

DOMINION ESTIMATES DOWN 63 MILLIONS ASKED FOR A Decrease of More Than Five Millions Over Last Year == \$90,000 for the London Armory.

PUBLIC DEBT HAS BEEN REDUCED BY TEN MILLIONS

Ottawa, March 16. — The Government asks Parliament to grant \$62,000,000 this year, a decrease of \$5,825,364 over last year.

For the national transcontinental railway surveys and other expenses, \$500,000 is asked.

Fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for a steamship service between Canada and Mexico.

The appropriation for salaries in London postoffice is \$46,059, an increase of \$2,254 75. The increases for salaries at Kingston postoffice is \$1,082 25; Ottawa, \$2,901 25; Hamilton, \$3,977; Brantford, \$78 25; Windsor, \$850.

For the London drill hall and armory there is an appropriation of \$90,000.

Of the total amount to be voted \$19,669,561 is authorized by statute. The total for ordinary purposes is \$55,017,228, and on capital account \$7,915,100.

While the aggregate is large, it includes many items that were voted last session, but not taken advantage of. There will, of course, be a supplementary estimate, which will increase the aggregate for 1904-5.

SOME DEFICITS.

The principal increases are: Civil government, \$52,749; immigration, \$77,685; militia, \$85,551; mail subsidies, \$135,000; light house and coast, \$14,589; mounted police, \$115,000; post-office, \$302,625.

There are several noteworthy reductions, viz.: Public debt, \$55,374; legislation, \$41,538; public works, \$1,024,628; ocean and river service, \$127,900; fisheries, \$53,629; government of the Northwest Territories, \$7,000; government of the Yukon, \$56,450; miscellaneous, \$362,624.

Coming to the details of the estimates, it will be noticed that the vote for experimental farms has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and that for exhibitions from \$150,000 to \$200,000. A sum of \$50,000 is set apart for the Dominion Exhibition in Winnipeg. There is an increase of \$50,000 in contingent expenses in Canada, British and foreign agencies, bringing the total up to \$525,000.

MILITIA ALLOWANCES.

Sir Frederick Borden asks for \$341,649 pay and funds for the militia, being an increase of \$2,019. This increase is made up of \$10,019 additional for headquarters and district staff and \$22,000 for pay and allowances for last

permanent corps. The sum covering pay of officers and men attending schools of instruction, is reduced by \$10,000, and there is but \$500,000 for twelve days' training of the whole force as compared with \$520,000 for the present fiscal year. The proposed capital expenditure on the latter is \$1,651,500, as against \$2,717,284 for 1903-04; of this sum \$636,450 consists of revotes. The sum of \$18,000 is wanted for a new cut for the Governor-General for Ontario canals, harbors and rivers \$647,550 is asked, of which \$228,500 is revoted from the present year \$809,650 was voted.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The features of the public accounts for the fiscal year which ended on June 30 are well worth noting. There was a surplus of \$14,245,166 in receipts on account of consolidated fund over the expenditure in the same account, which amounted to \$31,691,502. This showing was still further bettered by \$3,205,450 resulting from a readjustment of assets and liabilities in connection with the settlement of accounts between the Dominion and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, sinking fund to the amount of \$2,620,583 and some refunds and transfers. The public debt was thus reduced by no less than \$10,222,100. The average rate of interest on the gross debt for the year was 3.02, as compared with 3.09 in the previous year, while the net debt had fallen from \$2,577,284 to \$2,477. The sum of \$1,408,252 was paid during the year an account of interest on the consolidated fund.

THE PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS.

Mr. J. M. Courtney, the deputy minister, has this to say on the adjustment of accounts with the two western provinces. There are no accounts at issue between the Dominion and the provinces. The first is the claim of the Dominion against the Province of Ontario under treaty No. 3. The papers in the case have been filed with the exchequer court, to which tribunal it was agreed the matter should be referred, and I expect the case will come to a hearing in the early summer. The second point at issue concerns the imposition of new taxation on the Province of Ontario, namely, the Lower Canada superior education fund, the property of Quebec, and the

VALUE OF A HUSBAND

Here's a Chicago Woman Who Puts Price at \$25,000.

