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# WITH INTEREST.

#### The Big Audience NOVA SCOTIA STEEL Not fired by Leader.

fork Theatre Crowded, But Speech Did Not Evoke Demonstrative Enthusiasm -Fiscal and Transportation Caustions Discussed - Mr. Ganong and Mr. Powell the SAL Other Speakers.

audience, there was no great demon-tion at any time during Mr. Borden's ch, though applause attended his mak-of points. It was 10.20 o'clock when he duded and then about a quarter of

e Who Were There. itish flags and three mottoes were about the auditorium. The mottoes "Protect Our Industries," "Our Through Our Own Ports" and "No scontinental Railway with Terminus

I. J. R. Armstrong presided and ag those on the platform were Senator II (Sackville), W. C. H. Grimmer, M. (St. Stephen), Alderman J. B. M. er, Alderman Macrae, Alderman well, Andrew Malcolm, R. D. Wilmot, P. (Oromocto), John McAllister, exp. (Restigonche), W. H. Thorne, J. Hazen, M. P., T. S. Simms, Dr. S. trd, C. A. Everett, Miles E. Agar, as A. Belyea, Dr. Murray MacLaren, les Nevins, Florence McCarthy, Dr. ews, Col. Markham, Dr. Jas. Christie, Lockhart, L. P. D. Tilley, S. D. ews, Col. Markham, Dr. Jas. Christie,
Lockhart, L. P. D. Tilley, S. D.
Philip Palmer, H. H. Pickett, Dr.
nerney, Philip Grannan, Dr. J. W.
J. D. Chipman (St. Stephen), J.
Iazen, J. E. Osborne (Milltown), J.
W. Spurr, J. C. Hertley (Woodstock),
W. Gerow, Thos. Kickham, Colonel
ne (Woodstock), J. S. Sinelair, E. P.
nond, R. B. Emerson, Alderman
dge, W. S. Fisher, Dr. Gilchrist, A.
McCready (Sackville.)

S Ganong the First Speaker.

W. Ganong, M. P., of Charlotte, was introduced. He said Mr. Borden was representative of the great Conservabarty to which confederation was by due and enlargement of the countier with the Liberal governt while first denouncing protection gone the extremity of that policy. difference between the great parties that the Liberals worked protection matter of revenue while the Contaives put forward the policy as cple in the interests of the country, charged that the Eiberals preached fection in the east and free trade in west.

mberlain's preference within the emand said Great Britain annually imaded \$500,000,000 of articles which Can-

## AND COAL COMPANY CHANGES POLICY.

The Works at Ferrona Will Be Gradually Absorbed by the Syd-ney Mines Plant-

While under the same final s. The other speakers were G. W. agement the two plants will be continued in operation, the Sydney Mines works being devoted principally to the production of pig iron and billets and the Sydney there was no great demonstration.

London, Dec. 7.—It was announced today that Col. Younghusband and Col.
MacDonald, leaders of the British expedition to Thibet, in support of the British
mission, have reached Darjiling, Nepal,
and expect to start the expedition immediately for the Chumbi Valley.

According to the latest reports it appears that the Chinese representative at
Lhasea, the capital of Thibet, who was
ordered to meet the British mission at
Khambajong, Thibet, committed suicide.
The official who replaced him died on his
way to the British camp, and the Thibetan representative who eventually arrived tan representative who eventually arrived at the British camp, claiming to be an of-ficial from Lhasea, proved to be an un-important individual from an adjacent vil-lage.

#### Improved P. E. I. Service. Ottawa, Dec. 7.-Hon. Raymond Prefontaine has returned from Prince Edward Island, where he has been looking into the ferry service. This morning he said that this service will be maintained by the steamer Stanley between Summerside and Cape Tormentine and steamer Minto between Charlottetown and Pictou as

ally believe that every one of the north shore counties, Restigouche, Gloucester,

### could produce. The Laurier govern-it, he charged, rested mute on this continued on page 6, first column.) There is no show for any Conservative candidate to be elected in any of these constituencies."—Moncton Transcript. MERICAN CROOKS PLAN

RAID ON CANADIAN BANKS.

ited States Secret Service HUMAN SKELETONS Warns Managers of Institutions, and Extra Guards

oronto, Dec. 7—(Special)—Banks hav-headquarters in this city have been rned by the United States secret ser-e of contemplated descent of bank glars on Canada. The exodus is to be made from New rk and will have for its destination centres of Canada, with excursions mned to smaller and outlying towns. The bank robbers are said to be destate fellows, determined and ready for thing. They have planned a series of obseries for this country very carefully d with greatest detail have their promme mapped out so as to make a thorough the property of Canadian hank vaults. mme mapped out so as to make a thor-gh clean up of Canadian bank vaults. Bank guarde all over the country are seiving reinforcements and taking every ecaution to protect their premises.

