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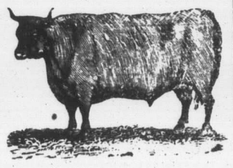

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CHANGES IN THE CABINET.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt Will Lead the Liberals in the Commons—General Review of the Situation as Influenced By Current Events.

LONDON, March 5.—The Queen accepted Mr. Gladstone's resignation on Saturday and offered the premiership to Lord Rosebery. Rosebery has accepted.

Sir Henry Ponsonby, the Queen's private secretary, visited Lord Rosebery in London Saturday afternoon and told him of the Queen's wish, that he accept the premiership. Lord Rosebery was unwilling to give any immediate decision. He conferred at length with his colleagues in the Cabinet and delayed his acceptance until evening.

William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Earl Spencer, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Herbert Asquith, Home Secretary, called upon Lord Rosebery yesterday. Mr. Gladstone attended the chapel Royal St. James, and took no part in the Cabinet making.

Mr. Gladstone's withdrawal from the Premiership opens a most complex situation in domestic politics. What the consequences will be it is now impossible to foretell, although these and the columns of the newspapers are filled with surprise, advice and warnings. Difficulties will not cease finally with the elevation of Lord Rosebery to the Premiership of the two or three other Cabinet changes which are contemplated. The career of the reconstructed Ministry will proceed for some time probably on the lines hitherto followed.

Mr. Gladstone's name will be doubtless of the greatest use to clear the way of the Cabinet as long as he shall remain in or near the arena of politics, but it must be remembered that the Government majority is small and that Lord Rosebery, who has never been an ardent home ruler, is likely to have trouble with the Irish members after the withdrawal of the old Premier's conciliatory influence. Henry Labouchere, the fighting leader of the Radicals, and most of his supporters moreover are not likely to be reconciled to a peer in the premiership even under Mr. Gladstone's influence, especially in view of Mr. Gladstone's final declaration against the House of Lords.

The attitude of Justin McCarthy and his anti-Parnellite followers will not be chosen

MR. GLADSTONE'S SUCCESSOR.

definitely until their meeting on the eve of the new session. At present they are not disposed to take part in the conflict over the leadership, as they regard the pledges given by the Liberal party as satisfactory to the claims of Ireland. Much depends upon the attitude of Sir Wm. Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Gladstone's tried lieutenant in the House of Commons. Sir William seems to be the only possible leader of the Liberals in the Commons. Should he consent to serve under Lord Rosebery much of the Ministerial difficulty would be removed, although minor causes of embarrassment would remain.

There is endless guesswork concerning the personnel of the reconstructed Cabinet. Many Radicals predict these changes: Sir Wm. Harcourt to be Premier; Prof. Bryce, now Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, or Herbert Gladstone, to be Chief Secretary for Ireland; and John Morley to succeed the Earl of Kimberley as Secretary of State for India.

Some say that Herbert Gladstone will succeed Edward Marjoribanks as chief Liberal whip and patronage secretary to the Treasury, and that Mr. Marjoribanks will be made Secretary for Scotland and Sir George Trevelyan will succeed Earl Spencer as First Lord of the Admiralty. The same persons expect that Earl Spencer will be retired from the Cabinet. All this, however, is guesswork, mere prophecy, without any foundation in positive information. There is no doubt, however, that the caucus managers and wire-pullers and many clubmen of the Government party prefer Sir Wm. Harcourt to Lord Rosebery in the Premiership. The extremists among them declare absolutely that they will not have Lord Rosebery, who has done none of the Government's hard work, was never a commoner, and is tainted with jingoism.

The fact is that Lord Rosebery is a strong, reserved man. While many of the elder Ministerialists may not wish to serve under him he is the favorite of the Government majority of Liberal outside Parliament. The voters prefer Lord Rosebery to others, because he proved so amply his firmness, tact and foresightedness when he was chairman of the London County Council. The Midlands and the North of England remember him for his success in settling the disastrous coal strike of last year, while Scotland, regarding herself as the natural heir to the Liberal leadership, prefers him to any other candidate yet mentioned for the premiership.

Connolly and the Orangemen.

MONTREAL, March 5.—N. K. Connolly has gone to Quebec, where he will remain for a short time with his family. "I noticed reports," said Mr. Connolly to the reporter, "that the jury at my trial was selected from a community evidently hostile to me, composed of Carleton county Orangemen, and which might go to show that I throw all the blame for my conviction on the Orangemen. I wish to contradict this, as I have received just as kind treatment from the Orangemen as I have received from the Catholics, and, further, the masses have been indefatigable in their efforts to secure my release."

