

THE EXPLANATIONS IN THE HOUSE.

The Hon. Mr. Scott's speech in the House—the most important part of which we give to-day—must satisfy every candid mind as an honest and straightforward explanation of his position. He effectually refuted the charge that he was deeply interested in the lumber interest, that he was the paid servant of the lumbermen, and therefore was unfit to hold the position he did. He explained his position with regard to the Speaker-ship, and showed that he was under no obligation to the Government for that appointment. He cleared himself of every charge made against him in connection with the Canada Central Railway. He showed that he had had no communication with the leader or members of the late Opposition respecting the overthrow of the Macdonnell Government, or the formation of a new one till he was waited on by Mr. Blake. As to the charge that he had deserted the Conservatives, and by going into the Government made it a Coalition, he denied that the Government was a Coalition. He said he did not understand that public men in this country should be bound down to cast iron rules any more than they were in Britain.

Mr. M. C. Cameron, true to his instincts, began to cross-question Mr. Scott as he would a witness in court, and right or wrong wanted to fasten on him the appellation of a Conservative, but he failed completely, and his questioning only served to make Mr. Scott's vindication all the stronger. Having failed in getting even one shaft through Mr. Scott's armour, the Conservative leader made an onslaught on his files in his endeavor to prove its inconsistency.

Mr. Coyne followed Mr. Cameron, and astonished the House by stating that he was satisfied with Mr. Scott's explanations, and that he would support the Government. Mr. Wood followed. It had been charged by Mr. Cameron that the reason of Mr. Wood's defection from the late Government was the result of a corrupt bargain made with Mr. Blake. Mr. Blake had given a flat denial to this during Mr. Cameron's speech, and Mr. Wood was equally strong in his denial when he spoke. He said in the course of his speech:

"After he had resigned he intimated to Mr. Blake that he had resigned, but not before. It had been reported that he had made some sort of provision that he was to go into the new Government, and also that he had been promised the County-Attorneyship of York. The member for East Toronto knew of his own knowledge that that never could have been an inducement to him. The late Government had been defeated three times. The Premier took the course he considered best. He (Mr. Wood) did not think it the best course to take. His opinion was that after the election of a Speaker and the issue of the writs the Governor should not have invited the House to proceed with business till after the elections, and had that course been taken he believed the late Government would still have been in power. But having entered on the consideration of the Address the Government had a smug, and that the House was competent to deal with all questions brought before them. Being unable to induce the members for Halifax, North Ontario and North York, or any other Member, to vote with him against the non-confidence motion, he did not feel that he was under any obligation to the head of the Government to remain longer in the Government."

With regard to his future course, Mr. Wood said he had never been a Conservative, he had never acted with the Conservatives, and he never intended to act with them. He did not see anything to complain of in the programme of the present Government, and would give them his support so long as they continued to act honorably, and kept free from the use of any undue influence. Mr. Cameron would not accept Mr. Wood's denial that he was influenced to resign his seat, but said that Mr. Wood "would go outside the House, and answer to his satisfaction certain questions he would put to him," he would let the matter drop! Mr. Wood spurned such a proposal, and so Mr. Cameron intends to ask for a Committee to investigate the matter.

EDITORIAL NEWS.

ALBERT COL. SHAW and Mr. Moylan, immigration agents for Glasgow and Dublin, leave next week.

The Hamilton Spectator is ivrothy with Hon. Mr. McKellar, because he has sent back that paper with the ominous words "refused" on it.

It is reported that Mr. Chamberlin, Queen's Printer, is to be appointed Inspector of Immigration Agencies, at \$100 a year.

The New England fishermen say they will have to emigrate to Canada if the Washington Treaty is ratified. If Congress could make sure that they would take Butler with them the Treaty would be ratified almost without opposition.

The rebellion in Mexico appears to have nearly collapsed. The Government troops have defeated the insurgents in several engagements, and unless reinforcements speedily arrive to their assistance the remnant under General Quiroga will be forced to surrender.

We understand that the session is likely to be a short one. All the measures the Government intend to introduce this session are well advanced, and it will entirely depend upon the Opposition whether or not the session will extend beyond five or six weeks. We may expect to find a week or two spent in the discussion of the personnel of the Government.

A PARAGRAPH appeared in the Mercury on Friday—taken from an exchange—in reference to the attitude of the Catholics of New Brunswick towards the new School law. In

which there was an offensive expression at the close. We regret this as the paragraph was inserted without our knowledge, and slipped into the paper by mistake.

SLIGHTLY OBLIVIOUS.—The Herald wants Mr. Blake to make a distinct declaration of the policy of the Government. It must be very stupid, or else faining ignorance; for Mr. Blake, as soon as his Government took office, fully explained its policy. Mr. Blake, we suppose, will have to get up a political shorter catechism before the Herald can be made to understand what the Government intends to do.

A Crisis in France.

