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JOB FOR "SIR" PETER

He is to Be Made an Inspector of Fisheries.

HON. MR. SIFTON IS BOSS.

His is the Mind Which Dominates the Government Now.

It Took a Little Time, but Clifford Got There in Due Course—Smart of Brandon Will Be His Deputy — A Little History Telling How It All Came About—Things Are Interesting in Nova Scotia — The Bisley Bungalow—Mr. Drolet on His Mission to Rome — Blake and Joe Martin—General News From Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 1.—(Special.)—Hon Peter Mitchell is to be appointed an Inspector of Fisheries in connection with the Fisheries Department.

SIFTON IS BOSS.

It looks as if Mr. Clifford Sifton is the master mind of the Laurier Cabinet. A few weeks ago, when it was announced from Manitoba, that Mr. J. A. Smart, ex-Mayor of Brandon, was about to leave for Ottawa to assume the duties of Deputy Minister of the Interior, the accuracy of the report was denied by Ministers here. These gents evidently did not know Mr. Sifton, for the new Minister has got his way, and in a few weeks, as announced on Saturday, Mr. Smart will be installed in the Deputy's chair, having charge of both the Interior and Indian departments. Evidently, Mr. Sifton does not want to lose the services of Mr. Burgess, for he has offered him the position of Dominion Lands Commissioner at his present salary, with headquarters at Ottawa. Mr. H. H. Smith, the present Dominion Lands Commissioner, whose head office is at Winnipeg, and who receives a salary of $4000 per annum, is to be superannuated. Mr. Hayter Reed, Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, has been offered superannuation, or a subordinate position in the Indian service at $2000 per annum.

A peculiar thing in connection with this shuffle is that while Mr. Burgess is offered a position with his present salary, there is no alternative of superannuation, as in Mr. Reed's case.

It is said that Mr. Laurier, Sir Oliver Mowat and Mr. Scott were strongly opposed to these changes, but with the school question still unsettled, Mr. Sifton is a power in the Cabinet and the Ministers had to fall into line.

Everybody is now looking for the motive which has induced Mr Sifton to force Mr. Smart into the public service, and a little ancient history is given in explanation of the Minister's action. In 1893, at the time of the World's Fair, Mr. Smart, as a member of the Manitoba Government had charge of the Manitoba exhibit, which was located in a building contiguous to the fair grounds. The way in which that exhibit was mismanaged cast a good deal of discredit upon the Greenway Government, and at the provincial elections, which took place the following year, Mr. Smart was defeated and was quietly dropped by Mr. Greenway. Robert Watson, then M.P. for Marquette, a complete outsider as far as provincial politics were concerned, was given a provincial portfolio and a seat in the House of Assembly was found for him. Ever since that time Mr. Smart has had it in for Mr. Greenway and his quondam colleagues, of whom Mr. Sifton was one. Mr. Smart's opportunity came last fall, when Mr. Sifton presented himself for election as the representative of Brandon in the House of Commons. Mr. Smart was then Mayor of Brandon and a man of considerable local influence. Mr. Sifton had to placate him and it is said Mr. Smart's opposition to the election by acclamation was purchased by the promise of the position of Deputy Minister of the Interior.

Whether this story be true or not, Mr. Sifton has got his way, and Mr. Smart is here. The manner in which Mr. Smart has secured his appointment will be discussed in Parliament, and the declaration will, it is said, be made by the leader of the Opposition that any man brought into the public service under like circumstances to those of Mr. Smart will receive short shrift when the Conservatives return to power.

A SQUIRM IN NOVA SCOTIA.

A report is current in political circles that the Nova Scotia Government intends to bring on the provincial elections at a very early date—indeed, before the tariff bill is brought down to the Federal Parliament. It is expected that Mr. Fielding will propose either a reduction in the duty on illuminous coal, or else its total abolition, and the Nova Scotia Government feels it would never do to hold the elections after a sweeping tariff change affecting that province.

Sir Charles Tupper left for Halifax this afternoon to aid the Conservatives in perfecting their organization for the coming provincial fight.

MR. SHIELDS THROWN DOWN.

John Shields has been appointed timber inspector for the Balsam Lake section of the Trent Valley Canal; at least the order-in-council making appointments reads that that position is given to John Shields of Toronto. Mr. Shields was promised a position in the Inland Revenue Department by the present Government, and, on the strength of that promise, worked like a Trojan in the Grit cause during the recent North Ontario bye-election. Now that the election has been won, Mr. Shields has to put up with an inferior and temporary position.

