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The response from our subscribers to our request of last week has not been as prompt or as generous as we could wish. The weather, however, has been stormy, the roads have been bad and the mails have been somewhat irregular, and all these causes have no doubt prevented our friends from remitting their subscriptions with greater promptitude. The time for receiving the premium pictures is extended for another week. That will bring us up to Christmas and we expect that no subscriber will fail to remit by Christmas. The premium picture makes a very nice Christmas present, and the subscription money is the most desirable Christmas box that could be offered to us. We trust, now, that none will fail to carry out this arrangement and ensure mutual happiness for Christmas. Please don't delay! Remit promptly.

It is thought probable that Hon George E. Foster, ex-Finance Minister of Canada, will be nominated for the Commons by the Conservatives of North Ontario, now vacant in consequence of the death of Mr McLeod. This was formerly a Liberal constituency, but at the last general election it was carried by the late Mr McLeod, Conservative, by 500 of a majority. If Mr Foster accepts the nomination he will likely carry the riding with a good majority. As all know Mr Foster is one of the ablest parliamentary debaters in Canada, and his election at the present time would be an acquisition to Parliament, and would greatly strengthen the Opposition. As a financial critic Mr Foster will render invaluable service to the Opposition and to the country. Mr Foster is now a resident of Toronto, and no doubt he will soon be the leader of the Ontario Conservatives in the House of Commons.

The St James division protested election case in Montreal, came to a sudden end last Wednesday morning, when Chief Justice Tait and Judge Loranger intimated that they did not require to hear any more evidence, but had sufficient on which to declare the election voided. The prosecution asked for delay of a few days to decide as to what should be done towards asking for the personal disqualification of the parties concerned in the frauds. This the court granted. The case was continued on Saturday, when Mr Biscallon asked for the personal disqualification of Jos. Brunet, the liberal member recently elected at the by-election. The grounds for application were that Brunet had sworn his election expenses were only \$6.50, but had testified that he had given A. L. Grant \$2,000 to pay expenses. Biscallon figured that as a donation this money was not acknowledged as provided by law, the inference was that it had been illegally expended. The motion was taken en delibere.

Hon Raymond Prefontaine, after promising a \$1,000,000 expenditure of public funds, has again carried his old constituency of Maisonneuve and returns to the Commons a strong protectionist and a cabinet minister. Only a week before, five of his ministerial brethren, Messrs Fielding, Bernier, Paterson, Fisher and Fitzpatrick made strong Free Trade speeches in Yarmouth and Argenteuil. Mr Prefontaine, undaunted by his five stalwart opponents, will have all legitimate industries accorded a full measure of protection. How he is going to succeed in the face of such opposition is more or less of a mystery. It looks more promising than ever for the "fighting like blazes" policy of the present administration. Nothing is more certain than another big row, if all engaged in the present tariff mix-up are in earnest. It is worthy of note that Sir Wilfrid Laurier wired his impartial gratification, to both Free Trade and Protectionist candidates. Evidently the Premier is still equal to any occasion that may present itself.

Judgment has been delivered in the South Oxford election trial confirming Mr Sutherland in the seat, the court holding that the only charge proven was of such a trivial character as to have no bearing on the result. The Grits

had been very confident of their ability to unseat the Conservative member in this riding which for years had been a Liberal stronghold and resorted to the most disreputable methods to secure alleged evidence to unseat Mr Sutherland in the hope of being able to secure a revision of the constituency to its old allegiance at a by-election. In 1898 Dr McKay, a Liberal, was elected in South Oxford by a majority of 674. In 1900 Sir Richard Cartwright was returned by over 800 majority to the Commons, but this year Mr Sutherland secured the riding for Mr Whitney. The result in South Oxford is doubly a source of pride and satisfaction to the Conservative party in Ontario. Not only was the election in itself a great victory, but the proceedings at the trial showed that it was a clean win on its merits and that the allegations of corruption so freely made by the supporters of the government were without the slightest foundation in fact. More than that, the unscrupulous corruption employed in endeavoring to rob Mr Sutherland of his seat was fully exposed and recoiled upon the heads of the corrupt party machine which had been employed to manufacture evidence in the most shameless manner. It showed that the Ross government through its machine operators was ready to stop at nothing to bolster up its waning power, while it demonstrated to the public the falsity of the malicious charges that the Conservative party was guilty of resorting to kindred means to oust its conscienceless political rivals from power. -Ottawa Citizen.

