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# PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 1-The house resumed business this afternoon. Sir Louis Davies introduced a bill concerning masters and mates extending to them the same privileges as to temporary certificates that are now

Another marine bill provides that wharfingers on government piers may retain their fees out of the revenues instead of paying in the whole sum and getting their share afterwards. A third bill is the consolidation of various acts respecting the inspection of

Premier Laurier took occasion to inform the house of the death of Mr. Perry, and paid a warm tribute to the kindly disposition and high ch

Sir Charles Tupper joined the pre-mier in expressing sorrow for the loss the house had sustained. Though not in as close political relations with Mr. Perry as the members opposite, he could testify to his kindly disposition and to the efficient manner in which he performed his public duties.

Sir Louis Davies spoke of Mr. Perry's services to his own province and described him as a type of the Canadian population characterize simplicity, honesty and faithfulness.
The Yukon debate was resumed by
Bostock of British Columbia in place of Semple, who, with other Ontario members, had not returned from the Ontario campaign. In a very brief speech, Bostock argued that as a whole, the Yukon gold fields were of uncertain value. It was not desirable that the government should pay out oney to build the rallway. It was better to give a land grant which might be worth a good deal and might

be worth nothing. Hon. Mr. Ives followed, contending that a grant of immense areas of land olies and the great advancage given to contractors in mining regulations would be annoying, and exasperating to free miners. He pre-dicted that if the government went on with the monopoly before the house ously ill at the Waldorf, New York. they would produce grave dissatisfaction in the mining country. The free miners would resent the unfair dis-

tinction made against them in favor of monopolists, and it would require a large force to keep them off the company's lands. After pointing out the danger of the trouble through adverse customs regulations in Alaska, Hon. Mr. Ives advocated in preference to the proposed contract, the con-struction of a railway by an absolute-

struction of a railway by an absolutely Canadian route from Edmonton.

Hon, Mr. Dobell replied, expostulating against the strong statements made as he thought, by the opposition. He assured the house that the government acted from patriotic purposes and acted for the best. They had dealt with two men who had a genius for railway building, and if these contractors should make money these contractors should make money, he would be proud of it.

Mr. MacDougall, Cape Breton, said

that the government was giving a great deal of country away and professed to be doing a great deal for the miners. Then he went on to describe the probable experience of one of his own constituents setting out for the Yukon country. All that he got out of this contract was five hours ride out of the twenty-two days required for him to get to Dawson, and this only was for a few months in the summer. At the best this road would only be operated five weeks next fall, and could not carry more than fifteen thousand passengers and the same number of tons of freight. This was all that would be got out of the railway for the next year and a half. It would be better to have got a wagon road over this pass ready for service

by June and operate it all winter.

Mr. MacDougall was speaking when
the house adjourned at six o'clock. There was mild excitement today in the department of the interior over the awarding of the second batch of dredging license in Yukon district riv-to er beds. John Connor of St. John and today's leases. In connection with Dr. Smille of Gaspe, and Goodwin, the well known contractor, Connor obbained 110 miles of Stewart river. Part of this property has already been assigned at good profits to London operators. Connor alone gets thirty miles of Indian River. He also taken ten miles of Sixty Mile River, which has been sold to Hamilton Lewis, a well known American investor. Finally, he gets ten miles of Pelly River, which he has sold to the Gould firm of New York, who purchased the eighty-five miles obtained by Mr. Connor at the previous assignment. Another block of some four hundred and twenty miles, is as good as captured by David Russell, acting for Greenshields Strand and others. Mr. Russell has deposited forty two thousand dollars and it is understood his application

has priority of all others. The report of the prospect of the government railway system being dragged into the rate war now that the I. C. R. is extended to Montreal is incorrect. Hon, Mr. Blair informed me this afternoon that the railway department is pursuing the even tenor of its way on this question, and will not go into the rate cutting business

Information reached the city today that Hamilton Smith was lying seriously ill at the Waldorf, New York. OTTAWA, March 2.-The whole of

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the afternoon and most of the evening sittings were occupied with a somewhat heated discussion which

Yesterday Sir Charles Tupper asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to bring down to high commissioner's cable had beer diligently circulated by the premier and Sir Charles thought the country would like to know what the premier had cabled to London.

