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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1904.

MANY OF VICTIMS

FIVE HUNDRED AND

Heart-Rending Scenes at the Morgues-Lady Tells of Escape From Burning Chicago Theatre.

infirm by the indulgence of thoughtless persons in noisy celebrations of the passing of the old year. The city authorities have at all times discouraged this practice, but now when Chicago lies in the shadow of the greatest disaster in her history for a generation, noise making whather by hells, whistles, cannon.

that the total number of casualties at present time is approximately 1,000. There are among the missing the names of some who were not at the theatre at all. In the first excitement following the calamity, the people were reported by their relatives as among the

day. F. L. Donaldson, a chief for the Western Union Telegraph Company, handled a long telegraph story of the fire and its harvest of death, unaware but to-day had not found the least trace of the missing woman. Adole Shilps,

Boyer Alexander, eight years old.

Boyer Alexander, eight years old.

lee lad's father, Dr. W. D. Alexander, d sought his son all night, and to, in examining the headless corpse of the child the headless corpse child, the physician identified his

ecovered the body of his young daugh- jury and death by the are in the con ter, Helena, aged seven, at the county morgue. The most pathetic side of the case is that the mother of the little girl, Mrs. Wunderli a, 35 years old, and her father, are still missing, as they were separated from the child in the terrible

separated from the child in the terrible crush during the panic.

One of the heroes of the fire was Peter Quinn, chief special agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, who assisted in the saving of a hundred lives or more. Wedged so tightly in a crowd at the door of the stage entrance that they could not move were men, women and children, and the company of performers were standing helpless and with agonized looks on their faces, The stage door was closed. "The massive stage door of the Iroquois," said Mr. Quinn to-day, "is like many others of its kind. The two main swinging doors are used when scenery is taken

Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the first time since Chicago has possessed bells to peal and whistles to shriek and horns to blow, the old year to-night was alto blow, the old year to-night was alto blow, the old year to-night was alto blow. to blow, the old year to-night was allowed silently to take its place in his tory and the new year permitted to come in with no evidence of joy at its come in with no evidence of joy at its birth. In an official proclamation Mayor Harrison suggested that the usual New Year's celebration be, for this time, omitted, and the idea found a ready response in the hearts of the people, saddened by resterday's tragedy. The proclamation follows:

"On each recurring New Year's eve annoyance has been caused to the sick and infirm by the indulgence of thoughtless persons in noisy celebrations of the pass-

ing, whether by bells, whistles, cannon, and smoke would have reached the imperilled ones and they would have been sufficiented or burned where they stood." "As mayor of Chicago I would therefore request all people to refrain from this indulgence, and I would ask all railway officials and all persons controlling factories, boats and mills to direct their employees not to blow which a between

way officials and all persons controlling factories, boats and mills to direct their employees not to blow whistles between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock to-night."

For the second time in her life the city of Chicago has been stricken to the heart. Not only have many of her sons and daughters met death in a variety of horrible and torturing forms at the Iroquois theatre, but the blow has fallen almost as heavily upon the strangers within her gates. There is nardly a mean and leave the theatre, and in so within her gates. There is nardly a mean and leave the theatre, and in so again, started a many all was leaving. within her gates. There is nardly a visual age or town within a radius of 100 quietly up to that time, but when he miles of Chicago whose people are not refused to allow me to pass out peace-

ctly or indirectly interested in the sof dead or in the injured which make a noise. I went along the balcony plies of dead of in the injured when the place of those to a glass partition and smashed it with the who seem to have passed from human the way down the stairs I heard a roar of the way down the stairs I heard a roar of the crowd. They overtook me, but I The list of dead to-night continues as it was given last night, in the neighborhood of 560. It is generally accepted at this time that the most accurate estimate is 564. This number will be

estimate is 564. This number will be increased somewhat, as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of dead will ever, that the total number of dead will fact will not be known until after the The best evidence obtainable is to the

taking rooms and hospitals looking for the dead and wounded.

