

REDISTRIBUTION BILL. Ottawa advices of Monday say the Cabinet in session the greater part of Saturday discussing the question of redistribution. It is likely that the Bill will be introduced during the latter part of the week. New Brunswick and P. E. I. are still holding out for their present representation and until that is finally decided it cannot be said how the constituencies will be arranged. New Brunswick is anxious that Nova Scotia should take the same stand against reducing the members of that province. The changes in the province in question will not be very numerous. Redistribution in Nova Scotia, will likely result in adding Victoria to Cape Breton, and giving one member instead of two to Pictou. This can be done without disturbing the other constituencies.

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. The report of the Marine Department was issued Friday. Deputy Minister Gourdeau, says that the amount expended in various branches during the year was \$4,000,000. The number of ships of the fleet was 1,454. The number of men in the fleet was 1,454. The number of men in the fleet was 1,454.

The Winter Steamers. The Stanley made her way through the ice barrier at Pictou on Wednesday afternoon last, and entered the harbor with the Minto in tow. It was found impossible to place the Minto on the slip for some time, so it was agreed to undertake to place the propellers in order by divers. The steamer is sunk by the bow until the stern is well up, so that work on the propeller is rendered possible by divers. Two divers are employed and the work is progressing favorably. It is thought the blades will be all on before the end of this week and that the steamer may be able to make a trip to Georgetown by Saturday, all going well. The Stanley came to Georgetown Thursday with a full cargo, and returned on Friday. She came over again on Saturday and returned on Monday. Since then she has been making daily round trips. When both steamers are able to make round trips the congested freight will be removed with considerable speed.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

DEAN FARRAR, of the Episcopal Church, died in London on Sunday last, aged 72 years. His Lordship Bishop McDonald left here on Monday afternoon for Georgetown on route to Chatham, N. B., to attend the funeral obsequies of Bishop Rogers, which take place to-morrow.

J. W. BRACOCK, an employee of the Firm Hill Cemetery, St. John, N. B., was frightened by a dynamite explosion on Tuesday last. He was heating a stick in his dinner pail and was stooping over it when it exploded.

A petition has been filed against the election of Hon. E. J. Davies, Grit, who defeated Herbert Lomax in the recent by-election in North York. The usual charges of bribery, treating and intimidation, etc. are made.

The Forty Hours' Devotion opens in St. Dunstan's Cathedral to-morrow morning. The Solemn Mass of Exposition will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. The High Mass proper will be celebrated at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, and the Solemn Mass of Exposition will be at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

PHILIP J. O'Keefe, chief preventive officer of H. M. Customs at St. John, N. B., Grand Trustee of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association died Monday afternoon of heart disease. He was well known over Canada, both in his business capacity and as C. M. B. A. official. A widow and four children survive him.

The Longshoremen to the number of 3,000 employed on the wharves of the transatlantic lines at Charlottetown, East Boston, and South Boston have presented a request for an increase of 10 cents per hour in wages and new rules regarding meal time and landing latches, gear, etc. The request is being refused by the companies.

THREE weeks ago last Wednesday the fishing schooner C. U. Maddox sailed out of Canso on a fresh stock trip to Seal Island, and nothing has been seen or heard of her since. It is feared that she went down in the heavy storm of February 28th. The Maddox was commanded by Capt. Elias Walker, of Chatham, N. S., and carried a crew of fourteen.

Two men are dead, a third is badly burned and two others slightly injured; six freight cars with their contents destroyed and two engines wrecked, as the result of a head-on collision on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, about a quarter of a mile on this side of L'Anse-au-Loup, Ont., a small station nine miles west of Toronto last Wednesday evening.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly on the 18th, Premier Murray announced that the government intended at this session to ask for a grant of money to erect a monument to the late Joseph Howe. Favorable to this resolution, the House unanimously adopted asking the government to do this. Citizens have already subscribed about \$2,000, and the parliamentary vote will probably be \$8,000.

THURSDAY last being the feast of St. Joseph the day was appropriately celebrated at the convent of that name in this city. Several Masses were celebrated in the convent chapel in the morning. In the evening an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Father Johnston. This was followed by Solemn Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, his Lordship, the Bishop officiating, assisted by Rev. Dr. Morrison and Father Johnston.

