SEMI-WEEKLY SUN, ST. JOHN, N B., AUGUST 25, 1900

CRYPTIC RITE.

Meeting of the Supreme Grand Council.

The Report of Honorable Robert Marshall, Puissant Grand Master.

A Home for Freemasons in Some Central Plac in the Maritime Provinces Suggested - Tribute to Late Companion Capt. Chas. F. Harrison.

The Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry of the Maritime Provinces met in the Masonic Temple, Monday, the 20th August, A. D. 1900.

The Hon. Robert Marshall, Puissant Grand Master, being seated on the Grand East after organization had been completed, read the following as his annual message to the Illustrious Companions:

REPORT.

To the Officers and Illustrious Companions of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry of the Maritime Provinces, Greeting:

The number "thirty-three" has peculiar significance and importance to not that the leading Masons of the the thoughtful student of our ceremonials. This ought to be, and is, a marked period in the history of our Royal Select and Super-excellent Dein these provinces down by the sea. grees of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry in the province of New Brunswick, and one may reasonably be excused in making a brief and careful retrospect of our history.

In the year 1865 your Grand Master "passed the circle" in the Baltimore Council of Royal and Select Masters, located in the city of Baltimore, U. S. A.

On the fourteenth and fifteenth days of August, in the year 1867, just thirtythree years ago, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was organ ized in the city of St. John and in Carleton-now known as St. John West End-under and by virtue of authority of three warrants issued by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Maine, U. S. A., as will more fully and at large appear by reference to the printed proceedings of those now historic

years. In the year A. D. 1871 the Grand Council of New Brunswick assumed control of the "Red Cross" degree, with the cordial approval and endorsement of the Grand Encamp nent of Knights

now in existence for the considera-

tion of a Masonic home under the

leaders of the various organizations

controlling the higher branches of our

Masonic orders in these provinces to

take a more earnest view of the

scheme, for better following the sub-

time teachings inculcated by the life,

death and resurrection of our risen

Saviour, my words will not be in vain.

the most beautiful and sublime system

of morality that the world ever beheld

must have been instituted by the

King of Kings to gently woo the mind

of man away from idolatrous dogmas, of

vain glory and hypocrisy, envy, malice,

hatred and all uncharitableness, and

elevating him to that higher, holier

sphere of gentleness, kindness, brother-

ly love and charity towards all man-

kind. Moved by His silent monitor

within us to have faith in the one

true God, belief in the resurrection of

the body, and hope in the immortality

the distressed brother Mason.

Let us make a long pull, a strong

Full and a pull all together and suc-

The historical lecturer tells us that

New Brunswick.

the sunset.

dated 23rd October, A. D. 1899. Right Illustrious Companion John Templar of the United States of Am-A. Watson, 32 deg., Grand Council erica, as will appear by reference to linois, dated 23rd October, A. D. 1899. the proceedings of that grand organi Thrice Illustrious Companion Thos. zation at its eighteenth triennial ses-Van Buskirk Bingay, Grand Council sion, held in the city of Baltimore, of Tennessee, dated 2nd April, A. D. Maryland, September, A. D. 1871, and 1900 recorded on pages 102, 166 and 233 of Right Illustrious Companion the the proceedings of that year. Hon. Arthur I. Trueman, judge of The proposition to make the deprobate, 32 deg., Grand Council of grees of the Cryptic Rite of Freema-California, dated 23rd day of April, A. sonry a prerequisite before advanc-D. 1899. ing to the Order of the Temple was On the 24th July, A. D. 1899, we then under consideration, but little, if issued a dispensation to Moncton any, substantial progress has been Council, No. 8, to instal officers on a made, and my impression is that the date other than the constitution al-

Grand Master.

