HANDWRITING ON WALL FOR S. ILFRID

SIFTON GETS OUT, OTHERS TO FOLLOW

The Premier Declares That the Disagreement of the Ex-Minister of the Interior is Confined Altogether to the Obnoxious Clause, but the Napoleon of the West Hints at a Breach of Faith.

Separate State and Church Entirely Let the Provinces Handle Education

Member for South York Takes Advanced Ground-Likens Leader of the Government to An Autocratic Grand Duke of Russia.

Ottawa, March 1.—(Staff Special.)—March came in as a lion as far as Canadian politics are concerned. There never was more stormy and more blustery weather than that which blew thru the commons this afternoon. There was bad weather also in the senate, but the storm centre was in the commons—a March hurricane with a ven-

Sir Wilfrid, instead of being able to quell the storm, was tossed about by the winds and the rude blasts in a way that must have suddenly reminded him of the uncertainties of politics, and the swirl and engulfing nature of passions of men once aroused on a great issue. He was paying the penalty of making one of the efforts of his life. He made that effort a week ago on the day when he introduced his autonomy bills creating the two new provinces and imposing separate

Hon. Clifford Sifton, the young Napoleon of the west, whom he had brought to tOtawa as the darling of his heart, to whom he had given a great department and more than great opportunities, whom he had seen grow in pride, in opulence and in power, deserted him in the hour of one of the efforts of his life, and had left him on a question of principle. At least that was the reason given. Mr. Sifton could not stomach separate schools and the diversion of the funds arising from the sale of the public school lands to separate schools.

Nay, more, he could not stomach the introduction of a bill dealing with this question during his absence without consultation with him. That appeared to be the sorest point of all.

It even came out that the sub-committee of ministers who prepared the bill were Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Scott and Laurier, all from the east of Ottawa, all adapt supporters of separate schools, and pared the bill were Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Scott and Laurier, all from the east of Ottawa, all ardent supporters of separate schools, and not a single western minister had been consulted. It is further hinted that Mr. Fielding, who was absent also, was more than surprised a the drastic character of the bill that his colleagues had brought into the house. Strange movements of ministers had been noticed in the house on Tuesday afternoon, and thence Sir Wilfrid led Mr. Sifton from the chamber to his private room, but no one outside of intimates divined that a serious situation was at hand.

But in Toronto, the readers of The Globe and in Winnipeg, the readers of The Free Press, the personal organ of Mr. Sifton, were treated to significant news; in the case of The Globe, that Sifton had or would resign; in the case of The Free Press, that it was hoped that Sir Wilfrid would draw back from an extreme position. Early in the forenoon the news got abroad, members talked it over and newspaper men started scouring in every direction.

Rumor had time to fill the galleries to their utmost limit, ladies as usual coming to the political spectacle in the afternoon, as they do to Wagnerian operas in Germany, and they all saw a dramatic as usual coming to the political spectacle in the atternoon, as they do to Wagnerian operas in Germany, and they all saw a dramatic sensation, and there is no spectacle in modern times superior to a real live drama on the political boards. They were not actors or performers that they saw, but real gladiators in stirring fight; there was comedy, too, and occasional smiles and laughter in the piece, but the piece was on the whole intensely dramatic and absorbing. Sir Wilfrid was calm, a little hoarse in his voice, but all the better heard for that Both he and Mr. Sifton stuck to typewritten statements, but every one hung on their words as they read them.

Then came the passages at arms, and the house was cheering and applauding in turns, but more interesting than the noise was the periods of strained silence as the play worked itself, out to the drop of the curtain in a trivialty about the printing of the bills that contained the obnoxious measure. The prolog had been presented Monday afternoon, when the member for South York had suddenly opened the subject on behalf of Manitoba, and had asked as to the whereabouts of Mr. Sifton. He was in the house on Tuesday, silent. Fie was in the house to-day as the star performer.

SIR WILFRID ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION **CLIFFORD SIFTON GIVES HIS REASONS**

Notable Discussion in the House of Commons in Which Several

Notable Discussion in the House of Commons in Which Several Members Take Part—Leighton McCarthy Comes Out Against the Government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:

'I have to inform the house that my colleague, Hon. Mr. Sifton, has resigned his position in the government as minister of the interior. Mr. Sifton finds himself unable to agree with the terms of the bill which has lately been introduced for the admission into the Domlinion of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, HIS DISAGREEMENT BEING CONFINED ALTOGETHEIR TO THE EDUCATION CLAUSE. After a conference with him the following correspondence has been exchanged beweren minister; who, after the general correspondence has been exchanged beweren minister; who, after the general courters, and with the rest, and was therefore absent from the country.

