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WINNIPEG CLERGY TALK.

REMEDIAL LEGISLATION DENOUNCED IN THE CHURCHES.

Patterson Sails into Government House and Local Tories are Mad — A Man and His Paramour Tragically End Their Sinful Life.

Winnipeg, March 25.—The Ottawa Government's order for remedial school legislation has stirred up the Protestant clergy of this city much more than the Greenway Government. The politicians are very reticent but the Methodist ministers quite the reverse. In three Methodist churches yesterday sermons were preached on the school questions, the remarks of Rev. Mr. Henderson in Zion church being several time applauded by the congregation. The tenor of the preacher's remarks was that the present school law was just to all classes and creeds, yet there would be no serious objection to some modifications to more fully meet the views of Roman Catholics. The mandate of the Ottawa Government, however, was the practical restoration of separate schools as they existed from 1870 to 1890. It meant the coercion of Manitoba by the Federal authority at the command of the Roman Catholic clergy of Quebec. This would not be tolerated.

A private despatch from Ottawa states that Hon. J. C. Patterson has been appointed Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba. Conservatives here are much displeased that an outsider should receive the appointment after repeated promises made to local aspirants.

Halifax, March 25.—A dozen delegates representing 300 or more intending settlers from Sweden and Norway arrived yesterday and proceeded to the Northwest to select locations.

Toronto, March 25.—A World's Ottawa special says: The Dominion Government will grant aid to the Hudson's Bay Railroad Company in the nature of a loan of $2,500,000 to be secured by first preference bonds of the company when floated on' the London market. The Government will retain the cash and land subsidies as a guarantee for the due execution of undertaking.

A shocking murder and suicide startled the residents of Jarvis street on Sunday morning. The victims were John Bell and Sara H. Swallow. They had been living as man and wife and were found dead in bed this morning. The heads of both were almost severed from their bodies. The woman was evidently killed by her paramour who had then immediately slain himself. In one corner of the room where the bodies were discovered a couple of small children, four and six years old, were found on a cot playing with picture blocks, unconscious of the horror in the bed adjacent to them. They were the children of the woman's deceased husband. Bell had acted as express driver for Mrs. Swallow and had lately come to live with her. He drank heavily and Mrs. Swallow became anxious to get rid of him. She had also taken up with another man and the tragedy was undoubtedly the result of jealousy.

HAWAIIAN ADVICES.

Prisoners Working on the Roads—Liliuokalani Comfortable—End of Martial Law.

San Francisco, March 27.—Hawaiian Minister of Finance Damon and Joaquin Miller, the poet, were among the Australia's passengers this morning. Mr. Damon has come upon private business of his own, and goes back on the next steamer.

Neither correspondence from Honolulu nor papers received make any mention of Minister Thurston's recall. It is therefore supposed that Secretary Gresham's note to Minister Willis had not been received at Honolulu up to the date of the sailing of the Australia.

A large number of political prisoners have been put to work on the roads of Hawaii. Among them are leader Wilcox, Greig, Widemann and Marshall. The Englishmen, Rickards, Seward, Ashford and Gullick will be kept inside the prison for the present at least. Seward is said to be quite ill.

The following is correspondence of the United Press under date of the 20th inst.:

On the 18th the President declared martial law to be at an end and the writ of habeas corpus restored.

The U. S. Minister gave a reception last week to the Admiral and officers of the Philadelphia, for which a large number of invitations were issued. President Dole and wife were not invited and only two members of the cabinet. This caused much sensation. On interviewing President Dole upon the subject, he said, "I attach no importance to it. The reception was a very informal affair." To the question whether his relations with Mr. Willis were strained, the President replied: "Not at all; not in any way." It was further learned from the Attorney-General that Mr. Willis gave the invitations by telephone in the most informal way.

The story published in San Francisco to the effect that the Government is opposed to annexation, and has quarrelled with the American League, which is urgent for annexation, and that King Lead of the league and its leader, Tim Murray, the Government is enlisting 300 men in San Francisco to fight for them; also that W. Q. Smith, the Attorney-General, had a severe altercation with Tim Murray on the subject of annexation, is denied. No one in Honolulu needs to be assured that the Government has always been thoroughly and heartily for annexation and continues so. W. Q. Smith denies that the Government is enlisting men abroad or has thought of doing so. It has no differences whatever with the American League.

Nine native rebels were sentenced on the 13th to five years each. Those were the last of the cases before the military commission.

The ex-Queen was observed yesterday morning sitting at her window in the executive building listening to the Government band playing in the grounds. She is as comfortably situated as possible aside from confinement to one part of the building.