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tor of Work.

vinces, viz.:

SOUTH AFRICA. tain Charles F. Harrison, ever took a deep interest in the higher branches of our Masonic order. He offered his From Headquarters of Ya M. C. A. Canadian

cess, abundant success, will most as-

Our whole-souled Companion, Cap

services to Queen and country at the

time of the outbreak in South Africa,

which were at once accepted. He now

fills a hero's grave in that distant part

of our British Empire. In heartfelt sympathy I recommend that a mem-

orial page be set apart in our printed

brance of our beloved Companion, and

that a copy of the same be forwarded

In September, A. D. 1899, I pro-

ceeded to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

En route I had the pleasure of meet-

ing our Illustrious Brother Wm. Mar-

shal Black 33 deg. On our arrival at

the city of Yarmouth we were both

gratified in extending a welcome to

Right Illustrious Theodore A. Coss-

man, Inspector General for Nova Sco-

Master of the Grand Lodge of Free

and Accepted Masons of the said pro-

With the able and efficient assistance

of Right Illustrious Companions Wm.

Marshall Black, 33 deg., and Theodore

A. Cossman, 32 deg., on the evening

Grand Recorder, John A. Watson, 32

of Tennessee with rank of P. Deputy

And on the 23rd day of April, A. D.

1899, we forwarded a commission to J.

A. Britton as representative to the

Grand Council of California with rank

of Puissant Grand Principal Conduc-

On our joint recommendation the

following Illustrious Companions have

been duly commissioned to represent

their respective Grand Councils, now

the Supreme Grand Council of the

Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Pro-

Right Illustrious Companion Alex. R.

Campbell, Grand Council of Vermont.

to his sorrowing widow.

proceedings in sympathetic remem

suredly be ours.

Contingent.

Interesting Letters from Thomas F. Best and H. G. Barrie,

Officers in Charge.

The Former Writes from Durdenpoort and the Latter from the

Camp Before Johannesburg.

DURDENPOORT, June 15th, 1900 .special work contributions will be have taken my share of the roughgladly received by C. S. Gzowski, 15 ing it with the men, and have done all tia, and our Most Worshipful Grand Toronto street. Toronto. in my power, so far as I could see, to make their lot easier, clothing the poorly clad, sharing my last hardtack with those who had none, giving medicine to the sick, and the most cheer we could muste to all. We have seen hard times, beyond what will ever be known, for our men are plucky and of the 14th September, A. D. 1899, we duly organized at the Masonic Temple

do not complain of hardships. Whenever possible, open air meet-

in that city "Yarmouth Council of the ings were held at nights, and when we Cryptic Rite, No. 12," under authorwere not marching on Sundays we ity of the Supreme Grand Council of held brigade or regimental parade serthe Cryptic Rite of the maritime provices at the will of the general, Chapvinces, since which time our worthy lain Lane and I working together, like deg., has had the formal warrant Paul and Barnabas, and a few times I arranged Bible classes and prayer beautifully engraved and forwarded, and with a little more effort I doubt meetings. So far as was considered wise I have kept up a steady systematic personal work, and when nothcity of Yarmouth will prove equal to ing else could be done, travelling hard the occasion and cause Yarmouth by night and day. My heart was lift-Council to rank first among its peers ed up to God in prayer for our men, sometimes from the saddle and some Agreeably to arrangement had by correspondence, I caused to be issued times on my back on the cold veldt, a commission dated 29th August, A. looking up to the stars, I have enjoyed sweet communion with our Father D. 1899, to Illustrious Companion R. J. McLaughlin, as representative of Ar-No mail has reached us for two months now, and I am doubtful if kansas in the rank of Puissant Deputy this will ever reach you, as our mails, like everything else, are in confusion. On the fifth of March, A. D. 1899, a I will close this now, and write with tice of England, Lord Russell of Kilcommission was issued to Illustrious more confidence when the railroad line lowen, former counsel for the pris-Companion Nathan S. Woodward as representative to the Grand Council is open.

