

Colchester Captured

The Conservative Majority of 61
Becomes a Minority of 261.

Thirty Students Drowned While
Skating on the River Moskva
at Moscow.

Unusually Large Attendance at the
Queen's Drawing-Room.

Steamship Line Between Bristol and
Montreal to be Inaugurated—Elaborate
Plans Performed for the
Paris Exposition
of 1895.

THE KHEVIE'S FAVORITE.
CAIRO, Feb. 18.—The Khedive today
formally signed the marriage contract
with the slave girl, his harem favorite,
who bore him a daughter a few days
ago.

THIRTY SKATERS DROWNED.
MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—While a number
of students were skating on the Moskva
River today, the ice gave way and 30
of them were plunged into the water
and drowned. None of the bodies have
been recovered.

REBELLION IN MUSKAT.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—A Central News
dispatch from Bombay says a serious
rebellion has broken out in Muskat, the
Arabian seaport on the Indian Ocean.
The rebels have seized most of the
forts commanding the details. No details
are obtainable.

REMEMBERED THE POOR.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The will of the
Duchess of Montrose, which was made
public today, disposes of an estate with
a gross value of \$906,625. It directs that
her stud go to her son and that her jewels
be sold. Of the proceeds from the sale
\$10,000 will be given to the poor of
East London.

BETWEEN BRISTOL AND MONTEAL.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A regular steamship
service between Bristol and Montreal
direct will be organized in the
spring. The vessels will be mainly devoted
to freight traffic, carrying only a
limited number of passengers.

SPECULATING IN RE SAMOA.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 19.—
There is a rumor that German warships
will go to Samoa in May next with the
intention of subduing and disarming
the natives and of gaining the entire
control of the island, although it is not
supposed that the German Government
proposes to annex the islands.

FIRE ON A DEFENSELESS TOWN.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Times' correspond-
ent in Shanghai telegraphs:
"American missionaries confirm the
report that Ting Chow was defenseless
when the Japanese fired on the town.
They declare that the Japanese gave no
notice of the bombardment, and the
Chinese did not reply to the fire. The
camp is some distance from the city."

A DIFFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—In the House of
Commons, Arnold Morley, Postmaster-
General, in answer to a question on the
subject, said it was a fact that while
British mails carried by German and
American steamers from Southampton
to New York paid the postal union 1
shilling 9 1/2 pence per pound, the Liverpool
mail steamers calling at Queens-
town, and bound to sail on fixed days,
got 3 shillings per pound for carrying
the mails.

THE MOSAIC RECORD CONFIRMED.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Prof. Sayce
writes home from Asia Minor that in
searching for new cuneiform inscriptions
he has at last hit on a definite
memorial of Nimrod. He identifies him
with Nazi Murda, and finds that he
was the contemporary in Babylon of the
Assyrian king whose son restored
Nineveh about 50 years before the exo-
dus. This curious discovery is re-
garded here as by far the most valuable
confirmation of the Mosaic record yet
afforded from this field of investigation.

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Queen's
drawing room which was held this af-
ternoon was largely attended, owing to
the great improvement in the weather.
The debutantes all wore white with
diamond ornaments. The ladies hav-
ing the entree mostly wore violet or
dark blue and carried bouquets of
chrysanthemums and roses. The Prince
of Wales was absent owing to an attack
of influenza, the result of a cold which he
contracted while skating. The Prince-
ess of Wales and her daughters were
present.

BRITISH CABINET IN COUNCIL.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Cabinet meet-
ing which otherwise would have been
held on Thursday was summoned today
and sat for an hour. The proposition is
that the business transacted related to
some changes in the programme of the
Government for the session. There was
not a whisper in the lobby of the
House suggesting dissolution, nor was
there much gossip in political circles
over the matter, as was cabled by the
London agency of the Associated Press.
Not a single Conservative evening
paper ventures the absurdity of sug-
gesting that the meeting had even the
remotest reference to dissolution.

SUICIDE AT SEA.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 19.—The
steamer Aurania, from New York for
Liverpool, arrived here yesterday after-
noon. Her officers reported that she
encountered an easterly gale on the
15th, 16th and 17th. Several heavy
portholes were broken by the waves. A
steering passenger named Patterson
jumped overboard last evening. The
steamer was stopped, but Patterson
sank before help could be got to him.
In a letter which Patterson addressed
to his wife in Chicago, and left in his
berth, he said he was tired of life and
its struggles.