Baron Tweedmouth Dead.

LONDON, March 5.—Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks, Baron Tweedmouth, died suddenly yesterday afternoon. He had been sitting for some time. He sat in parliament for Berwick from 1853 to 1868. He was knighted in 1881. Edward Marjoribanks, his son, the Liberal whip, succeeds to the peerage. The Baron was father of Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor General of Canada.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

The Manitoba Legislature prorogued on Thursday.

On Friday was the 16th anniversary of the coronation of the Pope.

The State bank of Brookville, Saline county, Kansas, has failed.

Two murderers were lynched at Mountain Home, Ark., on Monday night.

Hamilton City Council on Friday night reduced the number of shop licenses to 20.

R. G. Dun & Co. report 42 failures in Canada the past week against 45 last year.

The work of rebuilding the Woodstock Opera House will be commenced at once.

Henry Chapman Ford, a well-known artist, died on Wednesday at San Francisco.

The largest opal in the world is said to have been found at the opal mines at Idaho.

James Osmond, one of Niagara Township's best known fruit-growers, died on Friday.

Four miners were fatally injured by an accident in a colliery near Wilkesbarre, Pa., on Friday.

Gen. Jubal A. Early an American Confederate veteran died at Lynchburg, Va., on Friday night.

J. G. Moore, formerly of Waterdown, committed suicide by hanging at Milton on Thursday morning.

Ingersoll Town Council has reduced the number of shop licenses to two and cut off three hotel licenses.

John Garberry, aged 32, died at Newark, N. J., Thursday of hiccoughs, after thirteen weeks of suffering.

William Frederick Pole, LL.D., a celebrated American librarian, died at Evanston, Ill., on Thursday.

The Fraser river, at Westminster, B.C., is to be bridged with a steel structure costing half a million dollars.

Ninety victims of yellow fever are being buried every day at Rio de Janeiro. The new cases number 200 daily.

The steamer Victoria, which sailed from Tacoma, Wash., on Wednesday for China, carried fifteen deported Chinese.

London liquor dealers and brewers organized a branch of the Publicans' Protective Association out Friday night.

A despatch from Shanghai says that 450 men were killed recently by an explosion in a coal mine in the Province of Shang Tung.

A mob of 200 men made an unsuccessful attempt to lynch a colored murderer at Stroudsburg, near Scranton, Pa., on Friday.

At Carlisle, Pa., on Thursday Chas. Saylards was hanged for the murder of Police Officer George Martin at Carlisle on April 8 last.

Phil. Scheig, teller of a Minneapolis bank, has confessed that in the past few years he has stolen $123,000 from the institution.

A Calcutta despatch says that the Abors recently annihilated the entire Sepoy guard of 30 at Bordax, near the Chinese frontier.

A glass bomb was found in front of a loan office in Prague on Wednesday. A half-burned fuse was attached to one end of the missile.

Willis Olds, of Simcoe, 26 years of age, was run over and killed in the West Shore yards at Buffalo, where he has been working as brakesman.

By an explosion at the Refanno Chemical Works at Thompson's Point, near Paulsboro', N.J., on Friday, Levi Ivins was blown to atoms.

A Halifax law firm, acting for a syndicate of Canadian and American capitalists, has bonded about 750,000 acres of Nova Scotia timber lands.

There are 46,688 men and 9,988 women and girls out of employment in Brooklyn, or a total of 56,676. Of these 19,873 are in destitute circumstances.

Miss Lena Sauve, aged eighteen, was run over and killed while walking on the G. T. R. track about half a mile east of Belle River on Wednesday.

John F. Ottwell, a convict at the penitentiary from London, has been released. He is 75 years of age. Ottwell was sentenced to two years for grain stealing.

The private banking firm of Green, Worlock & Co., Victoria, B.C., closed its doors on Friday. The liabilities are $444,900, and the assets are given as $610,510.

The United States Treasury statement for the eight months of the present fiscal year shows that the expenditure for that period has been $48,000,000 greater than the revenue.

A ministers' meeting has been held in Boston to promote an amendment to the constitution of the United States so that an acknowledgment of God will appear in connection with it.

Toney Lafan, a colored philanthropist, has just died at New Orleans, leaving an estate valued at $400,000. Bequests are made to charitable institutions for both white and colored people.

Canada's total trade with Great Britain decreased during the year ending June 30, 1893, by $2,626,000. Our aggregate trade with the United States increased during the same period by over $10,100,000.