THREE RESIGNS, BUT IS INDUCED TO WITHDRAW HIS RESIGNATION. LONDON, Jan. 20.—A special from Versailles to the Times says: M. Thiers considers himself personally affronted by the rejection of his tariff measure, and in compliance with previous intimation, sent to the Assembly on Saturday his formal resignation as President of the Republic. It was accompanied with the announcement that all the Ministers had also tendered their resignations. Great excitement prevailed in the Chamber on reading these nominations. A vote was adopted almost unanimously, only six members dissenting, appealing to the patriotism of the President, refusing to accept his resignation, and to the consideration of the order of the day. A deputation was appointed to announce to M. Thiers the action of the Assembly.

The Deputies of the Right Centre held a meeting and adopted a resolution declaring that the tariff was solely a question of finance not politics, and that in voting against the proposal to tax raw materials they no intention of expressing want of confidence in the Government. Thiers, in response to a deputation of the Assembly, consents to remain in the service of the Chamber and country. It is probable that all the Ministers will withdraw their resignation. He said that while for the present he consented to withdraw his resignation, the end was inevitable, and sooner or later he would be compelled to retire from the Presidency of the Republic.

NEWS ITEMS.

ACCIDENT.—A little girl, daughter of Mr. Herman Clause, got her arm broken in Hineman & Moyer's factory, Berlin, on Monday. The belt dragged the girl's arm up to the shaft, and both bones of it were broken.

COUNTERFEIT FOUR.—The London Advertiser says: Quite a number of counterfeit \$4 bills on the Bank of British North America are again in circulation, and many persons have been deceived into accepting them as genuine.

MISSING.—The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, of Thursday, says: We understand that the son of Bishop Bethune, of Toronto, Ont., left home on the 12th inst., en route for New York and Europe, and has not since been heard from by his family. A draft for \$30, signed by the Bishop, was picked up in the streets in this city yesterday, and sent by the Police to Toronto. The authorities are without a description of the missing man. Any information should be left with Superintendent Doyle.

ESQUEMING.—The annual meeting of the Township of Esqueving Agricultural Society was held on the 13th inst. The report of the directors was read, showing that the affairs of the society were in a very prosperous state. The society has now about 60 more members than last year. The following officers were elected for the current year:—President, M. Kirby; Vice-President, A. Stark; Secretary and Treasurer, Jas. Murray; Directors, R. Knight, Jas. Tolton, J. Matthews, Wm. Klay, Jos. Barber, John Frazer, C. P. Preston, and Jas. Bessey.

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARRISTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair. BRANTON—Saturday before Guelph. E. ORANGE—The day before Guelph. GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month. CLIFTON—Thursday before the Guelph Fair. TAYBURN—Friday before the Guelph Fair. NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday in each month. BERLIN—First Thursday in each month. KEMBRIDGE—Second Monday in every month. WATLING—Second Tuesday in every month. MOUNT FOREST—Third Wednesday in each month. DECHAM—Tuesday preceding the above. WATLING—Thursday following Mount Forest. ORANGEVILLE—Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November. MOUNT WELLS—Third Wednesday in every month, July and October. ERIS—First Monday in January, April, July and October. MASONVILLE—First Tuesday in February, May, August and November. BRANTON—1st Thursday in every month. LASTWELL—1st Friday after the Guelph Fair.

New Advertisements.

ST. ANDREW'S SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. THE Annual Anniversary of the Sabbath School in connection with St. Andrew's Church will take place On Tuesday Eve'g, 23rd inst. Commencing at seven o'clock. Guelph, Jan. 23, 1872. 3rd Superintendent.

WATCH LOST

LOST, on Saturday evening, 20th inst., about 7 o'clock, somewhere near the Great Western Hotel, or on Macdonnell street, a Watch. The finder, by leaving it at the Mercury Office, will be handsomely rewarded. 41

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A legally qualified Teacher wanted immediately for School Section No. 3, Eramosa. Apply personally, or by letter, to THOMAS CARTER, Eramosa P.O. 22-22-72

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Thoroughbred and Grade Cattle for Sale.

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On Tuesday Eve'g, 23rd inst.

Every arrangement is being made to make the Evening a profitable one.

The following speakers are to be present: Rev. W. S. Griffin, Toronto; Rev. J. McCall, Dundas; Rev. A. D. McDonald, Elora, and the Ministers of the Town. Tea served from half-past 6 to 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents each, to be had at Mr. McCullough's Drug Store; Mr. D. Pringle, Jeweller; A. E. Peirce's Drug Store, and at Chance & Williamson's, Guelph, Jan. 19, 1872.

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The Hall benches will all be numbered, and reserved seats sold by numbers.

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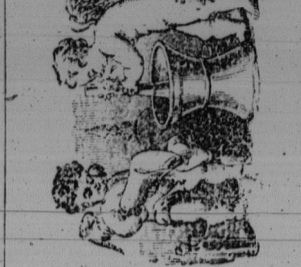
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Pulsinch, Jan 17, 1872