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BOARD OF TRADE ELECTION

MR. JAS. CARRUTHERS CHOSEN FOR THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENCY.

The Successful Candidates in the Race for Seats in the Council, Board of Arbitration, Harbor Commission and Industrial Exhibition—Annual Reports of the Various Committees With Many Suggestions for the Coming Year.

The annual elections at the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon passed off quietly. The vote was not as large as had been expected, but there was probably more than the customary amount of enthusiasm displayed. In the race for the second vice-presidency, Mr. James Carruthers carried the day, defeating his opponents, Messrs. A. A. Allen and John Flett, by a handsome plurality. The other contests resulted as follows, the names of the successful candidates being given in the order of their election:

Representatives on Harbor Commission—Capt. Hall, W. A. Geddes.

Representatives on the Industrial Exhibition—D. Gunn, W. B. Hamilton, Joseph Oliver.

Board of Arbitration—John A. Carrick, Thomas Flynn, William Badenach, R. S. Baird, Thomas McLaughlin, J. H. Sproule, C.W. Band, William Galbraith, Noel Marshall, John Keith, Thomas Davies, C. S. Boon.

Council—D. R. Wilkie, William Christie, W. D. Mathews, H. N. Baird, S. Caldecott, W. G. Gooderham, Ed. W. Cox, M. C. Ellis, J. L. Spink, F. J. Phillips, John Macdonald, Elias Rogers, J. H. G. Hagarty, W. D. Beardmore, J. Herbert Mason.

The Incoming and Retiring Presidents.

At the meeting of the board, the new president, Mr. E. B. Osler, made a very sensible and businesslike address with reference to the work of the board during the present year. Less politics and more business were needed, was the suggestive statement of the president, and the idea appeared to strike the large gathering in a responsive light.

The report of the retiring president, Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, for the year 1895 was a voluminous document, covering fully 5000 words and dealing in a masterly manner with the various matters which had been brought to the attention of the board during that period.

The Secretary's Annual Report.

The annual report of the secretary, Mr. Edgar A. Wills, set forth that the Exchange was open for business 304 days during 1895, and that 498 meetings had been held in the rooms of the board, the Arbitration Committee following the call board with 37 meetings.

The membership of the Board at the close of the year was 909, made up as follows: 709 resident members and 200 non-resident members. Of these 849 are subscribers to the Gratuity Fund and 93 are Life Members.

Forty-five members were elected during the year, qualifying by transfer to themselves of outstanding certificates. In the year that has passed, as in every other year, the Board lost 11 of its members as follows:

Members of the Gratuity Fund.

A. R. Christie, Toronto, Jan. 18, aged 79; A. M. Smith, Toronto, Jan. 19, aged 76; W. E. Tench, Niagara Falls, March 13, aged 67; R. H. Bethune, Toronto, March 27, aged 58; Thomas Myers, Los Angeles, Cal., March 27, aged 59; Jas. Gormley, Toronto, March 31, aged 74; Charles Whitlaw, Paris, Ont., July 13, aged 72; M. Macleod, Montreal, July 24, aged 45; George Hamilton, Toronto, Nov. 30, aged 54.

Non-Members of the Gratuity Fund.

E. Samuel, Toronto, Feb. 3, aged 45; William Elliott, Toronto, July 18, aged 65.

Suggestions From the Harbor Representatives.

The chairman of the Representatives on Harbor Commission, Mr. George A. Chapman, reported, among other things: "That, owing to the low level of the water in Lake Ontario the past year—25 inches below zero or 10 inches below any previous record, the quantity of dredging done in the harbor was much greater than usual, and, although the western channel was scraped to the rock, and several large boulders removed, yet it gave only about 10 feet of water. Should the present low level of water in Lake Ontario continue, or the lower canals be deepened to 14 feet, the approaches to the harbor of Toronto are utterly inadequate for the commerce of the city, and to provide for the future utility of the harbor, the advisability of making an entrance to the harbor through what is known as the Eades Channel, should be brought before the Parliament at Ottawa as early as possible.

