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Ladysmith is relieved. Such is the welcome intelligence that flashed over the wires this morning.

All Europe and the Colonies are rejoicing over the success of British Arms. In Guelph a half holiday has been proclaimed JOE MARTIN PREMIER OF B.C.

Peculiar Complications in Pacific Province Politics.

Fighting Joe," After Being Squelched at Ottawa, Went to the Coast to Practice Law, But Could Not Tear Himself Away From Politics - Now He Triumphed - Prospective Minis-

Victoria, B.C., March 1. - In Victoria, B.C., March 1. — In no Canadian province has there yet arisen more peculiar political complications than are now developing in British Columbia. The present Premier (now one day called to that honor), being "Fighting Joe" Martin, late of Manitoba, and the most interesting political figure in the West. He came to the province some three years ago, determined at that time to keep out of politics and devote himself to his law practice. Soon, however, a political campaign

time to keep out of politics and devote himself to his law practice. Soon, however, a political campaign presented itself. At the general election of 1898, Martin was forced to the front by the then Opposition, and with them. won. He at once aspired to the Premiership, but was outvoted by Semlin of Yale, and finally accepted the portfolio of Attorney-General, while he dominated and decided the Government policy and Jegislation. A crisis coming in time through his contempt for the feelings of his followers, he was kicked out of the party, and, refusing to unite with the Opposition, inaugurated a campaign on his own account, which ended successfully last Friday in the defeat of the Government, Martin meanwhile having sown such seeds among the Oppositionists that they divided their strength, one-half going back on their principles in order to secure a coalition, while the other section remained staunch but impotent by reason of the desertions. Under the peculiar circumstances the Governor refused to continue his advisers, claiming that their coalition was merely a purchase of Oppositionists for the Durpose of retaining power.

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Martin was ther called upon to form a Government, although he has no followers and few friends in the province. By his assertive individuality he is likely to succeed, and it was announced last night that Smith Curtis of Rossland will be Minister of Mines in his Government, and W. W. B. Mc-Innes, M.P., son of the Governor, Attorney-General.

As soon as the slate is complete and the sounce of the state is complete.

As soon as the slate is complete, an appeal will be made to the country.

MINISTERS IN BAD SHAPE. Being Delayed in the House of Commons These Days.

Ottawa, March 1. — Ash Wednesday was a holiday for the Commoners, and the House was comparative-

ers, and the House was comparatively deserted.

It is a matter of comment that at least four Cabinet Ministers are either under the weather or on the verge of being so. Hon. Sidney Fisher is at his father's residence in Montreal, confined to his room with a severe attack of bronchitis. He has not been in his seat in the House for two weeks, and may not be there again for another two weeks.

Hon. I. Tarte is far from well, and may be expected to go south at any day.

day. Sir Richard Cartwright walks with difficulty and with a cane. Paralysis is what he fears, and it may

come any day.

Hon. C. Sifton is hard of hearing, and is about to undergo an operation and is about to undergo an operation in Vienna that may be serious, and will at any event keep him from the House two months.

These Ministerial indispositions make departmental affairs muddled, and shift the work upon untried

and shift the work upon untried shoulders.

These facts have had something to do with the elaborate waste of one month with the real business of the House not being met. For the main estimates of Mr. Fleiding, handed down last night, are not a sign of real business; the real estimates will appear when the supplementary estimates are brought down. Much time will be talked away before this occurs.

Will Herbert Be Pardened?

montreal, who bleaded south Mave vesterday for the resigned guilty yesterday aftermoon to stearing \$50,000 from the Ville Marie Bank, and that the accused will appear against the other delinquents when the trials begin. It is said Mr. Baxter's case will come off first.

C. P. R. Profits Increase.

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At the last election in South Mayo Mr. Davitt was returned unopposed.

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Montreal, March 1. — The earnings of the C. P. R. for January, 1900, are: Gross earnings, \$2,152,071; working expenses, \$1,460.502; net profits, \$691,569, In January, 1899, net profits were \$617,534. The increase in net profits over the same period last year is, therefore, for January, \$741,035.

Toronto, March 1. — It was learned yesterday on good authority that—Hon. Speaker Evanturel has been appointed by the Provincial Government as Ontario's representative at the World's Fair, Paris, and that he and his family will leave for France at the close of the present session.

Big Guns of Ontario Opposition Withhold Fire for a Day.

One or Two Strong Shots Concerning the West Elgin Corruption-Mr. Cars Asks the Government for a Vote of

Toronto, March 1 .- At the opening of the House yesterday Mr. Ross brought down a resolution that a select committee be appointed to as-sist the Speaker in the care of the library, including Messrs. Ross, Dry-den, Matheson, Stratton, Gibson and Foy.