In anticipation of an end to martial law, the Councils have been busy for a week past in considering and passing a number of acts deemed necessary to provide for the safety of the Government after martial law ceases. Under the new constitution of the republic, legislative power was reserved to the combined executive and advisory councils until the Legislature should meet. Of this power, they are now making very important use. The first act is one securing indemnity to officers of the Government and others for acts done under martial law in suppressing the rebellion. It confirms and declares lawful all such act done in good faith for the purpose of suppressing the insurrection, either in the establishment of a military tribunal, or in the arrest, deception, deportation, trial, conviction, or sentencing of any person charged with sedition or insurrection. Another act supplementary to the foregoing was also passed, which provided for the evidence of due authority for the acts specified, and further protected the actors from indemnation by legal process. A third act is one which prohibits the landing here of refugees from justice, or criminals, or of persons who have escaped hence to avoid trial, and especially prohibits the return here of any person deported under martial law, or banished by sentence of any court, unless they receive permission to return from the Minister of Foreign Affairs. A fourth act is for the suppression of seditious newspapers. A fifth act passed on the 18th, is one known as the Dangerous Persons act. This act provides that any person having lawless intentions hostile to public order or to the Government may upon complaint to the Attorney-General or Marshall or to their deputies be brought before a circuit judge and there summarily examined. If the intention be shown to have existed, the person shall be adjudged dangerous and shall be sentenced to expulsion from the Hawaiian Islands. Armed with these five statutes for its defense against conspiracy and sedition, the Government has again committed itself to the protection of the ordinary courts and the writ of habeas-corpus resumes its sway.

BISMARCK IN TEARS.

Honors Bestowed Upon Him by the Emperor—A Grand Display.

Berlin, March 26.—The Emperor and Crown Prince started for Friederichruhe this morning. The Emperor will present Bismarck with a golden sword.

Friederichruhe, March 26.—The weather is cloudy and cold. Policemen and Hussars are serving as gendarmes in view of the visit of the Emperor William. All approaches to the castle are guarded, giving it the appearance of being in a state of siege. Friederichruhe and Annuehle are en fete.

When the Emperor arrived at the castle at the head of the troops rain was falling. The Emperor sat on his horse and addressed Bismarck, who stood by the side of his carriage in front of the castle where the troops were drawn up. The Emperor said the troops which participated in the economies parade recalled all the German people, and added: "I could not find a better present for you than a sword, a symbol of the instrument which you helped my grandfather to forge, sharpen and wield." The soldiers then presented arms and shouted "Bismarck, hurrah." Bismarck was affected to tears. He said he was unable to thank the Kaiser for the unparalleled honor. He kissed the Kaiser's hand. Bismarck then entered the carriage and reviewed the troops, representative members of the King's and Bismarck's households, and luncheon followed. The Emperor left for Berlin at 3 o'clock.

Besides the sword the Emperor presented Prince Bismarck with the seal used by his grandfather, the Emperor William I.

NEW SPANISH MINISTER.

Madrid, March 26.—The nomination of Senor Dupuy De-Lome to succeed Maruaga as Minister at Washington has not yet been assured. The Government is disposed to exercise great care and discretion in the selection of a representative at Washington, regarding the situation at the present time as exceedingly difficult.

Washington, March 26.—Senor Lome, successor of the present Spanish Minister here, formerly held that position under the Canovas' Ministry. He is well liked in Washington. He was also Spanish Commissioner-General to the World's Fair. The State department has received official intimation of his selection. Gresham has informed the retiring Spanish minister that Senor Lome will be in every way acceptable to this Administration. It is expected the new minister will arrive about the 15th prox.

London, March 26.—A Madrid dispatch says the appointment of Senor Lome to Washington will be gazetted as soon as it shall receive the approval of the Government.

NEWFOUNDLAND AFFAIRS.

St. John's, Nfld., March 25.—Trade is reviving here and the prospects are good for an average and safe fishery. Sir Wm. Whiteway is still seriously ill, but his physicians are hopeful of his recovery.

The Ministerial delegation to Ottawa to discuss with the Canadian Government the terms of Confederation, has been appointed by the Governor. They are: Hon. Robert Bond, Geo. H. Emerson, Q. C., Edward P. Morris and Wm. H. Harwood. The delegates are thoroughly representative of all classes and creeds. They leave here on Tuesday night.

THE ORIENTAL TROUBLES.

London, March 26.—A Tien-Tsin despatch from China has notified foreign consuls of her intention to blockade the Pelho river when Japanese ships shall appear at the mouth.

Shimonoski, March 26.—Li Hung Chang passed a good night. The surgeons have not decided to extract the bullet. The assault upon the envoy is likely to delay the business of the commission only a few days.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Official confirmation of the shooting of Li Hung Chang has been received at the Japanese legation.

THE PROBABLE SPEAKER.

London, March 26.—Leonard Courtney has positively withdrawal his candidacy for the Speakership owing to the Unionists' resolution not to oppose the Conservative nominee, Sir Matthew Ridley, Lord Tweedmouth's brother-in-law.

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CHINESE STATESMAN LI HUNG CHANG SHOT IN THE FACE.