"There is another matter I would here allude to, and that is the enormous increase of sewage that is being deposited from the city into the harbor, and which has increased the cost of dredging to the Harbor Board very materially of late; some action should be taken to stop this or at least lessen it, or we shall soon have Toronto Bay turned into a pestiferous cesspool."

Inadequacies at the Exhibition.

The Representatives on Industrial Exhibition, through their chairman, Mr. W. B. Hamilton, reported at great length on the benefit derived by the city through the annual exhibition. The belief was expressed that it was worth a great many thousands of dollars annually to the trade of the city, but if its yearly increasing success of the past is to be continued in the future, some of the buildings will have to be enlarged to provide for the constantly increasing number of exhibits. The Main Building is described as inadequate to its requirements; so also is the Manufacturers' Building. Machinery Hall will require additions to properly display the exhibits this year, and numerous other additions and improvements are suggested.

Another direction in which the influence of the Board of Trade might be exerted, and no doubt with much benefit to the trade of the city generally, is in assisting the association to obtain from the railways cheap excursions to Toronto the first week of the exhibition. As it is at present, the railways only give special excursion rates the second week, and as a consequence the majority of visitors from outside the city wait for these excursions, causing uncomfortable crowding in every direction on the days on which they are run, whereas with one or more additional excursions the first week from a reasonable distance, the attendance would be more evenly distributed and prove of greater advantage to all parties.

The Mercantile Sections.

The following other reports were received and dealt with in the customary way:

The Wholesale Drygoods section of the Board, Mr. John D. Ivey, chairman.

The Lumber section, Mr. Joseph Oliver, chairman.

The Tanners' section, Mr. S. R. Wickett, chairman.

The Jewelers and Silversmiths' section, Mr. W.K. McNaught, chairman.

The Wholesale Book and Stationery section, Mr. William Briggs, chairman.

The Marine section, Mr. F. Barlow Cumberland, chairman.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Canadian.

Port Arthur.—Mrs. Arthur Patch while putting her children to bed upset a lamp. Her clothes took fire and she was burned to death.

Orillia.—Miss J. B. Davies of this town who went to China as a missionary with the Goforth party in August last has died of smallpox at Yangchan.

St. Catharines.—It is the general impression here that Mr. J. C. Rykert will be the Conservative candidate in the Dominion election.

Brantford.—P. W. Slaght of Boston, Ont., has been fined $20 or 30 days in jail for abducting a girl of 16, named Freeland, from her father's house near Hagersville.

Woodstock.—Ball & Ball have issued a writ on behalf of Henry Kruger of Blenheim, against Andrew Young, a prominent farmer, claiming $3000 damages for the seduction and ultimate death of his daughter, Levina.

Bear River, N.S.—Annie Kempton, a young girl, has been murdered, her skull being broken and throat cut. The perpetrator has not been caught.

Winnipeg.—Manitoba farmers are already making application to the provincial Department of Agriculture, for laborers to assist in the work of seeding. It is expected fully two thousand men will be ableto find employment in April.

Winnipeg.—A young man named Michael Cline, living at Selkirk, dropped dead last evening while scuffling with a companion.

Port Rowan.—Twe iceboate collided on the bay yesterday, when going at the rate of 35 miles an hour. O. H. Mabee, lawyer, was caught in the throat by the jib-boom and badly lacerated. Lafe Gifford, barber, has a mangled leg, which may cripple him for life.

Brantford.—The officers elected by the Board of Trade are: Frank Cockshutt, pres., re-elected; John Mann, vice-pres.; Geo. Hately, sec.-treas.

Windsor.—The Y.W.C.A. accuses Sol White, ex-M.L.A., of trying to freeze them out of their rooms in his building and he has retaliated by putting a bailiff in charge of their quarters, claiming they are six months in arrears with rent.

United States.

Washington.—Secretary Olney will soon send a consul to Johannesburg to look after the interests of the Americans under arrest there.

Frankfort, Ky.—Governor Bradley has recommended to the Legislature the enactment of a law requiring counties in which lynchings occur to pay $2500 to the families of the victims.

