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CANADIAN NEWS.

Ministerial Caucus of the Members of Both Houses—The Prohibition Question.

The Proposed Monument to Sir John A. Macdonald—C. P. R. Directors Meeting.

Ministerial Caucus.

OTTAWA, June 18.—The ministerial caucus, held to-day, and presided over by members of both Houses, Macdonald, of Algoma, presided. The chairman introduced Premier Abbott, who delivered a lengthy address. He said he felt unworthy of the great honor conferred upon him, but he promised to devote his best energies to a perpetuation of Conservative principles. He then invited expressions of opinion respecting the prohibition question, which will be further debated next Wednesday. A lengthy discussion followed. The impression prevailed that the Opposition proposed to support Taylor's amendment by a plebiscite, which, if carried, would seriously compromise the Government. Mr. Abbott suggested the wisdom of appointing a Royal Commission, entrusted with the task of obtaining full information as to the feasibility of prohibition in the various states of the American Union. After some further discussion the matter was left in the hands of the Government.

DROWNED IN ICY BAY.

Five of the Bear's Crew and an Explorer Lose Their Lives in the Far North.

Rich Strike in the Silver Bow Basin—Miners Jubilant Over the Prospects.

The Steamer Quince which reached Nainaiu yesterday, brought the following Alaska news: Advice from Sitka, of June 14th, says that on the arrival of the revenue cutter Bear from Icy Bay, the news was received, on the evening of Lieut. Robinson and four of the boat's crew of the Bear, and also W. C. Moore of the Russell party. The drowning occurred where they were trying to make a landing in Icy Bay, with the Russell Mount Saint Elias party.

GOVERNMENT SUBVEYS.

What is Being Done and is Under Consideration by the Department of Lands and Works.

Two surveying parties have recently been sent by the Government to the north end of the island, each composed of nine members, including the surveyor in charge. The heads are Messrs. Hermann and Hawkins respectively. The territory which they will cover embraces some 600,000 acres, which will be blocked out into something like 28 townships, each six miles square. The object is to combine an exploration with a regular survey, and to run lines from which future surveys may be started. One of the parties will determine a transit line from the city to the head of the bay, and the other to the Orient, it has become possible to divert a considerable portion of this trade to this city.

THE BACARAT SCANDAL.

The Bacarat Scandal Widens the Breach Between Emperor William and the Prince of Wales.

Inquiry Into the Facts Connected with the Recent Railway Disaster in Switzerland.

Poisoned by Diseased Meat—Ophthalmia in Berlin—Mrs Sheldon's African Trip Abandoned.

The Irish Campaign Fund.

LONDON, June 18.—Details of the Irish plan of the campaign fund show that a total of £129,000 contributed, £3,000 was collected in Australia, £30,000 in America, and from all other sources £10,000. On the legal business connected with the fund, there was expended £47,000. On buildings and other expenses in New Tipperary, £40,000, and on various objects, £5,000. The balance of the £27,000, after deducting the missing three thousand pounds, which was obtained through a forged receipt, and the purpose of obtaining authoritative statements to have been paid out under the plan to holders of large campaign funds, is all that the tenants of Ireland have received. Should the Paris fund be released and added to the present surplus of the campaign fund, it would not last nine months.

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MAURENNE, June 18.—The Basle horror grows. Many more bodies have been recovered, legless and armless, and among them the body of a beautiful young woman severed in two. In accordance with the Swiss law passed in 1888, the canton of Basle will have to defray expenses of the funerals.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

The Island Reserve—Conservative Caucus—The New Premier Announces His Programme.

Prohibition to be Considered by a Royal Commission—The Demands of Victoria Emphasized.

Increased Immigration Grants Demanded—Lady Macdonald's Reply to an Address.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 OTTAWA, June 18.—Hon. Mr. Laurier moved for all papers bearing on the claims of squatters on the Island Railway Reserve of British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Dewdney said a number of settlers appeared to have grievances. His intention last year, was to cause an inquiry to be made; but owing to the fact that the matter got into the courts, he deemed it better to wait until judgment were given. Hon. Mr. Laurier said Mr. Dewdney's statement was not satisfactory. The case of Hogan, which the minister doubtless referred to, did not turn upon the question of settlers' grievances as to whether they were entitled to the minerals. The Government's action was an absolute denial of justice. Hon. Mr. Dewdney had heeded according to the best dictates of his conscience, and would not prejudice the case before the courts.

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CENTRAL AMERICAN NOTES.

