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**GOVERNOR-GENERAL**  
 The Duke of Devonshire  
 Succeeded Lord Aberdeen.

**March 24**—Truth says that  
 of Leeds will succeed the  
 Duke of Devonshire as  
 Governor-General in  
 1898.

**Goldolph Osborne**,  
 Leeds, and prince of the  
 Imperial, was born in 1862,  
 and to his title on the death  
 of his father in 1895. He was  
 educated at Trinity College,  
 Cambridge, and private  
 secretary to the Duke of  
 Devonshire.

**Dr. Bobertz**  
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 THE STEELE BRIGGS  
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 Newly completed their Spring Stock  
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**NEW PRINTS,  
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 wholesale prices. See our  
 "Letter of introduction."  
 J. PIERCE, Victoria, B.C.

**TORIES SUFFER GREAT DEFEAT**

**Peppermint and Trickery Receive Another and Very Disastrous Setback.**

**Hugh John, the Man With the Beautiful Nose and Curly Hair, Unseated.**

**Hackett and Boyd Also Lose Their Seats—Champagne's Great Majority in Wright.**

Ottawa, March 24.—The latest returns from the riding of Wright give Champagne Liberal a majority of 850. It was a great sweep all along the line. Champagne polled a bigger vote among the English-speaking people than Devereux. The Fitzroy candidates were defeated in the supreme court to-day. The appeal in the Winnipeg election case was dismissed with costs. The effect of this was to leave the Conservatives in possession of the seat. The Macdonald appeal was dismissed with costs. The appeal against Dr. Roche, Conservative member for Marquette, was shot, and unless there is a further trial by the Manitoba court, sustains his seat.

In the West Prince, P. E. I. election case, which was tried on its merits, this appeal was dismissed with costs. This leaves Hackett, Conservative, on the charge of treating and makes, in all, three Conservatives in the House. The appeal against Dr. Roche, Conservative member for Marquette, was shot, and unless there is a further trial by the Manitoba court, sustains his seat.

In the Assiniboia election case, the appeal of Davin on preliminary objections was dismissed. The case will go to trial; meantime Davin takes his seat. In the Lunenburg and Beauharnois election cases, the preliminary objections were dismissed. The cases have not yet come to trial, and Kaubach and Ferguson will take their seats. All the preliminary cases carry costs.

Ottawa, March 24.—The returns from the Winnipeg county election, held for the purpose of commons, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Devlin, Liberal, indicate the election of Champagne Liberal, by an immense majority. The Conservatives, Champagne, and White, were both sworn in as members of the Privy Council, so that hereafter they can use the prefix "Hon." to their names for life. This was a graceful act for the Hon. Mr. Laurier, in doing this for White, seeing that Tupper did not do so.

Members are arriving here by every train, so that the prospects are there for a large attendance at the opening tomorrow. Tompkins, the contractor, has left with a large number of workmen to erect the C. P. R. hotel at Revelstoke. Preparations for the opening of parliament tomorrow are complete. The House is to-day considering the bill repealing the franchise act, and the bill repealing the franchise act, and the bill repealing the franchise act.

**TORONTO TOPICS.**  
 Requests for the West-Navigation Opened—Reduced Rates.  
 March 24.—Besides the 300 immigrants from Ontario who left for the West yesterday, another batch of immigrants arrived at Halifax, and are expected to arrive at this station. They are mostly respectable English people, many of whom intend, the most of them, to go up land in Manitoba. A certain number of the gold mining in British Columbia, and they intend to try their luck in that direction.

The transportation committee of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific for rates on live stock from Ontario and Quebec points at rates charged on settlers' effects. The rate per carload of twenty thousand pounds from points west of Montreal to Winnipeg is \$22, to Regina, \$30, and to Calgary, \$14. Under the new arrangement the cars may be loaded at different stations, one man to be passed free with each car. The reduction greatly pleases the farmers here.

**RUSSIA ACTS VERY QUEERLY**

**The Czar Sends Prince George 50,000 Roubles for the Cretan Refugees at Athens.**

**Russia's Fleet Concentrated Near Constantinople—Reports Concerning Turkey's Army.**

**Sultan Calls Out All the Reserves—Cretons Declares for Annexation or Death.**

London, March 24.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Athens says that on his return from St. Petersburg on Monday M. Onou, Russian minister to Greece, had an audience with King George, to whom he presented an autograph letter from the dowager Czarina. The letter contained no political communication to the King. M. Onou then had an audience with Queen Olga, to whom he presented an autograph letter from the Czar, containing a draft for 50,000 roubles for the Cretan refugees at Athens. Upon this incident the correspondent remarks: "What a strange peculiar diplomacy offers a cordial grasp with one hand and a buffet with the other."

The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch from Berlin, from which it appears that the Russian volunteer fleet has been ordered to concentrate itself in the ports in the Black Sea near Constantinople and to hold itself in readiness to sail. The Russian fleet, which was stationed in the province of Bessarabia is now moving towards Odessa. The Times correspondent, at Paris, calls attention to this morning to an article in the French press which decries the president of the French republic for declaring war without the assent of parliament, and says: "Europe is not prepared for the withdrawal of the Russian fleet from Vienna, in the event of the Cretan difficulty requiring more severe measures than the chamber of deputies will sanction."

