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Once more Christmas is upon us; once more, the season of peace and good will has come round. Of all the feasts in the ecclesiastical calendar, Christmas is the most joyous. And why should it not be so? It is the feast which we commemorate the accomplishment of the great mystery of the Incarnation? It is quite unnecessary to enumerate here, the conditions and circumstances under which the first Christmas was ushered in. This is a question familiar and concerning which they are reminded, from the pulpit on each recurrence of the great Festival. That the joy of the first Christmas was not confined to this world; but was participated in by, and indeed, had its inception among the angelic choirs, we know from the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," first sung by the heavenly host on the plains of Bethlehem, nearly nineteen hundred years ago. Would we celebrate Christmas in the most worthy and becoming manner; would we desire to draw near the crib of Bethlehem, and to please the Divine Heart of Him who there became a babe for us, we should not forget, at this season, those whom He loved, the poor. If we do what we can to supply their wants and alleviate their sufferings, we cannot fail to enjoy what we sincerely wish all our readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

As will be seen elsewhere a new Government has been formed. It took Premier Bowell, but a short time to complete his ministry. As was expected, but few changes have been made in the portfolios, all the old members being retained, in their former positions, with but two or three exceptions, made necessary by the taking in of a new man to fill the vacancy caused by the Premier's death. The vacant portfolio for Nova Scotia was offered to Mr. Kenney, M. P., for Halifax. He wired his appreciation of the honor; but stated that he did not desire to take office. Mr. Dickey, M. P., for Cumberland was then offered and accepted the portfolio of Secretary of State. Mr. Dickey who is about forty years of age, resides at Amherst. He is a son of Senator Dickey, was educated at Winsor N. S., and the university of Toronto, and was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in 1878. It is satisfactory to note that Prince Edward Island's claim to Cabinet representation has to some extent, at least, been acknowledged by giving Hon. Senator Ferguson a seat in the Government. It is true that it is without portfolio; still it constitutes the Hon. Senator one of His Excellency's advisers and affords him an opportunity of advancing the claims of our Province where such advocacy is likely to be most effective. We congratulate the Hon. gentlemen on the distinction he has had conferred upon him and we trust he may not remain long without a portfolio.

Premier Bowell is a native of Suffolk, England, where he was born on December 27th 1823, so that he has almost completed his seventy-first year. He came to Canada when very young, and was for many years editor and proprietor of the Belleville Intelligencer. His long journalistic training had, doubtless, much to do with fitting him for the Parliamentary and Departmental duties which he has performed with such ability and satisfaction to the public. He was first elected to Parliament in 1867, and he has had a seat there ever since. He became a member of Sir John McDonald's Government, with the portfolio of Minister of Customs, in 1878, and ever since then has been in the Ministry. When Sir John Thompson became Premier, and the bill creating the offices of Controllers of Customs and Inland Revenue and Solicitor General, went into effect Mr. Bowell became Minister of Trade and Commerce and was appointed to the Senate where he became a member. The position he held till he became Premier.

It appears that before asking anyone to form a Cabinet, the Governor-General asked the advice of Sir Frank Smith, and the latter advised His Excellency to summon Mr. Bowell. Referring to this matter, in a subsequent conversation Sir Frank Smith said: "I think that I could not have given His Excellency any better advice. I have known Mr. Bowell for a great many years, and although he has been a strong Orangeman and very earnest and outspoken in his views and opinions, as he has a perfect right to be, yet I have never known him to say an offensive word about Catholics, or to do anything which they could regard as offensive. I look upon him as an honest and fair-minded

A Chat with Our Subscribers.

While extending to all our subscribers the kindest of Christmas greetings, we beg especially to thank those who have not forgotten to discharge their obligations to the publisher. We know, friends, that during the Christmas holidays you are accustomed to spend money more lavishly than at any other time. Please remember the publisher among your beneficiaries. The most acceptable Christmas box to him is the amount of his subscription from anyone who has not yet paid.

