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WHITELAW REID'S VIEWS.

THE EX-MINISTER TO FRANCE ON THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

Russia and France Would Not Support the United States—The Doctrine Not International Law—European Nations Do Not Like It—Good Resulting From the Present Dispute.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—A Call special from Phoenix, Ariz., says: Whitelaw Reid, ex-Minister to France, refused to talk about the Venezuelan controversy when the telegraphic abstracts of the correspondence were first received. He said he was unwilling to form an opinion, much less express it, until he had an opportunity to see the full text of the correspondence. To-day the ex-Minister was more willing to be communicative. He was asked by the Call correspondent whether there was any possibility that the United States could make an alliance with France and Russia against England, as suggested in eastern papers.

"At present," he replied, "not the slightest. They are both against us—not that they love England, but they despise the Monroe doctrine. If we should get into war with England and a general European war over Turkey or Egypt or China should break out about the same time, then France and Russia would be with us. But even then they would not be in favor of the Monroe doctrine, unless on the principle that any club is good enough to hit your enemy with."

Monroe Doctrine Not Law.

"You do not believe, like some of our papers, that the Monroe doctrine is good, binding international law?"

"What rubbish all this talk is about the Monroe doctrine being international law. Whoever thought it was? It is a tremendously good American doctrine, which we have backed up with tolerably fair success for three-quarters of a century—almost as good an American doctrine as the Republican form of Government and it is about as repugnant to every European Government. There has not been a moment since it was first advanced when the nations of Continental Europe without exception have not been solidly opposed to it. Why should they not? The two American continents constitute an extraordinarily attractive pasture. The Monroe doctrine is simply a notice to all monarchies to keep off the grass, and the United States is the big policeman with a club standing by to enforce the notice. European nations up to this time have obeyed it pretty well, but what nonsense to suppose they like it and would accept it as any way authoritative unless compelled to. They are all land hungry—all crazy to be dividing up weak countries like Turkey and China, or to be colonizing barbarous ones like Africa. Over the whole stretch of the two American continents the Monroe doctrine stands as a notice not to trespass. There is not a nation in Europe that does not resent being told to keep out; but there is not one either that will transgress, the order to get in. They have too many chances just now to fight nearer home and are too much afraid they may have to embrace some of them.

Not Going to Have War.

"No, we are not going to have any war; if things are well managed. A little different turn to the message would have maintained our attitude just as well, created less alarm, and given England a better chance to get out. The message is splendidly American, but Mr. Cleveland is not strong in diplomacy, and diplomatic situations which compel either humiliation of our adversary of war with him are always to be avoided. Nevertheless, with time and a little common sense on both sides, we shall get out without fighting. The whole affair, though deplorable in some of its present aspects, will turn out to be a good thing. European nations will realize at last that the Monroe doctrine is more than a phrase and will all learn, as Louis Napoleon did in 1865, that the United States cannot be trifled with about American interests.

A Golden Opportunity.

"There ought to be another excellent good resulting from it. This is the golden opportunity for our merchants to extend our trade to every quarter in Centre and South America and never before could they have had such a welcome as now awaits them if only our diplomacy and our commercial enterprise can work together to seize it.

"Don't mistake me, however. About international obligations of the Monroe doctrine Europe, to be sure, has never acknowledged it. But England ought to recognize and obey it. She inspired its origin, rejoiced over its declaration and made haste to accept it. Lord Salisbury admits as much even now, but only maintains that since then times have changed."

England's Claims.

"Do you think there is any justice in England's boundary claims?"

"Who can tell? So far as I know the English side never has been accessible, even briefly, until Lord Salisbury's present very adroit and skilful letter. In 1890 Gen. Guzman Blanco, then Minister of Venezuela, had to leave Paris before the arrival of his successor, and he desired to leave the legation in my hands and our State Department gave me the authority to accept it. Gen. Guzman Blanco, who had been President and Minister to England and Minister to France, was at the time in opposition. His statues had been thrown down by the mob at Caracas. His property had been seized and there was every reason why he should dislike and be willing to thwart the new Government."