RELIGION and public life was the subject of Rev. Dr. Morrison's sermon in the Cathedral on Sunday last. His text was from the last verse of the last chapter of the book of Wisdom: "Love justice you that are the judges of the earth. Think of God in goodness, and seek Him in simplicity of heart." The Rev. preacher pointed out that religion should guide the deliberations of men in public life, no less than the actions of individuals. No kingdom or government that despises religion has stood or can stand.

In a bundle of delayed mail which reached us from Pictou via Georgetown on Thursday last, was a copy of the Boston Globe of Feb. 20th, containing a lengthy account of the third annual ball of the Pictou Island Association held in Copley hall on the evening of Friday, 19th. The attendance of Islanders was very large and everything was conducted in an elaborate manner under the direction of President Daniel J. McLean and his associate officers.

Mr. Garston V. McDonald, who has been for some years in the employ of Duff & Rogers, hardware merchants of this city, leaves for St. Paul, Minn., to-morrow, where he has secured a good position in a large hardware establishment. Previous to his departure from this city he was presented with an address and a valuable set diamond pin by the Caledonia Club, of which he was a member. He was also entertained at supper and presented with a costly dress-suit case by his fellow boarders, of the McRae House.

This examination of postmaster J. A. Johnson, of Dalhousie, N. B., on the charge of sending poisoned candies through the mails was further postponed until the 31st. Yesterday's trial on the charge of robbing the Dalhousie post office in July last was postponed. The analysts report on the poisoned candy is not yet complete, but it is known a strychnine was used. His and George Chiverton pleaded guilty to robbing the Post office and were remanded for sentence.

On their return to their hall, after the funeral of the late James Wise on Sunday, the Benevolent Irish Society passed the following resolution: "Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in his omnipotent designs to remove from our ranks our late brother James Wise. And whereas by his death the society has lost an esteemed member. Therefore Resolved, that we place on record our heartfelt regret at the loss we have sustained, and also tender our sincere condolences to his bereaved family. Further Resolved, that this resolution be inserted in the minute books of this society, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased and to the press for publication. Jas. Edmonds, R. F. Maddigan, G. St. C. Garbanum.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Earthquake shocks were felt in Derbyshire, England, yesterday. No great damage was done, but walls of houses were swayed.

MONDAY was private members' day in the House of Commons. J. H. Ross, the first member for the Yukon was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Walter Scott, and got a rousing reception.

The mails have been transferred to the Stanley. The last mail by the Cape's route left for Georgetown last night and will continue to run in connection with the steamer as long as the mails are on that route.

Ms. Maybrick's attorney in Washington has received a letter from the American Embassy at London confirming the news of her forthcoming release and adding that she will be liberated in July, 1903.

DINNER parties, usual during the Legislative session, will be given at Government House by his Honor, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. McLean on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday April 2nd.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made by which all persons coming by train to the city to attend the seal fair can purchase return tickets at one single first class fare. These tickets will be good to come on the 2nd and 3rd April and return on 3rd and 4th April.

The bill regarding the Madras Vivendi regarding the French Shore for the coming year passed the Upper House of the Newfoundland Legislature Monday afternoon by the President's casting vote. There were five members for and five against the bill and two other members paired.

A serious riot was in progress at half-past two Monday afternoon in Port of Spain, Trinidad, according to a despatch there received from that city. The mob attempted to burn the Government building, and the police had to fire on the rioters, killing or wounding several of them. The British Grenadier Guards, at the time the despatch left, was just landing biojeokese. The city was in a state of great excitement.

A boy named McNeill died in North Sydney last week from the effects of a blow on the head from a hockey stick received during a game, and a boy named Young lost the sight of one eye by being struck with the puck during the game in Strathcona ring. Wm. Cane, of the Victoria, during the game with the Abegweit, suffered serious injury, being struck in the eye by the puck. It was at first feared that he might lose that member. He is, however, recovering.—N. Sydney Herald.