CROW'S NEST RAILWAY.

Senator William Miller, who is here, is strongly opposed to any expenditure of public money in the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Speaking to your correspondent to-night, he said: "I think before any policy is decided upon, the whole Dominion must be satisfied that the enormous expenditure contemplated will be a national benefit, in the interest of the whole country, not merely to the advantage of the section locally concerned, a benefit adequate to the burden to be assumed. It must not be forgotten that the heavy end of that burden, like the debt already incurred in connection with the Northwest and British Columbia, must be borne by the old provinces. It is refreshing to hear people locally interested demand the proposed expenditure as a matter of course, the great bulk of which must be borne by others, a comparatively small fraction of it only falling on themselves. I am not now and never have been animated by any narrow or sectional feeling in regard to further heavy expenditures in our western provinces, such as the Hudson Bay Railway, or the Crow's Nest Pass branch would entail, but our public debt is now quite big enough and should not be materially increased, except for the clearest necessity, and on the most defensible grounds—conditions that are yet self-evident in relation to any outlay in the Rocky Mountains. This thing, however, is certain: if a branch is to be constructed it should be done in the way to lose the smallest possible liability to the country, not certainly as a Government work. It must not be forgotten," continued the Senator, "that the Senate will have a voice in this matter and that the Government does not control the Senate. It will be no harm for the powers that be to bear in mind that when a former Government attempted to force an expenditure of millions on the country in connection with the unnecessary Harvey and Salisbury branch of the Short Line Railway in New Brunswick, the Senate defeated the measure, and was applauded for doing so from one end of the Dominion to the other. We were then told in some quarters that our House saved more money by that one act than the Senate would cost the country for all time to come. I moved the six months' hoist to the bill on that occasion, and I or somebody else will be prepared to make a similar motion whenever any similar case arises to justify such a course."

Senate reading room.
SENATE

THE BISLEY BUNGALOW.

Maj. Perley, a member of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association, leaves for England in a very short time to take charge of the erection of the Canadian Bungalow at Bisley. Maj. Sam Hughes, M.P., who was in town to-day, examined the plans for the building, and is well-pleased with them. He made the excellent suggestion that the floors of the building should be deadened, which will be a great improvement.

MR. DROLET'S MISSION.

Mr. G. A. Drolet of Montreal, who undertook the mission to Rome to lay before His Holiness the desirability of sending an ablegate to Canada to investigate the actions of the hierarchy in regard to the elections, is in the city the guest of the First Minister, to whom he presented a statement of what he had been enabled to accomplish at Rome. Mr. Drolet speaks freely of the result of his visit to the Vatican. He says the papal court was fully satisfied with the representations made by him in so far that they decided to lose no time in sending a representative to Canada. He was asked whether it was desirable to have this representative remain in the Dominion permanently or not, and replied that the Holy See could act as it saw best in that regard. Then the question arose as to a suitable choice for the office, and naturally there was some difficulty in making the selection. Mr. Drolet, however, expects a cable message any time informing him of the name of the prelate who will be sent over. When the ablegate arrives in Canada, he will take evidence from Halifax to Victoria in all matters where difference of opinion has arisen between church authority and the laity. Especially in Quebec will his investigations be full and thorough. He will investigate the actions and words of those members of the hierarchy, and of the Quebec hierarchy as a whole, in the late general elections, and the bitter party stand which they took against Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberals of Canada. "The papal ablegate will determine," said Mr. Drolet, in conclusion, "whether the French of Quebec are to be kept 60 years behind their fellow countrymen in all that pertains to intellectual and commercial advancement. The investigation by order of the papal authorities will be from the beginning to the end of the school question, and I expect will last fully two or three years."

LOSS OF THE WARWICK.

Mr. Davies has under consideration the report of the commissioners, who investigated the wreck of the steamer Warwick, which was lost some weeks ago off the Island of Grand Manan. The case is an important one, involving some knotty points respecting marine law. It may be some days before the Minister's decision is finally handed down.

REBUILDING THE WEST BLOCK.