Police Seize the Author of the Outrage—The Peace Commissioner Seriously Wounded—Japan Will Not be Ceded Territory.

London, March 25.—The Central News correspondent in Tokio says that an attempt was made to assassinate Li Hung Chang in a street of Simonosaki yesterday afternoon. Li was returning from the Peace Conference, in which he conducts negotiations on behalf of the Chinese mission, and was accompanied by several of his suite. When he was a short distance from his apartments, a young Japanese ran up to him and fired a pistol in his face. The young man was seized and disarmed at once by the police. At the station house he gave his name as Kayama and his age 21. According to the report received in Tokio, Li's wound is not dangerous.

Tokio despatch says that immediately he heard of the shooting of Li Hung Chang the Emperor sent two of his principal surgeons to attend the Chinese envoy and also sent his principal aide-de-camp with messages from the Empress and himself.

A despatch to the Westminster Gazette says that the Japanese Parliament has passed a resolution deploring the attempt to assassinate Li Hung Chang.

A Shimonosaki despatch says that Li Hung Chang will refuse to cede any territory to Japan but will offer a great ly increased sum of money as an indemnity instead. It is believed, the despatch says, that the peace negotiations will not be successful there evidently being some secret force behind China.

A Tokio despatch says that the wound received by Li Hung Chang is more serious than first reports indicate. The bullet entered the cheek below the eye and the physicians have not yet been able to extract it. The condition of the Chinese envoy is critical.

A Tokio despatch says the surgeon attending Chang has telegraphed the Emperor that the wound is in good condition and there is no cause for anxiety regarding the result. Chang's assailant is believed to be insane.

A Tokio special says that the Emperor and Imperial ministers have publicly deplored the act of the would-be assassin of Chang and say he must be punished.

Shanghai, March 25.—The Japanese attacked forts north of Masinag, Pescadores Islands, on Saturday and Sunday both by sea and land. Communication by telegraph with Formosa had not been restored this morning and the land lines communicating with the Pescadores are still interrupted.

TUPPER RESIGNS.

He Throws Up His Position as Minister of Justice—Why He Did It.

Ottawa, March 27.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper has resigned his position as Minister of Justice for Canada. The trouble arose over a disagreement with Premier Bowell regarding the dissolution of Parliament and the calling of the House. It is understood Tupper wanted dissolution. The Toronto World (Conservative) published the fact that Tupper resigned this morning.

WASHINGTON INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, March 27.—It is claimed by those who are in a position to know that there is a misconception of the text of England's ultimatum to Nicaragua. The words said to be contained therein that "not a citizen of any American republic" shall be selected as a third member of the arbitration committee, to which the differences between England and Nicaragua are to be submitted, it is now stated, are meant to apply only to the small republics of Central and South America. It was these republics that Great Britain desired to exclude from having a casting vote between the Nicaraguan representative and a commissioner chosen by Great Britain. It is explained that the English Foreign Office never classifies this great Government and people with the Spanish and Portuguese speaking South and Central American Governments. Well informed diplomats say they do not expect that any complications will arise from the course Great Britain will pursue to enforce the settlement of her claim for "seventy-seven thousand seven money." It is not believed resort will be had to the extreme measure of threatening to bombard Greytown. If Nicaragua proves her inability to pay at once it is believed the claim will, with other matters, be submitted to arbitration.

Advices received here indicate the probable dissolution of the Spanish Cortes within a few days, because of its opposition to the suspension of the constitution and the trying of the offending journalists by court martial. If this is done it is said a coup d' etat on the part of the military will follow and a military dictatorship practically be established. In such an event the Government does not expect to hear from the Allianca affair for a fortnight.

Thurston left this afternoon for San Francisco. He travels by a circuitous route in order to give his personal attention to a few private matters. He will reach San Francisco on April 3rd.

In the Criminal Court this morning Counsel for Havemeyer and Searles, the recalcitrant sugar trust investigation witnesses, moved that the trials be advanced to take place before April 15th. A specified date will be fixed within a week.

It is understood Thurston's formal note to Gresham announcing his intended departure from Washington, which reached the Secretary to-day, is brief, almost to the point of curtness. It simply stated that he intended to depart for Honolulu this afternoon, leaving Secretary Hastings in charge of the Hawaiian legation. The note is said by those familiar with diplomatic communications of its class to be remarkable for its omission of the customary courteous explanations and absolutely unique in failing to announce whether his Government had or had not given him leave of absence.

The ram Katahdin developed remarkable speed on the contractors' trial near Bath, Me., yesterday, running repeatedly over a measured mile at the rate of 17.83 knots per hour. No doubt is expressed that she will make at least 18 knots on the official trial next month.

Secretary Gresham is investigating the case of ex-Consul Waller, sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by the French, going to show that the concession to Waller by Madagascar of valuable rubber lands is the sole cause of his arrest by the French. It is stated at the State department that France will shortly be asked for information on the subject.

