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# HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON HAS RESIGNED.

## He Will Not Stand For Separate Schools in the New Provinces of the West---In His View it Means the Diversion of Money From Public School Lands to the Purposes of Separate Schools---The Clause in the Autonomy Bill to Which He Takes Exception.

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Ottawa, March 1.—(Special)—Hon. Clifford Sifton has resigned his position as minister in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on account of the introduction of the Educational Clause of the North West Autonomy Bill. The clause is as follows:—

"The provisions of section 93 of the British North America act shall apply to the said province as if at the date upon which this act comes into force the territory comprised therein were already a province. The expression "the union" in the said section being taken to mean the said date, subject to the provision of said section 93 and in continuance of the principle heretofore sanctioned under the Northwest Territories act.

"A. It is enacted that the legislature of the said province shall pass all necessary laws in respect of education and that it shall therein always be provided that a majority of the ratepayers of any district or portion of said province or of any less portion or sub-division thereof by whatever name the same is known, may establish such schools therein as they think fit and make the necessary collections of rates therefor.

"B. That the minority of the ratepayers therein, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, may establish separate schools therein and make the necessary assessments and collections of rates therefor.

"C. That in such cases the ratepayers establishing such Protestant or Roman Catholic schools shall be liable only to assessment of such rates as they impose upon themselves in respect thereof.

"In the appropriation of public monies by the legislature in aid of education, and in the distribution of any monies paid to the government of province arising from the school fund established by the dominion lands act, there shall be no discrimination between the public schools and the separate schools, and such monies shall be applied to the support of public and separate schools in equitable shares or proportion."

It is understood that Mr. Sifton considers this clause establishes a dual system of schools which goes far beyond that which is at present established in the North West Territories, and furthermore seeks to divert a portion of a very large fund, which will arise from the sale of school lands in the North West Territories.

This fund constitutes an endowment provided by parliament for public schools.

Mr. Sifton declines to support any proposition for the diversion of this fund from the control of the legislature of the province. It is not known what action the government will take in view of the resignation, which will be announced this afternoon.

## FEW CHEERS FOR STOESSEL, RUSSIAN PUBLIC SULLEN.

### Defender of Port Arthur Greeted With Indifference on His Arrival in St. Petersburg---Jap Bankers Will Subscribe Immense Domestic Loans.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Lt. Gen. Stoessel arrived in St. Petersburg this morning from Moscow. A quarter of an hour before his train was due it looked as if not more than a hundred persons would be present to welcome the defender of Port Arthur but their number augmented rapidly and when the train steamed into the depot many hundreds, chiefly women, crowded the platform.

War minister Sakharoff and Admiral Zilotti, on behalf of the admiralty, welcomed Gen. Stoessel, who was loudly cheered and presented with flowers. After receiving the personal congratulations of friends, the general, looking bronzed and in good health, passed through the cheering crowd to a reception room stopping now and then to shake hands with admirers.

Behind the general came Mrs. Stoessel leaning on the arm of a military officer. She looked to be even more bronzed than her husband and smiled happily at the warm welcome accorded him.

It was remarked that the general's hair had turned quite white. In the reception room General Bogdanovitch welcomed General Stoessel. In so doing, he referred to the internal troubles, saying that when General Stoessel left Russia, calm prevailed, while now an internal enemy was endeavoring to undermine the prestige of the state.

Replying, General Stoessel said he had heard while at Constantinople, of the disorders in Russia, and since then he had travelled in South Russia and had spoken to the people and had noticed their tranquility of mind and their loyalty to the Emperor. He was confident that the people would remain loyal and that Russia would issue victorious from the present crisis. When the reception ceremonies were over the general and his wife entered an open carriage and drove through the Nevsky Prospect to the residence of Lt. Gen. Prince Viazmsky, a member of the imperial council, where they will stay. The crowds in the streets lustily cheered the general. The absence of military and naval officers from the platform was very noticeable. Only a few military men and no naval officers, excepting Admiral Zilotti, were present. A large force of police surrounded the railroad station while the route to Prince Viazmsky's residence was patrolled by numerous detachments of Cossacks, and life guards, apparently in expectation of a hostile demonstration. Altogether the general's reception was by no means in the nature of a popular demonstration and lacked genuine enthusiasm. Two months ago all Russia was singing the praises of the defender of Port Arthur yet when he came home comparatively few people assembled to cheer him.