# UNEARTHED IN NEW YORK

Have Been Placed on Vaults. Eight of them Found While Excavating in City Hall Park.

> New York, Dec. 7.-Eight human skeletons, supposed to be the remains of con-tinental soldiers who perished during the revolution, were uncovered today by workmen excavating in city hall park near the old hall of records. A prison in which the British confined American prisoners occupied this site in revolutionary times, later giving way to the Hall of Records.

a widow and four cone,

Toronto, Dec. 7—(Special)—J. B. Mc-Arthur, K. C., died here today. He had been of the firm of MacDonald, Tupper & Co., of Winnipeg, and later resided at Rossland. He was 54 years old and leaves

#### General Manager Cowans Is- Letter from One of His Family Sir Sandford Fleming Advo- C. P. B. TRAINS COLLIDE sues Statement to That Effect.

SPRINGHILL MINES

STRIKE IS OFF AT

HOW IT WAS EFFECTED.

Men Were Dissatisfied With the Action of a Few in Calling Employes Out and Asked for a Conference, Which Resulted in the Mines to Resume Work Today.

They Do Not Command Port Simpson Harbor, as They Are 25 and 35 Miles Distant.

Toronto, Dec. 7—(Special)—A Globe special from Vancouver says it has been discovered that the two small silends outlying Wales and Pearse, which the United States received by the terms of the Alaska boundary award, do not after all command Port Simpson harbor. The despatch continues: Instead of lying respectively two and three miles distant, as stated in the memoranda before the boundary commission, these islands of Sitklin and Kannaghunut, according to surveyors who have just returned from Port Simpson and who are engaged in the railway exploration work, are twenty and thirty-five miles distant, and therefore would not by any mean's command, as previously announced, the new Pacific pior. It is stated here that the error of distance arose through a mistake in typing, the words in the memoranda 20 and 30 miles being copied 2 and 3 miles. The despatch adds that Lord Dundonald, the general commanding the Canadian militia, who is now on the Pacific coast, will report as to the military value of Sitklan and Kannaghunut, as well as the strategic qualities from the British standpoint of Port Simpson, and all the other prospective terminal sites for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

#### LAURIER AND TARTE BOTH SPEAK AT A MONTREAL BANQUET

French-Ganadian Journalists Entertain Them, and Premier Tells of His Experience of Journalism.

Montreal, Dec. 7—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier came down from Ottawa tonight and attended a banquet of the French-Canadian Journalists' Association.

The premier, after offering his felicitations on the new association, said that he had himself had some experience of journalism and its difficulties, which were not in keeping with the picture many on the outside associated with the working newspaper man.

paper man.
Sir Wilfrid said he appreciated the power and the influence of the newspaper. In England, in particular, it had wielded a sovereign power. In Canada its effects were plainly visible.

Hon. Mr. Tarte, who followed the premier, spoke in a similar vein.

#### THE CARRIVAL SPORTS.

Fredericton Man Wants to Know Where His Prize Has Gone.

ing's issue is asking where are the prizes won by the contestants in the carnival won by the contestants in the carmival sports held here last fall, and says:—
"The prizes offered at the carmival of sports held in St. John during October last are not being handed over to their winners with very wonderful rapidity. It may be that St. John hates to part with them, but, nevertheless, the well known athlete, Arthur Finnamore, of the Trojan Athletic Association won first place in Athletic Association, won first place the 220 yards dash and crossed the fini of the 120 yards hurdles in second place and now tells the Gleaner that he has yet and now tells the cheaner that he has yet to receive his prizes. If there is any reason why they have not been received by him, will not the secretary please let him become aware of it through the press, as he appears to take no notice of a letter which Arthur says he wrote him some weeks at the complexity around weeks ago. It is up to somebody around the winter port to do something." Some time ago a member of the West End amateur four-oared crew claimed that although there was to have been a second prize, and his crew finished in that position, up to that time no prizes had been received. They have probably been received into the time to the

## CHAMBERLAIN GAINS GROUND.

Predicts His Scheme Will Carry.

J. E. W. CURRIER WEDS.

Former Private Secretary of Hon. Mr. Blair Married to Miss Florence Pratt of Ottawa at Buffalo, and Greatly Surprises His Many

to Canada in the next twelve months or, indeed, until this campaign has been fought to a finish. I am arraid the Canadian papers do not give you very full accounts of the progress of events and trend of opinion at home, which are most

"I hope it may be possible in the future for my father to bring the message to Canada himself."

# BRITISH SCHOONER

The Clare, from Lunenburg for New York, Loses False Keel Before She is Floated.

