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CAPITAL NOTES.

Arrival of Hon. Mr. Reid, of Victoria, Australia—Exhibits from World's Fair.

Ottawa's Champion Lacrosse Team Publicly Entertained—Official Analysis of Fertilizers.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 8.—Hon. Mr. Reid, of Victoria, Australia, is expected here shortly. He will, while in Canada, endeavor to look up a good man to take charge of the government railways in Victoria in the capacity of superintendent. Mr. Reid proposes conferring with the Dominion Government with a view to arriving at a tariff agreement between Canada and Victoria.

The Capital champion lacrosse team was entertained by Vice-President St. Jacques at the Russell house to-night. There was a large attendance. Sir Adolph Caron made an able speech in encouragement of sport.

The last of the Canadian exhibits at the World's Fair was shipped from Chicago yesterday. The laboratory staff of the Inland Revenue department are busily engaged analyzing the fertilizer offered for sale in Canada.

The leading lumber firms of British Columbia have called the attention of the Government to the adaptability of British Columbia pine for railway and public works generally and its suitability over Southern red pine.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The Manitoba Central Farmers' Institution failed to send a representative to the meeting of the Railway committee of the Privy Council to-day to prosecute the charge of discrimination preferred against the railway companies of that Province. Accordingly the subject was dropped from the paper.

The Dominion revenue for the seven months was \$21,414,000, and expenditures \$18,391,000.

Tariff deputations saw the Ministers to-day regarding the duties on malt and points.

The Live Stock Association want the Government to ask the United States to grant permission to ship Canadian cattle to the seaboard through American territory, but it is not likely the request will be made.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

BELLEFLEUR, Feb. 8.—Charles F. Simpson, through his solicitor, has issued a writ for \$20,000 against Dr. J. Stevenson, who he charges with seducing and keeping his wife away from him.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—A large amount of money was lost in the fire at the Hotel de Ville.

The coins, 25 and 50 cent pieces, are of real weight and good metal, the present depression in silver rendering their manufacture from pure metal profitable.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—Ernest Williams, living at Toronto Junction, was shot in the abdomen yesterday by the accidental discharge of his gun. He may die.

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 8.—Wm. Hodgins, employed in the basket factory, was caught in the machinery and nearly killed. One arm was terribly crushed, one ear torn off and the head badly injured.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—Hon. Edward Blake, accompanied by Mrs. Blake, left for New York on route to take his place in the Imperial Parliament when the House opens. Mrs. Blake returns to Canada in August, but her husband may be detained longer by his Parliamentary duties.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—The Grand Trunk traffic receipts decreased \$85,000 last week.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 8.—Recommendations for tariff reform have been made by a committee of the Board of Trade for presentation to the Ottawa Government. They desire free bread stiffs, free packages on such articles as fruit and glass and free raw sugar up to 16 Dutch Standard.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 8.—The North Oxford Farmers of Industry have decided to place a candidate in the field against Sir Oliver Mowat.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—La Patrie says it has it from Ottawa on pretty good authority that Sir Charles H. Tupper will be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

MILTON, Feb. 9.—In his address here last night Dalton McCarthy said that he did not believe the Government was going to reform the tariff, and people would see in the course of a few weeks that he was correct. He ridiculed the Government for delay in calling Parliament together.

WINDSOR, Feb. 9.—Fire last night destroyed the Windsor planing mill and stock of lumber in the yard. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000.

ORILLIA, Jan. 9.—John Gray, jr., editor of the Coldwater News, and Robert Carron, editor of the Orillia Newsletter, to-day each filed suits against the Toronto Mail for \$10,000 for alleged libel in a sporting article published last September.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The body of a man was found hanging to a tree yesterday has been identified as that of John Sigerson, an Icelandic. It was a case of suicide.

The body of a man was found to-day in the Winnipeg river, near Rat Portage. The body is that of a man about 5 ft. 9 in. in height, and had evidently been in the water since last fall or summer. He was dressed in a blue serge suit, with a fine white shirt and fine cotton underwear. There are no papers or marks on the body to show his identity.

