

FREDERICTON.

Annual Meeting of the People's Bank.

The Political Situation Shows Popular Revolt Against the Government - Divorce Court.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 25.—The annual meeting of the People's Bank was held this evening. Eight per cent. dividend was declared last year. \$5,000 carried to reserve. \$7,000 placed in sinking fund and \$8,483 carried forward. The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: A. H. F. Randolph, president; Hon. F. P. Thompson, vice-president; Geo. F. Abbott, W. G. Clarke and R. F. Randolph.

The McCutcheon divorce suit took up the greater part of the morning under the examination of Alfred and Roy Cutcheon. Mrs. Cutcheon testified to the fact that she had no recollection of the statements made by defendant throughout the trial. Plaintiff asked for \$10,000. The case was closed and the counsel briefly addressed the court. Judgment will be delivered next term.

There is nothing new in the political situation here except new names to the opposition ranks, and that has now become a daily occurrence. Mr. Price (Lib.) moved an amendment to the address providing for the repeal of the law excluding Canadian stores from the British market.

Chief Commissioner Lablache is this week calling for tenders for building bridges in his own county. Tenders are invited for rebuilding the Louisa River bridge and Richards mill bridge.

The legislature will not meet before 12th March. The government's proclamation provided for it to 5th March, and in the next week the Royal Gazette further prorogation to the 15th will be made.

IRISH AFFAIRS. Constitution of the Irish in British Colonies. Mr. Redmond in the House of Commons today moved an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne on the subject of the Irish land question.

Although Mr. Redmond failed to draw the chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Wyndham, into a revelation of the contents of the coming Irish land bill, his amendment provoked quite a remarkable debate. Seldom in the history of the Irish question has such a conciliatory spirit been displayed on all sides.

The only disappointing aspect from the point of view of the nationalists was the omission of the names of the members of the unionists, who seemed apprehensive regarding the heavy demands on the nation's purse when the bill is introduced a fortnight hence.

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OTTAWA.

A Militia Clerk's Long Continued Defalcations.

Shows the Careless Way in Which Sir Frederick Borden Conducts His Department.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—It has been decided to hold the next convention of the Dominion W. C. T. U. in Ottawa. Martineau, militia department clerk, has confessed to Borden, accountant of the militia department, and Colonel Sherwood, commissioner of the Dominion police. Authorities have accomplished something towards clearing the mystery attending Martineau's defalcations. His story makes it interesting reading.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Hon. Mr. Hanbury Again Shows His Enmity to Canada.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—In replying Mr. Wyndham declined to commit himself to any wholesale official approval of the land conference report, which he said avoided or skirted many questions which must be taken into account. The value of the work of the conference, however, could hardly be over-estimated. It showed that a large majority of the landlords and tenants were ready to make concessions. The secretary concluded by expressing the hope that the spirit of good sense and good will emanating from the report would make it possible to lay the foundation upon which alone it was possible to lay the foundation of national life.

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS HYMNS.

Whopping Cough Has Killed Nearly Half the People of New Guinea. (New York World.) The New Guinea natives may be forgiven if they do not believe in the blessings of civilization. Less than two years ago a couple of white children were brought to New Guinea, Austria, to Semara, in New Guinea, and after their arrival developed whooping cough, which is not usually considered to be a fatal, indeed, hardly a serious illness.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THOSE WHO WROTE THEM.

Everyone, perhaps, has his or her favorite hymn. Yet few know its author and under what circumstances it was composed. Take the Christmas hymns, for example. Many had to draw their inspiration from the streets of London. Charles Wesley, in 1739, began his "How All the Ways of Zion, Christians, Awake!" was composed by John Byrom in 1745 as a carol for his little daughter Dolly. "For her and for no one else." In the original manuscript it is headed "Christmas Day to Dolly."

ST. ANDREWS.

Found Not Guilty of the Crime of Arson.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., 25.—The trial of Wm. Jeffrey, on a charge of arson, was concluded in the county court just before six o'clock tonight, when the jury, after 15 minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict of not guilty. Ten witnesses were examined relative to the destruction of the house of Mrs. Jeffrey, which was destroyed by fire on the night of the 15th inst. The jury, after 15 minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict of not guilty.

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NOT QUITE THE MEANING.

As the Londoner went down in the Bay of Hiscay in 1888, the doomed passengers were told to sing hymns. It was once translated into Hindustani by an enthusiastic convert, and his rendering literally translated read thus: "Very old stone, split for my benefit, and let me absent myself under one of your fragments."

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N. B. NAMES

The Geographic Board of Canada.

Defends Its Actions Against the Criticisms of Prof. Ganong, as Published in the Sun Monthly Ago.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—In your issue of the 3rd December last appeared a letter from Prof. W. F. Ganong, drawing attention to the decisions of the Geographic Board of Canada, respecting New Brunswick names. This letter was impossible for the board to consider until it had been referred to the executive committee, giving the reasons of the board for certain decisions. It is not to be understood that the board has not met with Prof. Ganong's approval. A letter was written to him, explaining the reasons of the board, and a copy of the same was sent to the Sun. The board is not to be understood as having any objection to the valuable work which has been done by Prof. Ganong in his book, "The Names of New Brunswick." It is a friendly and co-operative spirit which has actuated the board in its decisions. It is not to be understood that the board has any objection to the valuable work which has been done by Prof. Ganong in his book, "The Names of New Brunswick." It is a friendly and co-operative spirit which has actuated the board in its decisions.

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