THE U. S. CAPITAL.

Washington, March 25.—The standard silver dollars issued for last week amounted to $372,034.

Secretary Carlisle returned from New York last night and resumed his duties this morning.

Senator Teller does not regard very seriously the possible effect of Japan's demanding a large war indemnity from China in gold, and is of the opinion that instead of injuring the cause of silver it will aid it. "I have no fear," he said, "that in that event Japan will go to a gold basis. The people there have too long been accustomed to the use of silver, and the country is too prosperous and progressing too rapidly with matters as they are for them to desire a change. Naturally, however, and notwithstanding the popularity of silver for local purposes, they will ask that the indemnity be paid in gold, because of its greater purchasing power in Europe and America, with which continents Japan has large dealings, and also because she will have probably contracted a war debt. Still, if Japan should conclude to go to a gold basis, that fact would only increase the scramble for gold and would be another circumstance to show the inadequacy of the gold supply. Leaving out of consideration what Japan may decide to do with reference to a specie basis, the demand upon China for, say $300,000,000 in gold, would necessitate a great scurrying about for the metal. China does not collect anything exceeding $15,000,000 in gold annual for her import duties, and that is the only way the Government has of getting gold in the ordinary course of business. It would, therefore, be necessary that she should go into the market with her bonds and raise the gold in America and Europe. In that event fully two-thirds of the amount would be taken from this country, and any one may easily see what a drain it would prove. This would also become a great object lesson, and would, I believe, strengthen the silver cause."

The following appointments were announced to-day: Jos. H. Outhwaite, Ohio, member of the Board of Ordance and Fortifications vice Byron M. Cutcheche, resigned; Julius G. Tucker, Texas, consul of the United States at Martinique, West Indies.

Brig. Gen. William Smith, paymaster of the General Army, will be placed on the retired list to-morrow, having reached the age limit.

No official information has been received by the Government concerning the case of ex-Consul Waller convicted and sentenced for complicity in the plot to overthrow the French in Madagascar.

The matter of the petition of Debs and others for release on habeas corpus was called in the Supreme court of the United States to-day and argument begun. The court was filled. Among those present were ex-Secretary Boutwell, Senator Vilas and an unusually large number of ladies. Counsel for the petitioners attracted considerable attention, the senior being ex-Senator Trumbell of Illinois. He asked that the court permit three counsel to be heard on a side, and that the time be extended in order to give them all sufficient opportunity to express their views. Attorney General Olney interposed no objection and the request was granted. Argument was begun by S. S. Gregory for the petitioners. He will be followed by Trumbell and the case closed by C. S. Darrow who has been connected with it from the beginning; for the Government, Assistant Attorney-General E. F. Whitney, special assistant District Attorney Edwin Walker and Attorney-General Olney will speak.

ORIENTAL MATTERS.

Li Hung Chang's Assailant Must be Punished—Plague Raging.

Shanghai, March 27.—The following is a translation of an imperial rescript published in a special issue of the Japanese official Gazette: "Notwithstanding the attempt upon the life of Li Hung Chang: "China is now in a state of war with our country, but she has, with a due observance of the forms of international etiquette, an ambassador here for the conclusion of peace. We, on our part, named our plenipotentiaries, who were instructed to meet him and negotiate at Simonoseki, thus it was incumbent upon us, in pursuance of international usage, to afford the ambassador treatment consistent with the national honor and to accord him a suitable escort for his protection. We consequently gave orders to all functionaries to use the utmost diligence, and it is therefore with profound grief that we now have to express our regret that a ruffian should have dared to inflict personal injury upon the Chinese ambassador. The culprit must receive the severest punishment provided by law. Our official subjects must respect our wishes to preserve the glory of this country untarnished, and must provide against the recurrence of such a crime." The rescript is signed by the Emperor, and countersigned by his ministers.

A Hongkong dispatch denies the reports of the existence of a plague in the vicinity of that city.

A Shanghai dispatch states that many mysterious deaths are occurring at Kow-Loon, where a plague is reported to be raging.

A dispatch to the Star says cholera has broken out among Japanese troops at Port Arthur. Thirty-eight cases were reported in one day.

Shimonoseki, March 27.—The condition of Li Hung Chang is very favorable. His physician has warned his attendants of the necessity of free use of antiseptic applications. Thus far the envoy has been remarkably free from fever.

London, March 27.—A Yokohama dispatch says the Japanese Diet closed its sessions this morning. The Diet passed resolutions deploring the assault upon Li Hung Chang. The greatest care is being exercised in the treatment of the Chinese envoy's wound lest blood poisoning should supervene.

HOHENLOHE VISITS BISMARCK.

Berlin, March 27.—The North German Gazette says the object of Hohenlohe's visit to Friederichsruhe is to congratulate Prince Bismarck on behalf of the Bundesrath and Prussian Ministry.