In an interview, in Montreal, after the completion of his Cabinet, Premier Bowell is reported to have said that he would faithfully adhere to the policy of Sir John Thompson. Nothing else was expected. When Sir John McDonald died, the opponents of the Government were in hopes of weakening the Government ranks at that critical moment. But, although the veteran Chief Minister had departed, the principles for which he fought remained, and his colleagues stood nobly shoulder to shoulder in the maintenance and advocacy of those principles. The great principles underlying the Liberal Conservative policy do not depend on the life of any one man. No sooner does Sir John McDonald fall, than another is found to devote, and even to sacrifice his life to the carrying out of what he believes to be the best and only safe policy for Canada. And now that the late brilliant, loved and trusted leader has been suddenly taken away, another of the same school is found to step into the breach, and the ranks are closed in again in solid phalanx. The fact that within three years, and a half, three Canadian Premiers, all of the same school, have fallen in harness, and the fourth takes the lead, with ranks as firm and solid as ever, is about the strongest argument that could be advanced in favor of the political principles which the Liberal Conservative Party advocate and the public policy which they pursue.

On Wednesday last, Premier Bowell had practically completed his Cabinet, and on Thursday, accompanied by Hon. Messrs. Costigan, Tupper, Ives, Dickey and Montague, he came to Montreal, where he met the Governor-General, by appointment, and submitted to him the names of those he had invited to sit with him at Council table. On the following day those members of the Cabinet, above named were sworn in and returned to Ottawa. The new Government is made up as follows: Premier and president of the Council—Bowell. Postmaster general—Caron. Marine and Fisheries—Costigan. Finance—Foster. Justice—Tupper. Railways and canals—Haggart. Public works—Oimiet. Militia—Patterson. Interior—Daly. Agriculture—Angers. Trade and Commerce—Ives. Secretary of State—Dickey. The above form the cabinet. Solicitor general—Curran. Controller of customs—Wallace. Controller of inland revenue—Wood. Ministers without portfolio—Sir Frank Smith, Sir John Carling, Hon. Donald Ferguson, and Dr. Montague. The only new Minister who will require to go to his constituents for re-election is Mr. Dickey. Hon. Messrs. Montague and Ferguson will merely require to take the oath of a Privy Councillor. The election for Cumberland County, N. S. Hon. Mr. Dickey's constituency will take place at once.

The selection of Hon. McKenzie Bowell for the Premiership, says the Empire, has been well received on all hands. It would be marvellous, indeed, if, with the number of men there were to choose from, there would not be a variety of personal preference; but since the choice has been made Conservatives everywhere recognize it not only as a fitting tribute to Hon. Mr. Bowell's long and faithful services, but decidedly the best and safest thing that could have been done. They know that in him they have a man who, from the humble beginning of a printer boy, has steadily worked his way upward by his own unaided exertions and sterling character till he has honestly attained the very highest position in the land; that he has proved his ability in every department of the public service (and they are not a few) he has been called on to do; that he has come thus far through a period of official life longer than that of any other living Dominion politician, with a character unswerving, and against which the breath of suspicion has never been raised; and that now, with his ripe experience and judgment, his proved ability and his sterling integrity of character, the whole community will have confidence and feel themselves satisfied in his hands. Even his political opponents are everywhere constrained to pay tribute to his personal worth.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The British steamer Oakfield, which sailed from Galveston, Tex., Nov. 20, via Newport News, arrived at Liverpool, with cotton, has arrived at St. John's Nfld with her cargo on fire.

Monsieur Mutel, head of the Catholic Mission in Corea, writes to Paris that the position of the native Christians is most serious. The rebellious Tongkaks, he says, now threaten to invade the northern part of the peninsula.

A conflagration has enveloped the Newcastle coal mine Washington State. The whole property, valued at half a million dollars, is threatened with destruction. The water from Coal creek was poured into the mine. 250 men will be idle several months.

One of the most magnificent monuments or ornaments ever made in this country, and the second costliest in the world, was recently delivered to the Associate Pastors of the Church of St. Ignace of Loyola Baltimore. It is the gift of the late Mrs. Celesia Whiteford of that city. Its value is estimated at \$15,000.

The Toronto Empire says it is not generally known that Hon. McKenzie Bowell's father kept a furniture establishment, and many a day in his early youth has he turned legs or polished table tops, so that his return to cabinet making will come natural to him. According to latest report, Mr. Bowell's hand has not lost its cunning.