Yours till Jesus comes,

T. F. BEST.

LETTER FROM H. G. BARRIE. IN CAMP BEFORE JOHANNES-BURG, July, 2.-By 3 p. m. on May 29th we were engaged with the Boers in force. I had several conversations with the men before the conflict began. During the action my time was spent in acting as stretcher-bearer. Darkness brought the struggle to a close, but not before the Gordons had suffered heavily in carrying the kopje in front of them at the point of the bayonet. Their advance was as fearlessly done as a parade at home would have been. In the early morn- I could not help but feel that in his ing, when the dead were collected, death I had lost my best friend. It is

helpful meetings in it. It is a great pleasure to be able to get our Christian men together again for united work. Blessing has already been manifest in our work, (though one grieves at the lack of conversions, while men ask, "When are you going to have another meeting?" "I enjoyed the singing last night." "We do not know what we would do without the Y. M. C. A. man," and affied expressions. I believe the difficulties have been so great that instead of praying a way through them we have relied too much on human effort. We are clearly on the right tack. God has indeed blessed us. Only this a. m. a man sat on the ant heap about which we were holding our meeting, convicted of sin. The hard 'iving the men have to endure has a demoralizing effect upon them. Dear friend, we ask for your prayers. Yours sincerely, H. G. BARRIE.

As funds are still required for this

MRS. MAYBRICK

Indignant at Recent Attack on Late Lord Russell

In His Death She Lost One of Her Best Friends-Still Hopeful of Release.

LONDON, Aug. 21 .- For the first time since her life sentence was imposed eleven years ago, Mrs. Florence Maybrick had a private interview with then. her counsel. Dr. Clark Bell of New York, at Aylesbury prison, today, A portion of the time counsel gave up to a representative of the Associated Press, who, through the courtesy of the home office, was granted an opportunity to talk to the prisoner. Mrs.

Maybrick, like her many friends, is indignant at the attacks made by the Liverpool Post on the late chief jus-

"The only person up to the present who ever saw me alone," she said to the Associated Press representative, was the chief justice. When the assizes were here last February, Lord Russell came to the prison and asked to see me, as was his official right, irrespective of the home office or anyone. When he was starting to go he said:

"''Mrs. Maybrick, I am doing all in my power for your release. Whatever happens, remember this-that if there is one man in England who believes in your innocence, I am that man.'" "It was only by accident that I heard

CECIL RHODES AS A SITTER.

An artist's daughter relates the fol-

lowing of Cecil Rhodes while the great

man of Kimberley was in her father's

intend to paint me full face?"

me other than full face."

About People.

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of Lord Russell's death. for I have not seen a newspaper for a decade. But, an outrage, in view of his constant

Beverly Armstrong Sergt. and Pte. White Wounded. Latter Severely.

FROM THE FRONT.

and Corp. Markham of the Second Contingent.

Parks Has Seen Some Hot Fighting-Surprised at Getting Into Pretoria So Easily Great Mortality Among Canadian Horses.

RIETFONTEIN, July 13 .- We are still here. We had a big scrap with the Boers. "Bev" Armstrong was wounded through the foot, but not seriously. Pte. H. B. White of Waterville, N. S. (No. 4 troop) was wounded pretty badly by a bit of shell through his stomach. The mail is just leaving. I am well. In haste. RALPH MARKHAM.

Letter from Sergeant Parker, B squadron, 1st batt. C. M. R.: DERDEPOORTE, 7 miles N. W. of Pretoria, June 27, 1900. Dear Father-I have not written

home since we left Kronstad, nearly six weeks ago, I am sorry to say, but we have been on the go all the time (or some of us have), and this is the first rest camp I have been in since

We left Kroonstad on a Sunday and marched with Hutton's brigade to the Vaal. We did not cross, but made a forced march of 25 miles to another crossing, where we crossed without firing a shot on the 24th of May.