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Ottawa, Feb. 27, 1905. Dear Sir Wilfrid, After giv-ing my best consideration to the matters which we discussed last matters which we discussed fast evening. I have arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible for me to continue in office under present circumstances, and that it is better for all concerned that I should act at once I therefore tender my resignation as a member of the governnecessity which has arisen will not in the least impair the friend-ship with which you have been kind enough to honor me. (Signed) Clifford Sifton.

Sir Wilfrid's Reply. To this I answered yesterday in

Ottawa, Eeb. 28, 1905. My Dear Sifton,—I received yesterday your letter of same date, whereby you tender me your resignation as a member of the government. There is no alternative to me but to accept it, and with much regret it will be my duty to place it in the hands of his excellency. After our conversation of the other received your letter I had cherished the hope that it would have been possible ere this to find a can express at this termination of our official relations, let me assure you that should our old friendship be ever impaired the

ault will not be mine. (Signed) Wilfrid Laurier. The resignation has been placed in

ame perfectly clear, and on Monday norning I wrote to the prime minister Hon. Clifford Sifton then rose and was also heard in silence. He said:

"The statement made by the Right Hon. the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid be acted upon at once, and to that wish the prime minister has now assented, planation to the house on my part. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, not intended the statement of the prime minister has now assented. last session of parliament legislation should be introduced creating new provinces out of a portion of the Northwest Territories I felt called upon in

ial).-The situation is

said to be clearing by friends of the government, but it does not look so. It is now admitted that no western member, now in the house, could take Sifton's place and be re-elected. That is the most significant fact in sight. Strenuous efforts are being made tonight to radically modify the clauses dealing with the schools, but public opinion all over the Dominion, west of the Ottawa, is "leave education to the provinces and do not interfere."

DON'T INTERFERE.

Ottawa, Mar. 1-(Spec-

SCOTT TO SUCCEED SIFTON

Considers That Western Editor's Views Are More Pliable Than Those Held by Frank Oliver.

Montreal, March 1 .- (Special.) -- R. L. Richardson, ex-M.P. for Lisgar, who opposed Hon. Clifford Sifton in Brandon at the last general election, is in Montreal, and when seen discussed the resignation of Hon. Clifford Sifton.

"I have understood that for some ime Mr. Sifton has been considering the advisability of retiring from public life, which offers very little attraction to him at the present. His resignation on a question like this will certainly be most popular in the west. I may say that outside of the minority, ninetenths of the people of the west are

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after I returned, at the earliest pos-sible moment I procured a copy of the educational clause of the bill my leader

clause contained in the autonomy bills and continued as follows:

Kicks on Educational Clauses.

"That is the clause which is contained

government. Between Friday, when I procured a copy of the clause, and Monday morning, I gave the subject my

best consideration, and I had the privi-lege in the meantime of having an in-terview with the prime minister on the

subject As the result of such consider

ation I determined that I could not en-derse or support the principles of the educational clauses. Under these cir-cumstances. Mr. Speaker, my duty be-

theibill which was introduced by the

tan Church, 10.

License commissioners, 12.
Empire Club. 8, M Wickett on "Canadians in the U.S.," Webb's, 1.

Women's Historical Society, Confederation Life Building, 3.

Reholoam Masonic Lodge musicale, Temple, S.
Master Campbell Weeks, violin recital, Conservatory Hall, S.
District Trades Council, Labor Tem-

ple, S.
Lourd of education, city ball, S.
J. W. Bengough's entertainment, Association Hall, S.
G.G.B.G. sergeants' dinner, McConkey's, 8. Astronomical lecture.Chemistry Building, S.

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Bowell Tells Tale of Bolt Hammers "Haggart & Co." AGAINST SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Charges Messrs. Foster and Haggart with Having Falsified the Record of a Memorable to the Record of a Memorable the Record of a Memorable to the Record of the Record of a Memorable to the Record of a Memorable to the Record of the Record of a Memorable to the Record of a Memor Political Quarrel.