WAR IMPOSSIBLE.

The Feeling in England Shown by a New York Correspondent.

New York, Dec. 29.—Mr. Isaac N. Ford cables from London to The Tribune:

No real change in the relations of Great Britain and the United States has occurred since the Venezuela commission bill was passed a week ago. Princes, bishops, preachers, authors and all sorts and conditions of Englishmen have united in a Christmas carol in favor of peace. This was a safe thing to do, because they knew in their hearts a week ago that there would be no war. The newspapers have been printing many columns daily about the Venezuela affair and American opinion, but nothing has happened here since the slaughter of American securities which produced a Wall-street scare and enabled Mr. Cleveland to follow up his Venezuela message with pleading in bankruptcy. From that moment no intelligent Englishman has considered an outbreak of war possible.

So long as President Cleveland appealed to England on moral grounds to arbitrate a frontier dispute and not bully a feeble republic, the advantage was with the United States. The English conscience was uneasy when Mr. Chamberlain's order for defending the frontier with Maxim guns was disclosed; it would have been stirred more deeply if Lord Salisbury's dispatch dealing jauntily and contemptuously with the Monroe doctrine had been

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PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

Manitoba Conservatives Will Give the Government Battle in all the Constituencies of the Province.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The Conservatives of Winnipeg have decided to contest the three city constituencies at the approaching provincial elections. A mass meeting of electors opposed to the general policy of the Greenway Government will be held on Thursday evening to nominate opposition candidates for the three electoral divisions of the city. Ex-Mayor Taylor's name is now freely mentioned as the candidate against McIntyre in the north, Ald. Hutchings against Hon. Col. McMillan in the centre, while in the south the opposition say they have several good names under consideration. Contests in the three Winnipeg divisions will add much interest to the election fight. Candidates on both sides are being promptly chosen throughout the country and before the end of the ensuing week after will be two or three in every constituency. Both parties show a disposition to make terms with the Patrons and there will in all probability be half a dozen of the Third party in the next Legislature.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A Lot of News Condensed Into Paragraphs for Busy People.

Belleville, Ont.—Arthur Davis, a young man whose home is in Sydney, near this city, committed suicide by shooting himself a few days ago at Sterling, Ill., where he was employed in The Daily Standard printing office.

Belleville, Ont.—The body of the boy Breen, who was drowned near Tweed, has been recovered.

London—The young Duchess of Marlborough, nee Vanderbilt, who is now with her husband in Rome, is negotiating with a London insurance company for a policy in a large sum on her life, for the benefit of the Duke.

Belleville, Ont.—W. W. Winchester Saturday pleaded guilty to a charge of raising an order from $8.96 to $18.96 and was sentenced to two months in jail.

Washington.—Among the bills introduced in the House Saturday was one by Mr. Harmer (Rep., Pa.) proposing an amendment to the constitution to prohibit states from granting the right of suffrage to persons not citizens of the United States.

London.—The body of Sergius Stepniak, the Russian Nihilist and refugee, who was killed by being struck by a railway train at Chiswick on Dec. 23, was cremated at Woking in the presence of a concourse of Nihilist and Socialist refugees.

London.—The latest British treasury returns show that there will be a surplus of £5,000,000 over the estimates.

Berlin.—The Boerson Courier says that the American Government is negotiating with leading banks in Berlin for a loan of $200,000,000.

GUINANE BROS. 214 Yonge—89 King W., make a specialty of Goodyear Welted Shoes.

Mrs. Jane Wilkes Dead.

Mrs. Jane Wilkes died very suddenly on Saturday afternoon at her late residence, 84 Gloucester-street. She has been failing for some little time, but was in fairly good health on Saturday morning. Deceased was 85 years of age and was mother of the late Robert Wilkes, who represented Centre Toronto in the Dominion House in the early seventies, and was the only Liberal ever sent from Toronto.

Mrs. Wilkes came to the city from Ireland about 50 years ago. Death was due to heart failure.