In connection with the work of rebuilding the upper storey of the west block, and the improvements to be made, as already projected, a plan to further render the block substantially fireproof from top to bottom is now being considered by the Department of Public Works. The proposition is made to renovate and improve the basement of the block and to remove the wooden flooring at present covering the floors of the corridors in the basement, substituting therefor cemented walks; also to remove all wooden or inflammable material in the basement that can properly be dispensed with. The Deputy Minister of Public Works stated to-day that nothing definite in regard to the matter had been determined upon, but that rough plans had been drawn up and submitted to the Minister, which were to be discussed later on.

BLAKE AND MARTIN.

When Hon. Edward Blake left political life in Canada, he accepted a big retainer from the C.P.R. Hon. Joseph Martin is also now said to have gone into the service of the C.P.R., as soon as he quit politics. A western newspaper says that the principal work of Mr. Martin will be to get the Government to give the C.P.R. the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Tarte was on the sick list again to-day, and kept to his room at the Russell House until 3 p.m., when he left for Montreal.

A deputation of Ottawa citizens, headed by Mr. Hutchinson, M.P., saw the Premier and Mr. Blair to-day to urge dredging of the Rideau River in Ottawa City, for the prevention of spring floods. The Premier promised careful consideration.

Owing to the snow storm to-day Her Excellency's skating party, which was to have been held to-night, has been postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Edward Farrer was in town to-day and interviewed some of the Ministers.

Mr. A. G. Gilbert, poultry manager, at the experimental farm, returned to-day from the Maritime Provinces, where he addressed 10 successful meetings on the management of poultry.

Mr. Hugh Sutherland of Winnipeg left for Toronto to-night.

Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, M.P., of Quebec, arrived in the Capital on Saturday evening for the purpose of seeing Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Adolphe Caron. He had conferences with both these gentlemen.

Mr. Thomas Rubridge of the Cornwall canal, and Mr. R. B. Rogers, superintending engineer of the Trent Valley canal, are both here on business with the Department of Railways and Canals.

Hon. E. H. Bronson, M.P., is improved in health to-day. He continues to gain strength daily.

The American Bank Note Company will erect a $15,000 building on their recently purchased property on Wellington-street.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is restful.

Talk to George H. Roberts about life insurance—Equitable Life Office, cor. King and Yonge-streets.

GREEKS VERY ANGRY

A Meeting of Their Parliament Held Yesterday.

SUPPRESSED EXCITEMENT.

All Patriotic References of the Speakers Were Applauded.

The Fighting Which Brought About the Bombardment Was Begun by the Turks — The Premier Said the Blockade of Crete Was Inexplicable in the Light of International Law — Many Skirmishes on the Island — Situation Grave at Selino — Mussulmans Looking to the Powers for Protection — Russia and Greece Said to Have Severed Relations.

Athens, March 1.—After a recess that called for the protest of the Opposition, the Boule, the single parliamentary chamber of Greece, met to-day. Nearly all of the members were present and the gallery of the chamber was filled with visitors, all eager to listen to further authoritative statements of the Government's position in regard to Crete and the powers. There was an air of suppressed excitement, and all the patriotic references of the speakers were applauded.

Prime Minister Delyannis announced that he had received positive information that the fighting at Akrotiri, which had induced the bombardment of the Christians' position by the foreign warships, was provoked by the Turks, the Christians not having left the neutral zone.

M. Levides, Minister of Marine, read the joint note from the admirals of the foreign fleets, forbidding the Greek ships or troops to attack the Turks. This caused much excitement among the members of the Chamber, and Deputy Sesse sprang from his seat and declared that the reply to the note ought to have been a declaration of war.

M. Delyannis denounced the bombardment of the Christians as savage, impious and unjust. He said that the blockade of Crete by the powers was inexplicable from the view point of international law. Greece, he added, had instructed her representatives of the countries to which they are accredited. He further said he was convinced that the admirals had acted without instructions. In conclusion, M. Delyannis said: "We are a small nation and cannot prevent such acts, but we protest against them with the force of a great nation. We know that all great peoples are with us."

The Prime Minister was cheered again and again as he took his seat.

A despatch received here to-day states that the insurgents have captured the town of Kandamos, but gives no details of the engagement.

Many skirmishes.

Canea, March 1.—Reports have been received to-day of skirmishes in many parts of the island. A number of houses have been burned. In some cases the fires were started by Christians and in others by Moslems.

The various Beys requested Tewfik Pasha, the new military Governor of the island, to invoke the aid of the Sultan to save the Mussulmans in the different towns that are besieged by the insurgents. He replied that the Sultan was powerless to act, and that any appeal in behalf of their endangered co-religionists must be made to the powers.

