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SIR FRANK DECLINED.

Senator Smith Offered the Premiership Before Bowell.

FOSTER TO LEAD IN THE COMMONS.

Three Generous Donations to the Thompson Fund.

It Was on the Advice of Sir Frank Smith That Lord Aberdeen Summoned Senator Bowell—The New Premier Will Probably Be President of the Privy Council, Hon. G. E. Foster Taking the Trade and Commerce Portfolio—Sir C. H. Tupper's Return Awaited.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—The political situation has not undergone any material change to-day. The announcement that Mr. Bowell had been called on to form a Cabinet took nobody by surprise, as it had been generally expected, but what will take some people by surprise, when they know it, is that before sending for Mr. Bowell and asking him to form a Ministry, His Excellency sent for Sir Frank Smith and offered to entrust the formation of the new Ministry to him. Sir Frank promptly declined the honor and advised His Excellency to send for Hon. Mr. Bowell, which he subsequently did. But a proud and happy man is Frank Smith at the honor paid him.

Sir Frank told your reporter that he believed he could have carried the country at a general election, but that he had no ambition to be Premier, and was well pleased with the selection of Mr. Bowell, who was an old friend, and in whose hands he thought the country would be perfectly safe.

Why Did He Send For Sir Frank?

There will be some little puzzlement as to why His Excellency selected Sir Frank Smith, whose name has never been mentioned in connection with the Premiership, and several solutions of the matter will present themselves.

First, it may have been His Excellency's own initiative based on his knowledge of Sir Frank, as an able administrator, coupled with a desire to pay a compliment to the Irish Catholics; or it may have been at the suggestion of some one in England who may have been asked for advice.

Did Sir John Name Sir Frank?

Another solution may be that it was at the suggestion of Sir John Thompson.

It was mentioned in yesterday's World that there was a rumor that Sir John, knowing the condition his health was in, had given advice privately to His Excellency, who to send for in the event of a fatal termination of his illness, and His Excellency's sending for Sir Frank Smith, leads to the impression that such advice may have been given.

Of course this is all surmise, the only thing positively known, or having to be known, being that His Excellency did send for Sir Frank Smith and offer to entrust the formation of the new ministry to him, and that he declined to accept the responsibility.

The New Premier's Busy Day.

The new Premier has been busy in his office all day, but has seen few visitors, being engaged most of the time with his colleagues, all of whom who are in town seeing him at different periods through the day.

The first to call by appointment was Hon. Mr. Foster, whose interview was lengthy and who appeared well pleased when he came smiling out of the Premier's room.

Foster For Leader.

Rumor still has it that Mr. Foster will be the leader in the Commons and will probably take the Department of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Bowell himself taking the Presidency of the Privy Council. Nothing definite, however, will be known until after Sir C. H. Tupper's return on Tuesday afternoon from British Columbia.

Banks and the National Fund.

The National Fund is meeting with general approval, and there is no doubt but that the idea will take and subscriptions pour in readily. To-day Hon. Mr. Foster received an offer from Mr. C. R. Hosmer of the C.P.R. to transmit all messages in connection with the fund free of charge, and taking advantages of this kind offer Mr. Ives at once sent the following message to the headquarters of every bank in Canada:

In view of the circumstances in which Lady Thompson and family are left Council yesterday decided to invite the Canadian people to contribute to a fund for their support. Hon. George E. Foster is the treasurer. Will you please instruct all your branches and agencies to open subscription lists.

W. D. IVES,
President of Council.

Premier Fielding of Nova Scotia has placed the provincial building at Halifax at the disposal of the Government for the funeral, and Hon. Mr. Bowell at once telegraphed the sincere thanks of the Government for the offer.

Three Generous Subscriptions.

The first three subscriptions to the fund were received to-day. The first was that of $1000, through Agent Lemon, in Montreal, the donor not wishing his name disclosed, and the second was $100 from Mr. Donald MacMaster, ex-M.P; the third was $1000 from Sir Frank Smith. Hon. Mr. Angers has been added to the National Fund Committee, which now consists of Messrs. Bowell, Ives and Angers, with Mr Foster acting as treasurer.

A BRILLIANT REVIEW

Of "Pope's" Memoirs of the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald.