No license reduction will be made in London this year. Only six aldermen out of eighteen attended the meeting of the London City Council called for Wednesday night to adopt a reduction by law.

The British and American Industrial and Financial Investment Syndicate of New York has offered Secretary Carlisle sixty-five cents per ounce for 75,000,000 of the silver bullion now in the United States Treasury.

The public debt statement of the United States will show the general balance slightly less than $138,000,000, as against $34,000,000 February 1 last, and the Treasury gold at $106,300,000, against $65,650,000 on February 1

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Gaulois of Paris says an offensive and defensive alliance between Russia and France was formed and the convention signed during the Franco-Russian fetes which took place in Paris.

Canada's trade and navigation returns show that the exports in 1893 were valued at $118,619,750, as compared with $113,963,375 in 1892, an increase of $4,656,375. The total imports were $129,074,268, as compared with $127,406,068 in 1892.

On Tuesday night burglars entered the house of Henry Gierman, treasurer of Exeter township, Huron county, at Scofield, Mich., shot Mrs. Gierman dead, clubbed her husband into insensibility and got away with about $1,000, which was hidden in the bed on which the victims slept.

At Pittsburg, Pa., on Wednesday night Pitcher McNabb, of the Baltimore Baseball Club, fired three shots into the head and neck of Louise Kellogg, a member of the Alvin Joslin theatrical company, and two shots through his own head. The woman can hardly recover. Her right name is Mrs. Rockwell, and her husband is at Seattle, Wash.

Colonial Trade Relations.

LONDON, March 2.—Sir Thomas McIlwraith has arrived here. He, with the Hon. Robert Reid, ex-Minister of Defence of Victoria, will interview the British Cabinet Ministers. The Australians are very hopeful of the prospects for an all-British Pacific cable between Canada and Australia and also of trade between these colonies in the near future.

ONTARIO PARLIAMENT.

TORONTO, Feb. 27.—At the sitting of the Legislature yesterday Dr. Ryerson asked whether a commission had been appointed to enquire into the charges made against Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, by G. A. Dorion.

Mr. Harcourt answered that Mr. Fleming, the inspector of legal offices, and Dr. Ras had been appointed a commission to make the necessary inquiries.

Mr. Balfour moved for a return showing the number of persons employed, temporarily or permanently, by the Government, in the service of the province on the 31st of December, 1893, together with their names, ages, nationality, religion, salary, occupation, place of residence and date of appointment; but not including mechanics, artisans, laborers or like employes, whose engagement or employment was of a merely temporary character. Also, a similar return as to all persons not included in the foregoing and who have been appointed by the Government to any permanent or temporary office or position under the crown, either for or within the province, or in, or for, or in respect of any county or any district or other locality in the province. Also, a similar return as to all sessional clerks now employed.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the return should include all employes for 1894 as well.

Mr. Balfour moved that the returns provided for by the orders of this House relating to the public service, passed on the 10th day of April and 19th day of May last, shall contain, in addition to the information for the year 1871 and 1892, provided for by the said orders, like information regarding the year 1873.

Guelph Farm Report.

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Mr. J. M. Clarke, who was recently elected in South Lanark, took his seat in the house yesterday.

Mr. McKay (Oxford) moved for a return giving the number of votes cast "yes" and "no" for prohibition on January 1 last, and for various other particulars regarding the vote.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Clancy asked: How much of the sum voted by the province in aid of railways has been paid by direct cash payments? How much have railway aid certificates been issued for, in lieu of direct cash payments respectively to the 31st December, 1893?

Mr. Harcourt—In aid of railways the cash payments to 31st December 1893, amounted to $5,959,084 13, namely, Direct payments where no certificates were issued, $1,704,195.16; certificates paid, $4,254,888.97. The total amount of certificates issued has been $5,567,038.85, of which certificates now outstanding amount to $1,312,149.88. The present value of outstanding certificates is $922,071.82.

Mr. Clarke, South Lanark, asked for a return from each municipality in the province, other than counties, showing the rate of taxation therein for municipal and school purposes.

Mr. Willoughby asked for a return giving an itemized statement of all expenditures and disbursements in connection with East Northumberland registrary office for the years 1891, 1892 and 1893.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt laid the public accounts for 1893 on the table yesterday. Copies were distributed among the members immediately. The receipts for the year were $6,330,285.41, and expenditure $3,907,145.32.

The accounts show that $84,246 revenue was received from law stamps during the year and $45,507 from succession duties levied on estates during the year.