"THE WOMAN WHO DID."
LONDON, Feb. 19.—Grant Allen's
long-vaunted sensation, "The Woman
Who Did," has fallen extremely flat.
Why this man, who writes so charming-

ly in so many other departments of
letters, should lose all sense of form,
notion of humor, and freshness of spirit
the moment he attempts to construct a
novel is very puzzling. The motif of
this new work is trash enough to give
it a place on the most advanced shelf of
new-woman literature, but its treat-
ment is lifeless to the point of tedium,
and its characters, sinners and virtu-
ous snobs alike, are all impossible pup-
pets, who never convince, much less
amuse, but simply bore one. It is too
bad, but it is hopelessly true.

ALBERT EDWARD HAS A COUGH.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Prince of
Wales, despite the fact that he was suf-
fering from the effects of a cold which
seized him this morning, appeared this
evening at a meeting of the Royal Old
Age Pension Commissioners, at which
he was to preside. The Prince was very
hoarse and was troubled with an inces-
sant cough. After considerable persua-
sion on the part of the members of the
commission he was induced to leave the
meeting and return to Marlborough
House, where he was placed under
medical treatment.

Prince Bismarck is suffering from an
attack of neuralgia, and his illness is
aggravated by a cold and the excite-
ment attendant upon the preparations for
the celebration of the 50th anniver-
sary of his birth, which occurs on
April 1.

COLCHESTER CAPTURED BY THE
LIBERALS.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—An election was
held today at Colchester to fill the vac-
ancy in the House of Commons caused
by the resignation of Mr. Naylor-Ley-
land. It resulted in a victory for the
Liberal candidate, Sir Westman Pear-
sons, who was defeated at the last gen-
eral elections with Naylor-Leyland as
his opponent, by a majority of 61. The
Conservative candidate was Capt. Ver-
ker, who was strongly supported by the
Irish Unionist Alliance. Great in-
terest was taken in the contest by poli-
ticians throughout the country, and a
number of well known speakers took
part in the campaign.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The plans finally
adopted for the Paris Exposition of 1900
involve more permanent alterations
and embellishments than any previous
great fair has wrought. The most
striking will be the demolition of the
present Palais de l'Industrie and the erec-
tion of a magnificent new avenue
straight from that point on the Champs
Elysees to the Invalides, with a new
bridge across the Seine, which will be
the handsomest in Europe. The exhibi-
tion itself is to cover nearly the entire
space of that of 1889, but its chief
centers of interest will be brought city-
ward, so that the principal entrance
will be in the Place de la Concorde.
Great attention is promised to the erec-
tion of improved facilities in getting
from one point to another, which are
certainly needed.

OSCAR'S TRIUMPH.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Oscar Wilde may
be said to have at last, and at a single
stroke, put his enemies under foot.
Their name legion, but the most in-
fernal of them may be defied to go to
St. James' Theater and keep a
straight face through the performance
of "The Importance of Being Earnest."
It is a pure farce of the rarest kind,
and loaded with drolleries, epigrams,
impertinences and bubbling
comicalities that only an Irishman
could have ingrafted on that respect-
able Irish stock. Since "Charley's
Aunt" was first brought from the pro-
vinces to London I have not heard such
unrestrained, incessant laughter from
all parts of the theater, and those
laughed the loudest whose approved
mission it is to read Oscar's long lec-
tures in the press on his dramatic and
ethical shortcomings. The thing is as
slight in structure and as devoid of
purpose as a paper balloon, but it is
extraordinarily funny, and the univer-
sal assumption is that it will remain
on the boards here for an indefinitely
extended period.

MUCH MARRIED MILDRED.

Consented to Return to Canada and
Face the Music.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Mildred
Whitmore, 21 years old, was arrested
today for bigamy. Four years ago
she met a man named John Harkins, of
Dufferin, Ont. Each became enamored
of the other and a marriage soon fol-
lowed. They lived happily for some
time, until she became wearied of her
husband. Some time afterward, the
story goes, she met a man named Whit-
more, of Orangeville, Ont., and after a
limited courtship married him. The
trouble began. She was arrested for
bigamy and indicted. She gave bail to
appear before the court of assizes.
When the time for her appearance ar-
rived she was not found. To be found,
she was found by Officer Smith, of Oran-
geville, and has consented to return to
Canada without the formalities of ex-
tradition proceedings.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Mr. W. D. Balfour, of South Essex, Said
to be the Coming Speaker—The
Government's Majority.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—An evening pa-
per says: Mr. W. D. Balfour, M. P. for
South Essex, has been chosen by the
Government as Speaker for the Onta-
rio Legislature, which opens on
Thursday. Mr. Balfour will be appoint-
ed on Thursday, and contrary to the
ordinary custom, the speech from the
throne will be at once proceeded with.
The address will be moved by Mr.
McKee, of North Essex, and seconded
by either W. M. German, of Welland, or
Mr. Chappel, of North Ontario.