The entertainment given in Anderson's Hall, Head of St. Peter's Bay, on Monday evening last was eminently successful and the audience was very large. The hall was so crowded that standing room was at a premium. The entertainment opened with an address on "Music and the Drama," by Mr. James McLean of Charlottetown. After this came the play "Under the Spell," by the St. Peter's Bay Dramatic Club. The characters of the play were: Harold Fitzmaurice, Mr. Bon. O'Hanley; Col. Wilbur, Mr. Bar O'Hanley; George Kingsley, Mr. George Doyle; Peter Lightfoot, Mr. R. Dwan; Jim Hoolley, Mr. L. Dralne; Dennis McShane, Mr. D. R. McLean; Hans Heinrich, Mr. A. Somers; Laura Wilbur, Miss A. Somers; Mrs. Kingsley, Miss M. Lewis; Kate Green, Miss E. Dwan. Between acts excellent vocal and instrumental selections were rendered, and recitations were given. Splendid vocal solos were sung by Miss Nellie McDonald and Dr. A. A. McDonald, all of Mount Stewart. Recitations were given by Mr. Alexander O'Hanley and Mr. James McLean. At the conclusion of the play, the pies were auctioned off and good prices were obtained. The entertainment then concluded with the singing of "God Save the King." The acting was highly creditable to the local talent, and the entertainment from a pecuniary point of view was very successful. In addition to the pastor, Rev. J. J. Gillis, Rev. A. P. McLean, of St. Andrew and Rev. A. McAnley, Mr. McLean was in attendance.

FOUR CHILDREN DROWNED. Four little bodies on slabs at the Morgue, in Montreal on the 19th, told the sad story of a quadruple drowning about noon the previous day in the Lachine canal. The victims are Arthur Curtis, aged 11; William Neville, aged 7; John Nays, aged 11; Victor Factan, aged 8. They were playing at the pier mentioned about 1:30 o'clock that morning. Part of their play was in sliding down slabs of ice, which were inclined against the sides of the canal. At the foot of the slabs there were five or six feet of water covered with very soft ice and they all slipped in and were drowned.

STEAMERS COLLIDE. Travelling at moderate speed through Long Island sound early last Friday morning, the big passenger steamer Plymouth of the Fall River Line, east bound for Fall River from New York, and the freight steamer City of Toronto, of the same line, came into collision in a fog just east of Plum Island, the freight steamer raking the starboard side of the Plymouth, and causing the death of six of those on board the latter craft, and serious injury to a number of others.

WANT TARIFF REVISION. A delegation from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to the number of about 50 waited upon the Federal government on Friday and urged the immediate revision of the tariff. Secretary Young read a carefully prepared memorial, in which the necessity of adequate protection was set forth on the principle of taking tariff out of politics. It was for the general benefit of the country it was urged the immediate tariff revision was asked.

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Provincial Legislature.

The Provincial Legislature was opened on Thursday last with the usual formalities. Following is the speech of the Lieutenant Governor: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly. I have great pleasure in meeting you at this the Third Session of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Since we last met the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, as King of Great Britain and Ireland and of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas has taken place. This event was celebrated with great magnificence and was attended by representatives from all of His Majesty's Dominions. Unfortunately the illness of the King on the day first set or the Coronation necessitated a postponement of the different Provinces who had proceeded to England to attend this great event, unable to remain to the late to which the same was postponed. It was intended that this Province should have been represented by my Premier; but owing to the postponement on account of the King's illness he was unable to remain until the actual function took place, and with great regret he and many other representatives returned to their respective Provinces without having actually witnessed the coronation of His Majesty.

The illness of His Majesty the King threw a shadow over the whole of his great Dominion, and the feeling of rejoicing that was shown at his recovery evidenced a spirit of loyalty which animates the British people from one end of this vast Empire to the other.

Since we last assembled the great South Africa war has ended and the Empire has been enlarged by the addition of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. During the recess delegations of my Government have visited the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of having the claims of the Province more fully recognized by the Federal Administration. At the request of the Premier of Quebec a delegation consisting of my Premier and members of my Government, assembled at Quebec and were met there by the Premier of the other Provinces of Canada and their colleagues. Resolutions were passed at his conference in regard to the demands of the different Provinces to a re-adjustment of the terms of Union and of the subsidies from the Dominion Government by the different Provinces.

A delegation of my Government also waited upon the Government at Ottawa with regard to the claims of this Province with respect to the Fishery Award under the Washington Treaty and the Halifax Fishery Commission. Both these claims have been given the most favorable consideration by the Dominion Government, and I feel confident that much benefit will result from these claims, and that the matter in dispute will be adjusted at an early date.

The claim of this Province that its representation, under the British North America Act, in the Dominion House of Commons, should not be reduced below the number of members conceded to it at the time of its entry into confederation, have been pressed upon the Federal Government by my Premier and representatives of my Government, and I feel confident that the Province will be given an opportunity to establish its rights in this respect.