Montreal Gazette: Mr. Gigault's report on the success of the dairy industry in Denmark shows that Canada has yet abundant room for expansion in that direction. Close attention to the peculiarities of the English market is the first condition of success, and in this head the report contains suggestions to which Quebec farmers will do well to give heed.

From utterances such as the following, it can be seen that the Canadian situation is beginning to be understood in Great Britain. The London Standard, referring to the fiscal policy of the Government of Sir John Thompson says: "It is partly owing to his ability and tact that the history of Canada since 1892 has been one of uneventful prosperity. True to the traditions of the party he led in the Dominion, he steadily opposed the fiscal innovations which under the specious name of free trade would have brought the commerce of Canada within the elaborate and comprehensive protection of the United States. Although he was not a free trader he was always ready to arrange treaties of commerce which he thought would lead to the same practical results, nor was he altogether disappointed perhaps because the negotiations that he conducted had not brought about a complete system of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, since he belonged to that sanguine and loyal and progressive party in the Dominion who are hoping and working for a customs union which shall ultimately embrace the whole 'British Empire'."

Big Fire at Springfield.

The greatest conflagration ever experienced at Springfield, N. S., took place Wednesday morning at 4:45 the whistle of the west slope blew many times to alarm the town that the west slope was on fire. The flames were first seen issuing from the oil house, and as everything was saturated with oil the flames spread with marked rapidity. The chemical engine was on hand and rendered what assistance it could. The company's hose played on the fire, and succeeded in extinguishing it. At the west slope the trestle, working rotary and screen were totally consumed. The west and north slopes were connected by a trestle work about one hundred rods long, which was used to convey the coal from the north slope to the west, where it was screened. The track on the top of the trestle, which was also roofed in, was thoroughly saturated with oil. The flames shot through this rapidly and soon reached the north slope. All the buildings in connection with this slope, including the engine houses were soon a mass of seething flames. The fire was beyond all control and licked up everything before it. The fire at the west bank had burned down the incline a short distance, but was put out by the fire engine. To prevent the fire descending the north incline, the woodwork immediately above the grooves and under the wheels was saturated with water. The fire was able to work, but those in the north area stopped. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. About four hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

OBITUARY.

On the fourth inst., Mount Stewart lost one of his most respected philanthropists by the death of James McIntyre. The deceased was only in his 32nd year, and enjoyed good health till last spring when he contracted cold which baffled medical treatment and finally ended in consumption. He bore his illness patiently and in his last hour was strengthened by the last rites of the Catholic Church of which he was a worthy member. Deceased will be greatly missed by the surrounding community, as he was esteemed by all who knew him and of this there was ample proof by the large number who followed the remains to their last resting place. To his bereaved father, sisters and brothers we tender our heartfelt sympathy, and mourn with them the loss of one who in the prime of life and fullness of virtue, was called from this world to meet his reward. May his soul rest in peace.—Col. (Examiner please copy.)

When the Franco-Canadian trade treaty came up in the French Senate on Friday last a debate somewhat similar to that in the Chamber of Deputies was expected. Even on this point, however, an arrangement seemed to have been made to adopt the bill without discussion or opposing, and this was done.

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The Late Premier's Remains.

According to the latest advice from London and Ottawa, following are the arrangements, as officially announced in connection with the removal of the body of Sir John Thompson: The body was taken from the mortuary chapel, Welbeck street, where it remained since the funeral, at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and left Victoria station for Portmouth on a special train at 9 o'clock. The train arrived at Portmouth at 11 o'clock. The body was received by the Catholic Bishop of Portmouth, Rt. Rev. John Virtue, the mayor of Portmouth, corporation officials of Portmouth, and a number of other composed of 200 sailors and marines, and was immediately taken on board the cruiser Blenheim. The Blenheim sailed on Sunday and may be expected at Halifax on Monday morning next. It is therefore probable that the State funeral will take place on January 2nd. The Blenheim has been all painted black for the occasion. The captain's large cabin has been converted into a temporary mortuary chamber, the coffin resting on a catafalque. Before Her Majesty left Windsor for the Isle of Wight she sent another magnificent wreath to accompany the dead body to Canada.

The Canadian Potato.

