliament.

Hon. L. H. Davies asked the Government if there was any truth in the published despatch which stated that the Government of Newfoundland had decided not to refer the question of union to the people, but to ratify the bargain by legislation. Mr. Davies condemned severely any attempt of this kind, pointing to the fact that to this day there was trouble in Nova Scotia over its being legislated into confederation against its own wish. All Canada, he said, was in favor of confederation, but nobody would concede it under such circumstances.

Hon. Mr. Foster, in reply, refused to give any information until such time as the negotiations were completed.

Hon. David Mills, Sir Richard Cartwright and other Liberals made a strong protest against this. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, J. D. Edgar and other prominent Liberals also spoke commenting on the alleged weakness of the present Cabinet, as compared with the previous Administration.

Hon. Mr. Foster was once more asked for information on the Hudson's Bay Railway deal, but refused to give any, stating that the papers would soon be ready.

John Charlton's Sunday Observance bill was read in the Commons a second time.

A proposition is before the Senate to adjourn on Friday for 18 days.

The revenue shows an increase of $454,000.

Hon. Mr. Daly stated that arrangements had been made with General Booth for a Salvation Army colony in the Northwest.

The census of Manitoba will be taken next year.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union petitions for the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women.

James McMullen ventilated the York bridge scandal in the Commons. In 1887 St. Mary's bridge over the St. John river received a loan of $300,000 at 4 per cent. interest and $30,000 subsidy. The bridge company paid one year's interest. Mr. Temple, M. P. for York, is to put in the Senate. Hon. Mr. Foster, who cannot run in Kings county, having accepted a nomination for York. The principal owners of the bridge are supporting Foster. Canada is losing $12,000 a year, or $72,000 so far for keeping this constituency straight in the Ministerial interests, but not a dollar can be obtained for the St. Andrew's rapids improvement.

The proposed reduction in the civil service will likely work beneficially to that body and secure a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. In the Department of the Interior seven permanent officials will be dropped; Indian department, 2; Inland Revenue department, 1; Post-office department, 2; Marine and Fisheries, 1; Public Works, 3; Railways and Canals, 2. In addition sweeping reductions will be made amongst temporary clerks, several being laid off yesterday in the Interior, as well as in other departments. Among those superannuated are Fissiault, law clerk, in the Railway department; Hach, Popper and Lacasse, of the Interior department.

The Government Insurance bill will extend the time for companies to file a statement of their general business. It is found that British companies cannot make their returns by March 1st. The Customs department will allow Americans temporarily visiting Canada to bring in horses, carriages and harness for their personal use. An attempt having been made to bring in hotel furniture as "settlers effects" the department has decided that that furniture for family purposes only is entitled to free admission.

Dalton McCarthy's connection with the P. P. P. A. set left in an official circular numbered 226 and dated Feb. 25, 1895, and signed by E. J. Busby, of Southampton, president of the P. P. A. It says: You executive have conferred with Dalton McCarthy, M. P. Mr. McCarthy has guaranteed that he will stand by every plank on the platform and fight to the bitter end every measure that we wish to introduce in the Commons along those lines, and we therefore urge that we bring out our candidates as McCarthy men wherever practicable. We believe that "secrecy" as to our nominating candidates is the keystone of our success in the coming elections.

Francois Bourassa, the veteran member for St. Johns, returned to Ottawa with his health improved. He left for home last week and it was thought that his Parliamentary career had terminated.

Winnipeg, May 2.—There is considerable talk here about comencement of work on the railway to run to Saskatchewan. News from Ottawa, however, throws much doubt on the question of aid from the Dominion Government. While preparations are being made to begin work it is said the Ottawa Government notified the contractors not to do so on the strength of an order-in-council as it will be cancelled. The people are in a quandary. They want to see the road built and don't want to be humbugged.

A meeting of the promoters of the local fire insurance company was held yesterday and it was reported that $170,000 in stock had been subscribed. A charter will be applied for at once.

Toronto May 2.—The trial of Clara Ford was proceeded with at the Assizes yesterday.

