

## Bering Sea Seals.

The Arbitration Court Begins Its Labors.

M. Dupuy Succeeds in Forming a French Cabinet.

Commendable Industry of the Princess Maud Charlotte Mary Victoria.

Success of the Honduras Revolutionists.

PANAMA, April 4.—Advices confirm the news of the triumph of the revolutionists in Honduras. Gen. Bonilla is in power, and is supported now by many of ex-President Lora's followers.

His Mother Gets All.

LONDON, April 5.—The entire property of George Abington Baird, the sporting man, better known as "Squire Abington," is left to his mother for her life-time, and upon her death is to be shared amongst the cousins of the deceased. Nothing whatever is bequeathed to his intimate acquaintances.

The Buried Bank.

MELBOURNE, April 4.—The suspension of the Commercial Bank of Australia is due to the continued withdrawal of deposits, \$10,000,000 having been withdrawn within the past year, and \$750,000 on Thursday last alone. The Commercial is the largest bank in Victoria. The total of the deposits is over \$60,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 is lodged in London.

A New French Cabinet.

PARIS, April 4.—M. Dupuy has succeeded in forming a Cabinet as follows:

M. Dupuy—Premier and Minister of the Interior.  
Paul Louis Peytral—Minister of Finance.  
Senator Eugene Guerin—Minister of Justice.

Raymond Poincaré—Minister of Public Instruction.

Louis Turrel—Minister of Commerce.

Admiral Ricquier—Minister of Marine.

Jules Devell—Minister of Foreign Affairs.

François Viette—Minister of Public Works.

General Lachon—Minister of War.

Albert Viger—Minister of Agriculture.

Balfour in Belfast.

BELFAST, April 4.—The scene to-day was one of general holiday in this city and vicinity. The railway trains brought thousands of people to Belfast and the streets were crowded. At 10 o'clock A. J. Balfour, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, the Duke of Abercorn, the mayor of Belfast and other leading Unionists headed a large procession of Orangemen and members of other organizations with bands and banners that marched to the Botanic Gardens. There, from a stand erected for the occasion, Balfour, the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Londonderry and their party reviewed the procession. The marching multitude cheered vociferously, and the Dublin students tore in shreds and then trampled upon copies of the Irish Home Rule Bill in front of the stand, while Mr. Balfour smiled and nodded approval.

An Industrious Princess.

LONDON, April 4.—Princess Maud, the youngest daughter of the Prince of Wales, whose engagement to Lord Rosbery has just been announced, is said to be a very charming young person, whose graces and accomplishments might well have commended themselves to his lordship even if her were not the daughter of England's heir apparent. Her full name is Maud Charlotte Mary Victoria. In her pretty rooms at Sandringham, the country residence of the Prince, may be seen the sewing machines on which so many bales of cloth have been made for the poor of the neighborhood and where quite a number of the dresses of the princess and her sister Victoria have been made by their own hands. Both daughters have inherited from their mother the skill in needlework for which she is celebrated among Europe's royalties. One corner of the room is the workshop where Princess Maud carries on her manufacture of pretty knickknacks from the dropped feathers of the Sandringham peacocks, while in yet another corner of the room are the piano and the zither tables of the two princesses.

Bering Sea Arbitration Begun.

PARIS, April 4.—The court of arbitration to pass upon the differences between Great Britain and America as to the seal fisheries in Bering Sea began its session to-day at the Foreign Office. Sir Charles Russell, the British Attorney-General, of counsel for Great Britain, opened the arguments by moving that Mr. Campbell should furnish to the court a copy of the report of Sir Henry Elliot on the Bering Sea question.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster was questioned in regard to the erroneous translation of certain Russian documents the American case. Mr. Foster said that the errors of the translation had been discovered by the United States Government and the erroneously translated documents had been withdrawn along with the arguments based upon them and the British case. The insinuations of the British newspapers, therefore, Mr. Foster added, were utterly unfounded and unworthy of attention.

Mr. Carter submitted a motion that the tribunal dismiss from the arbitration so much of England's demands as relates to page 115 of the British counter-case, referring to the expenditure for Supreme Court proceedings. The motion contemplated also the dismissal of the clause concerning Pelagic seals.

Mr. Phelps moved the rejection of the report of the Bering Sea Commission, put in evidence at the first meeting of the arbitrators. His argument was unfinished when the commission adjourned until tomorrow.

Attack on Lord Dufferin.

PARIS, April 5.—The Coeurde has renewed its campaign against Lord Dufferin, British Ambassador to France. It contends that he misuses his diplomatic

privileges enjoyed by him here to plot against the interests of France. Throughout the crisis of the last few days, the article adds, his conduct has been so flagrantly hostile to France that his recall should be demanded, for he has played the part of a veritable Cabinet-wrecker in order that no statesman likely to please Russia might be called to power.

Balfour's Buncombe.