The report of the Provincial Agricultural College and Experimental Farm was presented by Hon. Mr. Dryden. It is preluded by the report of Superintendent Mills, who says: "Those who have visited our college from time to time have observed, above everything else, that our history has been one of continuous progress in the improvement of our equipment, the enlargement of our staff and the extension of our work. The year 1893 has not been an exception in this respect. It has been marked by progress on several lines—the completion of our greenhouses, the construction of a large farm piggery, the erection of a dairy building and two dairy cottages, the appointment of a lecturer on horticulture, the organization of a summer school for teachers, and the commencement of a home dairy course for farmers' sons and daughters. The attendance of students is quite satisfactory. We began the year with all rooms occupied, and in October last we had applicants for every vacancy. The total number on the roll in 1893 was as follows: Regular students, 186; dairy students, 60; total, 246. To these may be added an attendance of 34 at our summer school in July last, making a grand total of 280."

Prof. J. Hugo Ross, in his report, says: On December 31 I was asked to examine two cows that were not doing well. I condemned them as presenting very strong symptoms of tuberculosis and ordered their isolation. On my return from institute work about January 21 I found one of these animals much worse, and on gaining your permission I slaughtered her and found on holding a post mortem that she was very extensively diseased. The other cow was thriving tolerably well, and we kept her isolated. She gave birth to twin calves, one of which lived. Under instructions from the Minister of Agriculture I tested this cow, and some more of which I was suspicious, with Prof. Koch's lymph, or tuberculin. My experience with the test has been that it can be depended on in all cases. If the Government should see fit to class this disease in the Contagious Disease Act, and endeavor to stamp it out by slaughtering all diseased animals, this test will be of great value. As there is no doubt that the trouble is more common in cattle than is generally supposed, the subject is worthy of the most serious consideration of the Government.

The report of Mr. E. H. Dean, professor of dairying, contains the following: "At the present time our stock consists of:—Cattle—Three Jerseys (two cows and a heifer), four Holsteins (three cows and a heifer), three Ayrshires (two cows and a heifer), four Guernseys (two cows and two heifer calves), two Red Polled (a cow and a heifer calf), six grades (four cows, one heifer and one heifer calf). Besides these we shall offer in the annual sale three Ayrshire calves, two Holstein and two Jersey calves."

Resignation of Hon. Mr. Fraser.

TORONTO, March 1.—In the Legislature Sir Oliver Mowat rose in his seat and made the announcement that Hon. C. F. Fraser, Minister of Public Works, and one of his most trusted colleagues, was forced to resign from the Cabinet owing to his continued ill-health. The announcement occasioned general surprise and regret.

A number of bills were introduced and read a first time.

Mr. White asked how many Ayrshire cattle are there now owned at the Agricultural College, sexes, dates of purchase, and prices paid for each animal and from whom purchased.

Hon Mr. Dryden—There are now eight Ayrshire cattle at the Ontario Agricultural College consisting of three males and five females. Four were bred at the farm and four purchased, namely: One cow from James McQueen, of Crofts, Scotland, in July, 1891, price $37.40; one bull calf from the same, price $60.67; one cow from Andrew Montgomery, Scotland, August, 1892, price $116.88; and one bull (the winner at World's Fair) from Thomas Guy of Oshawa, in December, 1893, price $100.

After the new bills had been introduced the members were preparing to leave the chamber, expecting that the House would adjourn. Sir Oliver Mowat rose, however, and in a feeling address, announced the resignation of Mr. Fraser, touching on the great regret he experienced in losing one of his most active and valuable Ministers. Sir Oliver expressed the hope that Mr. Fraser would regain his health and probably return to public life. He mentioned that the Commissioner of Public Works had had differences of opinion at times with his colleagues on matters, but they were buried in the regret at his withdrawal.

Mr. Wood (Hastings) moved for a return of copies of all correspondence in connection with an application for a supply of timber for a sawmill in the township of Tyendenaga, in the county of Hastings, by Mr. Fraser Chisholm of the said township.

The motion carried.

These private bills passed the Committee yesterday: Respecting the railway debenture debt of the township of Floss; respecting the People's Life Insurance Co.; and respecting the Beechwood Cemetery Co., Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt laid the estimates for the current year on the table yesterday. They amount to $481,483 less than last year.

Government Cattle at Guelph.

TORONTO, March 2.—Mr. Fraser's resignation was the sole topic of conversation among the members of both sides of the House yesterday.

