

DAVIE HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Order-in-Council Appointing Him Passed at Yesterday's Cabinet Meeting.

Lord Aberdeen To-Day Signed the Document Making Him Chief Justice.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—All that is wanted now to make the appointment of Premier Davie of British Columbia Chief Justice of the province in place of the late Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie is the signature of Lord Aberdeen. The order in council was passed yesterday at a meeting of the cabinet. It is reported here that Lieut.-Governor Dewdney will likely resign his position and enter the legislature as premier. It is said here that Daly will be the next lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

Another dispatch from Ottawa says: There was another cabinet council yesterday, lasting two hours. Premier Davie of British Columbia was appointed chief justice of that province. Later, Lord Aberdeen arrived from Montreal this afternoon and signed Davie's appointment.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Items of Interest from Places in the Eastern Provinces.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—It is announced that Lord and Lady Aberdeen may prolong their stay in Montreal indefinitely. The binder twine manufacturers of the Dominion have decided on a reduction of prices.

Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—At the session of the legislature yesterday R. H. Myers, member for Minnedosa, advised the government, of which he is a supporter, to co-operate with the Dominion government in advancing the interests of the Hudson Bay railway. He said this was the proper course to look for relief from the present high freight rates.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Canada Commended for the Manner in which She Has Taken It up.

London, Feb. 22.—The Morning Post says: "If Great Britain and Australia have done nothing practical towards securing the Pacific cable, Canada has done more than fulfilled the task she undertook. She virtually has solved the problem whether it shall be a government concern or be left in the hands of a company. Mr. Sandford Fleming's weighty memoranda show the conscientious manner in which Canada has carried out her trust to the letter. There is every reason to believe that the adoption of Birnie and Necker islands would be an error that might lead to serious consequences. If Mr. Fleming can prove to the commission which it is understood will meet in London, that the imperial guarantee will not increase the demands upon the British exchequer; and that the Australian colonies will be willing and ready to contribute their shares, he will have done a great work, which should place him in the front rank of colonial statesmen." The Post attacks the Australasian colonies for trying to impress on the mother country the importance of a connecting link for the benefit of the empire and then hesitating to perform their share. This course, says the writer, shows a want of patriotism.

BUILDING GUNS.

Sweden's Plan for Giving a Twist to Balls from a Smoothbore.

The very heavy cost of modern guns is largely due to the time and labor which are necessarily expended upon the operation of rifling them. The material itself is relatively cheap, and a rifled gun besides being much more costly, is, other things being equal, more short-lived than a smoothbore. It is almost impossible to make the gun and the projectile that the soft driving bands of the latter shall, at the moment of discharge, accurately fit into the groove and bands of the bore, and allow no gases to pass ahead of the projectile; they score and damage the interior of the gun; and where the new powders are used and the gases of combustion attain an enormous degree of heat the process of deterioration, especially in weapons of large calibre, is often very rapid.

A Swedish engineer, W. T. Unge, has devised a method whereby he hopes to save, not only the cost of rifling, but also the interior wear and tear for which rifling is responsible. He proposes to construct all guns with smoothbores, and to fit the projectiles with gas checks, which shall render it practically impossible for any gases to rush past them. In order to convey to the projectile axially rotary motion, such as is at present conveyed to it by the action of the rifling, he has invented a mechanical arrangement which, at the instant of firing, gives to the gun itself a rotary motion. This may be either constant or increased. He has satisfied himself that the effect upon the projectile is exactly the same as is produced by the constant or increased twist of an ordinary rifled gun; and he is of the opinion that the adoption of his system, while giving equal or even improved accuracy of fire, will reduce the cost of heavy guns by half and add enormously to their endurance.—Chicago Times.

That tired feeling, loss of appetite and nervous prostration are driven away by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes pure blood.

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORS

The Day's Doings in the Various States on the Other Side of the Line.

Capt. Kolb of Alabama Still Anxious to be Recognized as Governor.

