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FRIDAY, May 17.

A despatch from Constantinople says the Russian positions at San Stefano have been moved nearer to those of the Turks.

Disquieting accounts have been received from St. Petersburg. The prospect is again threatening. The Panslavist party are once more gaining the ascendancy.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says the Russian papers are full of news about the volunteer fleet. Subscriptions for fitting it are coming in from all parts. In Russia the sums raised seem very small for the purposes, but they are double the amount contributed from the same sources to the Czarina's Commission for the relief of the sick and wounded during the war.

Russian preparations to attack British commerce attract great attention. The *Times* says:—"The United States may be depended upon to do all in their power to observe the Treaty of Washington, but even if the Russians succeed in equipping their little fleet, it will hardly do much mischief, and is more likely to fall victims to our cruisers than to inflict damage on our merchantmen. We might have some trouble at first, but a short time will suffice to clear the seas and make the passage of our vessels as safe as now."

The *Standard* says the Porte will allow no further addition to the British fleet at Ismid. Exchange of ships will be permitted however.

A Pesth correspondent telegraphs that serious apprehensions are felt in Hungary that, as the summer advances, typhus fever and cholera will break out in the country. Three cases of spotted typhus are reported in Transylvania, and several have occurred on the steamer coming from the lower Danube.

A Vienna despatch states that the efforts of the Turkish Commissioners continue fruitless. According to the *Wiener Tagblatt*, the passes reported taken by the insurgents are the Derbend Balkan and Trajaris Gate. All attempts to dislodge them have been unsuccessful.

SATURDAY, May 18.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—Count Schouvaloff's mission appears to have resulted successfully, and an early meeting of Congress is once more talked of. It is believed the Count succeeded in convincing his Imperial master of the demands formulated by England were of European interest, hence the apparent peaceful aspect of the situation. While, however, the reports from St. Petersburg are of a pacific nature, those from Constantinople are the exact opposite. Gen. Todleben having renewed his demand for the evacuation of the ceded fortresses, and the Porte being considered likely to renew the war rather than yield. Another report of an unsatisfactory nature, and which, if true, is likely to lead to fresh complications, is to the effect that the Russians are approaching closer and closer to both Constantinople and Gallipoli, their excuse being that it is for hygienic reasons. A good indication, however, is that the Russian journals are generally peaceful and temperate in tone. Russia has replied to Roumania's circular that the occupation of Bessarabia is only for strategic purposes, to prevent an enemy landing on the Black sea coast, but the reply has been unfavourably received at Bucharest, and another protest has been made.

MONDAY, May 20.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—That Count Schouvaloff's mission to St. Petersburg has been successful seems certain. It is said his communications to the Czar regarding the Treaty of San Stefano, although of a startling nature, created such an impression that all the efforts of the St. Petersburg war party were powerless to counteract them. The Count, according to a Vienna correspondent, returns to London empowered to make great concessions to meet British views. It is further reported that the foundation for an arrangement has already been laid. While, however, the news from the Russian capital is most pacific, the despatches from Constantinople seem to indicate that the Porte is determined not to yield to General Todleben's demands without a desperate struggle, even going the length of renewing the war. Everything is being done to strengthen the Constantinople lines of defence, fresh works are being constructed, guns placed in position, and reinforcements hurried forward. The Cherif of Mecca has issued an appeal to all Arabia and Asia Minor, declaring the Khalif is in danger, and calling on the faithful to fly to the rescue.

TUESDAY, May 21.

OTTAWA, May 20.—The Government have received a despatch from the Imperial Government this afternoon, announcing that war between England and Russia was inevitable.

LONDON, May 20.—A special to the *Times* from Pera, dated yesterday, says all hopes of peace are now nearly, if not entirely, abandoned. Austria, impressed with the conviction of Russia's irreconcilable attitude, has adopted a definite policy for the protection of her interests, and the Turkish Government has no more misgivings concerning Austria's military preparations than she has concerning the presence of the English fleet in the Sea of Marmora.

A despatch from Port Said announces the passage through the Suez Canal to-day of five English transports with troops for Malta.

A St. Petersburg despatch says 15,000 Russians are expected to arrive at San Stefano from Adrianople.