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"Shortly before the time fixed for holding these conferences, I was compelled by my own state of, health to leave Ottawa, and was therefore unable to be present at the discussions which to be present at the discussions which to be present at the discussions which to be present at the meeting which is to be dealt with in the bill which was to be dealt with in the bill which was to be dealt with in the bill which was to be dealt with in the bill which was to be dealt with in the various sub-introduced, and so far as I was,abit to do so at that time I communicated my views to him upon the various sub-introduced and so far as I was,abit to do so at that time I communicated my views to him upon the various sub-introduced that an invitation had been ident to a manufacture of the subjects involved in the bill. These conferences were unavoidably postponed until after the beginning of the measure spread of the subjects involved in the bill. These conferences were unavoidably postponed until after the beginning of the measure spread of the subjects involved in the bill. These conferences were unavoidably postponed until after the beginning of the new year by reason of the absence of the subjects involved in the bill. These conferences were unavoidably postponed the the subjects involved in the bill. These conferences were not of office the subjects involved in the bill. These conferences of the subjects involved the subjects in an antient of the subjects involved the subjects involved the subjects in an antient of the subjects involved the subjects in an antient of the subjects in an antient of the subjects in various of the subjects involved the subjects in the subjects in the subjects in the subje subjects that necessarily required to be dealt with in the bill which was to be introduced, and so far as I was able to do so at that time I communicated my views to him upon the various subjects. I MAY SAY THAT WHEN I WENT AWAY I DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE THE BILL FOR CREATING THE NEW PROVINCES BEFORE I RETURNED. As members of the house are aware, I returned to the capital on Thursday afternoon. I, immediately look occasion to read carefully the speech which the right, hon, the prime minister had delivered in introducing the bill. I regretted that in the right hon, gentleman's address I found some principles enunciated with which I am unable to agree. On Priday, the next day after I returned, at the earliest possible moment I procurred a copy of the educational clause of the bill my leader of the call cand and well were of the louse will be directed to the declared.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

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the party. He compared these documents with

with the old country.

Turning to bestow a few, minutes on "that eminent statesman, John Haggart." Sir Mackenzie said no true history of the events of 1896 would come from men of Munchausen type of John Haggart. Having read Mr. Haggart's speech in the house of commons Feb. 10th, Sir Mackenzie stated the causes of Clarke Wallace's resignation, which was within his rights. Regarding the resignation of Mr. Ouimet, Angers and Sir Adolpre Caron, Sir Mackenzie said he was inclined to exhaustevery possi-

Opinion Next Monday.

left a stain on the escuteneon of the Conservative party which can never be removed whilst they are accepted as leaders of the party. Mr. Haggart said he felt no sorrow for his actions at the time, but Sir Mackenzle said he did not think Mr. Haggart capable of being receive for anything he eyer did. Sir BISHOP MATHESON CHOSEN.

Winnipeg, March 1.-At a meeting of the House of Bishops of Rupert's Land, held here this afternoon, Bishop Mathe-

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ALL NON-CATHOLICS AGAINST IT **WESTERN ANGLICANS NOW PROTEST**

the speeches made by Mr. Foster and Mr. Montague in Perth in 1895, and concurred in by Mr. Haggart, in which

Mr. Montague in Perth in 1895, and concurred in by Mr. Haggart, in which Mr. Foster declared that the government was united in policy, without a shade of disruption. The Mail stated that Mr. Foster bestowed a warmeulogy on Sir Mackenzie. Dr. Montague said that during 17 years of public life not one mark could be placed against Sir Mackenzie for honesty, whilst as premier he had always favored broad lines of policy and closer connection with the old country.

Turning to bestow a few, minutes on to describe the interior for honesty.

Sifton's Resignation Creates a Profound impression and states to Clear the Political Atmosphere.

Winnipeg, March 1.—(Special.)—The same may be said of other western Liberal members.

But on the other hand, it is generally assumed that Sir Wilfrid would not have permitted Mr. Sifton to leave his cabinet had he not been fully resolved not to admit of any compromise, but rather to push thru the measure intact, a willing slave to his Catholic majority.

Turning to bestow a few, minutes on

Desperate Struggle at Bridge Across the Shakhe River Spells Mikado Success.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Feb. 28.-(2 p.m.)-Via Fusan, March 1.-The Japanese left wing is driving back the Rus-

sian outposts.

The Japanese have occupied a line from Shatzemun, two miles west of the Hun River in a northwest dieection to Kalita, on the east bank of the Liao River. A heavy bombardment along

RUSSIANS RETIRE.

Executive of Orange Order Decide to Have a Free Expression of The executive of the Toronto Loyal Orange Association met in Victoria Hau last night to decide upon what steps should be taken to give the citizens and opportunity to express themselves upon the separate school clauses in the autonomy bills for the Newthwest Toronto.

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father's residence, 244 St. Patrick sir et, Faturday, March 4th, at 2 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

McCAULEY On Wednesday, March 1st, 1965, at her late residence, Leslie street,

Funeral Friday, March 3rd, at 9 a.m. to St. Joseph's Church, Leslieville. McINTYRE—At he: residence, 747 Pathurst street. Toronto, on Wednesday, the, 1st of March, 1905, Laura A. Shepard, widow of the late Peter McIntyre. Funeral private, on Friday, the 3rd, at

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