The debate on the budget was closed last night in the local legislature. The first division counted 26 votes for the Greenway Government and 11 for the Opposition.

The single tax system has been adopted by the Regina City Council.

The Provincial Y. M. C. A. Convention opened to-day with a large attendance of delegates.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—At Brandon this morning the large implement ware-

house and offices of the Sylvester Bros. Manufacturing Co. went up in flames. The fire started at about three a.m., and before thirty minutes had elapsed the whole structure was completely ignited. The building contained about \$15,000 worth of agricultural implements, all of which are entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, the contents as well as building being destroyed. The insurance effected here is as follows: Atlas, \$2,000; Canadian, \$2,000; San, \$11,000. It is not known what insurance had been written at the head office of the company in Lindsay, Ont. The origin of the fire is wrapped in mystery.

The baggage lying at Rat Portage station, belonging to the man drowned in the Winnipeg river, was examined by Mayor Savage. Nothing definite that would lead to his identification was found, his name having been carefully cut from all his belongings. The fact that the man's name was found on some things point strongly to the fact that he was the missing man, George Ward. An Australian sovereign was found in one of his vest pockets, and a newspaper bearing the name "Chillivale" was found. Mayor Savage has wired to Vancouver to see if anything is known of him at that place. It is generally believed the unfortunate man was suffering mentally.

THE U. S. "KEARSARGE."

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 8.—The old corvette Kearsarge was wrecked on Ronador reef, while en route from Port au Prince, Haiti, to Bluefields, Nicaragua. The officers and crew were saved. The following is Lieut. Brainerd's cable message to Secretary Herbert dated Colon telling him of the loss of the Kearsarge: "The Kearsarge sailed from Port au Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 30th, for Bluefields, Nicaragua. She was wrecked on Ronador reef on Feb. 2. Officers and crew are safe." The secretary immediately sent a cablegram to Brainerd directing him to charter a vessel at Colon and proceed at once to the assistance of the shipwrecked men, no fear for whose safety are entertained. Lieut. Brainerd later cabled the secretary that he had secured the steamer City of Para and will proceed to the relief of the crew at once. Ronador reef is situated about 200 miles off the coast of Nicaragua, and is one of the most dangerous reefs in the world.

The Kearsarge was one of the historic vessels of the American navy. Her last noteworthy achievement was when on Sunday, July 19, 1864, she fought and sank the rebel privateer Alabama off Cherbourg. The Alabama was commanded by Admiral Semmes and the Kearsarge by Admiral Wilkes.

For a long time before her last voyage with the Kearsarge the rebel cruiser had been preying upon American commerce, having destroyed over sixty merchantmen, the Kearsarge being detailed to follow her up and force her to fight. The Alabama was the victor in the battle, but the cause of the United States was sinking of sight. During this engagement the Alabama fired 370 projectiles and the Kearsarge 173. The fight lasted an hour and twenty minutes.

ALMOST A MUTINY.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 8.—There is trouble amounting almost to mutiny on the British ship Canada, now in the West Indies. It has manifested itself since the ship was recommissioned. The matter has been kept as quiet as possible to prevent its getting into the newspapers. The admiral visited every ship of the squadron on Christmas day, and was received on the ships in a hearty manner by the men, with the exception of the crew of the Canada. On board that ship there were no decorations or anything to indicate the festive season. On each mess table was a tin of water and a glass of beer. The admiral was received in silence by the men, and could get no answers to the questions he put. On December 16 the Royal Navy sports took place, and not one of the crew of the Canada entered any of the contests. It is rumored that the admiral has asked the admiralty to order the Canada home.