A Bucharest despatch states that the Roumanian army has begun a forward movement eastward along the Carpathian Mountains, and are now taking positions near Tergoviste, Piteste, Slatina and Craiova. The reserve division remains with the heavy artillery in Kalafat.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 20.—The Russian Consul here was suddenly called to New York to-day on unknown business.

It is rumoured in diplomatic circles in London that the British Government has sent instructions to Lord Loftus, the Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to request a categorical explanation from the Russian Foreign Office concerning the reported armament of Russian privateers in the United States, with special reference to the Cimbria.

WEDNESDAY, May 22.

OTTAWA, May 21.—It is said that there is no foundation for the despatch from London that war between England and Russia is inevitable.

LONDON, May 21.—The following is from a source highly entitled to credit as to the result of Schouvaloff's mission. On certain points Russia and England are now agreed, but on others, one of which is at least of great importance, no agreement could be effected, and he was authorized to submit these questions to the judgment of Emperor William and Bismarck; in other words, Germany is to act as arbitrator. At the same time, however, neither party pledged itself to abide by the decision of Germany, but reserved to itself the right of rejecting the decision, although the chances are that each will accept. This explains Schouvaloff's pause at Berlin yesterday, and his interview with Bismarck, Von Bulow and Emperor. Peace is now considered more probable than ever.

A Berlin despatch says it is reliably stated that Von Bulow, after an interview with Schouvaloff yesterday, announced that there was every probability of a peaceful settlement between England and Russia.

The New York *Herald's* cable despatch reports that peace is regarded as certain at the Palace in St. Petersburg. Schouvaloff [illegible] by the Quebec Government.

Her Majesty will visit Woolwich shortly and inspect the troops there for the first time in twenty-two years.

The New Brunswick Legislature has been dissolved, and the writs issued for a new election, returnable on 29th June.

The German Federal Council has passed the bill against the Socialists, and it has been submitted to the Parliament.

The Czar will not, in any case, visit the Paris Exhibition, but some of the Russian Grand Dukes will, if circumstances permit.

An excursion party, composed principally of members of Congress, is being organized at Washington to visit the Paris Exposition.

Lord Castlereagh, a Conservative, has been elected for County Down in the Imperial Parliament, securing a seat previously held by a Liberal.

Capt. Hamilton, A. D. C. to the Governor-General, has been presented with a silver service, valued at $758, by a number of his Ottawa friends.

A report comes from Paris that an American young lady, bent on outdressing all the world, has engaged herself to the son of the illustrious Mr. Worth.

A woman has died in the Connecticut State Prison who, previous to her death, confessed that she had poisoned three husbands and four children.

Japan advices say that Minister Kubo was murdered in the street by five assassins while on his way to a Cabinet Council. All the assassins have been arrested.

Hon. George Irvine, M.P.P. for Megantic, and Mr. Turcotte, M.P.P. for Three Rivers, are mentioned in connection with the Speakership of the Quebec Assembly.

A motion affirming that the Bishop has power to hold services in any parish without the consent of the rector, has been voted down by the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

Rev. Dominique Racine, Vicar-General of Quebec and parish priest of Chicoutimi, is to be the first bishop of the new diocese of Chicoutimi, which will shortly be erected.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Canadian Trades' Union Congress have resolved to nominate workingmen's candidates at the next general election for the Local Legislature.

Secretary Sherman has sent a letter to the Potter Electoral Investigating Committee denouncing the whole paceeedings as a revolutionary conspiracy to defraud President Hayes of his title.

Bishop O'Hara, in the Catholic cathedral at Scranton, Pa., on Sunday, denounced secret societies, and promised to show up the organization called the Knights of Labour in its true light.

A fire balloon dropping near the entrance to the Paris Exposition on Tuesday last caused great excitement, reports having circulated that an attempt to burn the buildings had been made.

The Countess of Dufferin has donated $500 to the Protestant Orhpan's Home, at Ottawa, the surplus fund from the children's bazaar, after liquidating the debt on St. Bartholomew's Church.

Okubo, the assassinated Japanese Minister of the Interior, is stated to have been the promoter and defender of all the recent reforms made in Japan, hence was bitterly hated by the reactionaries.

In consequence of the recent attack upon the life of the Emperor, the German Government contemplate placing serious restrictions upon the freedom of the press and the right of public meetings.

