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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications received from L.A.M., H.M.M., J.H.D., W.W.S., M.M., A.S. and K.A.C. will all receive due attention. Some of them are already in type and are only kept over through press of matter.

THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The following notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette*:—

Public notice is hereby given that Sir Donald A. Smith, K.C.M.G., M.P.; Hon. George A. Drummond, Senator; Andrew Robertson, Chairman Montreal Harbour Commissioners; Richard B. Angus, Director Canadian Pacific Railway; Hugh McLennan, forwarder; Andrew Allan, forwarder; Adam Skaife, merchant; Edward W. Parker, clerk; Dame Lucy Ann Bossé, wife of George E. Desbarats; Geo. Edward Desbarats, A.B., LL.B., publisher, and William A. Desbarats, publisher, all of the City of Montreal and Province of Quebec; Gustavus W. Wicksteed, Queen's Counsel, and Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., Civil Engineer, of the City of Ottawa and Province of Ontario, and J. H. Brownlee, Dominion Land Surveyor, of the City of Brandon and Province of Manitoba,—being all British subjects and residents of the Dominion of Canada,—will apply to the Governor General in Council for letters patent of incorporation under the provisions of "The Companies Act," 40 Vict. cap. 43.

The proposed corporate name of the company is: "The Dominion Illustrated Publishing Company, Limited."

The purpose of the company is engraving, printing and publishing.

The chief place of business of the company is to be Montreal.

The proposed amount of its capital stock is fifty thousand dollars. The number of shares is five hundred, and the amount of each share one hundred dollars.

The first or provisional directors of the company will be Sir Donald A. Smith, Hon. George A. Drummond, Andrew Robertson, Richard B. Angus, Sandford Fleming, George E. Desbarats, and William A. Desbarats, all of whom are residents of Canada.

Montreal, 4th March, 1889.

A few shares have been reserved for the Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia, as it is desired to have shareholders in every part of the Dominion. But early application will be necessary to secure these shares.

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Montreal.



It is said that Hudson's Bay shares have improved since the recent changes were made in the board. The better prices now current for furs have aroused expectations of a dividend.

One of the leading merchants of Boston, Henry A. Gould, voluntarily assigned on the 22nd inst., his liabilities amounting to nearly \$1,000,000, his assets being uncertain. Other large failures have also taken place.

Pope Leo the Thirteenth took occasion, on the presentation of felicitations on His Holiness's 79th birthday, to renew the protest against the Italian penal code. The eleventh anniversary of his coronation was observed with special ceremonies on the 3rd inst.

Something like a panic was caused in French financial circles by the suicide of M. Deufort Rochereau, a director in the Comptoir d'Escompte. The deceased banker had, it appears, had an angry interview with M. Hentsch, chairman of the same institution, just before he took his life.

The anti-Jesuit agitation in Ontario has reached an acute stage, of which the chief incident is the entering by the Order, through its lawyers, of an action for libel against the *Toronto Mail*, based on the imputation of a disloyal oath, which is distinctly disavowed. The outcome of the trial will be awaited with no small interest.

Considerable excitement prevails in the Church of England owing to the trial of the Bishop of Lincoln in a court presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury for offence against the ritual law of the Church. Such a thing has been unheard of for more than two hundred years, and there is only a single precedent since the Reformation.

It is said that in the course of an interview which M. Zankoff, the Bulgarian statesman, recently had with the Czar, his Majesty disclosed his purpose with respect to the Bulgarian throne so far as to make known that he had a candidate in his mind, whose name would, in due time, be revealed, and that he had no intention of letting Russian influence be ignored in the Principality.

With the exception of a few necessary adjustments, no change is contemplated, either at the present or in the immediate future, in the tariff of the Dominion. The Finance Minister has only consented to any departure from the principle laid down where a revision seemed really called for in the interest of home industry, or to remove certain inequalities or anomalies—as in the flour and wheat duties.

In France the Tirard Ministry has proved stronger than the forecasts indulged in led the outside world to expect. It has, however, shown lack of calmness and forbearance by initiating a policy of deliberate persecution of General Boulanger. By forbidding deputations to wait upon him and prohibiting his old companions in arms to salute him, the Government shows a petty spite which is unworthy of a great nation.

Eastern and South-Eastern Europe have been considerably agitated by a succession of sensational events. Noteworthy among these has been the abdication of King Milan in favour of his young son, Alexander. The step was ascribed to

the delicate state of his health, which made it virtually impossible for him to attend to affairs of State. Rumour, nevertheless, assigns as the predisposing cause of King Milan's action the pressure of Muscovite influence.

Italy has passed through a Ministerial crisis. Rather than meet the House of Assembly with the new taxation measure which the financial exigencies of the country demanded, Signor Crispi resigned. Finding no capable successor, he eventually remodelled the Ministry, the most noteworthy change being the substitution of Signor Doda for Signor Magliani in the Department of Finance. He retained in his own hands the portfolios of the Interior and of Foreign Affairs.

The last confession, flight and suicide of Pigott, the informer, have given an entirely new significance to the work of the Parnell Commission. The whereabouts of the fugitive, who had made his way to Madrid, were disclosed by a telegram which he despatched to the *Times's* Dublin lawyer, Mr. Shannon. After being arrested, Pigott asked leave to go for his overcoat, and had hardly been a moment out of sight when the fatal shot was heard. His career was a long series of pecuniary straits and ingenious shifts to evade starvation at the expense of his own honour and of all who trusted to him.

The inauguration ball of the President of the United States was an unprecedented success from a financial point of view. There were 12,000 admission tickets sold, netting \$60,000, and it is expected that the receipts from the sale of tickets to the promenade concert, subsequently held in the ballroom, and from the sale of souvenir ball tickets, will bring the amount up to \$70,000. President Cleveland, it is to be regretted, abstained from being present, and thus the occasion was deprived of the attendance of Mrs. Cleveland, who, it is certain, would have been one of the belles of the ball.

The Hon. Mr. Robertson, ex-Treasurer of this Province, has made an earnest appeal for more careful economy and less of the spirit of partizanship, in the administration of Provincial affairs. Having shown that instead of the promised surplus there was, in the operations of last year, when regarded from a regular and business standpoint, a deficit of \$314,571, he called on the peoples' representatives, as one of two who had sat in the House since 1867, to subordinate private and party interests to the good of the province and the country at large. Mr. Robertson's address was respectfully listened to by both sides of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Foster, Canadian Minister of Finance, in an able and comprehensive review of the financial affairs of the Dominion, gave promise of a surplus at the close both of the present fiscal year and at that of the ensuing year. The expenditure for the year ending June 30, he estimates at \$36,600,000, and the revenue at \$38,500,000, leaving a surplus of \$1,900,000; while for the year ending twelve months later the expenditure is set down at \$36,500,000, and the revenue at \$39,175,000, leaving a surplus of \$2,675,000. He also stated that no increase in the net debt of Canada would require to be made during the next three years.

On the 4th inst. President Harrison was inaugurated at Washington with considerable delay. His inaugural address, which had been awaited