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LONDON, ONT., FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1896.

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BORN. GRIMMOND.-At Oak Cottage, Wellington street north, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., the wife of George M. Grimmond, Post Office Department, a son.

MARRIED. BURGESS-LUMLEY.-At the residence of John Burgess, Esq., London West, Wednesday, the 29th inst., by the Rev. G. B. Sage, Mr. Harry Burgess to Miss Lizzie Lumley, both of London.

FITZGERALD-JOHNSTON.-On the 29th of April, 1896, by the Rev. W. M. Smith, Frederick Fitzgerald of London Township, to Lizzie L. Johnston, of the same place.

DIED. WOOD.-At her residence, 26 Ross street, Toronto, April 29th, 1896, Alicia C. Joel Wood, relict of the late Rev. John Stone Wood, late of Jamaica, West Indies. (Cousin to K. Shaw Wood, Esq., of Woodholme.)

CLARK.-At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Thursday afternoon, Margaret, beloved wife of Rev. W. J. Clark. Funeral from the family residence, on Saturday morning, to the Grand Trunk station. Services at the house at 7 o'clock; interment at Dundas.

AMUSEMENTS. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion. Not less than 15 words.

FAITH FENTON, OF THE LADIES' Home Journal, will address the Maple Leaf League this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

THE SARA LOUISE BALLEW RECITAL will be given in the lecture hall of St. Matthew's Church, and not in East End Hall, as before advertised.

FLOWER SHOW, FREE LIBRARY Building, Friday night and Saturday afternoon and evening. Admission free.

BASS BALL, TROMBISH PARK, SATURDAY, May 2nd, 7.30. Past Masters' night. General business and first and second degrees.-Wm. J. Clarke, Master; John Siddons, secretary.

HURRAH FOR DETROIT.-ON MAY 25TH -Woodmen of the World excursion, 2 days. Fare, \$1.75. See posters later.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY.-CHILDREN'S closing reception Saturday, May 2nd. Dancing, 8 o'clock; carriages, 5 o'clock sharp.-Dayton & McCormick.

MEETINGS. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion. Not less than 15 words.

MASONIC - REGULAR MEETING, St. John's Lodge, 2004, this evening (Friday), 1st May, at 7.30. Past Masters' night. General business and first and second degrees.-Wm. J. Clarke, Master; John Siddons, secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING OF FOREST CITY CAMP, No. 1, Canadian Order of Woodmen of the World, will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening, in the Ideal Block, 313 Adelaide street. Visitors welcome.-Thomas Hoeg, Com. Com.; Charles Doe, Clerk.

THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN Public meeting, Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. Urgent business.

THE MAPLE LEAF LEAGUE WILL meet at the Conservative Club on Friday, May 1st, at 3 p.m.

LECTURES. WESTERN UNIVERSITY - PUBLIC LECTURE in Literature, Bishop Cronyn Hall this (Friday) evening by Professor Cappon, of Queen's University, Kingston. Subject, "Emerson." Tickets, 25c.

FEMALE HELP WANTED. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

THOROUGHLY COMPETENT SALES-WOMAN wanted for each locality in Lindsay & Wilcox, St. Thomas.

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED-APPLY 609 Colborne street.

EXPERIENCED GENERAL SERVANT wanted. Apply 886 King street.

55 FIRST-CLASS GENERALS WANTED; also cooks, housemaids, dining-room girls and good girls for all kinds of work, always in demand, at Armstrong's Intelligence Office, 56 Dundas street. Phone 386.

NOW IS YOUR TIME.-I HAVE 2 FIRST-CLASS COOKS and dining-room girls open for engagement for summer resorts; housekeepers and good generals and every other help on hand, and good, reliable help always in demand, at Dwyer's Employment Agency, 501 Richmond St. Phone 112.

MALE HELP WANTED. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

TWO UPHOLSTERSERS WANTED AT ONCE. Apply at once to the Anderson Furniture Co., Woodstock.

BOOK-KEEPER WANTED, WITH AT LEAST one year's experience with books in wholesale grocery or dry goods. Address Box 45, Free Press.

GENERAL BLACKSMITH WANTED.-Single man preferred; must be sober. Apply Hunter's livery stables, South London.

65 A MONTH-SALARY OR COMMISSION.-Active men at good remuneration are wanted for each locality to introduce (locally or travelling) a new discovery, and keep our show cards and advertising matter distributed through out town and country; steady employment; commission or salary; \$65 per month and expenses up to \$250 per day; money deposited with bankers when started. For particulars, write The World Med. Electric Co., London, Ont.