### Gorky is Sore.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 1.—Maxim Gorky's family and relatives are greatly exasperated by his treatment and maintain that a breach of confidence has been committed, the order for his unconditional release having been signed when bail was deposited. The relatives say that if he had known he was to be transported to Riga he would have preferred to remain a prisoner in St. Petersburg.

He requested permission to reside in the Crimea, owing to one of his lungs being affected, but the request was refused.

### Students Are Riotous.

Minsk, Mar. 1:—The students of the clerical seminary here yesterday wrecked the houses of the directors and inspectors of schools and burned all their papers. All the students then left the town.

### German Steamer Beached.

Tokio, March 1.—It is reported that the German steamer Romulus, which was recently seized while en route to Vladivostok, with a cargo of Cardiff coal, has been beached at Aomori Bay.

It is understood that the Romulus struck an iceberg when attempting to pass through Soya Strait and was damaged so that she was leaking on her port side when seized by the Japanese. A prize crew was put aboard her and she was started for Yokosuka. Her leak increased and it was necessary to beach her in order to save her.

### The Japanese Loan.

Tokio, March 1.—A meeting of bankers and financiers was held today for the purpose of discussing the subscriptions to the new domestic loans should it be found to be oversubscribed when the list is opened.

At the close of the meeting the Associated Bankers announced that they would take sixty million yen, about $30,000,000. The imperial household will take five million yen and other corporations and individuals forty million yen. It is expected that the loan will be doubly subscribed. Count Okuma, addressing today's meeting said that the Japanese domestic financial capacity was astonishing even to its friends. He expressed the belief that the slight disturbance in financial conditions despite the enormous expenditures was due to the fact that agriculture furnished the country's great wealth. Continuing Count Okuma said that he believed that the country would continue the war without any feeling of embarrassment.

### The Warsaw Situation.

Warsaw, Mar. 1:—2.50 p. m.—The governor general of Poland today proclaimed a partial state of siege in the governments of Kaliaz, Lublin, Kielce, and Lomza. A similar condition prevails in the remaining six provincial governments, all Poland is now governed under a modified form of martial law. The proclamation does not give specific reasons for this action taken but it is due to the general unsatisfactory condition of the country. The strike on the Vistula Railroad is ended. Train service both north and south of Warsaw has been resumed. The strikers obtained higher wages and other concessions. The strikes on the suburban railroads have also ended and all Warsaw's railroad communications are now restored.

## MORE FACILITIES NEEDED FOR ST. JOHN BUSINESS.

### W. R. Baker of the C. P. R. Says More Wharves Must be Built to Accommodate Growing Trade ---Another Official Takes Similar View

"The shipping facilities at Sand Point will have to be largely increased, if St. John expects to remain the winter port of Canada."

W. R. Baker, assistant to the vice-president of the C. P. R., made the statement as above, to the Times yesterday afternoon. Mr. Baker said he had come down here to see what the conditions were after the recent heavy storms. He expressed himself as well satisfied with the way in which the work had been carried on.

Referring to the business here he said that largely increased facilities were required for handling the ocean traffic, of the port. Asked, if he thought the business was going to grow to warrant extensions, he said, —"Our best evidence of it is the fact that we have about 70 engines under construction, and are turning out 15 new box cars each day from our Angus shops in Montreal, and will continue to do that and more all summer."

Asked as to the improvements being made in the facilities at Winnipeg, he said, "The station there is approaching completion and we expect to be in it in a few days. The large hotel there is also going on rapidly."

Referring to the conditions in the west he said they have had comparatively little trouble in the Rocky Mountains, their main drawback being in the branch roads in Ontario, which have been badly blocked with snow.

Mr. Baker in speaking of immigration said: "My impression is that we will have the biggest immigration year we have ever had. We are turning out 50 new colonist cars of the largest and most improved plan. The immigrants are of the best class, and when it is considered that about 125,000 people came into Canada last year, there should be no doubt that the country is bound to grow, and trade increase."

### Another Official's View.

In conversation with another prominent C. P. R. official yesterday he called the attention of the Times to the fact that the berths at Sand Point, are not long enough to accommodate the steamers which are coming here. At present the steamers overlap each other. He said, "I would like to see the government take hold of the port and develop it as it should be. We need more accommodation, and I think St. John is the most suitable port to develop. There has been talk of Halifax facilities being extended, but that would be such a long haul that I don't think it would be advisable to take it into consideration. St. Andrews has also been mentioned in this regard, but for my part I would favor St. John."