In consequence of the report of the Government engineer condemning the Portland, Boston, and Montreal railway from St. Lambert to the Province line, traffic on the road has been suspended.

The Russian Minister to the United States has engaged rooms at the Passamaquoddy Hotel, Calais, Me., it is supposed in connection with the movements of Russian steamers on the Maine coast.

Great exertions are being made to induce Dr. Falk, Prussian Minister of Public Worship, to withdraw his resignation. Should he refuse, as it seems probable he will, it is thought two other Ministers will resign.

Several agents of London parties are at New York seeking information concerning the life of Victoria Woodhull, who has brought three suits in London to recover damages aggregating £9,000 for alleged libel.

Complaints having been made by the Turkish Government against Mr. Eugene Schuyler, Secretary of the United States Legation at Constantinople, he has been given leave of absence with instructions to report at Washington.

An Orange Young Briton, who declares he has joined the Fenians for the purpose of discovering their secrets, writes from Concord, N. H., to Mayor Beaudry, of Montreal, that a movement on Canada is to take place about 31st May.

The Finance Committee of the Montreal City Council have resolved to recommend the Council to petition the Governor-General, with all due speed, to proclaim the Act for the Better Prevention of Crimes of Violence in force in that city and district.

On the ground that a discussion just now would be inconvenient to the public service, the Marquis of Salisbury has declined the request of the Duke of Westminster to receive a deputation with a peace declaration containing two hundred thousand signatures.

Rev. Ferdinand Laliberte, formerly Professor in the Quebec Seminary, and connected for a long time with the Seminary at Rimouski, which was principally built through his exertions, has been appointed *cure* of St. Henri, and the Rev. O. Naud *cure* of St. Severine.

At a reception of his Ministers last week the Emperor of Germany said such occurrences as the recent attempt to assassinate him should not be treated too lightly, and declared it was the duty of the Government to make every exertion to keep the revolutionary elements under control.

Mr. Benjamin Lett, one of the oldest inhabitants of Newbro, died on Wednesday morning, after a few day's illness. He was upwards of 80 years of age. Mr. Lett represented South Leeds during two terms in the Parliament of Canada, and after Confederation sat in the Ontario House for the same constituency.

Mgr. Conroy, the apostolic delegate, will remain in Quebec for a short time to hear those who have complaints to make against the clergy, who are accused of having interfered in an unfair and injudicious manner in the recent election. Those of the Dioceses of Montreal, Three Rivers and Rimouski are specially mentioned.

Attorney-General Holker in the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Russell Gurney, said he had heard of ships being purchased in America by alleged Russian agents, but there was no reason to suppose they were to be used as privateers in contravention of the Paris declaration, or that the United States would violate the provisions of the Washington Treaty.

A telegram from Washington says the U. S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will doubtless follow Secretary Evarts' wishes concerning the Fishery award. The best informed politicians at Washington do not believe the British [illegible] responsibility of all the law on which Sir Alexander Galt and M. Delfosse based their action.

The Montreal, Portland, and Boston railway has been condemned by the Government engineer.

The Sixth Fusiliers, while drilling at Montreal recently, were attacked with stones by a number of rowdies.

A regiment of cavalry is to be raised in Quebec for Imperial service, to be called the Royal Canadian Hussars.

The Liberal press of Germany oppose any extraordinary measures against the Socialistic papers and meetings.

A thousand cotton operatives at Greenhead, near Glasgow, have struck against a ten per cent. reduction in wages.

The produce of Peter's pence at Rome during the last four months was one-third less than during the same period in 1877.

The Constitunent Convention of Ecuador has adopted a Constitution by which religious toleration is denied, and the country is entirely subjected to priestly rule.

A bill is before the U.S. House of Representatives making an appropriation for additional cost and practicability of constructing a canal between Lakes Michigan and Erie.

A Rome special says the Congregation convened to consider the question has decided that under circumstances can the Pope accept the provision made for him under the Italian law of guarantees.

Two hundred and fifty workingmen of St. Louis, who have seen military service, have organized themselves as the nucleus of an army to protect workingmen against the encroachments of the police or military.