A despatch from Selino, the interior town which is in a state of siege, states that the insurgents have captured Fort Stavaros, which commands the village of Kandamos, or Cadano, where the Consuls were recently fired upon by the Christians, though they were bearing a white flag. The garrison of the fort, numbering 3700 men, were made prisoners. The Moslem officials have conferred with the British Consul with a view to securing their release.

The news from Selino is very grave, and it is evident that unless assistance is rendered by the powers the place will soon have to capitulate. This fact has caused the greatest excitement among the Moslems here, for fear that the capture of the town by the Christians will be followed by a massacre of the Mussulmans.

The insurgents have mounted four guns on commanding positions, and since yesterday have been delivering a hot fire on the town and fort.

A deputation of leading Moslems visited the Consul here to-day and declared that as the powers had practically cleared the Island of Turkish forces and refused to permit the Sultan to send re-inforcements to those remaining, it devolved upon the powers to protect the besieged Mussulmans. They laid the utmost stress upon the imminent peril threatening the Moslems at Selino, and said that their only hope was in the powers. The British Consul proceeded immediately after the conference to Suda Bay to consult with Rear Admiral Harris, commanding the British fleet. The location of Selino is such, however, that effective assistance from the war ships is impossible, the town being in the interior, far out of range of the guns of the war ships.

Another cause of excitement was the action of the Italian patrol, who stopped a party of Moslem women in the streets, suspecting that they were men in disguise. Moslem officials allege that the women were roughly handled, but the Italians strongly deny the charge. The presence of the patrols from the foreign war ships is much resented by the Mohammedan officials and they have urgently requested that they be withdrawn. The road to Suda is clear and is patrolled by marines. The insurgents at Akrotiri are thus cut off.

Joint Note Not Delivered.

London, March 1.—It is learned that the joint note of the powers, addressed to Turkey and Greece, has not yet been delivered. Its delay will probably be now deferred until Wednesday. The Athens' correspondent of The Times, says it is believed that the reply of Greece to the note will inevitably be an absolute refusal to evacuate Crete.

He adds that the destinies of the country are now in the hands of neither Government nor King, but of a violently excited democracy, who are swayed completely by enthusiasm. The moment anybody ventured to plead moderation or suggest deference to the Consuls of Europe, he would be denounced as a traitor. The leaders of the Opposition insist that the withdrawal of the Greek fleet and troops from Crete must be resisted to the bitter end. They propose to meet the ultimatum of th powers with a counter-ultimatum, declaring that Europe must allow the Greek army to remain in the island or face the prospect of a general war, resulting from a struggle in Macedonia. They believe they can thereby compel the powers to yield.

AN INTERESTING GAME.

MR. VAN HORNE: You might not suspect it, but I'm merely playing this for my health.

HUGH JOHN ACCEPTS

He Will Become Leader of the Opposition

IN MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Sir Charles Tupper's Approval of the Proposal Received.

Budget Debate Did Not Take Place — Hon. G. E. Foster at Winnipeg on His Return From the Coast—He Has a Good Idea of the Mineral Resources of the Kootenay Country—Thinks the Crow's Nest Railway is a Necessity, but Does Not Approve of the Government Building It.

Winnipeg, March 1.—(Special.)—Hon. Hugh John Macdonald announced today that he would accept the Opposition leadership in the Legislature, provided it was the wish of his friends. If unseated for Winnipeg he will not contest the city again for the Dominion House. A letter was received today from Sir Charles Tupper, assenting to Hugh John's retirement.

The budget debate did not take place in the Legislature to-day, as expected. It will probably begin to-morrow.

HON. G. E. FOSTER'S VISIT.

Hon. George E. Foster, formerly Minister of Finance for Canada, arrived in the city from the west this morning, and will remain here some days a guest at Government House. Mr. Foster stated that his impression of the vast mineral resources of British Columbia was greatly strengthened by his visit, which was in the interest of the British-Canadian Gold Fields Company, of which he is president.

Of the Crow's Nest Pass road, Mr. Foster said his opinion of it is already known. He is impressed with the necessity of it, and is convinced that the Government would not be wise in building it, as a company could do it cheaper and with better results to the country. It is a comparatively short line by itself and would be dependent on the C. P. R. The Government has built as many roads as was required under the Act of Confederation, and the policy of building more would not be the right one to adopt. The road, he says, is necessary to the development of the country.

GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION.

Motion in Montreal City Council Asking Parliament to Build Crow's Nest R.R.

Montreal, March 1.—(Special.)—Ald. Lefebvre gave a notice of motion today in the City Council, petitioning the Dominion Government to build the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, as a Government work.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., dirt. 75c.

White shirts—open backs—bands—good cloth—good-fitting—a dollar value at a clearing price—70 cents—Treble's, 53 King west.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors no experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

DIED VERY SUDDENLY.

John W. Martin, a Prominent Farmer of Waterloo Township, Falls Dead in Galt

Galt, Ont., March 1.—John W. Martin, a prominent farmer of Waterloo Township, aged about 70, died very suddenly in Galt this afternoon. Deceased, who has been running the Speedsville woolen mills, which belong to the estate of his son, the late Samuel C. Martin, who, strange to say, died very suddenly about a year ago under somewhat similar circumstances, was in Galt this morning, delivering a load of yarn to Newman & Co., and drove home, but returned to Galt in the afternoon to attend a meeting of the North Dumfries and South Waterloo Insurance Company, of which he has been a director for several years. While walking on the street he apparently fainted and was carried into Dr. Varden's office near by, where he died almost immediately.

THE Q. O. R. TROUBLE.

Col. Hamilton Will be Reinstated and Will Retire Soon—Mr. Laurier's Guard of Honor.

A solution of the Queen's Own difficulty has apparently been arrived at. It is now authentically reported that Lieut.-Col. Hamilton is soon to be reinstated in command of the regiment, but that he will in the course of some weeks resign to take charge of the corps which is to act as a bodyguard to Premier Laurier on the occasion of his coming visit to the Old Country.

HIS ARM WAS TORN OFF.

Agonizing Death of James Hamilton at Uxbridge Yesterday.

Uxbridge, Ont., March 1.—This morning at 10 o'clock James Hamilton, who has been renting power and running a chopper at the Organ Company's factory here, met with an accident which caused his death an hour and a half later. It appears he was reaching over the main shaft to put on a belt, when his arm became caught in the shafting, and he was wound round the shaft. His right arm was pulled off at the elbow. Doctors Bascom and Clarke were soon on the scene and did all in their power to relieve his sufferings, but he died at 11.30, surrounded by his father, brother and young wife. Deceased was about 30 years of age and a son of Mr. George Hamilton, who lives about two miles south of this town.

Spring Lamb and Green Peas at Turtle Hall.

The Lockhart Estate.

The inspectors of the Lockhart estate have refused 40 cents on the dollar cash and have sold part of the estate, consisting of raw material, for $13,500. This will give the inside creditors about 50 cents on the dollar, while the outside creditors will get 25 cents on the dollar. The stock on hand will be worked out and a new stock company, with a capital of $50,000, will run the two mills at Markham and Lambton Mills. The company will start with a clean sheet.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

A Good Chance.

Enjoy some flowers—you can buy roses from $1 a dozen up at Dunlop's. For decorations let our flower artist arrange them for you in striking new effects. 5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W evenings, 50c.

Cambric shirts—our own make—collar attached—sold at $2 last season—selling now at $1—at Treble's, 53 King street west.

Good seats may yet be secured for Madame Van Der Veer Green, Massey Hall to-night.

SPRING HAT STYLES.

Friday and Saturday Will be Hat Opening Days at Dineens, King and Yonge-sts.

There will be shown first shipments of all the newest block in English and American silk and felt hats—including Dunlap, Heath, Tress, Christy and other famous makers, and a full range of Dineens' special XXX Hats, made on Dunlap, Youmans, Miller, Knox and other American fashioners. Dineen is the sole selling agent for the Dominion for the celebrated Dunlap hats, silk and felt.

During rebuilding at the old corner, Dineens have rented temporary premises at 81 Yonge-street, and will occupy them on and after April 1. All this month the firm will clear out furs at just about the cost of the raw materials. There's a stock of $50... in fashionable and costly furs that the temporary premises will not accommodate. It will pay you well to make an investment in furs now.

A Flowery Gathering.

On March 1 every year the young and pretty disciples of Madame Mantalini hold a gathering in this city, beside which all other gatherings are shimmering delusions. Active preparations have been going on for some time and every nerve has been strained among the wholesalers to make this gathering a flowery success. While head fixings are being attended to by the millinery houses, ladies' neckwear is being shown in a most varied range by the Dominion neckwear people, at their showroom, No. 71 King-street west. Visiting merchants will consult their best interests by taking a look at this only up-to-date display.