HELP WANTED. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

CORRESPONDENCE TO DO AT HOME for competent stenographer and typewriter. Apply Box 40, Free Press office.

GOOD MACHINE OPERATORS FOR part making wanted.-The K. Greene Mfg. Co., Carling street.

ORGANIZERS WANTED; PROFITABLE, permanent employment. Apply, by letter, Grand Org. Oddfellows, 49 King street west, Toronto.

AGENTS WANTED.

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TRUSTWORTHY PERSON WANTED TO travel in Canada; salary, \$750 and expenses; reference.-President, Box P., Chicago, Ill.

SITUATIONS WANTED. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

SITUATION WANTED AS NURSERY governess or nurse to walk with children.-327 Dundas street.

BY PUSHING, ACTIVE YOUNG MAN for post address as clerk in general store; twenty-four years old; nine years' experience; highest references. Address Box 27, Free Press office.

TO LET. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

FIRST-CLASS HOTEL IN ST. THOMAS to rent or for sale. Apply Box 825, St. Thomas.

BRICK COTTAGE, 108 ASKIN STREET, to let; good repair. Apply 124 Wortley Road.

COTTAGE TO LET; EIGHT ROOMS; hard and soft water; garden. Apply 250 Central avenue.

NEW COTTAGE TO RENT, ON INKERMAN street, south of the Hamilton Road, one block from the electric cars; five good rooms; rent, \$5 per month. Apply to A. Keenleyside, 250 Maitland street.

HANDSOME BRICK HOUSE TO LET-11 rooms; situated near Victoria Park; 396 Central avenue. Apply Edward Street.

FINE BRICK HOUSE TO LET-Beautifully situated, near Victoria Park; 614 Wellington street. Apply M. Shea.

CRAIG STREET, LONDON SOUTH-T. G. Davey residence to let; all modern improvements, etc.; rent, \$25 per month. Apply next door, No. 33.

HOUSE, STABLE AND ONE ACRE OF land to let, six miles from London, on Wellington Road. Apply to Adam Nichol, lot 15, 4 concession, Westminster.

BARN, WITH TWO STALLS, TO RENT; centrally located, between Dufferin and Queen's avenues. Apply on premises, 474 Maitland street.

EIGHT-ROOM BRICK HOUSE-BATH, furnace, city and soft water; cheap rent. Apply 484 Dufferin avenue.

HOUSE TO LET-47 HORTON STREET; furnace, bath, w. c., hot, soft and city water; \$12.50 per month; no water rates. H. H. Smallman.

123 KENT STREET TO LET; 9 ROOMS; modern conveniences. Rent, \$22 per month. Apply 133 Kent.

NO. 42 ASKIN STREET TO LET; on street car line; dry; well drained; bath and electric light; also a good house for sale on easy terms.

NO. 473 COLBORNE; NINE ROOMS; modern conveniences. Rent, \$25 per month. Apply 436 Richmond.

TWO OFFICES TO LET, ALBION Buildings. Apply T. H. Carling, at the Brewery.

BRICK RESIDENCE TO LET, 517 DUFFERIN avenue, corner of Peter street, containing 9 rooms, bath room, and basement with furnace. Apply Block 13.

HOUSE TO LET, 139 ELMWOOD AVE., S. London; very convenient; one step to street car. Apply 16 Marley Place.

RESIDENCE TO LET - 434 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue; 10 rooms; modern conveniences. Apply Fraser & Fraser.

476 PARK AVENUE TO LET; ALL modern conveniences. Apply to George G. Gunn, barrister.

COTTAGE TO RENT-CORNER RIDOU'S and Craig streets, London South; \$13 per month. Apply George G. Gunn, Barrister.

LOST OR FOUND. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

GOLD BROOCH LOST (DESIGN, HEART). Finder please leave at 155 Maple street.

BOARD AND LODGING. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS (BOARD if desired), in private family; central locality. Box 41, Free Press.

A LARGE FRONT BEDROOM, SUITABLE for two gentlemen or married couple; also a few day boarders.-493 Dundas street.

COMFORTABLE ROOMS, FURNISHED or unfurnished; pleasant locality. Apply 289 Talbot street.

TWO AIRY, FURNISHED ROOMS; board and use of bath for gentlemen. Apply 253 Queen's avenue.

