

CONFIDENCE IN BALFOUR DEVAUNSHIRE ONLY REGRETS

Unionist Meeting Proves a Happy Affair Tho it May Make Balfour Fight For His Seat.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, Feb. 15.—About 400 were present at the meeting of the Unionist party at Lansdowne House today. Mr. Balfour in the chair appealed to the party to unite against the common enemy, for in unity alone could they hope to win.

FORT ERIE IS INCENSED

GRAFT IN FRANCHISE TALK

Authorizing of Ontario Power Co. to String Cables May Be Inquired Into.

Fort Erie, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Dark clouds have again appeared on the political horizon of Fort Erie, Ont., and it looks as if the village taxpayers were going to demand an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the granting of a franchise to the Ontario Power Co., authorizing the corporation to string their cables along the village streets.

IMMIGRATION WORK IN WEST STIRS UP LIVELY DISCUSSION

Mayor of Regina Calls Association a Fake While Colleagues Endorse the Concern.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—There is a big row in connection with the affairs of the Western Canada Immigration Association, and Regina is a centre of the storm at present. The association is preparing to ask the provincial government for a grant of \$100,000 to be used in the purchase of land for the settlement of immigrants.

CHICAGO BANK WRECKED OFFICERS ARE ACCUSED

Organized Last December, is Now in Receiver's Hands—Carnival of Loot Alleged.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The Bank of America, incorporated last December, with a capital stock of \$250,000, was placed in the hands of a receiver, on complaint of a stockholder. In the few weeks since its opening, the bank, President Smith is charged with having manipulated securities, mortgaged the bank's assets as they came in, and had obtained amounts aggregating \$146,000. The others who are held responsible are: vice-president, Jerome V. Pierce, cashier, and F. E. Creelman, a stockholder and director.

EARTHQUAKES AND TIDAL WAVES CAUSE OF AWFUL DESTRUCTION

Several Towns Along Coast in Columbia, South America, Are Reported Wiped Out by Series of Disasters.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Herald has a special cable from Guayaquil, Ecuador, which says: Capt. Torrey of the steamship Quito, which arrived today from Panama via Tumaco, Colombia, reports that it is believed that all the small towns have been wiped out. The destruction was caused by a tidal wave, occasioned by earthquakes of Jan. 21. In several buildings, already 70 buildings were destroyed on the beaching near Tumaco.

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Advertisement for 'Maltese Cross' Rubbers, featuring a large illustration of a cross and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for 'SCHOOL SALARIES GO UP', stating that because the city is prosperous, salaries will increase by almost \$75,000.

Advertisement for 'ESTATE OF SIR ADAM WILSON', detailing the accounting and business agent file for the estate.

Advertisement for 'QUEBEC LIBERALS' SPLIT', discussing the growing divide within the party.

Advertisement for 'S. A. HEROES' MONUMENT', reporting on the progress of fundraising for the monument.

Advertisement for 'EARTHQUAKES AND TIDAL WAVES', discussing the destruction in Columbia, South America.