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—Among the sad casualties of the snow storm was the freezing to death of a party of hunters in the woods about nineteen miles below New Orleans. Four men went out for a day's hunting in the woods under the guidance of a colored guide. When the party did not return the next day a searching party went out and after much difficulty in struggling through snow drifts the four unfortunate men were found frozen to death.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 22.—A large real estate deal in Cambridgeport was made public yesterday whereby Henry M. Whitney has conveyed to Edwin Ginn and other trustees about 80,000 square feet of land on First street. It is said that Messrs. Ginn and company, the school book publishing house, will construct on this property the most extensive school book publishing plant in New England, involving a total investment of three hundred thousand dollars. On the westerly half of the land Mr. Ginn has a project for the erection of modern houses for employees of the firm, most of whom are skilled workmen.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 22.—A peculiar sequel to the 1893 disaster and the death by drowning of Fannie Drucher, whose sister resides here, came in the shape of a letter from the father of the girl, who lives in the interior of Hungary. The letter asks "Fannie arrived safe, and why no word has been sent to that effect. The elder Miss Drucher had not heard a word of the surviving sister to acquaint the father with the fate of the lost daughter."

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—The Birmingham Tribune, Captain Kolb's newspaper and conducted by his son, publishes the following: "The Tribune is not the mouthpiece of Governor Kolb. When the papers in these columns he signs his name to what he says. But it has knowledge of his purpose. He will act if the people will stand by him. Will they do it? Let every good citizen who is ready and willing to uphold in law and recognize the people's chosen leaders, send his name to the Tribune and a test will be made. You must make the beginning or change your character or you must quit nominally before your duty. The dry rot is upon you and your restored liberties are with you at your own free will. Choose your path. There is talk that Kolb will again pose as governor."

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—The employees of the Merchants' Exchange were required to appear in court yesterday. Some practical jokers prepared a foolscap and flowing streamers and queer inscriptions for President Thomas Booth. The dignified official was called into the grain pit at noon and trader Alexander Smith declared a riot of laughter and cries of "Shame" were evenly divided. Booth was indignantly angry and would not listen to Smith's explanation. Business was almost suspended and a special meeting of the directors was held and Smith was required to make a public apology to the president and the exchange as a body on Saturday next at noon from the rostrum, which he agreed to do. Mr. Smith is ex-president of the exchange and was recently defeated for re-election.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 22.—A little Maltese cat is beating her way around the world without the expenditure of a cent. A tag attached to a cord around her neck tells the story thus: "Came on board at Miami on my trip around the world. Please take the best of care of your passenger 'A Boston' thence to New York steamer 'Kitty.' From Minneapolis Kitty came over the Soo line to Montreal via the Harford railway and Fall River line. On arrival in New York she will be transferred to some ocean steamer."

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—While the mangled body of a boy was pinned beneath the trucks of a trolley car last night, women who had attended the service in old St. Ignace church near by, came out, and kneeling on the pavement prayed that his life might be spared. Before the little fellow was removed they were joined by men and women from the congregation of St. George's Methodist church and in a loud semi-circle they all sent up fervent prayers while a tremendous crowd gathered. The parents of the boy, whose name was Willie Jones, were among those who knelt, and it was not until the dead body of the little fellow was released that the learned who the victims was. When the kneeling women were told that the boy was dead a prayer was offered for the repose of his soul.

ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL.

California Friends Will Have To Do Without the Weed.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 20.—The bill to prevent the manufacture, sale or other distribution of cigarettes has passed both houses of the legislature and was today sent to the governor for his approval. The senate passed the bill by an unanimous vote, and in the assembly today it passed by a vote of 54 to 12. It is believed that Governor Budd will approve the measure.

LOOKS LIKE AN ELECTION

The Government Make Confidential Promises to the Catholics of Manitoba.

Members of the Cabinet Scattered All Over Dominion Boasting Themselves.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The premier leaves to-day for Tweed, in North Hastings. A new government candidate has been chosen in West Hastings.