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The Debate Resumed.

Mr. Lucas resumed the debate. He criticised the speech of Mr. Gibson, and declared that what the people really wanted are detectives to hunt down the criminals, police to hold them and prosecutors to bring the crimes home to them in the dock. (Applause.) The people also wanted the whole truth about the organized conspiracy that brought the army of bribers, perjurers and ballot stuffers into West Elgin, under the command of the Reform organizer.

"If," said Mr. Lucas, "all this is true, and the proof of the arraignment is abundant, is there a member on the Government side of the House bold enough or brazen enough to stand up in his place and say that the Government should not hide its head in shame and retire from office without further delay." (Applause).

Mr. Gibson asked why the people of the locality did not bring the facts before the judges.

Mr. Lucas—"Drowning men will grasp at straws. (Applause). But I am willing even to acquit the Government of wrong doing in the past if they will only do right now." (Applause).

Mr. Lucas then went into the record of the "machine," in the various constituencies, showing in each case the activity of the Government officials and the protecting negligence of the Government.

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After charging that the Government dare not prosecute the criminals, he said: "Prosecutions pinch, and disclosures sometimes follow. If the Government were to prosecute, if they were to go to the bottom of the conspiracy, some of the men who would go behind the bars might grow penitent and disclose things. The only conclusion that I can come to is that the Government has decided it is better to stand the ills they have a very real fear of. One confession is about as much of a burden as this Government can stand. (Loud appliates.)

Mr. F. F. Pardee (West. Lambton)

Government can stand. (Loud applause.)

Mr. F. F. Pardee (West Lambton)
read an average quality speech on approved lines, eulogizing his party.
He thought the House and the country had heard more than enough of
the election frauds.

John Barr (Dufferin) said the corruption in the bye-elections affected
the country as no other question in
the history of Ontario had. The position taken by the Government was
untenalle, and it was impossible for
them to do anything more to support
it. Mr. Macnish had signed his obnfession to save the Government, and
if he had not done so the work of the
machine would have been brought
home to the Provincial Liberal or
ganization and traced right up to the
Treasury benches. If any gentleman

Treasury benches. If any gentleman on the other side of the House seriously doubted the Government's re-sponsibility he ought to be snapped up by Barnum's circus as a human

ouriosity.

A: Malcolm (Centre Bruce) continued the debate up to 6 o'clock for the Government, when the House adjourned. The adjournment of the debate was moved by Mr. Carscallen.

New Ontario Asks \$3000. New Ostario Ask Sappo.
The "New" Ontario delegation saw
Premier Ross and Messrs. Davis,
Stratton and Harcourt yesterday.
The deputation was composed of the
following from Port Arthur. D. F.,
Burke, G. P. Marks, S. Hall, C. H. following from Port Arthur. D. F. Burké, G.-P. Marks, S. Hall, C. H. Shera, W. A. Burruss, J. J. O'Connor, H. A. Wylie, I. J. Matthews; from Fort William: E. A. Carpenter; from Mines Centre: W. E. Preston, John Blackwood. They asked for a survey of the new townships, for new maps, that the minimum grant of \$100 be doubled for one year to new schools, new roads, and finally for \$3,000 cash for their Colonization Association, and the Government promised to consider the request.

A Prescott County delegation, headed by Speaker Figanturel, asked for a subsidy of \$2000 per mile for a 12-mile extension of the C.P.R., to run from Point Fortune to Hawkesbury.

James McMullen, M.P., yesterday led a Wellington County deputation before the Ontario Government with the object of urging the appointment of Absalom Allan, ex-M.P.P., to the office of Sheriff of Wellington, vacant by the death of Mr. McKim.

Peterboro County would fixe a grant from the Provincial Government for a floating bridge over Chemung Lake. The Dominion Government has already granted a third; the town of Peterboro will give \$4,000.

The first Liberal caucus of the session was held yesterday.

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Mr. Michael Davitt's Succe

London, March 1. - The result of

SOLDIERS' LETTERS.

Governments of Other Countries

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Are Consulted.

Ottawa, March 1. — The Postoffice Department has made an official
announcement in regard to soldiers'
letters. All letters, whether from
Great Britain or any other part of
the Empire, require to be prepaid at
the rate of one penny per half onnee,
Owing to the soldiers in the field in
South Africa not being able to procure postage stamps with which to
prepay their correspondence, the Canandian Government obtained permission from the Imperial Government
and from the Cape Colony Government
and from the May charge of postage
on soldiers' letters from South Africa, Winnipeg, March 1. — John Crawford, Independent Liberal, was nominated yesterday to oppose Provincial Treasurer Davidson at the approaching bye-election for Beautiful
Plains.