Bluefield, W. Va.—Alexander Jones, a negro, while drunk on a train last night, discharged two revolvers until all the chambers were emptied. W. H. Strother, postmaster at Elkhorn, was killed, and Conductor McCullough was shot in the side. Jones was arrested. While he was being taken to prison, a mob flagged the train, took the culprit off, hanged him to a tree and riddled him with bullets, "as a warning to others."

New York.—President Sam Sloan of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad says that he has no knowledge of any concerted action by the anthracite coal companies to shut down collieries for an indefinite period, as has been reported.

Ashbury Park, N.J.—The position of the steamer St. Paul is unaltered. Nothing can be done towards moving the boat until the tides are much higher and the wind changes to the east.

British and Foreign.

London.—Prince Henry's life was insured for 100,000 pounds, which will go to Princess Beatrice.

London.—The Cunard steamship Catalonia, from Liverpool for Boston, has been towed to St. Michael, Azores, with a broken shaft.

London.—Sir John Pender, President of the Great Eastern Cable Company, is very ill.

Vienna.—Capt. Wohlgmuth, who was a member of the International Arctic expedition of 1881, and chief in command of the polar station on the Island of Janmayen, in the Arctic Ocean, is dead.

Caracas.—Many women of Venezuela have organized to boycott English goods.

An explosion occurred in the hold of the British steamer British Army, Capt. Nicholson, at Barry. Twi men were killed and five injured. The steamer was badly damaged.

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The College Endowment Fund.

Secretary C. E. Ryerson of the Upper Canada College Endowment Fund has recently received the following liberal donations: W. H. Beattie, $5000; W. R. Brock, $3000; W. G. Gooderham, $3000.

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C. N. Clarke, of Hazelton-avenue, sailed on the Laurentian from Halifax to Ireland, where he intends to make his future home.

ABSORPTION OF CANADA

COULD NOT BE SETTLED BY A COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Says if Canada is Prepared to Fight for Britain the Mother Country Must be Prepared to Fight for Canada—Election in St. Pancras.

London, Jan. 28.—In speaking at Leeds to-night, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, paid a tribute to the good intent of the proposers of a permanent court to arbitrate all questions between Great Britain and the United States, but said he believed that arbitration of every question would be impossible. He instanced the possible absorption of Canada by the United States against Canada's and Great Britain's wishes. Such a matter could not be settled by arbitration. "If Canada," Sir Michael added, "is ready to fight for us we must be ready to fight for Canada."

Sir Michael was much applauded when he referred to the messages of fraternity and support that the Government had received from the British colonies throughout the world.

Election in St Pancras.

London, Jan. 28.—The election in the south division of St. Pancras, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons, caused by the death of Sir Julian Goldsmidt, has resulted in the return of Herbert Jessie, the Unionist candidate. The vote stood as follows: Jessie (Unionist) 2631, G. M. Harris (Liberal) 1375, Unionist majority 1256.

At the last election Sir Julian Goldsmidt, who was a Unionist, was opposed by Mr. Harris, and the former was returned by a majority of 1881.

Mr. Gladstone on Armenia.

London, Jan. 28.—Mr. Gladstone has written another letter on the Armenian question, in which, after referring to the murderous wickedness of the Sultan, his absolute victory over the powers, and their unparalleled disgrace and defeat, he says:

"I cannot wholly abandon the hope that out of this darkness light will arise, but the matter rests with the Almighty, to whom surely all should address fervent prayers in behalf of His suffering creatures."

Danger Yet in the Transvaal.

London, Jan. 28.—The Times will to-morrow print a telegram signed by British residents in Johannesburg. The despatch declares that the situation is very dangerous. The Boer forces, it says, are arrogantly dictatorial with their own executive, and are deadly opposed to granting reforms for the benefit of the Uitlanders. The forces are still concentrated around the town. The executive is choosing a site for a fort. The despatch adds that a catastrophe can only be averted by the adoption of urgent measures.

DEFENCES FIRST.

The British Government Will Place the Country in Fighting Shape.

London, Jan. 28.—The St. James' Gazette states that it is the intention of the Government to make the matters of national defence and increase of the navy the chief business of the coming session of Parliament, and to take up the question of Irish land reform after they have been disposed of.

SIR JOSEPH BARNBY DEAD.