A French-Canadian politician, who is well posted by Conservative friends, said that the government, after hearing Ewart repeat his address on the school question of a year ago, will pass an order in council re-enacting the judgment of the judicial committee and stating that the government general council hoped that the Manitoba authorities will take cognizance of the volunteer mode of settlement. They will then issue the election writs and give the bishops private but written pledges that if sustained at the polls remedial legislation will be submitted to parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Dr. Lefevre, of Vancouver, was here on his way to England. He had an interview with the premier.

La Minerve, the government organ in Quebec, says that Bowell has pledged himself to the Roman Catholic hierarchy to give remedial legislation to the Roman Catholics in Manitoba. The editor of La Minerve, Hon. Joseph Royal, was here a couple of days ago on this matter.

Collingwood, Feb. 22.—Hon. N. C. Wallace and W. B. Ives addressed two meetings in the opera house here. Mr. Ives surprised the audience by announcing that the general election would not take place for some months and when it does come off the people would not need their overcoats. The addresses at the meetings were wholly devoted to the national policy. As this is Dalton McCarthy's riding there was considerable feeling expressed at the afternoon meeting among the audience by interrupting the speaker's whenever Mr. McCarthy's name was mentioned.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—At a caucus of French Conservatives presided over by Hon. Mr. Outimet a conclusion was reached that it was absolutely necessary to forego a session before the election. At Montreal Mr. Outimet explained that no date for the elections can be fixed until the government has finally received official notification from the Manitoba government on the position to be taken by them regarding the school question.

Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—At the Liberal election held at Brandon yesterday C. W. Speers of Graywolf was placed in the field for the Selkirk constituency to oppose Hon. Thomas Daly. It is expected that Speers will make a good run. He is well informed, an excellent speaker, a farmer, and resides near Griswold. He is well known throughout the riding, having carried on farming operations and dealt largely in cattle as an exporter.

Napanee, Feb. 21.—At the annual meeting of the Lennox Reform association D. W. Allison, M. P., announced his retirement in favor of the Patron candidate.

TROUBLE IN ALEXANDRIA.

Symptoms That Recall to Mind the Massacres of 1882.

London, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Times from Cairo says: The menacing aspect of affairs in Alexandria continues to occupy public attention. Threats of vengeance are freely uttered. The recent change of the garrison is considered to favor the chances of public disturbance, while the large influx of Bedouins in the outskirts of the city during the last week is a disquieting feature. All these symptoms recall those that heralded the massacres of 1882. For some time one of the Khedive's privates, whose patriotism has been stimulated by dismissal from the government service, has been busy among the Bedouins, distributing the khedival largesse and recruiting a body guard for the Khedive's person. That the dangerous agitation has been irritably provoked is evident from the contrast Alexandria presents to the complete tranquility and contentment prevailing throughout the rest of Egypt since the formation of the ministry of Nubar Pasha.

THE GOLDEN STATE.

Native Sons Lay the Corner Stone of their New Building.

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—Marcel Hellman, the young man who shot himself a few days ago, is now dying. He has been at the police station hospital since the shooting. An effort was made to-day to remove him home, but the physicians say he will die before night, and sooner if removed.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—The corner stone of the new building of the Native Sons of the Golden West on Mason street between Geary and Post, was laid with appropriate exercises this morning. Previous to laying the stone there was a grand parade in which the various local patriots of the Native Sons and several parsons from San Jose and Oakland, the Second Brigade National Guard, and a battalion of veterans of the Mexican war, veteran firemen and other organizations took part. Thousands of people lined the route of the procession, and a vast crowd was present at the exercises. J. D. Sprout, grand president of the order, officiated, and Joseph E. O'Donnell delivered the oration.

The arrangements have been completed between the University of California Boating association and Columbia club for a four mile race to take place on April 27th. It is the first time the university has ever made an effort to be represented by a crew on water. The race will be over a four mile course.

NEWS OF THE OLD WORD

The Plague Influenza is Again Raging Throughout the British Isles.