In consequence of differences with Prince Milan regarding the execution of the sentences on the Topolo insurgents, the Servian Ministry has resigned, and M. Ristics is engaged forming a new Cabinet.

The Conservative candidate has been elected for the vacant seat for Oxford University in the Imperial Parliament, adding a majority of seventeen hundred votes, Professor Henry Smith polling less than a thousand.

The latest Russian purchase is the yacht Mohawk, which met with a disaster two years ago in New York harbour, resulting in the death of nearly everybody on board, including her owner, Commodore Garner, and most of the crew.

After five days' filibustering by the Republicans to prevent its passage, Representative Potter's resolution, providing for an investigation into the Florida and Louisiana election frauds, was adopted by the United States House of Representatives by 145 to 2, exactly a quorum.

Mr. E. H. Goff still languishes in gaol in Montreal. The hitherto ungrateful Grits are, however, making preparations to release him from his unpleasant position, sixteen of them having banded together and offered to guarantee to two responsible parties the amount of bail required in connection with the twenty-two thousand dollar *capias*.

A man named Steeds has been committed for trial at London for cruelty to his only son, whom he was in the habit of leaving in the depth of winter for days together without either food or clothing in a room bare of all furniture. When discovered the boy, when half-clothed, was apparently dying from starvation and neglect.

On Thursday afternoon, whilst Mr. Scott, of the Receiver-General's Department, Ottawa, was walking down the corridor of the east eastern block, he was seized with an epileptic fit, and fell on the pavement, striking his head against a sharp projection of the wall, which inflicted a frightful wound in the back of his head. He was found by Mr. A. Murgeon a short time afterwards, lying in a pool of blood, in an insensible condition, and was quickly removed to his rooms, where medical aid was summoned. He lingered until midnight, when he expired from the effects of his wounds.

President Hayes has sent a message to the U. S. Senate, in response to a resolution from the Secretary of State regarding the award of the Halifax Fishery Commission. The President and Secretary Evarts both recommend the appropriation of a sum necessary for the payment of the award, but the latter raises the question of unanimity, and argues that the views of Congress in this connection and on the value of the interests involved should be communicated to the British Government. He further says that the actual payment of the award might depend on the interpretation which the British Government should put on the Treaty.

Terrible Explosion.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 21.—An explosion occurred this morning in the New Winning of the Old Sydney mines. A large number of men were in the pit at the time.

The disaster was caused by an explosion of gas. Six men have been discovered dead, among them Grenwell, the chief overman. Everything was done for the relief of the injured. Manager Brown was among the first to go down the pit to the relief of the sufferers. Great relief is felt that the accident is not so serious as was at first feared.

LATER.—At the time of the explosion there were between thirty and forty men in the pit. A number escaped in safety. Ten or twelve were taken out unconscious, and are slowly recovering. Two dead bodies have also been taken out, two are at the bottom of the shaft, and two more are down in the pit, but they cannot be reached on account of the foul air. Fires have been started in the Queen pit, to restore the circulation of air by passages which connect with the New Winning. It was thought that Greenwell, the chief overman, and Gourlay, his assistant, might have escaped by passages connecting with the old works, but at this hour they are given up as lost, nothing having been heard of them. It is said the roof of the pit where the explosion took place has fallen in, covering some of the men.

LATEST.—The killed at the Sydney Mines explosion are:—Murdoch McDonald, Rory McNeil, Robt. Hutchins, Robert Melburn, chief overman Isaac Greenwell and his assistant, William Oram. The bodies of the two latter have not yet been recovered. The first to enter the mine after the explosion were three brothers named Sullivan, who succeeded in rescuing thirteen of the miners, who had been overcome by gas after the explosion. Sixteen pairs of cutters were at work. There were a large number of men at work in the south side of the mine, but all escaped uninjured. One of the Sullivans was prostrated while searching for the dead, but was fortunately rescued by his brothers in time to save his life. The works will be idle, it is supposed, for a few days only. Greenwell, the overman killed, was an Englishman, and had been at the mines for years.

Emigration to Manitoba.