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Constitution of a New Loan by Guatemala—Twenty of Peace with San Salvador.

St. Louis, June 18.—A dispatch from the City of Mexico says that advances have been received from Guatemala, advising that a treaty of peace has been concluded by Guatemala and San Salvador, it having been ratified by the Congress of the latter country. As reorganized, it stands as follows: Minister of Foreign relations and Public Works, Esmeno Del Colon, Treasurer, Feliciano Aguilar; Minister of the Interior and Justice, Francisco Vastello; Minister of War, Juan Barillas. A new loan of \$3,000,000 has been concluded by President Barillas, for the purpose of paying the treasury notes now in circulation. Bonds will be issued at 100 per cent on their value, and will be secured by these notes. Notwithstanding these facts, the Company was given an extension of six months to negotiate the cotton loan, the scheme has fallen through. The company which has done so much for the country the last 20 years.

ABOARD FROM HALIFAX.

The Sealing Schooner Otto Reaches Victoria, After a Six Months' Voyage.

Experiences Met with on the Trip—Reports of Numerous Seals in Southern Waters.

The schooner Otto arrived in harbor yesterday afternoon, after a long and tedious trip from Halifax, N.S., which port was left on January 1st. The Otto was purchased in Lunenburg by Mr. Walter Burns, who intends her for sealing purposes. She is a very handsome vessel, about 80 feet over all, and 22 feet 10 inches beam, with 9 feet depth of hold. She carries plenty of canvas, and is a very fast craft. The Otto was built at Lunenburg, N.S., about two years ago.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

The Government Sustains a Defeat on the Question of Factory Labor.

Preparations on a Grand Scale for the Welcome of the Kaiser to England.

Russia Desirous of Paying Her Napoleonic War Debt—The Case of DeCobain, M. P.

THE DECOBAIN SCANDAL.

LONDON, June 19.—The various scandals in high life are just now giving way to the Decobain case. That peculiar individual, formerly Grand Master of the Oranges, and now a Conservative M. P. for Belfast, has failed, notwithstanding his protestations of innocence, to come forward for trial on the charge of unnatural conduct. His expulsion from parliament is, in train, and, singularly enough, his bitterest adversaries seem to be of his own political party. Some of the other side, who think there is a DeCobain case, a conspiracy of the Irish Conservatives to get rid of him, have been urging that DeCobain resist expulsion, and it is even asserted, in his behalf, that the recent inculatory letters are forged.

THE HOLE IN THE WALL.

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The hole in the wall at Utopia, sunk with awful loss of life in Gibraltar some time ago, has been patched, and the vessel will shortly be raised.

A GOVERNMENT DEFERRENT.

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The Government met a defeat yesterday on the question of factory labor. Mr. Sydney Buxton, Liberal of London, had offered an amendment to the factory bill to prohibit children under 11 years of age from working in factories. The Government opposed the amendment, which was carried, however, by a vote of 292 to 188, several Conservatives voting with the majority. In the discussion on the amendment, Right Hon. Jno. Morley challenged the Government to say whether they approved the amendment. Secretary Matthews intimated that the Government could not accept the amendment as it affects from 150,000 to 200,000 children employed as half-timers.

LORD HASTINGS.

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Lord Hastings, Sir Henry James and a few other dissenters voted with the minority, while Chamberlain and the bulk of the dissenters voted with the majority.

THE NEW CONCERNING UPON THE MATTER.

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The News concerning upon the matter, says that the bill is both damaging and ignominious, and even the resignation of Home Secretary Matthews will save the Government from discredit and disgrace.

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The Chronicle says that Matthews is a costly luxury to the State. The action of the Government will seriously damage the prospects of every Unionist candidate in the next general election.

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THE KAISER'S RECEPTION.

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Enormous preparations are being made in London for the reception of the German Kaiser. The fireworks, it is claimed, will be on the most magnificent scale ever displayed in England. The Kaiser will arrive in England on the 15th of July, and will arrive at Buckingham Palace, and attend the opera at Covent Garden. On the 9th he will attend a garden party at Marlboro' House and Albert Hall. In the evening he will lunch in the city, on the 10th and on the 11th he will lunch at the German Embassy, and go to the Crystal Palace, after the naval exhibition. He will leave England on the 13th of July.

RUSSIA'S DEBT TO ENGLAND.

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It appears the case is desirous of repaying to England the amount of the Russian loan of £25,000,000 of Dutch florins, borrowed by Russia in 1875. The debt was the first Napoleon. This will be an agreeable windfall for the British treasury.

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