Sir Wilfrid replied that his cable to London contained nothing to be with-held, and that he would lay a copy on

the table the next day. Laurier's attention to the fact that he had not yet produced the message, and the premier made the surprising statement that his cable to Strath-

only yesterday, and asked Laurier I he considered it an honorable thing to break his pledge in this fashion. Sir Wilfrid replied with heat that he was guardian of his own honor, and did not need the opposition leader to tell him what was honorable. Mr. Foster and Sir Charles Tupper,

Borden, Powell, Clandy, Pope Quinn on the opposition and Davies, Fraser, Sifton Fisher on the govern ment side continued the discu the course of which some scrong lan guage was used in reference to the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier guarded his alleged honor. Sir Charles H. Tupper referred to

Laurier's previous pledge breaking, but observed that today's performance had broken even his record.

Hon. Mr. Blair told Mr. Martin tha the preliminary survey of the railway from Southport to Murray Harbo was completed. It was thought the road would cost nine thousand The government had not decided to commence construction a spring. Mr. Blair also stated that the federal government was negotiating with the P. E. Island government as to the proportion of cost each should bear of the construction of the Hills-

bear of the construction of the Hills-borough bridge.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, replying to Mr.
McAllister, gave the dates when Mr.
Ogilvie's reports from the Yukon de-scribing recent finds of gold were re-ceived. The replies showed that the last of these reports were in the hands of the government in March so that of the government in March, so that this time last year the government had information on which they took

no action until after mid-summer. Hon, Mr. Blair told Mr. Mills of Annapolis that the government ar river ridge was an obstruction to navigation. The government has not been able to learn whether the federal or provincial government ought to clear away this obstruction, and could not act until it could find out.

At 9.30 Mr. McDougall of Cape Breton resumed his speech on the sec-ond reading of the Yukon bill. Referring to the government's conten tion that no offer was made after the contract was signed, he quoted the language of Messrs. Blake, Laurier, Cameron and others on the Canadia Pacific railway bills. The opposition of that day contended that the second offer ought to be taken, even though the government of that time had been authorized by statute to make a contract, and though offers had for years een invited for Canadian Pacific con

The closing part of Mr. McDougall's speech was a description of the dis-astrous consequences of the estab-lishment of the Dominion Coal company monopoly in Cape Breton. He warned parliament that the same re-sult would follow the creation of the proposed gold mining monopoly in the

Mr. McDonald of Huron replied on the government side and the house adjourned with the floor in the pos session of Mr. Moore of Stanatead

# FROM THE GOLD FIELDS.

ive Steamers Arrived at Seattle from Alaska

SEATTLE, Wash., March 3.-Five mers arrived from Alaska today the Utopia, Huenemel, Del Norte, Proand Queen. The Queen brought the latest news, having left Skagway last Sunday. The most im-

portant news was a confirmation of reports that a Canadian official has raised the British flag on what is re-garded as American soil, and trouble at Skaguay with longshoremen, who objected to Indians unloading freight

from steamers.

The presence of United States troops alone prevented trouble. It is feared that serious trouble will grow out of the Canadians attempt to collect duty Chlikoot pass, and the Americans will resist the payment on what they con-sider American ground. Another complication will result from the various tramways which are being constructed to carry freight over the passes. It is thought at Dyea and Skaguay that the American authorities will claim a sovereignty over these two

Two days before the Queen left Skaguay the wind, which had blown from the north continuously for seven weeks, shifted and began to blow from the southwest, causing a general thaw to set in. The change in the weather caused hundreds of people who had been detained by the severe cold to start over the trails from Skaguay and Dyea, and when the steamer left a general exodus from both towns was taking place. Both trails are reported in excellent condi-

On the trip down the Queen passed the Cottage City a short distance south of Wrangel narrows. The lat-ter ship's bow was smashed in and covered with canvas to keep out the

# A GRIT DEFEAT.

# the house a copy of his despatch to Lord Strathcona, the answer to which stated that Hamilton Smith was not connected with the Rothschilds. The Provincial Elections in Ontario Very Close.

the table the next day.

This afternoon Sir Charles called Mr. A Net Gain of Twenty Seats For the Conservatives in the Province.

statement that his cable to Strathcona was "private and confidential,"
and could not be brought down.
Sir Charles who was naturally astonished at this refusal of the premise
to keep his word, reminded him of the

Two Cabinet Ministers, Messrs. Gibson and Dryden, Defeated-Patrons Annihilated.

Dominion Government Influence Used Without Regard to

Public Deceney.