HAMILTON, May 17.—The Council Chamber in the City Hall was well filled last evening with a number of our citizens who had met to discuss the important question of forming a colony to emigrate to and settle in some section of the Prairie Province. The chair was occupied by Mr. Jno. J. Mackenzie, President of the Hamilton Board of Trade. Maps of the North-West territory and descriptive pamphlets had been obtained from Ottawa, so that those present were enabled to understand better the position of the land, &c. Several gentlemen who have visited Manitoba made excellent practical addresses, strongly advising farmers and others who were prepared to work hard to settle there, as it was undoubtedly a country that was rapidly increasing in wealth, population, and importance. Speeches were also made by Messrs. Irving and Wood, M.P.'s, Mr. Sheriff McKellar, and others, and the result of the meeting was that about twenty names were put down as intending settlers, with a prospect that the number will be largely increased at another meeting to be held in a few days.

OTTAWA, May 18.—On Monday another party, consisting of about thirty persons, will leave this section for Manitoba. Among them are the following:—Two of the Bitchie families, from Hawkesbury; Ebenezer Burwash and family, Hawkesbury; Peter Campbell and family, from Franktown; Thomas Burton and family, Stittsville; Mr. Feely, with horses, from Frankfown, etc. They go with the intention of settling, and take with them considerable stock.

Suit to Recover the Profits of a Newspaper.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 18.—John Hodnett sues the St. Louis *Times* Company and Stitson Hutchins, the present proprietor of the Washington City *Post*, to recover his share of profits of the *Times* during 1870, 1871, 1872, alleged in the petition to be fraudulently concealed by Hutchins, who was managing editor and had financial control of the paper at the time. The sum claimed is about $70,000. Hodnett owned a third of the *Times*. The suit does not concern the present proprietors of the *Times*.

TELEGRAPHIC MISCELLANY.

The Wimbledon team sail from Quebec on 15th June.

Mr. Fiset, Registrar of the County of Champlain, is dead.

A sister ship to the Cimbria is expected at South West Harbour, Me.

Mr. Ruskin's health is completely restored, and he is again at work.

Russia's expenditure on the war is reckoned at a hundred millions sterling.

A school for practical and theoretical cooking is about to be established in Montreal.

H. M. S. Rover, on passage from Bermuda to Halifax, struck a rock, and was seriously damaged.

An earthquake on April 12th destroyed the town of Cua, Venezuela, and killed three hundred people.

Several Harvard students have been detected having a knowledge of the examination papers beforehand.

The steamship Peruvian, with passengers from the burned Sardinian, left Moville on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Walter Shanley has been appointed Chief Engineer of the North Shore Railway by the Quebec Government.

POLITICAL PREPARATIONS.

THE ELECTIONS AT HAND.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 16.—The impression gains ground here that the Government contemplates an immediate dissolution, and that we are on the eve of a general election, perhaps not six weeks removed from the contest. Ministers are shaping themselves for departure to their constituencies, and, strange to say, notwithstanding the importance of his position at this critical period, Mr. Alfred Jones, Minister of Militia, is off for Halifax to-morrow. The Conservatives are preparing for the fray, and will organize on Saturday. They are determined to redeem the seat now held by the Grits.

LONDON.

LONDON, May 16.—A political meeting was held to-night in the Mechanics' Hall in the interest of Col. Walker, who is out as an *independent* Liberal candidate for the city, in opposition to Hon. John Carling. The speeches were listened to with attention. The speakers were Col. Walker, Mr. Hugh McMahon, Thos. Peel, David Glass, Ald. Campbell, etc. A motion endorsing Col. Walker was moved by Mr. McMahon and seconded by Mr. Thomas, and carried. The campaign has now fairly opened.

MONTREAL.

There is no new political news, although many unfounded rumours are circulated as to the probable candidates in the city. Next week the Conservative condidates will be nominated for Montreal West and Centre.

NORTH WENTWORTH.

A meeting of the members of the North Wentworth Liberal Conservative Association held at Collins' Hotel, Dundas, on the 9th inst., was largely attended by a majority of the influential members of the party in the riding. At said meeting the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"Moved by Mr. Magill and seconded by Mr. Browning—'That this Association cordially endorses the trade policy expressed by her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House of Commons, and pledges itself to use its best efforts to return as representative of the North Riding of the County of Wentworth, Thomas Stock Esq., a supporter of such policy.'"

THE ELECTIONS.