BELFAST, April 5.—Toward the close of his speech, Balfour devoted his attention to the probable effect which he said the Home Bill, if passed, would have upon Protestant Ireland. He could not wonder, he said, that such a crazy and unjust measure as the one last concocted by Mr. Gladstone had exhausted the forbearance of the Ulster loyalists. He could not wonder that their indignation had broken over all bounds and that they felt ready to resort to extreme measures for the defense of their threatened rights. He played to God that the Irish Loyalists would not be compelled to fight for their rights. He could not deny conscientiously that what was justifiable against a tyrannical king was equally justifiable against a tyrannical majority. He trusted, however, that such circumstance would never arise.

IN THE SPORTING WORLD.

THE TURF.

ST. THOMAS TURF ASSOCIATION.  
The annual meeting of the St. Thomas Turf Association (Limited) was held on Monday. The report of the treasurer showed total receipts \$1,909.22, disbursements \$1,736.76; balance, \$172.46. The election of directors resulted as follows: James Hepburn, C. P. Geary, A. S. Smith, L. Carson, R. McCully, A. McKenzie, T. Horton, S. O. Perry, Geo. L. Gill, J. W. Bonger and G. K. Pennington. The new board will meet Thursday evening to elect officers.

RULED OFF THE TURF.

Two English sportsmen, who have been following the Austrian races, have been posted as defaulters in the sum of 200,000 florins by the Vienna Jockey Club, and they have been excluded from Austrian race meetings. Among the other defaulters published are Alfred Mislowski, who owes 175,000 florins, and Baron Johann Oresg, who owes 530,000 florins.

THE WHEEL.

Baltimore, Md., claims 12,000 wheelmen.

A real nobelman has been elected president of the Scottish Cyclists' Union, in the person of Lord Lothian.

A bill has been introduced in the Connecticut Legislature providing a special penalty for bicycle stealing.

ATHLETICS.

Charley Mitchell accepts the offer of the

Coney Island Athletic Club to fight Jim Corbett under their auspices for the

purse the club has offered, providing the articles are fair.

A DEADLY KNOCKOUT.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., April 4.—The fight tonight at Maple Bay between Joe Dunfee, of this city, and Dan Donovan, of Auburn, resulted in a knockout for the Syracuse man in the seventh round. Two hours after the fight Donovan had not recovered consciousness.

FIFTY-EIGHT ROUNDS.

HELENA, MONT., April 4.—Billy Lewis, of San Francisco, and Jim Burge, of

Australia, fought in the opera house here from 10 o'clock last night until 3 o'clock this morning. Lewis was knocked out in the 58th round; he broke both his hands.

BASEBALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 5.—The Eastern Baseball League was in session to-day. Erie, Pa., Buffalo, Binghamton,

Albany, Troy and Providence were represented, and Wilkesbarre, Pa., and Springfield, Mass., were subsequently admitted, making an eight-club league. Salaries

must not at any time exceed \$1,500 per month per club, and no players shall receive more than \$150 per month. The single championship series was readopted.

SALE OF A NIAGARA FRUIT FARM AND

Residence for \$50,000—Depression in the Horse Market.

An annexation club was organized at

Anderton on Tuesday with nearly 100 members.

The Allan Steamship Company has sold

the Nova Scotia for \$25,000. She will be broken up. Lately she had been losing \$30,000 a year.

It is stated that Dr. McGuire, who has

been a resident of Guelph for a quarter of a century and had an extensive practice, went insane on Tuesday.

Joseph Scarborough, of Hanover, apple

exporter, age 29 years, with a very large circle of friends throughout Ontario, died suddenly Tuesday evening of apoplexy.

Dealers state that the home trade is

depressed owing to the low prices occasioned by the McKinley Bill. The Hochelaga station show on Tuesday was a failure.

Mr. W. H. P. Clement and Mr. N. W. Rowell, of Toronto, two excellent speakers,

are announced to address meetings in Picton and Wellington on April 7 and 8 on the tariff question.

The Beaver Line Steamship Company has

secured a contract from the Manitoba Government to bring out 1,500 Iceland immigrants during the coming summer. They are to settle near Lake Winnipeg.

A great wind storm swept over Castle-

ton on Tuesday. Parts of buildings were

blown down, houses unroofed, chimneys

blown down and H. P. Gougeon's magnificent

block and the walls completely wrecked.

The residence and fruit farm on the

Niagara River road below the railway

suspension bridge consisting of 40 acres and

owned by Senator Dr. John Ferguson was

sold on Tuesday for \$36,000 to an American syndicate.

The directors of the Imperial Loan and

Investment Company, Toronto, have

finished their investigations into the accounts of the concern. The report of the

auditors shows a deficiency of \$25,468.29, which will be reduced to less than one-half by the securities.

James H. Shearer, drygoods merchant,

Ottawa, has made an assignment. Liabilities estimated at \$20,000.

James Hay, sen., the well-known furniture

manufacturer of Woodstock, and father of Mayor James Hay, jun., of that town, is dead.