Trouble Between French and American Officials in Tamatave Expected.

London, Feb. 22.—Advice from Tamatave say the French are incensed against ex-United States Consul Waller, believing his representations caused the United States government to withdraw its instructions to the new consul, Mr. Wetton, to recognition through a French resident. It is related that just before French soldiers entered the house where Waller stopped and threatened him with a knife. Waller seized a chair and threatened that he would brain one of the soldiers if he came a step farther. The soldiers then left. Waller reported the matter to the United States consul.

Influenza is prevalent throughout England.

The Russian imperial minister of finance purposes encouraging the production of cotton in Russia. Growers are to receive working capital as loans and spinners and weavers are to obtain the means of purchasing the cotton when produced.

The new United States loan was quoted today at 112 premium.

A dispatch to the Globe says the Russian Mediterranean squadron has been ordered to the far east. The general assembly of the German chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution declaring its adherence to the single standard monetary system and regarding the adoption of the bi-metallic proposal by the reichstag and asserting that the whole economic system of Germany will be injured by a change in the present monetary system.

Sir John Lubbock has announced his intention to ask the government to publish the correspondence respecting the matter of colonial copyright.

One of the mail bags of the Elbe was brought to Folkestone to-day.

The Daily Chronicle says: "Although America is peculiarly the land of popular oratory she had few orators of greater power, finer feeling and more persuasive magnetism than Douglass."

The captain of the Crabbe, which sank the Elbe, has been fined for violation of the navigation rules.

An Odessa dispatch says the town of Koutchak has been swallowed by an earthquake. Several thousand persons perished. The houses were destroyed, the version of the earthquakes reported some time ago in the town of Kuchanin, by which two thousand people were reported killed.

London, Feb. 22.—The lord mayor presided at a meeting in the Mansion house for the purpose of raising a fund for the purchase of Carlyle's house. Among those who attended was Ambassador Bayard, who paid an eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of Carlyle. A number of others spoke in praise of Carlyle.

A Paris dispatch says in the deputies to-day the reported massacre of French troops on the African Gold coast was denied. A deputation of the deputies and senators called on the minister of agriculture to-day and demanded the prohibition of the importation of American cattle.

PREFERS LICENSES.

Governor Sheakley of Alaska Says Prohibition is a Failure.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Jas. Sheakley, governor of Alaska, has arrived from Washington, whether he went for the purpose of looking after certain legislation in the interests of the northern territory. He said:

"My visit to Washington was for the purpose of filing my annual report and incidentally to offer some suggestions with reference to legislation intended to affect our territory. We are far away from the nation itself and our condition and requirements are so different that it is quite necessary for some one familiar with the country to confer with the departments at Washington. Legislation which might appear to people down here beneficial might work no end of harm up there. Among other things I have urged the adoption of liquor license in the territory in preference to the present prohibitory law. The territory is so vast and the opportunities for the nefarious business so encouraging that it is almost impossible to check the traffic. The most harmful feature, however, is the tendency the success of smugglers has towards teaching natives to disrespect the government regulations. I think by lessening the traffic we could keep it better in hand."

POISONED AT THE SHOW.

A Disappointed Exhibitor Visits His Spleen on His Successful Rival.

New York, Feb. 22.—Eight dogs were poisoned with strychnine in the dog show this morning. It is believed to be the result of jealousy among exhibitors of pet dogs. All the dogs belonged to Mrs. Lena and some were prize winners in the King Charles and King Bull classes. Mrs. Lena placed the loss at \$1,750. She is almost heartbroken. Detectives are investigating. There is almost a panic among the other exhibitors.

FIRE HAS COMPLETE CONTROL

Hot Springs, Arizona, Completely Swept by the Fire Fiend This Morning.

Eight Lives Known to Have Been Lost and Many Persons Are Missing.