Without question the ablest of all the reviews of Mr. Pope's great Life of Sir John A. Macdonald which have appeared in the periodicals of Canada is that from the pen of the broad-minded thinker and the powerful writer Principal Grant. No other Canadian has such a mastery of the subject, or could, within the same scope mass his material so vigorously, so graphically, so impartially, as does the learned and patriotic principal of Queen's, in the current number of The Week. For sale by John P. McKenna, Bookseller, '80 Yonge-street, Toronto. There is much more interesting matter to be found among the poems, articles and reviews of this bright issue of Canada's great weekly.

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CHARGED WITH SHOPLIFTING.

A Well-Known Toronto Woman Caught in the Act of Stealing Goods From Various Establishments.

Late yesterday afternoon Detective Harrison was called into Eaton's store and requested to arrest a lady who was pointed out to him as having been filling her hand-bag with articles of various kinds from the counters of the store. He could find no one who had seen her steal anything, and he declined to make the arrest. The suspected woman was seen to leave the store and the detective followed her down Yonge-street and into Simpson's. She had scarcely entered the door of this establishment when Harrison saw her repeat what she was suspected of having done at Eaton's.

He immediately took her in charge and accompanied her to No. 2 Police Station, where she gave her name as Mrs. McGill, 62 Bloor-street east. When her hand-bag was searched it was found to be literally filled with small articles of various descriptions and value, worth in all possibly $10.

Crown Attorney Curry consented to allow the woman out on $1000 bail. Two sureties of $500 each were furnished and Mrs. McGill released from custody to appear in court this morning.

Mrs. McGill is 62 years of age. In conjunction with her husband she conducted a private school in Simcoe-street for a great number of years, where many of the leading business men of the city received their earliest instructions. Two years ago she removed her seminary to Bloor-street east.

General Porter Dead.

New York, Dec. 14.—Adjutant-General Josiah Porter died at 10 o'clock tonight. He was stricken with apoplexy at the banquet given by the Seventh Regiment on Wednesday night and was removed to his home, where he had been in a partly unconscious condition ever since.

The Last Chance.

To-day will be the last chance to secure some of our sample ends of neckwear silks. Monday they will be handed over to our expert tiemakers to be made into stock for the Christmas trade. Make your selections to-day and have them made in any shape you wish. See our satin-embroidered braces at 69c, worth $1.50. These are marvelous goods for the price. Sword, 55 King-street east.

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We don't presume to dictate to our customers what "assortment" they ought to take for the Xmas holidays, as they are much better judges of what they want than we are.

"Assorted orders" for the holidays put up in any way required by George D. Dawson & Co., wine merchants, 16 King-street west. Established 1870. Telephone 106. 246

Sale of Lands for Taxes.

The sale of lands for taxes will take place on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Parties interested who intend paying up arrears are requested to do so at once and avoid additional expenses. 351

The Columbia Wire Truss will hold any rupture with perfect comfort. It has no understraps, does not touch hips or does not inconvenience wearer in the least. Price: Single $5, double $8. May be fitted properly at Charles Clother's 134 King-street west, opposite Rossin House, Toronto. 86

Everyone finds it hard to decide on a suitable Christmas present. Something useful is always the most sensible. Why not get a handsome secretary, onyx table or rocker? Davies Brothers, 231 and 233 Yonge-street, are showing the largest and finest range in the city.

Wheat Advancing.

Still flour is selling at $1.15 per bag, sugar 4c per pound, new raisins 5c, currants 6 pounds for 20c, fine butter 16c at John Miller & Co., 77-81 Queen west. 246

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Richardson House—few warm rooms vacant for winter boarders; good table; moderate rates. King and Spadina. 246

Cabinet Photos.

Mr. J. Fraser Bryce, photographer, 107 King-street west, cabinet photos a specialty. Appointments if desired. 246

The entire collection of Wm. Smith's water color paintings, now on exhibition at Roberts' Art Gallery, will be sold at public auction Saturday, 15th inst, at 2 30 p.m.

If you intend buying a choice package of butter to-day for winter try us. We have 100 tubs in stock of choice dairy. Will sell you a gilt-edge tub at 17c. Skeans Dairy Co., 291-3 King-street west. 'Phone 2298. 246

Do not forget the sale of beautiful Water Color Paintings by Wm. Smith, O.S.A., at Roberts' Gallery Saturday, 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

You should use Gibbons' Toothache Gum when suffering from toothache. Price 15c. 246

CAPES FOR XMAS GIFTS.

Dineens' Prices Make Them Very Desirable—Less Than Wholesale.