BOARDING - 3 FURNISHED BED-ROOMS; day boarders taken.-408 and 411, corner Dundas and Ridout streets.

423 PARK AVENUE, "THE RENWICK"; day boarders and well-furnished rooms; reasonable rates.

MUSICAL. MR. W. A. BLUETHNER, Piano and Harmony, 250 Queen's avenue.

W. FRANK FIRTH, BARTON, TEACHER of vocal. Special attention given to tone production. Studio, 216 Dundas street. Concert engagements.

W. H. HEWLETT, ORGANIST DUNDAS Centre Methodist Church. Teacher of piano, organ, harmony and composition. Address 464 Dufferin avenue.

CHARLES E. WHEELER (LATE FROM Leipzig, Germany), organist St. Andrew's Church, instructs in organ, piano, harmony and singing. Address 518 Richmond.

MR. HALL HAS RESUMED PIANO LESSONS at his residence, 28 Stanley street.

REAL ESTATE.

Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. Special rates for longer periods. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

FOR SALE-FINE 2-STORY FRAME house on King street, \$2,000; 2-story brick, large lot, \$3,000; 2 fine cottages, Queen's avenue, \$1,300 and \$1,700; 2-story brick on Hyman street, only \$3,000.-J. F. Sangster, over C. P. R. ticket office.

NO. 40 ASKIN STREET, ON STREET car line, for sale on easy terms. Dry, well-drained, bath, electric light. Apply Bart. Coltam & Co.

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SMOKE - SMOKE THE WORLD'S famous medicinal London. Cigar.-A. E. Ladell, 423 Richmond street.

ELECTRIC MOTOR (ONE HORSE-POWER), and a No. 1 12-inch fan, belts and pulleys. Apply Rowland's Packing House, corner William and Bathurst streets.

E. MARSHALL'S FURNITURE POLISH makes furniture like new. 15c and 25c. Sold at hardware stores. y122ft

A SQUARE PIANO WILL BE SOLD cheap. Apply 484 Dufferin avenue. D30d&w-tf

AGRICULTURAL ONTARIO LOAN, Canadian and Dominion Loan Company's stock for special London. Cigar.-A. E. Ladell, 423 Richmond street.

HANDSOME GRAY MARE FOR SALE; also three cows. Apply 406 Grey street.

WILL EXCHANGE FINE, LARGE horse for a small Shetland pony.-469 King street.

WILL EXCHANGE CART AND HARNESS for gent's bicycle.-469 King street.

A HORSE FOR SALE; GOOD DRIVER; six years old; quiet and good mover. Apply 20 Craig street, S. London.

A FEW SETS OF SINGLE HARNESS cheap.-J. Darch & Sons, 377-379 Talbot street.

CEGAR POLES-ELECTRIC OR TELEGRAPH-Order posts and hemlock lumber; bills out to order.-E. J. Murphy, Hepworth Station.

POCKET KODAKS, \$6.00.-E. J. BURKE, dealer in photographic supplies.

WANTED TO PURCHASE. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

SINGLE DEMOCRAT WAGON; SECOND-HAND; good order. Address Box 48, Mount Brydges.

A CHILDREN'S PONY AND OUTFIT wanted; state price and give description.-E. K. Barnsdale, Stratford.

BUSINESS CHANGES. Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisements please refer to Free Press.

COUNTRY STORE AND SMALL STOCK for sale, on easy terms. Apply at once, J. C. Shoff, Birt P. O.

PERSONS HAVING FROM ONE HUNDRED to one thousand dollars wishing to engage in a first-class paying business in their own locality. Apply Box 43, Free Press.

BUY WHEAT AND PORK QUICK.-Small investments now will surely bring big profits. Send for free book and market review explaining how to make money. Beware of bucket shops and irresponsible brokers. Bank references furnished. C. Oliver & Co., Commission Merchants, 20 Broadway, New York, and Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago.

BREAD, CAKE AND CONFECTIONERY and ice cream business for sale; 3,000 to 4,000 loaves per week; established 30 years; gilt-edge chance; terms to suit purchaser. Apply to Box 44, Free Press office.

DRESSMAKING. MISS JONES, 77 WELLINGTON STREET, practical milliner. Hats dyed, cleaned and pressed. Chip hats, straw, lace and fancy hats a specialty. Trimmings made into switches with great care.