There is a probability that the Dom-
inion elections will cut in on the ses-
sion, and then no doubt an adjourn-
ment will be made for two or three
weeks.

There are 94 members in the full
House, but at present two seats are
vacant—West Wellington and Held-
mand. Of the 92 seats now filled, Mr.
Mowat has 52 pledged supporters, the
Conservatives 26, and the Patrons 14.

LILLIAN DISAPPOINTS HER AUDI-
ENCE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Lillian Russell
is confined to her room at the Auditor-
ium Hotel by illness, which prevented
her appearance at the Chicago Opera
House last night and tonight. Her phy-
sicians say she may safely continue her
engagement tomorrow night.

The latest information from the
Heckridge and Sunday Creek Valleys,
Ohio, indicate that the people must act
promptly for the relief of the famished
people.

Cabinet Quarrels.

Dominion Ministers Disagree
Over the School Question.

The Conservatives Likely to Lose
Leeds and Grenville.

Many Indications Point to the Early
Dissolution of the House.

Kingston Liberals Nominate C. M. Brit-
ton, Q. C.—Notes.

ROW IN THE CABINET.

Special to the Toronto News.
OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Politicians are
hardly yet reconciled to their disap-
pointment at the failure of the council
to announce the date of dissolution.
Premier Bowell drove down to Rideau
Hall and had an interview with the
Governor-General. The approaching
dissolution was, it is understood, the
subject of the interview. It has leaked
out that there was a row in council
during Saturday's sitting over the Man-
itoba school question. So excited were
some of the Ministers that two of them
continued their controversy outside in
the corridor. Hon. J. C. Patterson left
the council altogether and it is reported
that he intends to resign.

MOFFATT AND RESTIGOUCHE.
Mr. George Moffatt, M. P. for Resti-
gouche, N. B., was in Montreal a few
days ago. Speaking on matters politi-
cal he said he could not support the Do-
minion Government any longer. He
had supported the Conservative party
for years on account of being a personal
friend of Sir John Macdonald. "If I
run," he said, "I will be an Independent
Liberal. If I don't run I will support
either Mr. George Haddow or Wm. Mur-
ray, M. P. for Liberal. If I decide to
run, both Haddow and Murray will give
me their support." The Motion Trans-
cript says: "Mr. Moffatt, with the
support of such a strong man as Mur-
ray at Campbellton, and such a power
as Haddow at Dalhousie, will carry the
county by a rousing majority."

TALK OF DISSOLUTION.

(United Press Dispatch.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The whole talk
in political and other circles is dis-
solution, but so far nothing of an au-
thoritative character can be had of the
subject.

An evening paper says of dissolution:
The announcement of dissolution may
not be made until after the hearing of
the Manitoba school case, or it may be
made any day; but the general belief
is that if there is a session before the
dissolution, Hon. A. R. Ingles,
for instance, has gone to Quebec to
look into the political situation there. Hon.
J. C. Patterson is in Toronto, and
of a similar character. Hon. J. A.
Gulmet, Hon. Dr. Montague at Hon.
J. F. Wood were at Eastman's bridge
last night, and they did not fail to
discuss the election of the Manitoba
school case. Meetings have been an-
nounced in Western Ontario, and Min-
isters have been billed to speak there.

One of these meetings takes place in
Collingwood this week. In all the
case the indications all point to gen-
eral election. Another sign of elec-
tion being on is found in the way that
lists are being rushed through the
press. The whole of the whole of the
press was today put at work on the
lists. Everything points to disso-
lution.

MONTREAL LIBERAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Hon. James
McShane was in Montreal today, in-
vestigating the candidature, against
Victor Curran, in St. Anne's division.

BAD FOR BUSINESS.

HALIFAX, Feb. 19.—Uncertainty
over whether the general election will
precede the session is having an amal-
gating effect on trade in this province,
and even the strongest Conservatives
express anxiety to have matters
settled one way or the other.

THE OUTLOOK IN LEEDS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—E. J. Whit-
marsh, of Merrickville, and George E.
Kidd had an interview with Premier
Bowell. Mr. Whitmarsh is president
of the Conservative Association Leeds
and Grenville, a position which has
occupied for the past 5 years though
86 years of age, he is hale and hearty,
and takes as deep an interest in poli-
tics as ever he did. He talks the
political situation in Leeds & Grenville
with Sir Mackenzie Bell, and
warns him that unless an active
steps were taken by the Government
and the party the riding wogo Lib-
eral at the next general election it will
be remembered that Mr. Froese Lib-
eral candidate at the last gen-
eral election, pulled down Dr. Ferguson's
majority from over 400 to about 60.
His election this time is certain he
Premier is getting rid of him this
story, which is coming to him from all
parts of the Dominion. George Kidd
is spoken of as the probable conserva-
tive candidate in the riding.