Go to Harris for good quality, the latest style and the most perfect fitting sealskin mantles, the manufacturing furrier who always gives the best value in Canada. 71 King-street west upstairs.

Jacques Cartier Battle

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The Liberals are not at all confident of carrying Jacques Cartier to-morrow. The Laurier candidate will get about 300 majority in the west end of the county, which will be destroyed by the Conservative parish of St. Laurent, in the east. The battleground will therefore be Lachine, which gave Mr. Girouard over 150 majority.

A Sons of England Annual.

Mercantile Lodge, 81, S.O.E., B.S., held its annual reunion in the form of an oyster supper and smoking concert on Saturday night. About 65 members and their friends went by special car to the Pines, Bloor and Dundas-streets, where an enjoyable evening was spent. President Stone occupied the chair and among the prominent members present were George Clatworthy, S.G.P.; Richard Ivens, P.S.G.P. and Thomas Skippon, P.S.G.P.

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Turkish Baths, evenings 50c. 127 Yonge.

Death of Canon Warr.

London, Dec. 29.—Canon Warr died at Childwall, near Liverpool, to-day aged 81 years. He was formerly a pioneer at Oakville, near Toronto, Ont., on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

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Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, corner Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Manager. 135

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A BLOOD-CURDLING STORY

THE AWFUL DOINGS OF THE TURKS IN ARMENIA.

How the Civilized Nations are Allowing the Savagery to Continue—The Cruel Turks Protected in Their Deeds of Blood—The Assassins Encouraged to Pursue Their Ghastly Work.

London, Dec. 29.—Dr. Henry S. Lunn, editor of The Review of the Church, and Percy W. Bunting, editor of The Contemporary Review, have addressed the following communication to "all editors in England and America": "We enclose extracts from a letter from a private friend who spent several months of this year in Armenia, and who is one of the authorities on the question, as indeed you would admit if we were at liberty to publish his name. May we beg you to insert these in the next issue of your paper.

"Any allusion to Armenia upsets me. I am ashamed, excited, indignant, when I think of what I saw in that country, and of the confidence with which I consoled quaking women and weeping men with hopes that England would see them through their difficulties, and the words of heartfelt thanks they uttered, often upon their knees, in the fields or on the hillsides, and the child-like messages of anticipatory gratitude which they asked me to deliver to the English people now burn and rankle within me like an envenomed wound. The European powers are playing a farcical representation round the graves of a Christian people. If conduct similar to theirs were to be pursued by an individual in private life, it would be visited with social ostracism, and would brand him with an indelible Cain's mark of infamy. Fancy a man's neighbors parading around the doors of his house while he and his children rush frantically from room to room and from window to window, imploring them to save them from the devouring flames. We have pity on a rat if we hear of its protracted and hopeless efforts to escape from burning, but men and women, boys and girls, who are killed piecemeal, are laughed at—that is what is has come to.

"The Governments of Europe are a spectacle to make angels weep. They guard the gates of Turkey, so to say, solemnly declaring that whatever may happen to the Christians, however diabolically they may be tortured to death, nothing shall happen to the Turks—they at any rate must and will be preserved from harm. Is it a wonder, then, that the Turks should set about fulfilling their threat of wiping out Armenia in Armenian blood? Every one knew that the threat would be fulfilled. Consuls reported to their Governments that the departure of the European delegates from Moush would mark the beginning of the blood-bath, and newspapers gave the prophecy publicity. Appeals to the public to insist on precautionary measures were multiplied and at last mere verbal warnings gave place to unmistakable signs and preparations. But diplomacy turned a deaf ear. Were they Greek or Bulgarians, Magyars, or serfs, they would have protectors who tellingly talk of the primary duty of protecting brothers and Christians. Even Abyssinians are brethren and orthodox when political calculations come in. But Armenians are nobody's kith and kin and so none of these Governments insisted on the dismissal of Zekki Pasha and the authors of Sassoun savagery. Nay, they were decorated and honored by the Sultan as an encouragement to others to go and do likewise. And now others have gone and have out-Heroded Herod, and no one seems shocked. People are only interested to get the latest news of Sivas or wherever the latest massacres have occurred, at their breakfast table early. Few persons take even a remote interest in the Armenian question on the continent, and those few are the advocates of Turkey. The Austrian press said to be paid by the Turkish Government impudently denies the Sassoun massacres, and accuses the Armenians of having attempted to butcher the Kurds and Turks. The German press is the bearer of the same kind of culture to its readers, and in both these countries the public knows nothing about the Armenian question. The Russian papers, beginning with the Novo Vremya, crack jokes at the Armenians and in the last numbers which I have read, ask, 'Why should we Russians sacrifice a single soldier for the safety of Armenian bankers and millionaires, who are much better off than we are ourselves, to say nothing of British and American agitators, who have so cleverly got up the Armenian comedy?'