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**EXPLOSION ON A WARSHIP.**  
 Thirty Men on the Cruiser Theseus Injured at Malta.  
 New York, March 25.—The Herald's correspondent at Malta cables as follows: "An explosion which would have had frightful consequences if it had happened in the interior of a vessel occurred yesterday to the British first-class cruiser Theseus. She was going to sea outside the harbor with torpedoes and some of them exploded as they were being lowered to the ship's launch, injuring thirty men. The Theseus immediately returned and landed the injured at the naval hospital. While two men had their legs blown off many miraculous escapes are recorded, one man having his garments blown away without receiving any other hurt. Of the injured one succumbed to-day."

**STILL IN HIS PRIME.**  
 North Hastings' Oldest Inhabitant Bala and Hearty.  
 Josias Moore, of Bancroft, Ont., one of the oldest and best-known residents of Hastings County, can boast of wonderful health and vigor for his age. "Although I am over 84 years of age," he says, "I feel as young as ever I did."  
 Mr. Moore, however, had a narrow escape from death about a year ago. "I was so bad with indigestion," he writes, "that the doctors gave me up. I tried various alleged remedies but found them no good. One day our popular druggist, Dr. C. H. Humphreys, sent me a sample of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to try. The result was marvelous. After taking two I was able to get up. Then I sent for a box. I could soon eat anything. In a short time I was able to walk two miles, to Bancroft and back with ease."  
 Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will, without fail, cure all kidney, liver, stomach and blood troubles. For sale by all dealers. Price 25 cents. One pill a dose; one cent a dose. Edmonson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto.  
 Chase's Syrup of Limes and Turpentine is the latest discovery for coughs, asthma and consumption. It is pleasant, quick and certain. 25 cents.

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

**Opening of Parliament at Ottawa This Afternoon—A Large Crowd in Attendance.**

**Appropriate Reference to the Diamond Jubilee Celebration—Manitoba School Question.**

**An Outline of Important Legislation To Be Dealt With at This Session of the House.**

Ottawa, March 25.—Parliament was opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon, a large crowd being present to hear Lord Aberdeen deliver the speech from the throne, which was as follows: "Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons: It is becoming you on your attendance at the second session of this parliament I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidence which precedes throughout the Dominion of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen, and of the desire to join with their fellow subjects in all parts of the empire in celebrating the diamond jubilee in a manner worthy of that joyous event; and I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the imperial government arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the capital of the empire."

"Immediately after the last session the government of Manitoba was invited to hold a conference with my ministers on the subject of grievances arising out of an act of that province relating to education, passed in the year 1890. In response to that invitation, three members of the Manitoba government came to Ottawa, and after many and protracted discussions a settlement was reached between the two governments which was the best arrangement to be had under existing conditions of the disturbance. I confidently hope that this settlement will put an end to the agitation which has marred the harmony and impeded the development of our country, and will prove the beginning of a new era to be characterized by generous treatment of one another, mutual concession and reciprocal good will."

"A measure will be submitted to you for the revision of the tariff which, it is believed, will provide the necessary revenue, and, while having due regard to industrial interests, will make our fiscal system more satisfactory to the masses of the people."  
 "You will be asked to give your support to a bill abolishing the present expensive and unsatisfactory franchise act and adopting in its place a new franchise act, which will be more equitable and more in accordance with the interests of the whole Dominion than the present act."  
 "My government has determined that the advantages to accrue both to our western provinces and the houses in interests of the whole Dominion from the completion of works for the enlargement of the St. Lawrence canal should no longer be deferred, and has, subject to the approval of the Imperial Government, proposed to the Imperial Government for a vigorous prosecution of these works and for the perfecting of the canal system by the close of the year 1898."

"I have much satisfaction in informing you that the arrangements have been concluded which, if you approve, will enable the Intercolonial Railway system to reach Montreal and thus share in the large traffic. The advantages which will flow from this extension of the railway are apparent, and I have no doubt you will gladly approve of the proposal."  
 "Appreciating the difficulties encountered by our farmers in placing their perishable food products on the English markets in good condition, my government has arranged a complete system of cold storage accommodation at creameries, on railways, at ports, and on steamers, by which these products can be preserved at the desired temperature during the whole journey from the point of production to Great Britain. The contract made for this purpose will be laid before you."  
 "It is desirable that the will of the people of Canada should be clearly ascertained on the subject of prohibition, and a measure enabling the electors to vote upon the question will be submitted for your approval."  
 "The Behring sea claims convention, constituted during the past year to adjust the damages payable to the owners of the British sealing vessels seized by cruisers of the United States on the high seas, has completed taking the evidence submitted to it by the respective governments of Her Majesty and the United States, and has adjourned for time to hear the argument thereon on behalf of both governments. I indulge the hope that a final and satisfactory adjudication of this long delayed claim will now speedily be reached."  
 "The calamity which has befallen our fellow-subjects in India has evoked a widespread sympathy in this country. The generous manner in which the appeal for practical tokens of this feeling has been responded to has elicited warm assurances of grateful acknowledgment from the government of India, which have also been specially and heartily endorsed by the Imperial authorities."  
 "Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The estimates for the coming year will be presented at an early day. They have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service. I regret that the receipts from ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the expenses of the consolidated revenue. The proposed revision of the tariff and the application of strict economy in the administration of government will, I trust, restore this