At Dineens' there are some very special bargains in new style capes, which are offered at less than wholesale prices, making them most desirable for Christmas presents. They are in various new designs and many furs, including Greenland seal, Alaska seal, Alaska sable, Persian lamb and grey lamb. There are also Persian lamb and seal jackets, fur and fur-lined circulars, opera cloaks and carriage wraps, muffs, caps, ruffs and gloves. Gentlemen will find what they desire in fur and fur-lined coats, caps, gauntlets and gloves. Sleigh robes in all the luxurious and magnificent furs most affected by the fashionable world are in full variety at Dineens', as are furs of every description.

A complete stock of hats for cool weather is also to be seen at Dineens'.

The December sale opened with a rush on Saturday, and will continue until the end of the year. The early purchaser, however, will have the advantage.

King and Yonge—254 Yonge.

Free exhibition of magnificent Water Color Paintings now on view at our Art Gallery, 79 King-street west. Roberts & Son.

What better for a Christmas present than a cobler rocker or a nice secretary? Davies Brothers, 231 and 233 Yonge-street, have an enormous assortment, and the prices are right.

TWENTY-FIVE CANDIDATES.

THOSE WHO WERE NOMINATED FOR ALDERMEN LAST NIGHT.

Meetings Were Held in Five of the Wards—Nominations Postponed in Ward 5—Animated Discussions at Several Meetings—Present Members of Council Nominated, Also Prominent Citizens.

Civic reformers held meetings last evening in five of the six wards. That in No. 5 was for private conference. At the other meetings, discussions more or less favoring the platform laid down at the recent meeting in the Pavilion took place. Twenty-five candidates were last night nominated, which with the 15 selected in No. 4 Ward on Thursday night makes 40 already in the field for the 24 seats.

No 1 Ward.

In Ward 1, in Dingman's Hall, Mr. John Greer was appointed permanent chairman, and Mr. John Phillips secretary.

The following were selected for the consideration of the Central Committee as proper persons to represent the ward as aldermen in 1895, after all of those who were present had signified their intention of standing for election if selected: Aldermen Thomas Allen, Peter Macdonald and H. R. Frankland, William Barrett, Edward Blong, ex-Ald. J. K. Leslie, Charles C. Small and T. E. Washington.

A resolution to submit only six names to the Central Committee was defeated by a vote of 13 to 12.

Mr. John Greer was strongly pressed to allow his name to go to the committee, but he declined for the reason that he could not give the time necessary to properly look after the city's business.

Messrs. J. B. Le Roy, Dr. Burgess and Elgin Schoff also declined.

A good deal of dissatisfaction was expressed at the meagre representation which Ward 1 had on the Central Committee. Dr. Burgess said, although he did not wish to throw cold water on the Citizens' Association throughout the city, he did not think Ward 1 had been fairly treated, as only himself and Dr. Cleland were on the committee.

On motion of Dr. Burgess, seconded by Elgin Schoff, a resolution of sympathy in the death of the Premier, Sir John Thompson, was passed.

No. 2 Ward.

No. 2 Ward Committee met at Prospect Park Rink, Rev. Dr. Thomas presiding. Fifteen aldermanic candidates were nominated for the approval of the committee, seven of whom retired, leaving in the field Ald. Lamb, Ald. Hallam, Ald. Foster, Dr. Thompson, ex-Ald. T. Davies, J. D. Oliver, W. Beale, ex-Ald. Farquhar, George Anderson and ex-Ald. D. Carlyle. The election followed, the result of the first ballot being in favor of Ald. Hallam and Ald. Lamb, none of the other candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes for qualification.

On the second ballot 67 votes were cast, but as no one received the 50 per cent. vote necessary for qualification it was moved and seconded that the three candidates receiving the lowest count be struck off. The motion carried, and accordingly the names of Messrs. Davies, Beale and Farquhar were taken off the ballot.

Sixty-eight votes were cast on the third ballot, Dr. Thompson being the choice. It was here moved that the two lowest counts be dropped, but on an amendment to the motion only the last name was cut off, the victim being Ald. Foster. On the fourth ballot no candidate received sufficient votes, and ex-Ald. D. Carlyle being at the foot of the poll his name was struck off.

Mr. J. D. Oliver defeated Mr. George Anderson by a small majority on the fifth ballot. A motion was therefore put and carried that the Civic Committee of Ward 2 recommend the following candidates to the Citizen's Committee: Ald. Hallam, Ald. Lamb, Dr. Thompson and J. D. Oliver.