We had been expecting that the Boers would have made a strong resistance to our crossing, but I think we must have outmanoeuvred them and that they did not expect us to

cross where we did. After crossing the Vaal we did not have any fighting till we reached Johannesburg. There we were ordered to advance across a level stretch and seize a kopje. We advanced in open order when they turned a big gun and a pom-pom on us. (Pom-pom is the nickname for the quick firing guns When fired it sounds like pom-pomoom. Some fire 14 or 15 one pound shells in a regular string). The shells burst around us and among us, but

luckily only hurt one horse. It gives you a queer sensation in the pit of the stomach when the shells

were flying around. We seized the kopje and held it all night. We linked our horses and left them saddled under a guard at the foot of the hill.

It was a very cold night, the water

BRITAIN'S FLAG Raised Over the Tonga Group in the

South Pacific.

The Tonga Archipelago is considerably south of Samoa and Fill lies about midway between them. It is some distance from any of the chief ocean highways between the New World and Australia, and therefore has not at-Interesting Letters from Sergt. Parks tracted so much attention from European powers that have long been pick-ing up unappropriated islands. This is doubtless the reason why the young King of Tonga has been able to enjoy the distinction, for a while, of being the last independent ruler among the island groups of the Pacific. He received a letter from ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii congratulating him upon the proud fact and he was greatly elated by this attention.

But the King of the Tonga group is no longer independent, for gentle but persistent suasion was brought to bear upon him, and he at last consented to place his islands under British protection. It came about in this vay:

Though the group is not on any of the big trade routes, it is very fertile, has vast groves of cocoanut palms and produces a great deal of copra, which is very useful for soap-making and some other purposes. The Germans, frequently visiting the islands in small vessels, have practically monopolized this trade. In March last, under an agreement between Germany, England and the United States, the German flag was hoisted over all of the Samoan group except Tutuila and some neighboring islets that fell to the United States. Germany had to make various concessions to England as compensation for her claims in Samoa and among these sops thrown to the British lion was the Tonga group. The Germans said: "To be sure, we have no political claims upon the Tongans, but, commercially, their islands have really been ours. You may set up a protectorate if you wish to, and we will keep hands off, now and evermore."

Thus everything was arranged on paper before the Tongans knew anything about it; and then the delicate task devolved upon Basil Thomson, the British special commissioner, to break the news to the Tongans. He had

visited the islands before and the people liked him, for he is a jolly good fellow. But it is doubtful if he would have made much headway if it had not been that the King had recently contracted a marriage that was not at all popular with many of the most influential men in the islands; and by securing their interest and cajoling the King, who at first thought he preferred independence to all the protectorates in the world, Mr. Thomson finally secured the signing of the treaty he had prepared.

This treaty will prevent any other nower from entering into relations with Tonga. It brings all foreigners under the jurisdiction of the British court and gives England coaling and repairing stations in the two best harbors in the group. But the soverand not an acre of lands is to be held by whites except under lease. So the Tongans will remain in control of most of th ir affairs, though their country has been formally declared to be a British protectorate.

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CHIPMAN.

well known died at Como of eighty-five se father was otia, was born He was edurofession, but se he took a general's ofg also as secey. In 1849 he surance busithe last few mo. He leaves three daugh

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time has gone by for the success of lows Anent this council. I may say the advocates of this material change that the Companions of the Council in in our ritual and ceremonial. the city of Moncton are beginning to In the year just referred to our exercise the same energy that brought

Grand Council assumed the style and about the unbounded success of the title of The Grand Council of Royal "Ivanhoe Preceptory" under warrant and Select Masters of the province of of the Sov. Great Priory of Knight New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada; Templar of Canada. and at our last annual convocation