A Leading Musician of England Passes Over to the Majority.

London, Jan. 28.—Sir Joseph Barnby, the English musician, principal of the Guildhall School of Music, died this morning. He was born at York in 1838 and was a choir boy at the Minster. For nearly 20 years he wielded the baton as conductor of the Royal Choral Society at the Albert Hall, London. In 1875 he became precentor at Eton, but resigned the office on being elected in 1892 Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, in place of Mr. Weist Hill, deceased. He was knighted in August, 1894. Sir Joseph composed many anthems and hymns, and his glees, part songs and secular compositions have been very popular. Toronto musical organizations have sung many of his compositions. Sir Joseph's only brother, who worked at his trade as a shoemaker, recently died in York.

WELSH COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

There Were 88 Men in the Mine—47 Dead, 33 Rescued Alive.

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 28.—The latest corrected reports of the number of persons in the Pont-y-Pridd mine at the time of the explosion of fire damp in the pits yesterday show that there were 88, all told. Of these, 47 have been taken out dead and 33 were rescued alive and eight are still missing.

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Immigration Convention.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Those having charge of the arrangements for the immigration convention are sending out circulars to municipal and other bodies in the province, asking that delegates be sent to present the attractions and requirements of their respective districts. It is hoped to make quite a stir over the affair and attract attention, if not immigrants.

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THE TROUBLESOME INFANT.

MRS. CON. PARTY, severely: Now, y' know, doctor, every bit of trouble that that man is having with that infant he may thank himself for.
It isn't ours. It was left by a certain Liberal party on our doorstep, and without consulting me he adopted it.

LOVE UNDER DIFFICULTIES

THE DOMESTIC TROUBLES OF THE HALLATT FAMILY BEING AIRED.

Henry Plaskitt Accused of Alienating the Wife's Affections, and a Jury Will be Asked to Place a Value on Them—Members of the Family Who Recall Many Suspicious Circumstances.

At the Civil Assize Court yesterday Chief Justice Meredith directed a nonsuit in the case of Spence v. the G.T.R. Spence lost an arm at the Union Station while there for the purpose of mailing a letter. The defence was that the plaintiff's own negligence was responsible for the accident, and His Lordship held that, as Spence endeavored to post a letter on a moving train, he went where he was not invited, and was not entitled to recover any damages.

Hallatt v. Plaskitt was an action by a husband for damages for the loss of his wife's affections. The plaintiff's name is J. S. Hallatt, while the defendant is Henry Plaskitt, a wagonmaker and a former boarder in Hallatt's house. The case lasted all through the afternoon, and will be continued to-day.

David Reid, who is Hallatt's son-in-law, gave the principal evidence. He recalled several instances of the intimacy that existed between Mrs. Hallatt and Plaskitt, the purport of all his testimony being that Mrs. Hallatt's conduct had not always been as circumspect as a model wife's conduct ought to be. Among other things, he said that Mrs. Hallatt on one occasion coaxed the witness to take her daughter to Grimsby, for the sole purpose, as he believed, of getting them out of the road.

"Do you mean to tell the jury" asked His Lordship, "that she wanted to get you out of the way because she wanted to meet Plaskitt?"

"Yes."

"And that she wanted to meet him for an improper purpose?"

"Yes."

"Were you engaged to her daughter then?"

"No."

"Were you thinking of becoming engaged to her?"

"Well, I was keeping company with her."

"And yet you were willing to get out of the way to allow her mother an opportunity of compromising her honor," was the way His Lordship dismissed the subject.

Made Love Like a Pair of Mutes.

Mrs. Reid, a daughter of the plaintiff, swore that up to the time of the arrival of Plaskitt as a boarder her father and mother had got along well together, and their home was a happy one. Since that time it was anything but happy. She swore that her mother and Plaskitt had a code of signals, and were in the habit of having communication with each other quite frequently by means of signs, he from his shop window and she from her own window. They had communication in this way nearly every morning last summer. She had reason to suspect, and did suspect, from the conduct of Plaskitt and her mother that all was not right. Except for these communications by signals, however, witness had nothing to tell that was very damaging to her mother's honor.

Handy Drug Store Telephones.