The agriculture in this Province in this island within the past year must be to a great extent due to the increased efforts made by my Government in conjunction with the Federal Government to improve every department of the agricultural service of this Province.

During the past few weeks trade connection between the neighboring Provinces and this Island has been almost entirely cut off, owing to the unusual conditions of the ice in the Straits, the tying up of one steamer in the ice, and the disabling of the other. This has been a great loss to our farmers, producers, shippers and to the mercantile interests of the Province generally. My Government have assisted in the relief of the Province by joining with the Charlottetown Board of Trade in taking steps for the release of the steamers; which efforts I am happy to say have been successful.

The Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the Mainland having become more satisfactory my Government in conjunction with the Federal authorities are now attempting to inaugurate a new system by which this communication may be made more up-to-date and satisfactory.

The present unsatisfactory state of the laws of this Province, which have not been properly consolidated for many years, has led to a great deal of confusion, and a measure will be submitted authorizing the passing of a statute to consolidate the same.

The Public Accounts for the past year will be laid before you, and the estimates of expenditure for the current year will also be submitted for your consideration. They will be accompanied with due consideration to the economical and efficient conduct of the different departments of the public service.

I now leave you to the discharge of your important duties assured that under the blessing of Divine Providence your labors will result in the advancement of our people.

After the appointment of the usual committee the House adjourned till Friday. On Friday the sitting was very briefly resumed matters were attended to when an adjournment was taken till Monday afternoon.

In the Legislature yesterday, the address in reply to the speech of the Lieut. Governor at the opening, was moved by Mr. B. G. Galt. The debate was continued by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Mr. Whear, Mr. Morson and Mr. John McLean. We will refer to this debate in our next issue.

DIED. Died at her home in Bloomfield after a very short illness, which was borne with patience and fortitude, in the 42nd year of her age, Martha Peters, wife of Andrew Peters. Requiescat in peace. In this city on Thursday evening, March 19th, James Wise, aged 65 years. May his soul rest in peace. In this city March 22nd Margaret J. Butler beloved wife of Peter Trainor aged 37 years. May her soul rest in peace. At Campbellton, Lot 4, on the 18th inst, Samuel McRae, of St. Marks, Lot 7, aged 72 years. R. I. P. At French Village, on 22nd ult., May Gertrude, daughter of the late D. J. McLean, aged 18 years. May her soul rest in peace. In this city, on the 24th inst., of pneumonia, Mary Flynn, in the 35th year of her age. May her soul rest in peace.

MINE ON FIRE. On Friday last great hopes were temporarily raised by the fire fighters connected with the Dominion No. 1 Mine (Gloucester) but with the report that the flames were extinguished at that time. Very little smoke came from the mine. A short time after, however, high volumes of smoke poured out of the main shaft and ascended over the bank. It was hoped that the flames would be extinguished completely in a few days, and prospects looked good for the attainment of this result. Later accounts say the pit will have to be flooded to put out the fire.

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TROUBLE IN THE MILITIA DEPARTMENT.

There is trouble on between Lord Dundonald, commanding the Canadian Militia and the Minister of Militia. Dundonald like Hutton has got the idea that he and imperial authorities are running militia, and no Sr Frederick Borden and the Canadian Government. The M-J-r General had an elaborate plan prepared for improving the defenses of Canada at a cost of \$15,000,000. Sir Frederick has cut this down to one million dollars, and it is now said that the General will resign.

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BIG DROP IN LOBSTERS.

A Portland, (Maine) despatch of the 20th says: One of the most remarkable drops in price in the history of the lobster business is announced. Up to a few days ago lobsters were selling wholesale for 25 cents a pound, and today the price was down to 13 cents. A local firm, which, without doubt, is one of the largest in the United States, says for six years there hasn't been such a drop at this season. The unusually fine, warm weather is said to be responsible. Lobster fishermen have had a successful winter.

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Just at daybreak Sunday morning Chief of Police Avar Anderson and a posse of five men from Bridgetown, cleverly captured two crooks who it is supposed broke into the Union Bank building at Granville Ferry, N. S., on Friday night or Saturday morning, and after blowing open the safe with dynamite secured \$100. Tools, dynamite and \$15 in cash were found on them. The prisoners are supposed to have formerly belonged to St. John. One gives the name of Jerry Brown and the other refuses to make any statement as to his identity.

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