EDUCATIONAL. SELECT PREPARATORY SCHOOL.-Public school course; music thoroughly taught; also drawing and painting. Terms on application.-Mrs. Baskerville, 144 Mill street.

MISS SHUFF - GRADUATE OF DR. S. W. MITCHELL'S SCHOOL for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia.-497 King, London.

PATENT BARKISTERS. RIDOUT & MAYBEE-SOLICITORS OF PATENTS and EXPERTS, Toronto, Ontario. "Ridout on Patents," price, \$5.50 and \$8. A valuable pamphlet on patents sent free.

FETHERSTONHAUGH & CO.-PATENT Solicitors and experts, Toronto, Ontario, obtained in Canada, and London office, Bank of Commerce building, corner Richmond and Dundas.

LIVERY. OPEN DAY AND NIGHT-TREBILLOCK & STROYAN mammoth livery. Hacks, coupes and light livery. Ladies' and gent's saddle horses.-189 Dundas street, London. Phone 503.

MONEY TO LEND. PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE at 5 per cent.-J. H. A. Beattie, 87 1/2 Dundas street.

PERSONALS. STAMMERS' HAND-BOOK FREE. Address Church's Auto-Vook School, 63 Alexander street, Toronto.

ACCOUNTANTS. ALFRED A. BOOKER, ACCOUNTANT, 150 Elmhurst avenue, London South.

S. CHADWICK & SON-ACCOUNTANTS, Real Estate and General Agents, Room 2, Albion Buildings.

GEO. W. HAYES, ACCOUNTANT, ASSIGNED, insurance agent, representing Northern Assurance Co., Keystone Fire Insurance Co., Equitable Loan and Savings Society. Agents wanted to canvass. Call on me for particulars. Money to loan in small free amounts.-Geo. W. Hayes, 5 Masonic Temple Building.

WM. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT, 413 RICHMOND street, or 640 Talbot street, London.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

British Cabinet Discussing Military Questions.

SENSATIONAL PARIS MURDER. Explosion in a Yorkshire Colliery - 100 Lives Probably Lost.

STEAMER SUNK IN A COLLISION. Two Hundred and Fifty Chinese and Five Foreigners Perish - Statement of the Rev. Franchet - The Prince of Wales in Luck.

MILITARY MATTERS. A long meeting of the Defence Committee of the British Cabinet took place to-day. The Commander-in-Chief, Lord Wolseley, was present. It is believed that important military questions were decided.

SALISBURY'S ALL RIGHT. The Pall Mall Gazette claims that it has authority to deny the prevalent rumors that Lord Salisbury is about to retire from the Foreign Office owing to failing health. He was never in better health, the paper says, and never more eager for work.

A COLLIERY DISASTER. An explosion, by which 100 persons are believed to have perished, has occurred at Micklefield, Yorkshire. The explosion took place in a colliery of that district. Twenty injured persons have been rescued, but the searchers have not been able to find any further signs of life.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE. A Shanghai despatch says: - It has been ascertained that five foreigners and 250 Chinese lost their lives in the collision this morning between the steamers New Chang and On Wo, resulting in the sinking of the latter. The United States cruisers Detroit, Yorktown, and Boston sent their boats to the assistance of the On Wo, and they succeeded in rescuing many people.

DAMAGED BY GROUNDING. The British steamer Lake Ontario (Capt. Campbell), from St. John, N. B., which arrived at Liverpool on the 26th, has been placed in the dry dock for repairs, having been seriously damaged by grounding at St. John. She has been withdrawn from service for the present, and the persons who had booked for passage on her will proceed on the steamer Labrador, which is scheduled to sail from Liverpool to-day.

AGRICULTURAL RATES. The House of Commons this evening passed on its second reading the bill to amend the law in respect to the rating of occupiers of agricultural land in England. This is the bill that was introduced on April 21 by the Rt. Hon. Henry Chaplin, President of the Local Government Board, and provides that after March 31, 1897, agricultural land is to be assessed upon a proportion only of its full rateable value instead of upon the whole rateable value. The effect of the bill will be to take from the Imperial exchequer the sum of £2,000,000 yearly. The vote stood 333 to 156.

AN INFAMOUS TRAFFIC. As a direct result of the Chinese Japanese war the slave trade in Manchuria has been aggravated. Farmers comprise a vast majority of the residents of Manchuria, and since the war they are suffering from famine. The selling of children is always more or less prevalent in China, but the war and consequent famine in driving many more parents to sell their children than formerly. The price of a child, if intelligent and attractive, is two yen (\$1.00). The slave broker gives guarantee to the purchasers that the child's parents will never again claim or acknowledge the child sold.