The Hyams brothers were arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Quebec, May 2.—Rev. Father Michael Dowling, missionary in Gaspe district for many years, who had been in the General Hospital since 1886, died yesterday, aged 84 years. Deceased was born in Ireland and came to Quebec when quite young. He was educated and ordained at Quebec Seminary.

Toronto, May 2.—The Grand Trunk Railway has agreed to transport patients free of charge to the proposed National Sanitarium for Consumptives. The C. P. R. made a similar offer some time ago. Senator Sanford has offered a free site of 160 acres in Manitoba.

Calgary, N. W. T., May 2.—Magistrate Boswell has been committed for trial for converting to his own use police court fines.

Ottawa, May 3.—In the Senate Premier Bowell made a statement concerning aid to the Hudson's Bay Railway Co. Sir Mackenzie said there was no subsidy of $10,000 a mile. He described the effect of the order-in-council as a re-arrangement of the liabilities of Canada. The Government had offered a loan of $10,000 a mile for a certain length of time, for which the company surrenders, or rather gives in security, the $80,000 per mile and the 6,400 acres per mile.

In Commons yesterday Mr. Mulock, Liberal, moved that members must make a declaration when drawing their traveling allowance of 10 cents per mile, and that they had not traveled on a railway pass. The bill met with almost unanimous opposition and the debate was adjourned. This means that the subject will not come up again this session. Almost all the members and senators now travel on passes and collect the indemnity.

O. A. Howland, of Toronto, is here to ask the Dominion Government's aid for a deep waterway scheme to deepen the waterways from Montreal to the head of lake navigation to 22 feet. The estimated cost of the scheme is $100,000,000, but it is proposed at present only to open the way to Lake Huron. Howland will visit Albany and New York. He interviews Hon. John Haggart, Minister of Railways and canals to-day. President Cleveland has consented to nominate three American experts to meet with a like number of Canadians to be nominated by Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General. These gentlemen will in full discuss these matters.

Apropos of the report that a motion will be submitted to expel McGreevy, Dr. Bourinot says that the expulsion of that member does not create disability against the member to serve in Parliament. Parliament may expel as often as it likes, but in each case a separate resolution is necessary stating reasons.

The other day Solicitor-General Curran stated that process had been issued within the last few days against Larkin, Connolly & Co. to collect the amount of the judgment which had been entered against them. Enquiry at the Exchequer court elicited the fact that the officers were unaware of any such steps being taken by the Government.

Hon. Mr. Foster in the Commons introduced a bill respecting commercial treaties affecting Canada and to extend the provisions of the French treaty to Germany, Belgium and the British colonies.

Mr. Foster stated that there were 10 Senate vacancies at present, but he could not say to whom they had been promised. The vancancies would be filled as soon as they conveniently could be.

A deputation of Montreal military officers saw the Premier and urged that the city corps be allowed to drill at headquarters.

Sir Charles H. Tupper took his seat in the Commons this afternoon. He still looks ill. He introduced a bill to amend the criminal code which, among other things, will strike at gambling houses.

Hon. Mr. Foster commenced the delivery of the budget speech at 3:30. The revenue last year was $36,374,692 and the expenditure $37,585,025. The anticipated revenue this year is $33,900,000, and the expenditure $38,300,000, net deficit of $4,500,000.

Clara Ford's confession to detective Reburn in connection with the Westwood murder, was admitted as evidence. Reburn was the principal witness.

Mrs. E. B. Osler, wife of the noted lawyer, died last night, having been an invalid for years.

Port Burwell, Ont., May 3.—Erie Lodge, a popular summer resort, owned by Q. C. Scott, of Tillsonburg, was destroyed by fire yesterday; loss $4,000; insured.

Montreal, May 3.—W. W. Ogilvie and the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., the principal Canadian millers, have advanced the price of flour 25 cents per barrel, making an increase of 50 cents in a week.

Hamilton, Ont., May 3.—Mayor Stewart has entered an action for libel against the Times for an editorial reference to the part he took in connection with the recent athletic tournament. The paper accused the mayor of preventing police interference.

