

M. CARVELL BROUGHT TO TIME

DIAZ CABINET DROPPED OUT

Mexican Government Resigned Yesterday—May Lead to Peace. All the Cabinet Ministers Presented their Resignations to Pres. Diaz—Reforms Expected Now

Mexico City, Mex., Mar. 24.—The Diaz cabinet resigned in a body at a special meeting of that board today. The president deferred action upon the resignations. The reasons given for the action in an official announcement, is the belief that it will contribute to the re-establishment of peace and facilitate the reforms which are in contemplation.

An Inaugural Victory. Presidio, Texas, Mar. 23.—Var Maria, Texas, Mar. 24.—According to a messenger who reported to Gen. Jose de la Cruz Sanchez, in command of the insurgents besieging the town of Ojinaga today, insurgents under the direct command of Gen. E. Maguero have won an important victory in the vicinity of the city of Chihuahua, routing the federal troops after 160 had been killed and 50 taken prisoners.

THE LARGEST ON RECORD. Liverpool, March 24.—The largest party of land seekers that ever left here for Canada left today on the steamer Empress of Ireland. There were 2,500 emigrants on the vessel who are bound for the Canadian Northwest. Each emigrant possesses \$2,500 or upward. A special train will carry the home seekers from St. John to Alberta.

ST. JOHN MINISTER DEAD AT HALIFAX. Rev. E. C. Ford, of Coburg St. Christian Church, Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon—Was 74 Years Old.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Mar. 24.—Rev. Eldridge C. Ford, of Coburg street Christian church St. John, died here this afternoon. He had been in declining health for some time and came to Halifax Tuesday night on his way to Milton, where he had intended spending several weeks with his brother. Mr. Ford was the pastor of the Christian church, Halifax, for about two years. He moved to Pictou eight years ago, where he preached for six years. Two years ago he went to St. John where he has been preaching ever since.

THE TURNING OF THE TIDE. The disclosure of cases of graft and mismanagement, contained in Commissioner Bennett's letter from Cedar Rapids, has had a marked effect on public sentiment, which is now setting strongly against the adoption of a form of government for St. John under which such things are possible. Something approaching a panic seems to have struck the camp of the friends of "absolute control," ensures the fallacy of each commissioner's "absolute control," ensures "business government on business principles," came from a quarter they least expected. A telegram was hastily despatched to the Board of Trade's correspondent in St. John, in the fervent hope that the Times, ever mindful of the possibility that some day it may control a commission after its own heart, lent its valuable aid in characteristically fashion by asserting that the Board had made Commissioner Bennett's letter "thoroughly aroused."

HON. J. K. FLEMMING CALLS THE BLUFF OF THE "ARTFUL DODGER" IN YORK COUNTY

Carvell's Challenge to Debate Valley Railway Question, Promptly Accepted.

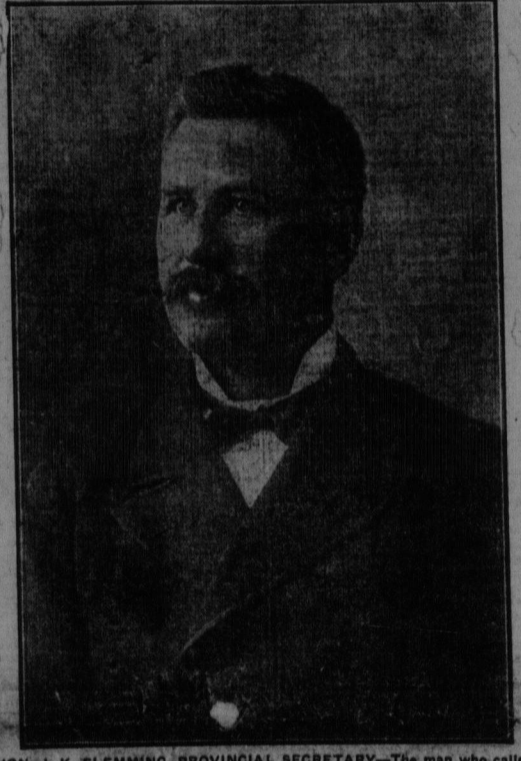
Provincial Secretary Forces a Meeting, and Debate will Take Place at Meductic Tonight.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., March 24.—Frank B. Carvell's bluff has been called and tomorrow night he will have an opportunity to try to make good. It has taken a lot of strenuous work to corner the federal member for Carleton and get him to face a member of the House government in joint debate but, about midnight to-night, arrangements were completed whereby he must now meet Hon. J. K. Fleming, provincial secretary, in joint debate at Meductic. The meeting promises to be the big event of the bye-election campaign now in progress in York county.

Carvell Must Face Music. Probably the most surprised man in New Brunswick will be Mr. Carvell when he finds that he has been cornered and must face the music. Several unsuccessful efforts were made to draw out and get away with the bluffing, which has for so long been his long suit in every game in which he has played.

Early this evening the following letter was received by Secretary Guthrie:— Fredericton, March 24, 1911. P. A. Guthrie, Esq., Sec'y Government Committee, City. Dear Sir:—Your letter evening, March 23rd, has just been read to me over the telephone. I am instructed by him to say to you that his time is entirely engaged up to and including March 28th, but he will be pleased to meet Hon. Mr. Fleming Wednesday evening, March 29th instant, in the Opera House in this city to discuss the Valley Railway question.

