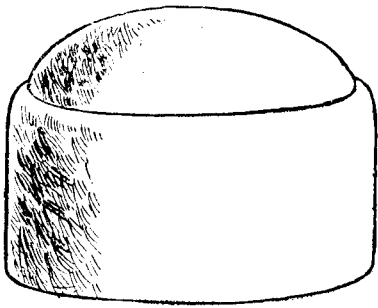


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Mr. Hall Caine, Mrs. Caine, and the ir young son sailed on Wednesday from New York, en route to England.

Mr. W. B. Scarth arrived at Ottawa from Winnipeg Saturday evening, and started on his duties as Deputy Minister of Agriculture on Monday.

Sir C. H. Tupper and Hon. Mr. Dickey left for Antigonish on Wednesday to attend the Conservative nominating convention, to be held there to-day.

The German Reichstag was opened on Tuesday. The speech from the throne referred especially to the friendly relations existing between Germany and all foreign powers.

The first Ministerial meeting in Cardwell was held last night at Bolton. There is to be a meeting at Alton this evening. Hon. Messrs. Foster and Montague are to address the meeting.

A large and influential gathering of McGill University graduates in Toronto met on Saturday evening and decided to organize a McGill Graduates' Society, which will be done to-morrow.

Alderman Brown has retired from the Mayoralty contest in Hamilton. There are now three men in the field—Mayor Stewart, Mr. Geo. E. Tuckett, and Alderman Colquhoun.

President Cleveland sent down his annual message to Congress on Tuesday. He referred to the Alaskan boundary and the Behring Sea claim, treating each subject in a friendly spirit.

The Rev. Dr. John Shaw, assistant Secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, died Tuesday night. His death was the indirect result of injuries recently sustained from a trolley accident.

It is stated unofficially that the Minister of Trade and Commerce will shortly go to England on business connected with the cable scheme and the proposed Imperial subsidy for a fast Atlantic service to Canada.

Premier Greenway told a reporter that the Manitoba Legislature would be called to meet about the end of January. He says the statement that he will stand by the present school law is about right.

It is reported that Sir Mackenzie Bowell has cabled to London, asking Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian High Commissioner, to proceed at once from London to Ottawa, to consult with the Government respecting the fast steamship tenders.

A banquet was recently tendered to Messrs. Justice Brooks and White, at Sherbrooke, Quebec. Unfortunately illness prevented Mr. Justice Brooks from being present. Mr. Justice White made an excellent speech, and the whole affair was a great success.

Sir James Grant, M.P., of Ottawa, was present in Chicago Saturday night at the St. Andrew's banquet, at which some six hundred of Old Scotland's sons were gathered. The New York banquet was held at Delmonico's and was a grand affair.

It is reported in Constantinople that, after a meeting of the Ambassadors on Tuesday, Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador, notified the Turkish Government that if the firmans granting permission for extra guardships to pass through the Bosphorus are not granted by Saturday, a British gunboat will be sent through without the Sultan's permission.

Provincial Treasurer Harcourt has expressed his willingness to meet a deputation from the Hotel-Keepers' Association with reference to the sanitary reforms, for which the commercial travellers of the Province are pressing, upon Thursday, the 19th of this month, at 2.30 p.m. It is understood that the deputation will be a large one and will include representatives from nearly every riding.

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