Winnipeg, May 3.—The contract for the construction of the first 250 miles of the Hudson's Bay Railroad was ratified in this city on Wednesday. The contract was signed in the east by President Sutherland and the contractors. The order-in-council formed part of the document. The contractors bind themselves to build 250 miles, one-half of it this year and the other half next, while the company bind themselves regarding payment.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has made a contract for the necessay lumber to construct 10 new elevators in Manitoba. A million and a half feet of lumber is needed. This makes 23 elevators to be built this season in this Province.

Port Colborne, Ont., May 3.—The steamer N. K. Fairbanks, from Chicago to Ogdensburg with 50,000 bushels of corn, ran ashore at Morgan's point about nine miles west of this place this morning. The boat caught fire and burned to the water's edge. The cargo is a total loss.

Ottawa, May 4.—The budget speech yesterday revealed a deficit for the past year of $1,210,000, a deficit for the current year of $4,500,000, and an anticipated deficit for the coming year of $1,700,000, or a total deficit announcement of $7,400,000. Hon. Mr. Foster refused to impose new taxes for the first two debits, but to ease that of 1896 he put half a cent a pound on raw sugar and a corresponding tax added to the present duty on refined sugar and products of sugar and on articles into whose manufacture sugar largely enters. The excise and customs duties on distilled spirits were also increased. He also announced the abandonment of the 10-year-old policy of granting subsidies to railways.

Sir Richard Cartwright delivered a strong speech in reply and severely criticised the Conservative policy and financial administration.

The official correspondence relative to the Hudson's Bay Railway, which was presented to Parliament yesterday, shows that an order-in-council was passed on March 5th last granting, subject to Parliamentary sanction, a loan of $2,500,000 to enable the company to construct a line to the Saskatchewan. Particulars of the quarrel between Mr. McKenzie and Hugh Sutherland and others are lacking. The company has owed the former $100,000 since 1891, with 6 per cent. interest. The fact that a split took place is chronicled, also that Mr. Sutherland made a new contract. Hon. Mr. Haggart, however, informs Mr. Sutherland that the Government cannot recognize the new contractors. There is a serious split between President Sutherland and the Minister of Railways.

As a result of Messrs. Corbould, Prior and Earle's representations since they come here Minister Montague has decided to make important concessions regarding the fishery regulations on the Fraser river.

The British Columbia members have urged the Government to grant aid to the smelting industry of the Province and have good hopes of being successful.

Hon. John Costigan will introduce a bill to exempt mills in special cases from the operation of the law prohibiting the depositing of mill rubbish in navigable waters.

Halifax, N. S., May 4.—The levying of a duty of half a cent a pound on raw sugar will prove a bonanza to the Acadia sugar refinery company. They have a stock of raw sugars on hand admitted free, and which the new duty will increase in value to the amount of $335,000. The cost of the refinery will increase in the price of sugars. Two years ago the Acadia refinery lost over $300,000 by a drop in prices, and the present increase in prices will place the company on its feet again.

Peterboro, May 4.—A settlement has been effected between the Canadian General Electric Co. and their employes. A new agreement, modified to meet the wishes of the employes from the original obnoxious one, has been issued. The men accept it and will be taken back.

Toronto, May 4.—The trial of Clara Ford was proceeded with at the assizes yesterday. The evidence strengthened the case against her.

The trial of ex-Ald. Maloney, accused of boodling, has been traversed to the next assizes at his own request because of a desire to secure the evidence of Fred Coleman, who is now in Europe.

The crown will pay the expenses of the defence of Alex. Weighll, the station agent, accused of causing the accident at Unionville last February, when John Pegg, engine driver, was killed.

Arthur Dick is to be tried first on the charge of murdering his wife and later on the charge of setting fire to his house. Owing to the absence of the crown attorney, the prosecution in the Tideman case is unable to proceed and he was remanded.

While at work on the iron rafters of the new John street bridge yesterday Arthur Bothwell, blacksmith, missed his footing and fell to the ground. Death was instantaneous.

James Blair, the missing accountant of the Internal Revenue department here, has turned up at Windsor. It is said the Government will reduce him for his impropriety in absenting himself so long.

Belleville, May 4.—Quentin McNider, who for many years was manager of the Bank of Montreal here, is dead, aged 62.

