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The New Grit Cabinet.

A meeting of the Grit members declared elected as the result of the polling at the recent general Provincial election, was held in the Legislative building on Thursday last. Great must have been the anxiety of some of those who went in to that meeting; terrible must have been the tension of their feelings while the proceedings lasted, and bitter their disappointment when all was over.

At the beginning of this new year and new century, we extend to all our readers the compliments of the season. We also beg to thank those who have kindly remitted their subscriptions and trust their good example will be followed by all others.

The New Century.

Yesterday ushered in not only a new year, but also a new century. At the last stroke of twelve o'clock on Monday night we passed from the nineteenth and entered upon the twentieth century. The process of transition, in the order of nature, was wholly un-

paralleled, and until after midnight the meeting was called for the purpose of constructing a Cabinet and of disposing of the material at the disposal of the builders, it is not considerable time to recall what might be deemed the better part from the more inferior residue. After long hours of labor this is what was brought forth early on Friday morning: Premier—Hon. D. Farquharson; Attorney-General—Hon. Arthur Peters; Commissioner of Public Works—Hon. James H. Cumiskey; Commissioner of Agriculture and Provincial Secretary and Treasurer—Hon. Benjamin Rogers. The members of the Executive without portfolio are: in addition to the Premier, Hon. Malcolm McDonald, Hon. James W. Richards, Hon. R. C. McLeod, Hon. Peter McNeill and Hon. George Forbes. The apportionment of seats in the Executive gives two members to King's County, three to Queen's and four to Prince. Probably the Cabinet is as good as could be made out of the timber in the builder's hands.

Rapid Transit of the Straits.

Each day that passes brings more fully to light the scandalous conduct of the Federal Government and the Minister of Marine in the matter of our winter mail and passenger service. Last week we pointed out the unreasonable and unsatisfactory arrangement up to that time. Since then the imposition of the authorities in this matter has become more glaring. As intimated in our last issue, the Stanley reached Summerside the 23rd ult. On Christmas day she made a trip to Cape Tormentine and return, carrying a large party of the citizens of Summerside. Just when an arrangement was raised in consequence of small pax breaking out in Westmorland County, New Brunswick, and it was intimated from Ottawa that the steamer might be taken off that route. This, in turn, gave rise to tremendous protesting on the part of the Summersiders, and on the next trip of the Stanley to Cape Tormentine an investigating committee went over from Summerside. This committee reported that any danger from small pax was reduced to a minimum. But no mails were ordered by the Stanley and no passengers presented themselves; consequently the steamer having nothing to do lay at her moorings in Summerside. All this time the freight glut was accumulating at Pictou, and the Minto continued making or three trips a week between that port and Summerside. That is surely rapid transit, quite in keeping with the progressive spirit at the dawn of the twentieth century. What does it all mean? The Government has two winter steamers; they send one of them to Summerside to lay up at the wharf or dodge over to Tormentine and back just to keep the machinery from rusting. It is not given any employment in the carrying of mails or freight, and no passengers present themselves. Meantime, the other steamer affords less accommodation than the people enjoyed before we had a winter steamer at all. The Government organ makes no serious attempt to defend the responsible authorities for this outrageous conduct. The organ simply remarks that the "Tories," during their eighteen years of power did not supply a second steamer for the winter service! Let us admit, for the sake of argument, that the Conservatives did not accomplish all that might be desired during their term of office. Was it not for this reason, ostensibly at least, that they were put out of power? Were we not given to understand that the Liberals were the party of progress, and their advent to power would witness the accomplishment of all the unfinished pro-

In the matter of the petition entered against the return of M. D. A. McKinnon, by M. Alexander Martin certain exceptions were filed by M. McKinnon. During last week these exceptions were argued before Judge Hodgson, who on Monday last dismissed the exceptions with costs against McKinnon. The petition will now be argued on its merits. Hazard Q. C. appeared for McKinnon, and Stewart Q. C. for Martin.

WEDNESDAY LAST WAS DECLARATION DAY IN KING'S COUNTY.

Following are the correct returns with the special votes added. First District—McDonald, 396; Robertson, 384; Kitcham, 454; McLean, 776. Second District—McLaughlin, 359; Peters, 511; McIsaac, 315; Clark, 430.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FIRST FEDERAL CABINET.

A recent despatch from Sydney, New South Wales, says that Edmund Barton, who was the leader of the federal convention, has accepted the Earl of Hopetoun's offer to form the first cabinet of the federation. He anticipates no difficulty.

