

CABLE ITEMS.

Nicaragua Wants a Revision of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty—Italian Parliament.

Plenary Council of South American Bishops—German Effects—A Big Loan.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—General Barrios, special envoy of the government of Nicaragua to England in connection with the settlement of the dispute regarding the Mosquito territory, is negotiating with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the appointment of a British minister to Nicaragua instead of a consul. He will also ask for some revision of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

The Berlin Reichsanzeiger announces that the importation into Germany of canned beef and pork and corned beef from the United States will be prohibited unless the meats are accompanied by certificates stating that the animals from which the meats were obtained were healthy.

The steamer Albertine, from Shields for London, and the fast steamer Monday, with her bows completely stove in and leaking badly. Her commander reported that she was in collision with a large passenger steamer. The Albertine struck the steamer amidships, and the latter disappeared in the fog which enveloped that part of the coast all Sunday.

Reginald Sanderson, son of a well-to-do land owner, has been arrested at Dublin, charged with the murder of a fallen woman whose body was found in Kingston at midnight on Nov. 25, with a stab wound in the neck.

James Canham Reed was hanged to-day for the murder last June of Miss Florence Dennis, a young woman with whom he had maintained improper relations. The murderer was a married man and in comfortable circumstances.

The naval recruits were sworn in at Kiel Monday in the presence of Emperor William, who exhorted them to remain faithful to their oath both at home and abroad.

A life buoy and four hatches marked Komore were washed ashore near Yarmouth Monday. The steamer Komore left Shields on Monday 13 for Carthagena. The German government has concluded negotiations with the Rothschild syndicate for a loan of 76,000,000 francs in gold, which is required to complete the reform of the currency. The syndicate already holds the greater part of the needed bullion.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Post says that the proclamation of amnesty issued by the czar on the occasion of his marriage includes the accused Lutheran clergymen of the Baltic provinces. All such prosecutions will be dropped and the order for the expulsion of German officials and workmen from Russia will be rescinded.

The London police have learned that a woman aged 30 was evidently insane, was in woman's attire in the streets of Kensington and tried to stab several women. He slashed two respectable women nightly and killed the respectable woman whose body was found at Holland Villa on the morning of November 28. He has not been captured.

It is stated that a commission of prelates at the Vatican is arranging to summon a plenary council of South American bishops. The case of the council is called the Council of Cardinals, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Solovio, rector of the South American college.

At the wool sales yesterday 14,000 bales were offered. The demand was quiet but fairly well maintained.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Berlin to-day.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4.—The Socialists have decided to have read in the chamber their protest against voting royal grants, as contrary to their republican views. The money might be better utilized, they say, in providing 7,000,000 apud workmen.

BREITEN, Dec. 4.—An usury trial similar to that held in Hanover a few months ago has been opened in Breiten. Eight persons are accused of usury. It is expected all such prosecutions will be dropped and the order for the expulsion of German officials and workmen from Russia will be rescinded.

BREITEN, Dec. 4.—Prince Bismarck is expected to reach Friedrichshagen on the 10th inst., accompanied by Doctors Schweitzer and Christmaner and family. He sleeps well and appears to be in good health.

TAKETA, Dec. 4.—A violent storm has been raging here for two days, putting a complete stop to navigation. Many accidents have occurred in the harbor. The government steamer Miranra with the Empress aboard put out to sea in the teeth of the gale, but was compelled to seek refuge at Pola after battling with the storm for twenty-four hours.

BREITEN, Dec. 4.—President Cleveland's statements regarding sugar and the Saitona islands have made a good impression here.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Victoria Vokes, the actress, is dead.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4.—The colonial assembly to-day further discussed the measure to tax the unimproved value of land. Proposals to graduate the tax were rejected and the government scheme was adopted whereby the treasury will lose \$1,600,000. This loss will probably be met by an increased income tax.

MR. R. B. GRINDLEY RESIGNS.

(From the Montreal Gazette, Nov. 17.)

The agents and branch managers of the Bank of British North America have received a circular from the court of directors in London, advising that they have accepted the resignation of Mr. R. B. Grindley, who for more than two years has expressed a wish to be relieved of his duties, for which he found his strength increasingly inadequate. In making this announcement the circular advises that Mr. E. Sillkeman has been appointed general manager to succeed Mr. Grindley, the change to take place on the 1st January next, and closes with the following high compliments: "The board desire, in conclusion, to express their great appreciation of the invaluable services which Mr. Grindley has rendered to the bank, not only by long and faithful devo-

tion to the bank's interests, but by those personal qualities which have enabled him to fully to maintain the dignity of his position, and to earn the highest esteem of the court of directors, the shareholders and the public."