"A couple of regiments of British soldiers or Cossacks is wanted. They would set matters right in a few days. But even if the whole English-speaking people should arise and demand this, would it be accorded?"

A Stinger From Rosebery.

London, Dec. 29.—The morning papers will to-morrow print a letter from ex-Prime Minister Rosebery, dated Dec. 24, in which he says that he has been haunted by the horrors that have occurred in Asia Minor. Continuing, he says: "The country entrusted the present Ministry with a dictatorship. The chief of the Ministry has uttered sounding threats which might well raise the hopes of the people for whom he spoke. What has been the result? Our protests have been idle, our action futile and our menaces disregarded."

In conclusion Lord Rosebery declares that the Government is solely responsible for the condition of affairs and suggests that it gravely misled the country when it said the concert of Europe on the Armenian question was complete.

Russia May Make a Dash.

London, Dec. 29.—The Chronicle will to-morrow print a despatch from Constantinople saying that the constant movements of the Black Sea fleet lead to the belief that it may make a surprise visit to Constantinople on the pretext of assisting the Sultan to quell carefully prepared disorders.

The Constantinople correspondent of The Standard telegraphs that M. Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador, had a long private audience with the Sultan on Wednesday. He says that it would cause no surprise should it be learned that there is a secret Russo-Turkish treaty. It is well known in Constantinople that the so-called concert of the powers consists of a confused entente between five of them, while Russia backs Turkey, whose finances are in a hopeless condition. Russia, it is said, is now offering to loan money to the Porte.

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THE SULTAN'S GRATITUDE.

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OFFICERS OF THE P.A.A.A.

A Number of Changes in the Committee of Management.

The annual election of officers of the Police Amateur Athletic Association took place on Saturday afternoon, the proceedings being conducted in a lively manner. The result in each division was as follows:

No. 1—Inspotor Stark, P.C. McKee, P.C. Dempsey.

No. 2—Inspector Hall, P.C. Campbell, P.C. Gardner.

No. 3—Inspector Johnson, Detective Porter, P.C. Young.

No. 4—Inspector Breckenreld, Sergt McFarlane, P.C. Guthrie.

No. 5—P.C. Stephen, P.C. T. Follis, P.C. A. Ross.

No. 6—P.C. Slemin, P.C. McArthur, P.C. May.

No. 7—P.C. Lewis, P.C. Anson, P.C. Rutherford

The new members are: P. C. Dempsey, P. C. Campbell, P. C. Young, Inspector Breckenreed, P. C. Ross, P. C. Stephen, P. C. Follis, P. C. Slemin, P. C. McArthur and P. C. Anson.

Those who were defeated are: Detective Sergt. Reburn, P. C. Nichol, P. C. Macdonald, P. S. Mitchell, Sergt. Miller, P. C. Umbach, P. C. Robinson, P. C. Paine and P. C. McPherson.

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The Largest Atlantic Mail.

Mr. C. A. Pipon, general agent for Ontario of the White Star Line, has received information that the Britannic of that line, which is due at New York on January 3rd, has 1750 sacks of mail matter for the United States and Canada, the largest mail ever brought to this side by one steamer.

bWhen you go mountain-climbing or Flycling take a package of Adams' Tutti Frutti with you. Refuse imitations.