"To my mind the proper place for extension of the present facilities is the salmon pond. The dry dock which has been proposed is not feasable as in severe weather, the water would freeze, although it would be nearly all pumped out, there would be some that would remain and it would certainly freeze and cause trouble. I think there is more need of wharves than of a dry dock.

I do not think there would be much expense to have the present pond dredged and docks built that would accommodate from four to six large steamers. It need not interfere with the traffic on Union street as a swinging bridge could be built that would take care of all the transportation, by both railway and teams. The cost of building these docks would not be very heavy, and should be undertaken by the dominion government, as it would be a national benefit.

Something should certainly be done to improve the conditions, as larger steamers will be coming here, and the present docks are entirely inadequate to the demands.

If these improvements were made the shipping facilities here would be equal to the demands of the next twenty years, and would place St. John in a position to compete with any port in Canada or the U. S."

## AWFUL SUFFERING

### Of the Crew of Steam Dredge Texas---Twenty Two Lives Lost.

New York, Mar. 1:—Capt. J. A. Minot, of the steam dredge Texas, which foundered at sea with a loss of twenty lives, was brought here today on the steamer Rotterdam, from Rotterdam and Boulogne. The other survivors of the Texas were landed at Waterford several weeks ago, having been rescued by the brigantine Mercedes, after a terrible experience with hunger, thirst and cold in an open boat.

The Texas, which sailed from Dantzic for Galveston in December foundered at midnight on Christmas eve. Two of her boats were launched, but one containing the chief officer and 21 men sank immediately and all its occupants were drowned. In the second boat the survivors drifted fourteen days, the last six of which they were absolutely without food or water. One man died from exposure, another became insane, and the remaining 2 were on the verge of hysteria when help came to them. They had drunk sea water and their bodies were covered with boils. When taken on board the Mercedes, one of the survivors said that they had just drawn lots to decide which one should be killed to furnish food for his fellows.

### TRURO SPENDING MONEY.

Truro, N. S., Feb. 28.—(Special)—At a public ratepayers' meeting, tonight, a proposition to spend $5,000 for road machinery, was voted down. It was decided to spend $1,000 for permanent sidewalks, and $2,000 for water works extensions.

## FREIGHT TRAFFIC RESUMED ON I. C. R.

### Three Special Trains Sent Forward Today With Belated Goods.

Owing to the general stagnation of business along the I. C. R. due to the recent storms, the I. C. R. sidings here have been filled with freight cars for several days. They could not be forwarded. Today, however, the first move will be made and three special freight trains for east, each comprising about twenty cars, will be sent forward with as much promptitude as possible.

At present there are five engine crews in this city, some having been here since Monday, others since yesterday, so there is no dearth of supply from this point.

There are many other cars of freight stalled here, but these will be sent forward immediately.

### FUNERALS.

The six year old son of James O. McKay, died last night after a few day's illness with diphtheria. The funeral took place this afternoon. Rev. W. O. Raymond conducted the burial service.

The funeral of Joseph E. Shannon took place this afternoon, from his late residence, Erin St. The body was taken to the Cathedral, where Rev. Father Holland officiated. Interment took place in the new catholic cemetery. The following were pall-bearers:—John McDermott; Wm. Cuttle; Wm. McIntyre; Wm. Robb; J. Walsh and H. Watson.

Miss Langan, milliner for Macaulay Bros., returned Monday from New York where she was attending the spring millinery opening.

### OBITUARY.

#### Andrew J. Adams.

Andrew J. Adams died at his home at Bangor, last Sunday. He was seventy-two years of age. Mr. Adams was born in Falmouth and lived there until he was twenty-five years of age, when he went to Bangor and has since resided there.

He was twice married, his first wife being Cordelia Swett of West Falmouth, who died over forty years ago, and his second wife, Mary J. Murdoch of Maitland, N. S., who survives him. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Geo. A. Johnston of Bangor, and two brothers, one of whom is George W. Udams of East Corinth, Me.

### POLICE COURT.

There were seven prisoners at the Six common drunks were fined $4, or ten days each, and one paid his fine.

One drunk was fined $8, or thirty days with hard labor.