From our ritual we learn that "the our Grand Council assumed the title council degrees are indeed very beauof the Supreme Grand Council of the tiful and the most impressive and in-Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Provteresting of all the degrees is the inces, with the unanimous consent of Ancient York Rite, and a knowledge Illustrious Companions of Prince Edof them is essentially -necessary to ward Island, New Brunswick and fully comprehend and appreciate the Nova Scotia. The following up of this Masonic system in symbolic and union movement by other supreme capitular Masonry. Therefore, you authorities in these provinces down by will, I feel assured, permit me most the sea, would give, in my judgment, earnestly to urge every Royal Arch greater potentiality to the charitable Mason in the maritime provinces to works of these branches of our order petition for the council degrees. We in these prosperous provinces. For have over five hundred Royal Arch example, who can measure the good Masons in this city and province, and that would be the outcome of the esno Companion should longer be ignortablishment of a "Home for Freemaant of the mysteries of the Royal sons" in some central and convenient Arch, which are so clearly explained location, either in this province or in in our councils and which complete the province of Nova Scotia or Prince the teachings of the York Rite of Edward Island. In union there is Freemasonry. strength, and one would respectfully

In handing over the gavel, as I now ask this Supreme Grand Council to do, I beg to say that no effort shall be appoint a committee with plenary spared on my part to bring about the power to confer with the committee success of our "Maritime Union," which I trust is but the forerunner of other "unions" in our Masonic order, control of the grand lodges of Nova and it shall give me unbounded pleas-Scotia, Prince Edward Island and ure to hand over my authority to an Illustrious Brother hailing from my If these remarks tend to induce the native province of Nova Scotia.

And now, my Illustrious Companions, nay our Supreme Benefactor preside over our councils and grant us grace to possess our vessels in sanctification and honor and to be content and ready when the hour of "the third watch shall come" to return over the valley of the Shadow of Death to our abiding place eternal in the heavens.

> Respectfully submitted, ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Master.

OPENING ROYAL TOMBS.

BERLIN, Aug. 20 .- The work of opening the tombs of the ancient German Emperors buried in the Cathedral of Spires is progressing. The first discovery made was of the sarcophaegus of Emperor Conrad II., surnamed the Salique, of the house of Franconia, who died in 1039. The remains

Before. After. Wood's Phosphodine, The Great English Remedy. Sold and recommended by druggists in Canada. Only n able medicine discovered. teed to cure al ges guaranteed to cure s of cexual weakness, all effects of soust cess, Mental Worry, Excessive use of To-), Opium or Stimulants. Mailed on receipt loe, one package \$1, six, \$5. One will please, Weak, Pamphlets free to any address. The Wood Company. Windsor, Ons

there were 17 laid out in a ghastly. row. The wounded made the casualty and untiring efforts and friendship for in our bottles froze, and as we had not list run up to 96 in all. Before rolling me, that he should be attacked now up in our blankets for the night I got that he is dead. I fully appreciate and the fellows together round the camp am glad of the chance to express my fire and read Psalm 91 by way of gratitude to the officials in Washingthanksgiving for our wonderful escape ten and to my friends throughout America, especially the ladies, for what during the day.

The scene at the hospital ambuthey are doing. It is that alone which has upheld me all these years. I have lances in the morning was heartrending. Strong men wallowing in their many friends in England too and canlife's blood were struggling in unnot but believe the time will soon consciousness, necessitating straps to come when these long years of capprevent them injuring themselves tivity will cease and I shall be remore; men suffering silently, some stored to my mother and my country.' Mrs. Maybrick is now 36 years of age. tied up in all sorts of bandages, while She has the prison pallor, but her blue the attendants were as careful and as eyes and dark wavy hair are still regentle as possible.

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minders of the attractions which made We have a Bible reading at 8 a.m. her a bride at seventeen. She wears when circumstances permit, and as a the light blue check prison costume source of blessing to our Christian with a red star on the shoulder, indifellows its value is inestimable. Every cative of it being her first offence and afternoon we have a meeting of such of her former good character. Below a nature that everyone in camp knows this is the letter "L." meaning that of it and can come. she is a life prisoner. and her prison

If it was not for the paper that we supply to them the boys could not number. write one tenth of the letters that they do, as very few carry any paper in their kits.