Van Braam—What quiet eyes Miss Man-

chester has!—Shades—Yes; so widely different from her chin.

## Ontario Legislature.

Opening of the New Parliament Buildings.

Speech of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick Yesterday.

Important Legislation for the Third Session Foreshadowed.

Congratulations Upon Entering the New

Quarters—Advancing Methods in All

Branches of Husbandry—Splendid

Work of the Agricultural College—

Bills To Be Submitted, Including One

Relating to the Voters' Lists in Cities.

[Special to the ADVERTISER.]

TORONTO, April 4.—With the trumpet's

blare and boom of guns the formal opening

of the new Parliament buildings of the

Province of Ontario took place to-day,

when the Legislature assembled for business

in the magnificent structure for the first

time. The weather was bright and warm,

adding much to the brilliancy of the cere-

monies and to the enjoyment derived from

the afternoon by the tens of thousands who

gathered in every nook of the buildings or

craned their necks from points of vantage

in neighboring parts of Queen's Park. It was

shortly before 3 o'clock when two 9-pounders

of the Toronto Field Battery under Major

Joe Mead rumbled up the avenue, their

silent gunners sitting with folded arms

behind, and took up a position in rear of

the buildings. Then came strains of

martial music and the glint of steel and

the glare of red coats showed that the

guard of honor was approaching from where

the trees of the avenue almost reached its

vanishing point. The guard was composed

of 70 men of the Canadian regiment of in-

fantry from the new fort, with the band,

Major Buchanan was in command, with Capt.

Macdonald and Lieut. Fiset. All were in

review order. Their bayonets and rifles

were sparkling and their white helmets im-

maculate. The guard swung easily round

the crescent, halted in front of the

main entrance and stood at ease. The

Lieutenant-Governor's carriage, drawn by

two well-groomed horses, came rapidly up

the avenue attended by Lieut. Peters and

an escort of twelve men of the guard.

General's Body Guard. In the carriage

with the Lieutenant-Governor were Com-

modore Law, of the royal navy, official

secretary, Capt. Greville Harston, A. D. C.,

of the Royal Grenadiers, and Lieut. Arthur

Kirkpatrick, private secretary.

As the party came up the avenue, and

during the remainder of the ceremony,

the cannons boomed at intervals.

The cavalry escort reined in

at the western end of the buildings, and

just as the Lieutenant-Governor's carriage

came up to the main entrance the band

from the new fort started playing "God Save the Queen."

Lieut. Gov. Kirkpatrick, who wore

his Windsor uniform, alighted from his

carriage and entered for the first

time in his official capacity

the new home of the Ontario

Legislature. As he walked forward fol-

lowed by his suite, Col. Gzowski, A. D. C.,

to the Queen, the judges of Ontario, in their

regalia, and the officers of the different

military bodies followed. No sooner had

his Honor appeared than the massed bands

of the Queen's Own Rifles and Thirteenth

Battalion of Hamilton, which were

stationed in the main hall, struck up the

National Anthem with great effect.

The procession moved with dignified

slowness up the main staircase and across

the corridor to the chamber.

As the doors swung open and the Queen's

representative entered everyone in the

chamber rose respectfully and re-

mained standing until he had taken

his seat on the throne. The most

interesting sight was that of the ladies

who were honored with seats in the

chamber. Easter week being just in its

infancy, the toilets of the fair ones were

such as to compel the admiration of all.

On the floor between the throne and the

seats, and everyone of these nearly 350

ladies, in fact, "standing room only" might

have been hung outside the door an hour

before proceedings commenced. The ladies' and

visitors galleries each accommodated nearly

200 persons; the speaker's gallery held

another 150 at least, while the press gallery

was filled to overflowing.

Speaker Ballantyne's chair was placed to

the right of the throne and the Premier's

desk again was immediately on his right.

Governor-General was handed the Lieu-

tenant-Governor's speech, and his

Honor unrolled it. It was the speech from

the throne.

After the ceremony the Lieutenant-Gov-

ernor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick held a recep-

tion in the chamber, nearly all those

present taking advantage of the opportunity

of being presented, including many from

London and other western parts.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock Sir Oliver

Mowat was presented with an oil painting of

himself, the work having been executed by

Mr. Harris, of Montreal.

To-night from 7 o'clock until 10 the

building was open for public inspection,

music being supplied in the main corridor

by the band of the Queen's Own Rifles.

TORONTO, April 5.—This afternoon an im-

portant deputation waited upon Sir Oliver

Mowat and several members of the Cabinet

to urge that assistance be given the iron

smelting industry in Ontario. The deputa-

tion consisted of members of the Canadian

Institute, Toronto, and the International

Mining Institute. The Ministers were in-

formed that the Government had requested

several capitalists thought of constructing

blast furnaces in Ontario and requested

that the Government should grant a bonus

of \$2 per ton on all iron smelted in the

Province during the next ten years. The

Attorney-General promised to consider the