Wetserly, R. I., Dec. 7—The British schooner Clare, laden with laths; from Luenenburg (N. S.) for New York, stranded on a reef at the east Spindle off Watch Hill early today, but was floated about three hours later by the life saving crew from the Watch Hill station with a loss of her false keel. If the weather continues good she will proceed to her destination. Her crew is composed of seven

### FRENCH COUNT DIES IN RHODE ISLAND POORHOUSE

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 7—The death of Count Maurice DePradel, a French writer and lecturer, was announced today at the home for aged poor after an illness of three weeks.

three weeks.
Count DePradel was formerly minister to Turkey from Roumania and had travelled extensively. He was the son of Henri and Louise BePradel, was born in France in 1836 and was the last of his family. He came to this country about three years ago, visited all the principal cities and gave lectures on various subjects. About three months ago he applied for assistance at the home for the aged poor, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor. It was understood that his wife died while very young, leaving a daughter who died at the age of 19.

Johnston L. O. L. The annual meeting of Johnston, L. O. L., No. 24, was held in Orange hall, Germain street, Monday night. The treasurer's report showed that the lodge had a prosperous year. County Master Hon. H. A. McKeown presided during the election of officers, which resulted as follows: W. Munford, D. M.

James Holman, Chap.

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M. A. McLeod, recording secretary.
Joseph Johnston, Fin. Sec.
Charles Robinson, Treas.
George J. Denniston, D. of C.
Randolph Wattridge, lecturer. S. E. Wark, first Com James Sullivan, second Com. D. B. Webster, third Com. Wm. Simpson, fourth Com. H. C. Johnston, fifth Com. Fred Nice, inside tyler,

### FREE NEWS SERVICE TO AUSTRALASIA.

cates That Such Be Inaugurated.

NOT A MESSAGE SENT

Since the Pacific Cable Has Been Established Because the Australian Newspapers Are Tied Up to the Eastern Extension Company

ada to Australasia."

Sir Sandford goes on to say that as Australian newspapers are tied to the Eastern Extension Company no press messages are forwarded to Australia through Canada by the Pacific cable. The Canadian government, desiring to take full advantage of the newly laid cable, passed an order-in-council on March 7, 1903, pointing out that a news service was much needed so that such a service was much needed so that the sould not bave his support. He regretted to see Canada being represented on the other side as a squalling infant, cry-will also erect at least twenty dwellings for their employes, and a large store. It is anticipated that the company will employ at least 175 men in their industries in this city.

Canada Dees Not Require the ce at both ends of the cable. Australia and New Zealand were invited to unite with Canada in taking steps to establish a press service across the Pacific which would be free of charge to all newspapers and at the limit should be 500 words transmitted both ways daily for a period of three months.

The government of New Zeakad re-

months.

The government of New Zealand responded in favor of the proposal, but the government of the commonwealth raised objections to it. These objections have not been removed.

Sir Sandford sees no reason why Canada and New Zealand should any longer be denied the benefits which the cable is capable of conferring. About two hours a day would transmit all the messages now sent by the cable. The press news

a day would transmit all the messages now sent by the cable. The press news could be sent without increasing the working staff and without adding a single shilling to the working expenses.

He sees no reason why a limited news service cannot be inaugurated between New Zealand and Canada. This would only occupy half an hour in sending 500 words daily and if not a daily then a weekly service.

weekly service.
"I am sure," concluded Sir Sandford, "that a free news service occupying the cable and its staff no more than half an cable and its staff no more than hair and hour a week in the exchange of information for the mutual benefit of the people of New Zealand and Canada would be productive of much good in many ways. A limited service of this kind would prove to be the forerunner of a full daily press service in which the people of the Australian commonwealth would be willing participants."

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 7.

# NOVA SCOTIA CASES

Ottawa, Dec. 7-(Special)-In the su preme court today an application was made to postpone the case of Payson vs Hubert until February on the ground that the attorney-general of Nova Scotia, who represented the appellant, a governmen official, has recently discovered that evi dence which he gave at the trial is com mented on in the factums and he could not therefore argue the appeal and it was application was refused with costs. Dartmouth Ferry Commissioners Marks was argued. The respondent as executrix of herehusband sued for the lat

ter's wages as captain of a ferry boat for several months before he died when he was too ill to do his work. The defence was that the contract was rescinded by absence and also that deceased had knowl edge of a rule of the commissioners that no employe would be paid for time when he was away. The plaintiff recovered at the trial and the full court was equally divided. Judgment was reserved. Russell, K. C., and McInnis for appellant; W. B.A. Ritchie, K. C., for respondent.

