

British Politics and Politicians.

The final cabinet meeting before the meeting of Parliament, took place to-day (Tuesday).

IMPROVED PROSPECT FOR THE CONSERVATIVES.

The New York Sun special despatch says: "The prospects of the Conservatives have materially improved during the past week. This is largely due to the tone of Lord Salisbury's speech at the lord mayor's banquet. The premier's utterances secured the decided approval of the unionist-liberals. The absence of an indication of a recourse to a Jingo policy and the expression of confidence in continued European peace, denotes that the government will give its attention to useful domestic legislation, and this course involves special attention to the Irish question."

THE LIBERALS IN DESPAIR.

A member of Parliament cables to the New York Herald: In the return of so many ministers without opposition, especially in C. T. Ritchie's increased majority in St. George's division of Lower Hamlets and in the radical collapse at Birmingham, all the world may see clear and undeniable evidences of what home rule has done for the liberal party. Its effects become more visible every day. The simple truth is that home rule has for the present destroyed the great liberal party which has governed the country with short intervals ever since 1832. It has no leaders, its forces are divided, despair hangs over its ranks. Liberal members acknowledge freely that if the elections were to be fought again the slaughter of Gladstonians would be greater than before.

SAYING ONE THING—DOING ANOTHER.

Justin McCarthy cables that it has not yet been settled what course the Radicals and Home Rulers will take with regard to the address generally and the policy of the government, because no one knows what the policy will be. No one, he says, takes much account of Lord Salisbury's declaration against home rule in his speech the other night. Salisbury is in the habit of saying one thing and doing another.

HANDLE IT LIGHTLY.

George W. Smalley cables to the New York Tribune: The failure of the attempt to oppose Mr. Matthews in Birmingham brought ridicule on the cause which Mr. Cook represented. Probably no single incident has so much strengthened the Tory ministry or so disheartened the opposition. The Tory fortress is felt to be more impregnable. Moderate counsels must prevail if any breach is to be made. Such are the views of the moderate wing of the opposition, whether Parnellite or Liberal. The Tories are in great spirits over their unopposed ministerial victories and still more over Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's success at Belfast. They insist that the new secretary has shown not merely capacity and firmness, but the determination of the government that the same shall be maintained, no matter who seeks to disturb it. It is certain the cabinet intend to meet parliament with the shortest possible programme. The Queen's speech will say little and no request for fresh powers will be made. No coercion therefore can be attempted before February, if the house adjourns as it is hoped it will. It is noticeable that the conservative journals are beginning to press other questions forward and to remind the ministry that it must be ready with a policy about land, church, house of lords, etc., if either should become urgent. All this looks as if the government mean to handle the Irish question as lightly as possible.

ANOTHER VIEW.

Thomas O'Connor Power writes: "Newspaper advice to the cabinet differs curiously in the counsel they give to the party leaders. The Standard urges the party to take things easily, attempt no heroic measures and settle nothing in a hurry, but the Times, a supporter equally of Hartington and Chamberlain, recommends the remodeling of the Established church, the reform of the house of lords, land laws and the system of local self-government throughout the kingdom, as the proper thing to dish the radicals. The cabinet have no intention of allowing the grass to grow under their feet in preparation of Irish measures coercive, remedial, permissive and otherwise. In order to have everything cut and dried by February next, they have appointed a cabinet committee to deal with Ireland. This committee includes Salisbury, Churchill, Smith, secretary for war, and Henry Matthews. The first meeting of the committee took place on Saturday at the official residence of the premier. The participation of the war minister in the proceedings looks ominous and gives color to a report widely credited that the army of Ireland is to be strengthened. Information from other sources tends to confirm the impression that the war minister has been instructed by the cabinet to push forward military preparations in view of measures the only object of which it may be surmised, is to compel acts justifying more bayonets in Ireland."

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The Irish Times (Conservative) states that it is reliably informed that Lord Randolph Churchill is engaged in drafting a bill intended to solve the Irish problem. The measure provides for universal local self-government throughout Great Britain and Ireland, giving Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales control each of its own immediate affairs, leaving the supreme power of the Imperial Parliament undiminished. The bill is described as a measure which opens the door to Imperial Federation. The full text of the bill, the Irish Times says, will not be completed before next February. "but," adds the paper, "so far as it has gone, it has been submitted to the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Hartington and others, and is broad enough to satisfy all moderate Irishmen."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lobster Fisheries.