THE PLAGUE.

Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, the Viceroy of India, in the course of a speech a few days ago at Calcutta, said that since the appearance of the Bubonic plague in 1898, twenty-five thousand deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore State.

BARON ARMISTONG DEAD.

Lord George Armstrong, the inventor of the Armstrong gun, died in London on Thursday last. He was born in New Castle in 1810; he spent his boyhood in the army, and was killed at the battle of Rorke's Drift in 1879.

BRITISH EMBASSY ASSAULTED.

Turkish soldiers at Constantinople a few days ago gunned and maltreated the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Debonson and other members of the British Embassy. Sharp demands for redress have been made.

INDIANS ON WAR PATH.

The Apaches are on the war path in Mexico, and the inhabitants of Rio Grande have organized to meet them. The Indians are robbing the isolated ranches.

THE MOVEMENTS OF "BOBS."

The steamer Canada with Lord Roberts on board arrived at Pictou, Island of Madiera, on Christmas Day. A sample of nineteen guns greeted the Canada as she entered the port, and a grand reception was tendered Lord Roberts. The Canada proceeded the next day to Gibraltar, where she arrived on Friday. The same evening she sailed for England.

STORMS IN ENGLAND.

There has been a succession of storms and violent gales in Great Britain during the past few days. The damage will reach many thousands of pounds. H. M. S. Black Prince, at Portsmouth, and H. M. S. Tesar, at Queenstown, were both badly damaged. There are incessant reports of innumerable ship plugging casualties showing that the gale was one of the worst in many years.

NEW ZEALAND'S FIGHTERS.

A despatch from Wellington, N. Z., states that the sixth New Zealand contingent of whom half are Maoris, will sail in three weeks from Wellington for South Africa. The expenses of the contingent will be met by the Imperial Government. The employment of Maoris is likely to raise protests in Great Britain.

NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

N. Schelling, electrician at St. Louis, Mo., on Saturday shocked a cat to death and then by reversing the current caused the heart again to beat, and in two hours restored life. He declares that quick, intelligent action will restore life to any person killed by electricity.

REVIEWED BY LORD CROMER.

Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent, reviewed on Thursday the Egyptian troops of the Sudan at Khartoum under the Sudan Major General Sir Francis D. Wingate. He expressed a deep regret that the great Dinka tribe, which formerly suffered severely from slave raids, the British Egyptian flag guaranteed them against a recurrence of such raids, and ensured respect for their ancient customs. The chiefs departed expressing gratitude.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attacks upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. They however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

ANOTHER COALING STATION.

A London, Eng., newspaper says it has received from Madrid official confirmation of the report that Great Britain is negotiating to buy Salvoira Island, which lies off the coast of northwestern Spain, for a coaling station. The owner of the island, a Spaniard, has received an offer of \$1,250,000 for the property. Prime Minister Asquith is quoted as saying that the question of the sale depends solely upon the patriotism of the owner.

REBELLION ENDED.

Colonel Wilcocks has cabled the British Government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

A questionnaire, submitted by the Star of the 31st ult. says: The British steamer Lake Megantic, Captain Taylor, Liverpool, Dec. 25, and Queenstown, Dec. 31, for Halifax, returned to Queenstown harbor yesterday (Monday) morning, after a terrible experience in the gale. Some of the crew were seriously injured and one of the seamen killed on the deck. When the storm moderated, Capt. Taylor decided to return to Queenstown. It was difficult work to steer the big ship, but he managed to anchor her without an accident.

SMALL-POX IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

A meeting of the citizens of Seabrook, N. B., was held a few days ago to take action with reference to the small-pox case in that vicinity. The doctors present, representing the county Board of Health announced that they had quarantined all suspected cases and ordered compulsory vaccination in the infected districts, where they had closed the schools and the churches and directed that outdoor communication from that district be prevented. They reported that chicken-pox had been prevalent for three months or more with some cases of varioloid, probably 150 in all, and that about 80 cases existed at present. They were so mild in character that they yielded to home treatment in most cases without medical aid. It was on Friday of last week that the small-pox was first detected. The Board of Health then took charge and enforced compulsory vaccination. The nearest case to Cape Tormentine is eight miles distant, and so far only one death is said to have occurred. The Board of Health has brought from the infected district and that the mails from there be discontinued. It will not interfere with the throughness with P. E. Island.

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