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OTTAWA.

Fred Cook's Portrait Presented to the City.

A Spontaneous Offering by the Best Men of the Capital, Headed by Sir Sandford Fleming.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Sir Charles Ross has been in the city today. He says the last batch of new rifles from his factory is completed.

A meeting of the city council to consider a representative delegation of citizens, headed by Sir Sandford Fleming, to present to the city corporation a portrait in oil of ex-Mayor Cook, painted by J. Colin Forbes.

The spontaneous offering of the citizens of Ottawa to mark the retiring mayor's ten years' successful term of office.

New regulations regarding the return of returned packages and articles of articles of Canadian origin, to be produced or manufactured, and after exportation, has been issued by the department of customs.

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FREDERICTON.

A Leap Year Ball Was Brilliant Society Success.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 15.—The leap-year ball given by the bachelors of this city tonight at Windsor hall proved to be the most brilliant society event of the season, over 100 guests, including the youth and beauty of the city, were present.

Police Magistrate Marsh today issued summons against Messrs. Everett, Wood, McLean, Gorow, Wright, Harper, Bedell and McBeath, university students, charged with disturbing the peace last Friday morning.

Mr. 11—Alfred F. Oday instituted a writ of habeas corpus against the corporation to hear the case why absconding with the dividend could be a crime.

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A ROMAN SENATOR.

He Voluntarily Resigned His Seat in the United States Upper House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In voluntarily relinquishing his seat as a member of the house of representatives, Mr. Shafroth of the first district of Colorado, furnished a profound sensation during the forty minutes session today.

The manly and earnest words of the Colorado member fairly took the breath of the house as he proceeded to put the first case on record in that body where a member gave up his seat, acknowledging that his election had been tainted by fraud.

For this fraud, Mr. Shafroth declared he was not in any way responsible, nor was until the evidence had been adduced before the elections committee of the house. It was not done, he said further, for the purpose of causing his election.

As he announced the conclusion of eight years' service in this manner, most unsatisfactory to himself, his voice betokened the emotion he felt. The democratic members arose almost en masse and applauded him for his noble treatment he had received from his colleagues on both sides of the chamber, applause burst forth and continued long and hearty.

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Secretary James Wilson of the agricultural department relinquished a seat in the house to a contestant in order that the bill to make General Grant a full general on the retired list might be passed.

A detailed report of the battle at Port Arthur has not been received by the navy department, and the public is as yet without the full particulars of the engagement.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has retired from the war office, but that at the special request of Premier Balfour he has consented to place his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial defense.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed inspector general under the army reform scheme.

OLD TIME PRESBYTERIANS.

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LONDON, Feb. 15.—Foreign Minister Lansdowne announced in the house of lords today that he had received a cable message from the commander in chief of the Chinese station, giving an absolute denial of the report that the Japanese fleet had been allowed to use Wei Hai Wei as the base of operations against Port Arthur.

"Wei Hai Wei did not know operations were proceeding until I notified them. In fact, Wei Hai Wei's first direct knowledge of belligerent proceedings was the visit of the steamer Fu Ping to report the circumstances of her being fired on when leaving Port Arthur."

"The air here is full of baseless rumors, obviously deliberately concocted."

TOKYO, Sunday, Feb. 14.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington, has officially advised his government that he is receiving numerous offers of large contributions to the war fund, and has requested instructions as to the policy of the government in the matter.

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"Captain Reitzenstein, commander of the Russian cruiser division, telegraphs that his division destroyed a steamer in Sangari (Tauguro?) Strait."

"A violent storm, accompanied by heavy snow, has been raging for three days, and nine degrees of frost have been registered. The enemy has not been encountered."

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BUY NOW AT THESE SPECIAL PRICES

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MAJORITY OF FIFTY-ONE.

Balfour Government Sustained in House of Commons.

Although the Entire Irish Party Voted for John Morley's Amendment to the Address.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—By a majority of 51 the house of commons tonight defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne concerning the government's fiscal policy and which was moved by Mr. Morley in behalf of the opposition.

This result, as forecasted in these despatches, was a foregone conclusion. The opposition did not entertain any idea that it would be possible to oust the conservatives. The division took place in the government, which impelled many unionists who totally disagreed with the idea of protection, to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power.

The action of the Irish party in voting solidly against the government was tonight succinctly explained by the Associated Press by John Redmond, the Irish leader, as follows:

"Ireland has suffered in the past equally from the protectionist as from the free trade policy of England. We are determined to use the complications which have arisen in the English parties solely for the purpose of forwarding the cause of home rule."

