

BIG SNOW STORM AND SHIPWRECKS

TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED IN SEVERAL CITIES

News Has Been Received of the Foundering of a Number of Vessels.

New York, Feb. 3.—The strong gale from the west northwest, which began early last evening, continued all through the night and this morning.

The German steamer Barcelona, which arrived last night from Hamburg, when near Sandy Hook light ship, rescued the crews of the tugs E. S. Atwood and John E. Berwind.

An unknown four-masted schooner went ashore during the night on Brigantine shoals near Atlantic City, N. J. She lies near the grounded steamer Cleveland, which went ashore yesterday.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2.—This city and western New York generally to-day experienced the second big snow storm of the season.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 3.—The hardest snow storm of the season is still raging in central New York.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 3.—A fearful blizzard prevails in central and northern New York. The railroads are tied up and there is no prospect of the north and south lines getting open for several days.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Montreal is to-night held tightly in the grasp of the biggest snow storm of the season.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Ottawa is in the grip of the heaviest snowstorm that has struck it for many years.

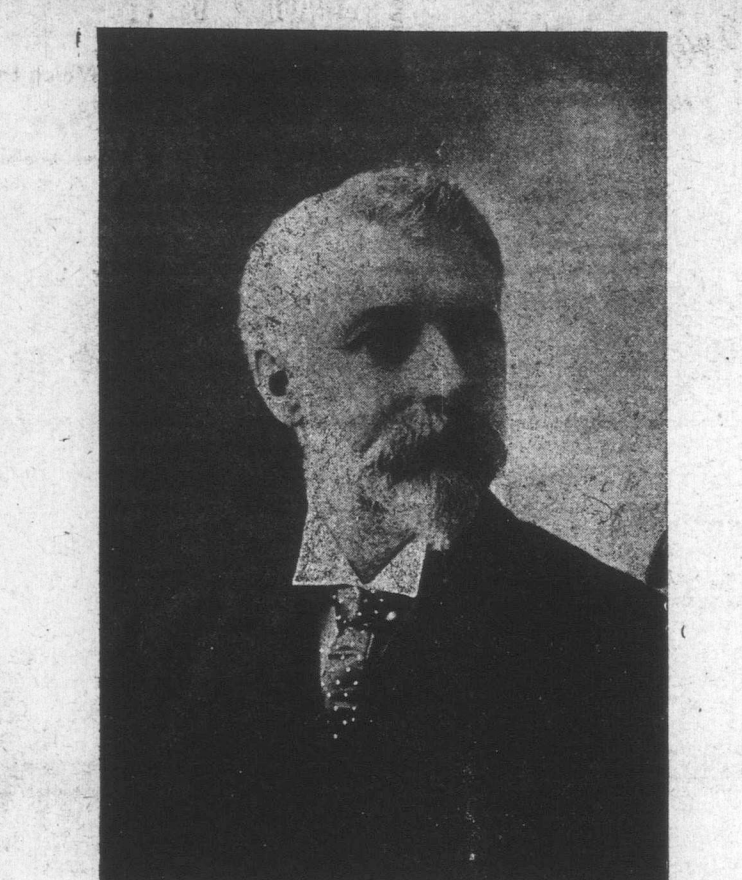
St. John, N. B., Feb. 3.—The Donaldson line steamer Alcides, from Glasgow, which entered the harbor about noon yesterday, during thick snow squalls and a severe gale, drifted broadside on to the pier.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—James Hayes, nine years old, was found in a snow heap last night almost frozen to death.

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HON. W. S. FIELDING, P.C. MINISTER OF FINANCE.

The Hon. Wm. Stevens Fielding, P. C., was born at Halifax, N. S., November 24th, 1848, and is of English descent.

DEATH OF THE BIDDLES.

The Two Men Succumbed on Saturday to Wounds Received in Fight With Police.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 1.—With the close of a day of intense excitement and many conflicting stories concerning the chances for life of the wounded Biddle brothers and Mrs. Kate Soffel, the unexpected happened.

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FIREMEN UNABLE TO CONTROL FLAMES

CONFLAGRATION IN THE HEART OF WATERBURY

Business Portion of the City Wiped Out—Damage Estimated at Five Million Dollars.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 2.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Waterbury broke out in the heart of the city shortly before 6 o'clock this evening, and at 10.15 was not under control.

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SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, G.C.M.G., P.C. MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Hon. Sir Richard John Cartwright, G. C. M. G., P. C., was born at Kingston, Ont., on January 14th, 1835, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

Court For Trial of Civil Cases Opens To-Morrow Morning.

There were no applications heard in Chambers on Saturday morning. The full court is still engaged in hearing the appeal in Wilson vs. Canadian Development Co.

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A BUSY WEEK IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

MANY SUBJECTS WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED

Proposal to Reorganize Procedure Is Not Likely to Meet With Much Opposition.

London, Feb. 1.—Parliament continues to deal with the most interesting topics in an uninteresting way. The proposals of Mr. Balfour, the government leader, to reorganize the procedure of the House of Commons are likely to be quickly accepted in spite of the extraordinary way in which they were put before the House.

A typical incident of Mr. Balfour's ignorance of detail was his ingenious confession, when announcing the proposed changes, that he had forgotten how many members constituted the House of Commons.

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THE RING.

WILL MEET IN 'FRISCO.

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BASKETBALL.

WON BY THE FERNWOODS.

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