OTTAWA, March 1.—The returns from the provincial elections were cagenly received here by the politicians gathered about parliament hill. Very few expected that the conservatives would make so many gains, and as the returns came in, showing that the government was in danger, the excitement deepened There is still doubt about several seats, but the returns made up heregive the government 47, opposition 43, with two patrons, one independent and Russell not yet polled. North Toronto, conservative, and Halton, liberal, are carried by a majority of

Two ministers are defeated, which will make it necessary for Hon, Mr. Hardy to open two constituencies. The Yukon deal was discussed in the contest more than and federal issue, and the fact that the conservatives made a net gain of nearly twenty seats is a significant warning

The result is disappointing in this city to conservatives, though the majority against them was greatly reduced and one of two seats is still in doubt. The civil service vote wasvery light, government press and agents having used strong words of intimidation.

Another factor in the case was the active canvass of Booth, the millionaire lumberman, formerly conservative, who today, exerted himself for the government nominees. Mr. Booth is owner of the Parry Sound railway, which Mr. Tarte has been booming as part of the future government system. But take it all in all, the conservatives in parliament are happy over the general result, which they say marks the strong reaction against the ministry at Ottawa. The other day Laurier spoke from the same platform with Premier Hardy and decided that the Ontario govshuddering now over the possibility of being at the head of the left hand of his own administration. Sir Wilfrid is of the ministry.

TORONTO, March 1.-At ten o'clock tonight it looks as if Hon. Mr. Hardy had managed to squeeze through the elections with a scant rajority. Returns are yet incomplete and the result in a number of the divisions is in doubt, and the conservatives do not by any means admit defeat. In fact, they are decidedly hopeful that later returns will give them a small majority. Two ministers are beaten, Messrs. Gibson of Hamilton, and Dryden in South Ontario, both by big majorities. Haycock, patron, leader, is also amongst the slain, but it don't matter, as he has no party left. The patrons are annihilated, only one. Tucker, in West Wellington, being elected. Conservatives claim the defeat of O'Keefe in Ottawa. The following are the returns, though in many divisions the election is only considered probable, and a number of changes undoubtedly will be made:

#### GOVERNMENT. East Algoma-Farwell.

Brant South-Hon. A. S. Hardy. Brockville-Graham Bruce N.-Bowman. Bruce C.-Malcolm. Essex N. McKee. Essex S.-Auld. Haldimand-Holmes. Halton-Barber. Hastings E.-Russell. Huron E.-Hyslop. Kent E.-Ferguson. Kent W .- Pardo. Kingston-Hon. W. Harty. Lambton E.—Pettypiece. Lampton W.-Pardee. Lennox-Aylesworth. London-Leys. Middlesex W.-Hon. G. W. Ross. Middlesex N.-Taylor. Monck-Hon, Richard Harcourt. Muskoka-Bridgeland. Norfolk N.-Carpenter. Norfolk S .- Charlton. Northumberland E.-Douglas. Northumberland W.-Clark. Ottawa-Lumsden Oxford N.-Putullo. Oxford S.-McKay. Perth N.-Brown. Peterboro E.-Blezard. Peterboro W.-Stratton. scott-Evantural. Welland-German. Wellington E.-Craig. Wellington S .- Murtrie. Wentworth S.-Dickenson York E.-Richardson. York W.-Hill. Yerk N.-Hon. E. J. Davis. Total-45.

# CONSERVATIVES ELECTED.

ddington—Reid. Algoma W. Chadwick. Carleton—Kidd.
Dufferin—Barr. Dundas-Whitney Durham, E.-Fallis. Durham, W.,-Reid Elgin, E.—Brower. Elgin, W.—McDiarmid. Frontenac-Gallagher. Glengarry-McDonald Grenville-Joynt Grey, N.-Boyd. Grey, C.-Lucas. Hamilton, E.-Carscallen. Hamilton, W.-Colquhoun. Hastings, W.-Morrison. Hastings, N.-Allen. Huron, W.—Beck. Huron, S.—Eilber. Lanark, N.-Preston. Lanark, S.-Matheson. Leeds—Beatty.
Lincoln—Jessop.
Middlesex, E.—Hodgins.
Nipissing—Lamarche. Ontario, N.-Hoyle. Perth, S.-Monteith ince Edward—Dempsey. enfrew, N.-White. ncoe, E.-Miscampheli. oe, W.-Duff. tormont-McLaughlin. Toronto, N.-Marter. Toronto, S.-Foy. Toronto, E.-Pyne. Toronto, W.-Crawford. Victoria, E.-Carnegie. Victoria, W.—Fox. Waterloo, N.—Lackner. Waterloo, S.—Kribs. Wentworth, N.-Wardell.

