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# ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.-McGovern and Rankin, government immigration agents, left for Halifax today to acecmpany the Doukhobors on their western trip.

GODERICH, Ont., Feb. 14.-Nominations for the by-election to parliament for West Huron vacancy, took place today. Robert McLean was rominated by the conservatives, and Robert Holmes by the liberals. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. Mulock, Heyd, McDonald and Landerkin. M. P., for the liberals, and by Messrs. Taylor and Henderson, M. P.'s, for the conservatives.
TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 14.—It

on logs is declared unconstitutional, another means will be adopted compelling the United States mill owners to saw logs in the province. It is said increased stumpage dues would effect the same result.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 .- The department of the interior is sending out the first consignment of the new discriptive atlas of Western Canada. An edition of 200,000 is to be printed, but before going to the expense of issuing such a large number, Mr. Sifton ought to stop the press and revise his book, with competent officers at the minister's call and reliable data at hand. There is no reason why such an inaccurate publication should be given to the world. An examination of the maps reveals the fact that they are "made in Chicago," but in this respect Mr. Sifton has followed the example of the minister of finance and the post master general, the first of whom gets his dominion bills done by Americans, and the latter his postage stamps. The map of British Columbia shows the American claims in the dispute over the Canada-Alaska boundary. The boundaries of the new districts in the Northwest, viz., Ungava, Franklin, Mackenzie and Yukon, created in October, 1895, are very inaccurate, while Newfound-land is given a large alies of Canadian territory in Labrador. Under the heading "Canadian Cities," there are references to Montreal, Toronto, Queand Victoria, but Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid's

and Victoria, but Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid's Washington of the north, is omitted altogether, and so also are Hamilton, London, Kingston, St. John, Fredericton, Charlottetown, Regina, etc. In one place the interesting statement is made that Ottawa is the capital of Ontario. On the margin of the map of the Northwest Territories about 150 places are mentioned as "chief cities." The British Columbia government have not yet forwarded a reply to Chamberlain's despatch with reference to the obnoxious anti-Japanese legislation of last year.

legislation of last year. Thenders for binder tiary this year, were received at the department of justice today.

Ottawa city council is moving to kill the trading stamp business. MONTREAL, Feb. 15.-Maria Lafoortune, a gird of twenty-two, com-mitted suicide last night by taking eries Paris green. She had been in ill the

ealth for a long time.
SHERBROOKE, Feb. 15.—The gine on the Portland express on the Grand Trunk, jumped the track two from Lennoxville at three o'clock this afternoon, all the cars fol- weirs, etc. lowing. The passengers received a severe shaking up and four of them, ton today that they interd appoint as well as three train hands, were infing a law clerk for the legislature, fured. Only one case is serious, that who would supervise all bills. of Ferdinand Belleville, news agent,

of Ferdinand Belleville, news agent, who was seriously injured internally. The cause of the wreck is not known.

ATTAWA, Feb. 16.—Martin C. Connolly of Quebec is the highest benderer for the Kingston penitentiary output of binder twine. His offer is considerably higher than that of the successful tenderers last year, Hate & Son of Ottawa.

A Montreal ex-dry goods clerk, Oscar Beachamp, has been appointed deputy warden at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

The Free Press admits inaccuracies in Sifton's atlas, but says they will be corrected in the future edition. It is not stated that the first edition of 200,000 is to be destroyed. The Ottawa newspoys are not to be allowed to sell papers after 9 p. m.

Agent Larke of Sydney does not look for much expansion of trade with Australia this year. There is a surplus of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat this year.

Messrs. Fielding, Borden and Fisher leave els of wheat this year.

Messrs. Fleidfing, Borden and Fisher leave for Nova Scotia tomorrow.

#### CABLED FROM LONDON.

English Papers on the Possibility of Failure of the Canadian Commission.

(Special to the Sun.)
TORONTO, Feb. 16.—The Evening
Telegram's London cable says: The Chronicle, commenting on the possi-bility of the failure of the joint high commission at Washington, says it had hoped that the reasonableness of Ottawa's demands would have been recognized at Washington. The ru-mored deadlock causes much dissatisfaction in Canadian circles. Lord Herschell is blamed for not giving

Canada's claims proper support.