THE FRENCH CABINET. At the opening of the French Chamber of Deputies to-day, M. Me-line, the new Premier, read a statement, in which the Government recognizes the preponderance of the Chamber of Deputies, but affirms that it is impossible to govern without the Government desire to pursue a pacifying policy and appeal to the good will of the Republican majority for a settlement of urgent questions, as the best means of preventing the spread of revolutionary doctrines. Continuing, the Premier said that the Government would not fail in its duty to enforce respect for the laws and maintain public order. M. Me-line concluded with adjuring Parliament not to raise irritating questions.

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the Chamber must now choose between a policy of conflict with the Senate or a policy of conciliation. The Chamber, by a vote of 279 to 251 refused to give priority to the proposal of M. Henri Ricard, reaffirming the Chamber's right to preponderance in the representation of the principle of universal suffrage. The Chamber then adopted a resolution, which received 569 affirmative votes, affirming the sovereignty of universal suffrage. The Chamber, by a vote of 231 to 196, approved of M. Me-line's declaration, and then adjourned until May 28.

SENSATIONAL PARIS CRIME. A despatch from Paris says: - One of the most mysterious sensational crimes that have occurred here in recent years has just been unraveled. Last Thursday two pedestrians walking in the Bois de Vincennes found the corpse of a young man in a thicket. The victim had evidently, after a desperate struggle, been strangled. The body was exhibited at the morgue and speedily recognized as that of Eugene Vasseur, a waiter, aged seventeen, who did not have a very good reputation, and whose parents vied with each other in blackening his character and asserting that he had disappeared long since, and that they knew nothing of him. There was absolutely no motive for the crime, and the police were non-plussed. Then suddenly it was ascertained that a certain railway employe named Boucher, a cousin of the victim, had been in the habit of giving young Vasseur small subsidies to keep the youth, so he declared, from vagabondage and from dishonoring the family. The Chief of Police summoned Boucher, and discovered he had a deep wound in the left hand, caused, as Boucher said, by a dog's bite. Boucher, however, prevaricated, and his wife gave a different explanation of the wound, ultimately confessing, in a fit of hysterics, that her husband and Vasseur, senior, had murdered the latter's son. Thereupon Boucher fully confessed his part in the ghastly crime. He told how he was desirous of obtaining funds to establish his wife in the dairy business, and Vasseur, having already aided him with money, he went to borrow \$600 from him. Vasseur asked no explanation. He simply said, "You shall have it on my stamp of a son-in-law at any cost. The blackguard is capable of doing any bad thing. He has dishonored us, who have always led an honest life. If you are willing to aid me to attract him into an ambush, I will administer severe punishment to him and promise you he won't complain of it." Boucher assented, though he knew that Vasseur, senior, had once before tried to kill his son, then aged 13, by throwing him into the Seine, but he had escaped from the paternal grasp. After considerable examination a lonely spot in the Bois de Vincennes was fixed for the scene of the tragedy, and it was arranged that Boucher should go along a small path with Eugene, while the father should hide in a thicket and spring out on the boy. At 8 o'clock the next evening Boucher persuaded Eugene that he had a job for him at Gravelle, so the couple went down in a boat to Charenton, climbed to the plateau, and as they passed the fatal spot the father sprang out like a tiger and seized his son by the throat. Eugene, shouting for help, offered a desperate resistance, and the father, black in the face, called to Boucher: - "Why don't you help, you coward?" Boucher, who had been bitten in the hand, he loosened his grip, whereupon the father, with a desperate effort, threw his son down, and bending over him strangled him. As he pulled the cord, Boucher said, "Let him alone; his punishment has been severe enough." The father replied, "I believe you; this time the scamp has had his measure, and running over." The men then dragged the corpse into a thicket and slunk back to Paris, Vasseur at parting with Boucher calling out that he would not fail to pay the money he had promised. Boucher, however, told the police he had not the courage to touch the blood money. As for Vasseur, when questioned by the police, he murmured without a shade of emotion: - "It's a crushing piece of bad luck that my fifty years of honor and uprightiness should end thus; but what could one do? Eugene was a scamp-an infamous scamp." Both men are in custody. Vasseur is well off, and has another son and daughter.

