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MONTREAL advices of Monday say:—It is now understood that Rudolph Lemieux will remain solicitor general and that he will either be given seat in the cabinet or simply be made a privy councillor. It appears to be quite as good as settled that Mr. Brodeur will take the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries and that the Inland Revenue department will go to Senator Templeman of British Columbia.

The elections in Great Britain are now over and the standing of parties at the close seems to be as follows: Liberals, 376; Unionists, 160; Nationalists, 84; Laborites, 50. These figures give the Government a majority over all the other parties, of 82. The Liberals, Nationalists and Laborites combined number 510, a majority over the Unionists of 850. Balfour, the late Premier, is to run for a seat in the City of London, vacated by A. G. Gibbs, Unionist. It is thought he may not be opposed.

It is stated from Ottawa that the minister of justice contemplates the introduction of a bill into parliament next session framed on the separate money lenders' act and designed to put a stop to usury. Under the imperial statute, where a money lender seeks to recover money lent and the court is satisfied that the interest or other demand in respect of the money actually loaned is excessive, it may relieve the person sued from payment of any amount in excess of such sum as the judge may hold to be reasonable. The court may, moreover, order a refund of excess charges if paid, and may order the lender to indemnify the borrower for any securities with which he may have parted in the transaction.

ACCORDING to advices received at the department of the interior immigration from the United States this year promises to be larger than ever, inquiries are general from all over the union. The New England states are becoming greatly interested in the possibilities of the Canadian Northwest and these states promise to give a large quota during the coming season. Many Pennsylvania Dutch are preparing to transfer their allegiance to the British flag. The state of Illinois so far has requisitioned for 90 cars for the carriage of settlers' effects, as compared with 30 cars for the corresponding period last year. Even the state of Oklahoma will contribute its share of Canadian immigrants. Last year there was quite an influx from Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Settlers from these states are so well pleased with the conditions which they find in the Northwest that they have written many letters to their friends at home urging them to take up their residence in Canada.

AN effort has been made by the Government newspapers to work up some indignation in the matter of the sub-pens served on Mr. Fielding necessitating his attendance at the election court in Halifax, at the time of the late Mr. Prefontaine's funeral. The cry was raised that in consequence of the ungenerous conduct of the Conservative party, through their Counsel, Mr. Fielding was prevented from attending the funeral of his late colleague in Montreal. The facts of the case place the matter in quite a different light. The presence of Mr. Fielding was required in an examination for discovery regarding certain expenditures of money in his own election. The petition was filed more than a year ago and the trial should long since have taken

place; but it had been delayed and prolonged by Mr. Fielding and those acting for him, who have placed all kinds of obstacles in the way, and taken advantage of every opportunity to stave off the inquiry. But now when Fielding is brought to court, an effort has been made, as above stated, to divert attention from his real position, by raising the cry of ungenerous conduct on the part of his opponents. The real facts, as stated in court, by J. J. Ritchie, K. C., Counsel for the Conservative petitioner, are that he had urged Mr. Fielding to agree to a postponement of the examination to Feb. 12th, or any date thereafter, as that was the earliest date upon which the Judge who was trying the cause would be available, as between times he would be absent on circuit. He was anxious that Mr. Fielding should attend Mr. Prefontaine's funeral, and for that reason had urged this arrangement as the best that could be made. Mr. Fielding refused this and preferred to remain in order to raise a cry of injured innocence. The real facts probably are that Mr. Fielding did not want to attend the funeral, and availed himself of the opportunity his absence afforded of sounding the tocsin. But how did this innocent Mr. Fielding act when he went on the witness stand. He refused to answer many of the questions, and now the Government organs are boasting about how little he told. This reticence on Mr. Fielding's part, we are told, was on advice of Counsel. Mr. Fielding and his Counsel know that if he told all he knows on the matter he could not hold his seat. If Mr. Fielding and his friends think they have won any fame by their conduct in this matter, they certainly are alone in this opinion, now that the facts are known.

The following is a list of the numbers of the winning tickets, articles won the names and addresses of lucky persons, at the big drawing of prizes in connection with the Cathedral Bazaar.

5128, Marble Clock, Miss Angie Doiron, City.  
9359, \$5.00 in Gold, Miss Lottie Cheverie, City.  
6660, Pair Custom Pants, Mrs. John Martin, Southport.  
7344, Sleigh Robe, Miss Bella McKinnon, City.  
7618, Box Tea, Beatrice Poirier, Wellington Station.  
94, Bbl Flour, Timothy Rockefeller, Rocky Point.  
630, \$5.00 Gold, Jas. E. King, Rocky Point.  
9126, Fancy Rocker, Miss Martha McIsaac, Vernon River.  
1090, Violin, Miss Lacey, Coleman.  
6219, Fire Screen, Ben McInnis, City.  
48, Half Chest Tea, Brent Essory, City.  
2504, Fishing Rod, R. F. Madigan, City.