In all the undertaking rooms the bodies were placed, as far as possible, or cots, and when these were exhausted stretched in long lines upon the floors, missing, and numbers of these have and a constant succession of pale-faced report has been made to police head-quarters.

These nave men and tearful women passed slowly between the bodies, lifting the coverings from scorched and bruised faces. informal inquiry into the cause of the fire. Wm. C. Sellers, the fireman at the Company controls this trade. theatre, did not know just how the fire that his own wife was among the began, but said he saw it shortly after

ends of the terror-stricken persons and ers. After being in custody four of the one of the most peculiar of the identications was that of the headless body who advised them to do this they at

New York, Jan. 2.-A Chicago disy a watch, a birthday present from patch to the Herald to-day says: father, found on the remains.

Pitiful scene ended the identification Will J. Davis and Building Commissionof Marjorie Edwards, 14 years old, er Williams, with manslaughter, were linton, Iowa. Her father, William issued last night by Justice Underwood, wards, who has been in Chicago on on the complaint of Arthur F. Hull, visit, identified the daughter's ter- whose wife and three children were killsit, identified the daughter's ter-burned body from a sample of the in her skirt, which he carried in complainant states that 'these defend-pert in her skirt, which he carried in complainant states that 'these defend-pert in her skirt, which he carried in complainant states that 'these defend-pert in construction of the Vernon & Midway railway was fired by Price Ellison, M.

struction and management of the Iro-quois theatre."
"Word was sent to Manager Davis

and Powers and Commissioner Williams that warrants were out, and that if they would come in and give bail they would not be subjected to arrest.

"States Attorney Deneen, when told of the fling of the complaint and the issuing of the warrants, said that he would take charge of the case and prosecute it

to the full extent of the law.

"No more pathetic case than that of the Hull family can be found in that terrible death roll of Wednesday's disaster. His wife, her two little boys and little daughter were overcome. Mrs. Hull was 35 years of age. Her body and that of her son, Dwight, were found at Jordan's morgue, Hela and Donald's bodies were found at Gavin's morgue."

Ask Examination. Chicago, Jún. 2.—The proprietors of the Grand opera house have notified Mayor Harrison that they will close their theatre after to-night's performance, pending a thorough examination on the part of the city officials. They take the ground that while their playhouse practically without defect, yet the public mind is so wrought up that nothing will reassure theatre patrons except a complete official inquiry.

The Death List. Chicago, Jan. 2.-The total number of corpses recovered from the Iroquois the atre fire stands to-day at 585, as com-

RETURNS FOR SIX MONTHS JUST ENDED

Aylesworth to Enter Ontario Cabinet-Bonding Halibut to Points in States.

turns received at the customs department for the six months ending to-day, was \$20,653,761, an increase of \$2,627, 145 over the same time last year. For the month of December the revenue was \$3,100,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,869 for December last year, an increase of \$132, 150,761, as against \$2,967,8

A. B. Aylesworth will enter the Ontario government, likely as attorney-gen-eral, and will run in North Oxford, vacated by the death of A. Pattullo. New Zealand Preference.

coroner's inquest.

From early in the morning until late to-night crowds have besieged the undertaking rooms and hospitals looking. Bonding Halibut.

The order-in-council permitting the export from Vancouver of halibut from American vessels in bond over Canadian railways to points in the United States expires to-day. There was some fear on the Pacific coast that this order was not to be renewed. This is not correct. The order extending this privilege for one year is now before the cabinet, and will be passed in due course. Meanthme the customs department has instructed the collector at Vancouver to continue bond-When the names of the dead who are still to be identified have been taken from the list of missing, it is probable that the extent of the catastrophe will be fully revealed.

Some of the most remarkable incidents of the fire were not known until today. F. L. Donaldson, a chief for the Western Traject to the morgues.