The case against George Black of Main street, for keeping his restaurant open on Sunday, was again before the magistrate this morning, and the matter was dropped.

The case of James Miller, charged with selling liquor without a license, was further postponed, and will not come up until Tuesday morning next.

One of the compensations to the poor man in this winter of blockades has been the fact that the railways have paid out a great many thousands of dollars to snow shovellers. Both C. P. R., and I. C. R., have expended very large sums in this way, not only in the vicinity of St. John but all along the line.

## A NICE PAIR OF JAIL BIRDS

### Who Once More Breathe the Air of Freedom.

Daniel McPherson and John Allen, who escaped recently from the chain gang, have figured in police circles before.

Allen, (or Elliot, which seems to be his proper name), was arrested for theft on June 26th., 1897, and was tried before Judge Forbes, under the Speedy Trials Act. He was discharged on July 7th of the same year. He has figured in police circles no less than eight times. He was convicted in Halifax, in August last, for indecency, and sentenced to a term of nine months in Rock Head prison, from whence he made his escape, to accomplish which he secured a piece of rope to the end of which he fastened an old horse shoe. This he threw over one of the walls surrounding the prison, then around the branch of a large tree and slid to the ground, after which he was no time in taking to the tall timbers.

Daniel McPherson, alias Charles Smith, has also had previous acquaintance with prison life, and it is said was once before Judge Forbes on a charge of theft. He has also been in for theft.

### SIR HENRY IRVING.

London, March 1.—Sir Henry Irving, who recently suffered from a severe chill at Wolverhampton, continues to make progress towards recovery, and no further bulletins regarding his condition, will be issued.

## WORST BUT ONE FOR THIRTY YEARS.

New York, March 1.—By the records of the weather bureau, this winter has been the coldest but one that New York has seen, since the weather bureau was established 34 years ago. In 1903-04 the mean temperature was 26.4, the coldest on record. This winter, the mean temperature was 26.8. During the same period, the snowfall was 43.3 inches while the corresponding period last year, showed the snowfall, 28.5.

### WHERE IS J. H. COUGHLAN?

Registrar J. B. Jones has received a communication from parties in Boston, asking for information regarding one, John H. Coughlan, who is said to have been here in August of last year. He is believed to have been at one time a bar-tender, and later to have been employed as a tailor. He lived at one time in Boston.

The parties asking for information, are under the impression that Coughlan is dead, and have asked that a certificate be sent to them; but as far as can be ascertained none has been issued.

### A FATAL FIRE.

Peterboro, Ont. Mar. 1:—(Special—Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the residence of County Councillor Dennis Maloney, near Warsaw in Durrow township. Mr. Maloney's only son, an invalid, lost his life in the flames. Mrs. Maloney, her son and a nephew were the only ones at home when the fire broke out.

## THEY SUPPORT CHAMBERLAIN.

### Chambers of Commerce of Britain Declare in Favor of Fiscal Changes.

London, March 1.—The conference of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, of the United Kingdom, now sitting in London, today discussed fiscal reforms and ultimately decided by the votes of 42 chambers against 21, that "changes in the fiscal system are essential to provide against unfair competition, and an imperial conference should be called to discuss the question."

### PROBATE COURT.

In the probate court this morning, letters of administration in the estate of John A. Noble were granted to his son, Frederick W. Noble. The estate consists of $700, personal property. H. H. Britain, proctor.

A petition was presented by H. H. Pickett, administrator in the estate of William J. Rutledge, for the settlement of accounts in dispute. A citation was granted, returnable on April 15th. A. A. Wilson, K. C., proctor.

A petition was presented by Katherine Charlton for the passing of accounts in the estate of Francis W. Charlton. A citation was granted, returnable on April 3rd. H. H. Pickett, proctor.

Letters of administration in the estate of Amy Scovil were granted to her sister Amelia Crawford. The estate consists of $750, personal property. George C. Coster, proctor.

Passing of accounts in the estate of George H. Corbett, late of Yarmouth, was completed. Weldon & McLean, proctors.

### COUNTY COURT.

The case of the Linton Sinclair Co. Ltd., vs. McLean, came up in the county court before Judge Forbes, this morning.

The action was taken for a debt amounting to $147.50. Judgment by default was given for the plaintiff.