SECOND TO NONE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Mr. Edmund Robertson, one of the Lords of the Admiralty, addressed a meeting at Dundee yesterday. He said that the naval programme of the Government for 1894 and 1895 would show no intention to forfeit or even risk in the slightest degree Great Britain's superiority over other nations. The estimates that would soon be published would satisfy the advocates of a strong navy. These estimates would only be for a year, though part of the programme for a period of years had been elaborated in all its details. There was good reason, Mr. Robertson added, for the refusal of the Government to publish the details of its programme. When the last naval defence act was announced France and Russia immediately increased their expenditures to keep pace with Great Britain. The net result was that Great Britain had been left in a position relatively the same as she had before. England, he declared, could always build quicker, and keep ahead in completed ships, besides choosing types of vessels that would outclass those of other countries.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The House of Lords this evening passed the Parish Councils bill through the committee stage. In the House of Commons, Henry Fowler, president of the local government board, has had charge of the bill. It is reported that immediately after the assembling of the Commons on Monday, he will move the rejection of all the amendments made by the Upper House. The council of the London Liberal and Radical Union will meet on Monday, and prepare a resolution declaring the existence of an hereditary legislative chamber is a danger to the State and that the House of Lords ought to be abolished at once. The Council is arranging to hold a mass meeting at St. James' Hall to secure the endorsement of the resolution, and later a popular demonstration will be held in Hyde park.

BLAKE IN NEW YORK.

Tendered a Reception at the Hoffman House—More Funds Wanted.

Home Rule Is, He Declares, Assured Provided That Irishmen Are All United.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Council of the Irish Federation of America tendered a reception to Hon. Edward Blake, at the Hoffman House to-night. There were present about 150 Irish Americans. Thomas Emmett presided over the meeting. The guest of the evening made an address, in the course of which he said: "The fact that I lived in Canada did perhaps give me a fairer knowledge and better view of the benefits of Home Rule than any of those living in England; but when I went to England, it was to work as a private in the ranks of the party struggling for Ireland's freedom, and I was very much surprised when I was placed on the Parliamentary committee. I hope, however, at the next meeting to gain more to the ranks. I am not one of those who are dismayed by the action of the Pears in rejecting the Home Rule bill, but am confident that triumph is assured, and provided that Irishmen throughout the world are united. I want to assure you of my personal knowledge that Mr. McCarthy is doing everything in his power to release the Irish funds and any statements to the contrary are untrue. Our adversaries are constantly making assertions of difficulties in the way of Home Rule. The principal of these is the state-ment lately published that Mr. Gladstone is about to retire. My opinion about that is that nothing but physical necessity would ever make him give up the reins, and he will die in harness. The speaker closed with an appeal for funds, asking for \$150,000 for the Home Rule cause from Irishmen in the United States.

Before Mr. Blake began to speak, it was rumored that some of the New York Parliamentarians would make a demonstration at the meeting, and that some of them distributed a lot of questions which they said Mr. Blake refused to answer. Policemen were stationed in the room, but there was no attempt to create any disturbance.

THE LOST "ESTELLE."

NANAIMO, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—By the return of the steamer Brunette this morning, some slight hopes which still remained of the safety of the steamer Estelle and those on board her were entirely extinguished. A search for the vessel was made in the vicinity of Campbell's bay, but it was reported the steamer had been seen at the wrecking place. The steamer was last seen on the coast for four miles south of the river, as far north as Haslam's logging camp, and along the east side of Valdez Island for a distance of three miles. Examination of the wreck-logs showed that the Estelle was seen at the loss of the Estelle was due to an explosion, which must have been of the most terrific nature, as the heavy timbers and iron railings had been shattered to splinters.

Mr. Haslam says he is perfectly sure the loss of the steamer was due to an explosion, and is of the opinion that it occurred in the open air before the vessel sank, as otherwise the wreckage could not have been so shattered. He thinks the accident occurred a little south of Cape Mudge, though of course he does not know for a certainty. Not a trace of the vessel was seen. A man named Jack Powell, Jennie Vincent lives in Vancouver with her parents, who are respectable hard-working people. The girl was infatuated with this man Powell, who was a vagrant of the worst type, and left home to accompany him. Chief McKinnon acting on instructions received from Vancouver arrested the girl on her arrival in this city and sent her home by this morning's steamer. Powell was given twenty-four hours to leave town.