"You have been devoting a great
attention to the loyalty question, Char-
lton?" queried a Toronto Newpaper
of the member for South Nk, who
was in that city recently.
"Yes," replied Mr. Charlton "since
they have resurrected the old slan-
der I thought I would deal it in the
way it deserved at Mr. Forest.
Why, they call me a Yanknegade,
and there is not a drop of American
blood in my veins. One of parents
was from Scotland, the other Cum-
berland, in England. They are to the
United States, didn't like and re-
moved to Canada. Whitley were
living in the United States born
there, but I came over here when
I was a mere child. I was raised in
Canada and have lived there since.
It shows how hard up myersaries
are for something to use as an
when they cry treason without any
surd conditions."

NOTES.

R. Prefontaine, the premier

Servants Easily
freed

By a want ad. in

THE ADVERTISER.

15 words three times

10c

Cheap and sure results. Last page.

for Chambly, Que., declines renomina-
tion.

The Liberals of Sorel (Richelieu) have
again selected Mr. A. L. Bruneau as
their candidate.

No Patron candidate will be nomi-
nated at the coming general elections
for Quebec or the Maritime Provinces.
The Patrons claim that they will hold
the balance of power at Ottawa, as
they expect to elect at least 25 Patron
of industry candidates.

There are now 54 Patron candidates
for Parliament running for Ontario
constituencies, and one for each of the
Manitoba divisions outside of Winni-
peg.

It is said Hiram Calvin, who was
elected in Frontenac as a Tory, but
voted against the Government on its
trade policy, will not offer again in that
county.

The Winnipeg Free Press says that
the west will shortly receive a visit
from a party of touring Cabinet Min-
isters, who will hold meetings through-
out the country.

There is some talk in Brandon of
bringing out Dr. Fleming against Hon.
Thomas Daly. His record in the past
has been non-political, and it is said he
could unite the Liberal and Patron
votes.

Great interest was taken in Bowman-
ville in the trial of the petition against
Mr. W. H. Reid, M. P. for West Dur-
ham. A good deal of money was
"ed" in the election, but so far no case
of bribery has been made out.

Steps were taken Tuesday night at
Ottawa to form a Young Liberal club.
Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Mil-
itia, was in Hamilton Tuesday. He ad-
dressed a meeting of South Westworth
Conservatives in the afternoon at Dun-
das, where they held a convention. Mr.
Patterson said the Premier was the one
to say when the elections would take
place. When asked if he would accept
the nomination in West Huron he would
give no definite reply.

NINE DAYS OVERDUE.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 19.—
The Chesapeake and Ohio steamship
Istria, which sailed from Liverpool on
Jan. 24 for Newport News, is nine days
overdue.

THE OLDEST ODDFELLOW.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Amand
Miller died this morning at Fishkill
Landing, aged 80 years. He is believed
to have been the oldest Oddfellow in
the country.

KILLED WHILE TESTING A GUN.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., Feb. 19.—Fre-
mont P. P. Kelly, lieutenant of the
ordnance corps, was almost instantly
killed on the proving grounds here this
afternoon by the bursting of the breech
of a Hotchkiss gun.

DELIBERATE SUICIDE OF A GIRL.

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Dissatisfied with
her life at home, and plagued because
her father censured her for staying out
late, Mary Stankewitz deliberately
threw herself in front of a Grand Trunk
engine last night and was instantly
killed. Her mangled remains were dis-
covered across the track at Maybury
avenue about midnight by the crew of
switch engine No. 34.

UNCLE SAM'S LATEST LOAN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The prospec-
tus in which the new 4 per cent Govern-
ment bonds are offered to the public
by the Morgan-Beimont syndicate was
issued this afternoon. The \$62,315,000
bonds are offered at 112 1/4, dated Feb.
1, with accrued interest until March 1,
which brings the bonds practically to a
3 3/8 per cent basis, and is about the
same price as that at which they are
offered in London. The profit to the
syndicate will be from \$5,000,000 to \$6,
000,000, according to the cost of secur-
ing the gold and the losses on the star-
ling operations by which gold exports
are checked. J. Pierpont Morgan
says that the offering of the bonds to
the public is a mere formality, as the
whole sale is already completed. Sub-
scriptions are in for twice the amount
of the bonds to be sold in this country.