A BROKEN BRIDGE. Some Particulars of this Accident on the G. E. R. Near Nepigon.

Toronto, April 30.-The Canadian Pacific train from North Bay to-night brought down over one hundred passengers from the west, who have been detained for three days at Nepigon, a small station east of Port Arthur, by the breaking of a bridge. The engine of the Winnipeg train went through the bridge on Monday last, the engineer, Daniel O'Neill, going down with the locomotive. He was found dead, almost completely buried in sand. The fireman jumped and escaped. It is said that two tramps, who were on the train, were also killed. Three train loads of passengers were kept waiting till the bridge was repaired. A number of them went through to Montreal to-night.

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Women's comfort: "Salada" Ceylon Tea.

BULUWAYO RELIEVED.

AN ATTACK IN FORCE NO LONGER LOOKED FOR.

Recent Defeats Have Had a Salutary Effect Upon the Matabele-Earl Grey Arrives-The British to Take the Offensive at Once.

Buluwayo, Matabeleland, April 30.-Earl Grey, co-administrator with Mr. Cecil Rhodes of the territory of the British Chartered South Africa Company, has arrived here with a strong escort. The recent action with the insurgent Matabeles have resulted in inflicting such severe loss upon them that Buluwayo is looked upon as being practically relieved, and it is no longer likely that the natives will attack the town in force, although they still number over 15,000 armed men in this vicinity.

A special from Buluwayo says that the arrival there of Earl Grey will be the signal for a general advance of the British forces there, who will immediately take the offensive against the insurgent Matabeles. It is thought probable that after the vicinity of Buluwayo has been cleared of the hostile natives, the headquarters of the latter, in the Matoppo Hills, will be attacked.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT YET FROM THE PREMIER.

Rumor Gives Partials to Messrs. Hugh John Macdonald, Tisdale and Angers.

Ottawa, April 30.- (Press despatch.) - A view of the political situation as regards Cabinet making this afternoon, shows that there is little or no prospect of an announcement of the new Ministry before to-morrow, and possibly not till the end of the week.

From Sir Charles Tupper himself there is not a word to be got for publication. Sir Charles is fully alive to the situation, but in starting out had no idea that he would put things through in a few hours, and threw out the hint that it might take the whole week to straighten things out, seeing himself points of difficulty in the way at the very outset.

The group of Quebec men was swelled at noon by the arrival of Hon. Mr. Nantel, Minister of Public Works, in the Province of Quebec. They are conspicuous figures around the rotunda of the Russell House, and had business with the Government in the forenoon, the exact nature of which they did not care to give out. It is taken, however, as being a sort of consultation as to the programme for the French elections.

The report to-night is that Angers will replace Desjardins in Quebec, and Lieut.-Colonel Tisdale will succeed Sir Mackenzie Bowell as representative in the Cabinet from Ontario, and that these, with Hugh John Macdonald in place of Daly, will be the only changes.

Hugh John Macdonald, of Winnipeg, arrived to-night. He refused to be interviewed.

FROM OTTAWA.

An Important Concession to Vessel Owners Suggested-Corn Grinding Rebates.

Ottawa, April 30.-The Controller of Customs has taken an important step towards freeing navigation on the St. Lawrence and upper lakes. Upon Mr. Woods' recommendation an order-in-council has been passed abolishing the customs for issuing clearance papers to vessels at all ports of Canada west of Montreal. The order will apply to vessels owned in the United States as well as to Canadian vessels. Although the fee was not excessive in single cases, yet it imposed a considerable burden in the aggregate upon lake shipping, especially upon passenger vessels calling at numerous ports on both sides of the line.

The Customs Department has issued instructions governing the grinding of imported corn in Canada. These will render impossible evasion of the law which grants a rebate of duty only upon corn kiln dried and ground into meal for human food, the complaint having been made in the past that rebate was being passed on fresh ground corn intended for stock feeding.

FIRE FLASHES.

Thorold, Ont., April 30.-About 12 o'clock last night fire broke out in the cellars of Schwaller's grocery store, but was soon extinguished by the fire brigade. The damage was mostly by smoke and water. Loss on building and stock probably covered by insurance.

SHIPPING.

April 30. Reported at. From: Christiansburg, Father Point, Abitibi, Mennon, Father Point, London, Virginia, New York, Stettin, Hibernian, New York, Glasgow, Bagdad, Halifax, Boston, Oregon, London, St. John.

Postum Cereal at Jno. Goodger