

CANADIAN NEWS.

Quebec Liberals Sick of Mercier—Manifesto of One of the "Old Guard."

Blizzard in the Maritime Provinces—Winnipeg's Hospitable Almost Over.

Ministerialists Sustained. FREDERICTON, Feb. 13.—The Supreme Court delivered judgment to-day in two more election cases, King and Gloucester, giving the seats to Foster and Burns, the present members. In the King case, on request of Hon. Mr. Blair, judgment was suspended to give an opportunity to make application to appeal.

Montreal Liberals Disheartened. MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—Conservatives here are jubilant over the results of the by-elections on Thursday, and new enthusiasm will be infused into the rank and file of the party by the victory. The Liberals admit that they have met with bad reverses and blame Mercier for the result.

Intense Political Excitement. ST. THOMAS, Feb. 13.—The election yesterday was one of the most exciting ever held in East Ohio. Voters from all parts of the county, including Manitoba and the Northwest, flocked to the city, and in the city alone there were 403 more votes polled than at last election. Wilson lost heavily throughout the county districts.

Winnipeg's Hospitable. WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—The big curling bonspiel was nearly completed, to-day, only two events remaining for Monday. Last night, Flavell, of Lindsay, won the grand challenge event, and to-day, Grant, of Calgary, won the Galt trophy.

Supreme Court Appeal. WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—The full court, to-day, ordered a new trial in the case of Martin vs. the Free Press, the case which the Free Press won last year. The paper will appeal to Ottawa.

Bound to Differ. TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 13.—The Empire claims that the great victory in East Elgin was due to increased confidence in the Abbott Government. The Globe says that it is the result of cooked revision lists.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew. TORONTO, Feb. 13.—The second annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada opened here, yesterday. Between 400 and 500 delegates were present from all parts of the Dominion.

Mercier Reputed. QUEBEC, Feb. 13.—Mr. Casgrain, an old-time supporter of Mr. Mercier and an ex-member for L'Islet, has just issued to the electorate a "strong manifesto against the ex-premier and his ministry."

Victim of Apoplexy. CHATHAM, Ont., Feb. 13.—John McLeerie, station agent here of the Grand Trunk, died suddenly from apoplexy.

As You Were. HALIFAX, Feb. 13.—By-elections were held in Kings and Digby to-day. In both constituencies Liberals were re-elected.

Bound to Escape. MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—A prisoner in jail here, disclosed to the Warden, yesterday, that a plan had been matured for the escape of himself and five others, last night. The cells of the inmates of prisoners were searched, and a knife and a bunch of skeleton keys discovered. The knife was ten inches long, and murder was to be committed, if necessary, to the success of the plot.

Death of a Leading Baptist. GUELPH, Ont., Feb. 13.—Thomas Couch, one of the oldest residents, is dead. He was a prominent Baptist.

The Worst Storm on Record. HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 13.—Thursday's blizzard was by far the worst storm ever experienced here. Two women had narrow escapes from perishing in snow drifts, being rescued by policemen. Telegraph, telephone and all wire services are generally demolished. The hotels were full of people, who had been attending the election meetings until the storm was at its height, and were not brave enough to face the blinding drifts in order to reach their homes.

Nova Scotia Elections. HALIFAX, Feb. 13.—Borden is re-elected by 95 majority, with one small place to bear from; and Bowers has increased his majority in Digby to 241.

The Victoria Election. OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—A despatch from Fredericton, N. B., announces that the appeal of Mr. Burns, striking member for Gloucester county, to settle the petition of Landry, his late opponent, off the rolls, has been decided in his favor. Burns is, therefore, confirmed in his seat.

Mercier Losing Ground. MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—Although ex-Premier Mercier is visibly losing supporters he continues to pretend to be confident of success in the coming elections. His methods have been denounced by an organ of the Vatican, and the clergy in his own province are turning their backs on him.

MRS. CAPTAIN OSBORNE To be Tried for Perjury as well as the Jewelry Robbery.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne was, yesterday morning, arraigned on the charge made against her in connection with the libel suit brought against Mrs. Hargreave, who charged her with the theft of valuable jewelry. After the introduction of a number of witnesses, the prisoner was asked if she had anything to say in answer to the charges. She answered "no," and was then committed for trial. It developed that the prosecution of Mrs. Osborne is based on the charge of larceny as well as perjury. Florence Ethel Elliott, a tall, handsome brunette, inherited \$30,000 from her father, who died in 1888. She squandered the money in a year. Then she fell in love with Captain Osborne, of the Caribbeens, a poor man with expensive tastes and a large number of debts. Mrs. Hargreave, second cousin of Ethel Elliott, lived in a neighboring cottage at the seaside resort of Torquay. She had \$75,000 worth of the jewels, an heirloom in the family. Ethel, it is said, stole \$5,000

worth of the jewels, in order to buy her wedding trousseau, and sold them to London jeweler. Mrs. Hargreave found the jewels in the store, and traced the theft to Ethel Elliott, who denied all knowledge of the robbery. Captain Osborne believed her and married her with the woman hanging over her head. He began suit against the Hargreaves for libel, but his own attorney, Sir Charles Russell, told him that his wife was guilty. He resigned his position in the army, and forgave his wife. She returned recently from France to stand trial for the double crime of robbery and perjury.

