

NO CABINET MINISTER!!!

Further Confirmation That Controllers Prior and Wood are Subordinate Officers.

That Inalienable Right of Quebec Was Gobbled Up by Ontario To-Day.

Hon Mr. Montague Sworn in as Minister of Agriculture Vice Angers.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—At eleven o'clock today John F. Wood was sworn a member of the privy council by Lord Aberdeen at Rideau Hall.

This bears out all that has been said in the Times as to the position of controllers. What was done in Mr. Wood's case was to make him a privy councillor. It is simply a waste of time discussing such a ridiculous question.

Mr. Wood's status is fixed; it is that of controller of customs at \$5000 per year and privy councillor.

Col. Prior's status has now to be decided by the electors. He needs time to study this simple question and should be left at home to do so.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Messrs. Fielding, Emerson, Fraser, and Laurier all spoke at Montreal last night. There was an immense crowd and great enthusiasm was manifested for the Liberal leader and his lieutenants.

A. D. Provand, M.P., Glasgow, Scotland, of the Chiqueto Marine Railway scheme, leaves for British Columbia to-day to look over mining interests.

The Shortt case came before the cabinet this afternoon. It has been decided to commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life, the strong pressure upon the government in this case having succeeded.

Advises received at the department of trade and commerce by the last Australian mail indicate the possibility of a great demand for Canadian wheat in Australia.

The Dominion and Ontario governments, through the fisheries and crown lands departments, respectively, recently completed the stocking of several lakes in the lake of the Woods district with black bass and other valuable fish.

Ottawa Journal, Dec. 16: Hon. John P. Wood, controller of inland revenue, has been offered and accepted the position of controller of customs, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wallace.

Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior, M. P., Victoria, B. C., has been offered, and it has been offered and accepted the position of controller of inland revenue, which will become vacant by the promotion of Mr. Wood to the customs department.

Toronto Star, Dec. 17: The government newspaper to-day confirm the information stated exclusively in this column yesterday that Mr. Wood is to become controller of customs, and Lieut.-Col. Prior appointed controller of inland revenue.

The cabinet passed on the matter last evening. Both controllers are to be sworn in to the privy council so that hereafter they may have the privilege of writing the affix "Hon." to their names in life. They are not to be cabinet ministers, but will continue to be parliamentary heads under Hon. W. B. Ives, as the statute provides.

Wanipig Free Press, Dec. 19: Misapprehension appears to have arisen regarding recent ministerial changes. The Premier informed your correspondent to-day that both Wood and Prior will be members of the cabinet, but their departments under the act of 1887 will still be subsidiary to the department of trade and commerce.

Vancover World, looks somewhat peculiar that if Col. Prior is to be a cabinet minister, he should not have been sworn in before appealing to his constituents for an endorsement of his conduct. So far as our reading of Canadian history goes this is the first instance in which the constitution has been flagrantly violated.

THE CONTEST IN CARDWELL.

Cardwell, Ont., Dec. 24.—The first polling place heard from in Cardwell gives Willoughby, Conservative, 41; Stubbs, McCarthyite, 36; Henry, Liberal, 42.

Latest.—Seventeen places in Cardwell give Willoughby, 812; Stubbs, 948; and Henry, 273.

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HAPPENINGS IN HONOLULU.

Trial of Conspirators—The Vacant Justice ship Given to Mr. Hartwell.

Sao Francisco, Dec. 24.—The steamer Australia brings the following news from Honolulu, December 16: The trial of Underwood alias Morrow, and Sheridan, two alleged conspirators, was postponed this morning for one week.

More Gold From America is Expected to Help Things in London.

London, Dec. 24.—The money market has undergone a temporary tightening under the influence of the American panic.

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THE STORM SUBSIDED.

Now That the Little, Loud-Mouthed Jingoists Have Blown Off.

Foolish People in Nicaragua Preparing to Join a Very Mythical Army.

Christmas Holidays May Cool Hot Heads on Both the Atlantic Shores.

New York, Dec. 24.—Of all the anti-war sermons preached in this city, the fiercest was preached in the Central Metropolitan church by the Rev. S. R. Cadman.

Continuing, he said, "The English people and the newspapers, I am sorry to say, are not so far from the mark on this side. The whole thing is characterized by a species of hydrophobia jingoism."

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—President Cleveland's message to Congress fully endorsed by President Zeilar and all Nicaraguans.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—One result of the present war scare is the unanimous demand for the arming of the militia with the Lee-Metford rifle.

London, Dec. 24.—The afternoon newspapers continue their comments on the Venezuelan question, and the hope is expressed that the Christmas holidays will help to bring about a calmer mood on both sides of the Atlantic.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 24.—The recent heavy rains have caused a break in Lamarr dykes, and hundreds of acres have been flooded by the Illinois river.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas in Shoemaker's rolling mill this morning, eight men were burned, and one named Bowman fatally.

HONEST HELP.

Thousands of men are suffering because they lack the courage to make known their early errors and to endeavor to remedy them.

Belfast, Dec. 24.—Mr. Edward Harland, head of the famous shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, died to-day.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Frankfort Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Constantinople, saying that there has been fierce fighting at Zeltoun between the Turkish troops who surrounded the city and the insurgent Armenians who defended it.

Turkey, Dec. 23.—With the Venezuelan question on the tapis, there seems to be no prospect of any concerted action in Armenia at present.

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fact, it is said the Sultan is ten times stronger than he was six months ago, and that he no longer fears the Turkish revolutionists, and less the Powers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Latest reports from United States Minister Terrell, at Constantinople, show that there is grave reason to apprehend further religious outbreaks in Turkey, by which the safety of American residents there would be threatened.

Colon, Island of Cuba, Province of Matanzas, Dec. 21.—As this dispatch is sent away, heavy musketry firing is heard in the direction of Aprica, a small town six miles from here, about twenty miles from the frontier of Santa Clara.

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PERSECUTION IN GERMANY.

Severe Restrictions of Liberty and Their Probable Result.

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AYER'S HAIR VIGOR. Restores natural color to the hair, and also prevents it falling out. Mrs. H. W. Pawley, of Digby, N. S., says: "A little more than two years ago my hair began to turn gray and fall out. After the use of one bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor my hair was restored to its original color and ceased falling out. An occasional application has since kept the hair in good condition."—Mrs. H. F. Fenwick, Digby, N. S., says: "I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for three years and it has restored my hair, which was fast becoming gray, back to its natural color."—H. W. HASELHOFF, Paterson, N. J.