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Reasons For Retirement. Following is an extract from A. G. that his own wife was among the missing. When he went home he found it broke out. He three extinguishers that she had gone to the theatre. He hurriedly returned and searched for her three districtions of the searched for her than the searched for her three districtions of the searched for her than the searched for her three districtions of the searched for her three forms and the search of t iedly returned and searched for her ugh the morgues and the hospitals, to-day had not found the least trace to but the day had not found the least trace to but without success. Seven employees of the Iroquois the-involved a distinct admission that the atre were arrested to-night on orders necessity of a new railway from the Atsix years old, was one of the children atre were arrested to-night on orders struck down and trampled to death, issued by Chief of Police O'Neil. The struck down and trampled to death, Her body was removed by the firemen and taken to a drug store. There the chiid was seen by her mother, who had escaped uninjured. Foremost among the remarkable escapes was that of Winnie Gallagher, 12 years old. The girl occupied a seat in the third row from the front on the main floor. Unsasisted she made her way over the heads of the terror-stricken persons and the terror-stricken persons and Her clothing was torn almost, men told Chief O'Neil they had been reonly, and to which it was prepared to commit the country? The course I ought to take under such circumstances

seemed clear." Mr. Blair adds that his only cour was to retire from active politics.

VERNON-MIDWAY RAILWAY. Construction Work Commenced on Friday, Price Ellison, M. P. P., Firing the First Shot.

Vernon, Jan. 2.—The first shot in the whose wife and three children were killbly burned body from a sample of the
oth in her skirt, which he carried in
s pocket.

Marry Wunderlich, representing a wellbown plane house of this city, to-day

whose wife and three children were killoconstruction of the Vernon & Midway
railway was fired by Price Ellison, M.
sham, of the Chicago fire department,
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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS Notices Appearing in This Week's Provincial Gazette.

This week's Official Gazette contain notice of the following appointments:

Joseph Wilson, of Creston, provincial police constable, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Nelson mining division, with sub-recording office at Creston. with sub-recording office at Creston.

To be official administrators:

George Smith McCarter, of the city of Revelstoke, for the Revelstoke elec-toral district. John F. Griffith, of Golden, for the Columbia electoral district.

James Ferguson Armstrong, of Fort
Sfeele, for the remainder of the said George Jerrald Potts, of the city of

Victoria, and John James Carment, of the city of Kamloops, to be justices of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia. Percy James Gleazer, of Ymir, to be

Percy James Gleazer, of 1 mir, to be a justice of the peace in and for the county of Kootenay.

To be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia: Arthur.

R. Carrington, of Nicola Lake; Watter Edward Truesdale, of Enderby; Alfred Myrick Pound, of the city of Vancouver.

Alexander James Stuart, of Mission City to be a medical health officer for

City, to be a medical health officer for the province of British Columbia. Clarence Dudley Blackwood, of the city of Nelson, to be collector of voters for the Nelson City electoral district; mining recorder for the Nelson mining division; collector of revenue tax for the Nelson assessment district; district registrar of births, deaths and marriages for the Nelson division of West Koot-enay, excepting the former Slocan riding; and a registrar for the purposes of the "Marraige Act," vice Mr. R. A. Ren-

Percy James Gleazer, of Ymir, J. P., to be a deputy mining recorder for that portion of the Nelson mining division known as the Ymir district, with a sub-recording office at Ymir, vice Mr. A. B.

TWENTY-TWO DEAD. The Death Roll Resulting From Collision Between Two Passenger Trains in Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28.—The death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pene Marquette railroad passenger trains near East Paris on Saturday evening stands at 22, with 38 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

The cause of the wreck is charged to the high wind, which examplished the red signal light in the "order" board at McCord's station, where the westbound training the station of the westbound training the station.

the debris.