OTTAWA, May 17.—It is positively declared in semi-Ministerial circles that the general elections will take place between the 20th and 25th of June. Up to a comparatively recent period, the Government had intended postponing this action to the beginning of September. It is stated that their supporters in Quebec are anxious that Dr. Tupper should not be allowed time to visit the various constituencies, and further that the design is to prevent Mr. Tilley from actively organizing, should he decide upon reentering public life. The Ontario Ministerialists are anxious, as a general thing, to postpone the elections, but many advise immediate dissolution in order that Sir John A. Macdonald may not have time to address the electors of Western Ontario again. At all events, the Conservatives should not lose one hour in perfecting their organization, and in putting strong candidates in the field where nominations have not yet been made.

KINGSTON.

KINGSTON, May 17.—Sir John Macdonald met the members of his various ward committees at a meeting held this evening in Bethel Hall, which was attended by over two hundred electors of the wards, who are engaged in promoting his election. The meeting was a business one exclusively. Reports of the committees were heard, which, considering the short time the canvassers have been at work, were highly encouraging. Advantage was taken of Sir John's presence to secure an address from him. He spoke for about three-quarters of an hour, and his remarks were received with the greatest enthusiasm. Calls were made for Ald. Walkem, Dr. Sullivan, the Mayor, and Mr. McGuire, each of whom delivered animated addresses, which were loudly applauded. The meeting closed with cheers for Sir John and the Queen, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung, and the enthusiastic meeting broke up about eleven o'clock.

ANNAPOLIS, N.S.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 17.—The Reformers of Annapolis county held a convention at Bridgetown, and nominated W. H. Ray as a candidate for the Dominion, and Obadiah Taylor and Edmund Bent as candidates for the Local Legislature.

LONDON.

LONDON, May 17.—At the meeting of the Reform Association to-night, the nomination of Col. Walker was duly endorsed.

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS.

OTTAWA, May 19.—Mr. Laflamme, Minister of Justice, has left for his constituency, and will not return for one month.

Messrs. Jones and Coffin, Minister of Militia and Receiver-General respectively, have had their addresses to their constituents privately printed here, and will leave shortly for Nova Scotia. Mr. Jones was ready to depart three days ago, but was detained in consequence of further important information in connection with the threatened marauding movement.

Mr. Mackenzie is clearing the deck for action, in so far as he is concerned, and will leave for the West shortly. Other Ministers are preparing to visit their constituencies.

MINISTERIALISTS WARNED.

The Premier's Secretary has addressed letters of warning to various Ministerialists to be on the "alert," as the period for the general election is rapidly approaching, and may come at an hour's notice. All the Government candidates have been put in possession of the fact that the elections may be called within five weeks, and are consequently preparing in an underhand way to reap the benefit of another midnight attack.

OTTAWA.

The Conservatives held a large meeting here last night for the election of officers, Hon. Senator Read being unanimously elected President. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

RUSSELL.

The nomination of a Liberal-Conservative candidate to contest Russell will take place on the 10th June.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE CONTEMPLATED.

It would seem that the conspirators in Quebec have not yet reached the depth of degradation to which they would drag the constitution of the country. A prominent Quebec Ministerialist admits now that Mr. Joly will not be sustained, but asserts that an understanding has been arrived at between the Quebec contingent of the Dominion Government and Mr. Letellier, the Lieut.-Governor, the design being to overlook the claims of the Opposition leader, and to call upon a partizan friend of M. Letellier's to form an administration. This being done the decoy duck is to ask for a few weeks' adjournment in order to complete an Administration, and in the meantime write for the general elections for the Dominion will have been issued. Considering the desperate game already played by M. Letellier, one can almost believe anything concerning him. There is no doubt that M. Joly is now aware that he will be defeated, as he cannot muster more than thirty votes at the outside.

A DISGRACEFUL TRICK.

M. Gagnon's election was secured in Kamouraska by a disgraceful trick. The Deputy Returning Officer running short of ballots, twenty-seven Conservatives were unable to vote, although applying for papers. This resulted in M. Gagnon's election. But the returning officer refused to declare him the legal member, making a special return, which must be acted upon by the House before M. Gagnon can take his seat or vote.

COUNTED OUT.