A sub-committee was organized to push the work, consisting of the candidates, and Messrs. Tomlinson, Firstbrook, Fleming, McKay, Mason, Carlyle and Steele, with power to add to their number.

No. 3 Ward.

No. 3 Ward Committee met last evening in St. George's Hall and adjourned to a larger room in the Y.W.C.A. building, Elm-street. Dr. Barrick presided and Mr. E. W. Pearson was secretary. The chairman gave a terse summary of the objects sought by the civic reformers.

Rev. Dr. Potts was glad that a point had been reached when it appeared probable that a better class of aldermen would be elected than ever before in the history of Toronto. The moral indignation caused by the recent revelations would contribute to this. The good men in the council should be retained and the complement made up by thoroughly honest and experienced men.

Severe Strictures of An Ex-Mayor.

Mr. Alexander Manning drew a dark picture of how civic affairs had, for several years, been going from bad to worse. Now was the time for a radical change. The Mayor could do little without a thoroughly efficient and capable council. The ex-mayor pointed out many blemishes in the civic system, especially condemning the inequalities of assessment. He severely censured the schemers and boodlers, who ought to be severely punished. There would never be good civic government till a better and more honest council was elected.

Mr. G. H. Bertram delivered his soul of one of his energetic, out-and-out civic reform speeches.

Mr. David Plews, Mr. D. E. Thompson, Q.C., Mr. Paul Campbell spoke on the same lines.

Mr. J. B. Boustead was eulogistic of his 50 years' municipal service. He did not consider that rich men made the best aldermen. He was dubious of the good result of catechising candidates and compelling them to endorse the platform laid down at the Pavilion meeting. "The trouble in this city," said he, "is threefold: politics, whisky and secret societies!" (Laughter and applause.) How these three influences worked he proceeded to show at great length, until Dr. Potts appealed to the chairman, whether such speeches were the object of the meeting.

After much desultory discussion the real business of the evening was reached.

The Nominations.

With more or less wordy commendation these gentlemen were nominated: John Kidston Macdonald, Ald. Sheppard, Ald. McMurrich, Ald. Shaw, Mr. R. F. Fraser, Mr. A. G. McLean, Mr. W. R. Clarke, ex-Ald. Score, ex-Ald. McDougall.

The following were also nominated, but declined the honor: Ex-Ald. Boustead, Mr. W. McCabe, Mr. G. H. Bertram, ex-Mayor Manning, ex-Ald. Steiner, Mr. T. G. Mason.

Hon. T. W. Anglin gave an instructive address on his experience of municipal systems in Canada, the United States and Britain. He heartily endorsed the program of the Civic Reform Association.

After discussion, it was resolved that the secretary notify each of the gentlemen nominated that an adjourned meeting would be held at 8.30 Monday night in St. George's Hall, at which the views of the candidates as to municipal reform would be elicited. The Ward Committee will report to the Executive meeting at the City Hall on Wednesday evening next.

No. 5 Ward.

No. 5 Ward Committee met at the residence of Rev. J. E. Starr, 291 Crawford-street, last night. Those present were: Rev. J. E. Starr, chairman, G. C. Campbell, F. J. Labine, James Stollery, H. H. Rolston, T. W. Howard, D. Urquhart, T. W. Banton, W. W. Hodgson and L. Jacques. After some general discussion it was decided to hold a public meeting in either Dominion Hall or Jubilee Hall on Monday evening next.

No. 6 Ward.

The Committee of Ward 6 met in St. Mark's Hall, Brock-avenue, and nominated these four gentlemen: James Scott, Ald. Graham, Dr. Lynd and W. J. Peck.

Hon. S. C. Biggs occupied the chair, and a large number of representative citizens were present. After some discussion it was decided to ballot for the nomination of four candidates.

The following gentlemen received nominations: Ald. Graham, J. C. McLean, James Scott, Thomas Christian, ex-Ald. Hugh McMath, W. J. Peck, Ald. Thomas Murray, R. H. Holmes, H. M. East, J. R. Code, Dr. Lynd, Dr. Sloane, Hon. S. C. Biggs, T. M. Scripture, Sturgeon Stewart, Frank Arnoldi, Q.C., David Kennedy, David Bell, ex-Ald. John Woods, Joseph Pocock, Charles Denison, Dr. Spence, W. C. Hewish, Ald. Atkinson and Frank Addison.