Why suffer, when Gibbons' Toothache Gum will afford instant relief? Price 10c.

Everybody After It

The demand for the coal sold by John Kent & Co. is increasing daily. The public are finding out that it is the coal for satisfaction. One special feature it has is the extra strong heat, and it has no clinkers. In this coal you get your value for your money. Office 78 Yonge-street, near King.

A wonderful aid to digestion—Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum. Allow no imitation to be palmed off on you.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

It is a funny thing to me how Grand & Toy can sell Stafford's inks for 60c per quart. We have always paid 75c for it. If it is a good thing, we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Come to the Caledonian Choir Concert to-night, Massey Music Hall.

Lake View Hotel, Parliament and Winchester-streets; terms $1 and $1.50 per day. Special rates to weekly boarders. Table d'hote, 6 to 8 o'clock. J. H. Ayre, proprietor. 246

For indigestion in any form, use Adams' Tutti Frutti. See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each 5-cent package.

P.C. Armstrong arrested on a warrant last night Clifford Dill, a boy of 15, living at 270 Adelaide-street west, charged with wounding James A. Dorch.

Have you tasted "Salada" Ceylon Tea.

Big Rush of Passengers to the Old Country This Coming Summer.

Berths for June and July are already being applied for; so passengers who wish to travel in comfort will please reserve accommodation at once at S. J. Sharp's ticket office, 78 Yonge-street.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Pancakes, Turtle Hall, Shrove Tuesday

Turkish baths open day and night, 129 Yonge.

Special.

"The Varsity," fountain pen, chased and plain barrels; gold pens. $1 each. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

Spring Lamb with Mint Sauce, first of season, at Clow's.

WHERE SALT CRICK IS.

Do you know where Salt Crick is?
I will tell you, that's my biz;
It's where our country's milch cow goes
To grass.
Up that crick our ship is sailing,
While her crew is busy bailing,
As she staggers on stern foremost thro'
The Crow's Nest Pass.

She has busted up her compass;
On the rocks she's bound to bump us,
For she's trusting to a fog-Horne
That is blowing off its gas.
Me fears are quite well founded,
'Deed the crew will all be drownded
In the bitter Salt Crick waters of the
Crow's Nest Pass.

They went aboard at Tarshish,
Where the country 'round is marshish,
An' they had the shakin' ager when
They left the land. Alas!
Me advice did not avail;
'Deed I fear they've met a whale,
Fer they've disappeared entirely
From the Crow's Nest Pass.

Our ship she was the strongest,
The deepest, widest, longest,
That ever started proudly o'er
A sea as smooth as glass.
She didn't even lurch
When she bumped agin the Church,
But a whale of Salt Crick sunk
Her in the Crow's Nest Pass.
—The Khan.

Chestnuts!

The monthly weather report, published by the Meteorological service of the Dominion of Canada, for the month of August, 1896, arrived at The World office by mail last night. If this is the speed of the weather prophets, drawing their good salaries from the people of Canada, this might account for the contrariness of "Old Probs" for some time past. This chestnut department ought certainly to get a move on.

It Made Them Laugh.

Algoma Miner.

The cartoon in Monday's Toronto World of Mr. Whitney and James Conmee created a good laugh in town. They are after James Conmee's scalp in Toronto. But, being after his scalp and getting it, are two different stories.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

News Notes of Interest Culled From the Despatches and Boiled Into Paragraphs to Save Space.

President McKinley has about recovered his usual health and spirits.

Mrs. Edward Terry, wife of the proprietor of Terry's Theatre, in London, is dead.

The American Plate Glass Factory at Alexandria, Indiana, was burned yesterday. Loss, $200,000; partly insured.

A despatch from Moscow says that a Moscow passenger train fell over an embankment, and that 19 passengers were killed.

General Julio Sanguilly and family have arrived in the United States from Cuba, where Sanguilly was imprisoned, but released.

C. O. Paradis, ex-Mayor of Sorel, has been chosen as the Liberal candidate in Richelieu County, Quebec, for the Local election.

Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, United States Ambassador, with his family, left Rome yesterday on their return to the United States.

Vice-President-elect Hobart, Mrs. Hobart, and their son will go to Washington this morning on a special train on the New Jersey Central Railway.

