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HON C. SIFTON'S RESIGNATION

Announced by Sir Wilfrid Because Unable to Accept Separate School Policy—Sir Mackenzie Bowell Repeats His Epithet, "A Nest of Traitors," Applied to His Colleagues of 1896.



HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON

Minister of the Interior in the Laurier Cabinet since 1896 who resigns his position as a protest to the Government Policy of separate schools.

OTTAWA, March 1.—(Special.)—Matters of interest came up in both the Senate and Commons today.

In the Senate Sir Mackenzie Bowell delivered a hot speech replying to the charges made some time ago concerning the Cabinet crisis of 1896. He denied the explanations of the desertion of seven ministers given two or three weeks ago by some of themselves.

He could not remember having called that Cabinet a nest of traitors but he should have done so and in order to make the matter straight he would call them that now.

In the Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier formally announced Hon. Mr. Sifton's resignation from the Cabinet on the ground that he could not accept the separate school clause of the Autonomy Bill.

Mr. Sifton endorsed Laurier's statement and expressed regret at a severing what had been pleasant relations.

Hon. Mr. Foster charged that the whole affair was a deliberate attempt to force Sifton from the Cabinet.



THE RUSSIANS BUYING HORSES TO AID IN RETREATING.

THE MARITIME CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skating Races Held in St. John Last Night—Good Contests but no Records Broken—A Good Attendance.

St. John, March 1.—(Special.)—The Maritime Championship races took place in Queen's rink tonight and were witnessed by eight hundred people.

The most exciting contests were the quarter mile, the mile, and the three mile, the last having a most sensational finish.

The rink is sixteen laps to the mile and on this account the time was not unusually fast.

The quarter mile was won by Fred Logan, St. John in 48.35 seconds; the half mile by McDonald, of Westville. Time 1.43.2.5.

The mile was captured by Jas. Price, St. John in 3.25.3.5 and the three mile by Price. Time 10.25.2.5.

The races were all well contested and while no records were broken the speeds were the best that have been seen here for some years.

COMMUNICATION WITH MAINLAND

The "Continuous" Service That we Have Had Since January 24th Last—Iceboats Only.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24th the last trip by the winter steamers was made.

Since that time they travelling to and from Prince Edward Island have been wholly dependant upon the ice boat route as a means of crossing the strait.

This service is of course entirely inadequate even when railway lines are all open and many passengers especially ladies who wish to travel are as entirely shut out from the outer world or from the Island, as the case may be, as if they lived in the Magdalenas.

The following record of the number of crossings made this winter by the ice boats, which during the time they have been in use have been our sole mode of transportation will give the public some idea of the inadequacy of the service.

- Jan. 28.—To and from mainland.
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- " 31—" " " "
- Feb. 1.—No crossing.
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- " 5—Sunday, one boat To.
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- " 28—" " " "
- Mar. 1.—No crossing.

The average mail brought over is from 40 to 50 bags white tons of papers and other matter have accumulated at Sackville waiting transportation by the steamers.

Sore Throat and Coughs
A simple, effective and safe remedy for all throat irritations is found in
Creosote Antiseptic Tablets
They combine the germicidal value of Creosote with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice.
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See those \$2.00 accordions in Miller Bros' window.—a genuine snap. 2d 11.

Dress Goods, Silks, Satins, Whitegoods of all kinds, Print Cottons, White Cottons, all Men's Furnishings, in fact everything in the store at 25 per cent to 33 per cent discount.—Stanley Bros. 2 d 31.

Our great general discount sale opens this morning. To avoid misunderstanding customers will please note that DISCOUNTS DO NOT APPLY to the following lines. Ladies' Whitegoods, Muslins, Prints, Grey Cottons, Warps, Spools and Wall Paper.—Moore & McLeod. 2 d 11.

HAS MR. FIELDING ALSO RESIGNED?

Persistent Rumors to that Effect Current in Government Circles Last Night Opposed to Public Lands Clause.

OTTAWA, March 1.—(Special.)—It is persistently rumored to-night in Government circles that Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, has handed his resignation to Laurier, because he cannot support the public lands clause in the Autonomy bill.

The resignation is conditional on the withdrawal of this clause. Fielding could not be seen to-night to verify the rumor in circulation.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Va-po-Creosote tablets, ten cents per box All druggists.

CHICAGO MARKETS.
Chicago, March 1.—(Special)—
Feb. Corn 48¢ May Corn 47¢
Wheat 97¢ Wheat 115¢
Pork \$12.70 Pork \$12.55

To cure a headache in ten minutes use Kuntfort Headache Powders

A GREAT BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS

Along a Front of One Hundred Miles—Some Japanese Attacks Repulsed while others Succeed—Fierce Attack on Poutiloff Hill which is Enveloped in Smoke of Bursting Shells.

SEIKETUNG, MANCHURIA, March 1.—(Special.)—Artillery firing continues along the whole front of one hundred miles.

The eastern detachment near Kondayu has repulsed the Japanese attack and the Japs have also been driven back from Tanshia Pass and from the vicinity of Ganto Pass.

At the bridge over Shakhe River a furious struggle continues. A small wood near by has continually changed hands but is now definitely occupied by the Japanese.

LATER.—The Japs have opened a tremendous fire with siege guns against Poutiloff Hill. Columns of white smoke envelope the Hill. The bombardment of the right flank continues.

PREMIER PARENT WILL NOW RESIGN

Personnel of the New Cabinet Announced—Four Members of Parent's Government to Go Out.

QUEBEC, March 1.—(Special.)—Premier Parent will resign on Saturday and Lomer Gouin will immediately be summoned to form a Government.