McNaughton vs. Hudson was next heard. The action in this case was by heard. The action in this case was appellant for decision of a contract to pur-chase defendant's interest in gold mines in Nova Scotia and for return of money in Nova Scotia and for return of money paid under such contract on the ground that false representations were made by defendants as to the productive capacity of the mines which induced plaintiff to buy. Plaintiff obtained judgment at the trial, but the court en banc reversed it and dismissed the action. The argument will be continued on Wednesday, tomorrow being a holiday.

## WE DO NOT NEED BRITISH NAVY.

# AND BOTH WRECKED.

Freights Were Running at Top Speed When Accident Occurred, But Engineers and Firemen Jump and Are Unhurt.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7-(Special)-Tw and the cars were piled up in

# HAVE A FAIR IN 1905

Dates Sept. 21 to 27-Scott Lum

# SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO

Reverend Gentleman Was Kicked by His Horse Saturday Evening and injured internally.

Petiteodiac, N. B., Dec. 7-(Special)-Rev. Abraham Perry Saturday evening, the 5th, was kicked by his horse and quite Future. seriously injured. The blow caught the reverend gentleman below the twelfth rib on the right side. Though no bones are broken Dr. Fleming pronounces his in-ternal injuries to be quite severe.

## REOPENS ITS DOORS,

tional Bank of Alleghany, which closed its doors shortly after the suspension of the Federal National Bank of this city, several years ago, re-opened today.

President Speer stated that the bank resumed business with a capital of \$350,000, and a surplus of over \$86,000, after having charged off every dollar of bad or doubtful debts.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 7.-The first Na-

### Such is Opinion of Hon. Clifford

Sifton.

Minister of Interior Tells Ottawa Audience That Canada is a Self - contained Country and Only Needs Land Defences—The People That Buy Our Products Should Look After Its Safe Defivery - Other Matters Dealt With.

British Navy.

He agreed with Sir Charles Tupper, which he did not often do, When Sir Charles said that Caneda did not require the protection of the British navy. There was no country more self-contained than Canada, and it was those who purchased the product of the country that required to protect it by sea. Canada did require land defences, but there was no need of a large standing army.

Mr. Sitton showed how the Canadian militia was improved in recent years, and said that he had suggested to the minister of militia that every school boy should be taught the use of the rifle and when he was twenty-one years of age it should be presented to him. And as in Switzerland, the owner should be called upon to produce it once a year.

Future.

Mr. Siften declared in favor of Canada having treaty making powers to the extent of all the commissioners on the British side being Canadians in cases which concerned Canada. He also agreed with Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylewayred with Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylewayred with the refused to sign the Alaska award.

Mr. Siften started out by congratulating the club on its rapid growth, there being more than 300 around the tables. The club showed that the young men of Canada were thinking, and it was a ficality sign to see them thinking, and it was a ficality sign to see them thinking, and a related stage, not that there was any danger, but nevertheless at a critical priod in its history.

"We have had," said Mr. Siften, "our trials and tribulations, and a variety of problems of one kind or another to deal with; the various provinces had their struggles, and for a time even confederation was regarded as uncertain. These political struggles and problems have been solved, and we are now entering upon a larger sphere.

"With 6,000,000 of people tound together with great arteries of commerce, we had a larger outlook before us. The young men might clear up our ideas by discussing what our destiny will be." It might look as im(Continued on page 2, third column.)

#### PREFERENTIAL TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

## SUSSEX INCORPORATION.

A. S. White, J. M. McIntyre and Others Address a Large Meeting

Against the idea.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 7.—(Special).—A meeting was held in Oddfellows' hall tonight which was called by a committee opposed to incorporation and was attended by a large number of the electors. J. M. Kinnear took the chair at 8 o'clock. Hon. A. S. White was the first speaker and spoke at some length, showing his hearers that it would be impossible to have as cheap government under incorporation as we were enjoying under our present system of municipal administration.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—(Special)—There is every prospect of Canada being given before long a tariff preference in Australia. D. H. Ross, commercial agent, reporting to the department of trade and commerce, writing from Melbourne, Nov. 7th, concerning his tour of western and South Australia, says:

"My work has been very encouraging and all along the line has been expressed a warm desire to increase importations from Canada. Preferential trade booms largely in the policy of the Commonwealth government placed by the premier before the electors. That Canada will secure a preference seems implied by the speeches already made and even a start of fifteen

J. M. McIntyre produced figures to show that the poll tax on all citizens would be largely increased. Mr. McIntyre was followed by J. A. Humphrey and Joseph Horneastle, both of whom advised going slow in this matter, especially under the present town's incorporation act.

Canadian Commercial Agent Writes That It May Be Expected Soon as Feeling in Commenwealth Favors It.

preference seems implied by the speeches already made and even a start of fifteen