The management of the Balmoral Hotel, Montreal, has made an assignment on the demand of W. W. Ogilvie. The rent claim alone is $23,000.

Uncle Sam's new torpedo boat, the Farragut, made a trial yesterday, and is claimed to have run for a short distance at the rate of 30 knots an hour.

Five hundred employes of the Globe Ship-building Company at Cleveland inaugurated a strike yesterday against the employment of non-union labor.

President McKinley left Canton yesterday evening for Washington, amid a blaze of fireworks and the cheers of his neighbors. He made a brief farewell address. Mrs. McKinley is with him.

Cable despatches from Manila say that more than 2000 insurgents were killed in the recent battles fought with the Spanish troops at Silang and Las Marismas, Philippine Islands.

The Nova Scotia Legislature closed its session yesterday. One of its last acts was to adopt an address to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating her on her record reign.

The wife of Rev. C. J. Curtis, Methodist, of Inverary, died yesterday at Kingston, after a week's illness. She was a native of Freelton, Ont., and had been married 12 years.

Thomas Newbigging of Bridgeburg, Ont., died yesterday, aged 87. He had lived in Welland County 31 years, and was a justice of the peace and clerk of the Division Court. He came from Glasgow to Canada in 1848. His surviving sons are Thomas L. of Bridgeburg, William of Buffalo and Joseph of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway, and two daughters also survive.

Alex. McLachlan, a school teacher at Salford Village, Oxford County, is charged with having kept a pupil named Ida Quinn after school hours on the plea of instructing her in history, and taking undue liberties with her. A charge of attempted criminal assault was laid by her father, and McLachlan was sent to Woodstock Jail, bail being refused.

The Methodist Ministerial Association of London had before them yesterday morning a deputation of the W.C.T.U., who laid before them their views disapproving of the bill re liquor licenses, introduced by Hon. Mr. Harcourt in the Ontario Legislature. The association passed a resolution condemning the course and protesting against it as disregarding the wishes of the temperance people of the Province.

The 48th Highlanders' Band and Madame Van Der Veer Green will appear at the Caledonian Choir Concert to-night, Massey Music Hall.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

To-night's Great Attraction—Madame Van Der Veer Green, Massey Hall.

BIRTHS.

MACDOWALL—At 297 Sherbourne-street, on the 27th Feb., the wife of D. H. Macdowall of a daughter.

DEATHS.

AUSTIN—At his residence, "Spadina," on Saturday, Feb. 27, James Austin, President of the Dominion Bank, in his eighty-fourth year.

Funeral private.

O'NEILL—In St. Michael's Hospital, on Sunday night, Brother Alexander (William O'Neill), a member of the Redemptorist Order.

Funeral to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's Church to St. Michael's Cemetery.

Steamship Movements.

March 1,	At	From
Carlsruhe	New York	Bremen.
La Gascogne	New York	Havre.
Edam	New York	Amsterdam.
Pennsylvania	London	New York.
K. Wilhelm II.	Gibraltar	New York.
Zaandam	Rotterdam	New York.
Scotsman	Liverpool	Halifax.
Naparima	Isle of Wight	Halifax.

COMING HOME TO ROOST

Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick in a Queer Fix.

ANTE-ELECTION PROMISES

Which Explain the Success of the Liberals in Quebec.

Just Now These Promises Are Coming to the Front in a Most Awkward Way—Engagements Made With the Bishops Which it Has Been Found Impossible to Keep — The Grenier Libel Case Also Showing Uncomfortable Features to Some Leading Politicians—Interest of U.S. Capitalists in Rossland Mines—Other News From Montreal.

Montreal, March 1.—(Special.)—There was a reference in this column the other day to the ante-election promises of Mr. Laurier's candidates in this province, and to the uncomfortable manner in which these same promises are coming home to roost. It now appears that one of the most solemn pledges of this kind was signed, sealed and delivered by the present Solicitor-General 18 days before the election. Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick went to the Archbishop's palace at Quebec to sign his declaration of faith and obedience to his bishop, but Mgr. Begin, being absent on a pastoral visit, the future Solicitor-General at once proceeded to the County of Beauce, and before the Archbishop coadjutor of Quebec made the following declaration:

"Being sincerely disposed to put aside all party spirit and all question of men in order to secure the triumph of the Catholic cause in Manitoba, I, the undersigned, promise, if elected, to conform myself to the bishops' mandement in all points, and to vote for a measure according the Catholics of Manitoba that justice to which they have a right by virtue of the judgment of the Privy Council, provided that the measure be approved of by my bishop. If Mr. Laurier exercises power and does not settle the question at the first session in accordance with the terms of the mandement, I promise either to withdraw my support or resign. (Signed) C. J. Fitzpatrick, Ste. Marie, June 9, 1896."