Of these the following withdrew their names, expressing the opinion that they had not sufficient time to devote to the duties of an alderman: Messrs. Biggs, Wood, Kennedy, McMath, Scripture, Arnoldi, Spence, Bell, Hewish, and Addison.

Mr. Scott, who is vice-president of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, also requested that his name be struck out. G. F. Marter, M.L.A., urged him strongly not to withdraw and paid a high compliment to his ability and worth. Others also pressed him to reconsider his determination, but Mr. Scott again declined, saying that he felt he was not sufficiently well known to appear before the electors.

"Leave it to us," shouted one, and another cried, "Wait until after we have balloted." Despite his request Mr. Scott's name was placed on the list with the result that in the first ballot he polled half the votes.

Called upon for a speech Mr. Scott said he could withstand the pressure no longer and consented to stand for election, a statement which was received with loud and prolonged cheers.

Ald. Graham won the second ballot, Dr. Lynd the third and Mr. Peck the fourth.

A motion recommending that the people be appealed to in matters of general interest was laid on the table for future consideration.

BOTH FEET CUT OFF.

Thomas B. Armstrong Meets With a Probably Fatal Accident.

Mr. Thomas B. Armstrong, transfer mail clerk at the G.T.R. station, and for many years porter at the Toronto Postoffice, met with an accident at Hamilton last evening which may prove fatal. Mr. Armstrong was transferring the mails from one train to another and did not notice the approach of the yard engine. He was struck and knocked down and both of his feet were cut off.

Mr. Armstrong is a prominent Orangeman and postmaster of Torbay Lodge, No. 861, this city.

A Bus Driver Terribly Crushed.

Owen Sound, Dec. 14.—Alfred Nelson, porter at the Paterson House, was sitting in a stooped position on the seat of the bus, driving into the stables, when he was caught between a beam and the seat, crushing his thighs terribly. It is not expected that he can recover.

Instant Death in the Bush.

Owen Sound, Dec. 14.—A young man named Scarrow was killed instantly by a falling tree near Long's, St. Vincent-road, 5 miles from Owen Sound.

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Saddle and Carriage Horses.

At Grand's next Tuesday several handsome saddle and dog-cart horses will be sold, consigned by Lieut. Lauris and other Toronto gentlemen, who have more horses than they can use. There will also be sold 25 handsome new and second-hand cutters and sleighs, harness, robes, rugs, etc. The sale will commence at 11 o'clock sharp.

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Honest Aldermen in No. 4 Ward.

When Mr. George Bertram, chairman of the Civic Committee, said last night, "There is not a breath of suspicion against the aldermen of No. 4 Ward," he forgot to say that the most honorable, the men who know the most, and men who do their own plumbing, furnace and stove work are Hallam & Hayes. See their Christmas goods and House Furnishings. 204 Queen west. Phone 1820 and talk to men who are very reasonable in price.

A much-prized Christmas present—a box of Adams' Tutti Frutti. Take no imitation.

Useful presents are always acceptable. What more suitable than a nice easy chair, fancy table or secretary! Call in and see the enormous assortment Davies Brothers, 231 and 233 Yonge-street, are showing in this line.

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WAITING FOR THE "NEW BOY."

MASS FOR THE DEAD PREMIER

REQUIEM SERVICES HELD IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Sir John Thompson's Body Embalmed and Removed to a Private Mortuary to Await the Arrival of the Cruiser Blenheim, Which Will Convey the Remains to Halifax.

London, Dec. 14.—A requiem mass was celebrated over the body of Sir John Thompson in Lady Chapel in Spanish Place this morning at 11. The service lasted 45 minutes. The weather was cold, damp, foggy and altogether disagreeable, and owing to the fact that the newspapers made an error in the announcement of the hour at which the mass would be celebrated, many desirous of being present did not reach the chapel until the services had been concluded.

The mass was celebrated by Father Longinoto of St. Edward's Church, Windsor, assisted by Canon Barry. The coffin, upon which rested a solitary wreath, the one placed upon it by the Queen, arrived at the west entrance to the chapel at exactly 11 o'clock. Sir Charles Tupper followed immediately behind the casket.

Miss Thompson, accompanied by Senator and Mrs. Sanford, occupied a seat immediately in front of the altar and facing the coffin. The service, which consisted of a solemn mass for the dead, with antiphonal chanting, was very impressive. The wreath placed upon the coffin by the Queen was of bay and laurel leaves, with white streamers. A wreath and cross composed of white flowers from Lady Tupper and a wreath from the dead man's daughter were placed upon the coffin after the body was brought into the church.