Baron Von Buol-Berenberg, first vice-president of the Reichstag, was to-day chosen president. Herr Schmidt, Progressist, was elected first vice-president, and Herr Spahn, Centrist, second vice-president. The Conservatives and National Liberals refrained from voting for any of the presiding officers. The Reichstag took up the anti-revolution bill. The proposal to reject the bill was defeated.

Friederichsruhe, March 27.—Hohenlohe arrived at noon and was received by Bismarck.

GOLD EXCITEMENT.

San Francisco, March 27.—J. A. Herrington of Nevada, arrived here yesterday, having come from the mining camp of Silver Star, in Esmeralda county. He says there is great excitement at that place over the reported discoveries of rich gold quartz, and that people are going in by rail, on foot, by broncho and every other way. The camp is eight miles from the railroad, in rounded, rather ragged mountains, and at an altitude of 7,000 feet above the sea. Everywhere one goes, Herrington says, there is gold. Herrington was there a week and in that time 16 houses were erected. He says the country is staked off for miles around.

SOLICITOUS FOR BISMARCK.

Friederichsruhe, March 25.—As the eightieth birthday of Bismarck draws near his physician is becoming more solicitous of the old ex-Chancellor's health. A number of newspaper correspondents besieged the entrance of the castle to-day, but were refused admittance under instructions of Bismarck's physician who is anxious to store the strength of his illustrious client for the many birthday ceremonies he will have to go through. The Emperor's visit to Bismarck will assume a special military character.

BURST INTO TEARS.

Berlin, March 25.—Bismarck, replying to the congratulations of the members of the Landtag to-day, declared that all credit for the political results achieved he shared with those co-operating with him, and above all with the Emperor William the First with whom he said he worked so long. Bismarck was affected to tears during his reply, crying bitterly. The deputation was greatly affected.

ENGLISH ADVICES.

London, March 25.—The American bark Arkwright from Port Gamble for San Francisco, stranded in Spencer's Gulf, South Australia, and it was necessary to jettison part of her deck cargo. She was floated and proceeded, apparently undamaged.

The grand jury has found a true bill against the Marquis of Queensberry for libelling Oscar Wilde.

STEAM PIPE BURST.

Sausalito, Cal., March 26.—While the warship Monterey was testing her new steering apparatus in Racoon Straits, a steam pipe leading to the gearing burst, scalding six of her crew about the legs and feet. They are all more or less painfully hurt, but none seriously. The Monterey came to anchor here and will remain until the damage is repaired.

STEAMER BELFAST'S CREW.

Greenock, March 25.—British steamer Durham City from Newport News, March 8th, for Glasgow, arrived to-day with four of the crew of the British steamer Belfast ashore on Jona Island, and will probably become a total wreck. Sixteen of the Belfast's crew are missing.

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A ROW IN THE CABINET.

EXCITEMENT OVER ANOTHER SUPPOSED MURDER.

Montreal Will Hold an Exposition Next Year—Ministers Sworn In—Prisoners Make a Bold Dash for Liberty—General Happenings.

Ottawa, March 27.—The fact transpired last evening that several days ago Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper asked to be relieved of the portfolio of Minister of Justice, and since then he has taken no part in the business of the department, though attending the meetings of the Cabinet as usual. Sir Hibbert has had no difference of opinion with his colleagues as to the general policy of the Government, and it was his report on the Manitoba school question upon which they acted. He did, however, differ from them with reference to the action subsequently taken, in calling a session of Parliament instead of dissolving the House. A gentleman thoroughly posted in political affairs said that it is understood Sir Charles takes the ground that the course the Government should have adopted was to immediately appeal to the country on the school issue, that being in his opinion the correct constitutional course to follow. On the other hand it is said that Sir Mackenzie Bowell differed from his opinion, and it being one of the prerogatives of the Premier to decide when dissolution shall take place, he took the course which commended itself to his own judgment. In political circles hope is expressed that Sir Charles will withdraw his resignation.

Hon. Dr. Montague was sworn in as Secretary of State last evening. Hon. A. R. Dickey is now in Nova Scotia, called there by the illness of his mother. He will be sworn in as Minister of Militia immediately on his return. Hon. J. C. Patterson remains in the Ministry without portfolio until June, when he goes to Manitoba as Lieutenant-Governor. The authoritative announcement that there is not the slightest truth in the report of differences between himself and Mr. Patterson, who has resigned by his doctor's orders and actually tendered his resignation to Sir John Thompson before the late Premier left for England.

In the specifications for the steam service between Canada, France and Belgium, which the Department of Trade and Commerce is inviting, it is provided that the vessels must have cold storage accommodation.

A recent customs ruling states that horse and hair clippers are dutiable as "tools, N. E. S." at 35 per cent.