In Rimouski M. Vallee was undoubtedly counted out, one ballot being rejected because a thumb mark over the cross was apparent.

KINGS COUNTY, N. S.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 19.—The Liberal-Conservative Convention for Kings County was held in Kentville yesterday. Over seven hundred electors were present. A committee of fifty-five representing every ward was chosen to nominate the candidates, and nominated Mr. D. B. Woodworth, M.P.P., for the Dominion, and Messrs. W. C. Bell and J. S. Macdonald for the Local House. Mr. Woodworth in a speech of over three hours' length, among other things arraigned Dr. Borden, the present member, for having sold the Postmastership of Kentville, and said the men were present in the meeting who had given votes to Fred. Brown in payment of the sum agreed upon. He also produced a road commission to which signatures had been forged in 1869 by D. M. Dickie, a prominent Grit of Kings county. The return of the Liberal-Conservative ticket for Kings county is certain.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN, N.B., May 19.—Mr. Henry O'Leary, M.P.P., for Kent, announces himself as a candidate for the Commons.

General Domville, father of Mr. James Domville, M.P., is mentioned as a likely candidate for Albert county.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, May 20.—It is said that Mr. Andrew Thomson will contest Quebec Centre in the interest of the mercantile class, at the coming Dominion election.

KENT.

CHATHAM, May 18.—This afternoon a meeting was called in the Chatham Music Hall to hear Dr. Tupper, who had kindly promised to deliver an address. The hall was crowded to the doors by an audience, whose enthusiasm throughout the whole proceedings knew no bounds. The entrance of the Doctor into the room with the popular sitting member, Mr. Rufus Stephenson, was the signal for a tremendous outburst of applause, the audience rising to their feet *en masse* and making the rafters ring with their cheers. Mr. D. R. VanAllen, President of the Kent Conservative Association, occupied the chair, and on the platform around him were the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Rufus Stephenson, M.P., Alex Coutts, M.P.P., A. McDonell, P.L.S., Joseph Northwood, senr., Thos. McCrae, P.M., Major White, Rev. J. F. Harding, Rev. J. Hayworth, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Rev. T. S. Rinscott, Rev. Wm. Godwin, R. S. Woods, Q.C., A. B. Atkinson, E. J. Rocke, of Chatham; A. Ouilleste, Philip Blain, G. W. Foot, of Dover; Wm. Symington, Botany; Capt. J. Taylor, A. B. Shadd, Raredaudauphin, W. W. Holmes, Raleigh; Caleb Coatsworth, Romney; T. S. Arnold, L. L. Arnold, and Christopher Arnold, of Harwich. The Chairman, in a few brief remarks, introduced Dr. Tupper, who was received with almost indescribable excitement, the ladies present vigorously waving their handkerchiefs, and the gentlemen cheering lustily. The hon. gentleman then delivered one of the most telling speeches even he has ever made, being again and again interrupted by bursts of applause from all parts of the hall. He spoke for about two hours, portions of the history of the present Government. He resumed his seat amid loud and continuous cheering. Cheers were then given for the Queen, Sir John Macdonald, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Coutts, and the meeting dispersed. A large crowd accompanied Dr. Tupper to the station, three ringing cheers being given as the train left.

GLOUCESTER, N.B.

BATHURST, N.B., May 20.—The Local election for E. C. Ryan, ex-M.P., G. G. McManus, Jas. Stewart, and John Mahan.

SOULANGES.

MONTREAL, May 20.—At a meeting held at Point Chateau yesterday, Mr. J. Lanthier was again nominated as the Conservative candidate for Soulanges.

PRESCOTT.

MONTREAL, May 21.—A mass meeting of the electors of Prescott County was held at L'Original yesterday to arrange matters as to the Conservative candidate. The meeting was held in the open air, the Court house being too small. Dr. Harkin, M.P., acted as chairman. Col. Urquhart and Mr. Routhier, who are the intending candidates, addressed the meeting. Mr. Lanthier, M.P. for Soulanges, Mr. Lecain, M.P.P., Mr. Abbett Johnson, Mr. Labrosse, and Mr. Garson subsequently spoke, their remarks being greeted with great applause. At a subsequent meeting Mr. Routhier expressed his intention of retiring in favour of Mr. Urquhart, who will undoubtedly be elected.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, May 21.—The candidates for the approaching Dominion elections are being chosen in the different counties in this district. In Rimouski they are Fiset, Rouge, and Vallee, Conservative. In Quebec West, McGreevy, Conservative, and Murphy, independent. In Quebec Centre, Malouin and Thompson, both independents. In Quebec county, Caron, Conservative and Thibaudeau, Rouge.