PROHIBITION BEFORE CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Mr.
Blair (Rep., New Hampshire) introduc-
ed in the House today a joint resolu-
tion proposing an amendment to the
constitution, prohibiting the manufac-
ture, importation, exportation, trans-
portation and sale of alcoholic liquors
in the United States. The measure was
offered at the request of the general
officers of the Women's Christian Tem-
perance Union, and as the legal expres-
sion of the polyglot petition just pre-
sented to the President of the United
States.

England consumes 600,000 pounds, or
about 4,000,000 gallons of tea every day,
which is as much as is used by the rest
of Europe, North and South America,
Africa and Australia combined. The
green tea of former days has almost
ceased to be known, while the Twankay,
Hyson and gunpowder teas are seldom
heard from. China supplies one-twelfth
of the tea, the rest coming from
India and Ceylon. The Indian tea
goes half as far again as the Chinese,
as regards color and flavor.

A REMARKABLE instance of the
success of a democratic country parson
at the parish council elections was af-
forded at Churchstanton, near Honiton,
England. The rector of this parish,
Rev. Arnold Taylor, has incurred, by
his popular sympathies and liberal
opinions, the bitter hostility of the local
Tory magnates and large farmers, who
succeeded, during his temporary ab-
sence from ill-health at the last school
board election, in capturing the school
board. So undisciplined was the hos-
tility of the victors to the parson, that
when the latter desired the use of the
school room for a meeting in connec-
tion with the parish council election, the
board refused it. However, the tables
were speedily turned. The parish
meeting not only elected Mr. Taylor,
but his wife also, as councilors, with a
large contingent of laborers for their
colleagues, and the voting on their side
was so decisive that the opposition did
not think it worth while to demand a
poll. The rector was also elected a
district councillor without opposition.

August Vacquerie, the dramatic au-
thor, poet, and journalist, is dead at
Paris.

Eighteen deaths are reported on a
ranch 50 miles west of Matamoros,
Mex., from cholera.

The New York Herald's Valparaiso
(Chili) advises state that war between
Chili and Argentina is probable.

At Philadelphia, City Solicitor, Chas.
P. Warwick and Wm. J. Roney, Repub-
lican candidates for mayor and receiv-
er of taxes respectively, have been
elected over ex-Gov. R. E. Pattison and
Col. Sylvester Bonafon, Jan., Demo-
cratic candidates for the same office, by
a large majority.

Kingsmill's

To Heads of Families and Housekeepers:

Cottons!

Commotion in our Staple Depart-
ment. It is always so during this
month. Extended advertising of it
forboded special offerings. This stock
was never so interesting as now. The
whole of the following list are excel-
lent goods at prices of unmatched
cheapness.

3 Bales Yard Wide
FACTORY : COTTON,
3c Yard.

The Heaviest for the Money.

5 Bales Yard Wide
Factory Cotton,
Extra Heavy, only
5c Yard.

Free From Dressing.

5 Bales Yard Wide
Factory Cotton,
Soft Finish, only
7c Yard.

The Best in the Trade.

ONE CASE
Bleached American Cotton
Full Yard Wide, Only
7c Yard.

Unusually to be Unequaled.

Two Cases Full Yard Wide
American : Cotton,
Bleached, only
8c Yard.

This is a Stunner.

Two Cases Full Yard Wide
American : Cotton,
Bleached, only
10c Yard.

"Fruit of the Loom."

One Case American
Lonsdale : Cambric
Bleached, only
14c Yard.

Unequaled For Fineness and Finish.

25 Pieces Eight Quarter
Heavy Bleached Sheetting,
Twilled, only
20 Cents.

Never Cheaper, Never Better.

7,500 Yards Fast Color
American : Prints,
Free From Dressing,
10 Yards for 75c.

Charlie Patterns.

KINGSMILL'S

Kingsmill's

For Boys, Youths and Men.

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How

Would it strike you if some
total stranger walked up to
you and handed you a five
dollar bill with his compli-
ments? You would take it
wouldn't you? What differ-
ence

Does

Is a very easy matter. Find
the best piece of cloth that
can be made up to fit you for
twenty dollars in London, and
we will match it in quality
every bit as good for fifteen
dollars. Take any twenty-
five dollar

Suit

Whether of Worsted, Cheviot,
or Tweed, we will save you
the same. The why and the
wherefore is buying as we do
in immense quantities direct
from the leading manufactur-
ers, and operating this depart-