The Inscription on the Coffin.

When the body reached the church the coffin was covered with a pall of rich velvet with a golden cross. Upon the pall was inscribed in Latin the words: "I am the resurrection and the life." Acolytes carrying lighted tapers and a large cross preceded the coffin up the aisle. The coffin was placed upon a catafalque erected in line with the altar and standing upon a purple and gold carpet. Six huge candelabras were placed on each side of the coffin.

At the conclusion of the mass, the mourners and friends passed around the coffin and looked upon the face of the dead Premier. The coffin is of mahogany, upon which is a heavy brass shield with the inscription:

"The Right Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson, P.C., K.C.M.G., M.P., Q.C., Died at Windsor Castle, Dec. 12, 1894, aged 50 years. Requiescat in pace."

Among those present were the Marquis of Ripon and Lord Hawkesbury on behalf of the Queen; Baron de Courcel, Lady Russell, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, Doctor Jameson, the permanent officials of the Colonial Office, Sir George Osborne Morgan, M.P., the Colonial agents of Queensland and Natal, and a number of minor officials.

Lord Hawkesbury attended the requiem mass as the representative of the Queen.

The Body Embalmed.

The body of Sir John Thompson was embalmed last evening by the French specialist, Charles Bayle. It was afterwards placed in a deal shell, enclosed in a leaden coffin, faced with plate-glass.

In order that the features may be visible upon the arrival of the body in Canada, without disturbing the body or opening the coffin, the lid of the mahogany coffin, which enclosed the whole, is made removable.

Taken to a Private Mortuary.

The coffin was removed this afternoon to the private mortuary of Messrs. Garton & Son, in Welbeck-street, where it will remain until placed on board H.M.S. Blenheim.

Two plaster casts of the features of the dead statesman were taken early this morning. One of them was ordered by the Canadian Government and the other by the family of the deceased. While the body remains in the mortuary it will be surrounded by tapers, which will be kept burning without intermission.

The mortuary chamber is heavily draped. The walls are black, and the metal of the chandelier is wrapped in black cloth. A large cross was placed on the coffin this evening. The body is not watched by priests, and no tapers or candles burn in the room. No further services over the body will be held in England.

One of the plaster casts will be used by the sculptor of the bust, which will likely be placed in Westminster Abbey.

Few View the Body.

Only a few privileged persons have been permitted to look upon the body since it was removed to Garston's establishment. The face has a natural and peaceful expression, although it has a noticeable pallor. The embalming appears to have been perfectly done. Acids were first injected, and afterwards there was a copious injection of a strong arsenical fluid. These gave the body a ruddy color, which later, however, changed to a lifelike paleness.

The Blenheim Ordered to Portsmouth.

The Admiralty have sent a cable despatch to the Admiral of the Channel Squadron at Gibraltar, instructing that officer to send the cruiser Blenheim, to Spithead at once at full speed. She is expected to arrive there on Dec. 18 and to proceed at once from that place to Portsmouth, where the body of Sir John Thompson will be taken on board and conveyed to Halifax.

The Blenheim is expected to reach Spithead on Monday at midnight. The body of Sir John Thompson will be taken on board at Portsmouth on Tuesday.

Callers at the Colonial Office.

Among those who called at the Canadian office to-day to express their sympathy and condolence at the death of Sir John Thompson, were: Lord Mountstephen, Right Hon. Leonard H. Courtney, M.P., Sir Robert Herbert, Agent-General to Tasmania; Sir Westley Percival, Hon. T. Playford, Sir Saul Samuel, Agent-General in London for the colony of New South Wales; Dr. Oromhyskekha, and Sir Charles Lennox Peel, clerk to the Privy Council.

The London Chamber of Commerce today passed resolutions concerning Sir John Thompson's death, and appointed a committee to request Sir Charles Tupper to express their sorrow and sympathy with Lady Thompson. Similar action will be taken by Commercial Associations in Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester and other cities.

The provincial newspapers continue to comment with deep regret upon the Premier's sudden death. Many publish letters concerning his public career and intense interest in the solidificaton of England's colonial empire. To-day the letters received at the Dominion offices from the West of England and from Scotland have been exceptionally numerous.

A despatch from Gibraltar to-night said that the cruiser Blenheim, which is to carry the body to Canada, sailed for England at 9 o'clock this evening.

THE CITY'S RESPECT.

Council Will Adjourn on Monday Night After Formal Opening.