Objections being taken to the recent survey of the city, the bill for its legalization, which was to have been introduced as a Government measure, must be brought as private legislation, and consequently it cannot be dealt with before next session.

Frank Wondere and T. Kritjonnaki, Slovaks, were charged in the Police Court this morning with having broken into a cabin at Wellington and removing furniture contained therein. The prisoners admitted taking the articles, pleaded that the cabin had been abandoned, and the doors and windows were missing. In consideration of the previous good character of both men, the magistrate dealt with them under the first offense act, and ordered them to pay \$30 costs and find one security each in \$100 for their good behavior for twelve months.

THE LIBERTY BELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—It is announced to-day that the celebrated Liberty bell which is now in New York will be brought to the Midwinter Exposition as soon as transportation arrangements have been made. The Pullman company is building a car specially for the bell and its attendants; in this car the bell will make the tour across continent and back. The bell will probably be taken to the City of Mexico after its visit to San Francisco. The executive committee of the fair held a meeting this afternoon and decided to maintain the 50 cent rate of admission. It was proposed that the admission fee should be reduced to 25 cents.

IMPORTANT ISSUES.

HALIFAX, Feb. 8.—In the House of Assembly, Premier Fielding introduced a bill for the taking of a plebiscite on the prohibition of the liquor traffic simultaneously with polling for the local general elections, now only a few months away. Yesterday the Premier gave notice of motion for a committee to draft a memorial to the Queen. It is understood the intention is to seek permission to increase the number of members sufficiently to carry the abolition or to otherwise grant power to abolish the Upper Chamber.

Scrofula eradicated and all kindred diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which by its vitalizing and alterative effects makes pure blood.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Developments in and About Kaslo and Nelson—Rush for Placer Claims.

Lumber Trade Looking Up—Meetings Among Northfield Italians—A Heavy Storm.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Thomas Atkins, one of the most prominent aids of the Y.M.C.A., left this morning on a prolonged visit to Southern California.

The amounts embezzled by Cunningham and Ellis are much greater than at first supposed.

C. E. Perry, manager of the Sun Life Insurance Co., died this morning at 40 years of age. He leaves a wife and several small children. Deceased was a prominent Free Mason, being First Principal of the Vancouver Royal Arch Chapter. The funeral, which takes place on Sunday, will be conducted by the Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jones will leave to-day on an extended visit to Oakland, California.

Wm. McCraney, ex-M. P., and Miss McCraney are visiting the Midwinter Fair.

Fanny Rice possesses a great deal of patriotism and is irresistibly amusing. Her company played to a full house. Fanny Rice's song, "It takes a girl to do it every time," is very droll and remarkably catchy.

The Union Steamship Co. will appeal against Judge Truitt's decision in the Coquitlam case.

J. B. Miller, bridge foreman of North Bend, who fell from a bridge near there and injured himself, was brought to Vancouver and died shortly after he was taken to the hospital.

This morning's blow was the heaviest in years. At English bay the boat houses were smashed to pieces by runaway logs. Wood scoops were driven ashore, the wood lost and the sloop Claymore launched high and dry in the Narrows.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 8.—An Indian woman named Annie Finlay was found dead in the swamp this morning. The coroner has ordered a post mortem. The woman came here four years ago from Nanaimo where she had lived for years with a white man.

Reports come from Lillooet of a big rush for placer claims along the Fraser and Bridge rivers and Cayoche creek. Five miles of water have been staked during the last three weeks.

The Chinese say they have spent \$5,000 on the survey of the city since the celebration of New Year's commencing.

The lumber trade gives evidence of looking up and mills will reopen several camps next week.