Joseph Hallatt swore that he saw his mother drop a note on one occasion, which Plaskitt first concealed by putting his foot on it and afterwards picked it up. Eva Hallatt, another child, corroborated in part the story of the note. William Sells, drug clerk, testified to some telephone communications that Mrs. Hallatt and Plaskitt had had. George Davis and W. H. Love, other drug clerks, gave more evidence of the same character. Other witnesses were Charlotte Young, Alexander Rofey and William Meagher, but their testimony was not very material.

When the court adjourned at 6.45 p.m. the case for the plaintiff had just been closed.

HAMILTON EVENTS.

Determined Attempts of a Prisoner to Hang Himself in the Jail—General News Notes.

Hamilton, Jan. 28.—Thomas Hall, 20 Elgin-street, attempted suicide while locked up at No. 3 Police Station last night. When a constable visited the cell he found the prisoner in a seminude condition, and that he had tried to hang himself. The officer removed the suspenders, with which Hall made the first attempt, but when he returned later, discovered Hall had tried to hang himself by twisting his underclothes and using them for a rope. At this morning's Police Court he was dismissed on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

C. J. Myles, president of the H., G. and B., has issued a writ against Miss Mary Morton for the delivery of 15 shares of H., G and B. stock and for an injunction to prevent her voting on it. Miss Morton sold the stock to the plaintiff, as he alleges, at $130, but the Lester party offered her more and she sold out to them.

Andrew Rutherford, David G. Leitch, J. H. Vanstone, Miss Margaret Rutherford and Mrs. Freeman are seeking incorporation as the Garland and Rutherford Company (limited), with a capital stock of $25,000.

The G.T.R. wheel works began yesterday to run a full staff of men, all the floors being occupied, and the employes are accordingly jubilant.

The County Council this afternoon elected William Martin, who is Reeve of Binbrook, warden.

J. J. Mason, John H. Tilden and Richard McKay are the members of the Independent Court of Revision.

Preparations for a blast are being made at the smelting works.

MRS. HYAMS' TESTIMONY.

Her Memory Shattered Through Continued Illness—Likelihood That the Conspiracy Charge Will be Dropped.

Dallas Hyams appeared again in the Police Court yesterday to answer the charge of conspiracy to murder Harry Hyams' wife. The Crown Attorney had been notified that Mrs. Hyams was ready to give her testimony, so Magistrate Denison, Mr. Curry and Mr. Johnston proceeded to Aylesworth's house, 151 Slose-avenue, to take her evidence.

The examination was held, but Mrs. Hyams' memory proved to be very bad, so bad, in fact, that the Crown Attorney was unable to get from her any facts that would help the Crown in the prosecution of Dallas. Mrs. Hyams said that her long illness had affected her memory so much that she could not answer any of Mr. Curry's questions properly.

Crown Attorney Curry said last night that it is now altogether likely that the conspiracy to murder charge will have to be dropped, as he can hardly hope for a conviction on what evidence he has been able to present.

The prisoners, however, will remain in custody on the four forgery charges, in one of which the Crown claims to have a very strong case, and which will be at once proceeded with, unless the defence should be successful in inducing the Attorney-General to give his consent to an arrangement whereby the twins will be released on suspended sentence, on condition that they leave the country, never to return.

Continued Fine Weather

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 4—20; Battleford, 2 below—2; Qu'Appelle, 6—12; Winnipeg, 16—20; Toronto, 22—30; Kingston, 2—30; Montreal, 2 below—10; Quebec, 8 below—2; Halifax, 10—12.

PROBS: Mostly fair and comparatively mild; light local snow or sleet in Northern Ontario.

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Steamship Movements.

Jan. 28.	Reported at	From
Empress of India	Hong Kong	Vancouver
Friesland	New York	Antwerp
Anchoria	New York	Glasgow

MARY WAS AWARDED $2000.

A Simcoe County Girl and a Toronto Lawyer Chased a Man to Buffalo With Effect.