Mr. Grindley, to whom this high commendation is paid, came to this country from England in the service of the bank in the year 1854. After spending some ten years in St. John, N. B., after being appointed manager of that branch, he came to Montreal, where he has occupied the high position of general manager for the past fifteen years.

Mr. H. Sillkeman, the general manager-elect, entered the London office of the bank in the year 1869. For thirteen years he represented the bank in New York city, first as second agent, then as first. Since that time he has had most responsible positions throughout Canada, and came to Montreal as assistant general manager two years ago.

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

The following letter from Mr. W. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries of Canada, appears in the Times of November 13:

Sir,—Owing to absence from London my attention has only been called to a letter in your issue of the 31st ult., from Messrs. J. & A. Allan, of Glasgow, respecting the Canadian fast mail service. In a postscript to that communication is quoted an extract from the New York Journal of Commerce of October 15th, in which it is stated that the scheme as proposed by Mr. Huddart is impracticable, and that it can never prove a financial success.

I noticed from an Ottawa telegram in your issue of the 29th inst., that Mr. Wakeham, whose name was associated with the matter, emphatically repudiates those statements, and I shall be obliged if you will give me the opportunity of stating in your columns that I generally endorse the views of Mr. Wakeham. So far from regarding the scheme as impracticable, I may say that I consider the proposed scheme quite feasible. The navigation of fast steamers would naturally require the observance of the same precautions as in the case of slower vessels, but fast steamers possess advantages slower ones do not, as explained by Captain Wakeham in his letter to Sir Charles H. Tupper. I also concur in his opinion that the fast ship will be much less likely to be affected by bad weather, and that, while she is better able to take every advantage of clear weather than a slower boat, she need go no faster than prudence would warrant in thick weather."

The question of the lighting of the shores of the Gulf and of the River St. Lawrence has often been commented upon by both Admiral Sir John Hopkins, his predecessor, Admiral Watson and others; and the safety of the route of the present day is most effectively illustrated by the large number of vessels passing up and down the river during the season of navigation. This in itself amply justifies Sir John Hopkins' views as to the possibility of a high rate of speed being maintained, and instead of ridiculing these opinions, as reported to have done, I am prepared to endorse them.

I have not made, and do not intend to make, any remarks upon the scheme for a financial standpoint, and it would be out of place for me as a government official to do so. In any case the commercial aspect of the question is one for capitalists, merchants and shippers, who are much more competent than I am to discuss it, and I am sure that Mr. Huddart will be prepared to render them any help they may need in forming an opinion upon that part of the subject.

WINNIPEG WRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Contrary to expectations there will be a contest for the Winnipeg mayoralty. Municipal nominations were made to-day as follows:—For Mayor, Thomas Gilroy, Alexander McMillan, C. B. Wilkes. For aldermen, ward 1, A. E. Richards (by acclamation); ward 2, I. M. Ross (by acclamation); ward 3, James McDonald, W. F. McCreary, J. McMeans, Stuart McDonald and John Arbuthnot; ward 4, Geo. Craig, and W. A. Charlesworth; ward 5, W. J. Ross, J. C. Sprulle and D. J. McDonald; ward 6, A. J. Bannerman and H. Henderson. The election takes place on Dec. 18.

In Brandon there will be a contest for mayoralty between E. Evans and Hon. Jas. Smart. W. J. Cooper was elected Mayor of Portage la Prairie by acclamation, as was J. E. Prudergast in St. Boniface and Wm. Hunt in Carberry.

In Minnedosa the nominations for Mayor were E. A. Denton and S. Fairburn, and in Virden B. F. Foster, J. D. McEwen and W. J. Kennedy.

The Manitoba government proposes to enforce a statute which will compel every factory for Eastern insurance companies doing business here to deposit large amounts as a guarantee of their ability to meet their obligations and also to impose a license fee.

The store of Christie, Bailey & Co., at Millwood, was entered by burglars and goods and cash valued at \$500 taken.

Three old and respected residents of Winnipeg are critically ill. They are W. L. Hanson, A. M. Brown and Alex. McLaren. The body of a illegitimate child named Fontaine has been exhumed at Fort Alexander and brought here for post mortem, as foul play is suspected.

W. Ogilvie, Dominion government surveyor, passed through the city en route to the Yukon country and the coast ports of British Columbia and the Territories.

Messrs. Clarke Wallace and Wood have had private interviews with the board of traders and grain exchangers.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—It is possible that a Canadian eleven may visit England in 1895, as one or two gentlemen have signified their willingness to see the project through. A meeting was held last evening to decide whether or not to make a team.

A letter from Lord Hawke, promising a warm welcome to the Canadian eleven if they visited England, was received, and a committee was appointed to see if a representative eleven could be secured.

At the book inquiry to-day Ald. Halliday testified that he had tried to obtain railway stock in the syndicate, but was refused negotiations with the city organ. Ald. Gowanlock has resigned his seat in the city council. It is said he has gone to California. Ald. Bailey has not yet resigned, but he cannot be found to serve a subpoena on him.