The 9th was a very stormy and cold day. It was particularly cold for the Provincial Government, inasmuch as it was the occasion of their loss of two seats, won by the Opposition. The electors of the Cardigan and West River Districts presented the government with just such Christmas boxes as many other districts in the Province are prepared to give whenever they are afforded the opportunity. In another column will be seen the figures representing the votes polled. While the vote is not so large as it would probably be if the day were fine, the majorities of Mr Morson and Mr Currie are very respectable. Had the weather been fine, the probabilities are that their majorities would have been very much larger. The Patriot attributes the Government's loss to the storm and the split in its own ranks in the West River District. The Government had the fixing of the date of the election, and we may be sure it was not chosen to specially favor the Opposition. Moreover, the Government had the advantage of arranging the "human devices" such as bonded warehouses, etc., to suit themselves. But in the face of all these disadvantages they were defeated. It is very unfair in view of these circumstances to endeavor to put the blame on the storm. It was just as stormy for the Conservatives as for the Grits and it is not very likely that the polls were located to specially accommodate the Opposition. Public opinion is against the Government and they know it; but they are anxious to conceal this fact from the general public; hence the attempt to draw attention from the real facts, by blaming the storm. Their course regarding the guaranteeing of the bonds of the Dominion Packing Company is the last straw that will surely break the Government's back, no matter how they may try to wriggle out of it. Bravo Cardigan and West River!

THE Venezuelan affair has assumed a rather serious aspect; indeed, a state of warfare has been reached. In consequence of the refusal of President Castro to comply with the British and German ultimatum, the British and German ships prepared to blockade the Venezuelan coast, permitting trade at one or two ports, at which they would collect the revenues and thus reimburse their financial claims. This, with the seizure of the Venezuelan ships by the allied powers, exacerbated the populace and on Wednesday of last week a British merchant steamer, the Topaze, was seized by a mob in the harbor of Puerto Cabello, about 100 miles west of Caracas and La Guayra. After seizing the steamer they pulled down the British flag. This was an insult that could not be brooked, and the cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta were immediately despatched to Puerto Cabello, arriving on Saturday morning. The captain of the seized British steamer Topaze visited the British Commodore on board the Charybdis and an hour later returned

with a detachment of marines who speedily took charge of the Topaze. After that Commodore Montgomerie sent a demand to the authorities for immediate satisfaction for having hauled down the British flag from the Topaze, and advised them that if such were not forthcoming in two hours the fortress and Custom House would be bombarded. No answer having been returned to this demand the Charybdis and Vineta opened fire at five o'clock and commenced the bombardment of the Fortress and Custom House. The Fortress returned the fire; but was soon silenced. There was no damage done to the town. Later advices from Berlin, state that Italy will participate in the blockade by agreement with the allies, and that a portion of the coast will be assigned to the Italian ships. Thus the proceedings against Venezuela will become in every respect tripartite. Lieut Commander Tuerk first officer of the German Cruiser Gazelle has taken command of the Venezuelan Gunboat Restanador which is now flying the German flag. As soon as the Restanador has completed equipment at Port Spain, Island of Trinidad, she will be utilized in the German operations against Venezuela.

Conservatives Victorious. As intimated in our last issue, the by-election for the Provincial Legislature held on the 9th, resulted in the return of both Conservative candidates, by respectable majorities. In consequence of the storm, only a small vote was polled. Following are the results: THIRD DISTRICT OF KING'S. Morson MacLaren. Baldwin's Road 42 27. Victoria Cross 16 25. Cardigan 38 28. Lorne Valley 39 39. Roeseath 24 38. Montague Bridge 31 64. Dundas 80 55. Summerville 31 7. Majority for Morson, 23. SECOND DISTRICT OF QUEEN'S. Currie Maclean Wheatley. New Glasgow 6 2 3. North Rustico 7 4 4. South Rustico 21 8 0. Wheatley River 11 1 8. North Rustico 7 9 1. Kingston 7 9 1. Milton 6 6 4. North River 16 14 1. Nine Mile Creek 4 6 2. St Catherine's 108 72 58. Majority for Currie over Maclean, 52. Majority for Currie over Wheatley, 62.