SIR,—As one deeply interested, I am pleased to learn that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has refused to extend the lobster fishing season beyond the time limited by law. The lobster business is already greatly overdone, and the probability is that in a year or two more there will be very few lobsters to can, either in the close or the open season. We have officers appointed to look after the fisheries, but many of them, I am sorry to say, are perfectly useless. Some, I admit, are painstaking and efficient in the discharge of their duties, but others are the very reverse. At some of the canneries lobsters of all kinds are taken without any regard whatever to spawn or size. Young lobsters, some of them not bigger than wasps, are brought ashore from the traps mixed up with larger ones. Young lobsters, all under the nine inches, are often to be seen in the boats matted together like a lot of seaweed. These are pitched for on to the stage where they are "eulled," and any that are of any value to the canner, utilized. I am aware that at some of the canneries, the law regulating lobster fishing is honestly observed, but in too many cases the honesty of the packers and the fishermen themselves, than to the vigilance of the fishery officials.

Yours,  
PISCATOR.

August 16, 1886.

A RECENTLY published list of wedding presents in a rural paper runs: "From father and mother of the bride, one Jersey calf; from bride to groom, hair wreath made from hair of her entire family, and also six fine shirts; from Brother Elias, one book of poems; one dream book, one 'Polite Letter-Writer,' and a dog; from Aunt Harriet, six hens and a rooster; also one jar tomato catsup; from Cousin Sarah, one poem made up by herself on bride and groom, fifteen verses in all."

The Firemen's Procession.

THE torchlight procession last night was a grand success. The firemen were at the Hook and Ladder Rooms promptly on time, and long before the hour at which the procession was to start the streets in the neighborhood of the Rooms were thronged with spectators. Shortly before eight o'clock the Hook and Ladder truck, the Salvage Corps wagon, and the hose reel of "Rollo" Steam Fire Engine, all of which had been receiving considerable attention at the hands of the firemen and their friends during the day, were run out, and placed in position.

The decorations were very tasteful and neat. The body of the Salvage Corps wagon was trimmed with red, blue and white cottons, and hung with Chinese lanterns and torches. On the front was the inscription, "Charlottetown Fire Department," and directly underneath a handsome floral wreath presented by Mrs. J. H. Davies, in the centre of which was suspended a Chinese lantern. On the right side was a transparency with "All Honor to the Men who Won the Day" thereon, and on the left side was another transparency with the "Welcome Home" of the firemen in bold relief. The wagon was drawn by two fiery chargers, and was much admired.

The Hook and Ladder Truck was also nicely arranged and in the procession, drawn by two plumed steeds, looked splendid. The body of the truck was trimmed with white and colored cottons and bunting, while from the sides and back were suspended Chinese lanterns and torches. On the right side was the transparency "Islanders always Victorious," and on the left another, "Ready for Duty, Solid for Victory."

The Hose Reel of Rollo Steam Fire Engine had also been the recipient of much attention. It was prettily decorated with bunting, colored cottons, and floral tributes, while from the top, sides, back and front hung Chinese lanterns, and torches. Two handsome animals were the motive power.

Promptly at eight o'clock the procession, which was under the charge of Chief-Marshall J. J. Davis, mounted on a splendid specimen of horse-flesh, started in the following order:

- City Corset Band.
- Salvage Corps Wagon.
- Members of the Salvage Corps.
- Hook and Ladder Company.
- Tremont Fire Engine Company.
- Rollo Steam Fire Engine Company.
- Band 82nd Battalion.

Barouche containing Chief Engineer Large and Captains of Companies.- Silsby Steam Fire Engine Company.
- Hook and Ladder Truck.
- Rollo Horse Reel.

The line of march was as follows: From Hook and Ladder Rooms down Grafton to Pownall street, along Pownall to Water, down Water to Queen, up Queen to Kent, down Kent to Prince, along Prince to Water, up Water to Great George, up Great George to Richmond, along Richmond to Queen, and up Queen to Hook and Ladder Rooms.

As the procession moved along it presented a fine appearance, and was most favorably commented on. Large numbers of men, women and children thronged the streets along the route, and several stores and private residences were illuminated with colored lights, Chinese lanterns, etc. It had been arranged to have a grand pyrotechnic display on the Market Square, but owing to an accident to the fireworks this part of the programme was not so successful as anticipated.

Summerside Exports.

SUMMERSIDE, Aug. 13.

Shipped per steamer St. Lawrence, Cameron master, for Point du Chene:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 39 cases eggs, 182 lambs, 1 calf, etc.

By same steamer on 14th: 2 threshing machines, 2 bbls. calfskins, 2 horses, 5 brls mackerel.

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British Columbia.

ONE OF SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S WORKING DAYS.