Mr Gladstone's Birthday.

London, Dec. 29.—To-day is the 86th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. Many of the Liberal clubs throughout the United Kingdom telegraphed congratulations to Hawarden Castle, Mr. Gladstone's residence in Chester, from which place the messages were forwarded to Biarritz, France, where Mr. Gladstone has gone for the benefit of his health.

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Last Sale This Year.

At Grand's Repository to-morrow Messrs. Silver & Smith will hold the closing sale of the year, when a number of valuable horses of all classes will be sold without reserve, also cutters, sleighs, robes, blankets, etc. Sale will commence at 11 o'clock sharp.

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S LEVEE

SOME CHANGES FROM THE ROUTINE USUALLY FOLLOWED.

The Drawing Room to be Held on Jan. 11—A New Rule to Observed—Fishing in Burlington Bay the Same as Last Year—Inspector O'Leary's Hunt for Cheese Thieves in P.E. Island.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Governor-General's New Year levee will be held in the Senate Chamber on Wednesday morning, instead of in the office in the east block as in former years. In the afternoon Her Excellency will hold a reception at the Government House from 3 to 6 o'clock. The usual state dinner in connection with opening of Parliament will be held on Thursday evening. The drawing room following the resumption of parliamentary work will, it is expected, be held on Saturday evening, January 11th: In connection with the latter function a new rule is to be adopted. In the cases of ladies who are to be presented for the first time, application is to be made to the aide-de-camp in waiting so that the necessary billet d'entree may be forthcoming.

Fishing in Burlington Bay.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has extended the same concession in regard to fishing through the ice at Burlington Bay as last year, and Messrs. Carpenter, Henderson and McKay, who have been pressing the matter on behalf of their respective constituents interested in the privilege, have been so notified. Representations have been made by some other residents in the vicinity that in a few years Burlington Bay will be totally depleted of fish, consequent upon sewage and other impurities which are finding their way into the waters of the bay. It is claimed that already many of the more valuable kinds of fish are practically extinct.

The Military Spirit.

It speaks well for the martial spirit of Canadians that at the present time there are in the Militia Department over three hundred applications for officers and men anxious to undergo military training at the several schools during the term commencing in January. The annual militia estimates, however, only provide for the training of ten officers and twenty non-commissioned officers and men every three months, or 120 men for the year, so that unless Parliament votes a special appropriation in the shape of a supplementary estimate at the coming session it will not be possible for the department to meet the views of those who are anxious to undergo this special course of training.

Stolen Cheese in P.E.I.

Inspector O'Leary of the Dominion police has just returned from Prince Edward Island, where he had been sent to investigate into the mysterious disappearance of cheese from factories on the Island. The cheese factories are under the superintendence of Prof. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner, but are operated and maintained by farmers of the Island. For the past season or two, quantities of cheese have disappeared from the different establishments, and it expected that after the results of Inspector O'Leary's visit nothing of the kind will occur in the future.

Notes.

Ald. O. B. Sheppard of Toronto was here yesterday.

Mr. W. G. Fee, formerly organizer for Mr. Dalton McCarthy is in the city.

Major Sherwood, Commissioner of Dominion Police, left for Toronto tonight.

The funeral of Charles Locke, son of Mr. W. B. Scarth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, took place yesterday. Although of a private nature, it was attended by many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Scarth, including Hon. Mr. Daly and a delegation from the Ottawa Scottish Rite bodies.

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MILE-STONES IN LIFE.

Another Year Will Soon be Gone—Dineens Hold a Sale Meanwhile.