Chicago, March 17. — In the circuit court yesterday Mrs. Caroline Leeman declared to Judge Dunne that she was offered \$600 for release of all her claims upon her husband, Oscar Leeman, to Mrs. Louise Peacock. Mrs. Leeman says she demanded \$25,000, as Mrs. Peacock had \$75,000.

"He isn't worth \$25,000," said Mrs. Peacock. "He is in the \$600 bunch."

Mrs. Leeman demurred, insisting that the father of her child is worth more than \$600. That ended negotiations. Mrs. Leeman is now suing for separate maintenance and still asserting that Leeman is worth more than \$600.

A HEBREW HERO

How Mandistamm Treasured Food For Czar's Starving Convicts.

Berlin, March 17. — Mandistamm, whom Chancellor Von Bülow named in the Reichstag on Feb. 29 as the leader of the protest against the Government's attitude towards Russia, is not included in the 50 Russian students expelled from Germany. He anticipated such an order by flight to Switzerland. Frau Zetkin, in a recent speech in Breslau, gave the following details of his last:

"Hats off to Mandistamm, twice deported to Siberia! Once on a long march to the icy plains, the convicts, almost without food, owing to the embezzlement of a commissary officer, complained. 'Car, commander of the march, who, lying there up, said, 'Who objects?' One man stepped forward, and the officer shot him. Turning pleasantly to the convicts, he said, 'I am Mandistamm. Has anyone else a wish?'"

"A second man stepped out of the line, and the commander said, 'I do.' The officer, overcome by this fearlessness, turned to the convicts and supplied the convicts with food. This was the courage of the despised Russian Jew."

AWFUL CARNAGE

BY JAP SHELLS

Eye-Witnesses Tell of Sunday's Bombardment.

NINETEEN DEAD ON RETVIZAN

One Shell Bursts in Group of Sight-seers Killing 25—Eighty Perish on Cruiser Diana.

New York, March 17. — Three Norwegian steamers—the Brand, Argo and Retvizan—were in the harbor of Port Arthur, when the Japanese fleet arrived at Shanghai, according to a World dispatch from that city. The captains, who were taken on board by the Russians to reveal nothing they saw, refuse to speak of affairs at Port Arthur, but the correspondent asserts that the members of the fleet told him what they knew. During the last bombardment last Sunday the Argo lay alongside the Retvizan. The papers in the harbor, and one of the Norwegians confirmed previous reports to the effect that a Japanese shell fell on the Retvizan's deck where it exploded, killing nineteen officers and men.

Scarcely a residence in the new part of the town escaped damage. Many of the inhabitants attempted to construct bomb-proof shelters. One shell fell among a crowd of sightseers who gathered at the Russian hospital and were gazing out to sea at the attacking fleet. The shell killed 25.

Three Government clerks were killed by a shell hurrying from the port admiral's office.

A cruiser lying at anchor a cable's length from the Retvizan, probably the Diana, was struck on the water line and set on fire. The sailors declared that 80 persons on board perished. The supply of food for the Retvizan is still sufficient for the needs of the garrison, but it is entirely under the control of the military authorities, who issue daily rations.

The Norwegians insist that when they left the Russian fleet had sailed with the view of making a dash for their own expense.

It is possible, however, that the vessels had merely gone on another scouting expedition. There remained in the harbor, besides the disabled warships, only the volunteer fleet steamer Kasan, four smaller Russian merchantmen, and the Russian hospital ship Mongolia, which had been struck by shells, killing half a dozen men.

The St. Petersburg Bourse Gazette says Japan's hope of aid from America is gone and she now looks only to Korea. With the hatred of the west in view, she is trying her best to effect an alliance. The Gazette predicts that Korea neutrally will soon be broken.

The troops passing through Siberia are well supplied with warm clothing, partly provided by the Government and partly by donation.

The Siberian Cossacks equipped themselves for the campaign at their own expense.

Warnings have been received at Chefoo confirming previous reports to the effect that the Russians have laid mines along the Liao Tung Peninsula, and that neutral vessels are obliged to show their colors five kilometers off shore and pass every quiet, with up news from the front. At the request of Minister Allen, the cruiser brought two Korean officers, who had been in the consequence of their friendship for Russia.

All is quiet at Port Arthur. Military bands play twice a week in the public square.