Mr. McColl moved for an order of the House for a return showing, (1) the advertisements for the sale of the cattle offered for sale at the Agricultural College in December last, (2) the conditions of sale, (3) a list of the names of the purchasers and the prices paid for the animals sold, (4) a list of the names of the animals of which the purchasers refused to complete the sale, (5) a statement of the animals sold and afterwards returned, (6) the names of the persons from whom such animals, if any, were purchased by the province and the prices paid for them, (7) a list of the animals in respect of which the test for tuberculosis was applied, and statement of the result in each case. He regretted that circumstances had been such as to make the motion necessary, but farmers and cattle men all over the country had felt that pressure had been brought to bear on them by the restrictions imposed upon the cattle trade of the country by the imperial authorities. The object of the motion was to find out the facts in connection with the outbreak of tuberculosis at the provincial experimental farm, in order that the people of the province might be satisfied as to the exact extent of the hold the disease had obtained at the college.

Hon. Mr. Dryden, in reply, said there was no objection to give any of the particulars asked for in the motion. The Government had no wish to keep back information connected with the discovery of this disease in the dairy department at the Agricultural College. The discovery having been made, it was manifestly the Government's duty to pursue the investigation further in order to find all possible information for the people of this country. All the noise and difficulty that had taken place occurred simply because instructions were given for the matter to be investigated. The disease having been definitely ascertained to exist, orders were given Dr. Reid, veterinary surgeon at the college, to make experiments with Koch's lymph. He (Mr. Dryden) did not know whether it was understood that it was impossible, even by the most expert veterinary surgeon, to tell anything about the disease being present in these animals, except in the earlier stages and by the use of the fluid he had mentioned. It was no wonder therefore that neither Dr. Reid or any of the persons connected with the college had knowledge of the existence of the disease. The experiments had been going on ever since the disease had been discovered, and there had been considerable progress made, but not sufficient in some cases to be able to arrive at any definite conclusion. He wished to say, however, that when these conclusions were reached they would be published in a bulletin and distributed throughout the country. The college at Guelph was not the only institution of the kind at which an outbreak of tuberculosis had occurred. In Ohio, Maine, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, where similar institutions existed, there had been outbreaks, and in most of the cases the whole of the herds had been slaughtered. Then, at the experimental farm, Ottawa, there was last year an outbreak of the same character. It would appear, however, that the outbreak at Ottawa was much more severe than that which had been discovered at Guelph. Several of the animals at Ottawa, he believed, died from the effects of the disease, whilst at Guelph none of the animals had gone that far.

Women's Suffrage.

TORONTO, March 3.—Yesterday's sitting of the House was comparatively quiet after the spirited debate of Thursday, although a good deal of importance was transacted.

Mr. Hammell asked—By what title does the province hold the plot of land on which the Legislative Assembly buildings are now situated?

Sir Oliver Mowat—The lot referred to was formerly the property of the provincial university and it is now the property of the province free from any trust, and the transactions by which it became so appears from the statutes 43 Vict., chap. 2, and 52 Vict., chap. 33.

A deputation waited upon the Government and requested that an Act should be passed providing for:

"A Saturday half-holiday from about one o'clock in the afternoon for all employees with such exceptions and limitations as may be found necessary."

"Such a reasonable limitation of the number of hours of work per week, in cases covered by the Act as will prevent its provisions from being indirectly violated."

"The Act should apply to establishments having as many as three employes."

"It is desired that the Act should apply in the first instance to cities only and that councils of other municipalities should have the power of making its provisions applicable therein."

A large deputation of ladies waited upon Sir Oliver Mowat yesterday afternoon for the purpose of urging the Government to extend the franchise to women. Several gentlemen also accompanied the party.

The Charleston Riots.

CHARLESTON, W.Va., March 5.—There is practically no change in the situation at Eagle to-day. Fourteen rioters were arrested at Montgomery yesterday and taken to the Fayette County jail.

Dairymen's Association.

SHELBURNE, Ont., March 3.—A convention was held here yesterday under the auspices of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario. A large number of farmers and others interested in cheese and butter making were present. The meeting was addressed by J. W. Wheaton, secretary of the association; Mr. A. Ruddick, superintendent of dairy stations in Western Ontario; Mr. Sprague, instructor in butter making at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; and Mr. Robert Robertson, cheese buyer, London. The addresses were of an exceedingly practical nature and were highly appreciated and should be productive of great good. A second meeting was held in the evening, at which Mr. R. A. Ruddick [illegible] lectured.

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