**BLOCKADE WILL BE A FAILURE**

**So Says the Athens Correspondent of the London Times—Situation Extremely Grave.**

**There is Great Discipline, Enthusiasm and Order Among the Turkish Troops at Elasona.**

**Powers Dissatisfied With Sultan's Efforts to Punish Offenders at Tokat Massacre.**

Constantinople, March 25.—The steps taken by the Sultan, to punish the Turkish officials held responsible for the massacre of 100 Armenians at Tokat, in the Sivas district of Asia Minor, and the pillaging of the Armenian quarter of Tokat for eight hours, are not satisfactory to the ambassadors of the powers, and unless there is a change in the situation very shortly it is believed that the powers will be compelled by public opinion to make a radical change of their policy toward Crete and Greece.

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**NEARING THE GALLOWS.**  
 Durrant's Counsel Doing Everything to Delay the Execution.  
 San Francisco, March 24.—Theodore Durrant's counsel are preparing a petition asking the supreme court for a rehearing of the application previously made and denied for a new trial. If this petition, which will be submitted without argument, is denied, as the district attorney anticipates, there will then only remain the possibility of securing the interference of the federal courts in Durrant's behalf. Failing that, only the action of the president can step between the condemned man and the gallows.

**SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN.**  
 Annual Smoking Concert Held Last Evening at Work Point Barracks.  
 The smoking concert, an annual event, given by warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and rank and file at the Work Point barracks was fully up to former concerts in point of spirit and enjoyment afforded the large number who attended. Among the guests were: Lieut-Colonel Peters, D. O. C.; Lieut-Colonel Gregory, Major Sargison, and Captains Ross and Moore, of the Fifth Regiment; Lieut-Gordon, R. B.; Surgeon Bell, R.N.; and Lieut. Crocker, R.M.L.I. besides large representations from H.M.S. Conroy, the Dockyard and Fifth Regiment.

**A SMALL CYCLONE**

**A Heavy Gale of Wind Causes Much Damage This Afternoon.**

**Damage Done by the Gale in the New Government Buildings Was Blown Out, Together with the Frame.**

**China Town Also Suffered from the Effects of the Gale. Several of the Windows Were Blown Down and Many of the High Places no Longer Block the Alleys.**

**CURED BY EARTHQUAKE.**  
 Fight Cures a Montreal Lad of an Attack of Peritonitis.  
 Montreal, March 24.—Earthquake returns are only now coming in. The strange experience was that of the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. H. Lacroix, the city health inspector, who has been in bed for about a month with peritonitis, and had been given up by the physicians here. He received a great fright, but was found to be fully recovered from his illness when the night had passed away. His father is responsible for the statement.  
 In a Chinese laundry in the northern part of the city the earthquake turned a stove and caused a fire, which burned out the place.  
 The shock was felt at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, and there was a panic among the convicts for a little while.

**LEMON CREEK.**  
 A District That is Attracting the Attention of Capitalists.  
 Steve Powers and associates have bonded the Bywater and Victoria groups to P. J. Hickey for \$50,000 ten percent of the purchase price being paid down. This property adjoins the Cameronian and is considered one of the best things in the district. It is situated on the north fork of Lemon creek, about two miles from the junction with the main creek.  
 Kaslo Kootenian: W. A. Campbell, of Rossland, has bought the Lusana and Morning Star No. 7 claims on Lemon creek, four miles from Stoka river. Mr. Campbell says he will stock the properties. Chicago men will become interested in them. The ledge is 20 feet wide, of which there are four feet of silica. The lead carries gold also. Mr. Boggs has recently closed a syndicate for an interest in this rich district.

**SAD FOREBODINGS OF AUTUMN WEATHER.**  
 Thousands who Dread an Attack of Catarrh as Winter's Cold Approaches—Yet Catarrh Can Be Banished Under the Magic Touch of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.  
 This is not a dogmatic statement, strong as it may seem. Leading members of parliament, the most prominent clergymen of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic churches, have borne testimony to the effectiveness of this medicine. Mr. John MacEdwards, the popular purser of the Canadian Pacific steamer Arthabasca, is one who was cured from intense suffering from catarrhal troubles by the use of this medicine. Good Samaritan-like, he has ever since recommended it to any who suffer. Head off an attack of catarrh by having this medicine at your hand.  
 Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

**THE SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER** says that John Sullivan, a resident of Victoria, is applying to the courts of Seattle for a divorce from his wife, Alice Sullivan. The case was called on Monday, the 22nd inst., and the default of the respondent was recorded. The trial has been set for Friday, March 26th.