The Globe this afternoon says: President McKinley made a great mistake in appointing Mr. Foster, an ultra-St. James Gazette: We wish friend-ship to the United States, but cannot have it at the price of Carada's inter-

The Pall Mall Gazette says: The deadlock is more regrettable than sur-The new governor of Newfoundland sails on Saturday by the steamship Lake Ontario from Milford Haven.

#### FREDERICTON.

Death of Mrs. John Dennison-The Election

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 16,— Mrs. Charlotte Dennison, widow of the late John Dennison, died at her home and two daughters survive.

Dr. Bailey of the University deliver-ed the third of a series of lectures in the Church Hall tonight, on the subject, Rock Ruins. There was a large and appreciative audience. Word was received from the Thistle Curling Club tonight stating that they could not play here tomorrow. The Fredericton curiers are greatly disappointed, as good games were ex-

There is an ominous silence just before the storm. Old campaigners say that as far back as they can remember in the history of elections in York county, the few days preceding election have never been so quiet. It seems to be the general opinion that me surprises may be looked for on

#### N. S. LEGISLATURE.

The Local Government to Issue Leases fo Coast and Tidal Water Fisheries

Longley introduced a bill providing machinery by which the local governent will issue leases for fishing privicoasis of Nova Scotia. council, placing these fish-

the provincial legislatures. The Nova Scotia government intends to issue no losses for inland fishing privileges, but will leave these open to the puble as before. Leaves will be issued for oyster beaches, fishing traps

## HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 16.—The death occurred yesterday at Petite Reviere, Lunenburg county, of Capt. Feter Coffin, He was 95 years old and one of the best known men on Nova Scotta. He attended a re-union of the Coffin family at Nantucket, Mass., in 1881. His son is Rev. J. S. Coffin. J. E. Orpin, collector of customs at French Cross, Kings Co., a place instimately connected with the expulsion of the Acadiens, died today. He was nearly 100 years old. In his day he was the strongest man in Nova Scotta.

A special meeting of St. John Co., L. O. L., will be held next Monday

The Son of an Upholsterer, He Was Discovered by Gambetta,

Held a Portfolio in Several Ministries, and Was Finally Elected the Nation's Chief Magistrate.

PARTIS. Feb. 16—Felix Faure, president of the republic of France, due to 10 o'clock tonight, after an illness of three hours.

PARTIS, Feb. 16—It had been known for some time that his heart was weak, but the first intimation that he was sick was given at half past ext this evening, when a message was despatched to the premier, M. Dupus, announcing lat the president was ill.

M. Dupus immediately repaired to the Elysee. Elysee.

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appear dangerous, pit Dr. Humbert, on perceiving that he was rapidly getting worse, telephoned for Dr. Lanne-Longue and Dr. Cheuriot, who assembly today, Attorney General Longley introduced a bill providing and was folly and was folly assembly introduced a bill providing and letter by Dr. Department of the was rapidly getting worse, telephoned for Dr. Lanne-Longue and Dr. Cheuriot, who a Lively Time in Council.

Though M. Faure still retained conthat the members of the family were They then came to the sofa, where provised bed. Soon after he began to hazards almost ended in the expulsi forts, expired at 10, in the presence the burly representablive from Welling of the family and M. Dupuy.

Dupuy communicated tionaries, after which he addressed motion.

occurred at 10 o'clock this evening, as for his vote as aidern Kindly take the necessary measures that the county judge hold an enquiry to inform the population immediately and that the city solicitor prepare the the republic. The government counts upon your active vigilance at this painful hour."

It was not until 11 o'clock that the news began to become known to the the resolution which a judge could ingeneral public in Paris. From that ime began a continuous arrival of public men. Strict orders, however, were issued, and only members of the cabinet were admitted to the Elysee.

The president of France is elected for seven years by a majority of votes, by the senate and chamber of deputies united in a national assem-

bly, or congress.
Francois Felix Faure, who was elected president January 17, 1895, was born Jan. 30. 1841, in Paris, the son of an upholsterer. He was educated for mercantile life, learned the currier's trade and mastered the leather business. At Amboise he married the daughter of M. Guinet, then mayor of the commune, and in later years a senator. Settling in Havre, he became in time a large merchant and shipowner and president of the chamber of commerce. As chief of a battalion of Mobiles he aided in suppressing the Commune in Paris and gained the ribbon of the Legion of Honor. When Gambetta formed a cabinet in 1881 he made Faure under secretary of the ministry of commerce and the colonies. From that time on he was a member of several succes-sive ministries. In politics he was an Opportunist and a member of the group known as the Republic Union signed the presidency in 1895, Faure was elected his successor on the second ballot.