Buffalo, Jan. 28.—Miss Mary A. Erwin of the Township of Flos, County of Simcoe, Ontario, secured a verdict in the Common Pleas Court, Toronto, against Con. J. Saxton, for breach of promise and was awarded $2000. Saxton, who had married Madge Harber of Flos, had meanwhile transferred to his father-in-law his real property, mortgaged or disposed of his personal property, drew his deposits from the bank and the day after the verdict fled to this city, where Miss Erwin finally located him, and, in company with Alfred E. H. Cheswick, Q.C., of Toronto, arrived here yesterday and began suit against Saxton, alleging that in his transfers of Canadian property there was a conspiracy between Harber and Saxton to defraud her of the amount of judgment, etc., etc. Papers were served on Saxton and Mr. Cheswick and Miss Erwin returned to Canada this morning.

A SERIOUS LOSS BY FIRE.

Mr. Joseph Egan of Westminster Loses Barns, Cattle, Horses and Crops.

London, Ont., Jan. 28.—Last evening the barns of Joseph Egan, lot 3, con. 4, Westminster Township, were totally destroyed by fire, together with 19 head of valuable cattle and horses, the season's crops and a number of implements. Mr. Egan's loss will be very heavy, as he carried only $500 insurance on the buildings. The cause of the blaze is unknown. Mr. Egan suffered a similar loss about two years ago.

HOW THE SEALS FEEL.

Delighted to See Their Pelts Wrapped About Dainty Women.

A cynical misogynist remarked one day that he would rather see sealskins on the backs of seals than clothing womankind. But really he did the gentle seal great injustice. They have no such hard feelings. In fact, if it were possible for their spirits to look down upon mankind, they would be delighted to find their ungainly and somewhat unsightly pelts converted into shapes of such grace and beauty.

Messrs. W. & D. Dineen have laid aside 25 sealskin jackets of the very finest quality, to be cleared off before Saturday next. They are made with ripple backs, wide skirts, balloon sleeves, double-breasted fronts, large collars, etc., and varying from 28 to 40 inches in length. $200 jackets will be sold for $170, $225 jackets at $185, and $250 ones at $200. In Persian lamb jackets of the same style the reductions are equally great. $150 garments are cut to $115, $125 jackets to $100, $110 ones to $90, and $100 for $85. In addition a large stock of boas, muffs, gauntlets, etc., will likewise be cleared off.

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BIRTHS.

BOHME—At 32 Wilcox-street, on the 27th inst., the wife of B. H. I. Bohme, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HALL—On Monday, January 27th, 1896, Mrs. Sarah Hall, relict of the late Hamilton Hall, aged 76 years.

Funeral from her late residence, Markham village, to St. Andrew's Cemetery, on Thursday, Jan. 30th, at 2 p.m.

KANE—On the 25th inst., at his sister's residence, in Detroit, James Kane, brother of Mr. John Kane, of 417 Carlton-street, city.

Funeral from his brother's residence to St. James' Cemetery, on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 3 p.m.

LEES—Suddenly, at her late residence, 280 Borden-street, Monday, Jan. 27th, 1896, in the 64th year of her age, Robina W. Lees, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Funeral Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

AS VIEWED AFTER THE LATE BYE-ELECTIONS.

Prospects for the Government in Those to Come—Hardly a Possibility That a Remedial Bill Can be Passed This Session—Liberals Apparently Harmonious in Opposition to Such a Measure.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The political situation at Ottawa is not improved by the election in Charlevoix on Monday. Of five Catholic constituencies opened since the issue of the Remedial Order, all have gone against the Government that issued it, viz., Antigonish (Con.), Vercheres (Lib), Jacques Cartier (Con.), Centre Montreal (Con.), and Charlevoix (Con.) These five divisions have returned supporters of Mr. Laurier.

The two elections now under way, Cape Breton and Northumberland, N.B., will likely return Government supporters.

It is not likely that elections will be held for the three vacant seats in Quebec, viz., Pontiac (Con.), Missisquoi (Con.), Soulanges (Con.) The chances are that they would follow the other Quebec constituencies and return supporters of Mr. Laurier.

Not taking these three into account, and giving the two elections of next week to the Government, the situation of parties is as follows:

Conservative majorities, Ontario 20, New Brunswick 12, Nova Scotia 9, British Columbia 6, Manitoba and Northwest 7.