CURSON GOING HOME.

Calcutta, March 17.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, will sail from Bombay, homeward bound, on a holiday trip, April 4.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Apparently the Russian forces have taken the offensive. London is informed the main advance has commenced two armies one of them from Vladivostok and one from Manchuria converging on the Yalu River. A Jap army, 70,000 strong, is in Northern Korea, headed towards the south bank of the Yalu, where it is said the Russians have thrown up fortifications. Another important news item is that Russia has warned Korea that she will be considered a belligerent because of her alliance with Japan. Jap naval losses since the opening of the war are placed at four cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers. The machinery of a battleship has also been badly crippled by Russian shells.

These reports come by way of Paris, which is anti-Jap. It is again reported that Port Arthur was badly damaged by the various Jap bombardments.

The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorri, while entering Port Arthur harbor, ran foul of a submarine mine and was blown up.

STEAD NOT WANTED.

London, March 17.—Lord Milner has telegraphed W. T. Stead that in view of his recent speech his presence is not required in the Transvaal. Mr. Stead has a scheme on foot to perpetuate the memory of the heroes of the war.

TOGO'S ATTACK

How He Swooped Upon the Port Arthur Fleet.

TOOK BIG CHANCES AND WON ENTERING PT. ARTHUR HARBOR

London, March 17.—The Times publishes the following letter from its Tokyo correspondent, dated Feb. 19:

"On Feb. 6 Japan's fleet moved to break off diplomatic relations with Russia. It is now known that on the previous day Admiral Togo, who was at Port Arthur during the bombardment of the 10th, had received orders to be in readiness for immediate action. The task that fell to him was first, to attack the advance guard of the Japanese army, and second, to secure its line of communications with Japan permanently."

A DECISIVE BLOW.

To render the line of communication permanently safe Admiral Togo saw that it was necessary to strike a crushing blow at the enemy, and in order to strike such a blow with the utmost certainty offensive action was necessary. He determined to deliver the attack upon Port Arthur simultaneously with the landing of troops at Chemulpo. On the morning of the 6th he explained his purpose to the command of the standing four squadrons of the fleet to rendezvous at Mokpo at noon the next day.

There they met a cruiser just returned from vedette duty, which reported that the Russian cruiser Variaz and the gunboat Kowetz were at Chemulpo. This indicated to Admiral Togo that the Russians were unprepared for an early attack, else they would not have left these two warships isolated.

Admiral Togo at once sent Rear-Admiral Uriu with the fourth squadron as a convoy to the Vladivostok fleet.

The possibility of the Russian fleet emerging from Port Arthur and attacking the transports was an absorbing anxiety to Admiral Togo, but it was necessary to take the risk.

GO IN AND FIGHT.

As the sun was setting in the sky, after the rain and storm of Feb. 6, Admiral Togo found himself within 60 miles of Port Arthur. The eighteen torpedo-boats were ordered to attack the enemy's transports, and to sink the enemy's squadron, and success to the fleet on Friday.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—WARMER WITH RAIN.

London, Thursday, March 7. Sun rises, 6:25 a.m. Moon rises, 6:35 p.m. Sun sets, 6:28 p.m. Moon sets, 7:40 a.m.

Some light local snowfalls have occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley and the Maritime Provinces, but the weather in Canada has been fine generally and continued cold everywhere.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 36-44; Calgary, 24-32; Q'Appelle, 2 below -27; Winnipeg, 6-28; Port Arthur, 4-26; Parry Sound, 2-28; Toronto, 12-26; Ottawa, 10-29; Montreal, 32-28; Quebec, 12-22; Halifax, 28-30.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, March 17—8 a.m. Fine today; rising temperatures; sleet and rain on Friday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Winnipeg	24	4	Fair
Calgary	12	4	Clear
Port Arthur	12	8	Clear
Ottawa	8	4	Clear
Quebec	6	12	Clear
Halifax	16	12	Clear

The sign "below zero" is used for temperatures below 0°.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues fine and cold throughout Canada. A disturbance now situated in the Northwest States promises sleet and rain in Ontario on Friday.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m., Wednesday, were: Highest, 28.5°; lowest, 18.5°.

HATS OFF TO "PADDY"

Pianist Told Czar He Was a Pole and Exiled From Russia.