With the exception of a week's hard frost this month which froze over the bay, winter weather has not yet set in in Toronto. It is bound to come, however, it always does come, and the opening of the year 1896 will probably see the mercury drop. An important sale of valuable fur garments will be held Monday and Tuesday, the last two days of the closing year, at Dineens', and upon those days special prices will prevail in order that the year's business may close up with a rush. This sale will comprise mink, seal, electric seal and Alaska sable capes of fashionable width; seal, Persian lamb, grey lamb, electric seal, coonskin and Greenland seal jackets; gentlemen's fur and fur-lined coats, gauntlets, robes, sleigh robes, rugs, mats and so on. A few prices will give an idea of the reductions shoppers will find on Monday and Tuesday:

Seal jackets, 30 inches long, fashionable ripple skirt, with revers and large collars, $185; Persian lamb jackets, in the same shape, $100; Astrachan, fine and curly, $50; raccoon, $35; Greenland seal, $45; grey lamb, $50.

Greenland seal capes, 28 inches long, special for two days, $15; mink ruffs, $2.50; grey lamb mitts, $4, were $5.

Men's Persian lamb caps, $5, $6 and $7.50, and children's grey lamb caps, $2 and $2.50.

Wednesday is New Year's, a new set of books must be opened, and Dineens being on the home stretch of the year's business, are giving the public something that will bring them to the store.

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BIRTHS.

NEWMAN—On Sunday, Dec. 29th, the wife of G. A. Newman, 30 Wilcox-street, a daughter.

DEATHS.

SPROATT—On the 27th of December, suddenly, at his residence, Innisfail, Alberta, N.W.T., Charles Sproatt, late City Engineer of Toronto, in his 60th year.

MORGAN—At 11 Wilton Crescent, on Sunday, December 29th, William James Morgan, formerly of Detroit.

Funeral private.

PARKER—Suddenly, at his late residence, 14 Ross-street, John Goddard Parker, in the 65th year of his age.

Funeral Monday, 30th inst., at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

WILKES—On Saturday, the 28th inst., at her residence, 84 Gloucester-street, Mrs. Jane Wilkes, mother of the late Robert Wilkes, in th 85th year of her age.

Funeral on Monday, at 3 o'clock p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Tones the stomach, "Salada" Ceylon Tea.

Fair and Cooler

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, zero—32; Battleford, 10 below—16; Qu'Appelle, 10 below—4; Winnipeg, 12 below—zero; Parry Sound, 34—38; Toronto, 34—42; Kingston, 34—40; Montreal, 30—38; Quebec, 26—36; Halifax, 24—40.

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Scotsman	Moville	Halifax
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Prussia	"	Hamburg
Maasdam	"	Rotterdam
Kensington	Southampton	New York

THE DEFEAT IN MONTREAL

CONSERVATIVES BLAME IT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S INDIFFERENCE.

The French-Canadians Evidently Not Greatly Concerned About the Grievances of Manitoba Catholics—The Montreal Gazette Speaks Out—What Other Conservative Papers Say—Where The Mail-Empire is Laughed at.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—It would be indeed passing strange if such an important political event as the election in Montreal Centre did not cause a great deal of comment amongst all classes in the commercial metropolis. There is, in fact, more excitement amongst the politicians since the people have come to realize the true meaning of Friday's verdict than at any time during the whole campaign. The absurdity of the situation becomes more apparent as the votes of the respective wards are considered. Here the Government of Sir Mackenzie Bowell stakes its very existence to satisfy an appeal coming from a few newspapers of both parties, and yet when an election takes place it is found that neither Ministers, members nor newspapers have properly gauged public sentiment in the Province of Quebec; but on the contrary, as stated time and again in this column, the overwhelming masses of the French-Canadian people are no more interested in the quarrel between Mgr. Langevin and the Greenway Government than the man in the moon. In the East Ward during the last three weeks, Hon. Mr. Ouimet, Sir William Hingston, Deputy Speaker Bergeron, Dr. Lachapelle, M.P., and scores of other orators have constituted the Manitoba school matter the stock-in-trade of their many excellent addresses, yet when the ballots were counted the result proved, as it did in Vercheres, that the school question was not a factor in the contest, and that no interest whatever is taken in the efforts made by the Government to give the Manitoba minority separate schools. The Gazette, in a leading article, gives the causes which brought about Sir William Hingston's defeat, and the big Conservative newspaper arrives at exactly the same conclusion as The World of Saturday—Montreal interests neglected, the merchants of the greatest city in Canada treated as if they were children, and a halting policy pursued all round. Mr. William Wainwright, the active assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, has rendered valuable services to the Administration, and with the best political influence in the Eastern Townships at his back, he for three years has been asking the Government to appoint Judge Foster of Knowlton to the Senate.