Other writers regard the contest as a life-and-death struggle. It is believed that if Russia fails to get Korea she would be ruined by Japan in the Yellow Sea as effectively as she is by Germany in the Baltic.

WOLFVILLE AND ACADIA.

WOLFVILLE, Feb. 15.—J. Harvey King, formerly of Chipman, N. B., a graduate of Acadia in the class of '84, was in Wolfville this week on his way from Sydney, where he has been lecturing, to Digby.

BLACKSTONE, Mass., Feb. 15.—Mortimer Henry, a rubber worker, living in the Millville district, today made a desperate attempt to kill his wife and then committed suicide.

HALIFAX STORM HIT.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15.—One of the heaviest storms struck Halifax this afternoon and tonight trains are all many hours late.

RECENT DEATHS.

NEWS REACHED INTANTOWN ON Saturday last of the death on the previous Sunday of Mrs. Hetherington, wife of the late J. G. Hetherington, of the grade Station, Washademoak, Queens county. Mrs. Hetherington was well known in the north end, where her first husband, Nathan Foster, resided for many years. The deceased lady, who was stepmother to Dr. Hetherington, until recently superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, was 90 years of age at the time of her death. She was struck with paralysis about a year ago, from which she never fully recovered.

THREE ARE DEAD.

And Seven Others in a Montreal Hospital More or Less Injured.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—As the result of a small fire in the building at the corner of Notre Dame and St. Gabriel streets on Saturday afternoon three people are dead and seven others are in the hospital more or less seriously injured.

None of the latter are, however, expected to die. The alarm was given at three o'clock by Henry Bloomfield, who occupied the bottom portion of the building as a jewelry shop. He rushed into the fire station half a dozen doors down street and notified the firemen that his place was on fire.

As soon as they reached the building they saw that quite a fire was under way in the bottom part of the building and an alarm was turned in. The time was discovered that the means of escape for the people in the top floors of the building had been cut off. Two women appeared at one of the windows and as they persisted in jumping the firemen spread the life net and they leaped into it. One woman did not hit it fairly and was badly shaken up, but the other got off easily. Ladders by the time arrived and were hurriedly placed and half a dozen people were rescued in safety by the firemen, though some of them were slightly burned.

At the time the fire broke out, the building was in the hands of a contractor who was engaged in remodeling it. The fire was in the open air. The man was apparently dazed, for he rushed across the street into a store, where he was discovered. He was dead. Physicians state that shock rather than injury received in collision with the wall was the cause of death. The fire was caused by a gas lamp which had been left burning in the bodies of Joseph Desjardins and a young woman about twenty-four years of age, who has not yet been identified. The fire spread rapidly in one of the rooms in the building were being used by men and women as meeting places and that this couple perished. The loss by the fire was unimportant.

THE CHIPMAN ROUTE.

J. S. Armstrong, C. E., declares the Grades are Excessive and Not Suitable for Trunk Line.

J. S. Armstrong, C. E., has sent to the Telegraph a table of distances and grades along the Central railway from Norton's Chipman, working on the grade, to the department of the Interior, entitled "Altitudes of the Dominion of Canada," by James White, the geographer of the department.

It shows that almost the whole line is made up of excessive grades, the steepest being 1 in 100, and that the grades given are only average grades, so that probably, or most certainly, there are stretches with grades much in excess of those given, and besides there is sharp uncompensated curvature.

"It is such a line as no railway man would dream of using as a trunk line, if he could get any round-about line made miles longer."

"If the line is built to Moncton, and no other branch than the old New Brunswick Central is provided, the grade for St. John will go round by Moncton. It is not at all likely that the engineers of the New Brunswick Central could have got a better grade than they did, even at great cost."

"It is an insane thing to tie us down to any but the shortest line, with good grades, that can be obtained between Quebec bridge and St. John, if the dominion is to have any benefit from winter freight in that direction."

AN OLD STORY.

While returning home from work last night a man was accosted by a stranger, who, after a few minutes' conversation, asked him to have supper with him. Thinking to get at least a free supper out of the coming election, the invitation was promptly accepted and an adjournment was made to the W. C. T. U. restaurant on German street. Supper finished, the obliging host quickly put on his coat and disappeared. His guest gave chase but could not find him, and he had to return and explain matters to the management, who had to be satisfied with a promise of payment next day.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

QUEBEC, Feb. 15.—The municipal elections here today resulted in a complete victory for Mayor Parent and his friends. The reform party only elected two out of thirty candidates.