Montreal, Mar. 24.—Edward Alton, caretaker of the Cobourg apartments, 128 Stanley street, was killed tonight by the explosion of one of the heating furnaces, while the basement and the apartments on the first floor of the building were wrecked. Alton's skull was badly fractured and he lay only a few minutes after having been removed to the Western hospital. The furnace and connecting pipes were blown to pieces. Alton was the only person in the furnace room at the time. When the smoke and steam had cleared away, the caretaker was found lying on the concrete floor, with blood flowing from a deep gash in his skull. He was unconscious. Dr. C. E. Ross, who resided in the building, was the first to reach the furnace room after the explosion and saw at a glance that the victim was fatally injured. An ambulance was raised from the Western hospital and the injured man removed there, but he died within a few minutes after entering the emergency ward.



HON. J. K. FLEMMING, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—The man who called Carvell's bluff in York County.

really was busy trying to avoid a joint debate on the issues of the campaign. A reporter secured a copy of the second letter which had not been mailed to Secretary Guthrie, and at once communicated its contents to the government party executive. A member of that body then quickly got into touch with Organizer Carter and asked him to get Mr. Carvell's agreement to give Hon. Mr. Fleming time to discuss the Valley Railway question with him, either at his Meductic meeting Saturday evening, March 25, or at his meeting at Pokok Monday evening, March 27th. "If either of these opportunities can be taken advantage of will you kindly give me a reply as early as possible."

KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Caretaker of Cobourg Apartments in Montreal Met Death Last Night—Building Wrecked; Furnace Exploded. Montreal, Mar. 24.—Edward Alton, caretaker of the Cobourg apartments, 128 Stanley street, was killed tonight by the explosion of one of the heating furnaces, while the basement and the apartments on the first floor of the building were wrecked. Alton's skull was badly fractured and he lay only a few minutes after having been removed to the Western hospital.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—Premier Stolypin, who last Monday sent in his resignation, has agreed to remain in office and the cabinet crisis there is at an end. An Imperial decree issued today suspends M. Troppoff and M. Denovov, members of the Council of the Empire, January, 1912. M. Stolypin had insisted on the removal of these reactionary opponents of his policy as the price for his retaining office, and it is understood that it was the negotiation of this point that led to a prolongation of the cabinet crisis.

SHEFFIELD CHOR ARRIVES TONIGHT

\$500,000 DAMAGE. Fayette, Ala., March 24.—A gas stove in a drug store today started a blaze that destroyed 42 buildings, including nearly every business structure, the Fayette county court house, the Fayette county bank and the Turner Hotel. The loss is \$500,000 with small insurance. Fayette is without fire fighting apparatus and the fire burned almost unchecked until it reached vacant property.

ROUTINE DAY IN DOMINION HOUSE. Legislators Busy Yesterday In Passing Supplementary Estimates For Current Year—Reciprocity In Money.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., March 24.—The House spent the day in committee of supply, passing supplementary estimates for the current year. Mr. Fielding stated that during the past year \$1,482,000 in American coin had been deposited, the banks being paid a commission of 3-8 of 1 per cent. to do it, and the government paying the express charges.

S. S. BRUCE WRECKED ON N. S. COAST. Two Passengers Drowned, But All Others Escaped In Safety—Thrilling Scenes When The Steamer Struck. Halifax, Mar. 24.—Steaming at almost full speed the steamer Bruce, belonging to the Newfoundland Railway Co. struck a rock near Louisburg at 4 o'clock this morning on her way from Newfoundland to her Nova Scotia port. Two passengers were drowned—Thos. Shea, of Bay of Islands, and James Pike, of Carleton Place. While hoping to launch one of the life boats, Shea was knocked into the sea, and it was impossible to save him. A few minutes afterwards Pike was stepping into the boat, when a heavy sea struck him, and he was swept to death. These were the only casualties in a passenger list of 128 and a crew of 27.

Special to The Standard. Honolulu, Mar. 24.—With her captain dead and mourned by his widow in the cabin, a scanty supply of food on board and without a correct reckoning of her position, the American barkentine James Johnson, was sighted flying signals of distress 100 miles off this port, by the steamer Persia, which arrived today from Hong Kong. A boat from the Persia was sent to board the almost helpless vessel, the officers of which reported that Capt. Carl Jensen died of heart failure on Jan. 13, that the ship's bearings had been lost and that the stock of provisions was almost exhausted. After the barkentine's ladder had been replenished by the Persia and her first mate informed of the latitude, the acting commander decided to proceed to Honolulu unaided. The James Johnson has on board a cargo of coal from Newcastle, N. S. W., consigned to San Francisco. She is owned by the Charles Nelson Co. of that city and carries a crew of about 25 men.

S. S. Victorian Greatly Delayed and Concert May Not be Held.

Interesting Interview with Dr. Chas. A. E. Harris—Famous Choir at Halifax.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Mar. 24.—The steamship Victorian arrived this afternoon. The Sheffield choir is aboard. The Victorian will sail at 4 a. m. on Saturday. The Sheffield choir will go around to St. John in her. It is understood no concert will be given in St. John tomorrow night.

The Sheffield choir starting on their world's tour to the number of 200, were on board the steamer and the grand music organization, famous throughout all England, gave everybody in the first and second class cabins, a delightful exposition of the power of music. Two concerts were given on board from Liverpool to Halifax, the proceeds being for the Liverpool seamen's orphan institute. One of the entertainments was held in the first class saloon and the other in the second class cabin. The collection, amounted to \$70. Both entertainments were presided over by Right Hon. Viscount Campden, son of the Earl of Gainsboro, Lord Campden and Lady Norah Noel are accompanying the choir on their Empire tour.

A Quarter of A Ton of Music. A quarter of a ton of music was on board the Victorian, in addition to an immense amount of baggage. The tour will involve the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars. Continued on page 2.

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PUTS IT UP TO MAYOR. New York, March 24.—Charles S. Whitman, district attorney of New York, came out today indirectly in support of Magistrate Joseph Corrigan, who attacked Mayor Gaynor in a public statement as being responsible by intimidation of the police for the crime wave sweeping over the city.