H. A. McKeown for the plaintiff, and Bustin & Porter for the defendant.

The court adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when the case of McCrossin vs. The St. John Street Railway Co., will be taken up.

In the case for damages of Gault Bros., vs. Clair, no appearance was made for the defence and damages were assessed at $207.10.

Hanington Teed and Hanington for the plaintiffs.

### Another Rumpus.

Tiflis Mar. 1:—Serious disturbances have broken out at Kutais and troops have been called out to suppress them.

## TROUBLE FOR THE SULTAN.

### Serious Insurrection Now in Progress --- Zone of Trouble Extending.

Constantinople, Mar. 1.—The present insurrection of Yemen province, Arabia, appears to put in the shade all previous troubles. The centre of the melee is at Sala, northward of Sanaa, and already there are signs of its extension to the province of Assyr. The insurgents have again surrounded Sanaa and a stubborn fight has been in progress for five days. Many of the Turkish troops refuse to resist any further and are deserting. The towns of Aabana and Hidjeh, the latter containing two thousand troops, with four guns, are surrounded and on the point of capitulating. The alleged victory of February 16, when it was officially announced that the Turkish forces had routed the rebels investing Sanaa and Hodeida, Yemen province, and had relieved the besieged garrison of Faana, turns out to be an insurgent success. Turkey's defective transportation delays the despatch of reinforcements. The object of the insurrection is believed to be the creation of an autonomous Arab state.

### CANADA IN CONTROL

Victoria B. C., Feb. 28:—(Special)—The Esquimault naval station was formally abandoned today when Commodore Goodchild hauled down his flag. The Bonaventure, the only remaining cruiser, will leave for the China Station. All naval departments of the station have been closed.

### POLICE REPORTS

The police found a small parcel on St. James street yesterday, addressed to a lady residing on Princess street. It can be had by the owner at the central police station.

The street in front of W. H. Thorne & Co's., warehouse is reported in a dangerous condition and in need of immediate attention.

James H. D. Turner has been reported for selling fresh fish in the city without a license.

### AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The popular Fiske Stock Company are to give The Circus Girl tonight and tomorrow evening at the Opera House. The new bill will be splendidly put on with new scenery properties etc., and as it affords ample opportunity for a wide scope of specialties, there will be an abundance of them. Stock's moving pictures, new subjects, will be shown and the evening's entertainment a big one. Order seats now as the demand is large.

## The Times New Reporter.

Ald. Holder, the Battling Nelson of the board of works, finished another round yesterday in his great contest with Mr. Civic Lethargy.

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Much surprise was expressed this morning when it was learned that one or two of the aldermen had received information to the effect that some of the city streets were in bad condition. Who has been telling them about it?

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AN ANGRY CITIZEN.

Mr. Peter Binks is very angry, and is likely to make trouble for the St. John Star.

It appears that once, in a grateful and confiding hour, Mr. Binks gave his photograph, along with a fervent testimonial, to the proprietor's of Skookum's Pills, or some other remedy, that he believed at the time had saved his valuable life to his distracted country.

The photograph was reproduced in the newspapers, along with the testimonial, and Mr. Binks was a little sorry when he saw it, and rather hopeful that the public would soon forget the incident.

Imagine his horror, therefore, when the picture cropped up in the St. John Star on Feb. 17th, as the portrait of the Grand Duke Sergius, who had just been assassinated.

Mr. Binks has been avoiding his friends ever since, until yesterday, when he came down town. He observed that he was an object of general interest, and noticed that some men at Chubb's Corner, one of whom had a paper in his hand, seemed to be connecting him in some way with something in the paper.

Mr. Binks stopped a newsboy, bought all the papers, and hurried into the lobby of the post office. In an instant his eye fell on that picture, reproduced again in the Star, [illegible] portrait of the Grand Duke Vladimir, who is about to be assassinated.

Mr. Binks was heard to utter a wild yell, and a moment later was seen to go up Princess street hill at full speed, turning into Canterbury street toward the Star office. Later, he visited his legal adviser, and it is understood gave instructions to have application made for an injunction.

"There's to be a man hanged next week," shouted Mr. Binks, "and if we don't stop them they'll print my picture again, as the portrait of the murderer."

The affair has caused quite a sensation.

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In reply to an enquiry as to his views on the method of civic elections, Mr. Jamesey Jones stated that he believed in getting there.

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The back of Winter may not be broken, but there's a kink in it.