Steamers' Movements. The steamers of the Steam Navigation Company, stopped running on Thursday last, 11th inst. On that day the Northumberland, which had gone to Point du Chene, from Summerville, on Wednesday, came to Charlottetown. On Wednesday the Princess made a round trip between here and Pictou, arriving here on return about 9 o'clock. These were their last trips for the season. The Minie, of the winter navigation steamer, went to Pictou on Thursday, and returned on Friday, bringing mails passengers and freight. She went to Pictou again on Saturday and returned Sunday. She is expected to continue these tri-weekly trips, as long as possible, before going to Georgetown. The Stanley left for P. C. on Wednesday, and after towing out some vessels from that vicinity, she is to go to Summerville on Saturday, on the winter route. The Coban arrived Wednesday afternoon with a cargo of coal for Peake Bros & Co. Fearing detention on account of the incident, the Captain decided to make for Halifax, without discharging the cargo and left Thursday morning. The steamer was a long time getting through the ice in the harbor but managed to get clear about 12.30. The Cacana left Thursday for St John with 64,000 lbs of bus osts, 5000 bus potatoes, 245 bus vegetables, 184 tons hay, 60 cases fowl and sundries. She stuck in the ice off the three miles and was there 2 p.m. The Coban got through in the track of the Minie, but the way was too narrow for the broader Cacana.

WINTER MADE SUMMER. (The Garden of the Gulf after the lapse of thirty-one years) I Storm-swept, Prince Edward's loyal Isle, Lies buried 'neath the drifting snow, Forgetful of the vernal smile It wore that summer long ago When, sailing o'er the tranquil sea I viewed these shores with eager eyes And shared a joy, so pure and free, With 'one now robed in Paradise.

The Garden of the Gulf no rose Holds blushing forth, no blossom fair, To wreathe with the wind that blows And sweet perfume the ocean air; For Edward's Isle in death like sleep Rests from the joys of harvest time, And wintry gales unheeded sweep O'er hillside hoar with marbled rime.

Aye, cold the snow and keen the gale Descending on yon ship at sea While straining mast and shattered sail Write midst the storm's wild revelry Yet, storm swept Isle, thy people's heart With summer warmth benignly beats And winter, vanquished, shrinks apart When Islander the stranger greets.

Disastrous Results of the Storm. The severe frost and very sudden setting in of winter caused great hardship and disappointment to shipping. A great many vessels were caught and frozen in at the different shipping ports. The schooner Precursor, loaded with oats, is frozen in at Crapaud. The schooner H. S. with 3,000 bush oats is frozen in at Ch'town. Both vessels were loaded by Carvell Bros.

The schooner Nellie Reed of Brule, ashore near River John was laden with 140 tons of coal for Peake Bros., of this city. She is likely to be a total loss. The crew had a terrible experience on Friday night being lashed to the rigging all night in the blinding snowstorm.

The schooner Arctic has arrived at Arichat from Porto Rico with a cargo of Porto Rico molasses for Carvell Bros. She will go to Georgetown to unload. The schooner Citizen is ashore at Black Point, East Point on the North Side. She is supposed to have gone on on Tuesday night of last week and will likely prove a total wreck. She was loaded with coal and bound for Alberton. We understand that there is a possibility of saving part of the cargo. The schooner Citizen was a vessel of 85 tons, was built in Lunenburg in 1898, and was owned by William Miller, Alberton. The schooner Evolution loaded by H. C. Oatbridge for Bermuda with 8500 c. cargo of oats and potatoes is ashore on Governors Island. She had been towed to the bell buoy on Wednesday by Batt's tug. The captain and crew walked ashore from Governor's Island and came to the city on Friday. They report the schooner ashore about 1/2 of a mile from the Island. She is aground at low tide but floats at high water. She was driven to the present position by the ice which snapped the chains of both anchors. The ice is piled all around the vessel, and it is hardly possible she can be released until spring. When the Coban passed the schooner on Wednesday evening, the latter had signs of being asking to be towed back to Charlottetown. The captain interviewed Captain Finlayson with a view of having the Minie tow the schooner out but as there is not sufficient water for the steamer it is impossible to render aid. The schooner Swift Current coal laden for C. Lyons & Co. of this city, which left Hawkebury Thursday, company with schooner Vivian has not yet been reported. She was last seen by the crew of the Vivian astern of that vessel while they were off Souris Friday morning. The Vivian arrived here Sunday week. The Swift Current was a vessel of about 65 tons and was owned by Beck Bros, Murray Harbour two of whom are aboard schooner. It is possible she may have sought shelter in the vicinity of Pictou Island and may yet be detained there.

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