## WINTER PORT MATTERS.

(From Wedneslay's Daily Sun.) The Furness str. Halifax City, Capt. Newton, sailed for London via Halifax at an early hour this morning.

The Dominion mail str. Labrador left Halifax for this port at 6 o'cleck yesterday morning, and will be here about 5 or 6 this posterior. about 5 or 6 this morning.

The Allan liner Numidian salled for Liverpool via Halifax this morning.

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She sot cutck despetch here. She docked at Sand Point at an early hour sunday meruing and the work of discharging her inward cargo, some 1,-30 tens, was begun between 3 and 4 dolock. Her outward cargo consists of over 4,000 tons of general stuff, already described in the Sun. The work of putiting it in was completed before of putting it in was completed before midnight, when the live stock was put on board. Stevedore John Collins is to be congratulated on his achievement. The Numidian discharged her inward cargo and took in her outward (street in about 50 hours).

> (From Friday's Daily Sun.) The Dominion mail steamer Lebrador naving got rid of her inward cargo, began y storday taking in her grain. She will sall study.
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> The Allan liner Numidian, from this port in Liverpoot, salled from Hallfax yester-

WAR WITH BRITAIN.

the president died on the stroke of ten.

The flag over the Elysee was immediately 'owered to half mast and the news was despatched to all the officials and members of the caliset. General Zurlinden mistary soverage of Paris, the grand chancellor of the legation of honor, the prefect of Seine, the presidents of the senate and chancellor of the presidents of the senate and chancellor of the presidents of the senate and chancellor of deputies, promptly arrived at the Elysee.

The report spread rapidly through the city and large crowas soon as sembled in the vicinity of the paince.

About six o'clock M. Paure, who was then in his study, want to the door of the room of M. L. E. Legall, his private secretary, which is next to the study, and said.

"I do not feel well fome to me, M. Legall immediately went to the president's aid led him to a sofe, and called General Baillood, general, see the president's made real progress and was now quite for the seminate of the president's housahold, M. Blondel, under private secretary, and Dr. Humbert, who happened the at the Elysee attending a relative. The president's doubles at the Elysee attending a relative. The president's doubles are secretary, and Dr. Humbert, who happened to be at the Elysee attending a relative. The president's double of the sums.

OTTAWA. Feb. 15.-There was the sciousness, the doctor's soon recog-bized that the case was hopeless, but meeting of the city council last even it was not until nearly eight o'clock ing, culminating with one of the mos drematic moments that has occurred for a considerable period. Mayor Payment's avowed intention of upholdthe president lay upon a hastily im- ing the authority of the chair at all ose consciousness and, despite all ef- of Aid. Black from the chamber. But

ton ward was not a little bit fright sad intelligence to M. Leubot, "Power is not conferred upon the president of the senate;" M. Paul mayor to remove me from the chambeschanal, president of the chamber," he said afterwards, "It could of deputies; the members of te done with the consent of the couneabinet and to other high func- cil. but not merely upon the mayor's

the following despatch to all prefects and sub-prefects in France:

"I have the sad task to announce to information as to who it was that ou the death of the president, which offered to bribe the mayor with \$1,000 He moved, seconded by Ald, Campb that the county judge hold an enquiry, of the mourning that has fallen upon evidence in the case, setting forth the

> The motion was finally ruled out of order by the mayor, the city solicitor holding that there was nothing in

# THE DOUKHOBORS.

there today, in which case they will reach St. John on Saturday.

This second lot of immigrants consists of two fousand souls, a large percentage of them being children.

The railway arrangements for their transportation will be very much the same as those made for landing the first contingent. It is not likely, however, that the authorities will attempt to load and despatch the trains by night, as was done with the first lot, as the difficulty of getting the people properly distributed in the cars, and safely started on their journey, is much increased by the darkness. Should the steamer not arrive in time to get the trains away on the day of arrival, it is probable, therefore, that they will be kept on the steamer, if the terms of the charter permit, until the following day. A chance amow storm too, might cause still further delay, as it is no small responsibility, to start such a large number of passengers out on the road mithe face of a possible blockade, a position where the mecessary food supply might not be obtainable.