On June 20th, while in Bloemfontein, I had the privilege of addressing a crowded tent. One backslider remained to have his broken communion

restored. We are not at present able to hold our meetings regularly. The men are on very short rations, and as soon as they get off duty go foraging for themselves, and often it is 12 p. m. before they settle down. Many of the men consider flour and water, without salt, or anything, a luxury, and dozens make the major part of their meals of half-roasted corn on the cob and eaten on the march.

When an opportunity for a meeting presents itself we take it, for example, a couple of us joined a small group warming themselves at the camp fire after supper. "Woudn't you like some singing after the fatigues of the day?" A hearty response was the answer, an

impressive service was the result. Poor Glover died very suddenly in Johannesburg when we first entered the city. It came as a very heavy blow to Black and myself, as the three of us have been intimately and most happily associated together in the work for some weeks past, while my own love and esteem for Glover is now months old. He had large plans for the welfare of the soldiers, and was following up Lord Roberts's column with the idea of pitching his tent at the earliest moment, when he was stricken down with dysentery. I doubt if there has been a man so greatly

used of God in this campaign as Glover has been.

The colonel has kindly given us the waiting room of the old station, which we have furnished with several school desks, benches, chairs, etc., making a clean, comfortable reading and writing room. The first man that came in this morning said that he would never have thought of writing home if it had not been for our facilties and invitation last night to make use of the

oom. It is a real treat to get into a room. Furniture is a thing that we never think of or have, but are fortunate when we can throw our blankets on a Tool

the third?" The "third" is Lord Rus-Our room is crowded to the utmost. Since the men have learned its location sell, and strangely enough his death, and privileges they are here like flies like that of his illustrious predecesabout a honey pot, and appreciate it sors, was entirely unexpected.-Lonjust as much. Sunday we had two don Evening News.

enough blankets we nearly froze also. Next morning we made a reconnaissance, but they turned their pom-pom on us, so we retired to our kopje and staved there the rest of the day. In the afternoon we left the kopie, and the whole force retired, making a flanking march, the Boers giving us a farewell taste of the pom-pom as ve left.

They say we retired in good order, and General Hutton patted us on the back, also General Franch.

side of Johannesburg, dropping and the Soleil that he has had a difference leaving me, saddle and accoutrements with his colleagues, were all undoubtia the middle of the road about eight edly interesting. But the chase across o'clock one night. Luckily I was able to borrow a pony, and got to camp about 11 o'clock. Since then I have been taking the go out of three or four of our broken down old animals, and am about tired of it.

Out of 37 Canadian horses we had when we started, only five or six it, the Parisian got ahead. Not to be reached Pretoria. Now we have two. After Johannesburg surrendered we advanced on Pretoria. We only saw one scrap, and not much of that. We were surprised at getting into Pretoria so easily, but you know more about

it from the papers than we do. The Canadian papers are very in-Directly the painter opened his litaccurate in reporting the scrap at tle paint box and prepared to begin Leauw Kop. They said the 1st and organ of Mr. Tarte. Le Soleil anthe portrait, Mr. Rhodes rose from his chair, drew his great form up to 2nd Battalions of C. M. R. and Strathcona's Horse were engaged, its full height, and said: "Sir, do you which was a mistake. B Squadron ent at Montreal to wire the interview. The was the only Canadian force there. painter, unaware of Mr. Rhode's lit-Pretoria is a very pretty town. It tle eccentricties, did not know what reminds me of Fredericton. They have to answer for the moment, but Mr. some fine buildings and pretty houses, Rhodes swept all hesitation aside by gardens and good streets. It was laration was nipped in the bud. La blurking out. "Now, look here; if you quite refreshing to see civilians and Patrie declared that Mr. Tarte would don't paint me full face, you don't girls in straw hats and summer say nothing except that he left the paint me at all, unless it is the lack dresses after seeing nothing but dirty steamer because the weather was disof my head. Why in heaven's name "Tommies" in khaki for so long. We agreeable, though everybody else found does a man want to paint your side marched through the town and camp- it delightful. The three ministers who face when all honest men look you straight in the face? No one ever saw ed on the other side.