NANAIMO, Feb. 8.—Prof. E. Cioeri, a representative of L'Emancipation, a labor organ published in Rome, is now in Nanaimo and on Sunday next will address a meeting of the Italian residents in this district, at Northfield. Prof. Cioeri has been in America about eight months and has visited most of the principal cities in the States, everywhere holding meetings among the resident Italians.

Among the passengers to Vancouver this morning was the steamship Cutch, which was a pretty dark-eyed girl, aged 18, who came over from the Mainland last evening with a man named Jack Powell. Jennie Vincent lives in Vancouver with her parents, who are respectable hard-working people. The girl was infatuated with this man Powell, who was a vagrant of the worst type, and left home to accompany him. Chief McKinnon acting on instructions received from Vancouver arrested the girl on her arrival in this city and sent her home by this morning's steamer. Powell was given twenty-four hours to leave town.

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NELSON.

(From the Miner.)

The Kootenay Mail is the name of a new paper which will make its appearance in Revelstoke in a week or two.

A. E. Hodgins has commenced active work on the contract with the Nelson Hydraulic company.

Word from Mr. Goodhue, manager of the Kootenay Hydraulic Placer mining company, says it has been decided by the Rochester, N.Y., syndicate to put a force of 200 men to work on March 1, or sooner if the weather will permit.

An attempt was made in Kaslo a short time ago to resuscitate the Kaslo Board of Trade, and reorganize as a purely local board, but the people of the town did not fall into line, and the probability is that the Kaslo board will soon be a thing of the past.

(From the Tribune.)

La grippe has been bad through the district.

The winter has been exceptionally mild, with little snow.

Mr. Jennings has ten men at work in Victoria gulch, Wild Horse creek.

The hotel men of Kaslo are "kicking" at the attempt to raise the hotel license from \$200 to \$400.

E. Barton, of Seattle, fire insurance adjuster, is in Nelson adjusting the International hotel loss.

The ladies of Nelson have undertaken the task of raising funds to purchase a new fire bell. The Washington mine of Sloan district

sent a 1,200-pound chunk of ore to the Midwinter Fair at San Francisco. The piece was carefully sampled and yielded 83.2-10 per cent lead and 159 ounces of silver.

W. Y. Lewis, manager of the Carpenter Creek hotel at Three Forks, was in Nelson on Monday, and reported the arrival of mail at the Forks that was 31 days coming through from Revelstoke.

On St. Patrick's day the ladies of the Catholic church will give a fair in Kaslo and a contest for the most popular young lady will be taken to the parish. The premium is a beautiful gold watch. The contestants are Miss Mary Scanlan, of Nelson, and Miss Maggie Eham, of Kaslo.

Mr. Hanson intends building a sawmill on the Kootenay, above Fort Steele, with yards at both Fort Steele and Mannville.

They have a small snowslide caught one of George Hughes' rawhide outfits when coming down the Idaho mine. No lives lost.

This week a ton and a half of supplies were boated down the Kootenay to the mouth of Forty-nine creek, whence they will be taken to the scene of operations of the Nelson Hydraulic Mining Company.

The contracts let by that company last week will keep a force of twenty men at work for a couple of months.

The Hall Mines, limited, is using a diamond drill in the Kootenay Bonanza mine on Lead creek. It is a Sargison hand drill with a capacity of ten feet a day.

For every carload of ore that is shipped from the Sloan mines a carload of hay or grain is shipped in. The hay or grain is worth in the neighborhood of \$30 a ton and the ore \$125.

Supplies are now being packed up to the Lillooet, and a half mile southeast of the Nelson, and work on the tunnel and mill commenced next week. The claim is one of the LaBau group. Charlie Ewing and George Johnson will do the work.

The houses and cabins at the Washington Dardanelles mines, Sloan district, are nearly ready with the beautiful. There is no danger of snowslides, however, at either place.

Ed. Kingen, Al. Palmer and Bob Cameron have leased the Antelope claim, one of the Dardanelles group, Sloan district. They have a fair body of high grade ore to start in on.