The Hainzman piano factory has taken off a number of hands, and two-thirds of the employees of the Dodge Spitz Folley Company have been discharged.

George D. Deller, of Nanapan, has been thrown from his buggy and fatally injured. The city council by a vote of 10 to 5 voted down Ald. Lamb's resolution to close the saloons at 1 o'clock on night.

A TREATY OF PEKING.

Japan Striking for the Capital—Hankow Raising Troops for European Troops.

France Has Eyes on Formosa—A Chinese Loan Easy—Japanese Reformers.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Central News says that China has been offered all the money that the treaty powers are likely to allow Japan to claim as indemnity on the basis of a 4 per cent. gold loan, secured by the unchanged revenues of the treaty ports.

The Central News correspondent in Shanghai says that the British steamer Guy Manning is landing there from Hamburg was material valued at \$175,000.

A Central News despatch from Chefoo says that Commissioner Detring, who returned on Sunday from Japan, repeated in an interview to day the statements he made on Monday, that he was empowered to negotiate for peace with Japan in the name of the Chinese board of foreign affairs and that he was actually engaged in negotiations for peace had passed into the hands of the American minister to Japan and China. Commissioner Detring added that Col. Hanneken, commander-in-chief of the Chinese "Japan" army, 100,000 soldiers to be officered entirely by Europeans, mostly Germans. Some of these officers have already arrived and others are on the way to China. Seven thousand soldiers have been ordered to reinforce Tung Chow, 50 miles west of Chefoo, and are being supplied from Wei Hai Wei.

A despatch from Seoul, Korea, dated December 3, says: "Count Inouye, the Japanese minister, is taking vigorous measures to force the Japanese to withdraw their troops from the interior, and the departments of the interior, justice and education. A combined force of Japanese and Koreans was conveyed by steamer to Asan, and marched thence to Kong Ji to attack the Tong Haks. This force routed thousands of the Tong Haks and killed a large number."

TOKYO, Dec. 4.—Japan has notified China that no further peace proposals will be considered unless by a regularly accredited ambassador from the Chinese court. The Japanese minister in China says that it is not Japan which is suing for peace. Japan is dissatisfied with China's temporizing policy and claims that China is seeking concessions in advance of a formal conference looking to a settlement of the question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A telegram has been received in this city from Kobe to the effect that Mr. Detring, commissioner of the Chinese customs service at Peking, arrived at that place on November 28 and expressed a wish to personally deliver to Count Inouye a letter from Viceroy Li Hung Chang. As under the circumstances this proceeding was considered anomalous and contrary to usage, Count Inouye refused to meet Mr. Detring, and instead of receiving the letter, which was to be personally delivered to Count Inouye by the Viceroy, Mr. Detring's sudden return to China under the orders of the president of the Tung Li Yamen appears to throw some doubt upon the accuracy of this statement.

Mr. Detring's personal secretary says: "It is rumored in diplomatic quarters here that France means to have a share in the powers since any territory in the event of the disruption of China. It is supposed that the Japanese minister in Peking, Mr. Detring, has been authorized to negotiate a treaty of peace in Peking, as the Europeans had a treaty of Peking."

FORMIDABLE FORTIFICATIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—In connection with the President's message on Monday, together with the various department reports of General Casey, Chief Engineer, U.S.A., will be of interest. The general gives a resume of the work done during the year 1893 in the harbor defenses at San Francisco. He states that early in the year 1890 it was realized that the time was opportune for drawing up plans for the defense of the bay coast of this country. The most practical plan was to construct a formidable harbor defense, and a line of defense in the harbor of the country was found to be submarine mines, in addition to the usual gun and mortar batteries on land. Appropriations for this purpose for the year 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, amounting to \$3,021,000, have been made for the construction of defense for nearly all the prominent cities on the Atlantic seaboard. The only western port for which a harbor defense has been planned, although plans are being considered for the defense of San Diego and Portland.

The allotment made for San Francisco allows for placing five twelve-inch guns on non-disappearing carriages, three ten-inch guns on disappearing carriages, and sixteen twelve-inch mortars, and the partial construction of submarine mines for blockading the harbor. The entire plan of defense contemplates for the present eighteen twelve-inch guns on lifts, twenty-three ten-inch and thirty-eight eight-inch guns on disappearing carriages, fifteen twelve-inch, five ten-inch and six eight-inch guns on non-disappearing carriages, 144 twelve-inch mortars and submarine mining casemates operated from seven mining casemates. Two mining casemates are completed, and two, while incomplete, are ready to be completed while in use.