The exports of hay from Canada to Great Britain last month amounted to 450 tons as against 1,138 in February of last year.

H. K. Dunn has been appointed clerk of customs at Westminster.

Lafleur Brown, of the Victoria custom house, has been granted three months leave of absence on account of ill-health.

Toronto, March 26.—The Ottawa despatch says that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper has resigned from the Cabinet on account of the action of his colleagues on the Manitoba school question.

John Waldie has declined the Liberal nomination in Halton.

In the Ontario Legislature yesterday, Hon. Mr. Bronson introduced a bill prohibiting Sunday traffic on any electric road carrying passengers for more than one mile beyond the limits of any city, town or incorporated village. The bill is likely to become law.

Woodstock, Ont., March 27.—David McGee, James Munron and Thos. Perry, three prisoners confined in jail here, awaiting removal to the Central Prison at Toronto, made a determined attempt to escape yesterday. They made a savage attack on Gaoler Cameron, knocking him down and injuring him severely and then escaped to the yard, when, the alarm having been given, they were captured as they were attempting to scale a wall with the aid of planks.

Winnipeg, March 27.—The order in Ottawa to restore separate schools as they existed in this Province prior to 1890 was laid before the Legislature yesterday. It took the clerk of the House one hour to read the document. Premier Greenway gave no intimation of the Government's intentions and the order was laid on the table. It may come up for discussion at any time.

The Orange Grand Lodge of Manitoba opens this afternoon. It is expected important resolutions on the school question will be passed.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 27.—The Provincial auditor's report was tabled in the Island Legislature yesterday. The year's expenditure was $302,632, receipts $282,468.

Montreal, March 27.—Sir Donald A. Smith has accepted the presidentship of the committee of management of the International Exhibition, which it is proposed to hold in Montreal in 1896. An influential deputation has been appointed to ask Dominion and Provincial Governments for assistance.

A meeting of the creditors of the firm of Meredith & O'Brien, brokers, was held yesterday. A. W. Stevenson was appointed curator and Thos. McDougall, Hon. Louis Tourville and Andrew Wilson, inspectors of estate.

It is understood the writ for the bye-election in Quebec will be issued to-day or to-morrow. Either Dobell or Cyr and Greevy will be the Government candidate.

Quebec, March 17.—The Arbitration court rendered judgment in the matter of the city of Hull's claim against the corporation of Ottawa, for unsettled accounts between the Provinces. The Province of Ontario was ordered to pay the sum of $16,000.

Delta, Ont., March 27.—The Liberals of South Leeds have nominated W. H. Fredenburg as their candidate for the Commons.

Halifax, March 27.—The Liberal convention at Arichat for Richmond county nominated E. P. Flynn for the Commons.

J. A. McDonald, M. P. for Victoria, was re-nominated for the Commons by the Conservatives.

Owen Sound, March 27.—There is intense excitement at Shallow Lake over the mysterious death of John Flynn, who was found in a woodshed at Cruickshank's school house with several wounds on his head.

Ottawa, March 28.—W. A. Smith, founder of the Boys' Brigade movement, addressed a gathering in the Normal School hall last evening in its support. Lord Aberdeen, honorary president of the Association, occupied the chair.

Ex-Mayor McLeod Stewart is interested in the organization of a company for the purpose of utilising the fish waste and offal of the Fraser river. It will be organized by Mr. Fears, a friend of Mr. Stewart, in London, for the purpose of raising the necessary capital there. Competent authorities state that 400 tons of guana and 145 tons of fish oil can be derived from 1,000 tons of residual matter and waste fish. The value of the product would be £3,975, while the cost of manufacture would amount to about £2,100, leaving a net profit of £1,675. The company will ask the Dominion for a grant on Lulu Island for the purpose of erecting a factory thereupon.

If political gossip is correct Hon. J. C. Patterson remains in the Cabinet until June without portfolio, and then goes to Manitoba as Lieut.-Governor. They have been for a long time anxious to get rid of Patterson and his salary is now wanted for Dr. Montague who will be sworn in as Secretary of State, Dickey taking the Militia. This leaves Ontario with one important portfolio as against four in the Maritime Provinces.

Winnipeg, March 28.—There is a probability of a row in the city council. At the last meeting, when some of the aldermen had left, a resolution was passed to discharge two employes of the Health department, which has given rise to considerable ill-feeling. There is likelihood of a lively debate at the meeting of the committee to-morrow.

The remedial order of the Dominion Government has not yet been submitted to the Local Legislature. The Lieut.-Governor yesterday intimated that he would send it down as a message during the evening session, but early in the afternoon the Government moved the adjournment of the House till Tuesday. Both Government and Opposition were subsequently in caucus, and your correspondent hears that it is possible the Government will offer an option of party secular schools. This course at least is advocated by the Department of Education. The message will be sent to the Legislature this afternoon. At a meeting of the Ministerial Association this morning the remedial order was informally discussed and the opinion was unanimously in opposition to the restoration of Separate schools, many even favoring secular schools.