Winnipeg, May 4.—Harry McCourtrik, proprietor of the National Hotel, was attacked by roughs on the river bank last night and beaten almost to death.

It is stated that work on the Hudson's Bay Railway begins on Monday.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY TALK.

St. Paul, May 3.—The Dispatch says: If rumor be true, and the object which called President J. J. Hill to London so hurriedly be not successfully accomplished, he may then have sufficient time on his hands to attend to the Northern Pacific, with which his name has been recently connected. Mr. Hill's control of the Great Northern system comes through the consolidation of his own and Sir Donald Smith's interest in that property, the latter representing all the Montreal interest in the road. Sir Donald has backed Mr. Hill in bringing about the realisation of his transcontinental dreams. As long as Mr. Hill had that support he was able to swing the road according to his own ideas. Mr. Hill was attacked in that quarter when the late Alfred Manville was vice-president, but he came out victorious through the same interest. He is again attacked, and it is stated that he felt the effects so much that he hurried off to Europe for advice and assistance. It is openly stated that the Vanderbilts, appreciating the value of the Great Northern, have secured a hold upon the Canadian holdings and are preparing to relieve Mr. Hill of the control of the system at the annual meeting in September.

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A TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

OVER FIFTY PEOPLE KILLED IN THE STATE OF IOWA.

Frightful Scenes Depicted—School Houses Uprooted, and Teachers and Children Killed — Women Hurled into Trees.

Sioux City, Ia., May 4.—The Journal's Sioux Centre special correspondent says: One of the most destructive and terrific cyclones which ever visited the northwest corner of the State of Iowa passed through a portion of Sioux Centre last evening. The storm appeared to originate three miles east of Ironton, passing in a northeasterly direction, and near Perkins it first struck the ground and from there a distance of 12 to 15 miles not a building is left standing in the path, and the most unfortunate thing of all is that its course was on the section line of the school houses and so far two teachers are known to have been killed, Miss Anna Marsden and her brother, with from one to four children in each school. Four school houses where school was in session were entirely wiped from the face of the earth, not a vestige being left except a few rocks to mark where they stood, and pupils were carried from a quarter to half a mile, where they were found, some dead and others badly injured. At the school were Marsden was teaching not a vestige of the building remained, and Mr. Marsden was found some distance away in a field dead, with two school children, two of the school house, and where there stood good buildings nothing is left and while Mr. Haggie escaped with permanent injuries his eldest daughter was found lodged in a tree, where she had been hurled by the storm, and seriously injured, her death being expected momentarily. Two grown boys, who had come in from a field at the approach of the storm, were injured, one seriously, the other fatally. Horses, cattle and vehicles were hurled through the air like chaff, and the country for three quarters of a mile wide by half a mile long is entirely wrecked. It is impossible to give the total number of dead and wounded. At least 52 people are believed to have been killed.

The towns of Sioux Centre, Ireton, Orange City, Perkins, Doon, Hull, Sheldon, Alton, Ashton, Sibley and Lemars were almost directly in the path of the cyclone. The storm was followed by a furious wind and rainfall, which had not abated at an early hour this morning. Numerous victims were found lodged in trees, where they had been hurled by the wind. Where had stood fine residences could be found nothing but cellar holes and in some cases a few twisted timbers, while strewn over the ground were portions of buildings and furniture bearing not the least semblance to their original form.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 4.—Besides the cyclone, which did considerable damage at West Sioux Falls and vicinity, there was a regular cloud burst 20 miles north, followed by an immense rise in the river. The Sioux at Dell Rapids is running over the Milwaukee tracks, and Shunk creek is flooding farms.

Webster, S. D., May 4.—The northern portion of Spink county, S. D., was swept by a cyclone last night. The greatest damage reported was at Ashton, where the opera house, Congregational church and many houses and barns were destroyed. Farm houses, granaries and barns miles west of Ashton were completely blown away.

Silvey, Ia., May 4.—Heavy rain and violent wind prevailed here last evening. The cyclone passed four miles west. John Watterman's form buildings were completely demolished, his wife killed, and himself and son probably fatally injured.

Madrid, Ia., May 4.—A terrible rain and wind storm passed over this section of the state. Hail fell in large quantities as large as hazel nuts.