The immigrants will go forward, as in the first case, in fine special trains, specially fitted up for their accommodation, and structured to the firmiteration department, is now in the city to look after the necessary arvargements for supplying the trains with food supples and appointing the officers to their carge.

### The Government Party Give Up Their Fall Ticket.

RICHIBUCTO, Feb. 16.—The opposition stock is going up every day, and the government party now admit that their full ticket cannot be elected. They are concentrating all their efforts to try and save Barnes.

Messrs. Molnerney, Gogain, Buckerfield and Johnson held a successful menting at Harrough last night meeting at Harcourt last night.

to buy; Why leaders R. A. T.

O. I would like to ken, to the beggar-wife says I.
What new deal on this poor country, Blair is about to try:

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r' I am just what I am," can be called a good reply
To a question arked a candidate as to what is his party,
O. " sey and easy speering, says the beggar-wife, to me.

I would like to ken, to the beggar-wife O, I would like to ken, to says I.

If the government party in St. John have more low bricks to try.

Like the late attempt on Stockton by McKeown and Cragge.

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ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON,

# All medical efforts proved futile and Presich Minister of Marine Expects It SHORT STORY OF THE DAY

TWO WEDDING RINGS.

I had just heard the whistle of the postman at the door, and leaned over the banisters to inquire of my landlady if there were any letters for me.

Trere was no immediate response to nicious stience that either Mrs. Metcalfe or her daughter was inspecting my letters, probably reading the postcards, if there were any.

That is very often a peculiarity of landladies' daughters, as people who are compelled to board well know.

"Mrs. Metcalf'e, are there any letters portance."
"Coming, sir-coming!" replied Matilda, her daughter, as the latter slow-ly escended the stairs; gazing very in-

terestedly at a postcard. gave to me'a letter, two postcards and

"What! I? Oh, Mr. Belton, I would she went downstears, tossing her head like an enraged Shefland popy."

Ilke an enraged Shefland popy. One card from my tailor to notify me

of his removal; one from Louis Dur-ande to tell me that he could not keep a certain engagement with me, and a letter from Percy Cresmer, who had warmed his slippers at the same colege fire with me. scarcely three years

Dear Belton.-I claim your congratulations. I am to be married next week to the sweetest girl the sun ever shone to the sweetest girl the sun ever shone upon. There's surprise number one for you. And I wish you'd go to Silverman, the jeweller, and get the wedding ring, size enclosed on a bit of paper. There's surprise number two. Seriously, old fellow, it will do me a great favor, for business here is complicated in such a way that I cannot hope to get to the city a day before the event, and of course I know that I can trust your taste and judg equally with my own. Have the words "Helen, 1896," engraved on the inside and please send by post without deley. Ever yours faithfully,

PERCY CRESMER. P. S.—She is an argel.

"Well," said I to myself, laying down a pretty com An angel, is she? I don't believe she's any more angelic than Pauline Brooks But every men thinks his own goose a swan. I pity the poor fellow. I'm sure; he's clearly in a state of glamthat makes him see everything cou leur de rose. But I'm not one to de-sert a friend at a pinch—I'll buy his miserable wedding ring with the greatest pleasure in life."
So I locked my desk, put on my overcoat, and went straightway to Silver-

Jones was behind the counter. knew Jones; I had bought a gold bracelet of him for Pauline Brooks six months ago. Jones was a dapper little fellow, with stiffly waxed mous tache, a cameo scarf pin and hair bedewed with some ambrosial perfume

"Wedding rings, if you please," said I, plunging at once 'nto the object of my visit. Here's the cize," producing my slip of paper.

Jones, assuming so preternaturally knowing am aspect that I could cheer-fully have oitched him in among the plated ware in the big glass show be-

"Helen," said I, brusouely. "1896."
"Emma, sir?" Jones put his hand chind his ear to assist his hearing.
"Helen!" I bawled out, painfully corscious that the .yes of the three pretty girls who were at the counter beyand were upon me. "Very pretty name," simpered Jones, as he wrote down the order. "Any

particular style?" "Simple and solid," said I; "that's "Yes, sir. It shall be attended to at once. Shall I send it to your residence,

"Til call for it tomorrow," said I,
"Pardon me, Mr. Belton," cried Mr.
Silverman, who had overheard a portion of our colloquy, "but if it would-

n't be taking a liberty, might I inquire whether you intend to keep house or take apartments?"