Preparations are already being made for the construction of buildings in this city during the present season to the value of half a million dollars.

Senator Thitadeau, president of the Atlantic & Lake Superior road, has reached here from London. The immediate result of his visit, he says will be to open a line from Montreal to Levis, and complete the Baie Des Chaleurs to Paspebiac. The Montreal and Sorel and Intercolonial roads are to be utilized. Two steamers are to run from Paspebiac to Gulf ports and Newfoundland.

Montreal, March 26.—Mr. Laurier is a very sick man and is in consultation with doctors as to his condition.

Toronto, March 26.—The Conservatives of West Northumberland have nominated Geo. Gullet; the Conservatives of East Bruce renominated Henry Cargill, M. P., and East Bruce Reformers have chosen Archibald Billies, of Teeswater.

Diphtheria has been introduced into Victoria hospital, Toronto, and it has been closed to the public. One person died yesterday and there are a dozen cases in the hospital now. Vigorous measures will be taken to stamp out the disease.

J. G. Coleman, with many aliases, was arrested at St. Marys' Ont., on Saturday, for securing diamonds from P. W. Ellis & Co., of Toronto by fraud. He is also wanted in Marshall, Tex., for murder and robbery and at Atlanta, Ga., for robbery.

Quebec, March 26.—A remote settlement on the north shore of the St. Lawrence river named Longue Pointe has been visited during the past winter with a mysterious epidemic, which carried off many inhabitants. Particulars are lacking.

Kingston, March 26.—Archbishop Lewis celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of his consecration yesterday. In replying to an address by the clergy, His Grace said the greatest reason why he was opposed to Wycliffe College was that it was trying to establish itself on the ruins of Trinity.

Hopeworth, Ont., March 26.—D. W. Henderson and wife, accused of brutally ill-treating their child, were each fined $50 and sentenced to three months in jail.

GIRLS ON A TEAR.

Chicago, March 26.—Pandemonium reigned all day at the Home for Juvenile females and were it not for the presence of half-a-dozen policemen, the inmates would have run things with as high a hand as they did two weeks ago. The cause of all the excitement yesterday was the return of the five original rioters to the Home after a two weeks' residence at the Harrison street annex. These were Lizzie Smith, Rosie Schriar, Mary McCune, Mamie Davis and Nellie Guy. As they left the police patrol wagon the girls set up a shout that could be heard blocks away. At once a crowd began to collect, and before the last girl had left the wagon, 500 persons surrounded the building, and had to be kept back by policemen. The girls absolutely refused to go into the Home voluntarily, and they were dragged up the steps. At the door, they were met by matrons Dayton, Fairchild and Harvey. At the sight of Mrs. Dayton the girls broke forth in a volley, and swore that if they were taken inside they would burn down the place. Mrs. Dayton took the hand of one of the girls, and endeavored to remonstrate, but the rebel drew back and threatened to bite the superintendent. The police then brought them in. On gaining the hallways, the officers released their charges and they at once began to tear madly up and down the corridors making a terrible uproar. The other inmates of the institution broke away from the school room, sewing room and laundry and added their cries to those of the new arrivals. They were all subdued, except Lizzie Smith, who fought like a tigress and sunk her sharp finger nails deep into the hand of policeman Cole, who got her into Mrs. Dayton's room, and locked her in, where she is being kept until the Home opens. The rest of the girls refused to go back to work or to their classes, and in many cases struck the matrons. They became so demonstrative that some of them were locked in their rooms.

DOWN IN FRISCO.

San Francisco, March 25.—Walter F. Blake, city editor of the Stockton Independent, who was shot by a footpad last night, is resting easily this morning and not suffering much pain. His physicians say that his condition is not dangerous, and that unless there should be a change for the worse, which is not expected, he will be able to be out in about a week.

The suit brought by the Continental Insurance Company of New York to restrain the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific Coast from putting into effect its non-intercourse rule by which it sought to prevent its agents handling business for any non-board company was decided in favor of the board today. The U. S. circuit court refused to issue an injunction, holding it to be legal for the concerns to refuse to permit any of its agents to handle business for a competitor.

Emanuel Loola, an oiler in the Union Iron Works, became entangled in the machinery while oiling it this morning and was crushed to death. The unfortunate man was married and lived in Oakland.

Ship owners succeeded in sending several more vessels to sea this morning without any interference by the striking Teamsters. Hurley, William J. Hurley, charged with attempting to bribe the jury in the case of bank wrecker McDonald, commenced to-day. Hurley, who had been shamming insanity frequently, interrupted the proceedings.

TROUBLE IS FEARED.