New York, March 17. — A cable to the Sun from Vienna says: A newspaper says that Paderewski, the pianist lately performed at the Russian court. The Czar was delighted and told the performer that he was especially pleased to find such talent in a Russian.

"I beg you majesty's pardon," replied Paderewski, "I am a Pole."

Later, on the same day, Paderewski, who had arranged a number of concerts in St. Petersburg, received a police order directing him to leave the capital in 24 hours and never to return.

WANTED AT TORONTO

Man Who It Is Said Helped Convicts to Escape Arrested.

Chicago, March 17. — Edward Kerlin, alias Edward Pierce, charged with forgery and robbing mail boxes, has been identified by a former convict as the man who assisted Fred Lee Rice, Frank Rutledge and Thomas Jones in an attempt to escape from custody in Toronto on April 14, 1901. One constable was killed and another wounded. The prisoners were recaptured. Kerlin is said to have thrown revolvers into the carriage in which the men were being taken from the court house to the jail. Rice, Rutledge and Jones were arrested at Chicago, June 2, 1900, charged with the robbery of a postoffice and bank in Aurora, Ont. They fought extradition, but were taken back to Canada. The men were tried and sentenced to 21 years each.

Kerlin was later the duke retained much of his old time activity, and despite his great age, he always participated in the shooting parties at his place, Six Mile Bottom, Cambridge-shire, and enjoyed entertaining and being entertained. Although the duke was imbued with old world conservatism with the masses, and even his prejudiced opposition to the modernization and democratization of the army failed to decrease the affection with which all ranks regarded their old commander-in-chief. The title of Duke of Cambridge died with the late duke, his sons being born of a morganatic marriage, and his death also placed at the disposal of the King, the Duke of Devonshire, as well as an order of the garter.

It is expected that the remains of the duke will be buried at Fife. An interesting military display will be made at the funeral. The death of the duke necessitates the postponement or cancellation of all royal functions, as the court will go into mourning for several weeks.

The London season will also have to be revised. The flags on the public buildings were half-masted immediately after the duke's death.

DESTROYER HITS SUBMARINE MINE

The Skorri of the Russian Fleet Blown Up.

ENTERING PT. ARTHUR HARBOR

New Changang Does Not Fear Japanese Attack—Kuropatkin's Plan of Campaign.

Chefoo, March 17 (Thursday). A cable to the Sun from Port Arthur yesterday, the 16th, the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorri struck upon an unplaced mine and was blown up. Four of the crew were saved. Viceroy Alexieff wires a report confirming the Associated Press account of the damage done to Port Arthur during the bombardment of the 10th. He says the story of a fire there is "a base fabrication."

AT NEW CHANGANG.

Ten Tsai, March 17.—Lloyd's agent at New Changang writes as follows: "Port Arthur will be open between March 25 and 30 and steamers have been chartered for spring shipments. The reports that New Changang will be attacked shortly are untrue, and there is no truth in the statement that the Russians are trying to lay mines abreast of the fort."

Business is going on as usual and the general administration of the port is doing all in his power to further the trade interests of both Chinese and foreigners.

Many American and British residents insist that warships should be stationed here, but there are no signs of any such intention.

Japanese troops will probably land in Kai Chou Bay and cut off the main line at Tashi Chiao, southeast of New Changang.

Troops are still concentrating at Liao Yang, and are forming guerilla detachments.

KUROPATKIN'S PLANS.

Will Live on a Train to Keep Tab on the Japs.

The first headquarters of the Manchurian army after General Kuropatkin's arrival will be at Liao Yang, the general officer selected that point instead of Mukden, whence to direct the operations. Liao Yang is ten miles west of the railroad, being connected with the main line by a special line, which will be completed by the time General Kuropatkin arrives, and has many advantages over Mukden.

While the Russians are mobilizing for the purpose of working out an offensive military problem, they will be prepared to move heavy forces in any direction to meet the Japanese, whose command of the sea gives them great freedom in selection their points of attack. General Kuropatkin will live on a train, with his staff and be prepared to move immediately wherever his presence is required. If the Japanese land in force on the coast of Northern Korea, General Kuropatkin will move his headquarters further north along the railroad. If there is fighting along the Yalu, which now seems probable, he will go forward to Feng Tuan Cheng.