In the cafe coach of the ill-fated east-bound train which was demolished, at the rear of the forward trucks one of the most shocking of the many tragedies of the wreck was enacted. Section Foreman Linden J. Baldwin, wife and son had spent Christmas in Grand Rapids, and were returning to their home at Mulliken. Between the man and wife sitting on the top of the car seat and playing with a bank received as a Christmas gift, was their little son. The crash came and all three met death. A beam flying through the air struck the child, beheading him.

Rear End Collision.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—Limited

Rear End Collision.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—Limited train No. 5, westbound, on the Pennsylvania railway, was wrecked about 6 o'clock this morning in a rear end collision with a freight train near Larwill, west of here. Fireman Stafford and Baggageman Raifsnyder are missing, and Engineer Herbert, of the limited, is pinned in the wreckage of his engineteribly injured. A number of passengers are reported injured. A special train with surgeons has gone to the scene of the wreck.

One Man Killed.

One Man Killed. One Man Killed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—General officers of Pennsylvania lines, West, say no passengers were injured in the wreck of the westbound limited near Fort Wayne. The barber was the only one hurt, and his injuries are not serious. Baggageman Raifsnyder was killed, and Fireman man Stafford and Engineer Herbert badly hurt.

ACCIDENT TO EMPEROR.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—Reports which reached Vienna to-day of an accident to Emperor Francis Joseph created much alarm. It appears that during the Emperor's customary Christmas visit to his daughter, the Archduchess Maria Valeria, at Wallse, he was ascending a stairway when his spurs became entangled in the carpet. He fell forward but arose immediately without assistance.

Big Improvement In Post Office Street Service to Be Made.

An increase in the number of street letter boxes in this city—has been decided upon as the result of the recent visit here of Mr. Geo. Rcss, chief post office Street Service to Be Made.

FIREMEN AND UNIONS.

Chicago Chief Says Men Must Quit Or-Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.-Chief Mus-

LORD LANSDOWNE FEARS THE WORST

Has Only Faint Hopes of Japan Receiving a Favorable Reply---News Caused Flurry on Wheat Market.

Admiral Kamimura, is expected to leave Saseho to-morrow for Masampho, Korea. Saseho is a Japanese port twenty-five

Probable Object. Tokio, Jan. 2.—The report is current that the Japanese squadron of six armorcircles, however, it is doubted that Japan event of the negotiations between the mined to fight us." two countries finally ending in failure.

hurry the work in hand.

Lansdowne Pessimistic. London, Jan. 2.-No word has yet been eccived here tending to show when the Russian reply to Japan may be expected. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed Baron Hayashi, the Japanese inister, that he fears the war party in

Russia is in the ascendant, and that he has faint hopes of Japan receiving a favorable reply.

Baron Hayashi says he has received no news of the intended dispatch of a Japanese squadron to Masampho. The cruiser was there. The minister pointed out that the dispatch of a squadron to

ever nearer, and adds: "If we are drag-ged into this war, as we may be, the country will be divided in sympathy, the dislike of Russia being as strong among the masses of our population as it was in 1855."

The paper surmises that Russia may keep her ships in her harbors, as she did during the Crimean war, thereby forcing land actions or a dangerous attempt by Japan to seize Port Arthur and Vladi-

The Saturday Review adopts a somewhat similar tone, saying that the likli-nood of Chinese intervention menaces the commercial interests of all Europeans and the United States. to Russia, that M. Bezobragoff, who was recently, raised by the Czar to a secretaryship of state, is the power behind the seenes of the Russia-Japanese negotiations. M. Bezobragoff, who is reported to be now the prime factor of the Czar of the Czar of the Morning Post, London.

Sinister's Statement. ly interested in commercial enterprises in Korea, and is the bosom friend of Viceroy Alexieff. Though the news is evidently partial, it received some credit

General's Opinion, Paris, Jan. 2.—The St. Petersburg dent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that the active the Far Eastern policy of the United States fied.

and adds to the alarmist feeling.