The Canadian potato has added to its reputation considerably in the last few weeks, some correspondence having passed with the Government and commission on the subject of importing Canadian seed potatoes into Ireland in order to diminish as far as possible the loss of the potato crop. A quantity of seed was imported last year, and the crop proved much superior to that grown from native seed. The Belfast News Letter, by way of the Belfast News Letter, says, as well as the public opinion, that the potato is a valuable subject. A recent order that is said to be the importation of Irish potatoes, the ostensible reason being that they are more reliable than those grown elsewhere to be diseased. If, as this correspondence seems to show, light can be planted and cultivation of the potatoes it is hoped that the fact will be made widely known. It is argued that farmers will be consulting their own interests, as well as those of the public, by using the seed which is available. Hon. Mr. Hanna, of Belfast who has been corresponding with the Irish land commission on the case of a farmer named Kelly of Sydenham, who planted potatoes called the "Canadian Wonder" on March 25th and raised the crop on August 4th. Some of the seed were planted uncut and a part of it cut in halves. The uncut came in first, and the cut came in next, with a stronger stem. The result of the experiment is said to have brought forth the explanation that Mr. Kelly "I have been farming this thirty years and I never saw such prolific results."

An Engineer's Heroism.

The Stevens colliery, at West Pittston, Pa., operated by Jenkins & Co., was the scene of a considerable accident at 11 o'clock the engineer, Thomas Lloyd, discovered that the engine house was on fire. He made an effort to extinguish the flames with a few buckets of water, but was unsuccessful. The structure was back of the engine house and the fire made rapid headway. Lloyd was alone in the building at the time, and he remembered that there were sixty men late all around the brave engineer, who still held the lever. At last the remaining men got on the cage, and in a few minutes all were safely on the surface. The engineer fainted from the excitement and exhaustion, but was quickly rescued by the members of the local fire department, who had now reached the scene. He was badly burned about the face and hands, but will recover. The fire caused damage to property amounting to about \$3,000.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Snow shoes, Moccasins at Goff Bros. Buy your presents at Goff Bros, if not suitable will be exchanged, Goff Bros. We are indebted to Messrs Dodd & Rogers for a handsome calendar for 1895. What can be better for a present than a pair of overalls. Get them at Goff Bros. This match game of cricket between the teams of England and Australia was finished on Thursday last. Two innings were played. England's score was 762, Australia's score 752.

OWING to Christmas Day coming on Tuesday we have anticipated our regular day of publication by going to press on Monday. On this account The Herald will reach the greater number of its readers by the afternoon of Christmas, a fact which, we feel sure, our subscribers will appreciate.

Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian high commissioner in Great Britain, has been sitting since his recent attack of influenza. On Tuesday last week he was seized with chill and is now unable to leave his house. Owing to the condition of his health Sir Charles has not accompanied the body of Sir John Thompson to Canada on the cruise of Blenheim. Senator Sanford alone sailed with the remains.

ST. PATRICK'S HALL was again crowded on Thursday evening last, when the third of the monthly entertainments in aid of the poor, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was given. A good musical and literary programme was well rendered. The opening number, a mandolin duet, by Miss DeLisle and Miss Coody was excellently rendered and enthusiastically received, the performers being obliged to respond to an encore. Miss DeLisle appeared later on the programme, and her "Cock Lory" was given in a splendid manner. Miss Katie Higgins also sang a solo in first class style. It goes without saying that Professor Caven sang excellently, and was rapturously applauded. Mr. Benjamin Bremner rendered the "Cock Lory" in such a manner as to convulse the audience. The applause was vociferous, and, of course he was obliged to come back the second time. Miss Lottie Halloran's recitation was very well received, and Miss Bessie Zucke recited in an exceptionally clever manner. Her historic power is of a high order. A piano and harp duet by Mrs. Peter Doyle and Mr. Charles Thorne was exceedingly well rendered and was one of the most popular numbers on the programme; and Mr. Thomas, who accompanied himself on the harmonica, was very much enjoyed and most heartily applauded. Numerous readings were given by Messrs. James McIsaac and William Moran which were well received. The accompanying Miss Lucy Caven, Miss Marie McDonald and Mr. Fletcher. Nearly all the singers and performers were obliged to respond to an encore, and the entertainment was, in every way, a success. Those in charge of the entertainment will be most pleased to see their kind friends back again, when they will endeavor to present to them a programme equally as good or better than that of the last entertainment.

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