As precautions are being taken to guard against surprises. The Japanese have always shown a preference for night attacks, and most rigorous orders have been issued to keep up a continuous advance of scouting parties and to have heavy pickets out at night. General Kuropatkin is now near Omak, Siberia. He is making very fair time, averaging over 52 miles per day, everything being side-tracked to get him to Mukden on March 26, the only stops, except to change engines, being occasionally to inspect passing troops.

PRESS MEN MEET.

Toronto, March 17.—The first annual meeting of the Canadian Associated Press was held here yesterday and the financial report for the first half year was presented. The directors elected were: President, J. S. Brierty, Montreal; vice-president, J. Ross Robertson, Toronto; secretary, J. E. Atkinson, Toronto; and W. J. Douglas, W. F. MacLean, Toronto; Smeaton, White, Montreal, and P. D. Ross, Ottawa.

AGED DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

PASSES AWAY AT LONDON

Was Cousin of Late Queen Victoria and Former Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.

TITLE EXPIRES WITH HIS DEATH—HIS CAREER

London, March 17. — The Duke of Cambridge died at 10:35 o'clock this morning. He was a cousin of the late Queen Victoria, and was born March 28, 1819.

The duke died peacefully at Gloucester House. He had been confined to his house for some weeks, but until compelled to take to his bed, he was about with his accustomed activity, being, as was his custom, a constant attendant at functions of a national or charitable character. At the most recent of these it was obvious that the duke was becoming exceedingly feeble. He presented a somewhat pathetic appearance, leaning heavily on the arm of one of his sons, he advanced with faltering step to address a gathering in aid of some patriotic movement.

When it was announced a month ago that the duke was obliged to forego his annual visit to the south of France, it was recognized that his chances of recovery were slight.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra had been constant visitors to the sick room, while the duke's sons, Admiral and Colonel FitzGeorge, were almost incessantly at his bedside.

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EARTH TREMBLES AT VICTORIA, B. C.

Worst Quake in Twenty Years Hits the Pacific Coast City.

Victoria, B. C., March 16. — At 8:18 tonight the sharpest shock of earthquake felt here for twenty years, shook the city. Clocks were stopped and invalids screamed with terror. The seismographic recorder at the meteorological observatory, which touched until Saturday. The curator expects the record will show a spasm of unusual violence.

Seattle, March 17. — Two earthquake shocks were felt here last night, the first of five seconds and the second of fifteen seconds duration. A vibration from east to west severe enough to rattle dishes, move chairs and shake up the higher buildings occurred in the Church of the Immaculate Conception a big congregation was assembled, and a small panic was caused by the earthquake.

BALFOUR WILL INQUIRE

As To Searching of British Ships by the Russians.

London, March 17. — Answering a question in the House of Commons today regarding the movements of the Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi in the Mediterranean, her search for merchant vessels, etc., after repairing at Suva, as to whether or not the Russian Government proposed to take to sea these operations, Premier Balfour, while admitting the great importance of the question, said he must have time to inquire into the facts before he would be able to give a complete answer. Replying subsequently to the Liberal leader, Mr. Balfour fixed March 21 for the debate on the vote of censure, notice of which was given last night in the House by Sir Henry.

DEATH OF WILLIAM HARVEY.

Hesper, March 16. — The death occurred at the Galt Hospital this morning of one of Hesper's best known citizens in the person of William Harvey, who was taken to that institution yesterday and operated on for appendicitis. Deceased has carried on a bakery business here for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Harvey was an enthusiastic angler and sportsman, and was well acquainted with the habits of fish and game than he.

SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS

Combine Against Uncle Sam

New Orleans, March 17. — According to mail advice just received here, an alliance has been formed by Brazil, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile and Bolivia to guard against absorption by the United States.

The belief, it is declared, prevails throughout Brazil and Argentina that in the event of a revolution in either republic, President Roosevelt will intervene and recognize the revolution-

LIBERALS TAKE ANOTHER SEAT

A Turn-Over in East Dorset Bye-Election For the British Commons.