Dr. Godbout, M. P. for Beauce, also signed a declaration, which is in the hands of the Archbishop of Quebec, solemnly promising that he would only vote for a measure that should give the control of the Manitoba schools to the clergy, and that such Separate schools should be subsidized by the province.

Mr. R. Lemieux, M. P. for Gaspe: "I, the undersigned candidate in the County of Gaspe, solemnly promise to vote in the House according to the desires expressed by Their Lordships in their recent pastoral."

When it is known that every bishop in Quebec Province has letters in his possession of the same tenor, the secret of Mr. Laurier's victory appears quite plain, and the embarrassing position of the French Liberal members is easily realized, although the list would not be complete without Mr. Geoffrion's declaration: "We Liberals have proclaimed with Mgr. Langevin 'All or nothing, the plenitude of our rights or nothing.'"

A good many, after reading the above declarations, will perhaps excuse the present rather violent attitude of the Quebec bishops towards Hon. Mr. Laurier and his Government.

GRENIER LIBEL CASE.

Mr. C. A. Cornellier, Q. C., made a strong appeal in the Court of Queen's Bench to-day for a date to be set for the trial of A. W. Grenier, who is being prosecuted for libel at the instance of Hon. J. Israel Tarte. As evidence of the importance of this cause célebre, the defence asks that the following gentlemen be summoned to prove his plea of justification, viz.: Sir Alexander Lacoste, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench; Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. D. Decelles, Librarian of Parliament; Hon. F. Langelier, M.P.; Hon. Charles Langelier, Hon. C. A. Pelletier, Speaker of the Senate; L. J. Demers, Ernest Pacaud, Chrysostome Langelier, Sir Hector Langevin, Monsignor Marois, Joseph Plamondon, Elzear Vincent, Benjamin Trudel, Hon. Thomas Chapais, J. G. H. Bergeron, M.P.; C. S. Beausoleil, M.P.; Calixte Lebœuf, T. G. Shaughnessy, Lucien Forget, C. A. Dansereau, Joseph Riendeau, Hon. C. A. Geoffrion, J. P. Whelan, Daniel Ford, Hon. L. O. Taillon, Hon. G. A. Nantel, Hon. P. E. Leblanc and Ald. Brunet.

NEWS FROM ROSSLAND.

Mr. J. P. Graves has returned from the Middle States, where he says the greatest interest is manifest in the Rossland mines. The Dervea Bros. of New York have alone, he states, invested much money in British Columbia, and it is believed that Philadelphia will invest a good quarter of a million dollars in the same camp during the next three months. While there Mr. Graves himself was able to secure $30,000 for Rossland properties, and everything seems to indicate that the hard times in the States will prompt the moneyed men to push their investments in British Columbia. While in the United States Capital Mr. Graves found that the Rossland camp was quite as well known to the Senators as it is to the people of Montreal.

Le Monde of this evening, in speaking of The Signal's statement that Mgr. Gravel told the Roman prelates that Mr. Laurier is a Freemason, says: "We are authorized by His Lordship to say that there is not an atom of truth in The Signal's article, which is a disloyal and malicious invention." It is also understood that the Quebec prelates will take prompt action regarding Mr. Drolet's statement in his famous interview published in Monday's papers.

MONTREAL NEWS NOTES.

It is stated here in railway circles that should Chauncey Depew go to the court of St. James, Dr. Webb, President of the Wagner Company and of the Adirondack road, will succeed him as President of the New York Central system.

Turning Cold Again.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 22—34; Calgary, 14 below—8; Prince Albert, 6 below—16; Qu'Appelle, 18 below—6 below; Winnipeg, 26 below—18; Port Arthur, 12 below—14; Parry Sound, 22 below—28; Toronto, 2—36; Ottawa, 18 below—10; Montreal, 10 below—18; Quebec, 18 below—10; Halifax, 2 below—18.

PROBS: West and northwest winds; fair; colder weather; local snow flurries.