Liberal majorities, Quebec 8, Prince Edward 2.

Highest possible net Conservative majority 44.

But from this must be taken the Speaker and Mr. Corby, and a couple of other members who may be absent through illness, which will make the actual Conservative majority about 38. The Government can count on this majority on other questions with the exception of Remedial Legislation. Against a Remedial Bill there will be ranged over 30 Conservatives votes, 25 of them from Ontario, 2 from New Brunswick and 3 from the Northwest, with perhaps 1 or more from British Columbia. Twenty of these votes would, therefore, defeat the Government bill, unless the Liberals from Quebec came to its support. To find out what these Quebec Liberals will do is now the chief conundrum up for solution.

The Liberals had a caucus this morning, and it is believed that a decision was reached to hold together under Mr. Laurier, and to oppose the Government's bill. They declare this evening that they are united on this line of policy. If that is so no Remedial bill can be carried this session.

Besides the 25 Ontario Conservatives who will go against the Remedial bill, there will be 25 Liberals from Ontario who will go against it. This will make the majority of the members from Ontario against the bill in the proportion of 5 to 4.

Everything, however, will be uncertain till Sir Charles Tupper returns and the Remedial Bill is actually brought down. If Sir Charles Tupper wins his seat, as he is sure to do, he will come up to the Capital in a triumphant march, take the leadership in the Commons, bring on a progressive program and make a vigorous fight to carry some kind of a Remedial bill, to be decided on after his arrival. It is even said now that Sir Charles will have such an extensive program that it will require bold financing, and that he will succeed Mr. Foster in the portfolio of Finance. It is also said that Mr. Foster will go to London as High Commsioner. These, however, are mere rumors. Mr. Foster is ready to go on with his budget, and Thursday will certainly see him make another of his splendid efforts in this respect. But, besides the budget, there will be little genuine interest in Parliament until Sir Charles Tupper is here, and the Remedial bill and the progressive program are got under way.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Two Hours Spent Over the Cattle Shipment Regulations—Sir Richard's Letter.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The time of the House was taken up for two hours this afternoon in discussing the regulations governing the shipment of United States cattle from the port of St. John.

Sir Richard Cartwright complained that newspapers had published the order in council before the House saw it.

Dr. Montague said the reason he had refused the information on Friday was that the order had not been signed by His Excellency. Personally he was annoyed and humiliated that the order had gained publicity before the House had received it. He explained that none of the restrictions and regulations necessary for the purpose of protecting Canadian herds were to be relaxed or withdrawn in the slightest degree. He might further say that the order did not apply to one steamship company more than to another. The order in council was a general one.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. McMullen, Laurier, Hazen, Sproule and Mulock.

Dr. Montague intimated that the purpose of Mr. Mulock's speech was political effect. He denied that the cattle quarantine regulations were in any way interfered with by the new regulation, which permits the transshipment of American cattle at St. John. It was merely an extension of the transit trade which has existed for some years. The whole purpose was to build up Canadian trade and in the end to secure a reduction of freight rates for the Canadian farmer, which would result from the competition of lines that would go into the cattle-carrying business. Similar privileges had been enjoyed by Canada in American ports for months, but the sole purpose of the Government was to promote Canadian trade. Proceeding, he referred to the sneering remarks made the other day by Sir Richard Cartwright with respect to Sir Chas. Tupper, Bart. He said while Sir Charles Tupper was in England fighting the fight of Canada, in this connection, Sir Richard Cartwright was writing a most slanderous letter to The London Economist concerning the Dominion that a Canadian ever wrote.

Sir Richard Cartwright: That is not a fact. It was not slanderous. (Liberal cries of "Take it back.")

The Speaker: Everyone knows it is unparliamentary to call hon. members' remarks slanderous.

Dr. Montague: I did not refer to any statement made in the House.

Proceeding, he quoted from Sir Richard Cartwright's letter and pronounced it a direct attack on Canadian credit. Reverting to the cattle trade question, he said the new regulation must be carried out without disadvantage to the health of Canadian herds. All restrictions that the experts of the Department of Agriculture thought requisite would be enforced. He denied the imputation that the