Arrica. Without the consent of the various Governments there can be no change in postal rates on mail matter passing from one part of the Empire to another.

Their Daty Facines.

Out at the Exhibition Grounds the members of Strathcona's Herse are daily put through their facings. Yesterday afternoon, while the favier sergeant was taming an untamed mustang, he was thrown and severely trampled upon, but escaped with only bruists. This is but an incident of every day's routine. Commissioner Whits fixes the date of the troops departure at March 6.

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The authorities at the Militia Department have not received any cablegram identifying the wounded danadians in Tuesday's fight. Hon. F. Borden has cabled Col. Otter to send numbers, and a speedy answer is hoped for, but no official list may be issued until the arrival of the mails from the War Office. In the meantime the relatives of those reported killed or wounded should remember that there are in the regiment two, three or even four men of the same name.

Cheque for \$350.

A cheque for \$350 has been cabled to D Company (Ottawa) Canadian Contingent, South Africa, by their admirers.

admirers.
Dr. W. Seward Webb of New York, president of the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company, has sent his cheque for \$500 to Mr. Thos. Tart, manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to be added to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Lord Minto resterday received the following cable: "London, Feb. 28.—Hearty congratulation to Canada on noble part taken by Canadian troops in Roberts' achievement. (Signed), Chamberlain."

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In a Hepeless Muddle.

The Militia Department does not intend to make any official statement of the list of the wounded in the first fight in which the Canadians were engaged until the mails arrive, as it is impossible to do. anything with the figures. Some of the Australian numbers are among the figures given as belonging to the Canadian regiments. Some of the names are distorted in spelling, and altogether the department is in a hopeless muddle over the matter. Identification was begun, but the uncertainty of the matter made the officials decide to await further despatches.

Points From Teronte.

Toronto, March 1. — Drum Major T. J. Farmer of the Royal Grenadiers is off to South Africa. He has been soldiering since he was 10 years of age, aving been bugler in the Third Gronadiers when Lord Stanley was adjutant. He goes to join Strathcona's horse at Col. Steele's request.

Lieut. McGee, who goes to join

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Strathcona's Horse at Col. Steele's
the National Club last night.
Harry Armstrong, 590 College St.,
has enlisted with Strathona's Horse
and left for Ottawa yesterday.

THEY ALL PRAISE CANADA. London Dailies Deal With Questions of

Montreal, March 1. - A Star cable from London says:
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theories of Imperial Government.
The Westminster Gazette, as a Liberal journal, especially urges Liberals to think of this problem of such reorganization as will give colonial statemen a standing in the Councils of the Empire.

The Times says that if anything could enhance the satisfaction of the nation at Cronje's surrender, it is the knowledge that Canadians played the principal part.

The Daily News says: "To the Canadian regiment belongs the honor of having hastened the inevitable."

The Daily Meil says: "Hereafter the Empire will have as its most precious asset the tradition of this brotherhood in arms and success."

The Globe says: "Englishmen were never so proud of their fellow-subjects across the ocean, whose participation in this prent struggle has made imperial unity a reality. The capitulation of Paardeberg will be remembered throughout Greater Britain as in these islands, as a turning point in the process, by which the British empire has been made one and indivisible.

FENIAN RAID MEDALS.

Over 100 Veterass.

Toronto, March 1. — Medals were pinned on the broasts of over 100 Fenian Raid veterans last night at the Pavilion by Miss Mowat, daughter of the Lieut.-Governor, who was detained by the inclement weather. Other miltary bodies and decorations lent a military air to the affair, and addresses were gelivered by President. David Creighton, of the Veteran's Association; Lieut.-Col. Peters, Premier Ross, Mr. J. P. Whitney and Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison. A resolution of condolence to the sorrowing relatives of the Canadians who have fallen in South Africa was passed.

Major Arneld's Body. Winnipeg, March 1. — Mayor Wilson said yesterday that the City Council had through W. R. Allen communicated with relatives of the late Major Arnold in regard to the disposition of the remains of the deceased officer, and they were favorably disposed to having them brought

sage received by W. R. Allan from Col. Otter states that the gallant Major Arnold came to his death by wounds received in the head and

Her Neck Was Broken.

Toronto, March 1. — Mrs. Mary Priscoll, who fell downstairs at her home. 81 West Queen street, on Tuesday night, died in St. Michael's Hospital yesterday morning about 8 o'clock. When admitted to the hospital, Mrs. Driscoll was In an unconscious condition and was suffering from a deep gash in her head, which caused a slight concussion of the

caused a slight concussion of the brain. On further examination it was found that her neck was broken. Deceased was 61 years of age. Guaymas, Mexico, March 1. — A shooting affray occurred on Washington's Birthday and less de Tierra, in which three areas and five it right the

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