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SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT SAYS SOME PLAIN THINGS TO MR. BELL OF PICTOU.

The Minister Corrects Statements Made by the Nova Scotia Member—Mr. Borden Interposes, But is Told He Was Not Spoken To.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special)—Before the business of the day proceeded with in the house, Sir Richard Cartwright corrected a statement made by A. C. Bell, Monday. The minister of trade and commerce had last week published the statistical year book as a reliable volume and added that way back in 1890 it had calculated the population of the dominion at 5,200,000 souls. Mr. Bell had said that Sir Richard could not produce the evidence of this charge against the year book.

country is making. Mr. Fraser referred to the coal and steel industries in Nova Scotia. Speaking of the Nova Scotia works, he said that so sure were the people in 1896 that all industries would be closed that one man purchased the boards to make shutters for the mills. Instead of these being required for the last two years the workmen could not get off on Thanksgiving or Christmas days by reason of the rush of orders. The company had been able not only to pay 8 per cent but to pay up 32 per cent of arrears of dividends accumulated before 1896.

"NOT GUILTY" SAYS BLONDIN. LAWYER PATRICK IS FOUND GUILTY OF RICE MURDER

INDICTMENT HAD TO BE EXPLAINED TO HIM BY COUNSEL.

Stood Ten Minutes, His Hand Upraised, While It Was Being Read—Four Counts Charging Him With Murder of His Wife—Defence Promises Something.

Boston, March 25.—To a long indictment, charging him with the murder of his wife, Joseph Wilfred Blondin, at Cambridge this afternoon, pleaded not guilty and was committed to jail without bail. He utterly failed to comprehend the contents of the indictment and its purport had to be translated and explained to him by his counsel.

MARCONI TO NEW YORK. INTERVIEWED AT TRURO ON REPORTED INTERRUPTION OF MESSAGES.

Says the Term is Improperly Used—Famed Inventor Had a Narrow Escape from Injury on Cape Breton—Stone Hurlled Through Window of His Car.

Halifax, N. S., March 25.—(Special)—Signor Marconi left Sydney today for New York, where he will complete arrangements for his wireless station at Cape Cod. While passing through Truro the inventor was interviewed. Asked as to the truth of the report that he had been injured on Cape Breton, he said that such had been done, but asserted that something of the sort might occur. He said it was natural for a ship fitted with wireless apparatus to receive signals or messages when within the zone of the transmitter, but the word "interrupted" was used quite improperly and probably creates a misconception.

ST. JOHN PEOPLE IN DIVORCE COURT. Suit for Separation in Boston—Decree Withheld for a Time.

Boston, March 25.—A suit for separation is in progress between Susan Mowbray and her husband, Jas. R. Mowbray. They were married in 1872 in St. John. They lived in Cambridge until four years ago, when they came to Boston. The wife states that Mr. Mowbray has refused to pay rent and that she had seen him with another woman, with whom he kept company. Mrs. Mowbray keeps her husband in the house. The divorce has not been granted, subject to amendment of libel.

CECIL RHODES PASSED AWAY IN A SIMPLE SEASIDE CABIN.

End of a Notable Career—His Last Words Were Good-Byes—Government Will Give Public Funeral—Sorrow Profound in Cape Town—Reception of the News in London.

Cape Town, March 26.—Cecil Rhodes died this morning. Mr. Rhodes was conscious until 5.55 p. m., when he muttered a few words and sank quickly. The immediate cause of his death was two successive attacks of heart failure.

SCHOONERS WRECKED. Were Seiners—Arranging for Shipping the Cargoes—Others at Souris.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 25.—(Special)—Two sealers were wrecked yesterday on the coast of the island. One schooner lost maimst and hatches, and had timbers stove in by ice and will be a total wreck. The other was damaged, and the crew were rescued. The captain is making arrangements to take the cargoes home. One vessel is from St. John's, the other from the Magdalen Islands. Two sealing schooners are at Souris, awaiting favorable weather before proceeding to Newfoundland. Both have cargoes of 2400 and 2,500 seals.

FACTS IN CONTRAST TO OPPOSITION TALK.

Attorney General, in Local Legislature, Sweeps Away Charges of Mr. Hazen and His Follower—Dignified Language of the Sun Brought Before the House.

Fredericton, March 24.—The house met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Osman rose to a question of privilege and called attention to a paragraph in the Sun referring to the members of this house as "The Gang." He thought this was treating the house with great disrespect.

BALFOUR AND BULLER CORRESPONDENCE PUBLISHED.

London, March 25.—Acrimonious correspondence between A. J. Balfour and General Buller has been made public. Balfour contended that Buller was in command at the battle of Spion Kop, while Buller denied it. Balfour said: "There is no reason why all the Spion Kop despatches should not be published." To this Buller rejoined that he hoped the despatches would be published without manipulation.

LIBERAL VICTORY ONCE MORE IN BEAUHARNOIS.

Beauharnois, Que., March 26.—(Special)—The dominion by-election in Beauharnois today between Geo. Loy, Liberal, and J. G. H. Bergeron, Conservative, resulted in a victory for Loy by 158 majority. The majority were: For Loy—Valleyfield, 237; St. Cecile, 46; St. Stanislas, 54; St. Louis, 118; For Bergeron—St. Timothee, 21; St. Clement, 96; Beauharnois, 149; St. Eustache, 31.

THE FOURTH CONTINGENT.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special)—While definite announcements have not yet been made concerning the composition of the contingent for the coronation it is pretty well known that it will be largely on the lines of that sent to the jubilee, except that the members from the various corps will be larger. It is likely it will consist of a battery of artillery, a squadron of cavalry, a company of infantry and a company of rifles.

MAINES CENTRAL CARS WRECKED.

Auburn, Me., March 26.—The east-bound freight train on the Maine Central railroad broke in two near here about midnight. The hind section crashed into the front part, demolishing three cars and badly smothering part of the passenger station. The damage is estimated at \$5,000.

INTRODUCES RELIGIOUS CRY.

Referring to Mr. Bursfield's statement that the agitation for port agitation was the cause of his (Hazen's) defeat in the federal elections in St. John in 1896, Mr. Hazen said his defeat was due to the religious cry along the lines of remedial legislation. The attorney general announced himself as an independent, supporting Mr. Clark Wallace and he did not hesitate to make inflammatory speeches.

RULE OF HOUSE STANDS.

Mr. Appley moved that sub-section 2 of rule 75 be suspended to allow the presentation of the petition of Michael Welch and others for the passage of an act to incorporate the M. Welch Telephone Company. The provisions requiring a copy of every private bill to be filed with the clerk at least three days before opening of the session. The attorney general said the object of the rule was to induce promoters of bills