The machinery for the Number One concentrator arrived over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard from Roseburg this week, and was loaded on a barge and towed up as far as Balfour.

Many operations in the Sloan district are fairly booming, considering that but few of the mines are in the hands of men with large capital and the cost of getting the ore to the steamboat landing is great. The Sloan Star has had to quit hauling ore, as the ore house at Three Forks is full. The Alamo is working eight men and ready to make a shipment of ore. Work has started up on the Queen Bee, and the Freddie Lee people, longer afraid of snow-slides, will resume work as soon as S. S. Bailey has completed a rail road from the Payne group to Three Forks, and has let a contract to haul ore from the Washington, Noble, Steve and Mountain Chief, are making their regular shipments. Over 200 head of stock are used in ridding and teaming ore between the mines and Kaslo.

KASLO, Feb. 8.—Business in Kaslo continues good, and a number of people are coming in from the outside by every boat, some being moneyed men, others, prospectors and miners, who are tired of living in the mountains and in the hills of the hills. The miners are all holding out very well. The men working on the Northern Belle have come into a big body of ore, and on the Idaho one a new large shot of ore has been run on the Virginia and a body of ore has been struck which runs about 170 ounces in silver and 60 per cent. in lead. This claim, together with its extension the Myrtle, were bought by J. A. Finch last November. Two new prospects have been bonded this week, the Lincoln on Payne mountain, and the Faustina, on Payne mountain.

Several Kaslo men chipped in and sent a man up into the hills to get voters to register. He brought down 140 new names, and together nearly 300 new names have been sent in for registration from this section since the public meeting.

(From the Kaslo-Sloan Examiner.)

The Noble Five, of which the principal owners are the Hannessy Bros. and the Guigan, is a solid, compact body of high-grade ore, which is being taken out by twenty men at the rate of eight to ten tons per day.

CARDINAL LEDOWCHOWSKI

ROME, Feb. 9.—It is rumored in German circles here that Cardinal Ledowchowski, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda, is about to resign that office on the pretext of ill-health, but really because of a dispute between himself and the French Church in France. The Cardinal, having been born in 1822. After studying in the college of St. John, at Warsaw, he at the age of eighteen received the ecclesiastical tonsure and habit. Having been successively Domestic Prelate and Protonotary Apostolic he was sent by Pius IX. to Madrid and to Chile and Brazil. He was appointed to the Nunciature of Brussels in 1861 with the title of Archbishop in partibus. In January, 1866, he was translated to the Archbishopric of Gnesen and Posen, which carries with it the primacy of Poland. In consequence of his resistance to the laws enacted in Prussia against the church, he was in 1870 incarcerated in the dungeons of Ostrowo, when he was proclaimed a cardinal by the Pope in secret consistory held in Rome in March, 1875. He was released in the succeeding February, but being banished from his diocese proceeded to Rome, where he has since remained.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—General F. W. Kitchener, sirdar of the Egyptian Army, has been knighted with the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George. Justice Scott, judicial adviser to the Khedive, has received the same honor. General Kitchener was offended so deeply by the Khedive's recent strictures upon his discipline of the Egyptian army, that he resigned his office. He was induced by the Khedive, however, to reconsider this action.

PROHIBITION PLEBISCITE.

Premier Mowat Only Waits a Decision of the Privy Council on Jurisdiction.

He Will, if in Power, Introduce Such Legislation as is "Intra Vires."

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—The Ontario prohibition Plebiscite has produced an expression from Premier Mowat, which is said to be a cabinet decision. The Premier says: "If the decision of the Privy Council should be that the Provinces have the jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law, I respect the sale of intoxicating liquors. I will introduce such a bill in the following session, if I am at the head of the Government." The decision of the Privy Council is that the Provinces have jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory law I will introduce such a prohibitory bill as the decision will warrant, unless the partial prohibitory power is so limited as to be ineffective from a temperance standpoint. This declaration was given to a committee representing a big gathering of temperance workers, held in this city this week, at which some 1,500 delegates, representing all sections of the Province were present. Sir Oliver Mowat stated that his sympathies in the temperance movement were with the prohibitionists, and he had recognized the misery attendant upon the liquor traffic, and had given emphatic expression to his sentiments.