ST. JOHN CITY AND COUNTY.

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 20.—A requisition is being signed asking Hon. S. L. Tilley, ex-Attorney-General King, and Mr. A. L. Palmer to become candidates for St. John city and county in the Conservative interest.

FRIGHTFUL CALAMITY.

Eighteen Pleasure-Seekers Thrown into the Grand River.

Seven or Eight Believed to Have Been Drowned.

Names of the Missing.

GALT, May 22.—A lamentable accident happened on the Grand river, in this town, about eight o'clock to-night. The small pleasure steamer Empress of India was out with a pleasure party of about eighteen persons, when the steamer became unmanageable, and capsized over Blain's dam. All the passengers on board were plunged into the river below. As yet only two bodies have been recovered, that of Mr. Harry Jaffray, of the *Gazette Reporter*, and a lad named Fred. Cane. When found life was extinct. Among those missing are John Fraser, James Montgomery, one of the proprietors of the boat, Andrew Jackson, and a lad named David Scott. The excitement throughout the town is intense. And no reliable information can be obtained. Close search is being made at the place of disaster and down the river.

LATER.—Report says the body of young Cane was not discovered, and gives the names of those missing as follows:—Edward Wren, Thomas Elliott, John Fraser, Fred. Cane, J. Montgomery, Andrew Jackson, and David Scott.

THE CAUGHNAWAGA FIRE.

Verdict of the Jury—An Indian Conspiracy Against the Canadians and Half-breeds.

MONTREAL, May 22.—The jury in the Caughnawaga fire case have returned the following verdict:—

"That on the 11th of May, 1878, some person or persons, to the jurors aforesaid unknown, did feloniously, maliciously, and unlawfully ignite, set fire, and burn the stables, barns, and other outbuildings, the property of one Ozias Meloche, and that the jurors aforesaid on their oaths aforesaid do further say and declare that there exists a conspiracy in the Village of Caughnawaga against the Canadians and the half-breeds of this village, that the notices posted up on the church door of the village contained serious threats, not only against the properties of the Metis, but they also threatened their lives; that there is no good or fundamental reason for the origin of such conspiracy, as all the Canadians and Metis are honest, respectable and industrious; that the fire which destroyed the property of Ozias Meloche, and which he perished, was no doubt the act of an incendiary; that the deceased was destined to be the first victim upon whom the conspirators were to vent and exercise their cruelty and vengeance; that the Chiefs of the Mohawk tribe of Caughnawagas are blameable in not having suppressed and publicly disapproved and condemned the conspiracy and secret oath, and in not having that not one of the Chiefs of the village attended the inquest, and we humbly pray that the Government will take and adopt the necessary measures for the protection of the individuals whom the conspirators desire and are determined to oppress and persecute."

THE MONTREAL ORANGEMEN.

Refused the Skating Rink—Request to the Clergy.

MONTREAL, May 22.—The Directors of the skating rink have refused to allow the Orangemen to hold a concert here this week.

The Orangemen have made application to all the Protestant clergymen in the city for the use of their churches on July 12th.

THE FLORIDA FRAUDS.

What President Hayes Thinks of the Investigation.

NEW YORK, May 19.—A Washington special states that gentlemen in the confidence of the President said last evening that the President, while maintaining his equanimity, was not inclined to look lightly on the situation. The President had been struck with the rapid growth of the investigation movement. Whatever the result of the investigation might be the President entertains no fear anything could be brought home to him. If any person made any promises on his behalf, or entered into any bargains, they did so without his knowledge, and he hoped their acts would be punished. The President regards the action of the Southern Democrats in supporting the investigation scheme as ungrateful in the highest degree, irrespective of other considerations. As to his impeachment being ordered, the President has not the remotest idea such an occurrence is among the possibilities. The President is fully alive to the exigencies that may arise, and will see to it that the