WHAT ENGLAND WANTS.

London, May 3.—It is officially announced here that as a result of communications exchanged between Earl Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Senor Chrisanto Medina, the Salvadorean Minister, here, acting for Nicaragua, the British Government has agreed that if the Nicaraguan Government will address a note to Rear-Admiral Stephenson accepting the terms of the British ultimatum and undertaking, in the guarantee of the Republic of Salvador, that the indemnity will be paid within a fortnight, that the British squadron will be withdrawn from Nicaragua.

From a gentleman who took part in the negotiations the Associated Press learns that it is felt by all concerned that Senor Guzman, Nicaraguan Minister at Washington is largely responsible for the continued opposition of Nicaragua as, being of a sanguine temperament, he led his Government astray as what they had to expect from the United States. Continuing the gentleman referred to said, it would have been more satisfactory to any of the Central American republics to have themselves paid the indemnity rather than be subjected to the calumny, misrepresentations and distrust which appeared in the American and European press during the past few days. There is no question about the Monroe doctrine being involved. In fact, the doctrine is absolute. If England or any other power is unable to protect the safety and rights of her subjects in Central America, she is unable to protect her interests anywhere. If England tried to annex Corinto it would be a different matter, but she was only demanding reparation for insults offered her subjects. The Associated Press further learns that Great Britain would not view with disfavor a United States protectorate over the whole of Central America. Indeed, during the present investigations the Earl of Kimberley said that under certain circumstances it would perhaps be better for the United States to proclaim a protectorate over Central America and make herself responsible for the acts of its people.

BRITISH ADVICES.

London, May 3.—In the House of Commons yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Vernon-Harcourt presented the budget. He estimated that the deficit would amount to £319,000, which would be converted into a surplus by the imposition of the duty of sixpence per gallon on beer of £181,000. The only other proposal was to abolish the extra sixpence on spirits which was imposed last year and proved unsatisfactory. In regard to last year's budget the Chancellor said that there was a surplus of £78,000 instead of an estimated surplus of £291,000. He added that the tea receipts were £3,700, and the tobacco receipts £136,000 above the estimates. Continuing, the Chancellor said that the returns generally show that the condition of the masses had slightly improved in 1894. He said: "There was a smaller sum paid for consumable commodities imported and, while we required a larger quantity, we paid several millions less for our food supply." Sir William also said that the national debt now amounted to £660,000,000, being a reduction of £100,000,000 in 20 years. In conclusion he said that the country was now for the first time entitled to a full interest dividend upon its Suez canal shares, of which the market value was now £3,380,000.

The Irish Nationalists are highly pleased with the budget proposal to abolish the extra sixpence duty on spirits which was imposed last year, and which, as already stated, has not given satisfaction.

The Times says that great excitement was caused in the lobby by Sir William Vernon-Harcourt's announcement in presenting his budget, that it might be, and probably would be, the last time which, from a responsible position he would be able to address the House on finance. The Times declares that this language, from a leader of the House of Commons, is full of significance when read in conjunction with the report which for some days has found credence in the best circles that Lord Rosebery has decided to relinquish the Premiership forthwith. It is capable of one meaning only, whether dissolution comes in the next few weeks or later, it is obvious that the present Parliament has nearly run its course.

The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery is dead. He was born in 1850 and was under Secretary of War from 1874 to 1878. In politics he was a Conservative.

Upon application of counsel for Oscar Wilde the judge decided to admit the prisoner to bail. The amount will be fixed to-morrow.

London, May 4.—Lady Kimberley, wife of the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who has been ill for some time past, is dead. She was a daughter of Richard Hobart, third Earl Clare, a title which is now extinct. She was married to the Earl of Kimberley in 1864.

It was semi-officially announced that the British Government had not yet received notice of Nicaragua's acquiescence in the British demands. A definite reply can hardly be expected for a few days.

The Field says: Very wonderful are American ways, which are certainly not ours. The only sign that Banquet showed under his peculiar American treatment in the race, Tuesday, for the 2,000 guineas trial plate at Newmarket was that he lathered on his way to the post. He was bought in by his owner. It seems a pity that he was not bought for this country, he would have told us something perhaps.