Big Improvement In Post Office Street

omce superintendent. The points selections from which will be at 9.30 a streets; corner Montreal and Niagara streets; corner Michigan and Menzies streets; corner Michigan and Menzies streets; corner Toronto and Young streets; corner Fairfield road and Moss streets; corner Fairfield road and Moss streets; corner Moss and Belcher streets; corner Moss and Belcher streets; corner Moss and Belcher streets; corner Yates and Vancouver street; corner Yates and Vancouver stre ner Oak Bay avenue and Richmond avenue; corner Oak Bay avenue and Foul Bay road; corner Richmond avenue and Cadboro Bay road; corner Stanley avenue and North Pembroke street; corner Belton avenue and Craigflower road; ner Belton avenue and Craighower road; corner Catherine and Craighower road; At Victoria West post office arrangements have been made for the collection of letters from these new boxes in connection with the boxes now in use at a later hour than at present, the night collection beginning at Victoria West at

Tokio, Jan. 2.—A powerful squadron, attracts much attention, and causes dis-onsisting of six armored cruisers under tinct distrust. This feeling culminated, the correspondent says, in the announcement that an American fleet would sail for Asiafic waters, and that the American minister at Seoul had been directed and on returning found the door of Mr. Pattullo's bedroom locked. On its being to obtain a definite answer to the opening of Wiju to foreign trade.

A general of high position, in an interview, says that he does not believe that that the Japanese squadron of six armorthere will be an immediate war for ed cruisers, under Admiral Kamimura reasons which the correspondent says it now at Saseho, will seize the port of is better to leave unmentioned, but the Masampho, Korea. In well-informed general is reported to have added: "War is inevitable, no matter what the paper says. We behind the scenes know betwould seize Masampho or any Korean ter. War would be very unfortunate for port except to forestall Russia in the Russia, but Japan is apparently deter-

Still Negotiating.

Great activity prevails, and the force St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—It appears to of workmen has been increased at the be true that Russia has decided not to Osaka arsenal. The holidays of the accept Japan's precise proposals, but the arsenal have been curtailed in order to foreign office here to-day informed the Associated Press that the Russian foreign minister and the Japanese minister are still conferring with the view of arare still conferring with the view of arriving at an amicable settlement. Unketball to be played at the drill hall this

Admiral Von Hollman at an audience on high order, as may be seen from the fol-Thursday, according to a report accepted on the bourse to-day, that he was confident peace would not be broken in the Part I.-1, (

Excitement on Wheat Market. Chicago, Jan. 2.—The greatest excitement in months in the wheat market was experienced to-day, in sensitive response to the news from the Far East. Grey; 7, basketball, second half; 8, 314 cents over Thursday's close, and Save the King. British consols set the speculative tinder it was a most impossible to keep track of it. The public made a concerted

effort to cover and found very little on the market.

Call For Engineers. Glasgow, Jan. 2.-A large number of Olyde marine engineers received cable orders from the Japanese government today to proceed immediately to Japan. These engineers were engaged by the Japanese government six months ago on the understanding that they would be Full instructions were sent them in cipher. They will go to the Far East

by the way of Canada.

Correspondents Going. London, Jan. 2.—The Cunard line teamship Umbria, which salls from Windsor. A communication has been received in a London diplomatic quarter, unfriendly to Russia, that M. Bezobragoff, who was a mong her passengers Melton Prior, the recently raised by the Ozar to a secretary war artist and correspondent of the II-taryship of state, is the power behind fire the recently raised by the Ozar to a secretary war artist and correspondent of the II-taryship of state, is the power behind fire the recently raised by the Ozar to a secretary war artist and correspondent of the II-taryship of state, is the power behind fire.

> Japan's proposals, said he had not officially heard anything further about the negotiations, but he failed to see how the Japanese demands could be modi-

9 o'clock, thence from the other boxes throughout the city. The morning col-MANY NEW BOXES. lection from the more distant boxes will An increase in the number of street walks. The hours of collection will be

made by the letter carriers during the day from the boxes on their respective letter boxes in this city-has been de- noted on each box as soon as this can be correctly ascertained. The new boxes to-day. A box will also be placed at the corner of Lansdowne road and Bos-

A: PATTULLO'S SUICIDE.