On the 14th inst., Sir John arrived at New Westminster at one o'clock, Premier Smythe and Mr. Dumanuir accompanying the party, the latter placing his steamer at Sir John's disposal. The journey from Victoria to Nanaimo was accomplished in three hours, the distance being 72 miles. On arriving half way, Sir John drove the last spike in the Vancouver Island Railway. Several prominent citizens of Victoria accompanied Sir John to Nanaimo, among them being Sir W. Bagbee, Premier Smythe and others. At Cowichan the people presented an address to Sir John and bouquets to Lady Macdonald and the children sang God Save the Queen. An Indian chief also addressed Sir John at considerable length in English, to which the Premier made an appropriate reply. At Nanaimo the Mayor read an address of welcome, to which Sir John replied. The party were then entertained to luncheon by the Mayor and corporation, after which they drove to Vancouver and Wellington mines, inspecting them. The Premier on Friday travelled 72 miles by rail, drove 20 miles in a carriage, descended a coal mine, crossed from Nanaimo to the mainland by steamer and made five speeches.

Sir John arrived in New Westminster in capital health. The people crowded to the wharf to receive him, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, and a procession of boats with torches accompanied the steamer up river for some distance and, on landing, a torchlight procession was formed and escorted Sir John through the principal streets and then to Bishop Sillitoe's residence, whose guest the premier is. The party spent the morning in driving around and in the afternoon a banquet was tendered Sir John, after which addresses were presented by the citizens of New Westminster, by Vancouver, by the New Westminster Board of Trade and by the Caledonian Society. The latter invested him with the regalia of the Society as honorary member. Sir John made a lengthy reply, pointing out what his government had done in behalf of British Columbia and urging all to realize that they were Canadians and engaged with the rest of the Dominion in making the country prosperous and developing its resources. His speech, which was a brilliant one, was heartily received and frequently applauded. The town was handsomely decorated with flags and mottoes of welcome, the stores were all closed and it was a general holiday.

A Parisian journal, the National, having sent a special reporter to the Colonial Exhibition at London, was evidently much pleased with what he saw and learned there in connection with Canada. "Of all the colonies," he writes, "Canada is incontestably the one that holds the first place. It is no slight satisfaction for such Frenchmen as study the development of that country, so French in its origin and memories, to see how far superior its products are to those of the other British colonies. In some cases, indeed, they are in advance of those of the mother country. We had an opportunity of examining carefully the various industries of the Dominion there represented, and we may say without attempting to go into details, that they seem rather like the exhibits of a European power than of a colony."

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED.

Aug 14—Blue Wave, Fraser, Picton; Josephine, Thibodeau, Shemogue; Annie Duncan, Power, Port Daniel; Confederate, Keopim, Picton; William, Halliday, St Peter's; L. H. Davies, Bell, Georgetown; May Queen, Clark, Vernon River; Willoughby, Lantz, Pt Prim; Roderick, McRae, DeCoste, Picton; str Miramichi, Baquet, Quebec.

Aug 16—Walter Alton, Flaherty, Ship Harbor; British Eagle, Perrier, Glace Bay; Florence Abbott, Townsend, Newcastle; Mary Covill, Blompier, do; Mary Kate, Mullins, Picton; Margaret Jane, McDonald, do; Moselle, Rendle, Liverpool, G. B.

Aug 17—Str Bonavista, Anderson, Montreal; Grizelda, Boutin, Lingan.

CLEARED.

Aug 14—May Florence, Chapman, Sydney; Josephine, Thibodeau, Shemogue; str Miramichi, Baquet, Picton.

Aug 16—Rustic, Cox, Baie Verte; Daisy, Richard, Glace Bay; Morren, Marchand, Picton; Mary Kate, Mullins, do; Margaret Jane, McDonald, do; Lavinia Jane, Anderson, do.

Aug 17—Str Bonavista, Anderson, St John's, Nfld.

OTHER PORTS.

Summerside, Aug 13—Ent, sch Richard Thompson, Walsh, Picton; coal: Kate, Walsh, do; do; Phantom, Kennedy, Buctouche, bal; Lodi, Green, Picton, coal. 14—Adonia, Arsenault, Picton, coal. 13—Old, Kate, Walsh, Chapman, cattle; Favorite, Sundry, Shemogue, bal; Nellie Parker, Corbett, Lingan, C. B. bal. 14—Lodi, Green, Picton, bal.

BIRTH.

At Victoria, B. C., on the 28th July, the wife of Dr. McSwain of a daughter.

DIED.

Of consumption, on the 15th August, at Charlottetown, Stephen Carroll, in the 43rd year of his age, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their loss.

[Funeral will leave his late residence at 8.45 tomorrow morning.]

At Victoria, Crapaud, on Sunday the 25th July ult., Eliza Gertrude, aged 6 months and 7 days, infant daughter of Arthur and Katie Neider. Her father, the limbs in its arms and folded thin on the 30th.

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according to a plan and specification to be seen on application to Mr. George B. McKay, Clifton, New London, from whom printed forms of tender can be obtained.

Persons desirous of tendering are requested to make personal enquiry relative to the work to be done, and to examine the site themselves.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, A. GOBEILL, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 9th August, 1886. aug16 31 & wy

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August 17, '86.

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