London, March 17. — The polling yesterday for a candidate to fill the vacancy in the parliamentary division of East Dorset, caused by the accession of Humphrey N. Stuart to the peerage on the death of his father, Lord Alington, resulted in a victory for the Liberals. C. H. Lyell, the Liberal candidate, defeated Mr. Sturt, the Conservative, by 82 votes.

In the previous election Mr. Sturt defeated A. Allen (Liberal) by 96 votes.

LABOR AND THE G. T. P.

Delegation Seeks Protection for the Workers on New Road.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., March 17. — President Allen, of the Trades and Labor Congress; Vice-President J. E. Mack and P. M. Draper, secretary, are meeting here today to lay out a line of campaign which the labor party want to take up this session. One of the principal subjects which will come up will be some protection for workmen in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. In the modification before the House the company asks for delay in case of strikes. Labor men say that the company endeavor to elude trouble, and therefore the workmen should look after their interests to prevent a repetition of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway cruelties. What labor men would like to see would be the adoption of a recommendation passed by the House, which inquired into Crow's Nest Pass affairs. Mr. Clute, K.C., was one of the commissioners.

WANT UNIFORM SIGNALS.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., March 17. — A delegation from the Dominion Marine Association arrived here today by train a resolution passed by the association regarding lights and signals on the great lakes. The object of the association is to get the lights and the signals of the Canadian side to conform with the United States side, the existing confusion of signals on lights causing confusion. Capt. Donnelly, Kingston, and A. A. Wright, Toronto, are with the delegation.

TORONTO MAN SUICIDES FOR LOVE OF GIRL IN CONVENT

New York, March 17. — The World this morning says: Dependent, because the girl he loved had entered the Ursuline Convent and had not replied to the letters that he had sent to her urging that she reconsider her resolve to devote her life to religious work, Edward J. Neaton last night shot and killed himself within a block of the convent where the girl had sought retreat.

Coroner Berry, who had investigated

the case, learned that Neaton, while visiting this city on business, fell in love with a girl, who later entered the Ursuline Convent. Neaton, it was said, had tried his best to dissuade her from the step and was driven frantic by her determination to pass her life in seclusion with the nuns.

Neaton was an expert accountant. He came here two months ago from Toronto, where he lived at 102 Duchess street.

BETTER MILITIA PAY

Sir F. Borden Intends to Have an Increase All Around.

Ottawa, March 17. — Sir Frederick Borden has taken the first step towards complying with the request of the militia force for an increase of pay. He has given notice of a resolution providing that the pay of privates in the active militia shall be at the rate of 50 cents a day on appointment, which may be increased to a maximum of \$1 per day during the third year of service. The pay of officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers will be at such rates as may be prescribed by the Governor-in-Council. An advance in the pay of privates being fixed at 75 cents per day, and that of buglers under arms at 80 cents per day. The pay of the general officer commanding is increased from \$1,600 to \$6,000, and of the adjutant-general from \$2,500 to \$2,500.

HAMILTON COMMITTED

Verdict of Manslaughter Against an Ottawa Saloon Keeper.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., March 17. — The coroner's jury has given a verdict of manslaughter against W. S. Hamilton, the proprietor of the restaurant here, having caused the death of John Fitzgerald by a wound inflicted upon him in a scuffle in his cafe. Hamilton has been committed for trial.

WOODSTOCK POSTMASTER

Mr. Henry J. Finkle Appointed to the Vacancy.

Ottawa, March 17. — Henry J. Finkle has been appointed postmaster of Woodstock in place of A. McClellan. Percy E. Hall has been named postmaster of Ironton in place of Thomas Fitzpatrick.

PUT OUT OF BUSINESS.

New York, March 17. — Losses in the Baltimore conflagration, amounting to about its entire surplus of \$80,000, together with a depreciation in market value of investments, have caused the directors of the National Fire Insurance Company, of New York, to decide that the company shall retire from business. All the outstanding risks have been reinsured in the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford. It is estimated that after all claims have been settled the stockholders will receive the per value, or thereabouts, of their holdings. The company, which was organized in 1856, is capitalized at \$200,000.

SEALERS IN PERIL.

Halifax, N. S., March 17. — A special from Meat Cove, C. B., reports that sealers in the ice at St. Paul's Island, one being in a critical condition. The names of the boats are not obtainable.

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