Gouin's Cabinet will be composed as follows:—

- Gouin, Premier and Minister of Public Works.
- Archebault, Attorney General.
- Turgeon, Minister of Lands, Mines and Fisheries.
- McCorkill, Treasurer.
- Auguste Tessier, Provincial Secretary.
- Rudolph Roy, Minister of Agriculture.
- W. A. Weir and another to be chosen Ministers without portfolios.

Tessier will to-morrow be elected Speaker and will resign the Speakership on Saturday to accept a portfolio. Those who drop out of the Cabinet are Parent, Monet, Robitaille and Garneau.

THE CONDITION AT PICTOU.

PICTOU, March 1.—The ice conditions at the mouth of Pictou harbor have not changed. There is still five miles of heavy drift ice grounded on both sides and piled up and wedged tight in the centre. The Minto has failed to force a passage. She endeavored by the use of dynamite on Saturday to get through, the effort was a failure owing partly to the fact that there was no room for the misplaced ice to escape. It simply fell back into its original position.

The Minto is using her best efforts today to force a passage and to relieve the situation.

The freight accumulation has not increased owing to the fact that all freight is stalled on the road and cannot be moved.

The weather conditions particularly in Nova Scotia, are worse than anything that have existed since the Intercolonial was opened. No train of any sort has passed over the Oxford short line since the 23rd ultimo. The other portions of the line are now fairly open.

The effects of the blockade are being felt all over the country. Business is almost paralyzed. The scarcity of coal provisions and cattle fodder is being keenly felt.

FACIAL PARALYSIS
Mr. W. J. BERNAN, Western Hill, St. Catharines, Ont., writes:—"My face was all twisted out of shape with facial paralysis, and five doctors failed to cure or even relieve. By the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I have been entirely cured and have returned to work strong and well. I have gained in weight and feel that I have a new lease of life."

WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, March 2.—(Special.)—Fresh, westerly to northwesterly winds, fine and continued cold today and on Friday.

THE TEMPERATURE
The weather turned slightly colder yesterday and last night the thermometer registered 11 above zero.

WINTER'S TIE UP UNPARALLELED

THURSDAY MAR. 2ND.
The last trip made by the Stanley and Minto was on Tuesday, Jan 24th. This is now the thirty seventh day of the blockade.

The trains on the Prince Edward Island Railway were laid up on the evening of Tuesday February 7th.

This is now the twenty third day of the interruption of railway communication throughout the province.

The last foreign mail to reach the Island was on Thursday February 23rd. This is now the seventh day without a foreign mail to the Island.

Fastest of Cruisers.
The turbine-engined Amethyst has just completed her trials and proves to be the fastest cruiser in the world. Built by Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., she was designed to do 21 1/2 knots, and has accomplished 23.65. Her further advantages consist of a remarkable economy in the consumption of coal at high speeds, and in the small space occupied by her engines.

THE CAUSE OF PILES.

Is invariably constipation which is quickly remedied by Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Sycamore. Sure relief, and no gripping pains. For a remedy that never fails use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 35c.

Written by Wellington.

Several rare and interesting first editions of English authors are included in a recent sale. Perhaps the most important lot was an original manuscript, "Narrative of the Operations in the Peninsula," entirely with the autograph of the Duke of Wellington. It covers sixty-three pages folio, and is dated December 23, 1811. It is endorsed on the back, "This narrative, given me by the Marquis of Wellesley, is in the handwriting of his brother, the Duke of Wellington. R. M. Martin." This interesting document fell to Mr. Quaritch, at £54.

A fine copy of the first edition of Bradshaw's "Strappado for the Devil," 1615, sold for £30 10s.; an uncut copy in the boards of Keats' "Endymion," 1818, £23; a set of the four parts of the "Germ," 1850, £32 15s.; a large paper copy of Tennyson's "Poems by Two Brothers," 1837, £20; a genuine Horn Book, of the time of Queen Anne, 4 1/2 in., by 3 1/2 in., £14 5s.; a slightly damaged copy of Blackmore's "Lorna Doone," 1869, £10 15s.; and a collection of 150 play-bills of Edmund Kean's performances in London and elsewhere, 1814-1835, £35 10s.

A Conclusive Speech.

A story is told of a speech recently made by an Irish barrister in a court of law. He was for the plaintiff, whose cow had been knocked down and killed by a train, and this was the contention:

"If the train had been run as it should have been run, or if the bell had been rung as it should have been rung, or if the whistle had been blown as it should have been blown, both of which they did neither, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

2 d 11.

THE DELUGE IS COMING Rubbers and Rubber Boots.

Wholesale and Retail.

Be sure and get your supply at once before the snow melts; there may be a great scarcity in Rubber goods as the steamers may not run for some weeks yet. We have now on hand about:

- 35 cases Men's, Women's and Child's Rubber Boots.
- 30 cases Men's Rubbers..... 80c
- 30 cases Men's (Duke)..... 95c
- 60 cases Women's [Lena toe caps]..... 65c
- 33 cases Women's (Croquet plain)..... 55c
- 8 cases Women's (Olive Storm)..... 75c
- And a quantity of Boys', Misses' and Children's.
- Men's Rubber Boots..... \$4.00
- Women's " "..... 2.25
- Boys' " "..... 3.00
- Misses' " "..... 2.00
- Child's " "..... 1.75

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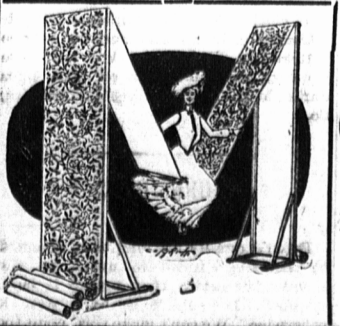
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