NO. 80.

Member of Ontario Legislature Cut His Throat in London.

Montreal, Dec. 30 .- A special London cable says Mr. Andrew Pattullo member of the Ontario legislature for North Oxford, was found dead in his bedroom yesterday, his throat having bee; cut

yesterday, nis throat naving bee; cutwith a razor.
Mr. Pattullo had for some days been
in a nervons condition and had cancelled a speech he was to deliver before
the Tariff Reform League at Ipswich.
He seemed excited over the criticism in
English papers on his speech a few days

His nephew, a newspaper man in Lon don, who was stopping with his uncle at 11 Montague Place, says Mr. Pattullo woke up early yesterday gasping for breath, as if he was suffering from heart troubble. He administered a dose of medicine prescribed by Dr. Ross, som of Hon. G. W. Ross. Mr. Pattullo felt better and went to sleep. In the morning he was very cheerful and arranged to attend a fancy dress ball on Thursday. His nephew went to his newspaper work opened Mr. Pattullo was found dead, his throat having been cut by a razor.

INTER-CITY BASKETBALL.

Vancouver and Fernwood Teams to Play at Drill Hall To-night.

A great amount of interest is being officially the situation is regarded as being most serious.

Kaiser's Hopeful View.

Kaiser's Hopeful View.

The musical selections to be rendered. Berlin, Jan. 2 .- Emperor William told by the regimental band are of the usual

> lowing programme, which will commence Part I.-1, Overture, "Semiramede," Rossini; 2, characteristic piece, "Dawn of Love," Bendix; 3, selection from Part II.—5, basketball, Vancouver vs. Fernwoods; 6, intermezzo, "Anona,"

march, "Our Soldier Boys," Recker: God

TWO DEATHS.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 31.-Charles Sweney was burned to death in his shack last night at Kashabowie, on the C. P. R. about 120 miles west of here. Particulars are not known, but it is supposed he was asleep when the fire started, and was caught by the flames before

he could escape. On Monday a man named Fenwick, aged 66, was found dead by neighbors in his shack on his farm in White Fish Valley. The body was found just within the doors where he had fallen. Heart disease is supposed to have been the

DOMINION BRIEFS.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Ald. Adams was to-day presented with a very largely signed requisition asking him to accept the Conservative nomination for St. An-toine division, Montreal. He accepted Wire Rods.

Wire Rods.

P. J. Whigham and E. F. Knight, both of the Morning Post, London.

Minister's Statement.

London, Jan. 2.—Baron Hayashi, when shown the dispatch from St. Petersburg announc. f that it appeared to be true that Russia had decided not to accept Japan's proposals, said he had not offi-

Hamilton, Dec. 29.—The jury investigating the death of Ida Crone has brought in a verdict that deceased's death was caused by a criminal operation performed by Hattie Walters, to whom she had been referred by John Zion in Canada.

Windsor, Dec. 29.—Information has been received here that John Alexander Dowie, "Elijah the Restorer," will establish his Canadian capital in this city. Candidates.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—At a Conservative convention for Dorchester, Quebec, J. B. Martin, M.P., was chosen candidate. John McGowan, M.P., was nominated in North Wellington by the Conservatives to-day. North Grey Liberals nominated W. P. Telford of Owen Sound,

For Selkirk. Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Selkirk Conservatives met at Selkirk to-day and nominated W. W. Coleman, of Stonewall, for the House of Commons.

LARGER THAN BALTIC.

White Star Line Reported to Have Placed Order at Belfast For Another Big Steamer.

LIKELY TO RESIGN.

M. Rouvier May Retire From the French
Cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Gil Blas announces that M. Rouvier will shortly resign the