day they picked out 50 horses able to only about the time Mr. Tarte made "A man here called Blank, R. A," travel and 50 men from our squadron added Mr. Rhodes, "once dared paint me three-quarter face. Three-quarter, and chased us off north of Pretoria, indeed! I sent him a cheque for the and for ten or twelve days we have picture. I wanted him to destroy it." been running around guarding con-And he flung himself back in his chair voys. etc., etc.,

Last week we got back to this plump in front of the painter. looked camp, stayed one day, and then 35 of him full in the face, and growled: 'Now begin." The poor painter looked B and the same number of A squadthoroughly embarrassed, and I felt ron were attached to a force of mounted infantry and a battery of artillery scared, for I have never seen any one look quite so savage. But we soon and sent to meet Baden-Powell coming from Mafeking. understood that a great deal of this

We met him three days out, and roughness was to cover an almost childish shyness, for Mr. Rhodes at then turned back and came by easy stages, disarming the Boers and heart is a very shy man. Almost imsearching for arms as we came. mediately the painter and he were in

Twelve of our fellows brought in sympathy, and a warm friendship sprang up between them.-Mainly two field guns, for which they got a good deal of credit.

We got here two days ago, and will be here a few days longer we expect. We got some mail here, the first I

have had since the first of May, also It is a curious thing, often noted by some papers, which I was very glad those connected with the press, that when a great man dies his death is to get. The Boers captured and burnfrequently, though, of course, not by ed a lot of mail, some of which was any means invariably, followed by for us, at Zand River, back in the those of two others of high position. Free State.

We are getting remounts and will So when Humbert fell to the bullet go further north for a while, but we burgh succumbed to a dread disease, imagine the war is about over. I country last fall but for the bad want to stick to the squadron as long of the very existence of which none as there is any work to be done. This but his immediate family were aware, is a good country, and there ought to the question was asked: "Who will be be good chances out here.

* Your affec. son, JACK. Advertisements in THE SUN pay. POLITICAL NEWS.

(Quebec Chronicle.)

Much interest attaches to the movements of Mr. Tarte. His flight to Paris before the session, his precipitate My little horse got played out this return, and the suggestion reported in the ocean, and its outcome, gives the incident an exciting turn. The four ministers had engaged their passage on the Parisian. Mr. Tarte cancelled his and came on the Lake Superior. quite confident that it would be the first to arrive. As ill-luck would have out-done, Mr. Tarte left the Lake Superior at Rimouski, and took the first train for Montreal, announcing that he would tell his story in La Patrie. Journalists sent down to interview him and admiring friends, probably prospective contractors, who went to welcome him, were evaded, and a sensational declaration may appear in the nounced on Saturday, in large print, that it had instructed its correspond-Both telegraph companies were engaged to transmit the important statement, and an extra edition containing it was announced. But the deced on the other side. Here we expected a rest, but next Blair and Fielding, got into Quebec Montreal. They denied the reported dissensions. One of them, Mr. Blair, had so little use for Mr. Tarte that he declared he had not seen him or spoken to him in Paris. Another, Mr. Fielding, said that probably Mr. Tarte would speak for himself. In political circles the incident is much spoken of. The flight of Mr.. Tarte, his evasion of

his colleagues and his haste to say something in La Patrie, the suppression of his utterances all go to add interest to the complication. EXIT TARTE.

Will be Shipped Back to Paris Before Elections.

OTTAWA, Aug. 21 .- When the government appeals to the country it will be minus Mr. Tarte. It is realized now that the "master of the administration" is likely to prove a veritable Jonah, hence he must be got rid of before the appeal to the electorate. It is an open secret that the government would have appealed to the break which Mr. Tarte made respecting Canada's participation in the South Africa war. It would never do under existing circumstances for the government to be confronted all over Canada and held responsible for Mr. Tarte's utterances, accordingly he will shortly be shipped back to Paris.

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