The St. James Gazette this afternoon follows up rumors in the Times as to a cabinet crisis. It says the difference of opinion is due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, desiring to have the local veto bill brought up for its second reading immediately. The rest of the Cabinet ministers are in favor of postponing the second reading owing to the fact that it is known several Liberals will vote against it upon that occasion, and it is consequently expected that the Government will be defeated on the division. The most sanguine supporters of the measure only count upon a majority of eight.

Oscar Wilde will be liberated on Monday, or when bail is found, the court before which his lawyers applied having agreed to accept his personal bail bond in $12,500 and two sureties of $6,250 each. Counsel asked that one surety of $12,500 be accepted instead of two sureties in $6,250 each.

CABLED FROM LONDON.

London, May 2.—A receiving order in bankruptcy was issued this afternoon against Oscar Wilde.

Mr. Herbert Gardiner, president of the Board of Agriculture, replying to a question, said Canada's last communication to the home Government regarding the cattle trade added nothing to previous communications received from the same source. Since its receipt, however, the Belgian authorities had discovered cases of pleuro-pneumonia in Canadian cattle landed in Belgium, affording, according to Mr. Gardiner, important corroboration of the opinion of English veterinary surgeons. The Government, he added, was inquiring into the matter and the result will determine whether it was necessary to make further reply to the Government of Canada.

The Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, Sir Edward Grey, replying to Wm. Pollard Byles, member for the Shipley division of Yorkshire, in the House of Commons to-day, said the proposal of Nicaragua to refer all disputes between that country and Great Britain to a commission of arbitration was received on April 11th, but he added that when the papers were submitted to Parliament it will be seen definite was no case for arbitration. Mr. Byles also asked whether the United States had tendered us good offices or suggested the terms of an amicable settlement with Nicaragua. To this question Sir Edward Grey answered that no such proposal had been received. He hoped, however, that a settlement would soon be arranged.

The disputes between Great Britain and Nicaragua, the Associated Press learns, will be settled in a few days. U. S. Ambassador Thos. F. Bayard and the Salvadorean minister, who is representing Nicaragua, had a long conference to-day with the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

WILL RATIFY THE TREATY.

Tien-Tsin, May 3.—The Emperor of China has decided to ratify the treaty of peace negotiated at Shimonoseki by representatives of China and Japan. According to the arrangements the ratification will be exchanged at Che-Foo on May 8th. The Mikado ratified the treaty on April 20th last. Prince Kung, president of the Chinese council of ministers, and head of the Foreign Office, who has been absent from his duties on sick leave for some time, will not resume active control of the governmental departments under his supervision.

London, May 3.—Independent advices confirm the statement that the Emperor of China has agreed to ratify the treaty of peace arrived at between China and Japan.

Paris, May 3.—The Japanese Minister in an interview published in Figaro this morning is quoted as saying that the intervention of other powers in the arrangements for peace arrived at between China and Japan is only a small difficulty. China, he adds, has every interest to ratify the treaty and leave Japan to arrange matters with the European powers. The Minister also said the Japanese desire payment of the indemnity and commercial concessions upon the part of China to Japan.

JAPANESE SUSPENSE.

Tokio, Japan, May 2.—Japan must give her final answer to Russia by May 10. The suspense and public anxiety are terrible. Nothing is known. Everything is dreaded. When mediation by the United States was being discussed last week Russia by the mouth of her envoy at Washington and Tokio, President Cleveland prophesied a league of European powers to deprive Japan of the fruits of her victory. Thereupon Russia changed her attitude and of the Japanese intentions. No opposition was then manifested. The blow was reserved until the treaty of peace had been signed. Viscount Mutsu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Premier Ito's colleague in the peace conference, is desperately ill.

Paris, May 2.—The Matin to-day says that Japan is treating with Russia, France and Germany and that a peaceful settlement of matters in dispute, arising from Russia's objections to the terms of the treaty arrived at between China and Japan, is probable. The Gaulois asserts that the three powers are about to achieve a diplomatic victory, adding that Japan is inclined to accept a territorial concession in another direction which is agreeable to Russia.