The Mayor stated last evening that the council would meet Monday evening and express its sense of the loss the Dominion has sustained in the death of the Premier, and then adjourn. All other business would be postponed till Tuesday at 7.30.

Haligonians in Toronto Sympathize.

Many of the former residents of Halifax met yesterday and sent the subjoined message of condolence to Lady Thompson:

"The undersigned, former residents of Halifax, fellowtownsmen and personal friends of the late Sir John Thompson, now residents of Toronto, desire to express their feelings of deepest regret for the loss the country has sustained in the death of Sir John Thompson, and we wish to convey to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy." E.H. Keating, City Engineer; Thomas Wasson, Inspector for the College of Surgeons; J. B. Cormack, J. W. Black, J. N. Shannon, T. Haggarty, J. B. Strong, publisher; J. Lavatt, W. Philp, engineer.

SANG HIS OWN REQUIEM

A NEWSPAPER ARTIST BLOWS OUT HIS BRAINS.

Calmly Seated Himself in the Office of the Editor of the Paper on Which He Had Been Employed, Smoked a Cigar, Sang a Humorous Ditty and Placing a Revolver to His Head Pulled the Trigger

Edward Houghton, until recently cartoonist of The Evening Star, shot himself in the editorial office of that paper at 5.30 p.m. yesterday. On going up the stairway he met a reporter, to whom he said, "Say, old man, let's have a last drink together, I'm going to shoot myself." The reporter paid no attention to the remark, as Houghton had used it on other occasions when drinking. The artist then went into the reporters' room, where T. W. Banton, municipal reporter, was busy writing. He seemed in a merry mood, and talked in a joking strain with Mr. Banton. Seeing that gentleman was busy he said, "Oh! it's all right, old man, I don't want to interrupt you. Good bye." He then passed from that room into the office of Editor Colin C. Campbell, where he was heard singing a comic song.

Carried Out His Threat.

A second later there was a pistol report and a piercing cry of "Banton." That gentleman rushed into the room, only to discover Houghton sitting in the editor's chair with a pistol in one hand and in the other hand a cigar he had been smoking. Blood was pouring in a flood from a hole behind his right ear.

Drs. Cuthbertson and Grasett were summoned, but found their services would be of no avail. He was taken to the General Hospital, where he was resting easily at 3 a.m. His death is only a question of a few hours.

His Last Sketch.

Houghton was only 26 years of age and of a decidedly morbid temperament. He was born in Canada of English parents, his father being at present a resident of California. His mother died a few months ago, leaving him property in Muskoka, which he heavily mortgaged. Houghton received his education in Georgetown, and immediately on leaving school devoted himself to newspaper sketch work. He was employed on The Recorder and other New York papers, returning to Toronto two years ago, since which time he has been employed illustrating The War Cry and The Star. The last drawing he did was for the Christmas issue of the Salvation Army journal, illustrating the career of a drinker, whose end was suicide by a bullet.

He lived with an aunt, Miss Houghton, of 3 Harbord-street, a lady in comfortable circumstances.

English Violets

A greenhouse 300 feet in length is devoted entirely to the culture of violets at Dunlop's, and 1500 flowers are gathered daily. The violets seen at Dunlop's city depots, 5 King west and 445 Yonge, cannot be surpassed for size, odor and perfection of color.

No first-class hotel can do without it. What? Why, Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

DEATHS.

McBURNEY—On Dec. 13, at the residence of his mother, 223 Richmond west, Frederick W. McBurney, third son of the late Samuel McBurney, aged 35 years. Funeral Saturday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m., to Necropolis.

Monumental.

D. McIntosh & Sons, the leading sculptors, have best designs and most complete facilities for turning out best work in monuments, etc., in the Dominion. Showrooms, 524 Yonge-street; works, Yonge-street, Deer Park. 146

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THE PROPOSED NEW HOTEL

IT WILL BE LOCATED AT KING AND SIMCOE-STREETS.

The Ontario Government Agree to Contribute a Portion of the Upper Canada College Property as a Site—Proposed Capital Fixed at One Million Dollars.

Messrs. Robert Jaffray, J. W. Langmuir, Fred Rogers and other citizens interested in the proposed scheme for the erection and maintenance of a first-class hotel in Toronto held an informal meeting yesterday, when it was reported that the prospects for the success of the enterprise were most encouraging.