Lively Times on the San Francisco Wharves—The Police Disperse the Fighters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—There were very lively times at the Union street wharf this morning, but by good fortune the timely arrival of a police squad put an end to the trouble that looked very serious at one time. It was an old story of Union vs. Non-Union sailors. The bark Colorado hauled out into the stream, yesterday afternoon, with a portion of her crew on board. The men did not belong to the Union, and an effort was made to prevent them from going on board, but it did not prove successful. The captain, fearing that, if he remained alongside the dock all night, trouble would follow, concluded to put into the stream and have the remaining members of the crew brought to the wharf in the tug Ethel and Marion. A plan was arranged whereby the men were to assemble at a certain house on Broadway street, near Front, and go in a body to the wharf and board the tug. The party consisted of seven persons, and the hour for assembling was fixed at 8 o'clock. At that hour, five of the men arrived at the house awaiting the arrival of the other two. Their names were: Arthur W. Tomlinson and Wm. Morgan, and they were shipped before the tug Ethel and Marion, which was waiting at the wharf. The tug was surrounded by Union sailors and the men pulled out. They made their escape, however, and the Union sailors then commenced to destroy the effects of the two men. They were carrying on their highland proceedings when Deputy U. S. Shipping Commissioner Theodor put in the tug Ethel and Marion, and the sailors then dispersed. Tomlinson and Morgan did not reach the Colorado, and two others were shipped instead. The Colorado finally got away with all of her men, as the police remained about the wharf until the men at the house on Broadway arrived, and went on board the tug. The Colorado is bound to Puget Sound for a cargo of lumber, which she has been chartered to carry to some port in Central South America.

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The Runaway Wife Refuses to Return—Dr. Bodington Wins in the Damage Suit.

Further Amendments to Vancouver's Charters—Real Estate Men Should Tell the Truth.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—The Charter committee of the City Council met in the Mayor's office, to-day. The principal modification proposed was that election day be a public holiday. One place of polling is recommended for the mayoralty. City prisoners may be employed at the city. The bonus power of the city is to be increased. Power to repeal by-laws is to be sought; and, power to purchase electric gas, light, etc.

Lye & Co. had Fred. Bell, an employe, placed under arrest, to-day, for alleged libel on the Victoria and Vancouver races. The water supply of the city will be shut off, on Sunday morning, for repairs. The by-law to enable North Vancouver to raise \$40,000 was passed by a vote of twenty-seven to seven.

The board of works have resolved that in future all tenders for street work shall be by the lump sum for the job, not by the lineal foot as heretofore. Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Berlin, has accepted a call from the Foreign Mission committee of the Presbyterian church to take charge of the Chinese mission work in British Columbia.

The fast yacht May Flower, which figured prominently in the yacht races of 1889, has been purchased by a syndicate of enthusiastic yachtsmen, who are having her refitted. It is predicted her speed will be astonishingly fast. Her owners intend to enter her in the Victoria and Vancouver races, and perhaps some of the American side.

Wholesale business continues steady with prices about the same. The starting up of logging camps and other outside industries has had a beneficial effect on trade. A further improvement in retail trade is noticeable, and as the month draws to a close, a still greater improvement may be expected on the whole. A trifling article although they are not as good as could be wished. Building is being carried on vigorously. Tenders for the addition to the Hotel Vancouver and the new buildings are almost finished, and the first load of stone has been brought from the quarries. The foundations for the new McCombs block and the new Westminister addition, to pay for lots which he had purchased, the defendant contended that it had been sold under misrepresentation. The Court on charging the jury, said that if the plaintiff made the representations in the pamphlet knowing them to be inaccurate or thought them correct at the time, but before the time of the sale, learned that they were not, and failed to inform the purchaser before concluding the bargain, or if he made the statement rashly, giving little thought as to whether the same were correct or not, the Jury should find that the representations were fraudulent. The Jury returned a verdict that the representations of the pamphlet were fraudulent, and judgment was entered for the defendant.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 13.—An interesting case has been concluded in the Supreme Court here, before Mr. Justice Walker. Josephine Frezley had her leg broken last December, and Dr. Bodington, of the Mission, was called in to set it. He did so, but something went wrong, and the leg did not heal satisfactorily. Mrs. Frezley brought an action for \$5,000 damages against the Dr., for alleged negligence in setting the limb. The case was heard before Mr. Justice Walker, and judgment was in favor of Dr. Bodington, costs being given against the plaintiff.

Joe Hess, the converted prize-fighter, commenced his tentative revival to-night. Miss Lee Spencer, a tenant in the Begbie block, has been served with a writ of ejectment in the Supreme Court. The case will involve an interesting and important development.

The chief of police has notified the hotels and saloons that the license regulation act will be enforced, and that bars in the city must be closed from 11 p.m. Saturdays till 6 a.m. on Mondays. The law has not been enforced for some time.

Westminster Juniors in an Association football match this afternoon by two goals to nil. Trade for the week has been abnormally quiet except in the preparation for the commencement of the building operations of the season, which have shown some activity. Clearing out sales for changes of business and to make room for Spring goods are going on at reduced prices. Mining prospects in Surrey as the coal testing work progresses are causing some excitement. Shipments have been confined during the week almost exclusively to cattle, meats, coal, hay and staple merchandise.

The preparations of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for their annual exposition have been completed during the week, and the annual report will show a material and very important increase of provincial acreage planted during the past year.

NANAIMO, Feb. 13.—The man who came down from Comox, yesterday, in search of his wife, found her here. She refuses to live at Comox any longer. The father intends placing the children in the Orphan's Home, Victoria, and returning to Colorado, his former home.

A horse fell into a well, yesterday, over which a few planks had been placed. Ropes, pulleys, etc., were procured, and with the assistance of another horse, the one in the well was hauled out.

COMOX. Capt. Freeman, of the ship Glory of the Sea, took a trip to the Union wharf, Comox, on the steamer Isabel, from Nanaimo, on Wednesday, returning on Friday, a visiting Mrs. Little for the past two months.

Before Justice Drabble and McKenzie, a man named Peck was fined \$50 and costs for supplying squarefoot to Indians, at Comox on the 9th inst. Constable Anderson deserves great credit for nabbing this man.

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