**The Conservative Conference.**

According to previous announcement, the Liberal Conservative Conference of Prince Edward Island assembled in the B. I. S. Hall, yesterday, Dr. R. McNeill, the President in the chair, with Mr. J. J. Johnston, Secretary at his post. There was a large attendance, especially from Queen's County. All the seats in the hall were occupied and many were obliged to stand. The President called the meeting to order shortly after 11 o'clock, and after appointing a committee on credentials and other preliminaries proceeded to deliver his address. The President's address was a very able and comprehensive paper, dealing with the principal political questions of the day, as well as referring to some of the great movements in political reform of past years. The President announced that he would not stand for reelection. At the conclusion of his address he was tendered a vote of thanks. The work of the Convention then commenced. The constitution was so amended as to reduce the central executive committee to eighteen members, six from each of the three counties, and also in reference to the date of holding the conference annually, hereafter the conference will be held only when the central executive committee may deem it necessary and expedient. The greater part of the work hitherto devolving on the Conference is expected to be done hereafter by the respective County organizations. After some discussion as to whether the matter of calling district conventions should be left in the hands of the executive committees of the respective counties or be performed by conveners appointed by the Conference as heretofore, it was decided to continue the conveners. The officers of the central executive committee are the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Queen's County Association and three other members; the President, Vice-President and Secretary of King's County Association and three other members, and the

**President, Vice-President and Secretary of the East and West Prince County Associations.**

The election of officers for Queen's County was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, S. W. Crabbe; Vice-President, Donald Nicholson; Secretary, James A. McDonald; Members of the Executive Committee, John A. Mathieson, John Fraser, Avondale and Wm. H. Hoan, Hope River.

A large number of resolutions, dealing with matters in Federal and Provincial politics were then presented to the meeting, discussed and passed. Votes of thanks were passed to the Opposition members in the House of Commons and to the Leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature, as well as to the retiring President and Secretary of the Conference. We are obliged to hold over the resolutions and other details of the meeting till next week. At the conclusion of the work the meeting closed with enthusiastic cheers.

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**Terrible Marine Disaster.**

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24.—A great marine disaster has occurred near Carmanah, off the west coast of Vancouver Island. The str. Valencia of San Francisco, a regular liner sailing between points in California and Washington, Victoria and the north, and which was due in Victoria last night, was wrecked off Cape Beale, going astore on a rocky and perilous place. The first news of the disaster reached Captain Gardin, receiver of wrecks, late yesterday afternoon upon the arrival of nine of the survivors in a boat which succeeded in landing at Telegraph Hut, on the coast, several miles from the scene of the disaster. Information obtainable from them as to the one of the crew when the Valencia struck and the crew and passengers took to the boats, is of the vaguest sort. There were considerably over one hundred persons on board. Patterson, the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale, wired that sixty persons had been drowned, and asked that assistance be rushed from Victoria at the earliest moment. Five hours have elapsed since the first intelligence of the loss of the Valencia, and little further information has come to hand. All the people can do now is to wait in terror for tidings from the crews of vessels which are hurrying thither, the first of which cannot reach there before ten o'clock today. The vessel is reported to be against a cliff and the survivors who reached shore near Carmanah are the only men who can furnish details of the affair. They have already told their story, although a disconnected one. The reason the vessel proceeded so far north and how she came to strike on the coast still remains unexplained. The passenger list is not yet obtainable, but Victorians are looking on the present vessel for W. H. Langray, the

**Band of Murderers.**

Washington, Jan. 24.—In hunting for the murderers of Michael Carrasola, a wealthy Italian who was shot at Dunley last week, the authorities have unearthed a plot to assassinate some of the leading men of the country. They secured evidence that among those marked for death was Gov. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania. Letters and papers also in possession of the authorities which decree the

**Big Live Stock Show.**

The Western Live Stock Show, which opened at the Denver Stock Yards Monday to last week, is the greatest exhibition of its kind ever held west of Chicago. Consignments of show cattle, horses, swine and sheep have been coming in for more than a week and the pens and special exhibition buildings are filled to overflowing. During the week there will be conventions of the American Stock Growers' Association, the National Live Stock Association, the National Woolgrowers' Association, and the Colorado Horse and Cattle Growers' Association. It is estimated there are 2,000 visitors already in the city. They include delegations from various state agricultural schools and the leading breeders of fine cattle of Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington, the Dakotas and other states. The conventions will discuss commissions on cattle sales, railroad rates, the public land question and other matters of vital interest to the live stock industry.

**DIED**

At Greenhill, 10th of January, 1906, James A. Sutherland, aged 40 years.  
At Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 13th, Mrs. Solomon Mitch, daughter of the late Kimbal Coffin, Mt. Stewart.  
At Falconwood on the 23rd, Inst., Angus Joseph McKinnon, aged 35 years, son James A. McKinnon, Head St. Peter's Bay. His funeral took place from his father's residence to the Church at the Head of St. Peter's Bay on Friday morning 25th, and was largely attended. The High Mass of Requiem was sung and the funeral service was performed by Rev. R. J. Gillis, P. P. May his soul rest in peace.  
At Springfield, Lot 67, on Jan. 22nd, 1906, William Andrew, aged nine years and eight months, seventh, and second youngest son of Donald and Mary MacDonald. May his soul rest in peace.  
There was not a very large market yesterday, and not much change to note in prices, except in eggs and pork. Eggs were somewhat lower, 23 to 24 cents a dozen being the ruling price. Pork was in good supply and the best quality went as high as 84 cents a pound.

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