The proposed site of the hotel is that portion of the old Upper Canada College grounds at King and Simcoe-streets. The present scheme is to have the building front in King and Simcoe-streets, and extend along Simcoe-street to Adelaide.

It is understood that the Ontario Government has consented to donate the site free, believing that the value of the balance of the property will be sufficiently enhanced by the construction of the hotel to make the gift a paying venture.

The University authorities will accept certain other portions of the property in lieu of that part of the site owned by them.

The capital stock will be placed at $1,000,000. Of this sum $250,000 will be subscribed by citizens, while the balance of $750,000 will be raised by debentures, and the city will be asked to guarantee four per cent. interest, equivalent to $30,000, on these debentures.

BEHEADED BY PROXY.

How General Wei Saved His Neck—Li Hung's Son-in-Law in Trouble.

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Central News at New Chwang telegraphs that the Japanese are within 13 miles of South Port.

A despatch from Nankiu says that Li Hung Chang's nephew, Chang, has been arrested for peculation, and his property has been seized.

A Tien Tsin despatch says that an order has been issued for the arrest of Li Hung Chang's son-in-law for fraudulent practices. Sheng, the Taotai of Tien Tsin, is reported to have been dismissed from office on account of his inability to raise a war loan. He will be succeeded by Wang Fah Woong.

General Wei, who was supposed to have been executed for cowardice at Ping Yang, is in prison at Pekin. He admits that the man beheaded as General Wei was procured at his instigation to represent him.

Graves Robbed at Palmyra.

Palmyra, Ont., Dec. 14. — Ghouls have stolen two bodies from what is known as the Palmyra Baptist Cemetery, one-half mile west of the village. The bodies stolen were those of Mrs. Hiram Adair, and Mr. Joseph Teetzel.

Crept Seven Miles on His Knees.

Wiarton, Ont., Dec. 14.—Moses Hallman, fisherman, of Red Bay, Saugeen Peninsula, while fishing in the late storm was upset. He climbed on the overturned boat and drifted four miles to shore. Then, in nearly a frozen condition, he crept seven miles on his hands and knees to Stoke's Bay. He is now being well cared for.

Dr. Price's Baking Powder never varies. As supplied to consumers it is of the same fine and even quality as that which received the highest award at the Columbian and Midwinter Fairs.

Cattle Via the Ship Canal.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—The Richards' Co., whose offer to purchase the Dominion Steamship Co. line has been accepted, is said to be financed by Manchester cattle traders, who propose to import cattle by way of the ship canal.

To Accommodate Their Customers.

The increasing business of the People's Coal Company has necessitated that firm in opening another branch office at Parliament-street, corner of Queen-street east. The company have also a branch office at corner College and Yonge, and the head office, corner Queen and Spadina-avenue. The firm are still selling hard coal at $4.75 a ton. Delivered in sacks without extra charge.

Queen east, telephone 1310; College-street, telephone 4048; Spadina-avenue, telephone 2246.

The James Eaton Furniture By Auction.

Attention is called to the gigantic unreserved auction sale of the James Eaton furniture stock that takes place on Wednesday and Thursday, the 19th and 20th Dec., at the premises, Nos. 84 to 90 Yonge-street, near King-street. Mr. Chas. M. Henderson will conduct the sale.

A Green Christmas.

Christmas of '94 will long be remembered as a green Christmas, not because the meadows still retain their June verdure, but on account of the popular craze for green neckwear. Some of the loveliest designs of neckwear in green effects that it has been our privilege to see may be seen in Quinn's Christmas window, 115 King-street west. One marvels how these ties can be sold at fifty cents.

Foreign Water Colors By Auction.

The auction sale of some 55 pieces of valuable oil paintings and water colors, the work of W. Drake, Esq., will take place at C. M. Henderson & Co.'s rooms on Monday afternoon at 2.30. This sale will no doubt attract lovers of art. Catalogues may be obtained at the rooms to-day.

The King of Spirits.

Robert Brown's Four Crown Brand Whisky is supplied to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and His Highness Prince Bismarck of Germany, absolutely unequalled for quality or flavor. It is the cheapest you can buy. The Crown Importing Co., 13 Front-street east, Toronto, Sole Agents for Ontario and Quebec. Orders by mail have prompt attention. 246

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Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 24—26; Battleford, 10—26; Qu'Appelle, 20—32; Winnipeg, 24—36; Parry Sound, 32—44; Toronto, 36—44; Kingston, 32—42; Montreal, 26—36; Quebec, 24 — 34; Halifax, 34—40.

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