Hot Springs, Feb. 22.—A great fire is raging in this city. Eight persons are reported to have been burned to death. The fire originated in the business portion of the city and spread rapidly. At 10 o'clock, four hours after the time the flames were discovered, every business house and a number of boarding houses and residences were burned. It is now known that eight people have perished, and it is believed that this number will be exceeded. The victims thus far are the inmates of boarding houses. A number of hotels are threatened. The guests are panic stricken and are hurriedly leaving. The loss will exceed a million.

The fire was under control at 11 o'clock. Ten business houses, twenty-five dwellings and fifty bath houses were burned. The hotels are out of danger. Twenty persons are now reported missing and three are known to be dead.

JAMES' MOTION DEFEATED.

It Comes a Long Way From Defeating the Rosebery Government.

London, Feb. 21.—During the discussion on Sir Henry James' motion regarding the Indian cotton duties, Right Hon. E. J. Goschen, chancellor of the exchequer in the last Salisbury cabinet, advised the house to think twice what effect the decision about to be made would have in India. He felt, he said, that there had not been sufficient co-operation between India and the home government. The debate ought to be followed by an earnest and persistent effort to bring the Lancashire and Indian opinions closer. If the difference was only one of tariffs a compromise certainly would be obtained.

Sir William Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer said the government would not hesitate for a moment to support the decision required by the best interests of India regardless of the effect upon the Liberal party. He could only regret that the house had been forced in this matter to consider a motion rendering necessary what must assume the character of a party vote. The government were ready to meet the issue fairly and squarely, and without delay if defeated they would feel that there was no cause for which they could fall more worthily. It would be unfortunate, however, if the vote should leave on the minds of the people of India the lasting impression that they could not hope for justice from England.

In some quarters the opinion is that the government will resign at once if defeated on the issue of cotton duties. Probably the limits to which the government will go with a view of retaining the votes of the Lancashire Liberals will be decided at a cabinet meeting to-morrow.

The Daily Chronicle asscusses Henry James' motion in a leader headed: "The government in danger; a possible dissolution." The writer says: "Mr. Balfour, who at first was disinclined to challenge a division on the cotton duties issue, has, it is said, been influenced by Mr. Chamberlain to try to overthrow the government on any issue whatever. If the Tories, under the leadership of Mr. Balfour, choose to adopt this policy of alarm and panic-stricken selfishness, he all means let them come into office on the most inglorious policy with which the great English party was ever identified."

In the division Sir Henry James' motion was defeated by a vote of 304 to 100.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Papers on Methods of Education—Canada is Represented.

Washington, Feb. 23.—At to-day's session of the women's council several papers were read on methods of education. An invitation was extended to the delegates to attend the Atlanta exposition next fall. Mrs. Cummings of Toronto, was introduced and expressed greetings of the Canadian women to the council.

AN AFRICAN RAID.

Royal Niger Company's Headquarters Raided Last Month.

Liverpool, Feb. 21.—Mail dispatches from West Africa give details of the native raid on the Royal Niger Company's headquarters at Akassa last month. The natives captured Mr. Wyse, chief of the company's mining works, and took him to Nimbia, where they beheaded him. It is believed that a large number of the company's native employees were killed or captured. It is understood a British advance upon Nimbia is imminent.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Celebrated With the Usual Enthusiasm in Different Cities of the Union.

New York, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday is being generally observed. The weather is clear but cold. The display of flags and bunting is greater than on any previous day.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—The council of the Junior order of American Mechanics of this city and San Jose celebrated the day by a parade of several thousand men, which was followed by exercises at Woodward's Gardens. William H. Barans delivered the oration.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday is being more elaborately celebrated here to-day than it has been for many years. The day is being celebrated by the League celebrated the day at the district. Archbishop Ireland was the orator.

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LEAKE the Joints Inflammatory swelling by Hood's Sarsaparilla. My son was afflicted with joints, accompanied with he could not get up stairs long on hands and knees. I about him, and having read Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures Hood's Sarsaparilla, I deter- got a half-dozen bottles, get Hood's Sarsaparilla. et easily, yet promptly and er and bowels. 25c.