But the Government have ignored the advice, and the efforts of their best workers here have been rendered abortive, and a good part of the Grand Trunk vote lost to Sir William Hingston.

Another result is a probable defection in Jacques Cartier, sufficiently large to bring about another Ministerial reverse in that county. The men who worked like beavers Friday for Sir William Hingston state freely that the absolute refusal to appoint a collector for the port of Montreal, until Mr. White's resignation forced the Government's hand, cost the Conservative party 300 votes, while the administration of the customs laws had the same disastrous effect. In the face of all this it is not surprising that the two clubs of this city—the Sir John Macdonald and the Junior Conservative—fully decided a few days ago that the fight in Montreal Centre should be their last if things were allowed to drift as at present. A meeting of these powerful political organizations will be called to take decisive action in a few days.

The Manitoba School Question.

Mr. Joncas, M.P., has been such a violent champion of what he calls the rights of the minority in Manitoba that he is really sick at heart to see his co-religionists, both in Ontario and Quebec, desert the supporters of Separate Schools and remedial legislation. Mr. Willoughby, he says, promised to support the Goverment and the Catholics of Cardwell voted against him. In North Ontario Mr. McGillivray promised to judge the Government by the tenor of the remedial bill, which was a step in the right direction, and again the Catholics were against the Government. In Antigonish, on the day following the remedial order, the Catholics voted en masse against it and in Vercheres they sang the same song. In Montreal Centre the French Liberal Catholics moved Heaven and earth to elect an opponent of the Government that risks its very existence in order to render justice to the minority. In Jacques Cartier these same people will support a candidate in favor of an enquete. Hon. Mr. Wallace resigns because he does not want remedial legislation and Hon Mr. Angers also goes out because he is in favor of that policy. The so-called Conservative Catholic party is in a state of armed peace and is inclined to be hostile. Mr. Tardivel of La Verite inspires distrust and doubt; Mgr. Langevin speaks and La Patrie and L'Electeur tell him to hold his peace. Attorney-General Sifton comes to Montreal, consults Laurier at the Windsor Hotel, and, returning to Winnipeg, says that the Liberal's policy of enquiry is excellent and cries to Ontario "No Surrender." Mr. George W. Ross, the "great friend of the Catholics and of Separate Schools," comes to Montreal and tells our co-religionists that legislation is not at present desirable and that an enquiry is necessary.

The Mail-Empire's Foolishness.

To Montrealers it is amusing to hear The Mail speak of the Mercier brigade and insinuating that there is a revival of that element in our midst. In 1891 the two business wards of this city condemned Mercierism, which had been solidified by The Mail's attacks upon every thing that was French and Catholic, by 600 majority, yet on Friday that majority was reduced to 128 and simply because the Ottawa Government allowed itself to be compromised by a support similar to that given by The Mail.

PRESS COMMENTS.

From The Montreal Gazette, The Hamilton Spectator and Others.

From The Montreal Gazette (Con.), Dec. 28.

It would be folly to attempt to ignore the significance of the result of the election in Montreal Centre yesterday.

Primarily, we believe the cause of the overthrow is to be found in a somewhat widely entertained conviction that the Government has been, for the last two or three years, indifferent to, or negligent of, the interests of Montreal. It is idle to argue that no substantial ground for such a belief exists. We know it to be harbored by scores upon scores of men who have always been identified with the Conservative party, and the situation must be reckoned with accordingly. Many members of the Board of Trade hold the opinion that representations by that body to the Government upon various matters of public policy, as well as of a purely administrative character, have been either ignored or