Conrad Mandell, who is in charge of the construction of the harbor defenses, has a letter from Principal King of the Manitoba college asking that a special effort be made to raise about \$2,000 for the theological department of the college. A call from James Bay Presbyterian church to Rev. P. McFarquhar, with a guarantee for salary of \$1,000 per year, was presented to the court. The call was supported by Rev. Mr. Rogers of Wainwright and Mr. Shaw of the congregation. The call was sustained as a regular gospel call, and accepted by Mr. Macleod. The Presbytery agreed to hold a special meeting in James Bay church on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 7:30 p.m. to install Mr. Macleod. Mr. Rogers was appointed to preach, Mr. Morrison to preach, Dr. Campbell to address the newly inducted pastor, and Mr. D. McKee to address the people. The court adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on the first Tuesday of March, at 2 p.m.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature, after two days off, will meet this afternoon at two o'clock, with an order paper but slightly increased as the result of the additional petitions filed in the morning during the recess. For the accommodation of those who might wish to give notice of new business it was arranged in the house that the order paper should not be printed until this morning—and up to four o'clock yesterday afternoon the matter to appear upon it was receivable at the government printing office. The new notices are in brief as follows:

Mr. Holmecken.—To ask leave to introduce a bill to further amend the pharmacy act.

Mr. Williams.—To ask:—Are there any grounds for the published statement of Lord Rosebery and the Earl of Kimberley, 1894, that "Professor Odium, of this province, has been instructed by the British Columbia government with a commission to inquire into the operations of the land regulations of the other provinces of the Dominion?" If so, what are the terms of the commission, amount of salary or honorarium, and date of commencement?

Mr. Kitchener.—Re Chilliwack election irregularities. That a select committee composed of Messrs. Booth, Bryden, Holmecken, Williams and Cotton, be appointed for the purpose of making investigation, with power to call for papers, books, papers and documents, and to examine witnesses and to report from time to time to this house and recommend such action as will best secure the public interests.

Mr. Burns.—For a return respecting timber leases in Kootenay, showing the names of the leaseholders, the acreage, the value of the timber, and the names of the leaseholders, and to report from time to time to this house and recommend such action as will best secure the public interests.

Mr. Burns.—For a copy of the report of the Justice Commission on the charges against Captain Fitzsimmons, government agent.

There are several notices of amendments to the legal professions bill to be introduced on consideration of the report from committee. Mr. Burns wishes to strike out section 73 which provides that no person shall practice in the courts while on for twelve months after he is engaged or connected by partnership in the way of business as a merchant. Mr. Burns wishes to strike out section 73 which provides that no person shall practice in the courts while on for twelve months after he is engaged or connected by partnership in the way of business as a merchant.

SIR A. H. TUPPER'S VISIT.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association held at the Adelphi block last evening, the outline arrangements were made for the reception to Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries for Canada, on the occasion of his visit to the province next week. There will be a general meeting of the association at the Adelphi block on Monday evening next, when it is expected that Sir Charles will be present and deliver a short address.

On Tuesday evening there will be a banquet at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, for which tickets will be on sale this afternoon. The price has been placed at \$1.50 to ensure a large attendance.

On Thursday evening following there will be a mass meeting of the electors at the Victoria theatre, when the Minister of Marine and Fisheries will deliver a speech. The committee and staff appointed to arrange details are: Banquet—Messrs. Chas. Hayward, D. B. Ker and T. B. Hall.

Public Meeting—Messrs. D. M. Ebert, Q. C., A. J. McMillan and A. E. Prior, Q. C.; Hon. Theodore Davis, Premier; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Hon. J. H. Turner, D. M. Ebert, Q. C.; H. D. Helmecken, Q. C.; Mr. James, M. P. P., and A. E. McPhillips.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

The Presbytery of Victoria met in the First Presbyterian church yesterday at 2 p.m., Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator, presiding. Almost all the members were present. A large amount of routine business was transacted. The reports from the General Assembly were disposed of, together with letters from Dr. Robinson, convener of the home mission committee, urging greater liberality towards the mission funds, and a letter from Principal King of the Manitoba college asking that a special effort be made to raise about \$2,000 for the theological department of the college. A call from James Bay Presbyterian church to Rev. P. McFarquhar, with a guarantee for salary of \$1,000 per year, was presented to the court. The call was supported by Rev. Mr. Rogers of Wainwright and Mr. Shaw of the congregation. The call was sustained as a regular gospel call, and accepted by Mr. Macleod. The Presbytery agreed to hold a special meeting in James Bay church on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 7:30 p.m. to install Mr. Macleod. Mr. Rogers was appointed to preach, Mr. Morrison to preach, Dr. Campbell to address the newly inducted pastor, and Mr. D. McKee to address the people. The court adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on the first Tuesday of March, at 2 p.m.

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NANAIMO'S POLICE AFFAIRS.

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