TARIFF AMENDMENTS.

Berlin, May 2.—The Reichstag to-day passed the customs tariff amendment bill. The measure includes a paragraph giving the Government full power to impose additional duties as reprisals for the hostile duties of foreign states, but providing that discriminating duties on goods on the free list shall not exceed 20 per cent. ad valorem. The measure raised duties on portwine containing alcohol from 200 to 300 marks and impose a protective duty on quelracho wood used for tanning purposes. The new tariff measures go into force on July 1st.

WILL ATTACK HAWAII.

Port Townsend, May 3.—Mysterious individuals have purchased a large number of rifles and stores of ammunition from the gun stores in nearly all the cities and towns of Puget Sound, and even Portland has been drawn upon. Mysterious schooners are reported to have been seen seaward bound. It is assumed by those who were watching the movements of the men and vessels that they are bound for Hawaii.

GOING INTO AFRICA.

Berlin, May 3.—A contract has been signed to create an Anglo-German company which will have powerful support. The object of the company is to acquire a million acres of land in the southwest of Africa with a frontage of 200 miles to the Orange river and within navigable distance of the coast.

BANK BUILDING UNROOFED.

Jackson, Miss., May 2.—A severe electric and wind storm struck this city last night. The First National Bank building was unroofed and considerable other damage done.

ANTICIPATES A SETTLEMENT.

Managua, May 2.—The Government of Nicaragua expects news from Washington to-day of the settlement of the dispute between Nicaragua and Great Britain.

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OUR CABLE NEWS LETTER

THE LONDON SEASON OPENS WITH GREAT ECLAT.

Some of the Pictures That Delight the Cultured—Cabinet Differences of Opinion—Royalty at a Hotel.

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London, May 4.—Ideal spring weather has prevailed during the past week. London is looking its best. The parks are crowded morning and afternoon and everybody seems to be enjoying the change from the cold and the fogs of the winter. Thus, the season begins auspiciously, though there is the usual stock complaints from tradesmen, who grumble because the members of the Royal family intend to spend but little time in town. Then again shop-keepers grumble because the Queen is going to crowd two drawing-rooms into a fortnight, for in their opinion there cannot be too many public displays and they have particular sympathy with such events as the Queen's drawing-rooms, because, naturally, they are the occasion of a great display of finery, and consequent expenditure of money.

On Monday the Royal Academy will open its doors to the public, and the world of art be once more in full swing. Royal view on Thursday last was well attended, among those present being the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Queen of Holland, and her little daughter, Wilhelmina, whose future, according to the report, will be linked with the oldest son of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. There was the Grand Duchess Mecklenburg-Strelitz and a host of other notables. Friday's private view was the occasion for the customary rush of fashionable people, and for the usual elaborate display of spring toilette novelties. Lady Grandy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asquith, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Herkomer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley were among the first to arrive, and the absence of Sir Frederick Leighton, president of the Royal Academy, was much regretted and fears expressed that his health will compel him to resign the presidency. Sir John Millais, R. A., who proves a capital host and a good speaker, will doubtless make a successful chairman in place of Sir Frederick Leighton at the banquet to-night. The exhibition of pictures at the Royal Academy fully sustains the level reached by its predecessors. Sir Frederick Leighton with flaming Juno and a Lachrymae; Sir John Millais with a St. Stephen and a fine vision subject entitled Speak to Me; Alma Tadema, with a new work entitled Spring, and all the leading artists are well represented. Sargent's examples are confined to portraits, of which there is the usual multitude on the walls. Portraits are numerous and include busts of Chauncey M. Depew by Albert Bruce Joy, and the Prince of Wales by Countess Von Gleichen. Mr. Watchouse will probably be successor of William Charles Thomas Dobson, the retiring academician. The new gallery private view almost rivalled the Royal Academy display in aristocratic fashion. Many of these pictures are good, but there are a number of fine examples by Sir John Millais, Hunt, Burne, Jones, Collier, Shannon, etc. Sargent's striking portrait also figures in the picture exhibition of "trained bands" of London, will take part. Beginning with the year 1572 various epochs will be illustrated by different dresses and equipments, cavalry and infantry. A detachment of the Gymnastic staff of the Egyptian war will take part.