PATRON ELECTED: Wellington, W.-Tucker. INDEPENDENT ELECTED: Parry Sound-Beatty.

By the returns at this writing, the seats which the conservatives have wrested from the grits and patronsinclude West Algoma, Carleton, Dundas, West Elgin, Frontenac, Glengarry, North Grey, South Grey, Centre Grey, East and West Hastings, West Huron, South Huron, Middlesex, Nipissing, North Ontario, South Ontario, South Perth, Prince Edward, North Renfraw, West Simcoe, Centre Simcoe, Stormont, West Victoria, North Waterloo, and North Wentworth.

Two liberals were elected by acclamation, Alfred Evanturel, who was speaker of the last house, and R. E. Traux, the late member for South Bruce. There was a three-cornered fight in both the Lambtons, tories, liberals and patrons all putting up candidates.



TORONTO, March 2.-There are no new developments in regard to the

Hardy is waiting until he finds out how he stunds, but in the meantime he has sent a man east to look after ex-Speaker Evanturel; the member-elect for Prescott, who is said to be wavering in his political faith, and also to see that Russell votes right in the election that the election to the election to

the election shortly to be held. The present position of the parties is: Liberal, 48; conservatives, 43; independent, 1; patron, 1. The independent is a conservative and so is the patron, so that the liberal majority is only three, a little too narrow to do business on.

Mr. Hardy will probably go on with a trakeshift cabinet for some time, as with his present narrow majority he dare not ask any of his followers to resign and open seats for the two de-feated cabinet members, Dryden and Gibson.

Harty's election in Kingston is to be protested, and the arrest of one man on a charge of impersonation has already been decided upon.

ready been decided upon.

OTTAWA, March 2.—There is still uncertainty in regard to several constituencies in Ontario.

Howall, conservative, is admitted to be elected in Ottawa. It was reported this morning that Dewart, liberal, had a majority in North Toronto, but later in the day it was found that a misake had been made and Marter was still ahead.

The corservatives still have some hope that they have carried East Peterboro and West Algoma, though these seats are still counted for the government.

Sutherland, M. P., the liberal while

Sutherdand, M. P., the liberal whip here, claims that the government is sure of forty-eight seats, counting Russell, which he says will be carried. This gives a majority of two over all, or one after the speaker is

parties stand forty-seven government to forty-six opposition, with a fair chance for the opposition to carry

In Ottawa Howell's majority over O'Keffe is supposed to be thirteen.
TORONTO, March 3.—Mr. Whitney, leader of the Ontario opposition, arrived here this morning. Interviewed, he said that by the tremendous influence of the dominator. he said that by the tremendous influence of the dominion government, used without regard for public decency, and well known influences at their command, the Hardy government saved themselves from complete rout in the recent election. The proceedings in the election courts show more deliberate and unblushing corruption on behalf of the government candidates than has been the case in any election. The back of the Hardy government is broken. They have lost the confidence of the people. Mr. Whitney refused to say whether or not Evanture, late speaker, could be numbered among the conservative members.

The evening papers state that there is considerable truth of a coalition government in some quarters.

Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church, leaves for Japan by the first C. P. R. steamer in April. He is going to hold an investigation into missions there as requested by the Japanese confer-

# GERMANY'S NAVY.

A Great Fleet to be Held in Readiness for Any Emergency.

BERLIN, March 3.- The Budget committee of the Reichstag, today, adopted, in accordance with the government's proposal, section one, paragraph one, of the naval bill, fixing the number of ships to be held in readiness for service, as follows: A flag-ship, 18 battleships, 12 large cruisers, 20 small cruisers, 8 coast defence fron-clads and 13 gunboats, besides tor-pedo boats, schoolships and small

# THE BRITISH COMMONS.

LONDON, March 1. - In the house of Commons today George N. Curzon, answering a question as to whether Russia occoupied Deer Island, said Russia was believed to be negotiating with Corea for a coal depot at Deer Island, where Japan already had a similar site, but, Mr. Curzon added, nothing had been heard officially of a Russian occupation of the island. Russian occupation of the island.
Referring to Port Arthur, Mr. Curzon said no forts existed there now and the government was not aware that any Russian land forces were at that place.

# PRINCE OF WALES IN PARIS.

PARIS, March 2.-The Prince Wales, who is on his way to Riviera called on President Faure this after-noon and the latter returned the prince's visit later in the day.

# CIRDING UP HER LIONS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 2.-The Russian steamer St. Petersburg has passed through the Baspherous with 1,563 recruits, bound for Vladivostock.