Sacramento, March 26.—Governor Budd has received the following telegram from Bakersfield, signed by C. W. Briggs, secretary of the meeting. "We, the settlers of the Kern Lake Bed, ask you to protect us against an armed force of hirelings of the Kern County Land Company that are forcibly dispossessing us from our land, now in litigation. They are destroying our property and threatening our lives." The Governor at once sent for Deputy Attorney-General Post and directed him to telegraph District Attorney Alvin Fay, of Kern County, for a full statement by wire as soon as possible of the trouble there. The Deputy Attorney-General received this telegram from Fay: "The company has a patent for the land. The settlers have occupied a portion of the land for several years. They have had several suits, but none were properly brought to determine the title. Several ejectment suits are now pending. The company has armed men on the ground, and has forcibly ejected four or five people. I am expecting to hear of trouble at any time." After the Governor read this telegram he directed the Attorney-General's office to immediately instruct District Attorney Fay to arrest and prosecute all parties on either side found violating the law.

BOTH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS.

Victoria, B. C., March 25.—(Special.)—George A. Huff, of Alberni, has been nominated to contest Cowichan-Alberni district in opposition to Thomas A. Wood, of Quamichan, at the bye-election on April 18th. Both offer themselves as supporters of the present Government.

REINA REGETE STILL MISSING.

Madrid, March 25.—The Government is informed that all reports that the warship Reina Regente had been found submerged in the Straits are without foundation and also that neither wrecked nor bodies from the ship have been washed ashore.

THE MARKETS.

Prices in almost every line remain about the same at this writing, and business continues to improve slightly. There have been many demands for seed, and a number of orders have been filled through the Government's assistance. The promise of exceptional crops indicates that a much larger area will be under cultivation this year than last. Fruit prospects were never better for years, and no damage is apprehended unless from cold rains. It will be noted that oats are scarce, the buying price being Washington $26.50, Edmonton $29. Little local butter is coming in, while eggs are becoming more plentiful and cheaper weekly. Manitoba is sending in an excellent quality of creamery butter. Generally the market is steady, with prices given as follows:

Washington $26.50; oats (Edmonton), $29; shorts, $20; bran $18; hay on Fraser bank $8; potatoes, Fraser river, $13; Feed and Produce—Wheat per ton Washington, $24; oats (Edmonton,) 29; shorts, $20; bran, $18; hay, on Fraser bank, $8; potatoes, Fraser river, $13; Ashcroft, $18 per ton; rolled oats, per 90-lb. sack, $3 Keewatin $4.20, Portland City, $4.00; salt $13@14; Ool cake, $35.50.

Produce—Butter (creamery) 23@24 c per lb., dairy 15@16c. per lb. Fresh eggs 25@30c per per doz. Ontario, 10c. per doz. Lard, per lb., 11 1-2c. tins. Hams per lb., small 12@12 1-2c. large, 11c., bacon, per lb., 12 1-2c.; backs 10 1-2 roll, 10c., dry salt, 8 1-2c.; smoked 10c.; mess pork, 17c.; short cut, 15c.; cheese, 12@14c.

Meats—Beef hindquarters 7c per lb.; forequarters, 5c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb.; mutton, cuts, 10@12 1-2c. per lb.; pork, 6@7c. per lb.; cuts, 8@10c. per lb.; sausages 15c. per lb.

Apples—$1@1.10. Quinces, 5c. per lb. Lemons, $3.50 per case. Oranges, 30c. per doz.

Vegetables—Carrots, turnips, beets, parsnips, cabbage, 15c. per dozen. Onions, 10c.

Fish—Cod, (wholesale) 5c.; small fish, 4c.; bloaters per doz., 12c; kippered herring, 10c; fresh salmon, 10c. per lb.; crabs, 10c. each; kippered salmon, 12 1-2c.; finnan haddie, 20c.

Game—Turkey, 14c. per lb.; geese, 10c. per lb; chickens, 10c.

WESTMINSTER MARKET.

Poultry, none; pork, carcass, none; cuts, 8@10c. per lb.; Beef, forequarters 5@6c. per lb.; hindquarters, 6@7c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb. Mutton, carcass, none; cuts, 10@12 1-2c. per lb. Butter, 50@60c. per lb. roll. Eggs, 20@25c. per doz. Hay, $11 per ton. Oats, $22@23 per ton. Wheat $26 per ton. Potatoes $12@15 per ton. Mangolds, $7 per ton. White carrots, $8 per ton. Red carrots, 50c per 100 lbs. Turnips, 50c. per 100 lbs. Onions, 1 1-2c. per lb. Cabbage, 1c. per lb. Beets, 1c. per lb. Parsnips, 1c. per lb. Apples, $1@$1.10 per box.

TENDERS

Are invited for the construction of the road along the westerly boundary of Burnaby, between the Vancouver and Hastings roads. Clear line is staked out with stakes numbered consecutively every 20 chains, from the Vancouver road.

This Tender to state price per chain, (66 feet) and the section