"What?" ejaculated I.
"To keep house or take apartments?"
reiterated Mr. Silverman. "Because in the former case we should esteem it a favor to supply the silver and

table ware.". I muttered some not particularly complimentary answer, and went out of the shop, closing the door behind me with some emphasis. \* "Going to be married, ch, old chap?" said Bill West, a stockbroker, familiarly thrusting his elbow into my side, as I strolled into Gaffi's for my lunch that day.

"Wal" soid I to the market was a stock or with the strolled into Gaffi's for my lunch that day.

"No!" said I, taking up the bill of

"No!" said I, taking up the bill of fare.

"Oh, come, don't deny the soft impeachment," said West, with a wink.

"What has put such an idea as that into your head?" demanded I, somewhat indignantly.

"And her name's Helen," said West, with an idiotic giggle. "Waiter, a half-buttle of Mumm! Let's drink her health, Benton, when...."

At this stage I pretended to see

health, Benton, when—
At this stage I pretended to see some one whom I knew at an opposite table, and boiled across the room.
Old Mr. Jessup was trottling across Hyde Park when I unexpectedly came

face to face with him.

"Hello!" sald Mr. Jessup, turning upon me the moony glare of two spectacled eyes. "What's this I hear about you, my dear young riend? Accept my congratulations. Matrimony is always a blessed condition, and—"
Oh, yes. I don't doubt it," I hurrically interrupted, but a there's some mistake about it—"

"Miss what did you say?'5 said old Mr. Jessup beamingly. "Call round this evening and tell us all about it;

this evening and tell us all about it; there's a good fellow. I haven't time to listen just now!"

I could have torn my hair with rage. Mr. Jessup was Pauline Brooks uncle and guardian, and I knew that 'my chances in that direction would be all off if once the fatal story of the wed-

off if once the fatal story of the wed-cing ling got to Pauline's ears.

1 crossed the park and hurried up Regent street, mentally gnashing my teeth, and in my impetious haste had nearly stumbled over Pauline herself, just coming out of a florist's with a tiny boutenniere of violets in her hand.

"Fauline!" cried I, rapturously.

But Pauline drew back the least lit-tle distance in the world, thereby put-ting an invisible barrier between us

ting an invisible barrier between us that froze me like an icicle. "Dear me, Mr. Belton, is it you?" said Pauline. "I congratulate you, I

"Oh, excuse me, oray, Gentlemen do not usually buy wedding rings with out a purpose," interposed Pauline "Only I think you might have paid

your impending marriage."

"Pauline," said I—"Miss Brooks—
hear me. There is only one woman in
the world I would care to marry, and she stands before me(now,"
Pauline's lips quivered—the

sparkled in her eyes.
"Mr. Belton," said she, "you may regard this as a very fine joke, but surely it is not necessary to add any more insult to it— "Do you mean that you don't believe

"How can I believe you?" retorted Driven to a sort of frenzy, I dragged Percy Cresmer's letter from my poc-

"Pauline," said I, "read that, and you will have a solution of the mys-tery of the wedding ring." Her face cleared up as she glanced over the contents of poor Cresmer's ecstatic missive.
"Poor fellow!" said she. "He's very

much in love, isn't be?" "Not half as much as I am," said I.
And then in the smilax bordered shadow of the florist's shop I pressed

"Dear Pauline, let me order anothe

wedding ring,"
"For whom?" demanded iny lady "For you. I have loved you for a long time; but I never had the courage to avow my love before, dear Paul-

"Hush!" said Pauline, "we mustn't stand talking here." "I won't stir a step until you answer "What shall I say?" hesitated Paul-

"Say yes."

I ordered the duplicate wedding ring that very night. Pauline said it was too soon, but I quoted the ancient pro-

verb, "Delays are dangerous." And we are to be mainled in a mouth. And if it hadn't been for the providential coronissio of Cresmer's wedding ring I might still have been shivering on the brink of an unspolen proposal. "Blesed be wedding rings," say I.— Spare Moments.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 15th, a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Irons assembled at their home John Irons assembled at their home on Victoria street, north end, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. A very enjoyable evening was epent, and after partaking of a sumptuous repast the gathering dispersed, with many good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of their host and hostess. Who were the recipients of a slight token of the esteem in which they are held by their many friends.

The hotels of Kentville, N. S., after having been closed over three weeks, opened again on Wednesday to the travelling public.

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