The Hon. Mrs. Dale, whose name is celebrated far beyong Birmingham, is to have a memorial erected to him in that city. While the necessity did not arise in Birmingham that made Dr. Parkhurst famous in New York, Dr. Dale for many years exerted a strong influence in the municipal life of his city, and diffused an intensely patriotic spirit among a great many who looked upon municipal duties as best left to politicians. The form of the memorial is yet undecided.

MacMillans announce a new history of Newfoundland by Judge Prowse, of that colony.

THE INDIAN UPRISING.

St. John's, N. D., May 4.—A half-breed camp at Joseph Landan's, two miles north of here, was thoroughly reconnoitered by marshals last night. It consists of a large log house and log barn. Half-breeds keep scouts and pickets out in all directions. As good as a party of men appears scouts begin following them back. The half-breeds can be seen running from the house to the barn. Fresh arrivals have been coming in all the afternoon. There were 207 of them this afternoon when a messenger left, but large numbers came in from the north during the evening. They are well provisioned. They are all men, having sent their women and children across the boundary into Manitoba. Marshal Cronan stopped a half-breed who came from the reservation and sent him to them with a message warning them of the consequences of further resistance to the United States, and asking whether they intended resisting the arrest of men with them for whom he had warrants. In reply they sent a message inviting Cronan to come with his men without arms, saying they were not going to give up, and telling him to wait until they got an answer from the Great Father. Cronan declined the request to go because they talked the matter over thoroughly when he met them last Sunday. They have over 50 Winchesters, besides their shot guns. A messenger sent by Agent Hall from the reservation says that Little Shell and a good sized band intend leaving at once to join the half-breeds. Hitherto the reservation Indians have held aloof, but the refusal of the Attorney-General to allow troops to be sent has added warmth to Little Shell's argument that the United States could not do anything to punish them. It is reported that Gabriel Dumont, Riel's lieutenant, has joined them, but this is not confirmed. Many of these half-breeds served under Dumont in Northwest Canada some years ago. Part of the deputies were sent back to Rolla to guard against a raid there. Marshal Cronan has posted sentinels here.

INSURGENTS KILLED.

Madrid, May 3.—A despatch received here from Havana says that in an encounter between the Spanish troops and the insurgents at Santa Cruz six of the latter were killed. Troops also surprised the rebels near Baracoa and killed three of them.

A Dinner Pill.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead in the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions and convert the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are the medicine to take if troubled with Indigestion or Dyspepsia.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

The duty collected at the port of Toronto in May amounted to $328,321, an increase of $52,700 over that of the same period last month.

The report of the Toronto University committee was laid before the Ontario Government yesterday. It finds in favor of the faculty on the various points in dispute, and declares that the council acted within their rights in enforcing discipline.

At the Toronto assizes yesterday the grand jury returned a true bill against Arthur A. Dicks, charged with the murder of his wife by setting the house in which she resided on fire.

A Killarney, Man., despatch says: A party over from St. John's, N. D., reports the inhabitants of St. John's nearly all moved out and greatly alarmed, the half-breeds and Indians having taken possession of the town and barricaded it with cordwood to resist an attack. A special train from Bismarck was expected in with troops. They will guard the boundary to prevent the Indians and half-breeds from coming over at this time and then attack them. Farmers are crowding into Rolla, N. D., in a very alarmed state.

At Brockville Mrs. Mack Julia Tomlinson Mc-Millan has been remanded for extradition to Chicago to stand her trial on a charge of counterfeiting.

Wm. Sexton, ex-M. P. P. for South Wentworth, Ont., died at Hamilton, on Wednesday. He was 71 years of age. He was a member of the Local Legislature from 1867 to 1879. In politics he was a Liberal.

A German woman was accidentally thrown from a wagon, near Balgonie, Man., on Wednesday, and instantly killed, her neck being broken.

The steamer Victoria has arrived at Rat Portage from Rainy river, the earliest arrival in 10 years.

James Fisher, M. P. P., is to address the people of Russell, Man., on the school question.

The Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company are negotiating for a splendid portrait of Lord Stanley to be plac