The Government's decision is, of course, subject to the fortunes of war. After the legislative session, shortly to be held, the Government will dissolve the legislature and appeal to the province, and this leaves just two things in the way of prohibition in Ontario. 1. The possible adverse decision of the Judiciary committee of the Privy Council. 2nd. The defeat of the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat at the polls and the return of the Conservatives. Politicians believe that in catering to the temperance element Sir Oliver has played a winning card. His Government was sure of the position of the Protestant Protective Association, which has recently developed an unexpected strength in the Province, and one to which certain politicians are saying much deference. The liquor trade combined with the strongly partisan P. A., and the Opposition constitute a power that the Liberals can only hope to overcome by a union with the Temperance element, which has shown considerable strength.

THE "KEARSARGE."

COLON, Feb. 9.—The steamer City of Para sailed at noon to-day for Ronador reef, to take aboard the officers and crew of U. S. warship Kearsarge, which went on the rocks last Friday. She was chartered for the voyage by the U. S. Government.

As the Ronador reef is about 300 miles from this port, the City of Para will probably not be back before Sunday afternoon.

Details of the wreck and landing of the officers and crew of the Kearsarge have been received. The dispatch says: "The Kearsarge was under both sail and steam at the time, and was going about ten knots when she struck. A heavy sea was running, and as the character of the reefs in these waters was well known to the officers, it was evident that safety lay in forcing her as far up as possible before she began to break up. Accordingly she was at once lightened of her heavy guns; next the masts were cut away, not only to lighten her, but to provide material for rafts. It would have been useless to make any attempt to land in such a sea as this. The men, women, and therefore they waited until morning.

On Saturday, February 3, a line was got ashore and all hands were landed on the reef. Three boats were got ashore slightly injured. As there is scarcely any water on the reef and about two hundred men were camped there with a trifling supply, one of the boats was immediately put under way to Old Providence for relief. On reaching Old Providence and finding nothing there capable of taking off the shipwrecked crew, they came to Colon for help. When they left the Kearsarge was breaking up fast.

SLAIN IN TIMBUCTOO.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Conflicting reports as to the number of French troops killed near Timbuctoo are being received. It is stated this evening that 78, instead of 300 men, were massacred. Captain Nigotte alone reached Lieutenant Salda's camp and a few native riflemen saved themselves by flight from the massacre. Most of these have since arrived at Timbuctoo. On the night of January 15, Captain Nigotte and his column, while asleep, were surprised and surrounded by the Tuaregs. Captain Nigotte was wounded in the head. Captain Philippe will await the arrival of the column under Commander Jerre. He has sufficient food to last until the commissariat's left Sagou on January 10 reaches him. The mixed populace of Timbuctoo regard the French forces with varied feelings. Many are said to favor the occupation. The Tuaregs were on foot and were armed with lances and knives. The French Government has authorized the formation of another battalion of Soudanese riflemen, which will be the fourth body of its kind.

ANOTHER MASSACRE.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The colonial department this afternoon received a telegram from St. Louis, Senegal, that Col. Bonnard and eleven other officers, with 250 privates had been massacred by the Tuaregs. Le Siecle says the Government intends to hold Timbuctoo, and has ordered reinforcements to be sent for that purpose. The French column was surprised at night, when within three days' march of Timbuctoo. Prime Minister Ferry thinks the column attacked was not the one commanded by Bonnard. The Tuaregs now threaten the French forces holding Timbuctoo. Later advice from Senegal states that Captain Philippe, of the French forces, is holding Timbuctoo with only 300 rifles and six cannon, and that he intends to hold it until reinforcements arrive. Timbuctoo is surrounded by Tuaregs.